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Wild Bunch:  
Chicago's  
International  
Masters  
Take Class  
Titles**



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Second in Senior Open*

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performance rating*

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# 1998 U.S. AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MIDWEST



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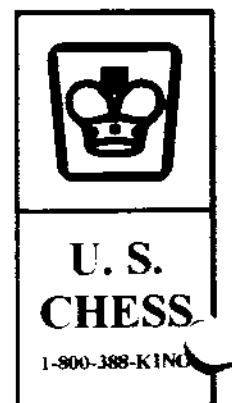
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# ICA Junior Chess Committee Formed

The ICA's Junior Chess Committee has begun to meet and discuss issues of great importance to the Junior chess community. Members of this committee include Mike Zacate, Chair, from the Illinois (High School) Chess Coaches Association-ICCA; Bonnie Cobia, President of Illinois Co-Chess, the Elementary School chess coaches group; Helen Warren who administers the ICA/Warren Junior Chess Program; and ICA Secretary Joshua Flores among others. One of the main charges of this committee is the process of selection for our state's representative to the national Arnold Denker Tournament. Look for some exciting developments to come from this working group!

## Chicago Public Schools Chess Scholarship

I have recently come across a news item regarding a Chicago Public School "most valuable player" monetary award/scholarship to be presented in the Spring. Eligibility and criteria are not mentioned; however, individuals wishing more information regarding this matter should contact Mr. Tom Larson at the Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools.

## National Tournaments in Illinois

If we want National Tournaments to come to Illinois, we must find a way to participate in them when they are offered. The early part of 1998 brings us two such

events: The U.S. Amateur Team-Midwest in February, and the National Elementary School Championship in April in Peoria. Please support them so we may continue to see tournaments of this nature come to Illinois.

## 1997 Illinois Class Championships

Josh Flores played a very active role in the planning and carrying out of the 1997 Illinois Class Championships. My gratitude goes out to him and his assistants: Windy City Chess Association's Vince Berry and Cindy Misiak; and ICA Treasurer Howard Cohen.

## ICA Tour and Banquet '98

January brings us all an opportunity to do things right by starting to play in ICA Tour events from the beginning of the year. How many points will you accumulate in '98? Will this be the year you earn a prize? Support the ICA by playing in its Tour events!

The 1998 ICA Banquet is just around the corner. Larry Cohen and Josh Flores are in charge of this event (more information elsewhere in this issue). 1997 Tour winners will be recognized and receive their prizes. There will be food and fun for everyone! See you at the banquet!

Good chess to all!

—Hector Hernandez, President  
Illinois Chess Association

## President's Podium

**The next ICA  
Board Meeting:  
February 8 at 1:30,  
venue to be  
announced.**

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## Starting the Year with Both New and Old

With this issue we take note of the near year and the beginning of a new ICA Tour cycle. The complete Tour rules are published beginning on page 52 for your year-long reference.

Along with the new year we also note the beginning of a new regular feature: Chess Wizardry, a problem column by Todd Barre. He has appropriately called his first column "Spectacular Beginnings" and I'm sure you'll agree the problems are spectacular indeed. Give them a try and send Todd your solutions.

We also start the new year with some time-honored favor-

ites: Illinois's top-rated player, Dmitry Gurevich, shares some of his games with us, and Bill Smythe makes another contribution in his series on the bizarre side of chess.

## Editor's Notebook

The deadline for the next ICB is February first, but preference is given to material received before that—so don't wait until the last minute to send your articles, club or tournament reports, reviews, annotated games, photographs, letters, humor, or art!

—M.L. Rantala, Editor  
Illinois Chess Bulletin

# The 1997 Illinois Class Tournament

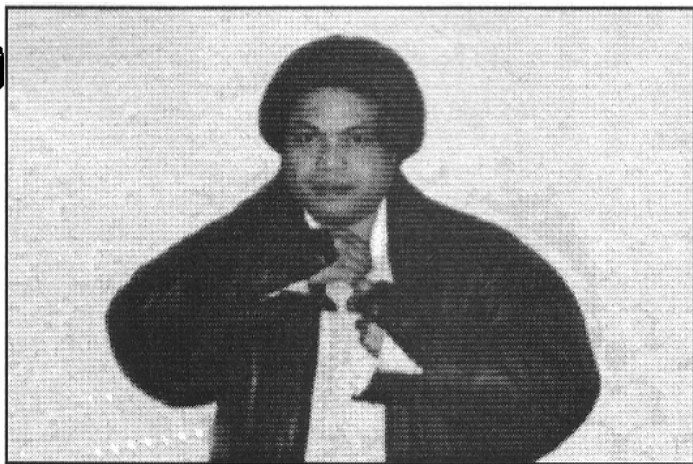
*Sevillano, Illinois Co-champion takes first at Illinois Class.*

*Chow holds winner to a draw.*

*Two juniors are undefeated.*

Enrico Sevillano, the 1997 Illinois Open Co-champion, took clear first in the Master section at the 1997 Illinois Class, winning the \$500 first prize. He suffered no losses in the four round tournament, but was held to a draw in the second round by Albert Chow.

Chow took second in the section, with a 3.0 score; in addition to his draw with Sevillano, he took a half-point bye in the final round. Steven Szpisjak took home the third prize in the top section with a score of 2.5, which included a loss to the section winner. Chow won \$300 and Szpisjak won \$200.



IM Enrico Sevillano won the Master section of the Illinois Class. Here he reaches for his pen in order to record another win.

There were some undefeated players: Roman Ginzburg, a junior playing in the C section; Jose Rodriguez, another junior playing in the D/E section; and Gennady Gorlin, also in the D/E section.

Bisi Tubic, James Fagan, and Brian Ruggiero shared top honors in the Expert category, James Condron and Dan Modes were first in Class A, and there was a four-way tie for first in the B section: Bob Mirabal, Roger Allison, Wayne Ellice, and junior Yelena Gorlina all scored 3.0.

The tournament was held at the Oak Lawn Hilton on November 22 and 23 and was directed by Josh Flores with assistance from Vince Berry and Cindy Misiak.

## 1997 Illinois Class Prize Winners

Master	Name	Score	Prize
1	Sevillano, Enrico	3.5	\$500
2	Chow, Albert	3.0	300
3	Szpisjak, Steven	2.5	200
Expert			
1-3	Tubic, Bisi	3.0	200
	Fagan, James	3.0	200
	Ruggiero, Brian	3.0	200
Class A			
1-2	Condron, James	3.5	250
	Modes, Dan	3.5	250
3	Covic, Mehmed	3.0	100
Class B			
1-3	Mirabal, Bob	3.0	167
	Allison, Roger	3.0	167
	Ellice, Wayne	3.0	167
	Gorlina, Yelena (Jnr)	3.0 (1)	100
Class C			
1-2	Ginzburg, Roman (Jnr)	4.0	300
	Wachter, Tom	3.5	200
3-4	Albert, Steven	3.0	50
	Ramos, Fabian	3.0 (2)	50
Class D/E/Unrated			
1-2	Rodriguez, Jose (Jnr)	4.0	300
	Gorlin, Gennady	4.0 (1)	100
3-12	Dodson, Kermit	3.0	20
	Barkdoll, Michael	3.0	20
	Cummings, Mike	3.0	20
	Ailes, Tim	3.0	20
	He, Kevin	3.0	20
	Lerner, Gabriel	3.0	20
	Burke, Luke	3.0	20
	Vildgorn, Mark	3.0	20
	Yarnoff, Ben	3.0	20
	Hudson, Ben	3.0	20
	Burnett Jim	1.5	(3)

(1) Unrated player could only win \$100. Difference in prize money split between other rated winner(s). Prizes rounded off to nearest dollar

(2) Played up a section

(3) Special Unrated prize: Free Entry to either the 1998 IL Open or 1998 IL Class

# Selected Games from the Illinois Class

## 1997 Illinois Class Championships November 22-23 1997

Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Score	Tour
<b>MASTER</b>							
1 SEVILLANO Enrico	2545	W3	D2	W5	W4	3.5	15 M
2 CHOWA Albert	2365	W4	D1	W6	H	3	8 M
3 SZPISJAK Steven	2270	L1	W8	W7	D5	2.5	5 M
4 RAJLICH Vasik	2256	L2	B	W8	L1	2	4 M
5 CADMAN Chuck	2099	W8	D6	L1	D3	2	4 MX
6 KAMBERI Sonny	2317	H	D5	L2	D7	1.5	3 M
7 COHEN Larry	1951	H	H	L3	D6	1.5	3 MX
8 BASE Alfredo	2320	L5	L3	L4	B	1	2 M
<b>EXPERT</b>							
1 TUBIC Bisi	2167	W16	D11	W8	D3	3	8 X
2 FAGAN James	2096	W6	D3	W7	D4	3	8 X
3 RUGGIERO Brian	2037	W12	D2	W11	D1	3	8 X
4 BENESA Arnulfo	2029	D7	D13	W9	D2	2.5	5 X
5 BOGAN Timothy	1978	L11	W12	W13	D8	2.5	5 XA
6 ZEIDEL James	1950	L2	W16	D10	W13	2.5	5 XA
7 LORING Steven	1858	D4	W15	L2	W10	2.5	5 XA
8 PAGAN Victor	2037	D13	W9	L1	D5	2	4 X
9 ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1800	W10	L8	L4	W14	2	4 XA
10 TUMS Valdis	2012	L9	W14	D6	L7	1.5	3 X
11 NAYLOR Samuel VI	2008	W5	D1	L3	-	1.5	3 X
12 MONATELLI David	1908	L3	L5	D14	B	1.5	3 XA
13 ROBLEDO Mark Sr	1858	D8	D4	L5	L6	1	2 XA
14 SMYTHE Bill	1800	D15	L10	D12	L9	1	2 XA
15 WARREN Jim	2023	D14	L7	-	-	0.5	1 X
16 COHEN Larry	1951	L1	L6	-	-	0	
<b>CLASS A</b>							
1 CONDRON James	1978	W13	D2	W7	W5	3.5	15 A
2 MODES Dan	1916	W11	D1	W6	W4	3.5	15 A
3 COVIC Mehmed	1879	L16	W17	W10	W8	3	8 A
4 MARQUEZ Tony	1932	W14	W18	D5	L2	2.5	5 A
5 COX William	1918	W17	W16	D4	L1	2.5	5 A
6 GAST Bryan	1914	W19	D10	L2	W15	2.5	5 A
7 CRONIN Mike	1899	D9	W15	L1	W13	2.5	5 A
8 FRANEK Martin	1878	H	W12	W16	L3	2.5	5 A
9 SAJKOWSKI Daniel	1830	D7	L13	W17	W12	2.5	5 A
10 WATTS Bradley	1929	D15	D6	L3	W18	2	4 A
11 KLEIN John	1836	L2	L14	B	W16	2	4 A
12 PALS Randy	1927	H	L8	W18	L9	1.5	3 A
13 CIMA Joe	1881	L1	W9	D14	L7	1.5	3 A
14 MC ALISTER Kelvin	1870	L4	W11	D13	-	1.5	3 A
15 COHEN Howard	1852	D10	L7	X	L6	1.5	3 A
16 SADAUSKAS Justin	1932	W3	L5	L8	L11	1	2 A
17 KOSIBA Lawrence	1845	L5	L3	L9	B	1	2 A
18 HENDERSON S E Jr	1815	B	L4	L12	L10	1	2 A
19 MARKOVIC Arandel	1833	L6	H	F	-	0.5	1 A
<b>CLASS B</b>							
1 MIRABAL Bob	1737	D7	D4	W10	W8	3	8 B
2 ALLISON Roger	1700	W12	D5	W8	D3	3	8 B
3 ELLICE Wayne	1676	D4	W9	W5	D2	3	8 B
4 GORLINA Yelena	-	D3	D1	W12	W7	3	
5 CHEN Aaron	1536	W13	D2	L3	W12	2.5	5 BC
6 MACHAJ Blair	1779	W11	L8	D7	D9	2	4 B
7 GUTH Joseph	1632	D1	W10	D6	L4	2	4 B
8 CANNONE Chuck	1614	B	W6	L2	L1	2	4 B
9 HUANG Kenneth	1544	D10	L3	X	D6	2	4 BC
10 LEDESMA Eduardo	1717	D9	L7	L1	B	1.5	3 B
11 JAHEDI Salar	1638	L6	W13	-	-	1	2 B
12 HUBBARD Andrew	1442	L2	B	L4	L5	1	2 BC
13 DELAY Joe	1689	L5	L11	F	-	0	

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**E. Sevillano (2545)**  
**A. Chow (2365)**  
Illinois Class (2), 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B22]

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.h3 Bh5 8.c4

8.Be3 cxd4 9.cxd4

A) 9...Nc6 10.Nc3 (10.a3 Be7 11.Nc3 Qd6 12.0-0-0 13.Qd2 Rfd8 14.Rad1 Rac8 15.b4 Bg6 16.Qb2 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Rd2 Be4 19.Rfd1 Nb8 20.Ne1 Bf6 21.Bf3 Nd7 22.Rc1 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 Nb6 24.Bxc4 Qxe4 25.Nf3 Rc8 26.Qa1 Nc4 27.Re2 Qd3 28.Re1 Qxa3 29.Qb1 Nxe3 30.fxe3 Rc3 31.Qe4 Rcl 32.Qxb7 Rxe1+ 33.Nxe1 Qxe3+ 34.Kf1 Gazmen-Chow, Tim Just Winter Open 1995, 0-1) 10...Qd6 11.Qb3 Qb4 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 Be7 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Qxb4 Bxb4 16.a3 Ba5 17.b4 Bb6 18.g5 Ng8 19.d5 Bxc3 20.dxc6 Bd4 21.Rcl bxc6 22.Bf3 Bxc3+ 23.Rxc3 Ne7 24.b5 Rc8 25.bxc6 Nd5 26.Bxd5 exd5 27.Kd2 Ke7 28.c7 Kd7 29.Rhcl Rhe8 30.Rc5 Re5 31.f4 Rf5 32.Ke3 d4+ 33.Kxd4 Rxc5 34.Rxc5 Rxc7 35.Rxc7+ Kxc7 Sevillano-Chow, US Class 1996, 1/2-1/2;

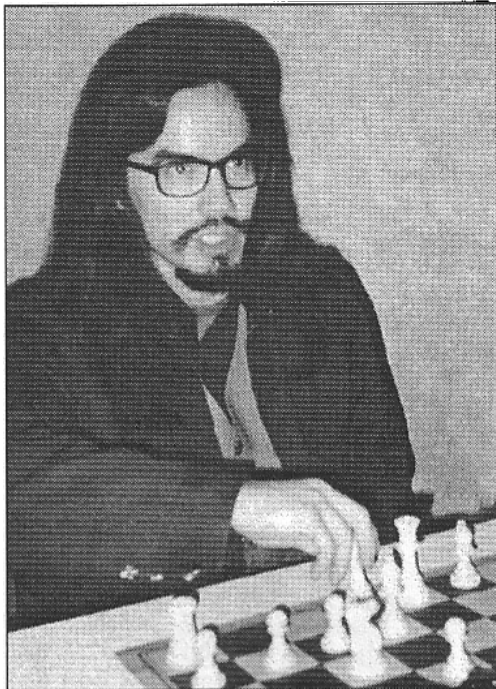
B) 9...Bb4+ 10.Nc3 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nc6 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.Rb1 b6 15.Qc2 Bg6 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 h6 18.Bf4 Qa5 19.Rb3 Rac8 20.Rfb1 e5 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.dxe5 Rxd3 24.exf6 Rxc3 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.Ra1 g5 27.a4 Kh7 28.Rd1 Ra3 29.Rd7 Rxa4 30.Rxf7+ Kg6 31.Rf8 Rf4 32.Ra8 a5 J. Oberweis-P. Stein, US Amateur Team Midwest 1994, 0-1; 8.Na3 a6 9.Nc2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Be3 Be7 13.Nd2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 0-0 15.Rfd1 Qf5 16.Racl Nd5 17.Nb3 Qg6 18.Ne1 Bd6 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Qf6 21.a3 Rd7 22.Qg4 Qe7 23.b4 Rfd8 24.Nf3 f6 25.Bcl Qf7 26.Re1 Rd6 27.Rc2 Nce7 28.Nd2 h5 29.Qe4 Nf5 30.Bb2 Qd7 31.Qf3 Rc6 32.Rxc6 Qxc6 Sevillano-A. Goldin, Chicago Open, 1996, 1/2-1/2.

8...Qd8 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.dxc5

11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nb5 0-0-0 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.a3 Ne4 15.Rfl Bg6 16.Bf4 e5 17.Nxe5 Rhe8 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.b4 Nxb4 20.Na7+ Kd7 21.0-0-0 + Ke6 22.axb4 Bxb4 23.Nb5 Nc3 24.Nxc3 Bxc3 25.Kc2 Bb4 26.Bf3 1-0 Sevillano-Sandager, Chicago Open, 1997.

11...bxc5 12.Nc3 Be7 13.g4 Bg6 14.Ne5 Nbd7 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Bf4 0-0-0 17.0-0-0 Ne8 18.Bg3 Bh4 19.Bxh4 Rxb4 20.Ne4 f5 21.Ng5 Nf8 22.Nf3 Rxd1+ 23.Bxd1 Rh8 24.Ne5 Nf6 25.Bf3 Kc7 26.Bg2 N6d7 27.Nd3 Rh4 28.f3 b6 29.Re1 Kd6 30.Rd1 Kc7 31.a3 g5 32.b4 Ng6 33.Bfl Nge5 34.Nxe5 Nxe5 35.bxc5 bxc5 36.gxf5 Nxc4 37.fxc6 Ne3 38.Rd7+ Kxe6 39.Bb5 Rxb3





Albert Chow (left), second in the Master section, explains one of his wins between rounds at the 1997 Illinois Class Championship.

40.Rxg7 Rxf3 41.Rxg5 Kd6 1/2-1/2

**M. Robledo Jr (1800)**

**V. Tuma (2012)**

Illinois Class (1), 1997

Sicilian Defense [B22]

Notes by NM Alan Watson

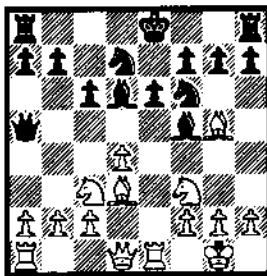
1.c4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6  
5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bd3

An unusual choice which appears to signal peaceful intentions.

6...c6 7.0-0 c6 8.Rc1 Bd6

A much safer place for Black to develop the dark-squared bishop is e7, especially when White's queen or rook are glaring down the e-file at his king.

9.Bg5 Nbd7



10.d5! Bg4

Castling will no longer save Black, for after 10...0-0 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Bxf5 he loses a piece.

11.dxe6 Bxf3??

It was better to yield a pawn than the full piece now offered, although 11...fxe6 would still leave the first player with a large advantage.

12.exd7+- Kxd7 13.Qxf3 Qxg5 14.Rad1 Rhe8 15.Bf5+ Kc7 16.Nb5+ 1-0

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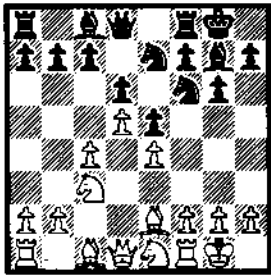
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1	GINZBURG Roman	1401	W18	W9	W12	W5	4	28 C
2	WACHTER Tom	1537	W11	D 4	B	W7	3.5	15 C
3	ALBERT Steven	1486	D 7	W6	D 4	W11	3	8 C
4	RAMOS Fabian	1301	W17	D 2	D 3	W8	3	8 CD
5	BALDWIN Calvin	1573	B	W14	H	L1	2.5	5 C
6	HANKE Paul	1460	D 9	L3	W15	W16	2.5	5 C
7	GORLIN Andrey	—	D 3	W10	W13	L2	2.5	
8	LEUNG Daniel	1591	W15	D12	H	L4	2	4 C
9	FAMBRO Paul	1550	D 6	L1	W16	D10	2	4 C
10	DUDNICK Steven	1480	H	L7	W17	D 9	2	4 C
11	SMITH Orlan	1426	L2	W18	W14	L3	2	4 C
12	VIEREKG Craig	1506	W16	D 8	L1	-	1.5	3 C
13	WHITE David	1512	H	H	L7	-	1	2 C
14	WILHEM John	1500	X	L5	L11	-	1	2 C
15	PADILLA Rudy	1500	L8	L16	L6	W17	1	2 C
16	HUANG Winston	1245	L12	W15	L9	L6	1	2 CD
17	STEELE John	1487	L4	H	L10	L15	0.5	1 C
18	WHITE David	1512	L1	L11	-	-	0	
CLASSES D/E								
1	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	1130	W43	W29	W6	W8	4	28 DE
2	GORLIN Gennadiy	—	W16	X	W18	W7	4	
3	DODSON Kermit	1395	W33	W19	L8	W13	3	8 D
4	BARKDOLL Michael	1331	L10	W23	W12	W14	3	8 D
5	CUMMINGS Mike	1317	L12	W24	W32	W20	3	8 D
6	AILES Tim	1300	W15	W20	L1	W22	3	8 D
7	HE Kevin	1286	W35	W10	W21	L2	3	8 D
8	LERNER Gabriel	1274	W27	W11	W3	L1	3	8 D
9	BURKE Luke	1263	L36	W41	W28	W21	3	8 D
10	VILDGORN Mark	1008	W4	L7	W31	W17	3	8 DE
11	YARNOFF Ben	1000	W25	L8	W19	W18	3	8 DE
12	HUDSON Ben	998	W5	W17	L4	W36	3	8 DEF
13	SHELLHAMER Ted	1371	W22	W32	D14	L3	2.5	5 D
14	FAKTOROVICH Yuriy	1179	W42	W30	D13	L4	2.5	5 DE
15	DUNCAN Jason	972	L6	H	W40	W30	2.5	5 DEF
16	POLTORAK Alex	1258	L2	W37	L22	W34	2	4 D
17	PARK William	1240	W40	L12	W36	L10	2	4 D
18	GASUNAS Anthony	1220	W41	W36	L2	L11	2	4 D
19	SAWYIER Tim	1218	W37	L3	L11	W35	2	4 D
20	POPOVIC Zeljko	1125	W28	L6	W30	L5	2	4 DE
21	ALEKNA Dan	1104	W38	W31	L7	L9	2	4 DE
22	WIDING Robert	1097	L13	W42	W16	L6	2	4 DE
23	LEWIS Richard	1013	D39	L4	D33	W31	2	4 DE
24	ALEKNA Robert	983	L31	L5	W37	W32	2	4 DEF
25	WRAY John	1321	L11	D27	W38	F33	1.5	3 D
26	WIDING Daniel	1060	L29	L38	W27	D28	1.5	3 DE
27	SOMASUNDARAM V	850	L8	D25	L26	W38	1.5	3 DEF
28	BURNETT Jim	—	L20	W34	L9	D26	1.5	
29	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	1345	W26	L1	-	-	1	2 D
30	MC CLURE Seth	1315	W34	L14	L20	L15	1	2 D
31	ANDERSON Richard	1304	W24	L21	L10	L23	1	2 D
32	JOVANOVIC Nened	1200	B	L13	L5	L24	1	2 D
33	SEIBEL Dennis	1100	L3	D35	D23	F25	1	2 DE
34	MC CLURE Renee	990	L30	L28	W42	L16	1	2 DEF
35	EGERTON Gary	926	L7	D33	H	L19	1	2 DEF
36	ESSES Joshua	780	W9	L18	L17	L12	1	2 DEFG
37	CONNELLY Patrice	—	L19	L16	L24	W42	1	
38	SCHMALE Scott	—	L21	W26	L25	L27	1	
39	SHIRKEY Stacy	1345	D23	F	-	-	0.5	1 D
40	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr	1100	L17	H	L15	-	0.5	1 DE
41	MC LEOD Derin	—	L18	L9	-	-	0	
42	CONNELLY Al	—	L14	L22	L34	L37	0	
43	VASSILIADES Alex	—	L1	F	-	-	0	

**A. Chow (2365)****S. Kamberi (2317)**

Illinois Class (3), 1997  
King's Indian Defense [E99]  
Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7  
4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5  
7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1



For quite a while there has been a stormy discussion over the relative merits of 9.Ne1 versus 9.Nd2. Each camp has its own strong supporters and remains unswayed by the others' arguments. At present, the text is in mild ascendancy due to recent discoveries such as the line used in this game. Next year, who knows?  
9...Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4  
12.Bf2 g5 13.a4

Although odd in appearance, 13.a4 is a powerful improvement by Korchnoi over his previously favored 13.Nb5 which ran into trouble only against 13...b6 restricting the opening of lines. A key point lies in the fact that 13...a5 greatly benefits the first player after 14.Nb5 h5 15.Nd3 b6 16.b4.

13...Ng6 14.a5 Rf7 15.c5!  
A recent innovation in place of the formerly standard 15.b5 Nf6 16.c5  
15...Nxc5

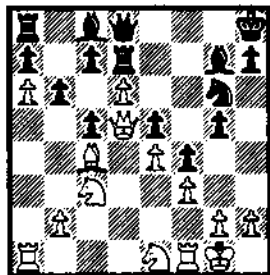
Both 15...dxc5 and 15...Bf8 have been previously seen but fail to stem White's initiative.

16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.a6  
John Nunn prefers the immediate 17.Bc4 in his work *The Classical King's Indian*.  
17...b6 18.Bc4 Kh8

18...Bf8 (!? Nunn) 19.g4 Bd6 20.Qe2 h5 21.h3 Rh7 22.Ng2 Qf6 23.Kf2 hxg4 24.hxg4 Rh2 25.Ke1 Bxg4 26.fxg4 Nh4 27.Nxf4 Rxc2+ 28.Nfxe2 Qh6 29.Kd2 Rf8 30.Nb5 Nf3+ 31.Rxf3 Rxf3 32.Nxa7 Qh7 33.Nb5 Qxe4

34.Nxd6 cxd6 35.a7 Rf8 36.a8Q Rxa8 37.Rxa8+ Kg7 38.b3 b5 39.Ra7+ Kf8 40.Bxb5 Qxd5+ 41.Kc2 Qe4+ 42.Kb2 Qxg4 43.Ra8+ Christopher Lutz-Boris Gelfand, Munich 1994, 1/2-1/2.  
19.d6 Rd7

19...Rf8 20.Qd5 Bd7 21.dxc7 Qxc7 22.Qb7 Rfc8?! (22...Qxb7 23.axb7 Rab8 24.Rxa7 Bc6—Nunn) 23.Nc2 Bc6 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 25.Rfd1 Bf6 26.Rd6 Kg7 27.Bd5 Bxd5 28.Nxd5 Rf7 29.Na3 Be7 30.Rc6 Bf8 31.Nc7 Rb8 32.Ne6+ Kg8 33.Nb5 Rd7 34.Rc7 Re7 35.Rxe7 Nxe7 36.Nxa7 b5 37.Nxb5 1-0 E. Solozhenkin-M. Kaminski, Cappelle la Grande 1993.  
20.Qd5



20...Rb8??

Amazingly, up till this point we were still in book! [20...c6 21.Qxc6 Rb8 22.Rd1 (22.Nb5 Bf8 23.Qc7 Bxd6 24.Qxd8+ Rxd8 25.Nc2 Bf8 26.Nxa7 Bd7 27.Na3 Be8 28.N3b5 Ne7 29.Nc7 Nc6 30.Nxc6 Bxc6 31.Bd5 1-0 O. Sadiacek-P. Hlubina, corr CZE league 1995) 22...Bf8 23.Qd5 Kg7 24.Nc2 Kh6 25.Qc6 Rxd6 26.Rxd6 Qxd6 27.Qxd6 Bxd6 28.Nb5 Be7 29.Ra1 Bd7 30.Nxa7 b5 31.Nxb5 Bxb5 32.a7 Ra8 33.Bd5 Rxa7 34.Rxa7 g4 35.fxg4 Bh4 36.Na3 Be2 37.Bc4 Bxg4 38.Bf1 Be1 39.Nc4 Be6 40.Nxe5 Bd2 41.Nf3 Be1 42.Rc7 Bg4 43.b3 Bxf3 44.gxf3 Be3+ 45.Kh1 Ne5 46.Be2 Kg6 47.Re7 Bd4 48.Kg2 h6 49.Re8 Kf7 50.Rd8 Kg7 51.b4 1-0 E. Porper-Philippe, Berlin 1994.  
21.dxc7 1-0

Black cannot guard his weak last rank and defend the Rb8 simultaneously. The lesson to be learned from this game is that those who play sharp opening lines accept the re-

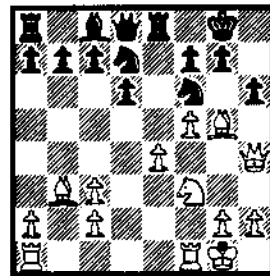
sponsibility of additional study.

**T Ailes (1300)****Z. Popovic (1125)**

Illinois Class (2), 1997  
Hungarian Defense

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Ne5 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.f4  
Black's loss of time in the opening with moves such as 5...Ne5 and 3...Be7, Bb4, Bxc3 is now made to tell.  
10...Ng6 11.f5 Nc5 12.Bg5 d6 12...h6 should be immediately played to force White's decision regarding which diagonal he prefers for the queen's bishop.  
13.Nf3 Ned7 14.Qe1 Re8 15.Qh4 h6



We can now see how the delay of just several moves can make such a big difference in the outcome. The bishop no longer has to retreat, but instead may dearly sacrifice its life to expose the Black king.  
16.Bxh6! gxh6 17.Qxh6 Nxc4?

The only path to a successful defense lay in 17...d5! 18.Qg5+ Kf8 when White has no more than a draw. The weak text allows additional forces to participate in the hunt against Black's king.  
18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Nh4?

Shorter was 21.Qh5+ Kg7 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Qh6#, but who can quibble with an extra move when White is obviously enjoying himself so much.  
21...Ne5 22.Ng6+ Nxg6 23.fxg6 Rg8 24.Qh7# 1-0

**S. Jahedi (1638)****J. Delay (1689)**

Illinois Class (2), 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B21]

1.e4 (On scoresheet is the note: "Interesting Game;

Smith Morra strikes again.)

1...c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Bf4 Be7 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Re1 a6 11.Rc1 e5 12.Be3 Bg4 13.Na4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nd4 15.Qd1 b5 16.Nc3 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 Rc8 18.Nd5 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Nxe4 20.Bb6 Qe8 21.Rc8 Qd7 22.Rc7 Qe6 23.Nxe7+ Kh8 24.Qxe6 fxe6 25.Rc6 g6 26.f3 Nd2 27.Be3 Nc4 28.Bh6 Re8 29.b3 Na5 30.Rxd6 Nb7 31.Rxe6 Rd8 32.Rxe5 Rd1+ 33.Kf2 1-0

**S. Kamberi (2317)****C. Cadman (2099)**

Illinois Class (2), 1997  
Semi-Slav Defense

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 c6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 b4 10.Nc4 Be7 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Qa5 13.Ned2 Rfd8 14.Nc4 Qh5 15.Be2 c5 16.Nfe5 Qg5 17.Bf3 Nxe5 18.Bxb7 Nxc4 19.bxc4 Rab8 20.Bf3 e5 21.d5 e4 22.Be2 Bd6 23.Qa4 Rb7 24.Rfd1 Ne8 25.Qc2 f5 1/2-1/2

**A. Base (2320)****S. Szpijak (2270)**

Illinois Class (2), 1997  
Pirc Defense [B09]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.c3 Rad8 12.h3 Bc8 13.Qe1 f6 14.b3 Qa5 15.Bc4+ Kh8 16.d5 Nb8 17.b4 Qa4 18.Qxe7 c6 19.Bb3 Qa6 20.Qc7 Bd7 21.c4 cxd5 22.cxd5 b6 23.Re1 Rc8 24.Qd6 Rfd8 25.b5 Bxb5 26.Qa3 Rc8 27.Bb2 Nd7 28.Qd6 Bf8 29.Bxf6+ Nxf6 30.Qxf6+ Bg7 31.Qh4 Bxal 32.Rxa1 Qb7 33.Ne5 Qg7 34.Re1 g5 35.Qh5 Rf8 36.d6 gxf4 37.Bf7 h6 38.Ng6+ Kh7 39.Nxf8+ Rxf8 40.Rc7 Kh8 41.Qxb5 f3 [And Black shortly won in a mutual time scramble.] 0-1

The deadline for the next ICB is February 1st.

# Satterlee Second at Senior Open

By Ken Marshall

*D*rawing with Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier in the last round, Illinois chess stalwart Ray Doyle Satterlee scored 5-1 to finish second in a 50-player field at the 1997 Senior Open, which took place from October 12 through October 18 in Deerfield Beach, Florida. The tournament was open to players 50 years of age and older. Satterlee, 61, a long time Expert and Wheaton resident who has played in more than 300 local, state, and national events (including 24 U.S. Opens) during a tournament career spanning nearly 45 years, shared runner-up honors with another player, but was awarded second place on tie break.

"Going into the final round, GM Bisguier needed only a draw to take clear first, and he offered to split the point on move nine," Satterlee said. "The position was equal, and I thought about playing on. Given the strength of my opponent, however, and considering that he had played very well the whole tournament and was clearly 'on form', I decided to accept the draw."

This was Satterlee's seventh Senior Open. "I finished 5.5-0.5 in 1994 and won the tournament on tie break ahead of one other player," he said. "In 1991 and 1987 I also tied for first, but in those years tie break resulted in top honors going to someone else."

Satterlee has a phenomenal overall Senior Open record of 27 wins, 10 draws, and 4 losses. He has faced 10 Masters, defeating two and drawing five. "I like the one game a day format," Satterlee said. "As I get older, it gets tougher to play two or three games every 24 hours."

When he arrived at this year's tournament, Satterlee, rated 2088, found himself seventh on the wall chart, behind GM Bisguier, four Masters, and an Expert. "I was fortunate in Rounds 2 and 4, when my opponents blundered in equal positions," Satterlee

stated. "Round 5 was my most difficult game. My opponent developed a dangerous counterattack that created some problems for me before I beat him."

Satterlee enjoyed the tournament. "It was well run and directed, and the playing conditions were excellent," he said. "I had fun, got together with some old friends, and improved my rating."

Here is Satterlee's Round 5 win.

**Ray Satterlee (2088)**  
**Frank Redway (1900)**  
Sicilian (c3)

Notes by Ray Satterlee

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.a3 b5 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Qd2 Kh8 14.Rfe1 Ng8

This strange looking move is quite effective.

15.h3

I have been playing such moves to give my king an escape square when no other obvious move presents itself.

15...f6  
It is hard to believe that this move, which weakens e6, is good.

16.Be3 Qe7 17.d5 e5 18.Ne2 h6

Black's position seems very vulnerable, with weaknesses such as g6, but I found it hard to penetrate.

19.Bb6

I thought this was the beginning of Armageddon.

19...Nd7 20.Rc7

This looks devastating, but I greatly overestimated Black's difficulties.

20...Bc8 21.Rce1 f5

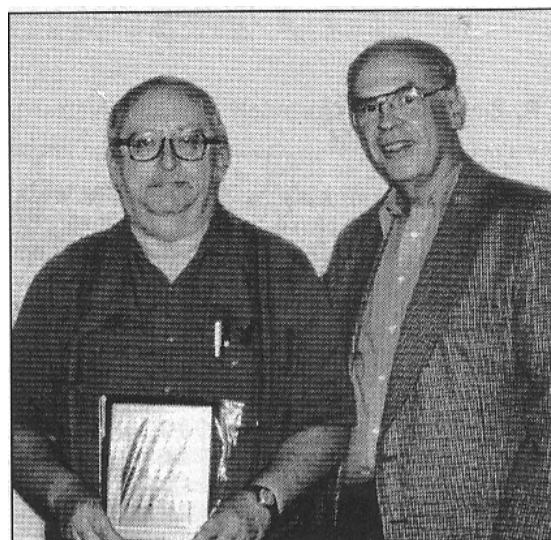
Black's counterattack begins.

22.exf5 Rxf5 23.Ng3 Rxf3!

Black has a very compromised position; this seems like his best chance for counterplay.

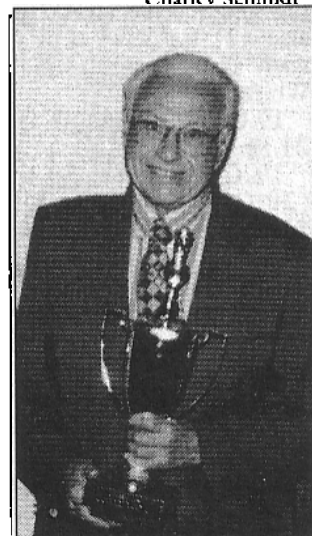
24.gxf3 Qf8 25.Be3 Ne5 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.R(1)xc5 Bxh3 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Bc2 Ne7 30.d6 Nf5 31.Nxf5 Bxf5 32.Bxf5 Qxf5

Now perpetual check becomes a



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Above: Ray Doyle Satterlee (left) with his second place award plaque standing next to USCF president Don Schultz. Right: Tournament winner GM Arthur Bisguier with his winner's trophy. He split the point with Satterlee in the final round.



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possibility.

33.d7 Rd8 34.Rd5 Qe6 35.Qe4 Kh7 36.b4 h5 37.Kf1?

I underestimated the danger of the passed h pawn.

37...Bf6 38.Kg2 Kg7 39.Qd3 Be7 40.Qe4 Bf6 41.Rd3 h5 42.Qg4 Qf7 43.Rd6 g5 44.Qe6 c4 45.Qxf7 Kxf7 46.fxe4 g4 47.Rxa6 h3+ 48.Kg1 Be5 49.Rc5 h2+ 50.Kg2 Rh8 51.Kh1 g3 52.fxg3 Bxg3 53.Rf5+ Kc7 54.Rg6 Bc7 55.Rd5 Rf8 56.e5!

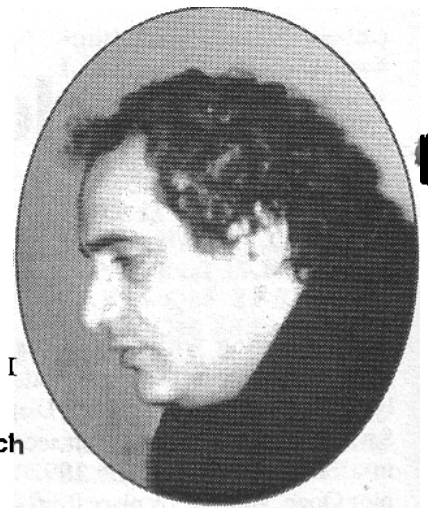
This cuts off the bishop's protection of the h pawn, so the rook check does not work.

56...Rf3 57.Kxh2 Rxa3 58.Rg7+ Kc6 59.d8=Q Bxd8 60.Rxd8

And Black played on for 16 more moves before resigning. 1-0

# Gurevich's Notebook

Games and notes by Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich,  
Illinois's top-rated player



Dmitry Gurevich

## R. Ziatdinov-D. Gurevich Bern, 1995

Sicilian Defense [D64]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5  
c6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0-0-9.f4  
h6 10.Bh4 Qb6 11.Bf2 Qc7  
12.Be2 e5! 13.Nf5 Bxf5  
14.exf5 d5! 15.fxe5 Qxe5  
16.Bg3 Qxf5 17.Nxd5 Nc4!

17...Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Qg6  
with a clear advantage for  
White (18...Qc8!).

18.Nxc7+ Nxc7 19.Qd7?

19.Qf4 Nxc3 (19...Qxf4+  
20.Bxf4 Nf2 21.Rd7 Nxf1  
22.Rxe7 Rae8) 20.hxg3!  
(20.Qxg3? Qe6 attacking e2  
and a2) Rac8 21.Bd3 Qa5  
with a slight advantage for  
White;

19.Qc3 Nd5 20.Qf3 Qg5+  
21.Kb1 Rae8!

19.Qd3 Nxc3 20.hxg3  
(20.Qxg3 Qe6!) Qg5+  
21.Kb1 Nc6 and the position  
is unclear.

19...Qg5+! 20.Kb1 Nf5!  
21.Bc7 Ne3! 22.Rde1 Rac8!

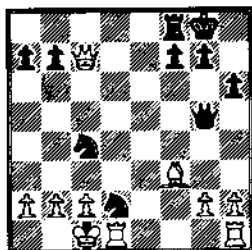
22...Rad8? 23.Bxd8 Rxd8  
24.Qc7;

22...Nxc3 23.Rd1 is unclear  
(23.Reg1 with an unclear  
position).

23.Bf3 Rxc7! 24.Qxc7  
Nd2+ 25.Kc1?

25.Ka1 Qa5! 26.Qc3 (the  
only move) 26...Qxc3  
27.bxc3 Nxc2+ 28.Kb2 Nxc1  
29.Rxe1 Nxf3 30.gxf3 f5! and  
Black has a clear advantage.

25...Nec4!+-  
25...Nxf3? 26.gxf3 Nd5+  
27.f4!+- is winning for White.  
26.Rd1



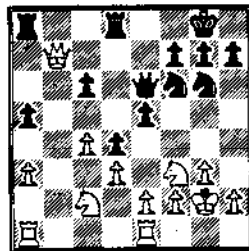
26.Re2 Nxf3+ 27.Kb1 Qb5+.  
Nb3+ 0-1

26...Nb3+ 27.Kb1 Qc1+  
28.Rxc1 Ncd2 mate.

## A. Chow-D. Gurevich Midwest Class, 1997 Reti Opening [A10]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.d3 Nc6  
4.g3 e5 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2  
a5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Na3 0-0  
9.Nc2 Bxd2 10.Nxd2  
10.Qxd2.

10...Bf5 11.a3 Qd7 12.b4  
Bh3 13.Nf3 Bxg2 14.Kxg2  
Qe6 15.Qb1 Rfd8 16.b5 Ne7  
17.Qb2 Ng6 18.Rfe1 c5  
19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Qb7 h6



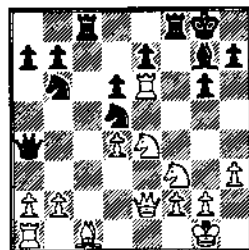
21.e4??

21.Nd2 with an unclear  
position.

21...Nf4+-+ 22.gxf4 Qg4+  
23.Kf1 Qxf3 0-1

## Moulin-Gurevich New York Open, 1995 Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7  
4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0-0 Ngf6  
6.Re1 g6 7.c3 Bg7 8.d4 0-0  
9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Rc8  
11.h3 Qa5 12.e5 Nd5 13.e6  
fxc6 14.Rxc6 N7b6 15.Nc4  
Qa4 16.Qc2??



White loses the game in one  
move:

16...Rxc1+ 17.Rxc1 Nf4 0-1

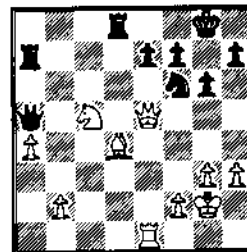
In the next two games I  
was on the wrong side:

## D. Komljenovic-Gurevich Ischia, Italy, 1997 Benko Gambit [A58]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5  
4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3  
Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6  
9.Nf3 Bg7 10.g3 0-0  
11.Kg2 Nbd7 12.h3 Qa5  
13.Re1 Rfb8 14.c5 dxe5  
15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Rxe5 Ra7  
16...Rb7.  
17.Qe2 Kf8 N  
17...Rbb7!?

18.Bf4 Rab7 19.Qe3  
19.Rb1!?

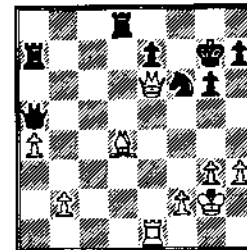
19...Ne8 20.Re1 Bxe5  
21.Bxe5 Rd8 22.Ne4 Kg8!  
23.Nxc5 Ra7 24.Bd4 Nf6  
25.a4 Nxd5 26.Qe5 Nf6



27.Ne6! fxe6?

Missing a beautiful idea:  
27...Qxe5 28.Rxe5 Rxd4  
(28...Rxa4? 29.Nxd8 Rxd4  
30.Nc6) 29.Nxd4 Rxa4  
30.Nc6 e6 31.b4 Nd5=.

28.Qxc6+ +- Kg7



28...Kf8 29.Bb6! Rd6  
30.Qc8+.  
29.Bb6!!

Even with the huge material  
advantage, I can't save the  
game!

29...Rd6 30.Qxe7+ Rxe7  
31.Rxe7+ Kf8 32.Bxa5 Kxe7  
33.Bb4! Ke6 34.Bxd6 Kxd6  
35.Kf3 g5?! 36.Ke3 Kc5

36...Kc5 37.b3 h5 38.a5  
Kb5 39.b4 h4 40.gxh4 gxh4  
41.Kf4 Nd5+ 42.Kg4 Nxb4  
43.Kxh4 Nd3! 44.f3 Kxa5  
45.Kg5 Kb6 46.h4 Kc7  
47.Kf6! Nf4 48.Kf5 Ng2  
49.h5 Nh4+ 50.Kf6.

37.a5 Nd5+ 38.Kf3 Nb4  
38...h5 39.a6.  
39.Kg4 Kf6 40.Kh5! Kf5  
41.f3 1-0

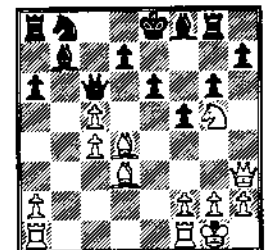
## G. Kaidanov-D. Gurevich US Ch. (Chandler, AZ), 1997 Dzindzi-Indian Defense [E10]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 a6!?

This opening idea should  
not be tried against a player of  
Kaidanov's caliber!

3.Nc3 c5 4.dxc5! e6 5.e4  
Qc7 6.b4 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 Qe5  
8.Be3 Qxe4 9.Nf3 b6  
10.Bd3 Qb7 11.Ng5 bxc5  
12.bxc5 f5 13.0-0 Qc6  
14.Bd4 Bb7 15.Qh5+ g6  
16.Qh3 Rg8?

Black is lost, but he could  
put up a long fight



16...h6!? 17.Nxc6 (17.Bxh8  
hxg5) dxe6 18.Bxh8 Nd7.  
17.Be4!+- fxe4 18.Qxh7  
Rg7 19.Bxg7 Qxc5 20.Bf6  
1-0

# Goldin is Golden: Along with Manion and Felecan, Russian GM Wins Midwest Class

Over 300 players turned up to play chess in the Continental Chess Association's Midwest Class Championship tournament held in Lisle from October 31st to November 2nd. Tied for first place were GM Alexander Goldin, IM Josh Manion, and 17-year-old phenom Florin Felecan, an FM who recently moved to Evanston from Romania. These three players all racked up 4-1 scores. Goldin and Felecan were undefeated but each had two draws. Manion, Illinois Open co-champion, suffered his only loss in round 3 to Goldin.

**Goldin Moves.** Below grandmaster Alexander Goldin makes his play.



GM Gregory Serper scored 3.5 points, drawing with Eugene Martinovsky, Felecan, and Goldin. Martinovsky also scored 3.5, drawing with Enrico Sevillano, Steven Szpisjak, and Serper.

GM Dmitry Gurevich led the Master Section players who scored 3.0. He lost his chance to tie for a win in the tournament when he was beaten by Manion in the final round. Other players scoring 3.0 were Enrico Sevillano, Andrew Karklins, Albert Chow, Sonny Kamberi, Andric Zarembo, Steven Szpisjak, and Kurt Stein.

Jason Ray Wysocki won the Expert section with a perfect 5-0 score. There were other perfect scores: Simon Steel in Class A, Joseph Cygan in Class C, Gabriel Lerner in Class D, and John L'Esperance in Class F.

The sections varied considerably in size. Class C had 61 competitors (Class D had one fewer than that), while Class G had only 8 participants.

In spite of the large number of rooms reserved by the CCA, the venue was packed and without any skittles facility. Players and parents littered corridor floors and several people were seen using the top of a grand piano as an analysis table.

The tournament was directed by Walter Brown and Josh Flores.

**What? No Skittles Room?! GMs Gurevich and Goldin analyze on a hallway floor.**

## Top Finishers

### Midwest Class Championships Oct 31 to Nov 2, 1997

#### Master Section

- 1 Goldin, Alexander (2670) ..... 4.0
- 2 Manion, Josh (2443) ..... 4.0
- 3 Felecan, Florin (2350) ..... 4.0
- 4 Serper, Gregory (2613) ..... 3.5
- 5 Martinovsky, Eugene (2368) ... 3.5

#### Expert Section

- 1 Wysocki, Jason Ray (2194) ... 5.0
- 2 Wright, William B (2184) ..... 4.0
- 3 Miller, Rubin J (2058) ..... 4.0

#### Class A

- 1 Steel, Simon A (1980) ..... 5.0
- 2 Markov, Igor I (1887) ..... 4.5

#### Class B

- 1 Wrabel, Chris (1707) ..... 4.5
- 2 Hasegawa, David (1695) ..... 4.5
- 3 Nair, Umesh P N (1759) ..... 4.0
- 4 Akhmetov, Artem (1597) ..... 4.0
- 5 Huang, Kenneth (1544) ..... 4.0

#### Class C

- 1 Cygan, Joseph (1494) ..... 5.0
- 2 Wachter, Tom W (1537) ..... 4.5

#### Class D

- 1 Lerner, Gabriel (1274) ..... 5.0
- 2 Seibel, D r/e (1263) ..... 4.5

#### Class E

- 1 Koenig, Jason (1130) ..... 4.0
- 2 Werner, Andrew T (1036) ..... 4.0
- 3 Reyes, Donald (1191) ..... 3.5

#### Class F

- 1 L'Esperance, John (888) ..... 5.0
- 2 Hudson, Benjamin R (998) ..... 4.0

#### Class G

- 1 Zillmer, Julie H (777) ..... 4.0
- 2 Rodriguez, Jacob (786) ..... 3.5

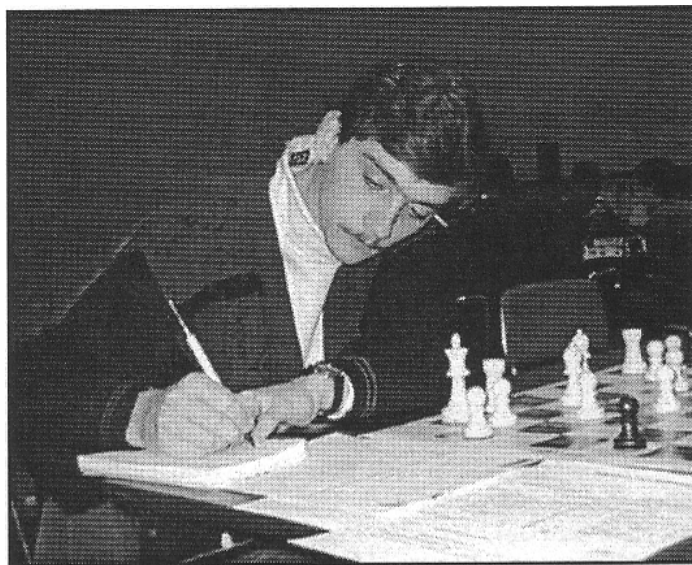
#### Unrated Section

- 1 Litvak, Dmitry (unr.) ..... 4.5
- 2 Cavdar, Bulent (unr.) ..... 4.0
- 3 Johnson, Donta (unr.) ..... 4.0

# Games from the Midwest Class

*17-year-old earns a 2500+ performance rating. Manion beats Gurevich and more!*

The 17-year-old native of Bucharest, Romania already has one IM norm to his credit and a 2360 ELO rating. His performance in the Midwest Class Championship (an undefeated 4-1, tied first place, including a draw with Gregory Serper and a victory over Enrico Sevillano) suggests that the Evanston Township senior may well be the strongest junior player in Chicago for almost 30 years!



Roy Frye

Florin Felecan: Future Chicago GM?

**IM Enrico Sevillano (2545)**  
**FM Florin Felecan (2360 FIDE)**  
 Midwest Class Ch,  
 Chicago, 1997  
 Pirc Defense [B06]

Notes by John Tomas

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7  
 4.Nf3 a6 5.a4

While hardly a bad move, this should promise no advantage. It has been known for almost a quarter of a century that simple development with Bc2 etc. followed by a properly timed e5! makes Black's life very difficult. See the famous game Browne-Suttles, Chicago (US Open, 1973)! 5...Nf6?!

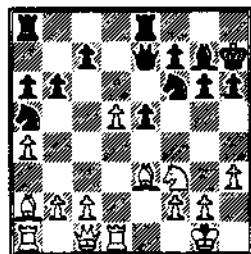
This is not supposed to be as accurate as 5...Bg4! 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 e5 which, according to John Nunn, gives White few chances for a real initiative. Still, Felecan appears to equalize even after the text.

6.h3! 0-0 7.Be2 Nc6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 e5 10.0-0 Re8 11.dxe5 dxe5

11...Nxe5? 12.Nd4! leaves Black with the embarrassing problem of finding a decent square for his knight.

12.Qc1 Kh7 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Na5!

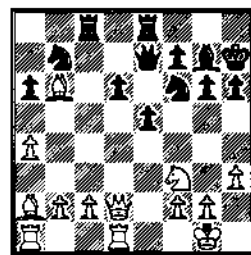
Black cannot play 16...Nd8 because it cuts communication between his rooks and after 17.Qd2! and 18.d6! White's two bishops rule the board. 17.Ba2 b6



17...Rad8 18.d6 cxd6 19.Bb6 is obviously weaker. 18.d6!?

By all positional rules I know of, this ought to favor White. He has the two bishops, and he needs to open the game up—18.d6 does that. The problem is that even after prolonged analysis I have been unable to improve substantially upon Sevillano's subsequent play which makes me wonder about my evaluation of 18.d6.

18...cxd6 19.Bxb6 Nb7 20.Qd2 Rac8



21.c3

If White can improve upon his play in the game, this has to be where he does so since the following play is largely forced. I wonder whether

Sevillano considered 21.c4!? At first glance, it appears illogical because it interferes with the white-squared bishop's diagonal. But the bishop can be profitably employed upon either the a4-e8 diagonal or the b1-h7 diagonal. Moreover, it gets White's pawns much closer to producing one or more passed pawns. My analysis indicates that Black retains chances even so, but White is better off than he turns out to be in the game.

21...Nd7 22.Be3 f5 23.Bd5 Nd8 24.Re1

This looks like an anti-positional trick to prevent ...f4, but other moves leave White in difficulties. 24.Qe2 for example runs into 24...f4 25.Bc1 a5 (25...e4) 26.b4

24...Nf6 25.Bb6 Ne6 26.Bxe6 Qxc6 27.a5 e4 28.Nd4 Qc4 29.Nc2

This move is virtually forced since 29.Qf4 Nd5 30.Qxd6 Nxb6 31.Qxb6 Rb8 32.Qc6 Qxc6 33.Nxc6 Rxb2 34.c4 Rc8 35.Ne7 Rxc4 is winning for Black whether or not he wins the trapped White knight. 29...Nd5 30.Rcd1

After 30.Ne3 Nxe3 31.Bxe3 d5 and Black has a clear advantage.

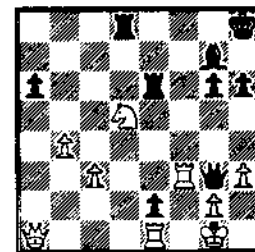
30...Nxb6 31.Ne3 Qb3 32.axb6 Qxb6 33.Qxd6 Rc6 34.Qa3 f4 35.Nd5 Qb8

36.Nb4 Rb6 37.Rd7

Sevillano clearly understands what is coming and hopes to possibly confuse the issue in time pressure. But Felecan does not fear ghosts.

37...e3! 38.fxc3 fxc3

This game could serve as a perfect illustration of Nimzovitch's telling phrase "the passed pawn's lust to expand." 39.Nd5 e2 40.Re1 Qg3 41.Qa1 Rbc6 42.b4 Kh8 43.Rf7 Rd8 44.Rf3



44...Qxe1+! 45.Qxe1 Rxd5 46.Kf2 Rd1 47.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 48.Kxe2 Rd7

The position is rather simply won, but in events with sudden-death controls, there is no reason not to continue. Miracles sometimes do happen!

49.g4 Kg8 50.Rd3 Rxd3 51.Kxd3 Kf7 52.c4 Ke6 53.b5 a5 54.Kc2 Kd6 55.Kb3 Kc5 56.Ka4 Bc3 57.Kb3 Be1 58.Ka4 g5 59.Kb3 Bg3 60.Ka4 Bc7 0-1.

*Josh Manion, Illinois Co-champion, defeats GM Dmitry Gurevich on his way to first place in the Midwest Class.*

**Josh Manion (2443)**  
**Dmitry Gurevich (2667)**

Midwest Class (5), 1997  
English Opening [A30]

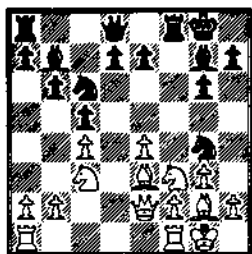
Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7  
4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Nc3  
Nh6!?

At first blush, this unusual idea struck the majority of on-lookers as extremely odd, but it has been played before, and by no less an opening theorist than Gurgenzide!

7.c4

7.d4 cxd4 8.Bxh6 Bxh6  
9.Qxd4 0-0 10.Qh4 Kg7  
11.Rfd1 e6 12.Qd4+ Kg8  
13.Nb5 Bg7 14.Qd2 Bc6  
15.Rac1 Na6 16.Nfd4 Bxg2  
17.Kxg2 Nc7 18.Qb4 Nxb5  
19.Nxb5 Qc8 20.Kg1 a6  
21.Nc3 Rb8 22.b3 Qb7  
23.Qe7 Rfd8 24.Qh4 h6  
25.Qe4 Bxc3 26.Qxb7 Rxb7  
27.Rxc3 Rc8 28.Rcd3 Rcc7  
29.Rd6 Kf8 30.e4 Ke7  
31.R1d4 f6 32.f4 b5 33.Rxa6  
bxc4 1/2-1/2, Ioseliani-  
Gurgenzide, Tbilisi 1991.  
7...f5 8.d3 0-0 9.Qc2 Nc6  
10.Be3 fxe4 11.dxe4 Ng4



Dmitry's play to this point actually seems quite reasonable, for his control over the central dark squares (d4 in particular) promises good play.  
12.Bg5

Here Josh begins to psycho-

logically torment the grandmaster with an offer to allow the doubling of queen's bishop pawns. Passive play, he correctly reasons, will accomplish naught.

12...Nge5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5  
14.Be3 Bxc3?

Gurevich has taken the bait.  
15.bxc3 Ba6 16.Bh6

Should Josh fail to take up the challenge with active play, his opponent will hold an advantage in the ending. The two factors he must strive to accentuate are the bishop pair and Black's weakened kingside. What now follows is a textbook example of their exploitation.

16...Rf7 17.e5!

An excellent move which begins to unleash the full power of White's bishop pair. The light-squared one, in particular, now begins to breathe fire upon the Black position!

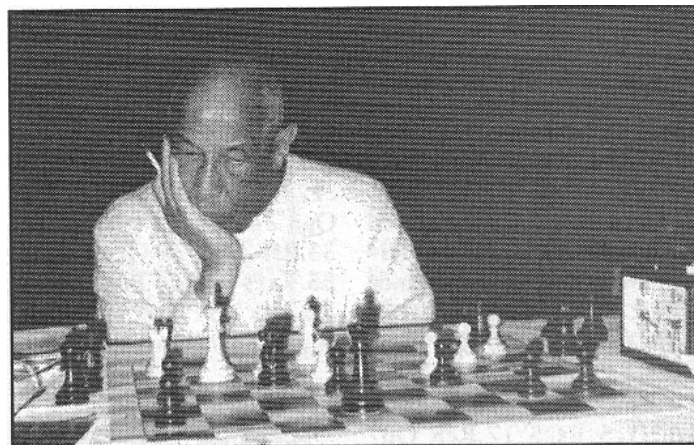
17...Qc8 18.e6!

Josh's pieces are thirsting after even more open lines, and this play allows his rooks to cast long glances down both central files.

18...dxe6 19.Bh3 Rf5

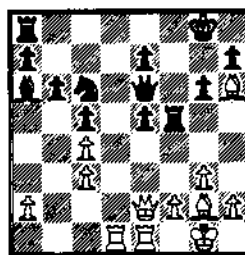
Passive defense with 19...Nd8 20.Rad1 held little attraction, so Dmitry offers an exchange to eliminate one of his opponent's dangerous prelates. Wisely, Josh refuses until a higher price is commanded.  
20.Rfe1 e5!?

Worthy of consideration was 20...Re5!? 21.Qd3 Bb7 22.f4 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Nd8 with a passive, albeit solid, position. The problem with the text is that White's pieces are now allowed an outpost on the d-



file.

21.Rad1 Qe6 22.Bg2



22...Rf7

Perhaps only now did Black realize that his intended 22...Bxc4 fails to the surprising 23.Qxc4! Qxc4 24.Bxc6 when his opponent ends up with a huge preponderance of material for the proffered queen.

23.Bd5 Qc8 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7  
25.Qd3 Kg8

Even now, it is difficult for Black to stem a further invasion into his territory. One example is shown by the following line 25...Qe6 26.Re4! Rd8 27.Qf3+ Qf6 28.Rxd8 Nxd8 (28...Qxf3?? 29.Rf8+) 29.Qd1 Nc6 30.Qd5+ Qc6 31.Re3!! +-  
26.Qd5+ Kh8 27.Rxc5 Bxc4  
28.Qe4 Qe8 29.Rd6 Bb5  
30.Ree6

It's not enough that White's rooks have shown remarkable activity along the central files, for they now cap their display by doubling on the 6th rank. After the text, Dmitry sat dejectedly back into his chair for a 15-minute think, then played one further move.

30...Kg8 31.Rxc6 1-0



Top: Judge Leighton considers his move. Bottom: Chess Mom Judy Lindh reads while her son competes.

**K. Stein (2250)**

**A. Karklins (2420)**

Midwest Class (1), 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B23]

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3

Those favoring the Grand Prix Attack against the Sicilian have been forced to adopt the chameleon-like text in view of 2.f4 d5!

2...Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 Nge7  
5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6  
7.0-0 d5 8.e5

Given White's less than satisfactory results with this line, enterprising players have begun to explore various alternatives. Two equally unsuccessful ideas are:

8.b3 Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.d3  
b5 11.Qe1 Bb7 12.Qe3 Nd4

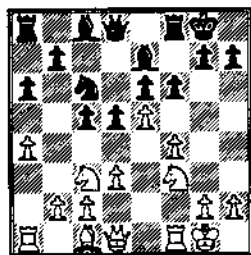
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13.Rae1 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 d4  
 15.Ne2 f5 16.Qh3 Rf6  
 17.Nc1 Qd7 18.Re2 Raf8  
 19.Qg3 Bd8 20.c3 Rg6  
 21.Qe1 fxe4 22.cxd4 e3  
 23.Qc3 Qd5 0-1 Ferretti-  
 Bykhovsky, Cappelle la Grande  
 1993; 8.exd5 exd5 9.Re1+  
 Be7 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nxc6  
 bxc6 12.d3 Rb8 13.Na4 Bf5  
 14.Be3 d4 15.Bc1 Bd6  
 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Re5 Qd7  
 18.Rxc5 Bg4 19.Qe1 f6 20.b3  
 (What now follows is a superb  
 lesson illustrating the enor-  
 mous power rooks on an open  
 file can contribute to a kingside  
 attack.) 20...Rfe8 21.Qf1 Re2  
 22.Ba3 Rbe8 23.h3 Bxh3!!  
 24.gxh3 R2e3 25.Rh5 g6  
 26.Rh4 Rg3+ 27.Kh1 Qd5+  
 0-1 T. Ratcu-A. Salazar,  
 Yerevan, ARM olw32 1996.  
**8...Be7 9.a4**  
 9.d3 0-0 10.Ne2 f6 11.c3 Bd7  
 12.Be3 Be8 13.exf6 gxf6 14.f5 e5  
 15.Bh6 Rf7 16.Nh4 Bf8 17.Bxf8  
 Rxf8 18.Rf3 Kh8 19.Qd2 Rg8

20.Re1 Qd6 21.Rg3 Bf7 22.Rh3  
 Rg5 23.Ng3 Rag8 24.Nf3 Rg4  
 25.Qh6 R8g7 26.Kh1 b5 27.a3  
 c4 28.d4 e4 29.Nd2 Qf4 30.Ndf1  
 Qg5 31.Ne3 Rf4 32.Kg1 Ne7  
 33.Rf1 Ng8 34.Qxg5 Rxf1+  
 35.Kxf1 Rxc5 Rakic-Tesic,  
 Kladovo 1991, 1-0  
**9...0-0 10.d3 f6**



This first strike at White's center sounds the battle call for Black's army.

**11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Ne2 e5!**  
 Another important advance which eliminates the backward pawn while opening a number of lines for Andrew's forces. Of additional import is the fact

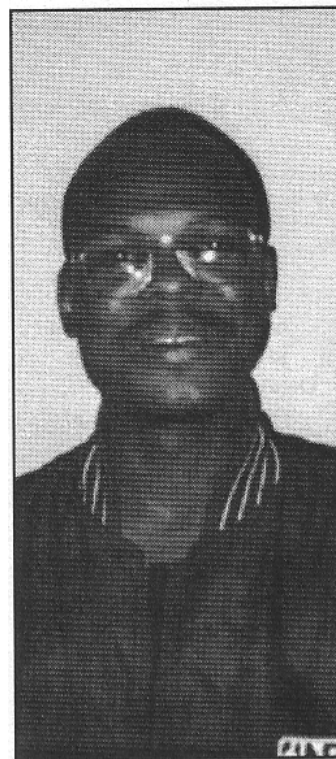
that the exchange of White's king's knight confers upon Black a force advantage on the kingside.

**13.fxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxe5 Bxc5 15.Rxf8+ Qxf8 16.d4 Bf6?!**  
 While 16...Bf6 works well in this game, Andrew afterwards felt that 16...cxd4 17.Nxd4 Qd6 18.h3 Bd7 would be a more direct way of completing development.  
**17.Qd3 Bg4 18.dxc5 Re8!**

Two factors that have kept Andrew at the top of his game for such a large number of years are his creative approach and wonderfully developed sense of the initiative.

Whereas lesser players would have automatically continued 18...Qxc5+ 19.Be3 Bxe2 20.Bxc5 Bxd3 21.cxd3 with little if any advantage, Andrew shows no hesitation committing his final piece into the heat of battle; fully confident that his superior development will soon overwhelm the White position.

**19.Qxd5+ Kh8 20.Nf4**



Donta Johnson, an unrated player from Grand Rapids, Michigan, came to Chicago to play in the Midwest Class Championships.

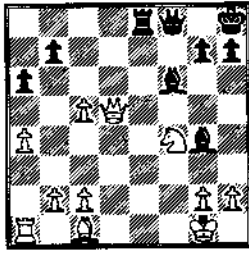
## 1998 Peoria Tornado ICA Mini-Tour Event

When: Sat., January 17, 1998  
 Where: Garrett Center, 824 N. Duryea Place, Peoria 61625  
 Entry Fee: \$12 by January 15, \$15 at the site, \$10 Juniors  
 What: 4 Round Swiss  
 Time Control: Game/80  
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 Chess book to Class A, B, C, D, E/Un  
 (Must be at least 6 entrants per class)

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m.  
 Round Times: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30  
 Memberships Required: USCF & ICA  
 (no other states honored)  
 Noted a limit of one 1/2-point bye is available in any round.  
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 Bring sets, boards, & clocks.

Entries: Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct., Peoria IL 61614, 309-691-4624





20...Rc1+! 21.Kf2 Bh4+  
22.g3 Rxc1!! 23.Rxc1 Qxf4+  
24.Kg2 Qxc1 25.gxh4  
Qxc2+ 26.Kg3 h5 27.Qxb7  
Qxc5?!

27...Qd3+!! (This direct attack wins immediately.) 28.Kf4 (28.Kg2 Qe2+ 29.Kg1 Bh3) 28...Qd4+ 29.Qc4 (29.Kg3 Qe3+ 30.Kg2 Bh3+ 31.Kh1 Qc1#; 29.Kg5 Qf6#) 29...Qf2+ 30.Kc5 Qf6+ 31.Kd5 Bf3+- 28.Qc4 Qg1+ 29.Kf4 Qxh2+

Although Black again misses 29...Qf2+! 30.Kc5 Qf6+ 31.Kd5 Bf3+-, White's fate is sealed nonetheless.

The attack conducted by Andrew in this game was both elegant and powerful.

30.Kg5 Qd2+ 31.Kg6 Qd6+ 32.Kf7 Qf6+ 33.Ke8 Qe6+ 34.Qxe6 Bxc6 0-1

**J. Marshall (2153)**

**R. Sax (2027)**

Midwest Class (1), 1997  
Modern Benoni [A67]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6  
4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4  
g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7  
9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 Na6 11.0-0  
Nc7 12.Bd3 a6 13.Qe1  
Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Nxb6  
16.f5 Nb5 17.Bg5 Bf6  
18.Qh4 Nd7 19.Bxb5 axb5  
20.e5 dxe5 21.Ne4 Bxg5  
22.Nfxg5 h5 23.f6 Nb6  
24.Ne6 fxe6 25.f7+ Kg7  
26.Nf6 Bd7 27.Qg5 Nxd5  
28.Nxh5+ Kh7 29.Qxe5  
29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Nh5+ Kh7  
31.Nf6+=  
29...gxh5 30.Qxh5+ Kg7  
31.Qg4+ Kh8  
31...Kh6 32.Ra3 Qg5  
33.Rh3+ Kg6 34.Qe4+ Qf5

After the game, GM Gregory Serper (right) discussed his draw with Eugene Martinovsky.

35.Rxf5 exf5 36.Qxd5+  
32.Ra3 1-0

**S. Ilic (2340)**

**A. Goldin (2670)**

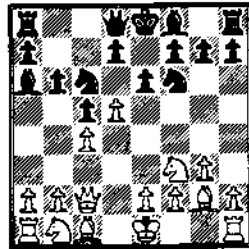
Midwest Class (2), 1997  
Queen's Indian Defense

Notes by NM Alan Watson

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

A commonly seen idea of that preeminent hypermodern Aaron Nimzovitch.

5.Qc2 c5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.d5?



The common moves here are 7.dxc5 and the more speculative 7.0-0 by which the first player strives to secure a powerful lead in development. The dangers incurred by the text will become all too apparent in less than the blink of an eye.

7...cxd5 8.cxd5 Nxd5!

Dare accepted!

9.Nh4?!

This further loss of time must have been anticipated by Ilic as he made his seventh move, but is based on a total misappraisal of the position. Black's control over both b4 and d4 plus the boosted activity of his pieces yield Golden an undeniable advantage.

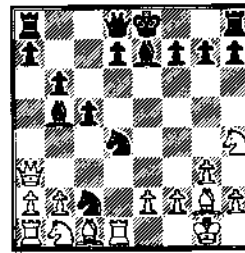
9...Ndb4 10.Qa4 Nd4!

Goldin's direct yet forceful moves have left his bewildered opponent little choice. One example of the dangers White faces is shown by the continuation 11.Bxa8 Qxa8 12.0-0 Nxe2 mate

11.0-0 Be7 12.Rd1 Bb5 13.Qa3 Nbc2

The White queen is now trapped through the combined efforts of three pow-

erful Black minor pieces.



The remainder is but a futile struggle.

14.Rxd4 Nxa3 15.Nxa3 cxd4 16.Nxb5 Rc8 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Bf4 Rc5 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Bd6 Qxe2 0-1

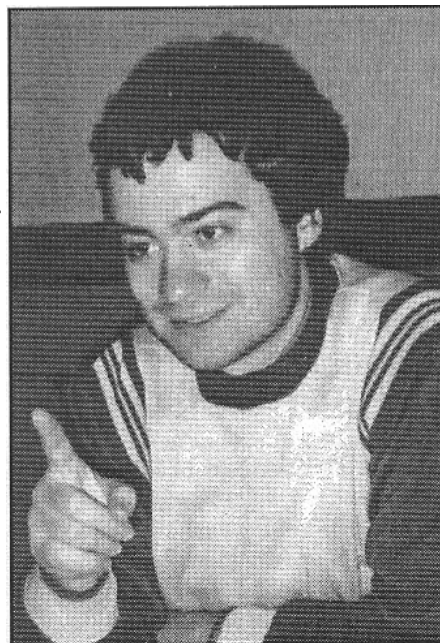
**E. Martinovsky (2368)**

**G. Serper (2613)**

Midwest Class (2), 1997

Queen's Gambit Declined [D35]  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5  
4.Nc3 c6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5  
Be7 7.e3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3  
9.Qxd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0  
11.Rfe1 Ne4 12.Bxc7 Qxc7  
13.Nd2 f5 14.f3 Nxd2  
15.Qxd2 Rac8 16.Re2 Nb6  
17.b3 Nc8 18.Rae1 Nd6  
19.Nd1 Qh4 20.Nf2 Rf6  
21.Nd3 Rh6 22.g3 Qe7  
23.Ne5 g5 24.Qa5 a6  
25.Qb4 Qg7 26.Rf1 Qc7  
27.Rc2 Nf7 28.f4 g4  
29.Qc5 Qd8 30.b4 Nd6  
31.Qc3 Rh3 32.Rb1 Kg7  
33.a4 h5 34.Rg2 h4  
35.gxh4 Qxh4 36.Qe1 Qh6  
37.Rbb2 Qf6 38.Qe2 Reh8  
39.Rc2

39.Rxg4+ fxg4 40.Qxg4+ +-



39...Rd8?? 40.Rb2

40.Nxg4+-  
40...Rdh8 41.Rc2 R8h6  
42.b5 axb5 43.axb5 Nf7  
44.bxc6 bxc6 45.Rxc6 Qxc6  
46.Nxc6 Rxc6 47.Rg3 Rc1+  
48.Kg2 Rh8 49.e4 Rhc8  
50.Rd3 dxc4 51.Rd2 Nd6  
52.Ra2 R8c3 53.Qa6 R3c2+  
54.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 55.Kg1 Nc4  
56.Qb7+ Kf6 57.Qc6+ Kf7  
58.Qd7+ Kf6 59.Qd8+ Kf7  
60.Qd7+ Kf6 61.d5 Ne3  
62.Qe6+ Kg7 1/2-1/2

**G. Serper (2613)**

**F. Felecan (2350)**

Midwest Class (3), 1997  
King's Indian Defense [E70]

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.c4

Felecan is a recent Romanian emigre who is nearly GM strength and attends high school in the Evanston area! Hopefully, we will get to see a great deal more of his inspired and powerful play.

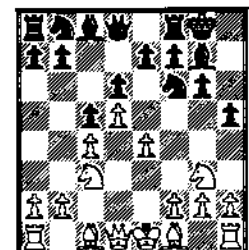
1...g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.e4 d6  
4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nge2

Serper has adopted a longstanding favorite known as the "Kramer Variation" after New York Master George Kramer. Felecan elects to play one of the lines where Black strives for a Benoni-like position.

5...0-0 6.Ng3 c5 7.d5 h5!?

Instead of the nearly automatic central lever 7...e6 (Serper-Fishbein, New York

Open, 1996 is one of the grandmaster's rare losses with this line.) Felecan instead sends out a kingside scouting party whose presence will have a profound effect upon the remainder of the game. This little pawn is assigned the awesome task of weakening the opponent's position.



8.Be2 h4 9.Nf1 b5!?

It is plainly evident that young Felecan is not adverse to playing on the wings, as Black now steers the position towards an unusual form of the Benko Gambit.

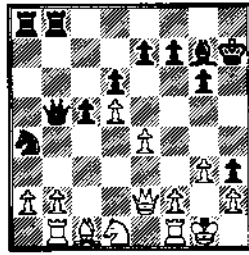
10.cxb5 a6 11.Nd2 axb5 12.Bxb5 h3

Immediately following this return to kingside play, Serper displayed visible discomfort and began to consume increasingly large amounts of time. The pawn on h3 will now be a bone in his throat for a very long time to come.

13.g3 Ba6 14.0-0 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Nbd7 16.Qc2 Nb6 17.Nf3 Qd7 18.Ng5 Rfb8 19.Nc3 Na4 20.Nd1 Nh7 21.Nxh7 Kxh7 22.Rb1 Qb5

Black's position is so strong

that he can even offer the exchange of queens to increase his initiative. In typical Benko fashion, it is becoming increasingly difficult for White to retain the extra material.



23.Qc2 c4 24.b3 Nc5 25.b4 Qa4 26.Qxc4 Qxa2 27.Qxa2 Rxa2 28.f3 Nd3 29.Be3 Rxb4 30.Rxb4 Nxb4 31.Kh1

As much as he would like to eliminate the h3-pawn, Serper

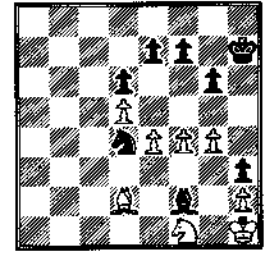
cannot continue 31.Nf2 since after 31...Nc2 32.Bb6 Rb2! his bishop would be driven from the important a7-g1 diagonal, and further material losses could not be prevented. Although pawns only remain on one side of the board, White must still tread with care in light of his confined king.

31...Ra1 32.Bg1 Nd3 33.Nc3 Rxf1 34.Nxf1 Ne1 35.f4 Nf3 36.Be3 Bc3

Interesting was 36...f5!?

37.exf5 gxf5 in order to restrain White's g-pawn while weakening d5, but even here the first player can hold the balance with careful play.

37.g4 Be1 38.Bc1 Nd4 39.Bd2 Bf2



40.f5 Nb3 41.Bf4 f6 42.g5

Forced to fight an endgame without his king, White strives to eliminate all the pawns before his opponent's ruler becomes active.

42...Kg7 43.gxf6+ Kxf6 44.fxg6 Kxg6 45.e5 dxe5 46.Bxe5 Kf5 47.d6 exd6 48.Bxd6

The exchange of all but the h-pawns has eased White's task immeasurably and while his king still remains a prisoner ensconced on h1, Black is fresh out of pieces to deputize with the task of capturing him.

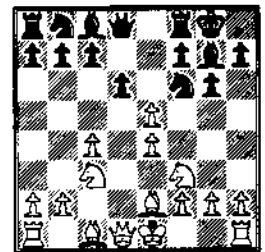
48...Kg4 49.Bb4 Nc1 50.Bd2 Ne2 51.Be3 Be1 1/2-1/2

P. Murthy (2231)  
V. Rajlich (2256)

Midwest Class (3), 1997  
King's Indian Defense [E92]

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.dxe5



Contrary to public opinion, the Exchange Variation of the King's Indian Defense is not innocuous, and is actually used by several masters when playing for a win.

7...dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 c6 10.Nxe5 Re8 11.0-0 Na6

11...Rxe5 12.Rd8+ Re8 13.Bxf6 Rxd8 14.Bxd8. 12.f4 Nc5?!

The advised move in this po-

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Lets discuss it over the chess board.

# Chess of Steel

by Christopher L. Baumgartner

*A well-known European chess sponsor brings world class chess to the Midwest and Illinois players share in the fun.*

For nearly 60 years, Hoogovens steel and aluminum corporation has sponsored a grandmaster tournament in the small town of Wijk aan Zee. In celebration of the 20th anniversary of their American subsidiary, the first edition of the Hoogovens (pronounced You-HO-vens) USA Chess Festival was held November 28-30 in Merrillville, Indiana. The site was the luxurious and spacious Radisson Hotel.

Attending the tournament reminded me of a story, well known to the Dutch organizers: In heaven, the French will do the cooking, the English will be the policemen, the Germans will be the engineers, the Swiss will make sure the trains run on time, the Italians will be the lovers, and the Dutch will organize chess tournaments. In hell, the French will make sure the trains run on time, the English will do the

cooking, the Germans will be the policemen, the Swiss will be the lovers, the Italians will be the engineers and the Dutch will organize chess tournaments.

Aspects of this analogy proved to be true with this tournament as well, as there were both hellish and heavenly elements, although most were in the latter category. Television monitors were set up throughout the site to allow spectators to follow the grandmaster games "live" as they were being played onstage. Sensors in the boards and pieces enabled this innovative display.

The grandmaster tournament featured six GMs:

- Yasser Seirawan, multiple-times U.S. Champion and former World Championship Candidate.

- Jan Timman, multiple-times Dutch Champion,

former World Championship Candidate and Challenger for the FIDE World Championship title versus Anatoly Karpov in 1993.



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Samuel Naylor (above, left) was the highest Illinois finisher in the Amateur section. Deon Horton (above, right) also played in the Amateur. Jan Timman (bottom) was the winner of the Grandmaster Tournament.

- Alex Yermolinsky, multiple-times U.S. Champion, winner of the 1996 World Open and 1996 U.S. Open.
- Tal Shaked, current World Junior Champion.

Clearly, a world-class field of competitors!

Sixty amateur players, sharing the same playing hall with the grandmasters, vied for their 15 minutes of fame.

Hoogovens presented this tournament to the local steel industrial community as a gift for supporting their company's efforts here in America. The tournament received extensive local media coverage as well as an article in the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

In truth, the only aspect of the tournament I found vaguely hellish was the lack of spectators and the low turnout for the open tournament. One hundred entry slots were made available, but only 60 people participated. Perhaps one of the reasons for the low turnout from Illinois was the dis-

ance and the Illinois Class tournament, which had taken place the previous weekend. The site was equipped to handle nearly three times the amount of spectators, based on what I observed on Saturday.

Lex Jongsma, a strong Dutch master, provided colorful commentary in the analysis room. Bob Long, Thinker's Press/Chessco, provided a book concession with a large variety of books.

I found the grandmasters to be accessible and was fortunate enough to acquire the autographs of Timman, Seirawan, and Piket.

The organizers confirmed that they would also be organizing the tournament at least one more year, so this will give everyone who wasn't able to attend this year, another opportunity next year.



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# Hoogovens Games

Any international tournament always has another tournament going on within it: the fight for national supremacy of the players from the host nation. The Hoogovens USA event held over Thanksgiving weekend in Merrillville, Indiana was no exception in this regard. In the second round, that battle was already won when Alex Yermolinsky's subtle endgame play downed another great endgame player, Yasser Seirawan, for the USA bragging rights.

**Alex Yermolinsky (GM)**  
**Yasser Seirawan (GM)**  
 Hoogovens USA,  
 Merrillville, Indiana, 1997  
 French Defense [C10]

Notes by John Tomas

## 1.e4

While Yermolinsky has been known to occasionally venture 1.e4, he overwhelmingly favors queenside openings. So, the question arises, why did he shift here? Was he expecting Seirawan's reply? Did he fear Seirawan's preparation in one of his favorite lines? Or was he simply interested in playing different positions?

## 1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4

In the old days, when Seirawan played the French, he played the Winawar with an early ...b6. Nowadays, he apparently agrees with IM John Watson, who expunged that variation from the latest edition of his *Play the French* because Watson felt that the variation is no longer playable.

## 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Be7

A refinement to the standard Rubenstein variation in which Seirawan has specialized. Was it the possibility of facing this idea which led Yermolinsky to play 1.e4?

## 6.Bd3 Ngf6 7.Qe2

Overwhelmingly, Whites have chosen to reenter book lines with 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Bg5. The text is less usual but not noticeably less successful.

## 7...Nxe4 8.Bxe4

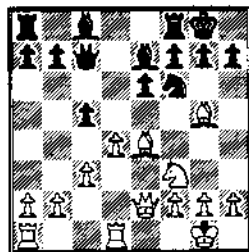
8.Qxe4 is also possible, and the games featuring it during

the last year ended in quick White victories.

## 8...c5!?

Seirawan attempts to take advantage of the fact that his knight is still on d7 rather than on f6 where it would be after the more usual 8...Nf6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Bf4.

## 9.0-0 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.c3 Nf6 12.Bg5!?



## 12...h6?!

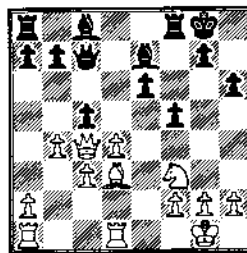
This leads Black into immediate difficulties, so it is worthwhile to examine the alternatives.

12...Nxe4 13.Qxe4 (13.Bxe7? fails to 13...Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qxe7) 13...Bxg5 14.Nxg5 g6 (f5) 15.Qh4 h5 and White has considerable pressure and an incipient and powerful kingside attack. In this variation, 13...Bd6 might offer better chances, i.e., 14.Be3 Rb8 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Rd4 b6 18.Rad1 Bb7 but even here White retains better chances. Is this what Seirawan wanted to avoid?

## 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qc4!

Did Seirawan underestimate the power of this original maneuver?

## 14...Be7! 15.b4! f5 16.Bd3



## 16...b5?!

A desperate attempt to release the pressure. Seirawan sacrifices a pawn temporarily expecting to regain it because of the power of the two bishops. In fact, although he does recover the pawn, he appears to virtually lose by force. As bad as it appears, it may have been better to try to defend the position arising after 16...b6 17.Re1 though, to be sure, that offers Black little hope.

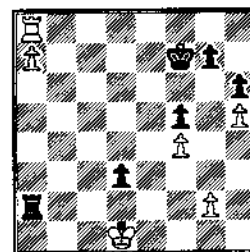
## 17.Qxb5 cxb4 18.cxb4 Rb8 19.Qa5! Qxa5 20.bxa5 Bf6 21.Rab1 Bb7 22.Bc4 Bd5 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.a6 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Rc8 26.h4 Rc4 27.Rb7 Bxd4 28.Nxd4 Rxd4 29.h5!

Not just saving the h-pawn as will soon be clear.

## 29...Ra4 30.Rxa7 Rxa2 31.f4! d4 32.Kf1 d3 33.Ke1 Kf8 34.Ra8+ Kc7 35.a7 Kf7 36.Kd1!

Zugzwang! The term is often misused to describe positions where the inferior side has no moves which do not ruin his position. However, it is most accurately used to describe those positions where the superior side could not win if the inferior side did not have to move. Such is the case here: a king move loses to either 37.Rg8 or 37.Rf8+; rook moves along the second rank lose to 37.Rb8. The best defense would be to move the rook along the a-file giving up the d-pawn. But there, eventually White can force a position where Black will have to threaten to check along a rank (for example when White moves his king to e5 to threaten the f-pawn) and along a file. If Black did not have to move, however, White has no way to force the win since

Kc1-b1 is met by ...d2! at the proper moment saving the game. As for what happens after a pawn move...



## 36...g6 37.Rh8!

A classic rook shift and an idea well worth remembering if you do not already know it. 1-0.

**Luc Van Wely (GM)**  
**Jeron Piket (GM)**  
 Hoogovens USA  
 Merrillville, 1997

## English Opening [A27]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Nd4 5.Bg2 Nxf3+ 6.Bxf3 Bb4 7.Qb3 Bc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.d3 h6 10.e3 a6 11.Rd1 Ba7 12.d4 Qc7 13.dxc5 Qxe5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 d6 16.Bd2 Bc5 17.Bc3 Qf5 18.Bg2 a5 19.Bd4 b6 20.Qc3 Qg6 21.b3 Re8 22.a3 h5 23.Qd2 h4 24.Bc3 h3 25.Bf1 h5 26.b4 axb4 27.axb4 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 Bb6 29.Bd4 Qe4 30.Bxb6 cxb6 31.Ra8 Bg4 32.Qd4 1-0.

**Jan Timman (GM)**  
**Tal Shaked (GM)**  
 Hoogovens USA  
 Merrillville 1997

## French Defense [C18]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Qg4 f5 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qd1 Bd7 10.Nf3 Ba4 11.Rb1 Nd7 12.Be2 h6 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Rb4 Bd7 15.0-0 Ne4 16.Bd3 Ne7 17.Nd4 Nxc3 18.Qe1 Na2 19.Rb3 Nxc1 20.Qxc1 b6 21.Bb5 Kf7 22.a4 Rad8 23.Re1 a6 24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.Qb2 Rb8 26.Rh3 Ng8 27.Rc3 Qb7 28.Rc6 Re7 29.Rb1 b5 30.axb5 axb5 31.Qc3 b4 32.Qc5 Qa7 33.Nxe6 Qxc5 34.Nxc5 Rb5 35.f4 g5 36.g3 gxf4 37.gxf4 Ra7 38.c3 b3 39.Rxb3 Rxb3 40.Nxb3 Ne7 41.Rf6+ 1-0.

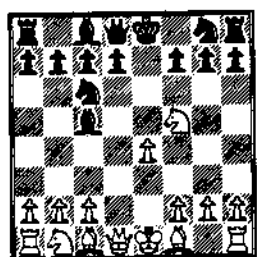
# Amateur Hoogovens Games

Not to be outdone by their professional counterparts, the Amateur Open featured a number of games much more wild and woolly than witnessed on the top boards. The first two shown are truly indicative of the fighting chess witnessed and were instrumental in enabling Langreck and Koo to share first place honors.

**R. Olthoff (2300)**  
**J. Langreck (2303)**  
 Hoogovens USA, 1997  
 Scotch Game

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4  
 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nf5?!



This unusual line has been dubious since the time of Steinitz during the past century. As Olthoff is a respected Dutch theorist and journalist, the basis for playing 5.Nf5?! might be that he didn't expect his Yankee opponent to be booked up on the refutation ... boy is he wrong!

5...d5! 6.Nxg7+

6.Nc3 (Relatively best, but still rather dismal for the first player. In the game White at least avoids the trap 6.exd5? Bxf5 7.dxc6 Bxf2+! dropping his queen.) 6...dxe4 7.Nxg7+ Kf8 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Nh5 f5 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6+ cxd6 12.0-0-0 Nf7 13.f3 exf3 14.gxf3 Bd7 15.Bb5 Bc6 16.Rhf1 Re8 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Rfel Rxe1 19.Rxe1 Nd8 20.Ne2 Ne7 21.Nef4 Kf7 22.Rg1 Ng6 23.Rg5 Nxf4 24.Nxf4 Kf6 25.h4 Ke5 26.Nd3+ Kf6 27.Nf4 Ke5 28.Nd3+ Kf6 29.Nf4 1/2-1/2 I. Ramsey-H. Terrie, Concord (U.S. Open) 1995.

6...Kf8 7.Nh5

There is little choice for White here as the following games will demonstrate:

7.Qxd5 Qxd5 8.cxd5 Nb4 9.Na3 Kxg7 10.c4 Bf5 11.Be3 Re8 12.Kd2 Bxe3+ 13.fxe3 Nf6 14.Be2 Re7 15.Rhf1 Bg6 16.Rf3 Ne4+ 17.Ke1 Rhe8 18.h4 Nf6 0-1 Rombough-Pope, corr 1990; 7.exd5 Nb4 (7...Kxg7 8.dxc6 Bxf2+ 0-1 R. Bana-Gabriela Olarasu, Varna 1994) 8.Nh5 Bf5 9.Na3 Qe7+ 10.Be2 Re8 11.Ng3 Bg4 12.Nc4 h5 13.Ne3 h4 14.Ngf1 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Qe4 16.Kd1 Nxd5 17.Qd3 Qxd3+ 18.cxd3 Nf4 19.g3 Nxd3 20.Ke2 Ne5 21.h3 hxg3 22.Nxg3 Nf6 23.b3 Nh5 24.Nxh5 Rxh5 25.Bb2 f5 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Kf3 Bxe3 28.fxe3 Rh4 29.Rad1 Ke7 30.Rd3 Re6 31.Rh2 Kf6 Bergdahl-Andersson, Vaxjo 1992, 0-1; 7.Nf5 Bxf5 8.exf5 Qh4 9.Qf3 Re8+ 10.Kd1 Bxf2 (10...Ne5 was perhaps better.) 11.Bd3 Nf6 12.g3 Nd4 13.gxh4 Nxf3 14.Bh6+ Ke7 15.Nc3 c6 16.Rf1 Ng4 17.Bg7 Ne3+ 18.Ke2 Nxf1 19.Kxf3 Bxh4 20.Bxh8 Nd2+ 21.Kg4 Rxh8 22.Kxh4 Rg8 23.Be2 Kf6 24.Re1 Ne4 25.Nxe4+ dxe4 26.Bg4 Ke5 27.h3 e3 28.Kh5 Kf4 29.Kh6 Re8 30.Kxh7 e2 31.Rxe2 1-0 Ligoure-Steimer, Paris op ch A 1993

7...Qh4 8.Ng3

Compelled by the threats to both e4 and h5, but now Black can continue his blitzkrieg development.

8...Nf6! 9.Be2

9.exd5 Ng4 is even less appetizing!

9...Ne5

This move, suggested originally by Steinitz, is by far the most incisive. However, also played are 9...dxe4, 9...Nxe4, and 9...Bxf2+. While the last

variation may not be fully correct, we shall nonetheless take a brief look at it since the Black pieces were played by no other than Blackmar, the American gambiteer who is best remembered in association with the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: 9...Bxf2+ 10.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 11.Kg1 Rg8 12.Nxe4 (12.Qxd5+-) 12...dxe4 13.Qd2? (13.g3 was the last chance for survival; there will not be another opportunity!) 13...Rxx2+! (A beautiful sacrifice which sets up checkmate in at most 6 moves.) 14.Kxg2 Bh3+ 15.Kg1 e3 0-1 Wurm-Blackmar, Armand/New Orleans 1883.

10.b3

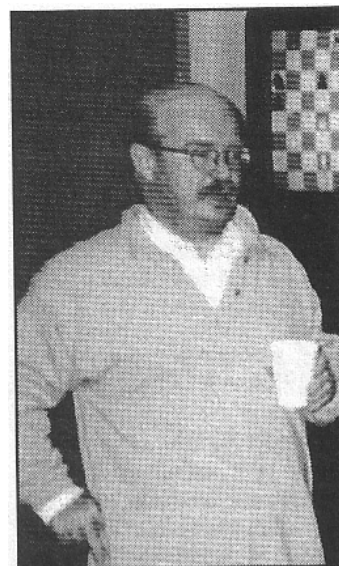
Assuredly too slow given the darkening storm clouds surrounding White's king. As it turns out, Olthoff doesn't make it to safety before the thunderstorm hits.

10.Nc3 Neg4 11.Bxg4 Nxg4 12.Qxd5 Bxf2+ 13.Ke2 Rg8 14.Nf5 Qf6 15.h3 Be6 16.hxg4 Bxd5 17.Bh6+ Ke8 18.Nxd5 Qxb2 19.Kxf2 Rd8 20.Rad1 Rd7 21.Rd2 c6 22.c3 Qxd2+ 23.Bxd2 cxd5 24.Re1 dxe4 25.Rxe4+ Kd8 26.Nd4 Rg6 27.Be3 Re7 28.Rf4 b6 29.g5 Kc8 30.Rf5 Kb7 31.Kf3 Rg8 32.Rd5 Rc7 33.Nb5 Rc4 34.Rf5 Ka6 Segal-Toh, Budapest 1993 1/2-1/2.

10...Nxe4 11.Nxe4

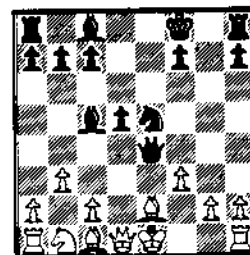
White unsuspectingly continues to tempt fate. Perhaps his last chance for relative safety lay in 11.0-0 Nxf2 12.Rxd2 Bxf2+ (12...Qf6!?) 13.Kxf2 Ng4+ 14.Bxg4 Qf6+ 15.Bf3 Qxa1 16.Qxd5 with an unusual distribution of material.

11...Qxe4 12.f3



Chris Baumgartner

Lex Jorsma, a strong Dutch master, provided game commentary and comedy.



12...Nxf3+!!

Shades of Morphy and the Golden Age of Attack!

13.gxf3 Qh4+ 14.Kd2 Qd4+ 15.Ke1 Qxa1

15...Qxf2+ 16.Kd2 Be3+ 17.Kc3 leads nowhere, so Black takes a moment's respite to gobble up a tasty little morsel. In doing so, however, he had to foresee that the desperate efforts of his opponent would come to naught.

16.Qxd5 Qd4

Much simpler was 16...Bd6 after which Black would gradually complete development and make use of his material surplus. Instead, White now gets to throw a few punches.

17.Bh6+ Ke8 18.Bb5+ c6

The king must stand his ground given that 18...Ke7 19.Qg5+ f6 20.Qg7+ Kd6 21.Nd2 is equal.

19.Bxc6+ bxc6 20.Qxc6+ Kd8 21.Bg5+ Be7

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# Chow & Bachler Perfect at Lake County

by Tim Just

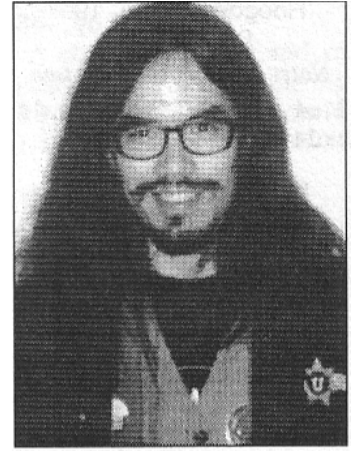
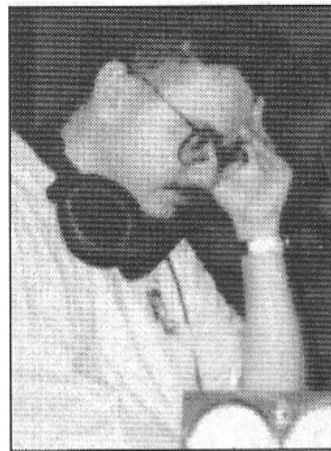
Twenty seasons ago, the College of Lake County produced co-organizer Kevin Bachler's first Lake County Open. October 4, 1997 saw LCO XX at the Grayslake campus produce perfect 4-0 scores and \$100 each for Kevin and Al Chow at the plus score event.

Robert Riddle, Harry Clay, Peter Conner, and Guy Hoffman paved the way for Chow's perfect fall day. Bachler's victory path was littered with Mike Jenkins, Brian Wong, David Monatelli, and Dan Leung.

The \$50 Plus Score prize for victories totaling 3.5 points each went unclaimed. A \$25 pay day for CLC Club Champion Brian Ruggiero, Craig Sandford, Guy Hoffman, Dave

Monatelli, Brian Wong, and Dan Leung resulted when each of them posted scores of 3 points. A tally of 2.5 on the wallchart netted Peter Connor and Chris Baumgartner \$12 apiece.

Dennis Grant and Wayne Clark helped Tim Just direct and organize the event for the College of Lake County Chess Club. The campus will host Tim Just's Winter Open on January 10-11, 1998.



Above, left: Keven Bachler. Right: Albert Chow.

## Games from Lake County

Selected and annotated by NM Alan Watson

A. Chow-G. Hoffman  
Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5  
4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4

Through an unusual sequence of moves we have arrived at a standard position of the 2.c3 Sicilian where Black's queen's knight is thought to have been prematurely developed on c6. 5...cxd4

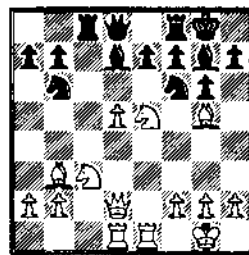
More common is 5...Bg4 6.Be2 when the advantage is still thought to lie in the first player's hands. The disadvantage of this exchange is that White's knight is rapidly developed to c3 harassing the queen.

6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qd8 8.d5 Nb8 9.Bg5

9.Bf4 a6 10.a4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nbd7 16.Rad1 Re8 17.g4 Rc8 18.Ba2 Qb6 19.Rc2 h6 20.h4 h5 21.gxh5 Nxh5 22.Bg3 Qf6 23.Qg4 Nfg3 24.Qxg3 Ne5 25.f4 Nc4 26.Ne4 1/2-1/2 Freeke-Kunst, HZ Open Vlissingen NED 1997.

9...Nbd7 10.Bc4 Nb6 11.Bb3 g6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Re1 0-0

14.Qd2 Bd7 15.Ne5 Rc8  
16.Rad1



White's development makes for a powerful impression, but what should he plan next? The key to his entire strategy lies in advancing d5-d6 for two reasons: 1) provide additional scope for the knight and light-squared bishop bivouacked on the queenside; and 2) weaken the kingside dark-squares by removing an important guardian of f6. 16...Re8 17.Qf4 Rf8 18.d6!

No time better than the present! 18...e6 19.Qh4 Rc5 20.f4

An immediate win can be had with 20.Ne4! with the idea that 20...Rxe5 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.Bxf6 Rh5 23.Bd8 Rxf4 24.Bxh4 offers a substantial

material advantage, but I'm sure Albert saw all this, instead preferring to continue building up a powerful attack rather than cashing in all positional advantages right away.

20...h6 21.Bxh6 Nh5 22.Bg5 Bf6 23.g4!

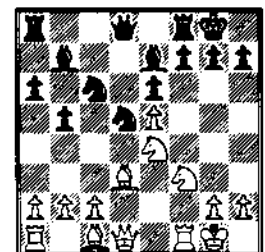
Forcing his opponent to yield total control of f6, after which the Nc3 is just a hop, skip, and jump away from delivering the bad news to Black's king.

23...Bxg5 24.fxg5 Nf4  
25.Ne4 1-0

M. Dennis-S. McClure  
Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B83]

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.Nf3

Although this retreat indicates a full-blooded desire on White's part to retain his pieces for an attack on the Black king, it was better to first complete development with 9.Be3 followed by 10.Qd2 and the shifting of his queen's rook to the d- or e-file. 9...a6 10.Bd3 b5 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Nd5 13.Ne4 Bb7



14.Nd6!?

A diabolically trappy move whose true intention remains unforeseen by the second player until the explosive 15.Bxh7!. However, objectively best was 14.Qe2 offering mutual chances.

14...Bxd6?

14...Nxe5! 15.Nxb7 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Qxb7 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg6!?

Much more stubborn resistance was offered by the unusual 16...Qxg5! 17.Bxg5 Bxe5 which would secure 3 pieces for the queen. Instead, the careless text invites immediate disaster if only White can find the correct reply.

17.Qg4??

A tragic inaccuracy which turns a brilliant win into one more lost opportunity. The attack which had been so cleverly prepared was best consummated by 17.Qd3 when checkmate could not be prevented in at most 4 moves. 17...Nxe5 18.Qe4+ f5 0-1

**K. Bachler-M. Jenkins [B12]**  
Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Caro-Kann Defense [B12]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 h6 7.Re1 g5 8.c4 Ne7 9.Nc3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nb6 11.Bd3 Qc7 12.b4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nf5 14.a3 0-0 15.h3 Be7 16.Ne4 Nd5 17.Bb2 Nf4 18.Qf1 Qb6 19.Rac1 Kb8 20.g3 Nd5 21.Kg2 Ka8 22.Ned2 Rdg8 23.Nc4 Qd8 24.b5 h5 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.Nd6 Bxd6 27.exd6 Qxd6 28.Ne5 Nf4+ 29.gxf4 gxf4+ 30.Kh2 Qd5 31.Qh1 Qxh1+ 32.Kxh1 Nh4 33.d5 Rg2 34.dxe6 fxe6 35.Nf3 Rhg8 36.Nxh4 Rxf2 37.Bd4 Ra2

38.Rc3 Rd8 39.Nf3 Rg8 40.Rg1 1-0

**R. Riddle-A. Chow**  
Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Ruy Lopez [C91]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.d5 Na5 11.Be2 Qc8 12.Nbd2 c6 13.Nf1 cxd5 14.exd5 Nc4 15.Nc3 Nxe3 16.Rxc3 Qb7 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Bb3 h6 20.Ne1 Be4 21.c4 bxc4 22.Bxc4 Bxd5 23.Rb3 Qc6 24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Be3 Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Rfb8 27.Bb6 Rb7 28.a4 Rab8 29.a5 Nd7 30.Ral d5 31.Nd3 Bd6 32.Rc1 Nxb6 33.axb6 Rxb6 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.Rxb8 Rxb8 36.Rxb8 Bxb8 37.Nc5 a5 38.Kf1 Kg6 39.f3 Kg5 40.Kg2 Kf4 41.Nb3 Bc7 42.Kf2 Bb6+ 43.Kg2 Ke3 44.Kg3 a4 45.Nal Kd2 46.b3 a3 47.h4 Bd4 48.g5 h5 49.b4 Bxa1 50.f4 e4 51.f5 Be5+ 52.Kh3 a2 0-1

**A. Chow-H. Clay**  
Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B42]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.c4 Bc5 8.Nb3 Ba7 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Kh1 0-0 11.f4 d6 12.Qf3 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Ne2 Ba7 15.b3 Qc5 16.Qg3 Qh5 17.e5 Ne8 18.Bb2 f6 19.h3 dxe5 20.fxe5 f5 21.Nf4 Qf7 22.Ba3 Bd4 23.Rae1 Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Qf6 25.Nh5 Qg6 26.Bxf8 Qxh5 27.Bxf5 exf5 28.Rxe8 Kf7 29.Re7+ 1-0

**B. Wong-Bachler**

Lake County Open XX, 1997  
King's Indian Defense [E94]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Be3 b6 11.b3 Bd7 12.a3 Nh5 13.b4 Nb7 14.Nd2 Nf4 15.Nb3 f5 16.f3 Qg5 17.Bxf4 cxf4 18.Rad1 axb4 19.axb4 Be5 20.Nd4 Qf6 21.Ncb5 fxe4 22.fxe4 Rac8 23.Nc6 Bxc6 24.dxc6 Nd8 25.Bg4 Ne6 26.Qd3 Rf7 27.Qd5 Re8 28.Rd2 h5 29.Bxe6 Rxc6 30.Ra2 Rec7 31.Ra7 Kg7 32.Ra2 Qh4 33.h3 f3 34.Raf2 Qg3 35.Rxf3 Qh2+ 36.Kf2 Rxf3+ 37.Kxf3 Rf7+ 0-1

**K. Ho-S. Davis**

Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Italian Game [C55]

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Be4 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4 11.Qd1 c6 12.Qd2 b5 13.Bb3 a5 14.a3 Nxb3 15.cxb3 b4 16.Ne2 Qe7 17.Ng3 Qe6 18.Nf5 Nh5 19.Qe2 Nf4 20.Qg4 Ng6 21.Kh1 Qxb3 22.Bg3 Qxd3 23.h4 Kh7 24.h5 Qd2 25.f4 Rg8 26.hxg6+ fvg6 27.Ne7 Rgf8 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.fxe5 dxe5 30.Bxc5 Bd4 31.Qxg7# 1-0

**Bachler-D. Monatelli**

Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Caro-Kann [C02]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 f6 7.0-0 Bd7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 Be7 10.exf6 Bxf6 11.b5 Nce7 12.a4 Nf5 13.Bf4 Nge7 14.Ne5 Ng6 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 16.Bg3 Nxb3 17.hxg3 Be5 18.Ra3 Bd6 19.Rb3 Rhf8 20.c4 d4 21.Nd2 Rae8 22.Ne4 Bc5 23.a5 Qc7 24.b6 axb6 25.axb6 Qc6 26.Nxc5+ Qxc5 27.Rb5 Qd6 28.c5 Qc6 29.Qxd4+ Kc8 30.Ra5 Qd5 31.Ra8+ Kd7 32.Bb5+ Ke7 33.Qxg7+ 1-0

**P. Connor-A. Chow**  
Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qc5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qe7+ 12.Qxe7+ Kxe7 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Ne2 Rhd8 15.Rhe1 Kf6 16.Nd4 Rac8 17.f4 Ne7 18.Kb2 Rd6 19.Bd3 Rb6+ 20.Nb3 Rbc6 21.f5 Bxf5 22.Rf1 h5 23.Bxf5 Nxf5 24.Rxd5 g6 25.Nd4 Rxc3 26.Nxf5 Rxc2+ 27.Kb1 gxf5 28.Rdxf5+ Kg6 29.Rf6+ Kg5 30.h3 Rc1+ 31.Kb2 R8c2+ 32.Kb3 Rc3+ 33.Kb4 Rxf1 34.Rxf1 Rc7 35.Rf2 f5 36.Kb3 Rc7 37.Rf4 Rh7 38.h4+ Kf6 39.Ra4 a6 40.Rf4 Rg7 41.Rf3 Rg4 42.Kc3 b5 43.Kb2 f4 44.gxf4 Kf5 45.Ra3 Rg6 46.Rc3 Kxf4 47.Rc5 Kg4 48.Kc3 Re6 49.Kd4 Kxh4 0-1

**G. Hoffman-B. Ruggiero [B50]**  
Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B50]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Nxe4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Qxe4 e5 8.d4 Be7 9.dxc5 g6 10.Bh6 Re8 11.cxd6 Bf6 12.Nbd2 Bc6 13.Qc4+ Re6 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 Nc6 16.Rd1 Rxd6 17.Qc4+ Ke7 18.Qc5 b6 19.Bf8+ Kxf8 20.Qxd6+ 1-0

**B. Wong-C. Sandford**

Lake County Open XX, 1997  
Sicilian Defense [A08]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5.g3 d5 6.Bg2 dxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Be6 10.Nh4 Qd7 11.g4 Rd8 12.Nhf3 h5 13.g5 Nh7 14.h4 Bg4 15.Qe1 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bd1 Qe6 18.c3 Nc6 19.Bxh5 Nxb5 20.hxg5 Rxh5 21.Nf3 Qg4# 0-1

**H. Clay-D. Henderson**

Lake County Open XX, 1997  
English [A21]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 c6 3.Nf3 d6 4.g3 Bf5 5.Bg2 Nd7 6.0-0 h6 7.b3 Ngf6 8.d3 g5 9.Bb2 Qe7 10.d4 Ne4 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nd4 Nxc3 13.Bxc3 Bd7 14.Qc2 Qf6 15.Rad1 Bg7 16.f4 gxf4 17.Rxf4 Qg6 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Rxf5 Ke7 21.c5 Ke6 22.Bh3 Ke7 23.Rxd6 Nf3+ 24.Rxf3 Bxc3 25.Rxc3 Rad8 26.Re3+ 1-0 32.Nd4 Bd3 33.Rf3 Rxc3 34.Ral Rxa3 35.Rdl Rxf3 36.Nxf3 Be2 37.Rd8+ Kg7 38.Ngl Ral 39.h3 Ra2 40.Re8 Bf1 0-1

## Tim Just's Rulebook Tactics

- ✓ Failure to report the result of your game may result in a penalty (Rule 15K).
- ✓ You can win on time if you, and only you, point out that your opponent's flag is down (Rule 16E and 13C1).
- ✓ If both flags are down in a sudden death time control, the game is a draw (Rule 14G).
- ✓ If your opponent calls your flag down in a non-sudden death time control AND your opponent's score sheet contains three missing, incomplete, or completely inaccurate move pairs (not single moves!), see the TD (Rule 13C7).

# News & Notes

## FIDE World Championship Underway

*The tournament to select a challenger to meet Karpov has begun*

*Americans eliminated*

The first knock-out tournament designed to help cull out players in the current world championship cycle has begun.

Several Americans took part in the tournament, held in Groningen in the Netherlands. But none of the Americans advanced past the third round. Several fell in the very first round:

Boris Gulko (2580) was defeated by A. Aleksandrov (BLR 2660) in the first round.

Joel Benjamin (2580) was defeated by V. Zvjaginsev (RUS 2635) in the first round.

Alex Yermolinsky (2650) was defeated by S. Kindermann (GER 2570) in the first round.

Larry Christiansen (2550) was defeated by U. Andersson (SWE 2640) in the first round.

The World Junior Champion, Tal Shaked (2500), who has had a few rough tournaments this year, won his first round encounter and advanced to the second round where he was defeated by S. Rublevsky (RUS 2650).

The American to do the best was Yasser Seirawan (2630), but even he was knocked out in only the third round by Zvjaginsev, the Russian who took out Joel Benjamin in the first round.

All players were promised prizes: \$6,000 for those knocked out in the first round, \$12,000 for those out in round two, and \$24,000 for those out in round three, and so on.

The challenger who emerges will meet FIDE world champion Anatoly Karpov in a match in Lausanne, Switzerland.



### Meeting of the Board

The most recent meeting of the Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors was on October 12, 1997. Above are ICA officers Howard Cohen (treasurer, on the left) and Jim Oberweis (past president).

The next meeting of the ICA board is on February 8th at 1:30. All members of the ICA are welcome to attend. To learn the site of the meeting, please phone the ICA secretary.

### Women's World Championship

Alongside the preliminary rounds of the FIDE World Championship are the preliminary rounds for the Women's World Championship. It is a double round robin, with the top two finishers to play a match to decide who will meet Zsuzsa Polgar for the World title. The ten women playing are:

Galliamova-Ivanchuk, Alisa	m	RUS	2445
Chiburdanidze, Maia	g	GEO	2525
Ioseliani, Nana	m	GEO	2520
Xie Jun	g	CHN	2495
Cramling, Pia	g	SWE	2520
Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan	m	GEO	2430
Peng Zhaoqin	m	NED	2400
Maric, Alisa	m	YUG	2460
Kachiani-Gersinska, Ketino	wg	GER	2415
Gurieli, Nino	wg	GEO	2370

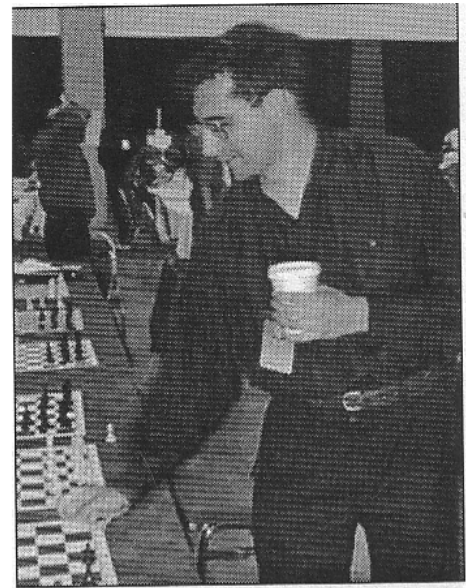
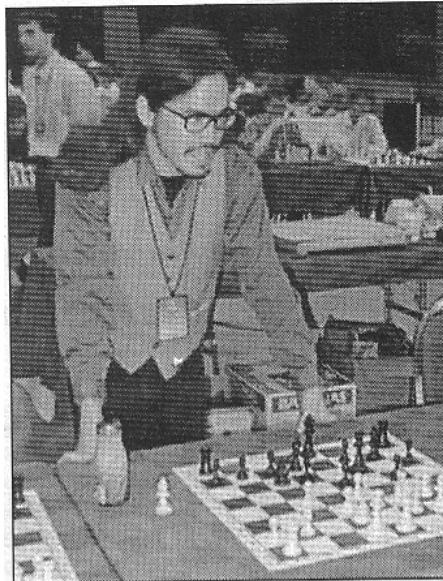


# Navy Pier Simul

*West Coast Game Company  
Sponsors Exhibition*

*W*izards of the Coast, a West coast gaming company, sponsored a four-Master simultaneous exhibition at Navy Pier on October 12, 1997. The players who took on all comers were Albert Chow, Steve Szpisjak, Keven Bachler, and Ken Wallach.

While the simul was aimed at children, a few adults played as well. Many of those who participated were first-time chess players, having come to Navy Pier to participate in Wizard's card game competition. Ken Wallach participated in the card competition and although he did not win, he scored very highly. The simul was not highly publicised, but the company sponsoring it said that they would be interested in doing it again with greater promotion in advance of the event.



Photos by Alan Watson

Wizards of the Simul: Al Chow (above left) and Steve Szpisjak (above right)

## Losoff Assists at National Scholastic

*Record turnout serves as preparation for  
next year's tournament in Illinois*

From November 14th to 16th, Al Losoff helped to direct the National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championships in Parsipany, New Jersey. He worked the floor in the 4th through 10th grade sections. There were 1,127 kids participating—smashing the previous record of 880—and all the tournament directors and organizers worked very hard. The tournament included some Illinois teams, “but I never got a chance to watch them”, an exhausted Losoff told the *ICB*.

Next year, this event will be in Illinois, at the Hyatt Oak Brook. It will take place from December 4th to the 6th and is being co-sponsored by the ICA, Mid-America Chess and USCF.

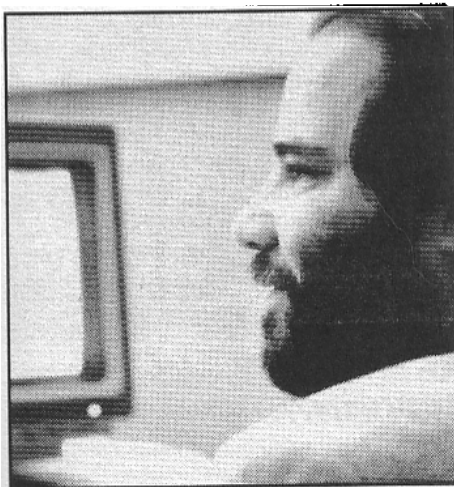
Losoff was eager to participate in the New Jersey event “to get some ideas of what we need to do to make next year's event run well,” he explained.

## Notes

SM Richard Verber's lecture on the Ruy Lopez, sponsored by the Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club, will be rescheduled after he has finished his recuperation from his recent illness.

“The Week in Chess”, one of the premiere chess sites on the World Wide Web, has moved. It is now sponsored by the London Chess Center and can be found at: <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.htm>.

New chess clubs have been added to the “Where to Play Chess” listing at the back of the *ICB*. To learn about the Wild Onion Chess Club or the Holy Trinity Northshore Chess Club, see pages 62–63.



## Gurevich wins Mechanics Masters

Dmitry Gurevich won the Mechanics Masters tournament held at the Mechanics Institute Chess Club in San Francisco. He scored 4–1, losing only to Eric Schiller (photo above), former Illinois player and prolific writer. Schiller tied for second with 3.5, along with FM Craig Mar and Burt Izumakawa. The tournament was a five-round swiss open only to masters or former masters. Twenty-two players competed in the December 1997 event held at the site of one of America's oldest chess clubs.

# Chess Players Should Know Their Rights

*Bill Smythe on frequently misunderstood rules  
and the Chicago Chess Club's "Pink Sheet"*

## To the Editor,

I would like to thank David Hubbard, Roy Frye, and Tim Just for an enlightening discussion of delay clocks and draw claims in the "Square One" section of the November-December ICB.

Players often paint themselves into a corner because they do not know their rights. Mr. Hubbard's son, for example, was ill-advised to claim a draw when his opponent was up a rook but short of time. His strategy should have been to keep quiet and pray that his opponent didn't think to make such a claim.

To help players learn their rights, we at the Chicago Chess Club distribute what we call The Pink Sheet, outlining a few of the more frequently misunderstood rules. Portions of this sheet are quoted below.



**CLOCKS.** A digital clock set for a per-move delay is the preferred clock in all Chicago Chess Club tournament games. Either player who furnishes a delay clock may insist on using one in each game.

**DRAW CLAIMS.** To claim a draw, stop both clocks, tell your opponent you are claiming a draw, summon the TD, and state the grounds for your claim.

Any draw claim is also a draw offer. Your opponent may accept your offer any time before he touches a piece or his flag falls. If it is your move, he may wait until you move, then decide, on his time, whether to accept your offer.

**INSUFFICIENT LOSING CHANCES.** A claim of a draw by insufficient losing chances will seldom be granted immediately, but the TD may place a delay clock on your game and direct the game to continue. You, as the claiming player, lose

half your remaining time, or all but one minute of your remaining time, whichever is the more severe time loss. Your opponent loses no time. Both players get the standard delay of 5 seconds per move.

If you are already using a delay clock, you should NOT claim a draw on the grounds of insufficient losing chances.

If you are NOT using a delay clock, you may not claim the use of a delay clock as such. You may only claim a draw and take your chances.

Draw claims by triple occurrence, 50-move rule, or insufficient losing chances will be considered only if your flag is still up when you make the claim.



I strongly recommend, for all tournament organizers, a rule sheet similar to the one excerpted above. Any player or TD wishing to see the full version of ours may mail a SASE to the Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626.

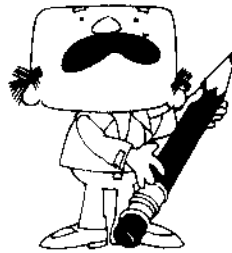
The rules tend to reward players who furnish delay clocks, and rightly so. Such players can adopt a uniform strategy in all their games, without having to worry about differing TD interpretations of 'no losing chances'. Some TDs (such as myself) will almost always handle such a claim by putting a delay clock on the game, even if, technically, there are losing chances, as for ex-

ample in a rook vs knight ending. Other TDs may be more strict, forcing a claimant with an obviously inferior position to continue to try to hold the draw with the analog clock.

There are two morals to this story: (1) Players, get a delay clock. (2) Organizers, make the rules known to your players.

Bill Smythe

## Letters to the Editor



## *Only the Lonely Threaten Frivolous Lawsuits...*

### To the Editor,

Before I seek legal counsel, I think it is only appropriate that I offer you the opportunity to address the harm that has resulted from your last issue of the ICB. As you are most surely aware, the aforementioned last issue contained lyrics to a song relating to chess. What you are likely not aware of is the fact that the song, "Only Benoni" (sung to the tune of "Only the Lonely"), is firmly

planted in some portion of my brain... repeating over and over again after "If your game is a fake, use the Benoni"... "If your game is a fake, use the Benoni"...

Well, as a result of your editing and Rich Vondruska's writing, Roy Orbison dominates my conscious and I can no longer function as once I did.

I look forward to a handsome settlement.

(Name withheld)



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# Club News



## Latino Championship, Dia de la Raza, and More

Report by Hector Hernandez

This year we again held a Dia de la Raza Round Robin at the Chicago Public Library's Rudy Lozano Branch on Columbus Day. The results are in the accompanying box.

Some of our kids participated in the Tri-State Scholastic on October 18. Jacob Davis took first place in the second grade group, and Jose A. Rodriguez ended up in first place in third grade. Other Knight Moves participants

were: Lorena Duran, Martha Camargo, Ulixes Ortega and Erasmo Jimenez, a newcomer to tournament chess.

Jose A. Rodriguez, age 8, is the new Illinois Class D champion. He scored a perfect 4-0, following a tradition established by Fernando Montoya, 1995 undisputed High School Freshman Champion of Illinois, 5-0; and Miguel Camargo, 1997 Midway Amateur Class D Champion, 5-0. The eight-year-old was victorious over three teen-

agers and an adult in the 44-player field to collect his \$300 check. Fabian Ramos came in 3rd in the C Section.

Our branch library hosted the Fifth Annual Chicago Latino Chess Championship on Saturday, November 29, 1997. Forty-five players showed up to play and have a

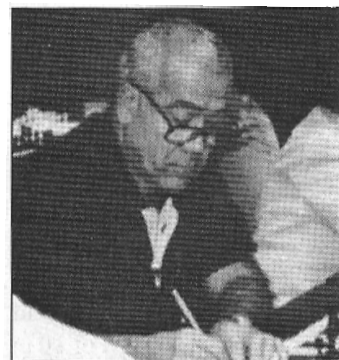
chance to go home with a trophy. Among the combatants were four senior citizens, three women and three girls. There were six Rodriguezes—two different families—playing and five of them won trophies! Marco Rodriguez took first place in the adult group (5-0!), his father Pete won the ninth place trophy while his sons Steven and Jacob took fifth and seventh places, respectively, in the Grammar School Section. I first met Pete and Marco in the late '70s when Marco was a teenager. Marco, has not yet achieved chess mastery; but he got himself a fine education, has an excellent job and a beautiful family. He is now passing on to his children the love for the game which, in turn, came to him from his father Pete.

Jose A. Rodriguez took first in the Grammar School section with a perfect 5-0 score. Jose defeated Bennett Joseph in the

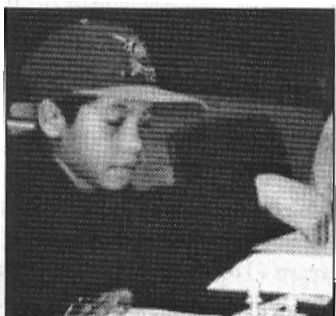


Photos by Hector Hernandez

Above: Jose A. Rodriguez (left) meets and beats Bennett Joseph. Below: Pete Rodriguez records his move.



### Knight Chess Moves Club



Left: Erasmo Jimenez (11) reaches out to make the winning move. Right: Martha Camargo (12) ponders her move.

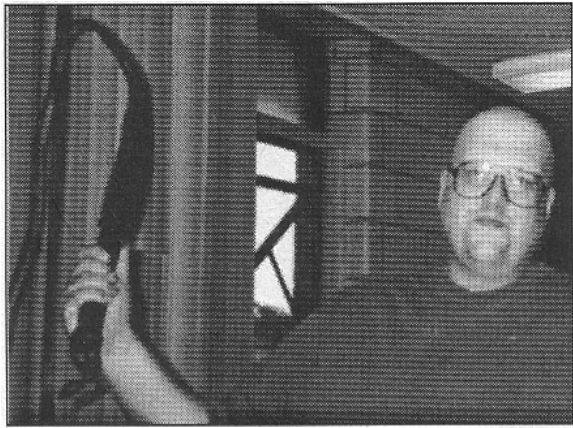
### Dia de la Raza Round Robin

- 1st Jose Rodriguez, Jr ..... 6-0
- 2nd Lorena Duran ..... 4.5-1.5
- 3rd Jose Rodriguez, Sr. .... 4-2
- 4th Martha Camargo ..... 3.5-2.5
- 5th Ricardo Gallardo ..... 2-4
- 6th Jose Ocampo ..... 1-5
- 7th Javier Cabrera ..... 0-6

final round avenging a loss suffered at the AT&T Knight Moves Chess Fiesta in July. Bennett walked away with the second place trophy. Second place in the Adult group was owned by Jorge L. Reyes, 16, a Junior at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. He played a crucial round 2 game against the eventual tournament winner where he missed a winning combination in time trouble. Nonetheless Jorge, like Miguel Camargo, seems to be able to turn in a strong performance even when he doesn't play any tournament chess for nearly a year.

### Latino Championship

Adult	Grammar School
Marco Rodriguez ..... 5-0	1st Jose A. Rodriguez ..... 5-0
Jorge L. Reyes ..... 4-1	2nd Bennett Joseph ..... 4-1
Fabian Ramos ..... 3.5-1.5	3rd Lorena Duran ..... 4-1
Cipriano Menendez ..... 3.5-1.5	4th Martha Camargo ..... 4-1
Derryl Mayfield ..... 3.5-1.5	5th Steven Rodriguez ..... 3-2
Patrick Crotty ..... 3-2	6th David Choduk ..... 3-2
Jim Burnett ..... 3-2	7th Jacob Rodriguez ..... 3-2
Laura Whittemore ..... 3-2	8th Noe Banuelos ..... 3-2
Pete Rodriguez ..... 2.5-2.5	9th Ramon Jimenez ..... 3-2
Kevin Sturm ..... 2.5-2.5	10th Erasmo Jimenez ..... 3-2



**Vince Berry Takes no guff!** At one of the Windy City tournaments, TD Berry demonstrates how he keeps players in line.

### Windy City Chess Association #1 August 2, 1997

									score	tour
1	CHOW Albert C	2393	W11	W10	D 6	W 2	W 3	D 4	5	7.5M
2	CHAVEZ Roberto	2200	W 5	W12	W 9	L 1	W10	W 8	5	7.5M
3	ADAMS Nick	2277	L12	W15	W13	W 4	L 1	W10	4	4 M
4	GAST Bryan	1884	D15	W 4	W 8	L 3	W 9	D 1	4	4 MXA
5	SILVERMAN Scott	1599	L 2	W20	W19	L10	W17	W 9	4	4 M...C
6	COHEN Larry	1986	W17	W13	D *	H	H		3.5	3.5MXA
7	ARMISTEAD Angelo	1890	D14	L 8	W15	L11	W18	W12	3.5	3.5MXA
8	WITEK Greg	1605	H	W 7	L 4	W14	W11	L 2	3.5	3.5M...B
9	BALE Les	1811	W18	W19	L 2	W12	L 4	L 5	3	3 MXA
10	KLEIN John	1777	W20	L 1	W17	W 5	L 2	L 3	3	3 M...B
11	MACHAJ Bair	1773	L *	L18	W20	W 7	L 8	W15	3	3 M...B
12	ALLEN Hence	1706	W 3	L 2	W18	L 9	W13	L 7	3	3 M...B
13	SMITH Oran	1522	W16	L 6	L 3	W18	L12	W17	3	3 M...C
14	CUMMINGS Mike	1246	D 7	L 4	W16	L 8	L15	W19	2.5	2.5M...D
15	KONCZAL Ron	1095	D 4	L 3	L 7	W16	W14	L11	2.5	2.5M...E
16	SANCHEZ Carlos	2000	L13	L17	L14	L15	B	W20	2	2 MX
17	HUBBARD Andrew	1391	L 6	W16	L10	W19	L 5	L13	2	2 M...D
18	LEWIS Richard	987	L 9	W11	L 2	L 3	L 7	B	2	2 M...F
19	JOSEPH Bennett	784	W2*	L 9	L 5	L17	W20	L14	2	2 M...G
20	ESSES Josh	836	L*0	L 5	L11	B	L19	L*6	1	1 M...F
21	MISIAK Cindy	1322	L*9						0	

## Chess on the Cheap

*Report by Vince Berry*

On November 8th once again Al Chow showed why he is consistently around 2400. He totally dominated the field today, scoring 9.5 out of 10 in the regular event, and 8-1 in a post-tournament speed event. Prize winners for this event were: first place and top scoring WCCA member, Al Chow; tied for second and third were Sam Ford and Mike Cronin, both scoring 7-3, a full 2.5 points behind Al.

Class B money went to a newcomer to WCCA events, Chet Parks, with a score of 5-5. Class C money was won by Cipriano Menendez, with 4 points.

Class A and Class D money were then put into a fund for a post-event speed tournament, as there were no D players and Mr. Cronin tied for second.

In the speed event, it was a ten player, round robin played at Game/5. Standings for this event were: Al Chow (8-1); Sam Ford and Jim Fagan (7-2); Angelo Armistead (5-4); Chet Parks (4.5-4.5); Tom Fineberg (3.5-5.5); Chris Baumgartner, Mike Cronin and Joe Stevens (3-6); and

tail-ender Greg Fischer (1-8). Chow's only loss in this event was to Jim Fagan.

On Sunday we had our lowest turnout to date. This made Al Chow's job much easier as he once again blitzed to a perfect 5-0 finish and

### Windy City Chess Association

along the way probably passed Palos in the tour. Nice job Al. Second and third were split by Larry Cohen and Mike Cronin. Larry says he thinks he now passed Kevin Bachler in the Expert tour. Guess all the small events add up too! Dave Mishlove took the under

1900 money with Ron Konczal getting the under 1600 prize.

Lots of chess if you played all the events like Mike and Al did: 24 games. Wow! (Al was 22.5-1.5 and Mike was 13-11)

I'd like to thank everyone who showed up and we hope to see you at future Windy City Chess Association events.

## Many Events at Elmhurst Chess Club

*Report by Roger Birkeland*

Our Fall Swiss, contested over 3 weeks—Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Oct 12—brought out 16 players who competed in two sections. Ed Thomas sailed undefeated through the Open section to win clear first with 3-0. Dan Modes' score of 2-1 was good for second place, while Brad Watts and Mark Engelen shared the under 1900 prize with 1.5-1.5. In the Under-1600 section, Chris Nitura's nice 3-0 effort was good for the top prize, while Kermit Dodson, Tom Singura, Roger Birkeland and Will Park all shared second with 2-1.

In a team match on October 19 the Elmhurst Chess

Club got some good-natured revenge for a 19-5 drubbing at the hands of the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club last March (each player contested two games). This time, as the 'home' team, we were able to field a strong lineup with 7 players rated above 1900. Although outrating the O. P.-R.F. team on 11 of the 12 boards produced a predictable 9.5-2.5 thrashing, it is interesting that this corresponds almost exactly to the win expectancy of the USCF rating system. The Elmhurst

team, with an average rating of 1893, out rated the O.P.-R.F. team (1671) by an average of 222 points per board. This has a win expectancy of 78%, while the actual result was 79%. It should be noted that Mark Stamatakos, who scored the only win for O.P.-R.F., benefited greatly by showing up late and being allowed to play board 12, when he should have played board 2. It should also be noted that this was indeed a friendly match, as half of the O.P.-R.F.

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# Chess Recycling

Report by Bill Smythe

Regulars at Chicago Chess Club weekend tournaments have noticed that we tend to recycle four different formats: the 4-round game/60 Plus-Score (popular with strong players, and with those who like strong opposition), the 6-round game/29 Plus-Score Quick (ditto), High Noon Quads (more appealing to the class players), and the Hog tournaments (3 rounds in 8-player sections, named after Harold Winston's

famous Groundhog tournaments in the 1970s and 1980s). Just for good measure, a Choose-Your-Opponent tournament appears here and there, and a few of our Plus-Scores are ICA Tour events.

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The Plus-Score format makes it highly desirable for a player to finish with a perfect score, as the prize for such is usually about twice that for a score of  $n-1$  wins and one draw. During September through November, only two players were able to accom-

plish this perfect-score objective. Osman Palos did it three times, before moving—perhaps only temporarily—to California in an effort to succeed professionally in chess. Rumor has it (we told you so, Osman) that making a living at chess is as impractical on the Coast as it is here, and that he may be returning soon. Gene Scott, a bit more of a realist, managed a perfect score in our November 29 event.

By popular demand, we are shifting our emphasis a bit, adding a few more two-day events with slower time controls. We have a two-day Plus-Score in January and our Winter Mini-Tour in February. The Quads and Hog tournaments are also good choices for those who like a more leisurely pace.

At the opposite extreme is our Friday night Blitz round-robin. We believe in what might be called Civilized Blitz—game/6 with a 2-second per-move delay, if either player furnishes a delay clock. The delay is popular with those of us who like real chess, as opposed to the hustlers who like to flag their opponents in dead-lost or drawn positions. We maintain our own Friday Blitz ratings, using USCF-like



No, this isn't a set from the film *Brazil*, it's Gene Scott at the duct-and-pipe-intensive CCC.

formulas, but with smaller K-factors because of the larger number of games per player per tournament.

The club computer has arrived. Once we figure out why our dial-up software claims it cannot find the modem, even after it has successfully dialed in and connected, we should be able to cater to those who enjoy surfing the chess net. See you there!

two players with 4-2: Chris Nitura and Matt Poynter. Kermit Dodson scored 4.5-

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### Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score • October 11, '97

Player	Score	Tour
1 SZPISJAK Steven 2270 W9 W6 D2 W3	3.5	7.5M
2 SAX Robert 2027 W10 W5 D1 W7	3.5	7.5MX
3 JORDAN Roland 2037 W12 W8 D5 L1	2.5	2.5MX
4 WATTS Bradley S 1929 L8 W12 W6 D5	2.5	2.5MXA
5 CHOWAIBart C 2365 W7 L2 D3 D4	2.0	2M
6 GATES Sophia 1852 W11 L1 L4 W10	2.0	2MXA
7 BAUMGARTNER C 1693 L5 W11 W12 L2	2.0	2M .B
8 SMITH Orlan 1421 W4 L3 H H	2.0	2M .C
9 SMYTHE Bill 1800 L1 W10 H —	1.5	1.5MXA
10 ORTIZ Daniel 1543 L2 L9 W11 L6	1.0	1M .C
11 SMITH Wil 915 L6 L7 L10 W12	1.0	1M .F
12 MAIUSZCZYK R 1600 L3 L4 L7 L11	0.0	—

## Elmhurst

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team (Satterlee, Hart, Marshall, Giannakopoulos, Shellhamer, and Stamatakos) also belong to the Elmhurst club. Ken Marshall and Roger Birkeland co-directed.

On October 26 we held our largest tournament so far, a 2-section Game/60 ICA Mini-Tour that drew 44 players. After many upsets in the earlier rounds, the last round found Ed Thomas (1929) and Brian Ruggiero (2037) battling on board 1. Thomas thought he had a winning position, but his flag fell and Ruggiero won clear first (and \$130) with 3.5-

0.5. Ray Satterlee, Larry Cohen, Brad Watts and Howard Cohen tied for second with 3-1, and Örn Backstrom took the under-1800 prize with 2-2. In the Under 1600 section, Mathew Joseph turned in the only perfect score of the day to take home \$110 with 4-0. Rudy Padilla, Tom Singura, Matt Poynter and Paul Odie all had 3-1 to tie for second, and Dimitri Giannakopoulos took home the under-1400 prize with 3-1.

November 9 saw 16 players turn out for a Game/15 Double Quad. Misha Mladenovic won the top quad

with a very impressive 5.5-0.5. Larry Cohen and Vince Hart each scored 4-2 to split the prize in the second quad, while the third quad also featured

### Elmhurst vs Oak Park-River Forest

Elmhurst		Oak Park-River Forest
Board		
1 George Hechtel (2156)	1-0	Ray Satterlee (2065)
2 Misha Mladenovic (2020)	1-0	Bill Barker (1821)
3 Larry Cohen (1953)	1/2-1/2	Vince Hart (1808)
4 Ed Thomas (1929)	1-0	Butch Allen (1773)
5 Bill Cox (1918)	1-0	Marius Gorski (1541)
6 Paul Madey (1914)	1-0	Ken Marshall (1500)
7 Dan Modes (1911)	1/2-1/2	Andy Schiller (1538)
8 Howard Cohen (1852)	1-0	Dimitri Giannakopoulos (143C)
9 Les Bale (1792)	1/2-1/2	Ted Shellhamer (1371)
10 Chris Savage (1760)	1-0	David Janes (Unrated)
11 John Gossage (1760)	1-0	Richard Cotton (Unrated)
12 Josh Flores (1756)	0-1	Mark Stamatakos (1868)
	9-1/2	2-1/2

# Oak Park-River Forest Chess News

Report by Ken Marshall

## Tuesday Night Fall Open

This 14 player, five round Swiss System tournament lasted from September 16 to October 14. Overcoming his chronic

time trouble, Brad Watts (1800)

scored 4-1 to earn top honors. Geoffrey Caveney (2138), Vince Hart (1746), and Hence "Butch" Allen (1706) were runners up with 3.5-1.5 results. Hart and Allen shared the Class B prize, Ted Shellhamer (1432) was first in Class C, and Darwin Nyberg (1351) and Chuck Collins (Unr) split the Class D/E/Unr money.

## Blitz (Game/5) Tournament

Bob Hansen went 12-2 to win this October 21 eight player double round robin ahead of Paul Prause (9.5-4.5). Marty Ptacek (8.5-5.5) and Mariusz Gorski (8-6) were next.

## \$1,000 win

OP-RF CC member Joe Cygan posted a perfect 6-0 result to top Class C and take home the \$1,000 first place money in the Continental Chess Association's Midwest Class tournament in Lisle, IL over the weekend of October 31-November 2.

## Game/25 "Quick Play" Quads

Jim Kelly, at 1703 the lowest rated player in his quad, ended up 2.5-.5 and garnered the \$25 prize on November 4. Paul Prause (1859, 1.5-1.5), Bob Stoltz (1735, 1.5-1.5), and Marty Ptacek (1815, .5-2.5) completed the field. Winning his quad with a 3-0 score, Roger Birkeland (1453) also

pocketed \$25 in besting Ted Shellhamer (1278, 2-1), Chuck Collins (1607, 1-3), and Phil Moran (Unr, 0-3).

## Game/15 "Quick Play" RR

Eight players competed in this November 11 round robin tournament,

Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club won by

Wlad Boguslawicz (1697), finishing 6.5-.5. Mariusz Gorski (1713, 6-1) came in second. Bob Stoltz (1735, 3.5-3.5) picked up the Class B prize, while Ted Shellhamer (1278, 2-5) topped the Class D/E/Unrated players.

## Game/12 "Quick Play" Double Quads

These two events took place on November 25. Top rated Brent Chromczak (2084) outplayed Bob Stoltz (1735, 3-3), Paul Prause (1859, 2.5-3.5), and Butch Allen (1771, 1.5-4.5) on his way to a 5-1 result and the \$25 prize. Bill Barker (1698) scored 4.5-1.5 to win the other quad ahead of Wlad Boguslawicz (1697, 4-2), Mariusz Gorski (1713, 2-4), and Ken Marshall (1500, 1.5-4.5).

## Speed/Blitz (Game/5) Championship

On December 2 Senior Master Albert Chow topped a 14 player field to become the 1997 OP-RF CC Blitz/Speed Chess Champion. Chow's 11.5-1.5 score in the single round robin tourney included only one loss (to Expert Brent Chromczak) and one draw (with Class B player Chuck Collins). Chromczak (10-3) came in second, followed by Expert Bob Hansen and Class A player Paul Prause (each 9-4).



Larry Cohen

# Chow Wins at Tuley Park

Report by Tom Fineberg

In the November 15th Tuley Park Quick Chess Tournament, Al Chow (2295) won by beating all his opponents, including the three contestants with the highest ratings after his own: Sam Ford (2073), Bill Smythe (1856), and James McNamara (1849).

A full point behind Chow, at 4-1, were Ford, Jerome Mitchell (1846), and Larry Cohen (1824). Albert Buraque (1421) scored an impressive 3.5-1.5, including an upset win against Smythe in the final round. There were 27 contestants in the micro-tour event.

In the photo at the top, Al Chow (in dark shirt, foreground) takes on Bill Smythe.

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Name	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	RD 5	Total
1 Chow, Albert	2295	W13	W8	W3	W2	W4	5
2 Ford, Sam	2073	W14	W9	W12	L1	W16	4
3 Smythe, Bil	1855	W15	W10	L1	L12	L17	2
4 McNamara, James	1849	W16	D11	W17	D5	L1	3
5 Mitchell, Jerome	1846	D17	W25	W11	D4	W12	4
6 Cohen, Lawrence	1824	W18	L12	W9	W13	W27	4
7 Stamatakos, Mark	1805	D19	L17	W22	L27	W25	2.5
8 Willard, Gary D.	1761	W20	L1	W4	L16	L16	2
9 Sefcneck, Mark	1718	W21	L2	L27	W19	L13	2
10 Parks, Chet F.	1669	W22	L3	L16	W18	D21	2.5
11 Wong, Brian	1555	W23	D4	L5	L17	L19	1.5
12 Szafran, Martin	1539	W24	W6	L2	W3	L5	3
13 Anderson, Ronnie	1518	L1	W20	W18	L6	W9	3
14 Jaheci, Salar	1508	L2	W21	L8	L15	W23	2
15 Young, Mark	1483	L3	L22	W25	W14	W8	3
16 Stevens, Joseph	1467	L4	W23	W10	W8	L2	3
17 Buraque, Albert	1421	D5	W7	L4	W11	W3	3.5
18 Blaylock, Limmie	1407	L6	W24	L13	L10	L20	1
19 Recodivar, Dushyan	1296	D7	W26	L6	L9	W11	2.5
20 Ramos, Fabian	1245	L8	L13	W23	L21	W18	2
21 Wong, Kevin	1195	L9	L14	W24	W20	D10	2.5
22 Strong, Marshon	1089	L10	W15	L7	L25	W24	2
23 Willard, Gary W.	945	L11	L16	L20	W24	L14	1
24 Willard, Mathew	821	L12	L18	L21	L23	L22	0
25 Pacilla, Rudy	1469	H	L5	L5	W22	L7	1.5
26 Fineberg, Thomas	1690	H	L19	—	—	—	.5
27 Bishop, Jack	1438	H	H	W9	W7	L6	3

# Tournament Round-up

## Peoria's November Quick Chess Tornado

The \$75 first prize at the Peoria Quick Chess Tornado was won by Mel Alsberry of Normal, Illinois. He was undefeated in five rounds of play.

The \$50 second prize was won by Larry Cohen of Villa Park and Dennis Bourgerie of Normal. They both had a 4-1 score.

Book prizes were also awarded to class winners: Phil Anderson (Class A); Wayne Zimmerle (Class B); Jim Barthel (Class C); and Matt Leali (Class D).

There were 19 participants in the tournament which took place on November 1, 1997.

## Bloomington Open

There were 33 players at the 1997 Bloomington Open. Three players scored 3.5 in the four-round tournament: David B. Mote (2247), William A. Naff (2082), and Greg Cottle (1953).

Scoring 3.0 were David Long (2012), Michael Leali (1975), Bradley Watts (1929), Bret Fuller (1711), William Meyer (1667), John Groves (1591).

## Riddell Undefeated in Club Championship

Report by Tim Just

Josh Riddell went 5-0 to win the Caveman Chess Club Championship. Brian Ruggiero finished 2nd with a score of 4-1. Aaron Ashman was both the top D/E player as well as the Club Reserve Champion. Tim Just was the top A/B finisher; while Mike Napoli was the best C player.

The club will host three unadvertised Saturday tournaments on January 24, March 14, and May 9. Both individual and CLC Tour prizes will be available for the G/38, 1 vs 2 ladder pairing event. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. with a \$10 entry fee. USCF and Club membership are required to participate. Call Wayne at 847-223-1920 for more information.

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1.5 to take the fourth quad.

16 players also came out on November 16 for a Game/35 Quad. Bill Wenz found it worth the drive from Wisconsin when he posted a perfect 3-0 to take the top quad. Mathew Joseph and Rudy Padilla split the \$40 prize in the second quad with scores of 2-1, while Matt Poynter was perfect in the third quad with 3-0.

Steve Emery, coming from Indiana, also had 3-0 to take the bottom quad.

*We can't publish news about your tournament if we don't have the information! Send tournament reports to the editor.*

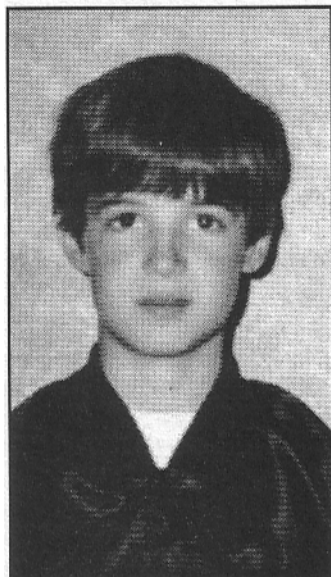
### Elmhurst Game/60 October 26, 1997

OPEN	score	tour						
1 RUGGIERO Brian	2037	W17	W9	D 2	W6	3.5	7.5	
2 SATTERLEE Ray Doyle	2088	W5	W13	D 1	D 4	3	4	
3 COHEN Lawrence	1953	D18	W12	D 4	W10	3	4	
4 WATTS Bradley	1929	W*9	W*4	D 3	D 2	3	4	
5 COHEN Howard	1852	L2	W*7	W14	W8	3	4	
6 THOMAS Ed	1899	D20	W18	W7	L1	2.5	2.5	
7 WENZ Wilam	1884	H	W15	L6	W13	2.5	2.5	
8 KARANFILOVSKI Cenan	1950	L13	W20	W11	L5	2	2	
9 CHOW Albert	2365	B	L1	L10	W15	2	2	
10 MODES Dan	1877	L14	W19	W9	L3	2	2	
11 BACKSTROM Orn	1680	L16	B	L8	W20	2	2	
12 SAVAGE Chris	1760	D15	L3	W18	-	1.5	1.5M	
13 BAUMGARTNER Chris	1638	W8	L2	D*5	L7	1.5	1.5	
14 GAZMEN Bert	2127	W10	L4	L5	-	1	1	
15 MLADENCVIC Modrag	2026	D12	L7	D13	L9	1	1	
16 GAST Bryan	1914	W11	-	-	-	1	1	
17 BALE Leslie	1792	L1	L5	W20	-	1	1	
18 FLORES Joshua	1756	D3	L6	L12	H	1	1	
19 PRAUSE Pau	1700	L4	L10	B	-	1	1	
20 SILVERMAN Scott	1619	D6	L8	L7	L*1	0.5	0.5	
UNDER-1600								
1 JOSEPH Mathew	1593	W15	W6	W3	W2	4	4	
2 PADILLA Rudy	1508	W13	W11	W10	L1	3	4	
3 POYNTER Matt	1462	W17	W4	L1	W5	3	4	
4 ODLE Paul	1450	W23	L3	W19	W10	3	4	
5 SINGURA Tom	1438	W24	W19	W14	L3	3	4	
6 GIANNOKOPOULOS D	1361	W8	L1	W20	W11	3	4	
7 WITEK Gregory	1592	L*1	D13	W21	B	2.5	2.5	
8 NITURA Christopher	1513	L6	W16	L12	W22	2	2	
9 GRANT Dennis	1510	L12	D17	D13	W23	2	2	
10 BIRKELAND Roger	1445	W18	W12	L2	L4	2	2	
11 DODSON Kermit	1416	W7	L2	W22	L6	2	2	
12 HUANG Winston	1357	W9	L10	W8	-	2	2	
13 EMERY Stever	1283	L2	D7	D9	W19	2	2	
14 VIREGG Craig	1580	D16	W22	L5	-	1.5	1.5	
15 SMITH Orlan	1421	L1	W18	H	-	1.5	1.5	
16 LOBRACO Michael	1405	D14	L8	W17	-	1.5	1.5	
17 HENDERSON Dale	1167	L3	D9	L16	W24	1.5	1.5	
18 ROMANO Paolo	1115	L10	L15	B	D2*	1.5	1.5	
19 HANLEY David	1576	W21	L5	L4	L13	1	1	
20 STEELE John	1487	L22	W23	L6	-	1	1	
21 BURNETT Jim	L19	D24	L7	D18	1			
22 CUMMINGS Michael	1218	W20	L14	L11	L8	1	1	
23 DAILEY Charles	1134	L4	L20	W24	L9	1	1	
24 JOSEPH Bennett	930	L5	D21	L23	L17	0.5	0.5	

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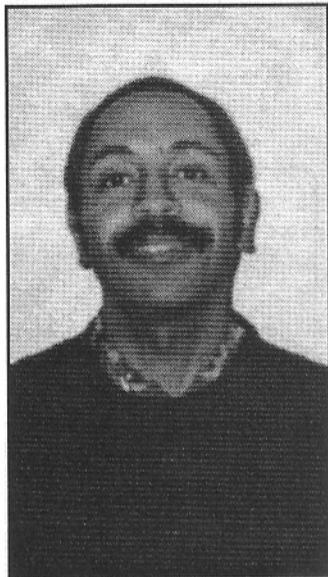
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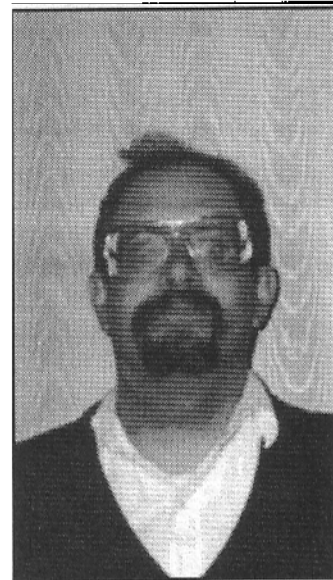
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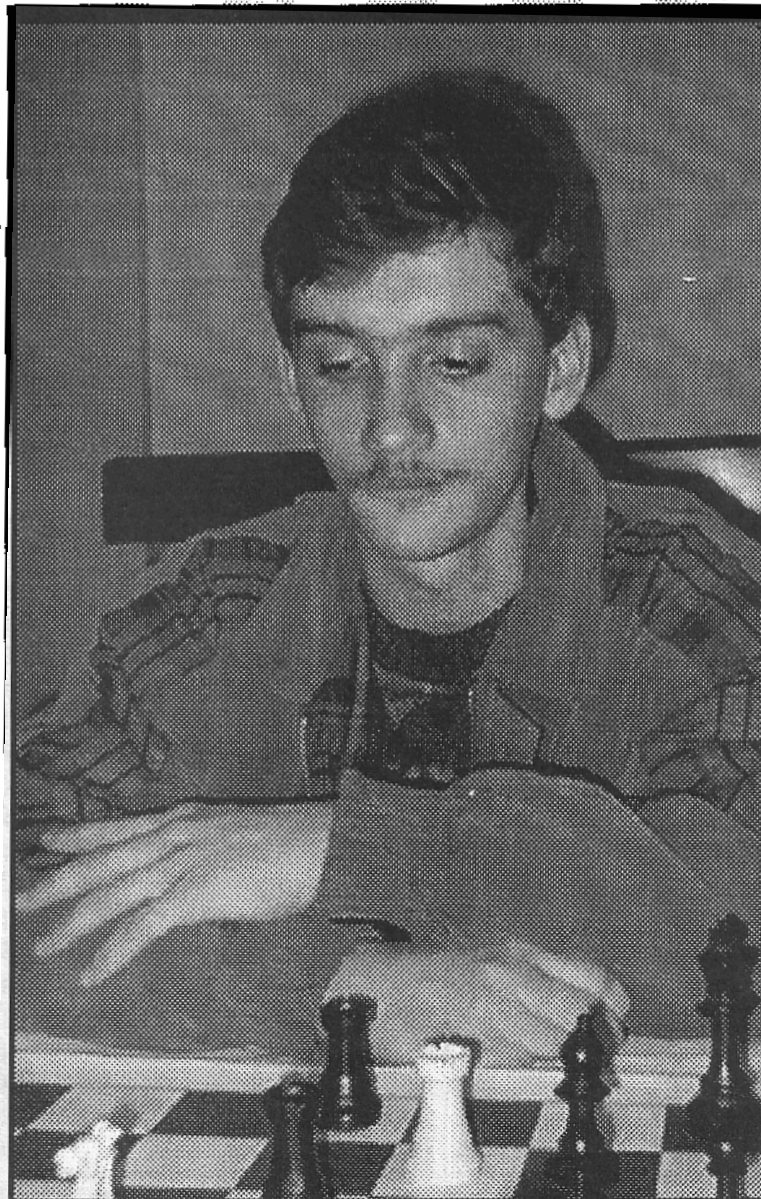


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## *MIDWEST CLASS: TOP JUNIOR FLORIN FELECAN EARNS 4-1 IN MASTER SECTION!*



### **SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD FM FLORIN FELECAN — ROMANIA'S GIFT TO ILLINOIS CHESS!**

Having recently moved to Evanston from Romania, Florin Felecan emerged from his first USCF-rated tournament with an impressive 2560 provisional rating after winning three rounds that included his challenge with IM Sevillano (2557) and drawing two rounds that included one against GM Serper (2600). While such a rating may be considered quite impressive for a 17-year-old student from Evanston High School, Florin doesn't think so. "Actually, I don't care so much about a my rating. I just want to play chess", Florin said.

According to the July 1997 FIDE rating list, Florin Felecan was shown as a Romanian Master (with a rating of 2365 FIDE). When asked about his goals as they relate to chess, Florin said, "I want to become a Grandmaster at least." Florin is headed in the right direction. FM Felecan already holds his first norm for the title of International Master.

Florin says he has other interests that include school, badminton, tennis, and soccer. Florin says he feels his abilities in soccer come close to his chess ability. ♠

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# Bloom Trail HS: "Chess Central"

by Don Deakin

**B**loom Trail High School has become "Chess Central" for the state of Illinois. Including this year, we will have hosted six state championships in three years, (the Freshman/Sophomore and the ICCA Individual State Championships,) plus our own Bloom Trail "Knights of the Round Table" Invitational; which was held on November 8th, this school year. Twenty-one high schools participated in this year's Bloom Trail Invitational. The format permitted all players from each school to participate as individuals, with the top five finishers' results being added together for team scores.

A total of 154 students came to compete as individuals. After five rounds of competition, two players, Craig Viereggs and Todd Freitag, emerged undefeated with 5-0 records. Rather than use statistical tie breaks, Tournament Director Mike Zacate had the two players go head-to-head in a five-minute speed chess match, which drew a large number of spectators. When the dust had settled, Todd Freitag was "King" and Grand Champion for the Bloom Trail Knights of the Round Table Tournament.

## BLOOM TRAIL RESULTS:

### Teams...

1	Orland Park H.S.	19.5
2	Wheaton-Warrenville S.	19.0
3	Bradley H.S.	18.0
4	Matoon H.S.	18.0
5	Evanston Township	17.5
6	Darien-Hinsdale S.	17.0
7	Oak Lawn Community	17.0
8	Georgetown	16.5
9	Buffalo Grove	16.0
10	Chicago - Bowen	16.0
11	Chgo Hts - Bloom Trail	15.5
12	Summit - Argo	14.0
13	Oak Forest	13.0
14	Dolton - Thornridge	11.5
15	Chicago - Curie	11.0
16	Chicago - Quigley	10.5
17	Hillside - Proviso West	10.0
18	Park Forest - Rich East	7.5
19	Riverside - Brookfield	6.0
20	Chicago - Clemente	4.5
21	Waukegan	4.0

### Top 25 Individuals...

1	Todd Freitag	1331	5.0
2	Craig Viereggs	1580	5.0
3	Dan Edeus	1184	4.5
4	Jason Doty	1458	4.5
5	Josh Coons	1100	4.5
6	Nick Leicht	1114	4.0
7	Bobby Watson		4.0
8	Zeljko Popovic	1125	4.0
9	Matt Pullin	1329	4.0
10	John Flaminia		4.0
11	Natasha Zlobin	1322	4.0
12	Jeff Hartfield		4.0
13	Jeff Streets		4.0
14	Jason Kozmic	1202	4.0
15	David Somerhays	1204	4.0
16	David Fitt		4.0
17	Lars Scheid		4.0
18	Greg Burke	1351	4.0
19	S. Navalgund		4.0
20	Matt Muniz	1066	4.0
21	Dan Stein	1100	4.0
22	Rogelio Zepeda	1063	4.0
23	Steve Sudick	1123	4.0
24	Eric Lisitza	1257	4.0
25	Zach Fleming		4.0

**SQUARE ONE***HONOR ROLL**Illinois' Top 50 Juniors!*

The following is a list of Illinois' Top 50 USCF rated Juniors based on USCF weekly data as of 12/2/97. To assure you get published on this list if you qualify, make sure the USCF knows your birth date. If you are unsure about whether the USCF has your correct birth date information, please write them with the information.

Elementary school students shown in bold type

Rank	Name	Location	Rating	Age	Rank	Name	Location	Rating	Age
1	Florin Felecan	Evanston 60202	2560	17	26	Patrick Lauher	Rockford 61103	1572	18
2	Mikhail Kirzhner	Chicago 60645	2068	15	27	Craig Viereg	Wheaton 60187	1561	17
3	Joshua S. Riddell	Northbrook 60062	2056	18	28	David Grawoig	Glenview 60025	1535	18
4	David Long	Springfield 62791	2023	18	29	Shachar Meron	Homewood 60430	1535	18
5	Bryan Gast	Wheaton 60187	1953	17	30	Alan J. Rose	Hoffmn Est 60195	1516	14
6	Justin Sadauskas	W Chicago 60185	1932	17	<b>31 Aaron Chen</b>	<b>Oakbrook 60521</b>	<b>1512</b>	<b>12</b>	
7	John Klein	Hometown 60456	1882	17	32	Christopher Hayes	Lake Forest 60045	1499	14
8	Blair Machaj	W Chicago 60185	1864	17	33	Asher Kach	Chillicothe 61523	1499	18
9	Mark Robledo, Jr	Elgin 60120	1796	16	34	Alfred Tadalán	Chicago 60659	1496	17
10	Barney Getz	Peoria 61606	1782	15	35	Michael A. Giampa	Glendl Hts 60139	1491	15
11	Brian Wong	Glen Ellyn 60137	1749	15	36	Alex Ferdkojf	Dwnrs Grv 60515	1485	18
12	Rob Usiskin	Winnetka 60093	1739	17	37	Guanyao Cheng	Champaign 61821	1470	18
13	Kimberly Goodwin	Bloomington 61704	1735	18	38	Jeremy G. Shaver	Island Lake 60042	1466	17
14	John B. Ruprecht	Geneseo 61254	1732	14	39	Joe Lackland	Hinsdale 60521	1465	18
15	Davor Palos	Chicago 60659	1710	16	<b>40 Robert Riddle</b>	<b>Park Ridge 60068</b>	<b>1463</b>	<b>11</b>	
16	Artem Akhmetov	Glenview 60025	1709	15	41	Roman Ginzburg	Buffalo Grv 60089	1461	15
17	Kevin P. Brewer	Carol Strm 60188	1678	17	42	Jason A. Doty	Darien 60561	1458	16
18	<b>Kenneth Huang</b>	<b>Oak Brook 60521</b>	<b>1650</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>43 Matthew Leali</b>	<b>Peoria 61614</b>	<b>1450</b>	<b>12</b>	
19	<b>Daniel Y. Leung</b>	<b>Park Ridge 60068</b>	<b>1649</b>	<b>11</b>	44	Eddie Patel	Carol Strm 60188	1447	18
20	<b>Andrew Hubbard</b>	<b>Glen Ellyn 60137</b>	<b>1639</b>	<b>10</b>	45	Daniel Ortiz	Chicago 60641	1444	17
21	Salar Jahedi	Clarn dn Hls 60514	1634	18	46	Sergey Busel	Chicago 60659	1441	15
22	Martin Szafran	Chicago 60638	1617	18	47	David Herrera	Chicago 60617	1437	15
23	Craig Cochran	Bloomngdl 60108	1616	16	48	Joe Teijido	East Moline 61244	1427	14
24	<b>Brian Egerton</b>	<b>Glen Ellyn 60137</b>	<b>1602</b>	<b>13</b>	49	Matthew Thomas	Evanston 60202	1424	18
25	Greg Weber	Bloomngtn 61704	1584	15	50	Ajay Ladsardia	Lisle 60532	1413	18

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# IMSA Team Takes Honors at West Chicago

by Blair Machaj

**T**he second West Chicago tournament started out a little shaky when it began an hour late, but everything then ran very smoothly. The delay was caused by the bad weather which caused some teams to show up late. We were also slowed down by the fact that some teams showed up without sending in their registration. After these minor delays the skill of the tournament staff kicked in and it was smooth sailing from there.

The teams that participated were IMSA, Evanston, Naperville North, New Trier, Belleville East, Marmion, North Boone, Moline, Bowen, Auburn, Jefferson, and West Chicago. This was a very strong group for a small tournament. Many of these teams will be in the top ten in state.



**Florin Felecan of Evanston High challenges IMSA's Tom Johnson in the second round of play at West Chicago.**



**Rob Usiskin on board one for New Trier defends against Justin Sadauskas as top board for West Chicago.**

again next year. I would like to give special thanks to my parents for organizing the chess tournament and all the parents who helped out. I would also like to thank Erv Sedlock, Jeff Wiewel, Gary Janssen, and the St. Charles Chess Club for the wonderful directing, that caused the tournament to run so smoothly. E



**Bowen High's Rogelio Zepeda takes on Mark Nelson playing for Naperville North.**

West Chicago, my home team, had a very tough time because of the strong competition. I personally found out how tough the competition could be. I played Patrick Quinn (1144) of Belleville East, Ben Chu-Kung (1400) of New Trier, Andy Dougherty (1527) of IMSA, and Jake Diliberto (1206) of Marmion. Since my rating is 1779 many people would expect me to win easily, this was not the case and I had to play four of my hardest games. In High School Chess you can't expect the ratings of the people you play to be accurate.

I think the tournament went very well. Many people told me that they loved the tournament and hoped we would run it

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Amanda Ellwanger seeks an aerial view of her position, while Chrissy Antonou plans an attack against Eric Fovler.

**Team Standings**

1st	IMSA	4-0
2nd	West Chicago	3-1
3rd	Evanston	3-1
4th	Naperville North	2-2
5th	New Trier	2-2

**Board Standings**

BD 1	1st Justin Sadauskas	4-0 West Chicago
	2nd Florin Felecan	4-0 Evanston
BD 2	1st Blair Machaj	3.5-5 West Chicago
	2nd Patrick Quinn	3-1 Belleville East
BD 3	1st Kevin Brewer	4-0 West Chicago
	2nd Michael Massey	3-1 IMSA
BD 4	1st Andy Supthave	4-0 Moline
	2nd David Summerhays	3.5-5 Evanston
BD 5	1st Josh Kueber	4-0 IMSA
	2nd Redek Niewrzol	4-0 Naperville North
BD 6	1st Ben Lai	4-0 IMSA
	2nd Dan Penley	3-1 New Trier
BD 7	1st Mike Lai	4-0 IMSA
	2nd Ed Sohn	4-0 Naperville North
BD 8	1st Alfredo Mulhberger	3-1 West Chicago
	2nd Brian Phelps	3-1 New Trier

**Senior Master Richard Verber on the West Chicago Event**

When I arrived at the West Chicago Team Championship on Saturday, November 15th, I expected to stay for just a few hours (in view of the snow storm that was taking place outdoors). However, the West Chicago tournament developed into such an interesting event that I found myself still watching the tournament 10 hours later.

Going into this tournament I would have had to predict the West Chicago team as favorites to win the event. Although I've been teaching the IMSA chess team for the past five years and have come to greatly respect their intelligence, this year they're out-rated by 200 to 300 points on every board by the very impressive West Chicago team. The West Chicago team features highly rated players on their top four boards and if ever there was a year that looked like it was going to belong to West Chicago it's the 1997-98 season. Nonetheless, never discount the creative chances brought about by the "chess geniuses" at IMSA.

The IMSA team members are amazingly adult and are multi-faceted individuals — good at a number of different areas at the same time. Nonetheless, IMSA could hardly be rated the favorites for this tournament — but they defied the odds! Another important factor for this tournament was the much publicized Evanston team spotlighting their board one player who recently arrived in Evanston via Romania, Florin Felecan. Florin is an absolutely brilliant player with a provisional USCF rating near 2600. I don't remember, going back 20 years in Chicago chess, any high school chess player being so strong. At the Midwest Class in November, Florin drew against Grandmaster Serper whose rating is about 2650. So the Evanston team promised to be a real factor. Likewise there was a strong team from New Trier High School headed by the extremely talented Rob Usiskin, winner of the 1997 High School Chess Coaches Championship. New Trier is always a strong team, and on the North Shore, they are the number one rivals to Evanston High.

As the tournament proceeded, IMSA defeated Evanston by the very lopsided score of 6.5-1.5 and it became obvious that Florin does not make an entire team. Whereas he's a brilliant player, his result accounted for Evanston's only full point vs. IMSA. The match-up between IMSA and West Chicago provided the main contest of the tournament. As expected, the West Chicago players got off to a good start — outplaying their IMSA rivals in the opening part of the game. After a half hour of play most masters would have predicted a narrow but real advantage for West Chicago. However, as play went on the dogged fighting spirit of the "chess geniuses" from IMSA began to have its effect and a few of the high rated West Chicago players demonstrated a degree of laziness which allowed the IMSA players to recover and begin to take the advantage. All-in-all, this was an amazing victory for IMSA against many of their strongest rivals for the 1997-98 team chess championship title.

I doubt, at this point, that Evanston will be able to propel itself into the same ranks as IMSA and West Chicago. Likewise, although Rob Usiskin at board one is a very talented player for New Trier, I doubt that New Trier will be able to successfully compete with IMSA and West Chicago.

The next meeting of these very strong teams will be at the Evanston Team Championship at the beginning of January. Who will emerge the victor at Evanston? On paper it should be West Chicago — but don't discount IMSA. ♠

# *Between a Rock and an Asteroid*

by Kevin L. Bachler

## **Daniel Leung – Top Junior is a Key to Franklin’s National Champs**

**I**n the fall of 1994 we started the chess club at Franklin Elementary in Park Ridge, and one of the first players to join was a second-grader named Daniel Leung. Daniel immediately distinguished himself as a strong player, with a very distinctive style. But beyond that, Daniel showed that he was a very tough player, seemingly unaffected by any situation. During his first rated tournament, Daniel became ill, yet went on to defeat several opponents.

Daniel’s strong play and consistent performance has made him one of the leaders of the Franklin Elementary team, three time state champions and last year’s K-5 National Championship team. While the Franklin team has several players who seem to take turns contributing to the team’s success, Daniel has been one of its most consistent players. Daniel’s primary counterpart on our team is Robert Riddle, and a comparison of the two players is very interesting. Daniel plays steadily against all opponents, while Robert plays his best against stronger opposition. Daniel’s play tends to stress positional considerations, solid positions, and clarity. His style is reminiscent of Capablanca, including his desire to go into endings. Robert tends to play with a tactical flair, often in very complex positions. In short, Daniel is solid, while Robert is fiery. Their nicknames in the club are “Dan the Rock” and “Asteroid”. In Daniel’s own words “We get other teams between a Rock and an Asteroid and go splat!”

Daniel was the first Individual State Champion from our club, by tying for first in the K-3 Championship with a perfect 7-0 score when he was in second grade. The next year he slipped to 6.5 out of 7, and this year he had a difficult time at the state tournament, scoring only 5.5. But this was only a sign of things to come. Young players will often level off or even slightly regress before going on a tear. In the last few months, Daniel, still age 10, has reached a rating of 1686, far above any of the other Illinois players in his age group, and approached by few players even

several years older than Daniel.

There is no secret of success in the development of any young player, but there are keys to help them in their development. The first key is in ensuring that the player gets a good instructor, one that is a good fit for their style and their early development. For this reason we thought that NM Ken Wallach would be the best instructor for Daniel. Ken stresses defense and positional play, and in general this combination has been very good for Daniel’s early development. Daniel also takes part in our weekly club meetings, and in a group lesson where we work with several of our top players together.

Another important factor is the involvement of a player’s parents. Younger players need to be taken to tournaments, need direction and encouragement, and need discipline to do their chess homework. With few exceptions, my best students have parents that have made a significant commitment to the student’s development as a chess player. Daniel’s parents Cheung Wai (Francis) and Yee-Chong (Ivy) are such parents. In fact, Cheung has become interested in tournament play himself, and often participates in tournaments with Daniel. Along with their constant support of Daniel’s chess adventures, they ensure that Daniel does not become a one-dimensional person. Daniel loves soccer, and has participated in traveling soccer for the past couple of years.

Daniel’s play has been improving rapidly, and every chess coach knows that they will face the day when their student may defeat them. In the recent Lake County Open, Daniel went 3-0 and faced me in the last round. He was able to wrest

the advantage in the opening, and only by using my experience and knowledge of some of the weaknesses in Daniel’s play was I able to avert defeat in Daniel’s time pressure. I would not be surprised if Daniel reaches class “A” before the end of this school year.

Here are two games that Daniel played over the summer. The first is a game played against Jim Oberweis (1947) at the St. Charles 1997 Master Challenge. Jim Oberweis seems to be facing several of Illinois’ top juniors. I believe he had a game against Aaron Chen published in the November / December issue of *SQUARE ONE* —

See next page...

*“We get other teams between a Rock and an Asteroid and go splat!”*

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**J. Oberweis (1947) - D. Leung (1600)**  
**1997 Master Challenge**

- 1.e4 c5
- 2.c3 e6

Daniel is comfortable with solid positions, and so has no qualms about a transposition to a French.

- 3.d4 d5
- 4.e5 Nc6
- 5.Nf3 Qb6
- 6.a3 Bd7

Though this line is more playable than most people realize, I still prefer the solid 6...c4.

- 7.b4 c4
- 8.g3

Other choices include 8 a4, which is probably the most popular move in the position. However, 8 Nbd2, 8 Be3, 8 Be2, and 8 Bf4 have all also been seen.

- 8... f6
- 9.exf6 Nxf6

- 9...gxf6 10.Bh3 0-0-0 11.0-0 e5
- 12.Bxd7+ Rxd7 13.Re1 Bg7 14.Be3 Qc7
- 15.a4 Nge7 16.Nbd2 Nf5 17.Qc2 e4
- 18.Bf4 Qd8 19.Nh4 Nxf4 20.gxh4 f5
- 21.b5 Na5 22.Bg3 Bh6 23.f4 Rg8 24.Kh1 Rg4+

10.Bg2

10.Bh3 is Huerta-Giaccio, Tres Arroyos 1990. This game went as follows:

- 10... Bd6
- 11.0-0 0-0
- 12.a4 Qc7
- 13.Na3 a6
- 14.Bh2

This seems like an ineffective square for the Bishop.

- 14... Rae8
- 15.Nc2 b5

This is very typical of Daniel's style, which strives for clarity. After 16 a5 the Queenside is closed and Black can play on the Kingside.

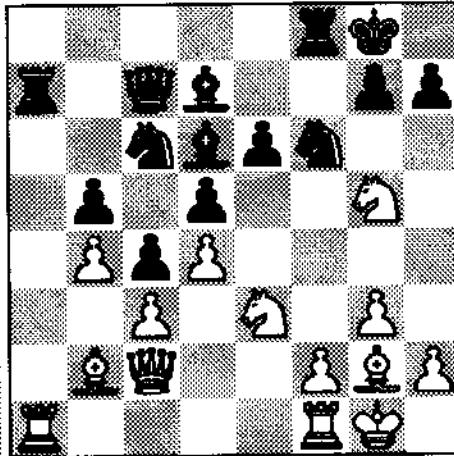
- 16.axb5 axb5
- 17.Ne3 Ra8

Again, the solid choice. Daniel notes that playing on the Kingside could leave the backward b-pawn weak to an eventual Ra5

- 18.Qc2 Ra7
- 19.Ng5

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Starting a very tactical attempt to gain the advantage, which Daniel refutes.



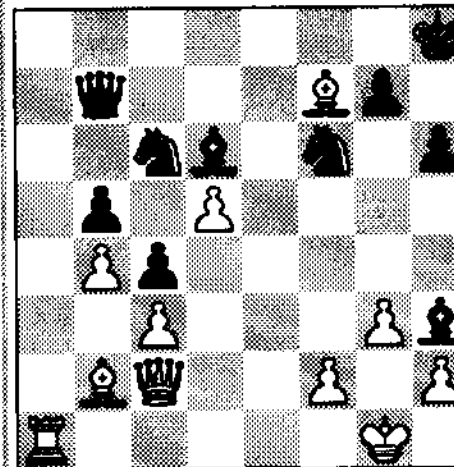
- 19... h6
- 20.Nxd5 exd5
- 21.Bxd5+ Kh8
- 22.Rxa7 Qxa7
- 23.Ra1 Qb7

Nice. Daniel sees that the long diagonal will become important since White has two minor pieces hanging.

- 24.Nf7+ Rxf7
- 25.Bxf7 Bh3

Threatening 26...Nxd4 with a crushing position.

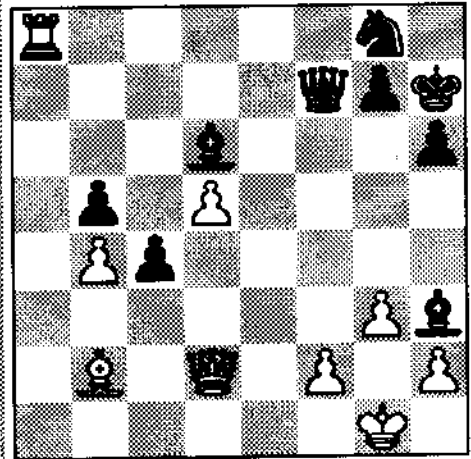
26.d5



26... Nxb4?

Perhaps Daniel was in time pressure here, or maybe he just thought that the material was available for the taking. Both 26...Nd4 and 26...Ne5 were better. This move allows the White Queen Bishop into the game, but White fortunately overlooks the opportunity.

- 27.cxb4 Qxf7
  - 28.Ra8+ Ng8
  - 29.Qd2
- Threatening 30 Qxh6.
- 29... Kh7



30.f4??

White still has good chances after 30 Qd4!

For example: 30.Qd4 Nf6 31.Ra7 Qxd5?? 32.Rxg7+ Kh8 33.Qxd5 Nxd5 34.Rd7+-

- 30... Nf6
- 31.Qf2 Qxd5
- 32.Ra7

32.Ra1 was forced. Simplest then looks like 32...Bxb4.

- 32... Qd1+
- 0-1

**M. Jensen (1700) - D. Leung (1600)**  
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- 1.e4 c5
- 2.Nf3 d6
- 3.d4 cxd4
- 4.Nxd4 Nf6
- 5.Nc3 g6

Daniel often plays the Dragon. It gives him some tactical chances while saving a good endgame, so it is certainly to his style.

- 6.f3 Bg7
- 7.Bc4 0-0

7...Qb6 8.Be3 Qxb2 9.Ncb5 Qb4+ 10.Kf2∞ This type of unclear position is not Daniel's style.

- 8.Be3 Nc6
- 9.Qd2 Bd7
- 10.0-0-0 Re8
- 11.Bb3 Ne5
- 12.g4 Nc4
- 13.Bxc4 Rxc4
- 14.h4 h5
- 15.Bh6?

Instead, 15 gxh5 is the main line, and 15 Nf5 is an interesting sacrifice.

- 15... Nxe4
- 16.Nxe4 Rxd4

*(Bachler continued on page 40)*

# Franklin Extends First Place Streak to 21 in a Row!

by Kevin Bachler

The first K-8 tournament of the Metro-Chicago season was held October 18th at Maine East High School in Park Ridge, Illinois. As is typical in K-8 tournaments, three sections were held, one for K-3, one for 4-5 and one for 6-8. About 300 players participated in total in the three sections. The tournaments are paired as individual Swiss tournaments, and members of the same team are not allowed to play each other. The top four scores constitute the team score.

## Junior High Section (6-8)

Franklin Elementary extended their streak to 21 consecutive Illinois and Indiana tournament victories by scoring 16.5 out of a possible 20. The streak dates back to January of 1995, when the team took first in the K-3 section at the MacArthur tournament. Since then, team members Daniel Leung, Robert Riddle, Robby Rasmussen, Mark Rokita, William Bielski, John-Garrett Piergalski, and Ed Mueller have won or tied for first as a team in every tournament the team has participated in. This year they have added 8th grader Erik Maye, which is important since all of the other players are in 6th grade, except for Leung, who is in 5th.

Finishing in second place was Chute Middle School of Evanston, with 15 points. There was a close race for third place, with Old Orchard of Skokie taking third on tie-breaks.

Unrated Yelena Gorlina of Old Orchard was the surprise of the tournament. She finished with a 5-0 score. Yelena's post-tournament rating was 1478. Finishing second was Alex Poltorok, who attended Old Orchard last year, but

moved to Northbrook Maple Middle School over the summer.

## Top Jr High Teams

	Score / T-B
1. Franklin Elementary, Park Ridge	16.5 / 53
2. Chute Middle School, Evanston	15.0 / 46.5
3. Old Orchard, Skokie	13.0 / 42
4. Barker Middle School, Michigan City, Indiana	13.0 / 42
5. Hadley Junior High, Glenn Ellyn, IL	12.5 / 37.5

## Elementary Section (4-5)

Critchfield Elementary of LaPorte, Indiana took first place with a score of 15.5 out of 20. Critchfield had a sizeable margin of 1.5 points over number two Avoca West of Glenview, which finished with 14 points.

## Top Elementary Teams

	Score
1. Critchfield, LaPorte, Indiana	15.5
2. Avoca West, Glenview	14.0
3. Maplebrook, Naperville	13.5
4. Avery Coonley, Downers Grove	13.0
5. MacArthur, Hoffman Estates	12.5

## Primary Section (K-3)

Bernard Zell of Chicago, with a score of 15.5 out of 20, took first place team in this section of the tournament.

Third grader Christian Nikopoulous of Peoria Montessori, and first grader Joshua Esses of Wayne Thomas in Highland Park tied for first with perfect scores of 5-0.

## Top Teams

	Score / T-B
1. Bernard Zell, Chicago	15.5 / 50
2. St. Gilbert, Grayslake	11 / 36.5
3. Dewey Elementary, Evanston	11 / 30
4. Pritchett, Deerfield	10 / 30
5. Chiaravalle Montessori, Evanston	9.5 / 27

(Bachler continued from page 39)

17.Qxd4

This seems unnecessary. White is in trouble, but 17 Qe3 must be a better choice.

17... Bxd4

18.Bxf8 Be3+

19.Kb1 Kxf8

20.gxh5 gxh5

21.Rd5 f5

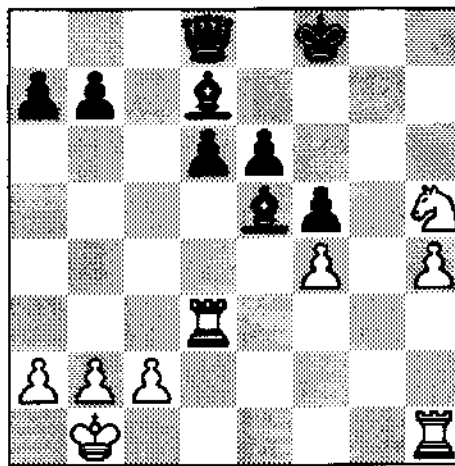
22.Ng3 e6

23.Rd3 Bf4

24.Nxh5 Be5

Seeing that the Knight will get trapped, Daniel chooses his favorite approach: simplification.

25.f4



25...

26.fxe5

27.cxd3

28.Kc2

29.a3

30.Kd2

31.Nxf4

32.h5

33.Kc1

34.Re1

35.Re4

36.Kd1

37.Rf4

38.Kc1

0-1

Bb5

Bxd3

dxe5

f4

Qc7+

Qf7

exf4

Qg7

Qg2

Kf7

f3

Ke7

Qe2+

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# *Kenneth Huang (1650) Tops List of Illinois Elementary School Players*

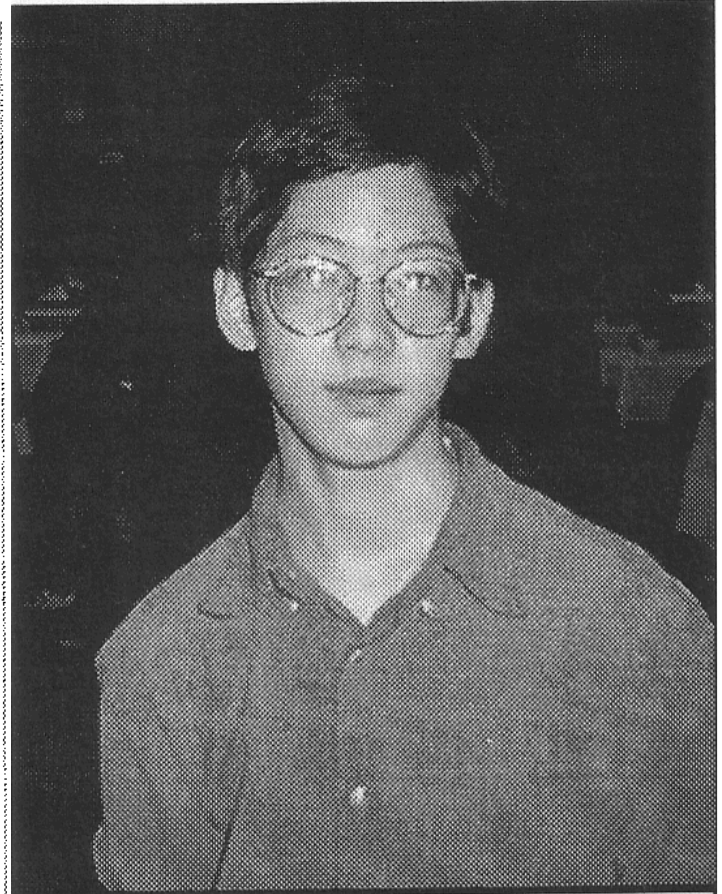
by Senior Master Richard Verber

The top seven Illinois elementary school chess players are Kenneth Huang (1650), Daniel Leung (1649), Andrew Hubbard (1639), Brian Egerton (1602), Aaron Chen (1512), Robert Riddle (1463), and Matthew Leali (1450).

Kenneth Huang recently turned 13 and has moved into the lead as the top rated elementary school player in Illinois. Kenneth's rating sky-rocketed this month as a result of his stellar 4-1 performance in the Continental Chess Association's Midwest Class Championships held in early November at the Hyatt Hotel in Lisle (new home of the Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club.) Kenneth scored 4-1 against five opponents — all of whom were higher rated. He has improved his rating consistently in recent months, by "playing up" in class tournaments.

Other top grammar school players also did well at the Midwest Class Championships and therefore a number of these players have moved from class C to class B. One of the best ways for talented young players to improve their ratings is by playing against higher rated adults in these large class-section tournaments. Congratulations to all of these fine young future champions.

All seven of these top elementary school players have in common the fact that they are receiving chess tutoring from Chicago area masters and experts. I am teaching both Kenneth Huang and Aaron Chen. Joseph Splinter is the teacher of Andrew Hubbard. Most of the remaining players are being taught by chess masters Ken Wallach and Kevin Bachler.



**Kenneth Huang stops for this photo opportunity at the 1997 Midwest Class at the Hyatt in Lisle.**

In the next issue of the *SQUARE ONE* I will annotate a couple of Kenneth Huang's best games from the Midwest Class Championships.

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# Twenty-One Schools Together at Proviso West

by Ruth Jacobsen

**B**right and early Saturday, November 1st, I shoved five players in the school van and took off for Hillside and a good day of chess for the kids. Allan is new to tournaments, and I think this tournament is the best introduction to competitive chess for kids starting out. Joel, a street competitor, and Ted, an Internet Chess Club player, are interested in hearing what a top player has to say. As a teacher, I'm more than content my chess players get to see professionals in action here, demonstrating how knowledge elevates play.

For many years the Proviso Tournament as run by Larry Stillwell had been a very popular Chicago tournament and Stillwell was nationally known as one of the most successful tournament directors in terms of bringing large numbers of people to his tournaments. Locally, we admired him for being a firm supporter of high school and scholastic chess. But now, Proviso has morphed into something unique—the tournament for players eager to bone up on new strategies, openings, and tactics in the morning and spring them on a guileless opponent in the afternoon. It was the happy brainchild of teachers George Marino of Proviso West H.S. and Ken Lewandowski of Evanston Township H.S. George makes it work and persuades excellent chess teachers to come.

The teachers generally taught three one-hour sessions. There was Richard Verber, senior master and scholastic coach, demonstrating ideas about modern opening preparation—he is also holding several games to judge for brilliancy prizes; Master Albert Chow, Illinois State Champion and scholastic coach, analyzing strong and weak patterns in tournament games and kindly accepting a five-minute challenge from my over-valiant street player; Ken Lewandowski, talking about improving chess skills in a short period of time with the help of puzzle books—fun to watch his magnetized audience all nodding in unison; and Steve Szpisjac, master, demonstrating tactical devices. Master Alan Watson played a teaching simul. Asked why he has made a point of coming to Proviso, he said he likes to share his enthusiasm for chess, the kids make him feel young again, and, during the simul, he teaches his young opponents to play with more than one string of thought, saying, "You need to look at many possibilities."

For those who did not want to learn formally but wanted

lots of chess, there was an unrated, five-round Game/5 tournament in the morning with trophies for the top three finishers of the 56 who played. Speed demon Ben Chu-Lai from New Trier won outright with a 5-0 record when Dan Hogan, also with a 5-0 record, chose to leave the trophies for the kids. I held a five-way play-off among the 4-1 finishers—Ali Amir, Craig Vieregg, Tom Johnson, Neil Kumar, and Joel Mulbrandon, (Brian Wasz also 4-1 decided to let the kids go for the trophies) and Ali took second place, Craig Vieregg earned third.

Besides regular chess there were sessions on George Marino's version of 3-D chess, with Randy Dempsetz as teacher. Then, Tony Salvaggione's shogi—Japanese chess—was taught in the morning, followed by a tournament in the afternoon. Vijay Singh, parent of a child from private school Avery Coonley, commented that the variety of multicultural events was inspiring and stimulating and taught flexibility and that the tournament should be held more than once a year. At the end of the day Salvaggione donated a Japanese chess set to the Avery Coonley school.

Calling it "the best deal in chess," ex-Navy man Dan Hogan drove down from Milwaukee on his wife's encouragement to return to the game he enjoyed in high school.

Twenty-one high schools came. This, by far the largest part of the day's tournament, was run by Chuck Hlavaty of Downers Grove North with the help of Mike Mayfield from Downers Grove South. The five trophy finishers were Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) first, then Wheaton-Warrenville South, Downers Grove North, New Trier, and Maine South. Also playing were Argo, Auburn, Buffalo Grove, Evanston, Jefferson, LaSalle Peru, Moline, Mundelein, Proviso West, Riverside Brookfield, St. Rita, Stillman Valley, Thornton Fractional South, Wendl Phillips, and West Leyden. This is not a regular high school-type competition, and not all teams had their strongest players along. We played with teams of five rather than our normal eight; the players played as individuals in a Swiss-style tournament rather than by board. Nevertheless, with a strong field like this, we all get some idea of whether we will stack up at the State Finals in March. Note to those who weren't there:

"I'll get Mr. Chow next time."

—Joel

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Evanston brought only beginners. They'll be strong again at State.

The five individual-player trophies for high school players went to Tom Johnson, IMSA; Natasha Zolbin, Wheaton-Warrenville South; Ali Amir, Downers Grove North; Ben Lai, IMSA; and Matt Miller, New Trier.

Only 14 played in the adult section, several were high school kids including the eventual winner, and two were coaches. Tom Fineberg ran the section. The winner was John Kline from St. Rita High School (1836), followed by David Sacks assistant coach from Evanston (1601), Gregory Fischer (1700), Aleks Buterman assistant coach from Mundelein (1808), and Gary Willard (1804). My player Justin played in this division, competing in his first rated tournament and achieving two wins. His opponents kindly took the time to explain their openings and tactics to him and he brought back all he learned to his teammates.

In the elementary/junior high section, children from five schools competed. Avery Coonley, winner, followed by Hester Junior High, Lab of the University of Chicago, Chicago City Day and Ardmore. Kinder Castle Kindergarten also had a competitor. Individual winners were Dayu Srinivasan, first, Jon Bradford, John Saran, David Chodak, and Peter Soltato. Ed Thomas ran the division with all care for the youth of the competitors.

Back in the van at the end of the day, Allan the tyro, said, "I had no idea how much chess I could play. This is entirely different than playing your friends at school. If somebody makes a bad move there, I just give it back to them, but here, I went ahead and won. Is there a tournament next week?" Then there is tall Beau, gentle and courteous. Beau makes large plans for his games and in the excitement of planning his strategy occasionally overlooks the little details, like checkmate. He talked of his most successful finish, winning three out of four games in the afternoon tournament.



**NM Alan Watson conducts a simultaneous exhibition at the Clinic against all challengers!**



**Ken Lewandowski demonstrates tactics during a session at the Proviso West Chess Clinic.**

As we rolled home Beau mulled over the last game he played, pleased that he had been able to recover from dropping a piece. Justin thought about the respectable 1375 rating he brought back from his first rated tournament and made plans to become a B player this year. But Joel said, "I'll get Mr. Chow next time." E



**The IMSA (shown above) team won First Place in in the Proviso West Chess competition.**

*Ruth Jacobsen has served the last six years as librarian and chess coach at Maine South High School in Park Ridge. Ruth also serves on the Illinois High School Association Advisory Board for Chess. Many remember Ruth's efforts to form a team and serve as a volunteer coach of the Glen Ellyn - Ben Franklin Elementary teams.*

*If you dare, you can find Ruth Jacobsen playing chess on the Internet Chess Club, and at the Elmhurst and St. Charles Chess Clubs.*

*Look for future reports from Ruth!*

—SEE PROVISO RESULTS NEXT PAGE—

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**Results from the Proviso West Chess Clinic / Tournament**

**HIGH SCHOOL TEAM RESULTS**

- 1st Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
- 2nd Wheaton - Warrenville South High School
- 3rd Downers Grove North High School
- 4th New Trier High School
- 5th Maine South High School

**INDIVIDUAL HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS**

- 1. Tom Johnson Illinois Mathematics and Science
- 2. Natasha Zlobin Wheaton - Warrenville South High
- 3. Ali Amin Downers Grove North High School
- 4. Ben Lai Illinois Mathematics and Science
- 5. Matt Miller New Trier High School

**GRADE SCHOOL TEAM RESULTS**

- 1st Avery Coonley Grade School
- 2nd Hester Grade School
- 3rd University of Chicago Lab School
- 4th Chicago City Day School
- 5th Ardmore Grade School

**INDIVIDUAL GRADE SCHOOL AWARDS**

- 1. Dayu Srinivasan Avery Coonley
- 2. Jon Bradford Hester
- 3. John Saran Avery Coonley
- 4. David Chodak University of Chicago Lab School
- 5. Peter Soldato Avery Coonley

**ADULT RESULTS**

- 1st John Klein
- 2nd David Sacks
- 3rd Gregory Fischer
- 4th Alex Buterman
- 5th Gary Willard

**SPEED CHESS INDIVIDUALS**

- 1st Tom Johnson
- 2nd Josh Kucker
- 3rd Doug Strain
- 4th Ben Lai

**PENTAPLANE WINNER**

John Urlich from Woodridge

**SHOGI TOURNAMENT (Japanese Chess)**

- |          |     |                  |               |
|----------|-----|------------------|---------------|
| Students | 1st | Ben Lai          | IMSA          |
|          | 2nd | Dayu Srinivasan  | Avery Coonley |
|          | 3rd | Peter Soldato    | Avery Coonley |
| Adults   | 1st | Takeshi Morijiri |               |
|          | 2nd | David Rockwell   |               |

**WINNER OF BRILLIANCY GAME**

Sachin Saparis vs  
Herberto Zorres

Proviso West 11/1/97

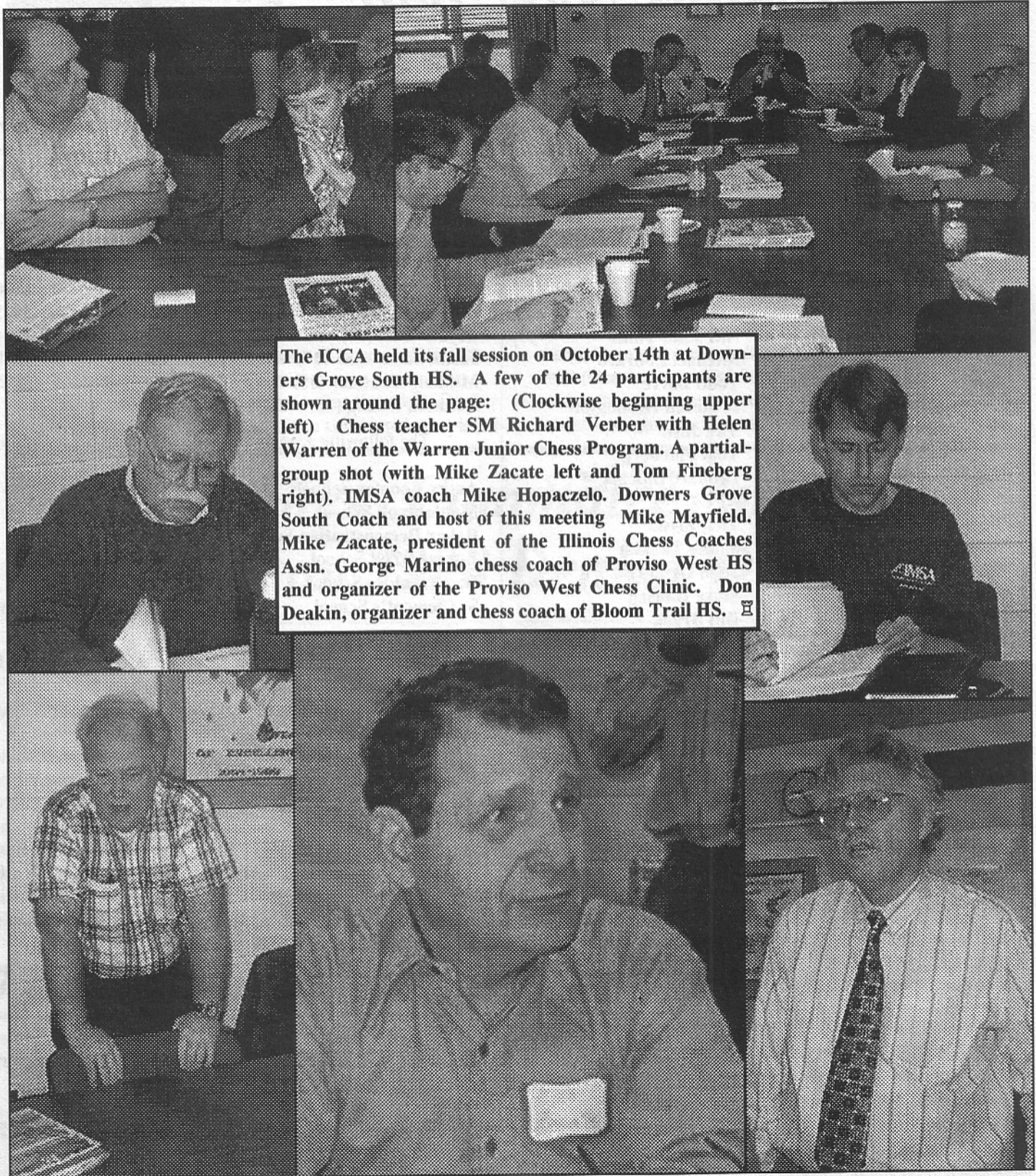
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| 1. e4     | e5    | 19. Qxh6  | d5    |
| 2. Bc4    | f6    | 20. Rg7+  | Ke6   |
| 3. Nf3    | c6    | 21. exd5+ | Qxd5  |
| 4. g4     | b5    | 22. Rd1   | Qxb3  |
| 5. Bb3    | Ne7   | 23. Rd2   | Qxb2  |
| 6. g5     | c5    | 24. Rxa7  | Qc1+  |
| 7. gxf6   | gxf6  | 25. Ke2   | Rb6   |
| 8. Nh4    | c4    | 26. Qf8   | Rc6   |
| 9. Qh5+   | Ng6   | 27. Re7+  | Kf5   |
| 10. Nxc6  | Rg8   | 28. Qe8   | Rxc2  |
| 11. Qxh7  | Rxg6  | 29. Rxc2  | Qxc2+ |
| 12. Qxg6+ | Ke7   | 30. Ke3   | Qc5+  |
| 13. Rg1   | cxb3  | 31. Kf3   | b4    |
| 14. axb3  | Nc6   | 32. Rf7   | b3    |
| 15. d3    | Nd4   | 33. Qf8   | Qxf8  |
| 16. Na3   | Nxc2+ | 34. Rxf8  | b2    |
| 17. Nxc2  | Rb8   | 35. Rxc8  | b1=Q  |
| 18. Bh6   | Bxh6  | 0-1       |       |

**Special thanks, once again, to the Illinois Chess Association and the Illinois High School Chess Coaches Association for funding the Proviso West Chess Clinic.**

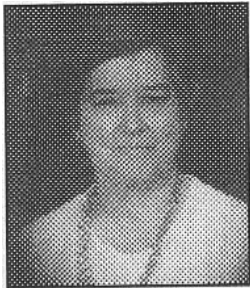
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**High School Chess Coaches Association Meeting Sets Agenda for the School Year — Discusses Warren Junior Chess Program**

*The Many Faces of the ICCA...*



The ICCA held its fall session on October 14th at Downers Grove South HS. A few of the 24 participants are shown around the page: (Clockwise beginning upper left) Chess teacher SM Richard Verber with Helen Warren of the Warren Junior Chess Program. A partial-group shot (with Mike Zacate left and Tom Fineberg right). IMSA coach Mike Hopaczelo. Downers Grove South Coach and host of this meeting Mike Mayfield. Mike Zacate, president of the Illinois Chess Coaches Assn. George Marino chess coach of Proviso West HS and organizer of the Proviso West Chess Clinic. Don Deakin, organizer and chess coach of Bloom Trail HS. ♁



# ICA-Warren Junior Program Begins New Year

by Helen Warren

**F**irst, our thanks to all who have helped put gas in the ICA-Warren Program's engine for the 1997-98 academic year. We acknowledge contributions from the following individuals and companies:

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We have now raised a little over \$4,000, not counting contributions from schools and parents of kids in the Top Fifty lists currently receiving master lessons. This total represents about 40% of our budget of last year (1996-97), but we are hopeful that coming months will bring us closer to the projected goal of \$10,000.

Many of our top masters and experts are now delivering chess lessons in elementary, junior high, and high schools, as well as at community centers and libraries, and at summer chess camp last summer. Our special thanks to the following who have given so much to chess promotion for the kids of our state:

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| IM Josh Manion    | NM Vince Berry   |
| SM Richard Verber | NM Alan Watson   |
| NM Ken Wallach    | Joe Splinter     |
| NM Steve Szpisjak | Hector Hernandez |
| NM Albert Chow    | David Shiner     |

Kids on the USCF's Top Fifty by age lists who have received assistance over the past academic year include Andrew Hubbard, Daniel Leung, Jose Rodriguez, and Justin Sadauskas. We should mention here that the just-released USCF annual rating list carries the names of the following Illinois juniors eligible for tutoring under the program:

- |                       |      |                     |      |
|-----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Josh Riddell (18)     | 2068 | Daniel Leung (11)   | 1686 |
| David Long (18)       | 2012 | Andrew Hubbard (10) | 1571 |
| Bryan Gast (17)       | 1960 | Winston Huang (10)  | 1294 |
| Justin Sadauskas (17) | 1932 | Ian Smith (8)       | 1268 |
| Mikhail Kirzhner (15) | 2071 | Jose Rodriguez (8)  | 1075 |
| Kenneth Huang (13)    | 1581 |                     |      |

The following schools are participating in the program:

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Avery Coonley School       | Forest Glen School        |
| Maplebrook School          | Mather High School        |
| Baker Demonstration School | Senn High School          |
| Bernard Zell School        | Wheaton-Warrenville HS    |
| Ben Franklin School        | Evanston High School      |
| St Clement's School        | IL Math & Science Academy |

Due to start the program in 1998 are Naperville North High School, Argo-Summit High School, and St. Gregory's School. Another four schools have expressed interest pending their local fund raising efforts.

The lasting value of an outreach program in our schools is best seen at our state tournaments, club events, and major open tournaments where the increasing number of junior players—and their often remarkably strong results!—appear on crosstables for scrutiny. Like most good investments, holding on for the long term yields the most lasting and positive results. Because the ICA program emphasizes participation in open events, the investment for the future of chess in our state pays compounded dividends.

The early discovery of chess talent among our gifted young players and the fostering of this talent remain our focus. Take a leisurely walk through the pages of *Square One*, from the inception of this excellent junior magazine-within-a-magazine; you'll see the ICA program at work on almost every page.

Our thanks to all who generously make it happen!

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## *ICA Junior Chess Committee Begins Ambitious Program*

by Mike Zacate

**A**n exciting new chapter in ICA began last November 17th. The occasion was the first meeting of the ICA Junior Chess Committee. This is the first committee in memory authorized as a Board of Directors committee and thus able to implement decisions authorized by the Board — rather than a committee that only is empowered to make recommendations. Those present at the Hyatt of Lisle were Richard Verber, Erv Sedlock, Tom Fineberg, Bonnie Cobia, Joshua Flores, Helen Warren, Kevin Bachler, and Michael Zacate (Chairperson). Ken Lewandowski, another member of the committee, was unable to attend. ICB Junior Editor Roy Frye was also present.

After establishing the criteria for the 1998 Denker Qualifying Tournament, the committee considered what tasks

will be undertaken. Among the tasks we'll be examining are how to aid elementary parents in promoting high school chess in their district and how to assist high school coaches in developing feeder programs. The committee also expects to offer ideas and issues for *SQUARE ONE* (the junior section of the ICB). Consideration will be given to working for the development of a separate rating for scholastic play and an Illinois Scholastic Tour. Plans are to formulate chess instruction curriculum, instructional programs, and instructor certification. In addition, the committee expects to give attention to the problem of many scholastic players not going to the next level (elementary to high school or juniors to adult play) and how to keep stronger players involved, interested, and challenged enough to stay in scholastic programs.

## *Junior Chess Committee Announces Details on 1998 Denker Qualifier*

### **ICA DENKER QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT — 1998**



Radisson Hotel in Lisle  
April 17-18-19, 1998

Six player round robin



Time Control: 40/2, SD/30 — Entry fee: \$50 (returned upon completion of playing schedule)

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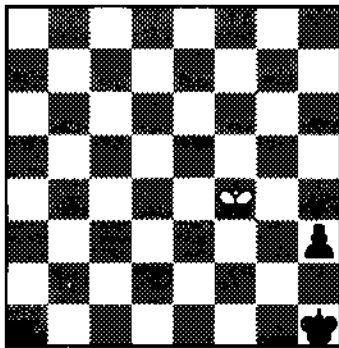
**1st place: Representative to Denker Tournament in Hawaii**

**2nd place: \$200 — 3rd place: \$100 — 4th-6th place: \$50**

**Selection:** 1st in Championship Section ICCA Individual (2/14/98) and 5 highest rated players attending an Illinois high school (using the ratings available from the USCF office on March 18, 1998). Alternates taken in order of USCF rating (date above) from 6th until field is filled. **Tie-Break:** If two are tied, playoffs will be by two games held on April 25th, 1998 with the same time control as above. If tie remains, 2 game sets with shortened time control as set by TD until a winner is determined. If three or more are tied, the playoffs will be held on April 25th, 1998 with shortened time controls and playing schedule set by TD.

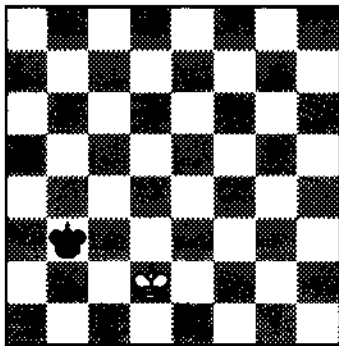
# Basic Endgame Challenge

Last month we looked at two basic endgame problems involving two kings and a single pawn. The first challenge was to solve the problem "WHITE MOVES AND DRAWS IN 2" (shown below).



The solution:  
 1. Kg3 h2  
 2. Kf2 Stalemate  
 Any other king move other than 2.Kf2 would allow the black king to move out of the way of the pawn seeking promotion.  
 Another possibility could be:  
 1. Kg3 Kg1  
 2. Kxh3 Draw

Our second challenge from the last issue was to solve the problem "WHITE MOVES AND DRAWS" (shown below).

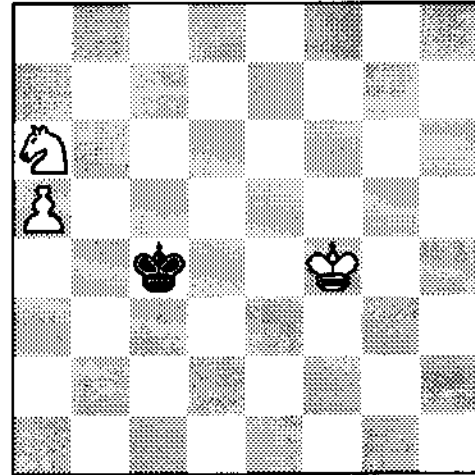


The solution:  
 1. Kc1 a4  
 2. Kb1 a3  
 3. Ka1 a2  
 Stalemate  
 or...  
 1. Kc1 Ka2  
 2. Kc2 a4  
 3. Kc1 a3  
 4. Kc2 Ka1  
 5. Kc1 a2  
 6. Kc2 Stalemate

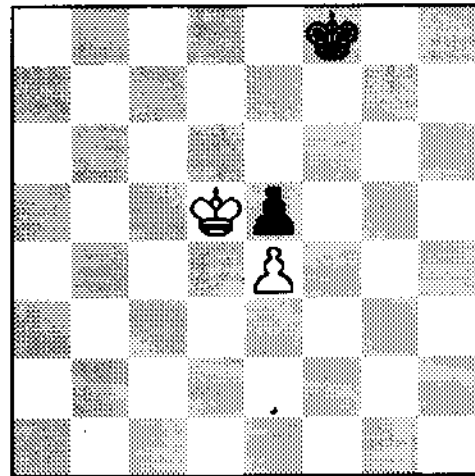
## Shall we try again?

In this issue of *SQUARE ONE* we will look at two problems that are perhaps a little more complex than the endings we have seen in previous issues. In the first diagram we see White ahead by a pawn and a Knight. However, the king is close enough to catch the pawn before it has time to promote itself. A pawn capture would leave White with only a King and Knight — not enough material to win — creating a draw. So, the focus of the problem is:

WHITE TO PLAY AND PROMOTE HIS PAWN.



In the next problem, it's White's turn to move and plays 1.Kxe5. Can Black avoid losing the game? Check it out...



Should you find the solutions here... Write to me (or E-mail) 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 to the solution of the problems, be patient... the solutions will follow in the next issue!

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# Bizarre Corner

*An irregularly occurring column on irregular chess*

*by Bill Smythe*

My tote bag seemed heavier than usual that morning. Had I skipped my workout the night before? Was I coming down with Lou Gehrig's disease? I certainly hoped I would be all right, as I had a gruelling two-day tournament ahead of me.

The tote bag would have to come with me to the tournament. It contained my chess pieces, my roll-up vinyl board, and a chess clock. Perhaps the weighty feeling would pass after I digested my breakfast.

I arrived at the tournament just in time for the first round. I had pre-registered, so I found my name on the pairing sheet and proceeded to my board.

Upon opening the tote bag, I quickly discovered how it had gained weight. The chess gods had expanded the vinyl board, adding infinitely many squares to the kingside on the first and eighth ranks. The board looked like an infinitely long letter U on its side.

[See Diagram 1]

After spending extra time unrolling the board, I discovered a second reason for the excess poundage. The gods had added extra pieces—infininitely many rooks of each

color. Dutifully, I set up the pieces in the manner I assumed the gods had intended.

[See Diagram 2]

The game, an Exchange variation of the French Defense where I played White, proceeded as follows:

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Bg5 Bd6 7.c3 bNd7 8.bNd2 h6 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Bg4 12.a4 Qxb3 13.Nxb3 0-0-0 14.a5 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Kb8 16.Kc2 Bc7 17.Ra1 hRe8 18.Nc5 b6

19.axb6 axb6

[See Diagram 3]

The game had gone nearly four hours, I was still fatigued from carrying all those extra pieces, and my opponent was rated 300 points higher than I was. I opted for the quick draw:

20.Ra8+?! Kxa8 21.Ra1+ Kb8 22.Ra8+ Kxa8 23.Ra1+ Kb8 24.Ra8+ Kxa8 25.Ra1+ Kb8 26.Ra8+ Kxa8 27.Ra1+ Kb8

"That's a draw," I claimed, "by triple occurrence of posi-

tion."

"You'd better get the director," my opponent replied. "There has not been a triple occurrence, and never will be. The first time, you had a rook on the h-file. The second time, you had a rook on the i-file, but none on the h-file. The third time, you had one on the j-file, but not on the i-file, et cetera."

As the director arrived and began studying the position, I pleaded my case. "It seems to me I have a forced perpetual check. If I repeat the pattern I have demonstrated with my last six moves, my opponent can never vary."

"Yes," my adversary responded, "but there is no such thing as a draw by perpetual check as such. You must force the same position to occur three times. The position will never recur if you sacrifice a rook each time."

As I write this, the TD is still pondering his ruling. I'll be waiting a long time, as he needs to count the rooks before he rules.

Meanwhile, what do you think? Have I earned a draw here? Maybe Tim Just could answer this question in his next Rulebook Tactics column.

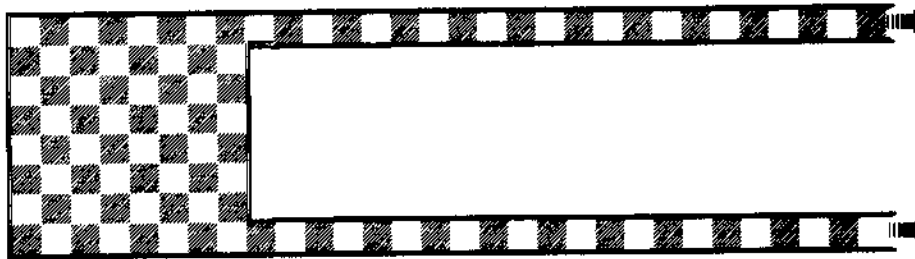


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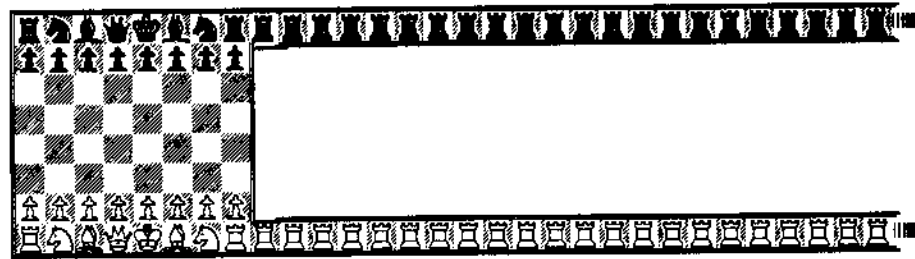


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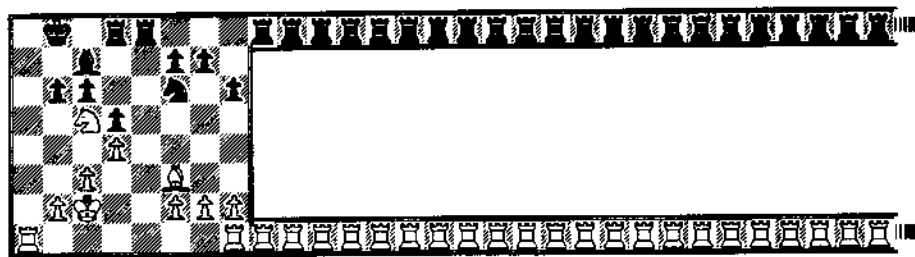


Diagram 3

# From the Archives

## Chicago Muscle in Philadelphia

By NM Alan Watson

With \$10,000 per section in prize funds, the World Open is known to attract players from around the world. I feature the best games played by some of Illinois's finest players who participated this year in the Philadelphia tournament annually held over the July 4th holiday.

In 1973, Andrew Karklins played in his first US Closed Championship. He has been a model of consistency ever since. In this game, he once again reverts to the trusted Alekhine variation of the French Defense and produces a smooth demonstration of his positional mastery.

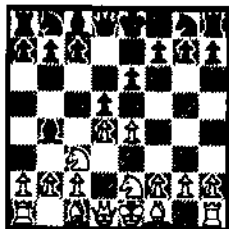
**A. Karklins (2408)**

**J. Friedman (2270)**

World Open (6), 1997

French Defense

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nge2!



Faithful readers will no doubt notice that Andrew remains true to the Alekhine Variation of the Winawer French. A detailed examination of this line can be found on pages 7-14 of the March-April 1994 *ICB*. 4...dxe4 5.a3 Be7 6.Nxe4 Nf6

6...b6!? (An unusual move not previously covered.) 7.Bf4 Bb7 8.Qd3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Nge2 10.f3 0-0 11.Kb1 Nd5 12.Bg3 f5!! 13.N4c3 Nxc3+ 14.Nxc3 Nf6 15.Qc4 Qd7 16.Qxc7 Qxc7 17.Bxc7 Rac8 18.Be5 Bxa3 19.Nb5 Bb4 20.Nxa7 Ra8 21.Nb5 Nd5 22.Nc7 Nc3+ 0-1 E. Karklins-

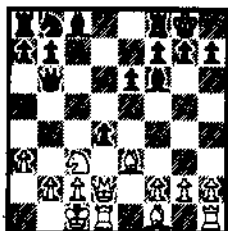
N. Takemoto, US Open 12 (Chicago) 1994.

7.Nxf6+

Little analyzed. More common are 7.Qd3, 7.N2c3, and 7.N2g3 with interesting play. 7...Bxf6 8.Be3

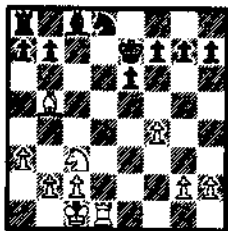
White may also try 8.Qd3 in order to maneuver his queen along the third rank.

8...0-0 9.Qd2 c5 10.0-0-0 Qb6 11.Nc3 cxd4



With this move, Black adopts the fundamental decision of steering the game toward an ending. While the position may be regarded as objectively equal, there are a number of factors which should give Black cause for concern; namely, White's superior mobility, outside pawn majority (three-to-two on the queenside), and superior king.

12.Bxd4 Qxd4 13.Qxd4 Bxd4 14.Rxd4 Nc6 15.Rd6 Rd8 16.Rxd8+ Nxd8 17.Bb5 Kf8 18.Rd1 Ke7 19.f4!



The first order of business is to restrict Black's activity by restraining his pawn majority, but Andrew has a more aggressive idea in mind.

19...h6 20.f5! a6 20...exf5 21.Nd5+! Kf8 22.Nc7+-

21.Be4 b5 22.fxe6 fxe6?!

As Black cannot capture White's bishop because of 22...bxc4? 23.Nd5+ Kxe6 24.Nc7+ Ke7 25.Nxa8 Bb7 26.Nb6+- he is forced to deal with that pawn sitting on e6. The capture 22...fxe6?! does secure d5 and establish a passed pawn, but it also restricts Black's pieces and proves a weakness in light of its inability to advance. 22...Bxe6 was best.

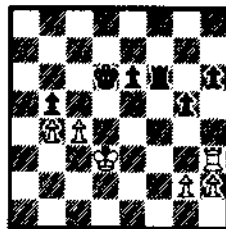
23.Bd3 Bb7 24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Nb7 26.Rd4 Rc8 27.a4!

As his rook is denied entry on both the d- and f-files, Andrew seeks to increase its activity along the fourth rank while preparing to mobilize his pawn majority.

27...Rf8 28.axb5 axb5 29.Kd2

It is now time for the king's dramatic entrance.

29...Rf5 30.b4 Rf1 31.Rd3 Rb1 32.Rg3 g5 33.Kc3 Re1 34.Kd4 Nd6 35.Nxd6 Kxd6 36.Kd3 Rf1 37.Rh3 Rf6 38.c4



With Black's pieces all tied up, it's the perfect time to create a passed pawn.

38...bxc4+ 39.Kxc4 Kd6 40.Rc3 Rf4+ 41.Kb3 Rf6 42.Ka4 Kd5 43.Rf3!

Since 43...Rxf3 44.gxf3 is without hope, Black's rook is forced to abandon the open file.

43...Rg6 44.Rd3+ Kc4 45.Rd6 Rg8 46.b5

46.Rxe6?? would be careless due to 46...Ra8#, but now White can interpose his rook. 46...Rc8 47.Ka5 h5

48.Rc6+ Kd5 49.Rc1 e5 50.b6 e4 51.b7 Rb8 52.Kb6 e3 53.Rc8 Rxb7+ 54.Kxb7 Kd4 55.Kc6 e2 56.Rc8 Kd3 57.h3 g4 58.hxg4 hxg4 59.g3 Kd2 60.Kd5 c1Q 61.Rxe1 Kxe1 62.Ke4 1-0

A well played ending.

We next find our recent Bosnian émigré besting one of the top Canadians in an unusual opening where the second player doesn't have a shred of counterplay and isn't about to get any due to White's ruthlessly precise play.

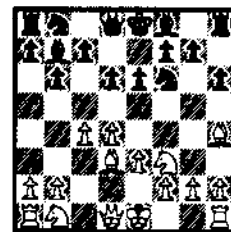
**O. Palos (2455)**

**J. Hebert (2525)**

World Open (8), 1997

Queen's Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.Nf3 h6 4.Bh4 b6 5.c3 Bb7 6.Bd3 d6 6...c5 7.c3 (7.c4 cxd4 8.exd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0 d6 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.a3 Re8 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Bf1 d5 15.Ne5 dxc4 16.Nxc4 a6 1/2-1/2 Lautier-Polugaevsky, Biel 1990) 7.c4



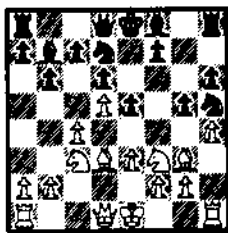
A more cautious approach involves preparing c3 so as to maintain a strongpoint at d4 as in

a) 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.c3 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Be4 Bxe4 11.Nxe4 Bg7 12.Nfd2 Nfg3 13.Nxg3 Nf6 14.Nh5 Nxe5 15.Qxh5 c5 16.h4 cxd4 17.exd4 Qf6 18.Qe2 d5 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Rxh8+ Bxh8 21.Qb5+ Kf8 22.a4 Re8 23.Kf1 Qh6 24.Kg1 Bf6 25.a5 Bd8 26.axb6 Bxb6 27.Nf1 Rd8 28.Ne3 Kg7 29.Ng4 Qh5 30.Qe2 Rh8 31.Qe5+ Kf8 32.Kf1 Qh1+ 33.Ke2 Qxa1 34.Qxh8+ Ke7 35.Qf6+ Ke8 36.Qh8+ Ke7 37.Qf6+ Ke8 38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.Qf6+ 1/2-1/2 M. Kuijff-T. Luther, Corfu 1991; or b) 7.0-0 g5 8.Bg3 Nh5

9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.Qe2 Bg7  
 11.c3 0-0 12.Ba6 Nxc3  
 13.hxg3 Bxa6 14.Qxa6 Qc8  
 15.Qd3 c5 16.a4 Qb7  
 17.Rfd1 cxd4 18.exd4 Rfd8  
 19.Re1 Rac8 20.Ne4 Nf6  
 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.Nh2 Bg7  
 23.Qe2 Rc7 24.f4 Qd5  
 25.Ng4 Kh8 26.Ne3 Qe4  
 27.fxg5 hxg5 28.a5 Bh6  
 29.Qh5 Kg7 30.axb6 axb6  
 31.Ng4 Qg6 32.Qxg6+ Kxg6  
 Hamann-Sorensen, Copenhagen ch 1996, 0-1]  
 7...Nbd7 8.Nc3 g5 9.Bg3  
 Nh5 10.d5!

Cleverly illustrating the defect of Black's premature kingside advance. However he replies, the light squares will be weakened beyond repair.

10...e5 11.h4

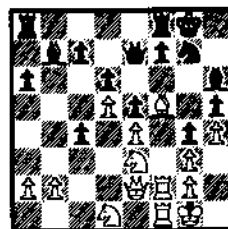


Osman is no longer afraid of an exchange on g3 because of the influence his major pieces will exert on the f-file.

11...g4 12.Nh2 Nxc3  
 13.fxg3 h5 14.0-0 Bh6  
 15.Qe2

Of course, 15.e4 is reserved until after White deploys his light squared bishop outside the pawn chain.

15...Qe7 16.Bf5 Nf6 17.e4  
 a6 18.Rf2 0-0 19.Nf1 Nc8  
 20.Ne3 Ng7 21.Raf1 b5  
 22.Ncd1 bxc4



23.Bxg4!

This well-calculated sacrifice destroys the shelter for Black's king and is based in part on the second player's inability to shift defenders to the kingside.

23...Bxe3 24.Qxe3

It seems odd that White

would not recapture with his knight in order to control f5, but after 24.Nxe3 hxg4 25.Nxg4 f5! would be played even if as a sacrifice to defend along the second rank. With the text White anticipates 24...hxg4 25.Rf6!! c6 26.Qg5 Qc7 27.h5 Kh7 28.R1f5! when Black cannot long stave off checkmate.

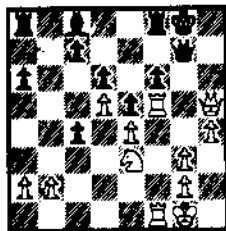
24...f6 25.Bf5

Now, White maintains his bind without having sacrificed anything.

25...Qf7 26.Qh6 Nxf5  
 27.Rxf5 Qg7 28.Qxh5

Fully realizing that his chances lie in attacking the king, White declines the ending and instead repairs to mobilize his major pieces.

28...Bc8 29.Nc3!



Another excellent sacrifice from our Bosnian IM, White's horse is about to become "Super Knight!"

29...Bxf5 30.Nxf5 Qh7  
 31.Qe2 Rab8 32.Rc1

There are no avenues of entry for Hebert on the kingside, so White first begins tidying up the queenside by collecting the orphaned c4-pawn.

32...Rb4 33.a3 Rb3  
 34.Rxc4 Rfb8 35.Rc2 Kf8

Black has absolutely no way to improve his position and must restlessly wait and pray that White makes an error.

36.Qxa6 R3b6 37.Qe2 Rb5  
 38.b4 Rxd5

White's knight is so powerful that it stifles all activity from Black's rooks and must therefore be removed. Unfortunately, it is now the rook which runs amok in Black's camp.

39.exd5 Qxf5 40.Rxc7 e4  
 41.Qe3 Qg6 42.b5 Rxb5  
 43.Qa7 Qe8 44.Rh7

A superb demonstration of how to utilize the advantage of superior mobility.

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The next game shows our beloved doctor performing a surgical procedure on one of his favorite patients, a chess instructor from New York. What makes their games especially memorable is Sunil's penchant for fanatic attacks in contrast to Gene's patient positional play.

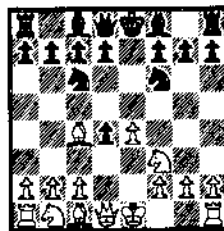
S. Weeramantry (2240)

E. Martinovsky (2348)

World Open (8), 1997

Two Knights Defense

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4  
 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6!



This transposition from the Scotch Gambit into the Two Knights Defense is Black's most reliable counter to White's strategy.

5.e5 Ng4

Estrin notes that this response, while less popular than 5...d5, is logical and offers no worse chances.

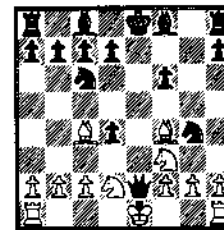
6.Qe2 Qe7 7.Bf4 f6!?

Modern opening manuals consider that this fails to equalize, but matters are far from simple!

8.exf6 gxf6!?

Tournament practice has demonstrated that 8...Qxe2+ 9.Kxe2 Nxf6 favors White, so the Doctor is writing a new prescription.

9.Nbd2 Qxe2+



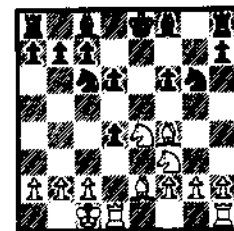
Black reasons that his king will be safer after exchanging queens. 9...d6 10.Nb3 Nce5 11.0-0 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Ne5 13.Qxd4 Bg7 14.Qe3 (14.Qc3 0-0 15.Nbd4 c5 16.Qb3+ Rf7

17.Ne2 Be6 18.Qc3 d5 19.Nh4  
 d4 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Bc1 Rg8  
 22.Nf4 Bh6 23.Qa3 Bg5  
 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.Nf3 Bxc1  
 26.Nxe5 Rfg7 27.g3 Bf4  
 28.Nf3 Qh3 29.Ne1 Be3 0-1  
 N. Borge-J. Hector, Copenhagen 1994).

10.Bxe2 Nge5 11.0-0 d6

It seems that the game will be fairly level after White captures the pawn on d4 to reestablish material equality, but such play is too tame for Weeramantry. He prefers to stir up further complications.

12.Ne4 Ng6



A double-edged move seeking to embarrass White's dark-squared bishop. Since retreating to g3 allows 13...Bh6+ while going to d2 blocks the attack on Black's d-pawn, Weeramantry instead lunges at his opponent's king.

13.Nxf6+ Kf7 14.Bg5!?

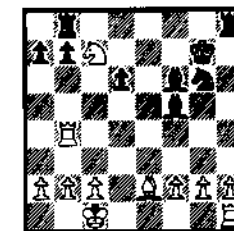
Further confusing the issue by sacrificing a piece for three pawns. If 14.Nd5 Nxf4 15.Nxf4 Bh6 16.g3 =.

14...h6 15.Nd5 hxg5  
 16.Nxg5+ Kg7 17.Nxc7  
 Be7!

Black finds the best move in a complicated position! Losing instantly is the immediate 17...Rb8? 18.Ne8+ Kh6 (18...Kg8 19.Bc4+ leads to mate!) 19.Nf7+ +-.

18.Nf3

18.Nxa8 Bxg5+ 19.Kb1 Bf5.  
 18...Rb8 19.Nxd4 Nxd4  
 20.Rxd4 Bf6 21.Rb4 Bf5



Black's active pieces offer  
 continued on page 53

# 1998 Illinois Chess Tour Rules

by Bill Smythe  
ICA Tour statistician

The Illinois Chess Association Tour is an annual, year-long series of USCF-rated tournaments offering Tour points to participants and year-end cash prizes to the top performers in each of several rating classes.

There are three types of events on the Tour: maxi, mini, and micro. Major tournaments such as the Tim Just Winter Open, Greater Peoria Open, Midway Spring Class, Master Challenge, Chicago Open, Midway Amateur Class, Illinois Open, Midwest Class, and Illinois Class are generally maxi-events, while smaller events (including one-day tournaments) are mini-events. Quick-rated tournaments are always micro-events.

Tour points are awarded in nine rating classes: Master (2200 and up), Expert (2000-2199), Class A (1800-1999), Class B (1600-1799), Class C (1400-1599), Class D (1200-1399), Class E (1000-1199), Class F (800-999), and Class G (below 800).

Players earn Tour points according to score. Mini-events award half as many points as maxi-events; micro-events award 1/4 as many as maxi-. For a perfect score in a maxi, the award varies from 28 in a four-round tournament to 40 in a seven-rounder. For each half-point below a perfect score, the award is cut by a factor which varies from .50 to .70 depending on the number of rounds. When this cutting would result in the Tour award being too low, points are awarded in direct proportion to the score. No Tour points are awarded for a score of zero.

Following are the tables for awarding Tour points in maxi-, mini-, and micro-events of three, four, five, six, and seven rounds.

[See box at right]

Each Tour tournament, or section thereof, awards Tour points in any given rating class *only* if: (1) the tournament or section is open to *all* players in

that class, and (2) at least one player in that class, or in a higher class, actually plays in the tournament or section. Each player in a Tour event can earn points only in his own rating class and those above.

### Examples:

1. Kathy Knight, an A player, scores 4-1 in a five-round maxi-event. According to the chart, she has earned twelve Tour

points. The tournament is a single-section event, open to all, and at least one Master actually participates. Kathy's twelve Tour points are awarded in all classes A through Master. She earns twelve A points, twelve Expert points, and twelve Master points.

2. Benjamin Bishop, a B player, scores 4.5-0.5 in a five-round maxi-event. The chart

shows that he has earned 19 Tour points. But he has chosen to play in the under-2000 section, so his Tour points are awarded only in classes A and B. He receives 19 A points and 19 B points.

All Illinois residents playing in Illinois Tour events must be Illinois Chess Association members. Out-of-staters who are members of their home state chess associations need not join ICA, but their Tour points will not count at year-end unless they were ICA members when they played in each of their Tour events.

At the end of the year, cash prizes are awarded to those ICA members who have accumulated the greatest Tour point totals in each class. The 1998 Illinois Tour prizes are as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Master	\$350	\$250	\$150
Expert	\$160	\$80	
Class A	\$130	\$65	
Class B	\$100	\$50	
Class C	\$70	\$35	
Class D	\$40	\$20	
Class E	\$25		

Cash prizes will be awarded only to those players who play in at least three Tour events during 1998. Prizes which would have been won by players with only one or two events will be distributed to those next in line.

Unrated players can accumulate Tour points only in the Master class, and then only if they play in a tournament or section open to all Masters and in which at least one Master actually participates. Unrateds in all Tour events, however, will have their events counted towards the three-event minimum; this will help them later in the year when they become rated.

*Special Note to Organizers:* Putting your tournaments on the ICA Tour will enhance their prestige and increase attendance. Players have come to expect that major events, espe-

Tour Points Scoring System				
Five Rounds				
score	MAXI	mini	micro	
5.0	32	16.0	8.0	
4.5	19	9.5	4.8	
4.0	12	6.0	3.0	
3.5	7	3.5	1.8	
3.0	6	3.0	1.5	
2.5	5	2.5	1.2	
2.0	4	2.0	1.0	
1.5	3	1.5	0.8	
1.0	2	1.0	0.5	
0.5	1	0.5	0.2	
0.0	0	0.0	0.0	
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Four Rounds				
score	MAXI	mini	micro	
4.0	28	14.0	7.0	
3.5	15	7.5	3.8	
3.0	8	4.0	2.0	
2.5	5	2.5	1.2	
2.0	4	2.0	1.0	
1.5	3	1.5	0.8	
1.0	2	1.0	0.5	
0.5	1	0.5	0.2	
0.0	0	0.0	0.0	
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Three Rounds				
score	MAXI	mini	micro	
3.0	-	12.0	6.0	
2.5	-	6.0	3.0	
2.0	-	3.0	1.5	
1.5	-	1.5	0.8	
1.0	-	1.0	0.5	
0.5	-	0.5	0.2	
0.0	-	0.0	0.0	
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Six Rounds				
score	MAXI	mini	micro	
6.0	36	18.0	9.0	
5.5	23	11.5	5.8	
5.0	15	7.5	3.8	
4.5	10	5.0	2.5	
4.0	8	4.0	2.0	
3.5	7	3.5	1.8	
3.0	6	3.0	1.5	
2.5	5	2.5	1.2	
2.0	4	2.0	1.0	
1.5	3	1.5	0.8	
1.0	2	1.0	0.5	
0.5	1	0.5	0.2	
0.0	0	0.0	0.0	
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Seven Rounds				
score	MAXI	mini	micro	
7.0	40	20.0	10.0	
6.5	28	14.0	7.0	
6.0	20	10.0	5.0	
5.5	14	7.0	3.5	
5.0	10	5.0	2.5	
4.5	9	4.5	2.2	
4.0	8	4.0	2.0	
3.5	7	3.5	1.8	
3.0	6	3.0	1.5	
2.5	5	2.5	1.2	
2.0	4	2.0	1.0	
1.5	3	1.5	0.8	
1.0	2	1.0	0.5	
0.5	1	0.5	0.2	
0.0	0	0.0	0.0	

cially, will be ICA Tour events.

It is easy to sponsor a Tour event, but there are several rules which must be followed. A Tour event must be a weekend Swiss of at least three rounds, and it must be listed in the Tournament Life section of *Chess Life*. The *Chess Life* announcement must include the phrase "ICA membership required" along with the dollar amount of ICA dues. The statement "an ICA Tour maxi-event", "an ICA Tour mini-event", or "an ICA Tour micro-event" should also be included. Making "Maxi-Tour", "Mini-Tour", or "Micro-Tour" part of the name of the tournament is a good idea also.

A Tour event must also be listed in the Calendar published bi-monthly in the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. The ICB announcement must mention that the tournament is a Tour event

(maxi-, mini-, or micro-). Be sure to observe the ICB's published deadlines, and keep in close contact with the ICB Calendar Coordinator so you won't be left out.

For maxi-events, there are some additional rules. A Tour maxi-event must be a two-day (or more) event of at least four rounds, and there must be a guaranteed prize fund of at least \$500.00. A based-on prize fund of at least \$1000.00 is fine, too, since USCF requires that at least half of such projected prize funds actually be paid.

A Tour event should be set up in such a way that Tour points can be awarded fairly. Section cut-offs, if any, should be at 2200, 2000, 1800, 1600, 1400, 1200, 1000, and/or 800. The following are examples of recommended Tour formats:

- (1) 1 section, open to all.
- (2) 2 sections, open and un-

der-1800.

(3) 3 sections, 1600-&-over, under-2000, and under-1400.

An example of an inadvisable tour format would be an under-1900 section. Such a section could not award Tour points to A players because it would not be open to *all* class A players.

Another inadvisable format would be the quad or the octagon — four- or eight-player sections grouped by rating. Such an event almost certainly would, for example, split the B players across two sections, neither of which could award B points because neither would be open to *all* players in class B.

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obvious compensation for the pawns, and it is only a matter of time before they coordinate well enough to dominate the game and win material. Black's task is further simplified after 22.g4? weakening White's pawns.

22.g4? Bd7 23.Rd1 Be5 24.h3 Nf4 25.Bf1 Bc6 26.Rb3 a6 27.c4 Rbc8

The knight is trapped. 0-1

Our own ICA President was also in attendance and not to be outdone, authoring his own attacking game that any master would be proud to have played. The double piece sacrifice is both profound and extremely pretty!

**Schwartz (1995)**

**H. Hernandez (1924)**

World Open U/2000 (8), 1997  
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e5 5.Nf3 Nc6

5...cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 transposes to one of the lines recommended by Joe Gallagher in his book *Beating the Anti-Sicilians*.

6.Nxe5!? Nxe5 7.dxe5 Qxe5+ 8.Be3

8.Qe2 Bd6 (8...Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Bd6 10.Bf3 Rb8 11.Nd2 Nf6 12.Nc4 Bc7 13.Be3 b6 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.Bc6+ Kc7 16.Rhe1 Rhd8 17.Na3 Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Rd8+ 19.Kc2 Bxb2 20.g3 Ng4 21.Bf4 Nxf2 22.Re2 Bg1 23.Re1 1/2-1/2 Compagnie-Helsloot, cr M 1981)  
9.Na3 Nf6 10.Qxe5+ Bxe5 11.Be3 b6 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.0-0-0 Bxb5 14.Nxb5 0-0 15.h3 a6 16.Nd6 Rfd8 17.Nc4 Bc7 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rxd1+ 20.Kxd1 Nd5 21.a4 f5 22.Bd2 Kf7 23.Ke2 Ke6 24.g3 h6 25.Kf3 g5 26.g4 f4 27.Na3 Ne7 28.c4 Nc6 29.Ke4 Be5 30.b3 Bd4 31.f3 Be5 32.Nc2 Bf6 Flag 2:00-1:40 0-1 G.Alexopoulos-D.Arnett, Marshall CC Pre 1995.

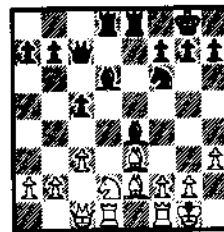
8...Bd7 9.Nd2!?

Of the numerous alternatives, perhaps strongest is 9.Qb3.

9...Nf6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Qc2 11.Qb3 Be7 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Bxd7 Nxd7 14.0-0 a5 15.Qc4 Qc6 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Ne5 19.Qe2 Rde8 20.Qe4 Qh6 21.Nf3 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Qb6

23.b3 Rd8 1/2-1/2 Henrik Pedersen-Jan Nordenba, Aalborg, 1994.

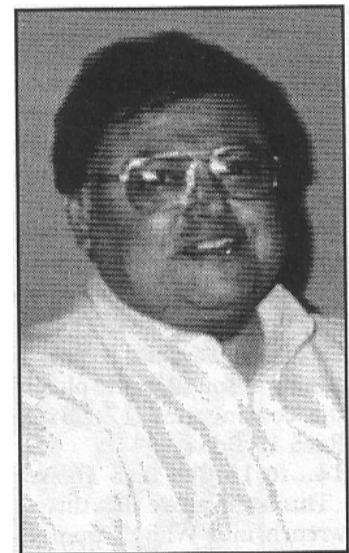
11...Bd6 12.Rd1 0-0 13.h3 Rfe8 14.Be2 Bc6 15.0-0 Be4 16.Qc1 Rad8 17.Nd2



With all his forces mobilized to their maximum, Hector must certainly have spent a great deal of time here calculating how best to unleash their power. His courageous decision to sacrifice two pieces was less than obvious and in retrospect... totally irrefutable! Congratulations on a superb combination.

17...Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Bxg2+! 19.Kxg2 Rxc3!

A necessary complement to the earlier bishop offer which totally destroys the shelter for White's king and allows the Black queen decisive penetra-



Hector Hernandez played a wonderful double sacrifice at the World Open.

tion.

20.fxc3 Qg3+ 21.Kh1 Qxh3 22.Rf3?

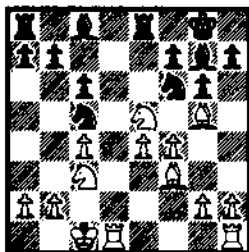
While other moves hold out longer, there is no salvation to be found. 22.Rf2 Bg3+ 23.Kg1 Bxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Qh2+ 25.Kf1 (25.Kf3 g5!+) 25...Rxd2!! 26.Qxd2 Qh1+ 27.Kf2 Ne4# (A very efficient checkmate!); 22.Nf3 Bd6+ 23.Kg1 Qg3+ 24.Kh1 Ng4+ 22...Bg3+ 23.Kg1 Qh2+ 24.Kf1 Qh1# 0-1

# Games from the Midwest Class

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sition is 12...h6! in order to prepare the further 13...g5 undermining the support of White's centralized knight.

13.Bf3



13...Nfxe4?

Finegold-Yu, US Junior Invitational 1982 continued with the belated 13...h6, when after 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd3! Bxc3 16.Nxc5! White held an advantage. The text is simply a tactical oversight.

14.Bxe4?!

A grievous error which hands the advantage back to our Michigan guest. Correct was 14.Nxe4 (Retaining the bishop rather than knight!) Nxe4 15.Bxe4 f6 16.Bxf6! Bxf6 17.Rh1 maintaining a sound pawn plus by virtue of the continuation 17...Bxe5?? 18.fxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd5+

14...f6 15.Bh4 fxe5 16.fxe5 Bh6+!

This is the move that throws a monkey wrench into White's poorly considered plan, as his knight is pinned to e4 and the e-pawn lost with no compensation. In chess as in life, it is often the little things which make all the difference. In this case, the simple capture of a pawn at move 14.

17.Kc2 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bf5 19.Rh1 Rxe5 20.Rd4 c5!

Ouch, this one hurts!

21.g4 cxd4 22.gxf5 Rxf5 23.Nf6+ Kh8?!

Surely, 23...Kf7 was better than this cowardly retreat, but given the large material disparity it makes little difference to all but the chess purist who seeks perfection with every move.

24.Re7 Bg7 25.Nd5 Rc8 26.Kd3 b5 27.b3 bxc4+ 28.bxc4 Rf3+ 29.Ke2 Rcf8 30.Rxa7 d3+ 0-1

GMs Serper and Goldin analyze together between rounds at the Midwest Class.



Roy Frye

S. Szpisjak (2270)

D. Gurevich (2667)

Midwest Class (1), 1997

English Opening [A31]

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.f3 e6 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 a6 11.a3 Nbd7 12.b4 Rc8 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Rfd1 Rfe8 15.Ra1 Qb8 16.Nb3 Bd8 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.c5 h6 20.Na4 Bc6 21.Nxb6 Bxb6 22.cxb6 Ba4 23.Qe3 Bxb3 24.Qxb3 Qxb6+ 25.Kf1 h5 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Qd3 Ra8 28.Qd6 Qc3 29.Rd3 Qc1+ 30.Kf2 Qf4 31.g3 31.Qc6 Ra7 32.g3±.

31...Qc1 32.Qxe5 Rc8 33.Rd1 Qxa3 34.Qa5 Qc3 35.Qxa6 Rb8 36.b5 Qc5+ 37.Kf1 Rb6 38.Qa7 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Qc8.

38...c5 39.Rd8+ Kh7 40.Qxf7 Rxb5 41.Bxb5 Qxb5+ 42.Ke1 Qb6 43.Rd3 Qg1+ 44.Kd2 Qxh2+ 45.Kc3 Qxg3 46.Qe6 Qf4 47.Qf5+ Qxf5 48.cxf5 Kh6 49.Rd1 Kg5 50.Rg1+ Kf4 51.Rxg7 h4 52.Rf7 Kxf5 53.Kd2 h3 54.Rf8 Kg6 55.Rh8 Nh7 56.Rg8+ Kh5 57.Rg1 Nf6 58.Re1 1/2-1/2

F. Sisto (2244)

J. McLaughlin (2336)

Midwest Class (3), 1997

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.h4

A curious specialty of the English bruiser Julian Hodgson, author of a new series of books dealing with the art of attack.

3...d5 4.Nd2 Bf5 5.e3 h6 6.Bf4 e6 7.Nxe4 Bxe4 8.f3 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nd7 11.Nc2 Bb4+ 12.c3 Be7 13.Bg3 Nb6 14.Nf4 0-0 15.Bf2 c5 16.g4

I find it amazing that White accomplishes so much with his painstaking yet obvious maneuvers on the kingside. Black is totally oblivious to his opponent's actions.

16...cxd4 17.exd4 Nc4 18.g5 Nxb2 19.Qc2 Nc4 20.gxh6 gxh6 21.Rg1+

An entirely appropriate resignation given that it is nearly curtains after the further 21...Kh8 22.Ng6+! (This is what Black had missed.) f3g6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.Rg1+. Very seldom does one see a 2300+ player shot down in flames so ignominiously.

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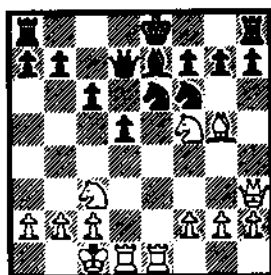
# Readers' Retorts

Compiled by Alan Watson

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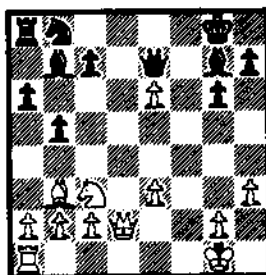
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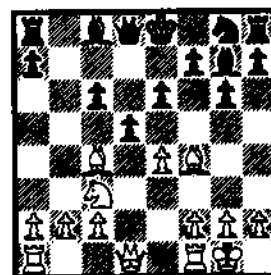
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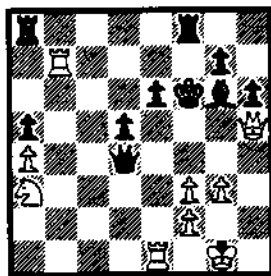
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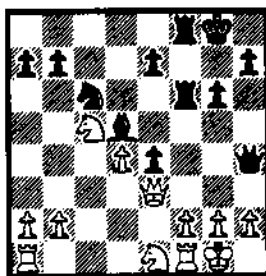
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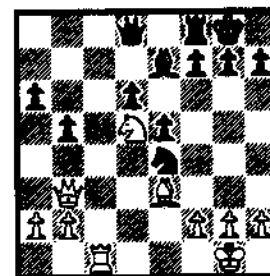
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K. Jakstas (2200)–S. Kamberi (2317)  
Midwest Class (5), 1997



6

S. Jahedi (1638)–J. Delay (1689)  
Illinois Class (2), 1997



## Retorts Revealed

1

1.Nxg7+ 1–0

2

1.Qd8+!! Bf8 2.Rf1! Nc6 3.Rxf8+ Qxf8  
4.e7+ 1–0

3

1.exd5 cxd5 2.Bxd5 exd5 3.Nxd5 Be6  
4.Nc7+ Kf8 5.Qd6+ Ne7 6.Nxa8 Qxa8

7.Bg5 Qe8 8.Rad1 h6 9.Bxe7+ Kg8  
10.Qd8 Qxd8 11.Rxd8+ Kh7 12.Rxh8+  
Bxh8 13.c3 1–0

4

1.Rxe6+ Kxe6 2.Qxg6+ Rf6 3.Qxg7 1–0

5

1...Bc4 2.Nd7 Bxf1 3.Nxf6+ Qxf6 4.Kxf1

Nxd4 5.Rd1 Qa6+μ 6.Kg1 Ne2+ 7.Kh1  
Nc3 8.Rd3 Nd1 0–1

6

1.Bb6 [The immediate Rc8! is more  
precise.] 1...Qe8 2.Rc8 Qd7 3.Rc7 Qe6  
4.Nxe7+ Kh8 5.Qxe6 fxe6 6.Rc6 g6 7.f3  
Nd2 8.Be3 Nc4 9.Bh6 Re8 10.b3 Na5  
11.Rxd6 Nb7 12.Rxe6 Rd8 13.Rxe5  
Rd1+ 14.Kf2 1–0

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SEVILLANO Enrico .....	50
WATTS Bradley S .....	47.5
BACHLER Kevin L .....	45
ZINYTCH Miron .....	44.5
KORNFELD Allen I .....	38.5
BASE Alfredo B .....	37
MARSHALL James A .....	36.3
SMYTHE Bill .....	35.9
MANION Josh .....	35
MACHAJ Blair L .....	30
SAX Robert D .....	29.5
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GAZMEN Ethelbert .....	22
HAYES Will .....	21.5
MARTINOVSKY Eugene .....	20.5
GAST Bryan .....	19
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BROCK William .....	16

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MARSHALL James A .....	53.3
TUBIC Bisi L .....	51
SAX Robert D .....	49.5
SMYTHE Bill .....	48.9
ZINYTCH Miron .....	40.5
FAGAN James B .....	38.3
CADMAN Chuck .....	37.5
MACHAJ Blair L .....	34
WITEK Gregory A .....	29
BAUMGARTNER Christop ..	28.5



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WONG Brian .....	22.3
BROCK William .....	22
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INUMERABLE Flore (2) .....	21
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PORTER John .....	20.5

## Class A Tour Points

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CONDON James K .....	33
COHEN Howard .....	32.5
WITEK Gregory A .....	29
BAUMGARTNER Christop ..	28.5
KLEIN John .....	26
FISCHER Gregory A .....	25.8
HAYES Will .....	25.5
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GIERTZ Charles E .....	16
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SILVERMAN Scott A .....	40
DELAY Joe .....	38
HART Vincent J .....	37
JOHNSON Eric L .....	37
ENGELN Mark .....	36.5
HUBBARD Andrew .....	36.5
JAKUBOWSKI Maciej .....	36
WACHTER Tom W .....	36
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STEVENS Joseph M .....	31.5

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WACHTER Tom W .....	65
AKHMETOV Artem .....	57.8
HUANG Kenneth .....	45.5
VIEREGG Craig .....	45.5
PADILLA Rudy R .....	41.3
HUBBARD Andrew .....	40.5
RIDDLE Robert .....	40.5
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MC CLURE Selth .....	16
LEWIS Richard .....	15
FERGUSON William .....	14
SINGURA Thomas J .....	14

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HUDSON Benjamin (2) .....	16
VIL LAFLOL Elizab (2) .....	14
PEDERSEN Soren C (1) .....	12
SUNG Woojae (2) .....	12
KASSIN David (1) .....	10
PYTEL James E (2) .....	10

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GILRUTH Jessica (1) .....	6
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# Spectacular Beginnings



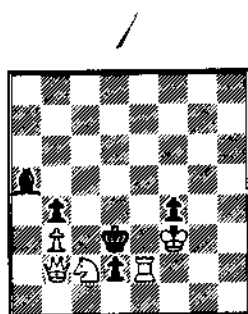
The problem art has been a part of the chess world for decades. And while many over-the-board players scoff at the uselessness of the often odd-looking positions created by veteran composers and their relevance to making them better players, there can be no denying the incredible beauty that is produced on the chessboard by a well-constructed problem. The writers are different but no less authoritative—Alain White, Kenneth Howard, Irving Chernev, Walter Korn, and John Roycroft have all extolled the virtues of problems over many decades. In recent years, Bob Lincoln, Newman Guttman, and Edgar Holladay have also taken up this mantle. *Chess Life's* problem editor, David Brown, a Rockford resident, even wrote a column in this very publication in the early '80s. Suffice it to say the problem world remains alive and well to this day. And besides, problems are quite simply—fun!

In that spirit, I hope in this column to introduce you, our readers, to the beautiful facets of the problem world. After all, problems can be a wonderful diversion from trying to bust the latest theoretical novelty in the Najdorf Sicilian. And the best way to get your feet wet is to take a shot at solving each issue's chosen selections. See the Answer Box for details on joining the Ladder!

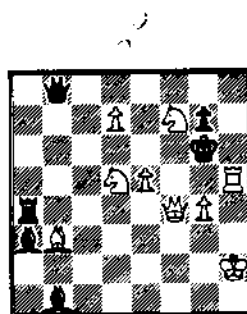
Each issue will attempt to link the problems with a common theme. Perhaps the most basic accomplishment a composer can bring to a problem is an unexpected first move (the solution, or key). All of our selections this month, in my opinion, have unexpected key moves. I have tried for a mixture of "golden oldies" as well as newer examples. Problem Nos. 1-4 are two-movers;

that is, White is to play and mate Black in two moves, no matter how Black defends. 1 and 2 are classics from noteworthy 19th century composers. 3 and 4 are recent examples that feature significant try play; that is, there are a number of White moves defeated by a single Black defense. 4 was a first-prize winner in a recent contest, an award that I think was justified. See if you

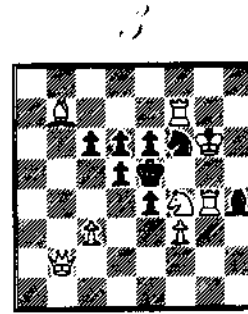
agree. 5 and 6 are mates in three for White, again against all Black defenses. 5 is one of the most famous three-movers ever composed, again from the 1800's. I frankly don't know who composed 6, but it was used in a recent British solving contest. Both of the three-movers have particularly pleasing key moves.



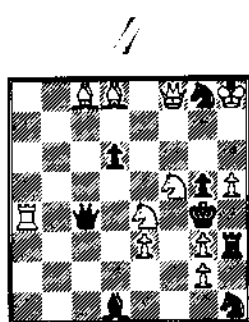
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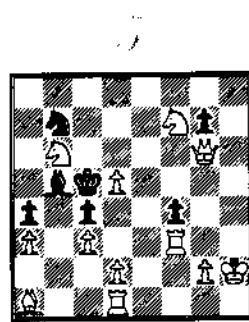
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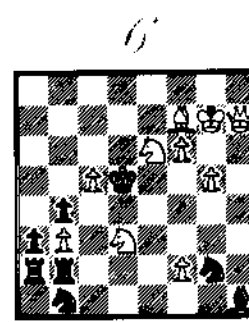
Mate in 2



Mate in 2



Mate in 3



Mate in 3

## The Answer Box

In future issues, this box will contain the solutions to prior problems. This issue, I would like to encourage all readers to join the Ladder. Each issue, send your solutions to me and earn points toward climbing the Ladder. Periodically, the solvers who score the most points will earn a Ladder Ascent, and receive a nominal prize. Their scores will then be reset to zero,

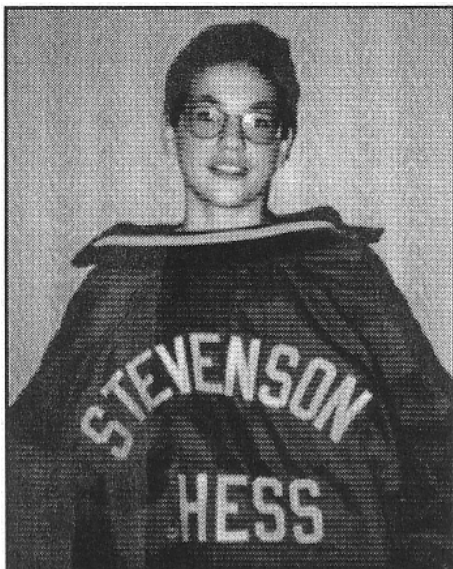
allowing others to reach the top. This way, even persistent or occasional solvers who only solve one or two problems each issue will eventually get to the top!

This is an informal "contest," so if you would like to team up with a friend, that's O.K. too. Club teams and especially school teams are welcome as well. Join in the fun!

This month, correct solutions to the four two-movers will earn 3 points apiece. You need only

send in the key first move for these. 5 points each for the two three-movers, but in these cases, you need to send in not only the first move, but also at least one key line containing a Black defense with White's second move reply. Thus, 22 points are available this month.

Send your solutions by March 1, 1998 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to [tjbarre@aol.com](mailto:tjbarre@aol.com).



**Not Just for Football.** Seth McClure displays Stevenson High School's chess jacket. McClure is in the tenth grade at the Lincolnshire school and is coached by Scott Oliver and David Monatelli.

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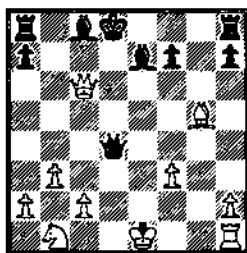
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# Hoogovens Amateur Games

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Black's house is now in order, and there is nothing that can be done against him. 22.Kc2 Qc5+! 23.Be3

Langreck's king is perfectly comfortable on e7 after 23.Kf2 Bxg5 24.Rd1+ Ke7. 23...Bg5 24.Rd1+ Ke7 25.Rd3 Qxh2+ 26.Kd1 Bxc3 27.Rxc3+ Be6 28.Nc3 Rad8+ 29.Nd5+ Rxd5+ 30.Qxd5 Qg1+

31.Kd2 Qxe3+! 32.Kxe3 Bxd5 ends White's misery once and for all. As both players were tied for first going into the last round, I applaud them for producing such an interesting game but do question Olthoff's choice of opening for such an important game. 0-1

O. Koo (2166)

A. Vilutis (1881)

Hoogovens USA (5), 1997

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4

Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bc4 d6 8.0-0 e6 9.Bf4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Bxd5 exd5 12.Nxd5

12.Re1+ Be6 13.Nxd5 Ne7 14.Nc7+ Kf8 15.Rxe6! Qxd1+ 16.Rxd1 fxe6 17.Nxa8 Kf7 18.Nc7 Rc8 19.Rd7 Bxb2 20.Kf1+

12...Be6 13.Nc7+ Kf8 14.Qd6+ Ne7 15.Nxa8 Qxa8 16.Bg5 Qc8 17.Rad1 h6 18.Bxe7+ Kg8 19.Qd8 Qxd8 20.Rxd8+ Kh7 21.Rxh8+ Bxh8 22.c3 1-0

D. Granik (1791)

S. Zorzopulos (1708)

Hoogovens USA (5), 1997

Two Knights Defense

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Qxd4 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nc3 c6 8.0-0 d5 9.Rhe1 Be6 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Qh4 Qc7 12.Nd4 Nc5 13.Bf5 Qd7 14.Qh3 Bxf5 15.Nxf5 Ne6 16.Nxg7+ 1-0

O. Virijevich(1887)

C. Higgins (1742)

Hoogovens USA (5), 1997

Center Counter Defense

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Bc4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.d4 Nh6 7.h3 0-0 8.Bc3 Nf5 9.Qd2 Nxe3 10.fxe3 a6 11.0-0 b5 12.Bb3 Bb7 13.Ng5 e6 14.Nxf7 Qe7 15.d5 Rxf7 16.Rxf7 Qxf7 17.dxe6 Qc7 18.Qd8+ Bf8 19.Rf1 Nc6 20.Rxf8+ Qxf8 21.e7+ 1-0

## Correction

In the November/December issue of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* we left out Black's 12th move in the game between Albert Chow and Osman Palos. The missing move is 12...Qc7. For ease of reference, we reproduce the entire game below. The *ICB* regrets the omission.

Albert Chow-Osman Palos

Governor's Cup 1997

English Opening

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 e6 5. Nc3 a6 6.g3 Bc5 7.e3 Qb6 8.N4e2 Ne5 9.Bg2 Nc4 10.0-0 Be7 11.b3 Na5 12.Bb2 Qc7 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.e4 Nf6 15.Nd5 ed 16.ed 0-0 17.Nd4 Qa5 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.Re1 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.Re1 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

# Tournament Calendar

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**January 3, Chicago CC Hangover Hog Sectional**, 3-SS in 8-player sections, G/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$20, juniors \$17. \$\$75-50 in each section. Reg. closes 11:30. Rd. 1 at 12.

**January 4, Chicago CC Choose-Your-Opponent Open**, 4-Choice, G/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors \$12. Players choose their own opponents without regard to score, rating, etc. Send SASE for details. \$\$ to the players who defeat the highest-rated opponents: \$75-50-25. Reg. closes 11:30. Rd 1 at 12.

**January 4, Elmhurst CC Quad**, 3-RR in 4-player sections, game/29, room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, club members \$12. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:50 pm, round 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, rogerdb9@mail.idt.net.

**January 5, Fox Valley/Naperville Monday Quick**, 5-SS, game/15, Hyatt Lisle Hotel, Warrenville Rd & Rt 53, Lisle. EF \$12, club members \$5. On-site reg only, 6:45-7:10, rd 1 at 7:15. Info: Richard Verber, 630-435-0049.

**January 5,12,19,26, Fox Valley/Naperville Monday Open**, 4-SS, game/90 (4 consecutive Mondays), Hyatt Lisle Hotel, Warrenville Rd & Rt 53, Lisle. EF \$20, club members \$10. On-site reg only, 6:45-7:10, rd 1 at 7:15. Info: Richard Verber, 630-435-0049.

**January 10, Tuley Park Quick #1**, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/25, or 5-SS game/20, or 6-SS game/17. EF \$12, u-19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

♁ **January 10, Evanston Invitational.**

**January 10-11, Tim Just Winter Open/Reserve XIII**, 5-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 11, Elmhurst Quick**, 5-SS, game/15, room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, jrs and club members \$10. \$\$ 1st, 2nd, u-1900, u-1700, u-1500, u-1300; 90% return. Reg 6-6:50 pm, round 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, rogerdb9@mail.idt.net.

**January 12, Fox Valley/Naperville Monday Quick**, 3-SS, game/29, Hyatt Lisle Hotel, Warrenville Rd & Rt 53, Lisle. EF \$12, club members \$5. On-site reg only, 6:45-7:10, rd 1 at 7:15. Info: Richard Verber, 630-435-0049.

**January 17, Peoria Tornado**, 4-SS, game/80. Garrett Center, 824 N Duryea Pl, Peoria 61625. EF \$12 by 1/11, \$15 at site, jrs \$10. \$\$G 75-50. Books to A,B,C,D,E based on 6 per class. Reg 8-8:45, rds at 9-12-2:45-5:30. Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct, Peoria 61614, 309-691-4624. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**January 17, Chicago CC Sunday Plus-Score Quick**, 6-SS, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. \$\$ 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.

♁ **January 17, Illini Union Classic**, Urbana.

**January 18, Elmhurst CC Mini-Tour**, 4-SS, game/60. Room 030, Elmhurst

College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. \$\$500 b/35: \$150-125, u-1900 \$90, u-1700 \$65, u-1500 \$50, u-3000 \$20. EF \$20, club members \$16. Reg 12-12:45, rounds at 1-3:15-6:00-8:00. Info: Roger Birkeland, rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**January 19, Fox Valley/Naperville Monday Quick**, 5-SS, game/15, Hyatt Lisle Hotel, Warrenville Rd & Rt 53, Lisle. EF \$12, club members \$5. On-site reg only, 6:45-7:10, rd 1 at 7:15. Info: Richard Verber, 630-435-0049.

♁ **January 19, MLK Day Tournament**, Bloomington.

♁ **January 24, Keller JHS.**

**January 24, Chesterton Chess**, 4-SS, round 1 game/75, rounds 2-4 game/90. Westchester Library Service Center, 100 W Indiana, Chesterton IN 46304. EF \$15, \$10 for high school or below. \$\$370 b/36: \$100-60, u-2200 \$50, u-2000 \$45, u-1800 \$40, u-1600 \$35, u-1400 \$25, u-1200 \$15. Rounds 9:30-12-3-6. Randy Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr, Chesterton IN 46304, 291-926-2266.

**January 24-25, Chicago CC Two-Day Plus-Score**, 5-SS, rds 1-3 G/120, rds 4-5 40/120, then SD/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$22, juniors and CCC members \$18. \$\$ by score: 5-0 \$160, 4.5-0.5 \$90, 4-1 \$50, 3.5-1.5 \$30, 3-2 \$10. Reg closes Sat 9:30, rds at 10-2-6, 10-4.

**January 26, Fox Valley/Naperville Monday Quick**, 3-SS, game/29, Hyatt Lisle Hotel, Warrenville Rd & Rt 53, Lisle. EF \$12, club members \$5. On-site reg only, 6:45-7:10, rd 1 at 7:15. Info: Richard Verber, 630-435-0049.

**January 31, Tuley Park Big Quick #1**, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/25, or 5-SS game/20, or 6-SS game/17. EF \$15, u-19 \$8. \$1 off before

11:30. \$\$\$350 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

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

**February 1, Groundhog Sectional, 3-SS, G/90.** Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt (7000 north), Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 8-player sections of like-rated players. EF \$20, juniors and CCC members \$17. \$\$\$75-50 in each section. Reg closes 11:30, rds at 12:00-3:15-6:30.

**February 1 and 8, Elmhurst CC, 4-SS, game/50.** Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Prizes to 1st, 2nd, u-1900, u-1700, u-1500, u-1300 (90% of EFs). EF \$18, club members \$14. Reg 6-6:45 2/1, two rounds at 7 each Sunday. Roger Birkeland, rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**February 7, Illinois Elementary Class, Hadley JHS, 240 Hawthorne, Glen Ellyn.** EF \$15 per player by 1/30, \$20 by 2/4, advance only, no registration at site. Info or messages: 630-469-3630 (anytime) or 630-790-6450 (school hours).

**February 7-8, Chicago CC Winter 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 \$30; juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants (by 2/2) \$25. \$\$\$550 b/25: \$160-\$120-\$90, u-2000 \$80, u-1800 \$60, u-1600 \$40. Book prize to biggest upset. Reg closes 9:30 Saturday, rds at 10-2-6, 10-4. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**February 8, ICA board meeting.** Call ICA secretary or ChessPhone (near the date) for venue and other information.

**February 13-15 or 14-15, U.S. Amateur Team Championship Midwest, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day schedule rounds 1-2 G/90)** Hyatt Regency Oak Brook Hotel, 1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL 60521 (exit I-88 at 22nd St, adjacent to Oak Brook Mall Shopping Center). Open to 4-player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings as of the 1997 annual list) must be under 2200. A player

rated more than 1000 points below the next higher rating will be treated as though rated exactly 1000 points below for the purpose of computing team average. EF 3-day \$95, 2-day \$96 if postmarked by 2/1, \$120 at the site. Scholastic teams 3-day \$80, 2-day \$81 by 2/1, \$100 at the site. Plaque plus 4 USCF GameTime digital clocks to top team, plaque plus 4 BHB clocks to 2nd-3rd place teams. 4 BHB clocks each to top teams with average rating below 2000, below 1800, below 1600, below 1400 and below 1200. Trophy and certificates to top team in each state with 4 or more teams entered in each of the following categories with 4 or more teams entered: company, family, college, high school (9-12), middle school (6-9), elementary school (K-6), junior (under age 20), and senior (over age 50). Scholastic teams must be from the same school if local or from the same city if traveling more than 50 miles. USCF GameTime digital clock for top player on each board 1 to 4. Special prize for best team name. Reg 5-7 pm Friday, 8-9 am Saturday. Roster changes after Thursday will require a \$24 late fee. Players may register as individuals for \$25 by 2/1, \$30 after and form teams at the site. You must be here 30 minutes before the close of registration to be assured a team assignment. Rds: 3-day 8, 10:30-5:30, 10-4:15, 2-day 10:30-2 and merges with 3-day for rd 3 at 5:30. HR \$89 single or double, 630-573-1234. You must reserve by 1/31 and ask for the Chess Rates. For more information or help in forming teams call Senior Master Richard Verber, 630-435-0049 or email Alan@Losoff.com. Ent: U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Rte 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553, Attention U.S. Amateur Team Midwest. 914-562-8350 or 1-800-388-KING.

**February 14, ICCA "State" Individuals HS Championship, Bloom Trail HS.**

**February 14, Jensen, location TBA.**

**February 14, Glenn Invitational, Normal.**

**February 21, Tuley Park Quick #3, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619.** 4-SS game/25, or 5-SS game/20, or 6-SS game/17. EF \$12, u-19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-

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**February 21, Hampton Inn Mid-Winter Open, 4-SS, game/80.** Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 2/13, \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic. \$\$\$150: 50, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$25, u-1200 & unrated \$25. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703, 217-523-7265, tknoel@uis.edu.

**February 28 - March 1, State Elementary Championship, Rockford.** Ralph Sullons, alphs15@aol.com.

**March 7, North Shore Conference Individual HS.**

**March 7, West Suburban Conference Meet HS.**

**March 7-8, Cheap Shot Open, Holiday Inn, 1250 Roosevelt Rd (Rt 38), Glen Ellyn, just east of I-355.** Three sections: HUSTLER: 4-SS, 40/2, SD/1, open to over 1799, no unr. EF \$40.25 by 3/2, \$50 at site. \$\$\$350-150-80, 2000-2099 \$125-75, u-2000 \$40. Swindle: trophy. Rds 10-4:15, 9:30-3:45. STING: 4-SS, 40/100, SD/1, open to 1400-1999 & unr. EF \$35.50 by 3/2, \$40 at site. \$\$ 200-100-75, 1700-1799 \$90-60, 1600-1699 \$90-60, u-1600 or unr \$40. Swindle: trophy. Rds 10-4:15, 9:30-3:45. SHILL: 5-SS, 40/90, SD/30, open to u-1600. EF \$12.75 by 3/2, \$20 at site. \$\$100-65-35, 1300-1399 \$30, 1200-1299 \$30. Trophies to best 1100-1199, 1000-1099, u-1000, 2nd u-1000, unrated, best swindle. ALL: Reg 8:45-9:35 3/7. Drawing Sunday 3:30, win entry to IL Open or IL Class. Lawrence Cohen, PO Box 6632, Villa Park 60181. 630-834-2477.

**March 8, Elmhurst CC Quad, 3-RR in 4-player sections, game/35, room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst.** EF \$16, club members \$12. \$\$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:50 pm, round 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, rogerdb9@mail.idt.net.

**March 14, Deer Path JHS, Lake Forest.**

**March 14-15, Midway Spring Class Championships, Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S Cicero, Oak Lawn 60453, 708-425-7800.** 5-SS, rds 1-3 game/120, rds 4-5 40/120, SD/60. \$\$\$5000 guaranteed. Six sections. MASTER: \$400-200-100-100-50. EXPERT: \$400-200-100-100-50. CLASS A: \$400-200-100-100-50. CLASS B: \$400-200-100-100-50. CLASS C: \$400-200-100-100-50. D/E/BELOW: \$350-200-100-50-50, trophies to top 5 u-1000. Unrated prize added if 5

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**March 20-21, IHSA State HS Team, Normal.**

**March 21, Tuley Park Quick #4, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/25, or 5-SS game/20, or 6-SS game/17. EF \$12, u-19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.**

**March 22, Elmhurst CC Mini-Tour (tentative).**

**March 22, ICA Awards Banquet.** Details to be announced.

**March 26-29, National Open, Las Vegas.**

**March 28, Bloomington Swiss, 4 rd swiss, G/80. Lincoln Leisure Center (formerly Abraham Lincoln School) 1206 S. Lee St., Bloomington, IL 61701. For info: Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal, IL 61761-0157. 309-454-3842. Schoolstreeter@MSN.com.**

**April 11, Tuley Park Big Quick #2, Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.**

**April 24-26, USCF National Elementary Championship, Peoria.**

**April 25, Hampton Inn Spring Open, Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703, 217-523-7265, tknoel@uis.edu.**

**May 1-3, USCF National Junior High Championship, Phoenix AZ.**

**May 2, Tuley Park Quick #6, Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.**

**May 8-10, USCF National High School Championship, Los Angeles.**

**May 16, Bloomington Swiss, 4 rd swiss, G/80. Lincoln Leisure Center (formerly Abraham Lincoln School) 1206 S. Lee St., Bloomington, IL 61701. For info: Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal, IL 61761-0157. 309-454-3842. Schoolstreeter@MSN.com.**

**May 22-25, Chicago Open, Oak Brook. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**May 30, Tuley Park Quick #7, Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.**

**June 20, Hampton Inn Summer Open, Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S**

**Fourth, Springfield 62703, 217-523-7265, tknoel@uis.edu.**

**June 27, Tuley Park Big Quick #3, Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.**

**July 18, Bloomington Swiss, 4 rd swiss, G/80. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal, IL 61761-0157. 309-454-3842. Schoolstreeter@MSN.com.**

**July 18-19, 4th Annual Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn. Hector Hernandez. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**July 25, Tuley Park Quick #9, Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.**

**August 1-9, U.S. Open, Kona, Hawaii.**

**August 15, Tuley Park Quick #10, Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.**

**August 22, Third Gresham Open, Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, tknoel@uis.edu.**

**September 5-7, 1998, Illinois Open. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**September 12, 1998, Tuley Park Big Quick #4, Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.**

**October 24, 1998, Hampton Inn Fall Open, Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703, 217-523-7265, tknoel@uis.edu.**

**December 4-6, 1998, USCF National K-12 Scholastic Grade Championships, Oak Brook.**

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**FIDE Master Albert Chow**  
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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**  
meets, and holds frequent USCF events, Sun. 6 p.m.-midnight, Rm 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birke-land 630•832-1754. rogerb9@mail.idt.net

**Evanston Township HS Chess Club**  
1600 Dodge, Evanston, 60204. Ken

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**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 Warrentville 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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**Hardee's Eureka Chess Club**  
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**Lake County Chess Association**  
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sponsors the Mid-America Class Championships and brings national tournaments to the Chicago area. 811 Elrose Ct., Crest Hill, IL 60435. 815•723-9453.

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**Oak Park/River Forest Chess Club**  
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**Park Forest Chess Club**  
meets Thursdays 7 to 10 p.m., Freedom Hall, Orchard and Lakewood, Park Forest. Larry Cohen. 630•834-2477.

**Rudy Lozano Library Chess Club**  
Tues. 6-8 p.m. Rudy Lozano Branch (CPL) 1805 S. Loomis, Chicago, Hector Hernandez. 312•746-4329.

**Smythe Dakota Competitions**  
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**St. Charles Chess Club**  
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**The South Suburban Chess Club**  
of Greater Chicago Fri. 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Lutheran Church, 5100 W 115th St, Alsip. Joe Bannon, 773•445-0631.

**Springfield Chess Club**  
Tom Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield. 217•523-7265.

**Strategic Thinking**  
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**Tuley Park Chess Club**  
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**West Middle School Chess Club**  
1900 N Rocktoon Av, Rockford 61103. Ralph Sullons, 815•966-3220.

**Wild Onion Chess Club**  
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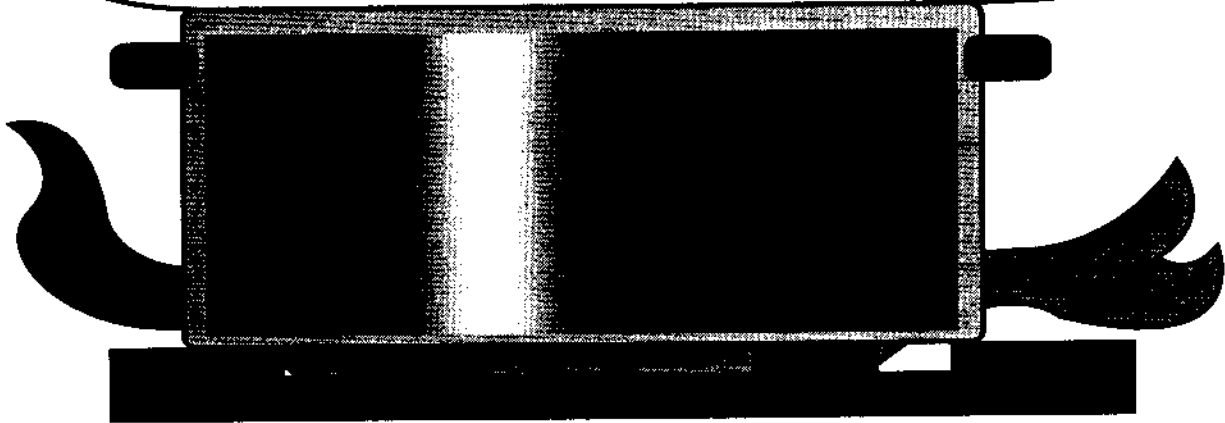
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