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# Elmhurst Chess Club

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## 2 ICA Tour Mini-events

### *ICA Banquet Mini-Tour*

**Sunday March 22**



3 rounds, Game/45. **Room 030, Elmhurst College Library**, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 2 Sections: Open & Under 1600. Prizes—Open: 1st, 2nd, U2000, U1800. U1600 section: 1st, 2nd, U1400. 85% of entries returned as prizes. EF: \$12 ECC members and anyone who attends the ICA Banquet, \$16 others. **Reg. 5-5:40 pm. Round 1 at 5:45. NOTE THE STARTING TIME—this is to coordinate with the end of the ICA Banquet, which will be held at Stevens Steak House in Elmhurst, just 5 minutes away!**

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**Saturday March 28**

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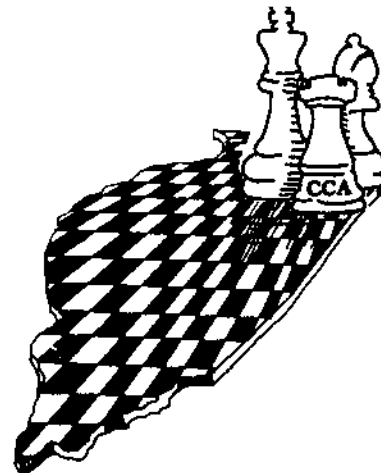
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# 1998: A Good Year for Chess

## ICA Awards Banquet 1998

As previously reported, the 1998 ICA Awards Banquet will take place on March 22nd. Full details are provided on page 22. I would like to congratulate all the 1997 ICA tour winners, and thank all the players who supported our events last year. The reader will find complete coverage of the Tour beginning on the facing page.

## ICA Non-Profit Mailing Permit

January of this year saw our Association receive its special non-profit mailing permit which will allow us substantial savings in postage expenses, particularly in the mailing of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. The process took some time. I wish to thank ICA Secretary Josh Flores, Bill Naff, Vince Berry and everybody who contributed in some way to secure this important permit.

## 1998: ICA Election Year

This year is an election year for ICA Executive positions. If you would like

to know more about the election process, please call Secretary Josh Flores. Mr. Flores will be very happy to tell you how to nominate someone, including yourself, for office. I wish to take this

## President's Podium

opportunity to encourage some of our younger organizers and players to become more involved with the affairs of the Illinois Chess Association.

## Tournament Bids

The ICA is asking tournament organizers that may be interested in running the 1998 Illinois Open and the 1998 Illinois Class to submit their bids as soon as possible. Bids should be submitted to me or Secretary Josh Flores.

## 1998 ICA Chessathon?

This year the US Chess Federation has expressed interest in helping organize chessathons in several cities besides New York. Chicago is one of those cit-

ies where such an endeavor could take place in early June. The basic idea of the chessathon is to introduce the game to a large number of children. The children play in a simultaneous exhibition against a master or a strong player, get a one year scholastic membership and a paper board all for the basic entry fee. Higher entry fees offer the above plus pieces, a poster, and a tee-shirt. Interest and enthusiasm exists within the Chicago Public Schools. More details later.

## Volunteers Wanted

A number of public libraries are actively seeking chess players who can teach chess to children. This is a very rewarding activity. As little time as four hours a month would be helpful. If you would like more information about this possibility, please call me at (312) 746-4329.

Good chess to all!

—Hector Hernandez, President  
*Illinois Chess Association*

## Meet me at the Banquet!

### ICA Banquet

Like many of the readers of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*, I have never attended the ICA banquet.

This year I'm very much looking forward to it. I want to congratulate the Tour winners, take some photos of chess players relaxing, admire the amusing antics, and most of all I want to talk to ICB readers about what they like and don't like about the magazine, what they'd like to see in the future and what they can do without. I'd like to button-hole a few people and ask them to write an article or annotate a game. I'd like a few people to promise to bring a camera to the next

tournament they play in. I'd love to discover an artist or two.

And I don't mind not having to cook that day—see you there!

## Editor's Notebook

### Square One

It is with great disappointment that I report the resignation of Roy Frye as editor of *Square One*, the ICA Junior Chess News bulletin. Roy's resignation came shortly before the ICB deadline, so there has been no time yet to search for a replacement.

Temporarily I am serving as interim

*Square One* editor, but we eagerly want someone who can devote him- or herself exclusively to junior chess. Doing all 64 pages of this magazine is simply too much for me and is the cause of delay in the completion of this issue. I am just one person!

I urge people involved in junior chess, both adults and juniors themselves, to consider working with *Square One*. There is lots of work to do even for someone with only a few hours per issue to contribute.

There are more details about applying to work for *Square One* on page 34.

—M.L. Rantala, Editor  
*Illinois Chess Bulletin*

# The 1997 ICA Tour: Chow Strikes Again!

by Bill Smythe, ICA Tourmeister

Will anyone ever be able to stop Albert Chow as ICA Tour winner? Osman Palos gave it a good try this year, but foiled his own effort by moving to California in the late summer. As a result, Chow pulled away from the field with 176.3 Tour points in the Master class, ahead of Palos's 142.6. Steve Szpisjak followed with 118.5. Enrico Scvillano pulled his act together just a bit too late in the year, finishing out of the money with 84 points and fourth place.

Familiar names also popped up in the Expert Class, where Larry Cohen and Kevin Bachler delivered the one-two punch. Brad Watts just missed Expert honors by finishing third.

But wait—some of the familiar names played musical chairs in class A. Here Daniel Modes was first, but Watts and Cohen traded places for the old two-three. The moral, proved by both Watts and Cohen: If you play up a class, or play in single-section tournaments, you can earn Tour points in more than one class.

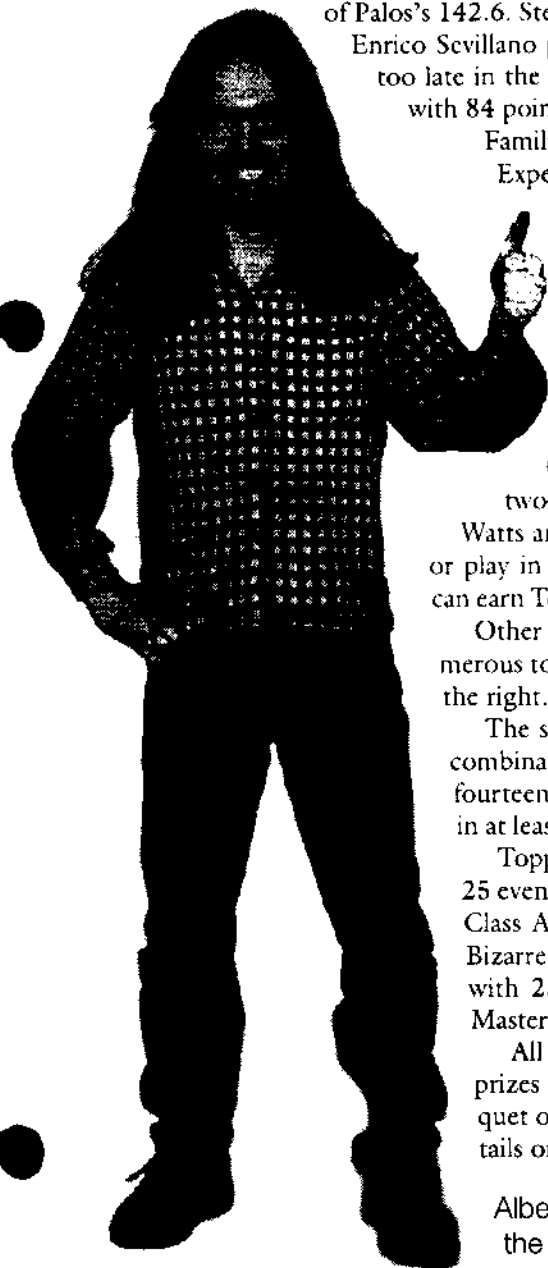
Other class winners, while not too numerous to mention, are listed in the box at the right.

The secret to success on the Tour is a combination of excellence and activity. All fourteen of this year's cash winners played in at least six Tour events during the year.

Topping off the most-active list, with 25 events, were Brad Watts of Expert and Class A fame, and your Tourmeister of Bizarre Corner infamy. Closely following with 23 events were two of the three Master winners, Chow and Szpisjak.

All Tour winners will receive their prizes at the annual ICA Awards Banquet on March 22 in Elmhurst. See details on page 22. ♣

Albert Chow, left, once again the ICA's Tour winner.



## Tour Winners

Category	Points	Prize
<b>Master</b>		
CHOW, Albert C .....	176.3	\$350
PALOS, Osman .....	142.6	250
SZPISJAK, Steven J.....	118.5	150
<b>Expert</b>		
COHEN, Lawrence S .....	94.0	\$160
BACHLER, Kevin L.....	82.0	80
<b>Class A</b>		
MODES, Daniel R.....	89.8	\$130
WATTS, Bradley S.....	83.5	65
<b>Class B</b>		
BAUMGARTNER, Chris....	75.5	\$100
ROBLEDO, Mark Jr.....	62.5	50
<b>Class C</b>		
WACHTER, Tom W .....	88.0	\$70
AKHMETOV, Artem .....	69.8	35
<b>Class D</b>		
REDDIVARI, Dushyanth....	69.2	\$40
SEIBEL, Dennis .....	54.0	20
<b>Class E</b>		
RODRIGUEZ, Jose A Jr ...	49.5	\$25

## Chow on Chow

Tour winner Albert Chow has selected two games from the Tour to share with ICB readers. About the first game, he notes, "The first tour event of 1997 was the Tim Just Winter Open. The race for first and second was decided in Round 4, Board 1 when I faced the

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# Games from the 1997 Tour

*Examples of how the 1997 ICA Tour winners got to the top*

## Osman Palos Master Class, 2nd Place

*Before he left for California, Osman Palos played in the Illinois Open, losing only to the winner, GM Wojtkiewicz.*

**Bill Brock**  
**IM Osman Palos**  
Illinois Open, 1997  
Sicilian Kan

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0  
Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.c4 Be7 9.Nc3  
Nbd7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 g6  
12.Rac1 Nh5!? 13.f4 Bf6  
14.Nc2 Bg7 15.Ne3 d5?!  
16.Ncxd5?! exd5 17.cxd5  
Nxf4?!?! 18.Qd2! Qd6

19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rxf4 Ne5  
21.Nc4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 Nxd3  
23.Qxd3 b5 24.Qe3 Qxc3  
25.Nxe3 Ra7 26.g4 Re7  
27.Kg2 h6 28.h4 Rd8 29.a3  
Rde8 30.d6 Re5 31.Rc7 Be6  
32.b4 Rd8 33.Rc6 Ra8  
34.Kg3 a5 35.Nd5 axb4  
36.axb4 Ra3 37.Rf3?? Rxf3+!  
38.Kxf3 Rxd5 39.Rb6 Rd4  
40.Kc3 Rxb4 41.g5 hg 42.hg  
Rb1 43.e5 b4 0-1 ♚

## Albert Chow Master Class, 1st Place

*Continued from the previous page*

veteran Bosnian International Master Osman Palos.”

**Albert Chow**  
**Osman Palos IM**  
Bogo Indian Defense [E11]  
Winter Open (4), 1997  
*Notes by Albert Chow*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3  
Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.a3  
Be7 6.e4 d6

Black retains his bishop pair but loses a tempo in retreat, allowing White's pawns to gain a foothold in the center. Perhaps Black wanted to transpose the central play to the risky hypermodern style of

the controversial King's Indian.  
7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 e5 9.d5

Gaining more time and space.

9...Nb8 10.b4 c6 11.h3 b6  
12.Re1 cxd5 13.cxd5 Ne8  
14.Nf1 g6

Black's minor pieces are cramped behind White's pawn wedge, d5-e4. Little pawn moves have a big impact on longterm strategy. 14...f5 15. ef Bf5 16.Bf5 Rf5 17.Ng3 weakens the target light squares.

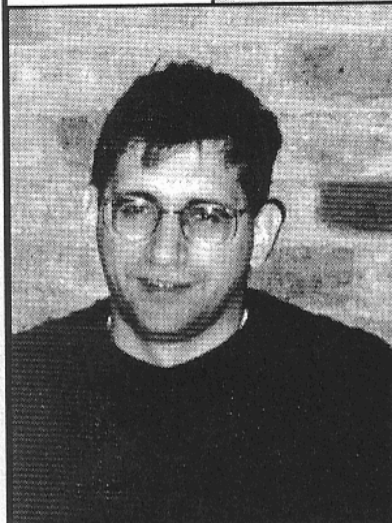
15.Bh6 Ng7 16.Qd2 Ba6  
17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Rac1  
Qd7

Sooner or later Palos

### Other Master Class winners

Right:  
Osman Palos,  
Second Place

Below:  
Steven Szpisjak,  
Third Place



Steve is also one of the country's most active TDs! See page 29.

## Steve Szpisjak Master Class, 3rd Place

*In this game from the Illinois Class (where he placed third), Steve beat a higher-rated player in a time scramble.*

**A. Base (2320)**  
**S. Szpisjak (2270)**  
Illinois Class, 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.Qxc7 c6 19.Bb3 Qa6  
20.Qc7 Bd7 21.c4 cxd5  
22.cxd5 b6 23.Re1 Rc8  
24.Qd6 Rfd8 25.b5 Bxb5

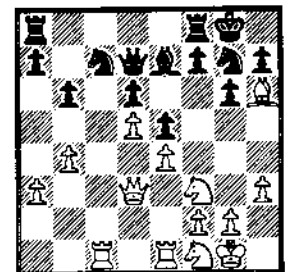
needed to try to develop his queenside.

19.Qd3

Not only is Black's bishop bad, but both knights lack decent central squares.

19...Nc7

26.Qa3 Re8 27.Bb2 Nd7  
28.Qd6 Bf8 29.Bxf6+ Nxf6  
30.Qxf6+ Bg7 31.Qh4 Bxa1  
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.Re7 Kh8  
41.Qxb5 f3 [And Black shortly won in a mutual time scramble.] 0-1 ♚



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# Larry Cohen Expert, 1st Place

*Larry Cohen draws with one of Illinois's strongest masters—or does he?*

**Larry Cohen (1952)**  
**Steve Szpsijak (2322)**  
Lisle Plus-Score Mini-Tour  
Game in 60 minutes  
*Notes by Larry Cohen*

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2  
Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e3 0-0  
6.Nge7 e5 7.0-0 c6

The question when dealing with a fianchetto bishop is whether or not to contest or block the diagonal.

8.d4

After numerous lessons (i.e. losses) I have made this an almost automatic response to Black's c6-move.

8...Ndb7

Another idea might be to play Na6 and Nc7 to play into something like a Dutch set up. Somewhere in a past ICB was a game where I lose to Dr. Martinowsky in a similar type of set-up.

9.Rb1 a5 10.b3 Re8 11.e4  
Qb6 12.de5 de5

Forced, as Ne5 losses the d-pawn.

13.Be3 Qb4

If c5, then Na4 is playable, but even more dangerous is giving White the outposts for the knight on d5 and b5.

14.Qc1

Thinking about trading the bishops, and possibly playing f4 and recapturing with the knight.

14...Ng4

This holds the h6-square, threatens to trade off the knight for the bishop, and opens up the f-file for a pawn push.

15.Bd2 Qf8 7.0-0 c6

An immediate f5 could leave some very big holes on Black's kingside.

16.h3 Nh6

Adding strength to the f5 push that is coming

17.Be3 !?

This ends up wasting time as White never does anything on the d-file. Better would have been either g4 to fight against Black's f5, or f4! which threatens f5 and even fe5.

17...f5 18.Na4

No way am I going to take in this position! The move f4 is not a threat and Na4 encourages fe4.

18...fe4 19.Be4 Nf5

We are both starting to feel the pressure of the time control. Nf6 attacking the bishop and developing the light-square bishop after Bg2 would seem to be reasonable, but Black would have to be leary of g4 followed by g5 by White.

20.Bg5 h6

Although this gets the bishop for the knight, it greatly weakens Black's kingside.

21.Be3 Ne3 22.fe3 Qd6

This is forced to protect the weak g-pawn.

23.Qc2 Nf8

This not only protects the pawn, but develops the bishop. If Black had tried g5, then White could proceed to play g4, Ng3, and post the knight.

24.c5 !?

Maybe g4 to limit the bishop would have been better. I thought that Nb6 allowed Bh6, with Na8 Bf1, Rf1 Ra8 losing a pawn. But I missed that instead of Na8 I could play Rf8+! when I win the exchange and am threatening the g-pawn.

24...Qe6

Forced and best, as it helps Black out.

25.g4 Kh7

Added protection for the g-pawn, but moving into a pin can be very dangerous.

26.Nb6 Ra7  
?!

Why not leave the rook on the back rank to recapture after Nc8? Maybe Black was planning to get in the b-pawn push and swing the rook over to the kingside.

27.Rbd8 Qe7 28.Nc8  
Rc8 29.Bg6+!?

After the game I felt that better would have

been Rd6 to force Qe8, and then White can push the kingside pawns with impunity.

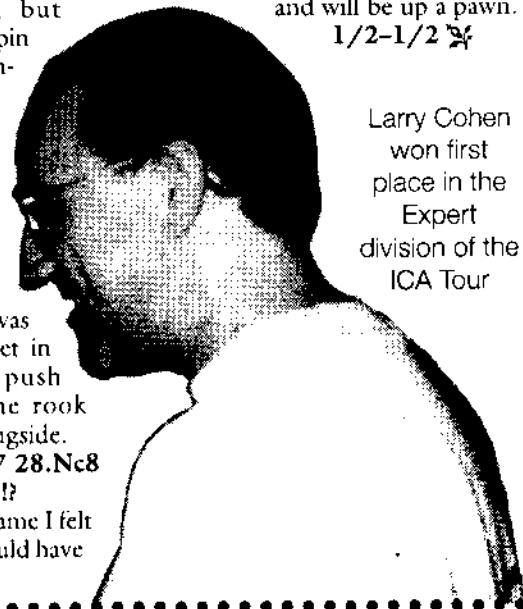
29...Ng6 30.Rd6 Qg5

I had overlooked this move. Now I can not play h4 as the g-pawn hangs with check.

31.Qe4

Here I offered a draw as I thought that Rf8 to trade the rooks would dissipate my attack. However, after the trade, h4 wins back the piece! Moreover, I still have a nice attack and will be up a pawn.

1/2-1/2 ♫



Larry Cohen won first place in the Expert division of the ICA Tour

# Kevin Bachler Expert, 2nd Place

*Kevin Bachler demonstrates the downside to a currently popular variation.*

**Kevin Bachler (2160)**  
**Bisi Tubic (2150)**

Sicilian Defense [B33]  
FVNC July Saturday Tour  
*Notes by Kevin Bachler*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4  
cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5  
6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3  
b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5

This line isn't seen quite as much these days. 10...Bg7 seems to be more popular

11.Bd3 Be6 12.0-0 Bg7

An alternative is 12...Bxd5

13.Qh5

Given ! by Krasenkov.

13...f4 14.c4 b4

Krasenkov gives 14...bxc4 as best, with 15 Bxc4 00 16 Racl Rab8 17 b3 Qd7 18 Rfd1 Kh8 19 Qh4 leading to an edge for White. He says that after

14...b4 "Black now has no counterplay, while White can attack either on the queenside (a2-a3), in the center (c4-c5), or on the kingside (g2-g3).

15.Nc2 Rb8 16.b3 Bxd5  
17.exd5 Ne7 18.Rae1 Ng6  
19.Nd4± Qf6 20.Nc6

The real point is that from here the knight pressures the Black center at e5.

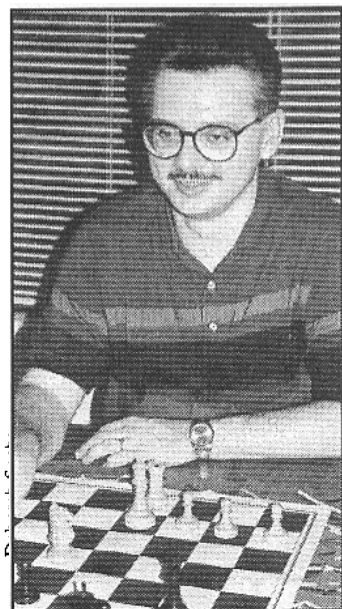
20...Rb7 21.c5! dxc5 22.Bxa6  
Rc7 23.Bd3 0-0 24.Nxe5+  
Ra8 25.Nc4 Rd8 26.d6 Ra7  
27.Qxc5 Rxa2 28.Qf5 Qc3  
29.d7 Raa8 30.Nd6 Rf8  
31.Re8 Qf6 32.Qxf6 Bxf6  
33.Bc4 Ne5 34.Bb5 Rd8  
35.Nc4 Bg7 36.Rd1 h6 37.Nc5  
Threatening Nb7.

Kevin Bachler, second in the Expert division

37...Nxd7 38.Rxf8+ Bxf8  
39.Nxd7 Kg7 40.g3 fxg3  
41.hxg3 Be7 42.Rd3 Ra8 43.Ne5

Due to a sudden death time control and some mutual time pressure, where Tubic was in a bit more of a time crunch,

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# Dan Modes Class A, 1st Place

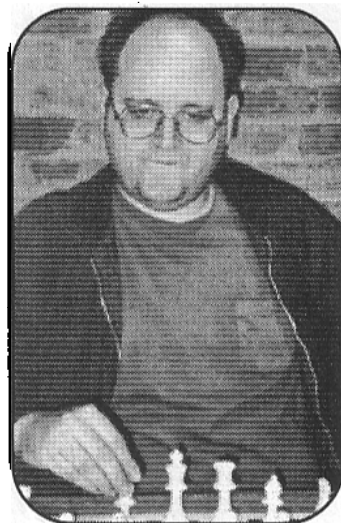
*Dan Modes waits to exhale...*

**Dan Modes**  
**Bill Turner**  
Mid-America Class  
*Notes by Dan Modes*

1.e4 c5 2.c3

I'm one of many players who find this a sound way to avoid the interesting but staggering complexities of conventional Sicilians.

2...d5 3.dxd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 e6 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.0-0



Bradley Watts

## Bachler

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Black elects to play on.

43...Ra5 44.Nc6 Ra1+ 45.Kg2 Bc5 46.Bc4 Ra2 47.Rf3 f6 48.Nd8 Bb6 49.Ne6+ Kg6 50.Nf4+ Kg5 51.Nd5 Bc5 52.Nxf6 Bd4 53.Ne4+ Kg6 54.Rd3 Bc5 55.Kh3 Kf5 56.Rd2 Ra1 57.Nd6+ Kf6 58.f4 Bc3 59.Ne4+ Kf5 60.Nxc3 bxc3 61.Rc2 Rh1+ 62.Kg2 Rd1 63.Kf2 h5 64.Rxc3 Rd2+ 65.Be2 h4 66.Rc5+ Ke4 67.Rc4+ Kf5 68.gxh4 Rb2 69.b4 Rb3 70.h5 Rh3 71.b5 Rb3 72.Rc6 Kxf4 73.h6 Rh3 74.Rf6+ Ke5

And after several more moves were blitzed off, White won. 1-0

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Bxc3

A regular advantage for White in this line is giving Black the choice of losing time or giving up the two bishops.

10.bxc3 Nf6

Looks natural, but ...

11.Ba3

I think this surprised my opponent a bit; keeping the king in the center has to be good.

11...Rd8 12.Qc2 b6

13.Qa4 Nd7 14.Rfe1 Qa5

15.Qxc6 Qxa3

The bishop is gone, but now there's a pin and an open c-file.

16.Ne5 Bxe2 17.Rc2 Qe7  
18.Qb5 Qd6 19.Nc4 Qe7  
20.d5 Qc5 21.dxe

A surprise. I'm not sure if Black found the best continuation, but if he allows the knight fork on d6 I think I pick up a pawn somewhere and his pawns are weak, also.

21...fxe 22.Re6+ Kf7  
23.Qxc5 Nxc5 24.Rc6  
Rhe8 25.Rc7+ Rc7  
26.Ne5+

This knight is amazingly versatile.

26...Kf6

Black loses more material in any event; the rest is a matter of technique, although that in itself doesn't necessarily guarantee anything in my case.

27.Rxe7 Rc8 28.Rxa7 Kxe5  
29.Rxg7 Nd3 30.Rxh7  
Rxc3 31.Rh3 Ke4 32.Rc3+  
Kd4 33.Rd1 Ke4 34.R3xd3



Falde

Dan Modes

Rxd3 35.Rxd3 Kxd3 36.h4  
Ke4 37.h5 Kf5 38.g4+ Kg5  
39.f4+ Kh6 40.Kf2 1-0

Ah! Now I can exhale. ♫

# Bradley Watts Class A, 2nd Place

*A classic kingside attack*

**Bradley Watts (1800)**

**Y. Kleban (2073)**

CCC Plus Score 08/17, 97

*Notes by NM Alan Watson*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5

4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2  
Bb5 7.dxc5

Tournament practice has shown that the only move which lays problems in Black's path is 7.c4!

7...Bxc5 8.0-0 Bxe2

9.Qxe2 Nc6

Much better was 9...a5 which maintains his well-developed pieces on their present squares. White now gains the initiative.

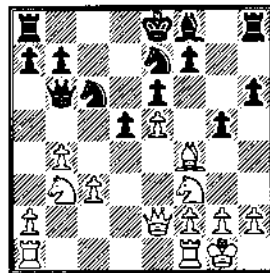
10.b4 Bf8 11.Bf4 Nge7

12.Nbd2 h6 13.Nb3 g5?



*Congratulations to  
all the Tour Winners!*

As of press time, no game or photo of Dennis Seibel, 2nd place in Class D, was available.



The future course of the game will adequately demonstrate why this is a dangerous

idea. With the king's wing compromised there will be no security for Black's monarch.

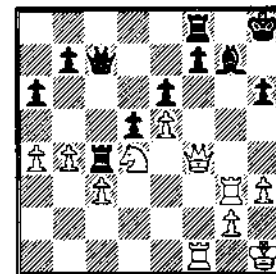
14.Bg3 Ng6 15.Rfe1 Bg7  
16.h3 Qc7 17.Rac1 0-0  
18.Nbd4

Other interesting ideas were 18.c4 to embarrass Black's queen and the knight maneuver 18.Nh2, Ng4 targeting f6.

18...a6 19.a4 Rfc8 20.Qe3  
Qb6 21.Qd3 Nxd4  
22.Nxd4 Ne7 23.Kh1 Rc4  
24.f4!

Finally!

24...gxf4 25.Bxf4 Ng6  
26.Qe3 Nxf4 27.Qxf4 Qc7  
28.Rc3 Rc8 29.Rf1 Rf8  
30.Rg3 Kh8



31.Rxg7!

Black's position falls apart rapidly after this, the king's most reliable defender, falls under the sword.

31...Kxg7 32.Qf6+ Kh7  
33.Nxc6 Rg8 34.Nxc7 1-0 ♫

# Chris Baumgartner

## Class B, 1st Place

*Chris Baumgartner had a number of possible games to chose from—he was one of the most active participants on the Tour.*

**Chris Baumgartner (1742)**  
**Rudy Padilla (1523)**  
 Illinois Open 30 Aug 97  
*Notes by Chris Baumgartner*

1.d4 e5?!  
 Black gives up a pawn. I'm not convinced Black can get it back, but sharp tactical positions can ensue.  
 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3  
 It's important not to play 3.Bf4 immediately because it weakens the pawn at b2. Also White might be forced to play e3 at some point and White's dark-squared bishop won't be able to get back into the fight on the queenside.  
 3...Qe7 4.Qd5 Nb4?  
 Jim Soltis recommends 4...f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.Qb3. 5.Qb3 h6 6.Nc3 c6 7.a3 Na6

Black's sixth move, c6, looked good as he was trying

to keep control over d5 and not let White's knight come to that square. However, it only forces Black's misplaced knight on b4 to become even more displaced on a6.

8.Ne4 Qe6  
 Black seems short of options so he exchanges queens.  
 9.Qxe6+ fxe6  
 10.Nd6+ Bxd6?  
 11.exd6

I believe 10...Bxd6 was an error because it helps to undouble White's e-pawns and now Black has great difficulty in developing his queen bishop.  
 11...Nf6 12.b4 0-0 13.Bb2 b6 14.c3 Ne4 15.Rd1 Bb7 16.Be2 Rad8 17.0-0 c5 18.b5

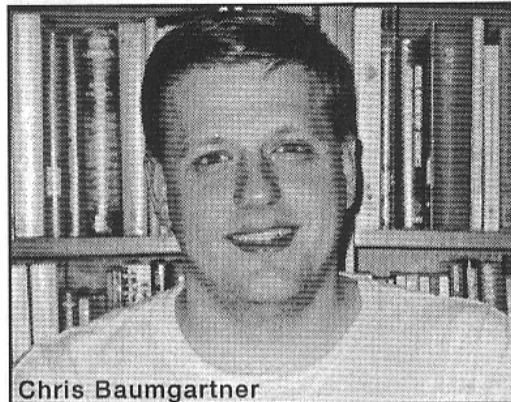
It would not make sense to help Black bring his knight into

the game.  
 18...Nb8 19.Ne5  
 Now Black's weaknesses on the light squares on the kingside become apparent.  
 19...a6 20.Ng6 Rf7  
 21.Ne7+Kh8 22.Bh5 Rdf8  
 23.Ng6+ Kh7 24.Nxf8+ Rxf8 25.a4 Bd5 26.Be2 Nxd6 27.Be5 Ne4 28.c4 Bb7 29.Bxb8 Rxb8

32.Bc2 axb5 33.axb5 e5  
 34.Ra1  
 White controls both of the open files.  
 34...Be4  
 "I don't think trading pieces would be prudent at this juncture." to paraphrase George Bush.  
 35.Bxe4 Nxe4 36.R1a7 g5 37.f3 Nf6 38.Rg7+ Kh8

Or Black loses his knight on f6 with 38...Kf8 39.Rg7+ and 40.Rxf6.  
 39.Rg6 Ng8 40.Rc6 h5 41.Rxe5 Nf6  
 42.Rxg5 Re8 43.e4 h4 44.Rb7 Ra8  
 45.Rxb6 Nh7  
 46.Ra6 Rc8 47.Rd5 Rg8 48.b6 h3 49.g3 Ng5 50.Kf2?

I'm sure there were other errors for me in the game, but this struck me as the most obvious. After 50.Rxg5 Rxg5 51.b7 Black's only move is Rf8 then 52.Ra8 wins.  
 50...Rf8? 51.Rxg5 1-0 ♫



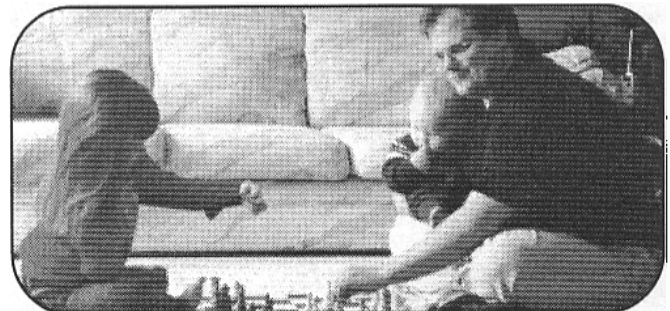
Chris Baumgartner

Black's rook is out of play, and White is up the exchange. Time to go for the kill!  
 30.Rxd7 Nc3 31.Bd3+ Kg8

# Tom Wachter

## Class C, 1st Place

*About this game, Tom says, "This win enabled me to score 4-1/2 out of 5 for a second place finish at the Midwest Class."*



Wachter

**Tom Wachter**  
**R. Chokkalingham**  
 Midwest Class Nov 2, 1997  
 Pirc Defense

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bg5 Nd7 8.h3 Ngf6 9.Qd2 c5 10.0-0-0 cxd 11.Nxd4 a6 12.h4 b5 13.h5 Nc5 14.hxg f6 15.Bf3 Bb7 16.b4 Ncxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Ne6 Qc8 20.Nxf8 Qxf8 21.f3 Bf4

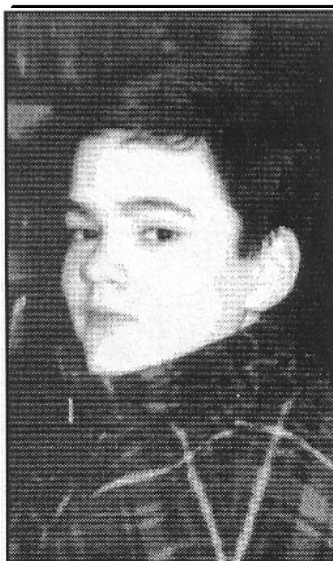
Tom Wachter 'playing chess' with daughter Shannon while holding his son Matthew.

22.Bxe7! Qxe7 23.Qd5+ Kf8 24.Qxa8+ Kf7 25.Rhe1 Qc7 26.Qd5+ Kf8 27.Qxd6+ Qxd6 28.Rxd6 Bc3 29.Re2 Bxb4 30.Rxa6 Kg7 31.g4 Bc8 32.Ra7+ Kf6 33.Rxh7 Bd6 34.Ra7 b4 35.Re8 Be6 36.Ra6 Be7 37.Rb8 Bc5 38.g5+ Kc5 39.Re8 resigns ♫

# Artem Akhmetov

## Class C, 2nd Place

*Black exploits White's inaccuracies in a nice display of positional understanding*



Artem Akhmetov

Akhmetov

**Jahedi Salar**  
**Artem Akhmetov**  
 1997 Illinois Open  
 Italian Game

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.h3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.c3 Nxe4 8.Rxe4 d5 9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.Re1 e4 11.Nh2 Ne5 12.d4 exd 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Na3 Bf5 15.Nc2 Nc4 16.Ne3 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 c5 18.Nf1 e4 19.Bd2 Bd7 20.b3 b5 21.Ne3 Qc5 22.b4 Qe5 23.Nf1 Qf5 24.Ne3 Qe5 25.Nf1 Qf6 26.Qh5 Bc6 27.Rab1 Qg6 28.Qxg6 hxg 29.Nh2 Rfe8 30.Nf3 Bxf3 31.gxf f6 32.f4 Kf7 33.Kg2 f5 34.Kg3 g5 35.Kf3 Bxf4 36.Bxf4 gxf 37.Kf4 g6 38.h4 Rxe1 39.Rxe1 Re8 0-1 ♫

# Jose A. Rodriguez, Jr. Class E, 1st Place

*Rodriguez exhibits positional skill beyond his years*

**Jose Rodriguez, Jr. (1060)**  
**Will Ferguson (1275)**

Queen's Gambit Declined  
Holiday Classic, Dec, 1997  
*Notes by Hector Hernandez*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 e6  
4.Nf3 d5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bd3  
Bd7 7.a3 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0  
9.Qc2 Qc7 10.Bd2 Rf8  
11.Nb5

White decides to get rid of  
Black's good bishop.

11...Qb8 12.Nxd6 Qxd6  
13.Qb3 Qc7 14.Ra1 cxd4  
15.exd4 b6 16.Qa2

The queen backs up to al-  
low the b-pawn to advance.

16...Qb7 17.b4 Ne7 18.c5  
b5

This move gives White a  
strong passed and protected  
pawn on c5. Taking on c5  
would give White a three-ro-  
one pawn majority on the  
queenside.

19.Bf4 Ng6 20.Bxg6 fxd6

The basic rule, which one  
need not always follow, is to  
capture toward the center.  
Here Black captures away from

the center, giving himself a  
backward pawn on a half-open  
file.

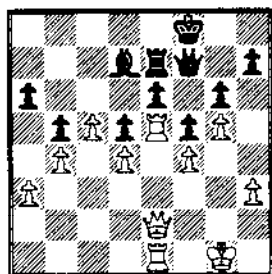
21.h3 Rf8 22.Bd6 Rf7  
23.Ne5

White wins an exchange.

23...Bc6 24.Nxf7 Kxf7  
25.f3

This move keeps the Black  
knight out of the e4-square.

25...Kg8 26.Qe2 Qd7  
27.Be5 Rf8 28.Rf1 Rc8  
29.Bxf6 gxf6 30.f4 Qf7  
31.Rc3 a6 32.Rc3 Bd7 33.g4  
f5 34.g5 Kf8 35.Rc5 Rc7  
36.Rc1 Bc6 37.Rc1 Bd7



38.c6

White offers a pawn sacrifice  
to open the c-file which could  
be used by his heavy artillery to

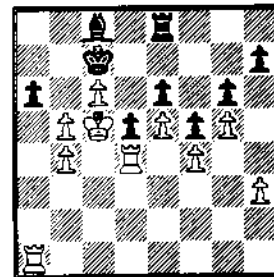


Jose A. Rodriguez, Jr.  
makes his move. For more  
on Jose, see Square One.

infiltrate into enemy territory.  
Black declines the offer.

38...Bc8 39.Rc3 Re8  
40.Rc3 Qc7 41.Qe5 Qxe5  
42.dxe5 Re7

The king is a fighting piece resistance would be futile. ♘



Black resigns, as any further  
resistance would be futile. ♘

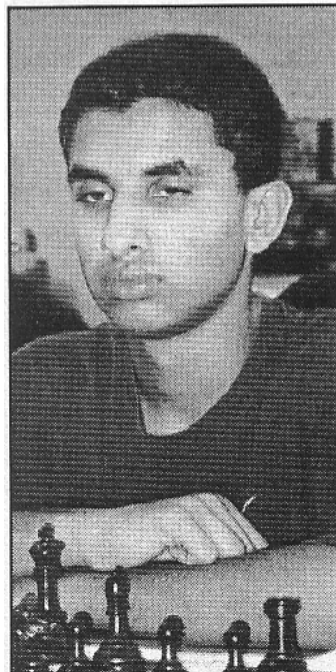
# Dushyanth Reddivari Class D, 1st Place

*In the following upset, junior Dushyanth Reddivari, the  
Tour winner in Class D, beats the winner in Class B.*

**Dushyanth Reddivari**  
**Chris Baumgartner**  
CCC Plus-Score Mini-Tour  
April 5, 1997  
Four Knights Game

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.b3 Nf6  
4.Nc3 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Bb2  
a6 7.Bc4 Be6 8.Nxd5 Bxd5  
9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.O-O O-O  
11.d3 Kb8 12.Re1 Bd6  
13.Ng5 f6 14.Ne4 Bb4 15.Bc3  
Bxc3 16.Nxc3 Qf7 17.a4 Qg6  
18.Rb1 f5 19.b4 e4 20.Re3  
exd3 21.Rxd3 Qf6 22.Nd5  
Qe6 23.b5 axb5 24.axb5 Ne5  
25.Nf4 Qe7 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8  
27.Qe1 Qf6 28.Qa5 g5  
29.Ra1 Kc8 30.Qa8+ Kd7  
31.Rd1+ Ke8 32.Rxd8+ Qxd8  
33.Qxd8+ Kxd8 34.Ne6+ Kd7  
35.Nxg5 h6 36.Nf3 Nxf3+  
37.gxf3 Kd6 38.Kg2 Kc5  
39.Kg3 Kxb5 40.Kf4 Kc4  
41.Kxf5 Kc3 42.Ke6 b5 43.f4  
Kxc2 44.f5 b4 45.f6 b3 46.f7  
b2 47.f8=Q b1=Q 48.Qf5+

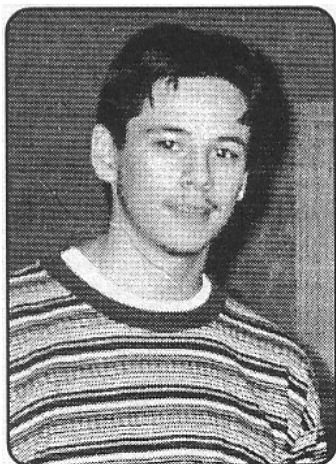
Below: Dushyanth Reddivari



Kc1 49.Qxb1+ Kxb1 50.f4 c5  
51.Kd5 Resigns 1-0 ♘

# Mark Robledo, Jr. Class B, 2nd Place

*One of many talented young players to win on the Tour, Mark  
Robledo, Jr. scores an upset in  
the following game from the  
Illinois Class*



Denise Cheung

**M. Robledo Jr (1800)**  
**V. Tums (2012)**

Illinois Class, 1997  
Sicilian Defense [B22]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3  
Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bf5  
6.Bd3 e6 7.0-0 c6 8.Re1  
Bd6 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.d5!  
Bg4 11.dxe6 Bxf3??  
12.exd7+ +- Kxd7 13.Qxf3  
Qxg5 14.Rad1 Rhe8  
15.Bf5+ Kc7 16.Nb5+ 1-0 ♘

Left: Mark Robledo, Jr.

# Gifts and Games at the Holiday Classic

*Good chess and interesting raffle prizes bring the 1997 ICA Tour to a grand close.*

*by Larry Cohen*

**O**n December 27–28, over 80 players came out to play in the final ICA Tour event of the year. The tournament was divided into six class sections. Due to the small turnout, the Master and Expert classes were combined. Cruising on through was Enrico Sevillano with a perfect 4–0 score. He was followed by Gene Scott and Ken Wallach at 2.5 points, and by James Ellis and Ray Doyle Satterlee at 2 points. Rounding out the rest of the field in the section were Phil Bossaers, Bisi Tubic, and Larry Cohen. Thus, it was only an 8-player section, which does not compare favorably with the 15–16 players in each of the other sections.

The “A” class section ended in a tie between Bryan Gast and Dan Modes after they agreed to a draw in the final round. Bryan was the second highest rated player in the section, but Dan was listed ninth on the wall chart. From the start of the tournament Dan went about his up-setting ways taking scalps from the likes of Jim Condron, Jim Egerton, and Jim Oberweis. Who knows maybe it’s a good thing that Mr. Gast’s first name isn’t Jim. “B” player Eduardo Ledesma, playing up a class, was the third place winner with 3 points. Losing only to Gast, Eduardo showed that it’s good to play up at times. His victories included upsets of Robert Stoltz and Justin Sadauskas.

The “B” class was not as surprising as top rated William Whited took clear first. Second place was another matter entirely as Jason Smith and Aaron Chen tied with 3 points. In the 1st round Jason got

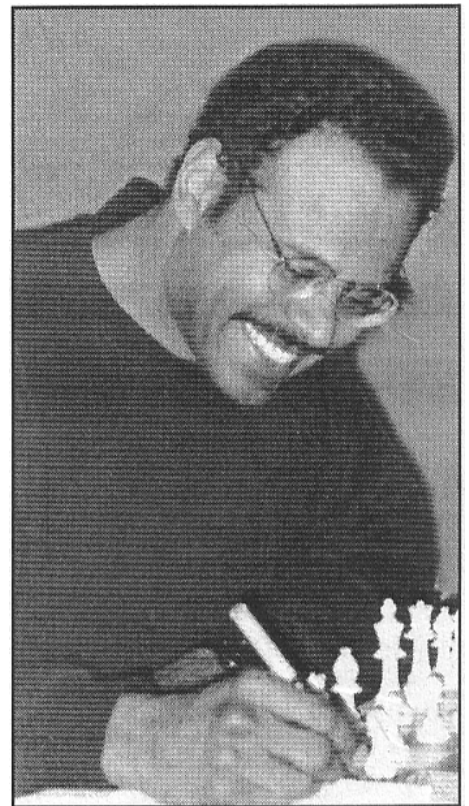
slightly bushwhacked by Brian Egerton with a draw. He then won his next two games before drawing with Mr. Whited to complete his non-losing performance. Aaron was playing up a section and his two wins and two draws were all against higher rated opponents. All I can say is: “B” players beware!

The “C” class ended in a tie between Benjamin Chu-Kung and Yelena Gorlin at 3.5 points. After drawing in the third round, both beat their final round opponents. For those who don’t know, Yelena is a new rising star on the Illinois chess scene who should soon become a “B” player. Benjamin’s score was impressive as every one of his opponents was higher rated. His last round win against top rated Craig Vieregge was an upset of over 170 points. However, the biggest upset was by Francisco Medina (1272) over Tom

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***This tournament clearly showed that it’s good to play up at times ... On the other hand, you have to watch out for those ambitious players who play up a class!***

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Gene Scott tied for second place.

Wachter (1513, second on the wall chart) in the final round. This victory, along with two others, gave Francisco third place.

Dennis Seibel took clear first in the “D” class. Although he took a half point bye in round two, the other rounds were all wins. Tying for second were Abdulah Prijic, Kevin Wong, and Jose Rodriguez, Jr. with 3 points. Abdulah was top rated in the section and his only loss was to Mr. Seibel. Kevin and Jose both posted undefeated records, which included their draw against each other. Kevin’s other draw was against Vignesh Somasundaram. Vignesh (850) was playing up, and his results of a bye, a draw, a win, and a loss show he will be moving up soon. If he had beaten Mr.

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MASTER-EXPERT							Score	Tour
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2657	W7	W4	W2	W5	4	28 M
2	WALLACH Ken	2246	D3	W6	L1	W4	2.5	5 M
3	SCOTT Gene	2062	D2	W7	L4	W8	2.5	5 MX
4	ELLIS James	2200	W5	L1	W3	L2	2	4 M
5	SATTERLEE Ray	2102	L4	B	W6	L1	2	4 MX
6	BOSSAERS Phil	2100	H	L2	L5	W7	1.5	3 MX
7	TUBIC Bisi	2167	L1	L3	B	L6	1	2 MX
8	COHEN Lawrence	1920	H	H	-	L3	1	

CLASS A							Score	Tour
1	GAST Bryan	1960	W14	W12	W3	D2	3.5	15 A
2	MODES Dan	1871	W9	W4	W5	D1	3.5	15 A
3	LEDESMA Eduardo	1717	W16	W10	L1	W11	3	8 AB
4	EGERTON Jim	1959	W6	L2	W13	D5	2.5	5 A
5	OBERWEIS James, Sr	1933	W13	W15	L2	D4	2.5	5 A
6	COHEN Howard	1842	L4	H	W14	W12	2.5	5 A
7	MACHAJ Blair	1838	L10	L8	B	W15	2	4 A
8	FLORES Joshua	1802	L12	W7	D11	D13	2	4 A
9	CONDRON James	1966	L2	D11	W15	-	1.5	3 A
10	HARRIS Thomas	1944	W7	L3	D12	-	1.5	3 A
11	SADAUSKAS Justin	1932	H	D9	D8	L3	1.5	3 A
12	MONATELLI David	1895	W8	L1	D10	L6	1.5	3 A
13	HART Vincent	1808	L5	W14	L4	D8	1.5	3 A
14	COVIC Mehmed	1850	L1	L13	L6	B	1	2 A
15	WONG Brian	1703	B	L5	L9	L7	1	2 AB
16	STOLTZ Robert	1885	L3	-	-	-	0	

CLASS B							Score	Tour
1	WHITED William	1776	W6	W9	W8	D2	3.5	15 B
2	SMITH Jason	1710	D13	W10	W11	D1	3	8 B
3	CHEN Aaron	1515	D4	W15	D7	W12	3	8 BC
4	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1688	D3	L7	W10	W11	2.5	5 B
5	GIERTZ Charles	1677	W14	L8	W9	D7	2.5	5 B
6	ROUSTAN Pierre	1647	L1	W16	D12	W13	2.5	5 B
7	HUANG Kenneth	1581	D11	W4	D3	D5	2.5	5 BC
8	DUFFY James	1636	W15	W5	L1	-	2	4 B
9	SAHS James	1629	W16	L1	L5	B	2	4 B
10	HAYES Christopher	1444	W12	L2	L4	W14	2	4 BC
11	ALLISON Roger	1702	D7	W13	L2	L4	1.5	3 B
12	ENGELN Mark	1685	L10	W14	D6	L3	1.5	3 B
13	EGERTON Brian	1602	D2	L11	W16	L6	1.5	3 B
14	KUNG Harold	1431	L5	L12	B	L10	1	2 BC
15	LE FEBER Roger	1767	L8	L3	-	-	0	
16	ALLEN Hence	1718	L9	L6	L13	-	0	

CLASS C							Score	Tour
1	GORLIN Yelena	1478	W12	W6	D2	W4	3.5	15 C
2	CHU-KUNG Benjamin	1407	W11	W7	D1	W6	3.5	15 C
3	MEDINA Francisco	1272	L8	W14	W13	W7	3	8 CD
4	PADILLA Rudy	1500	W14	W10	H	L1	2.5	5 C
5	GORLIN Andrey	1455	L7	D12	W15	W13	2.5	5 C
6	VIEREGG Craig	1580	W9	L1	W8	L2	2	4 C
7	WACHTER Tom	1513	W5	L2	W9	L3	2	4 C
8	SMITH Orlan	1478	W3	H	L6	H	2	4 C
9	WEBB James	1460	L6	W15	L7	W14	2	4 C
10	GASUNAS Anthony	1205	B	L4	L11	W15	2	4 CD
11	WILHELM John	1500	L2	D13	W10	-	1.5	3 C
12	SCHROMBECK Jon	1287	L1	D5	L14	B	1.5	3 CD
13	MARSHALL Ken	1500	D15	D11	L3	L5	1	2 C
14	HUANG Winston	1294	L4	L3	W12	L9	1	2 CD
15	AILES Tim	1291	D13	L9	L5	L10	0.5	1 CD

CLASS D							Score	Tour
1	SEIBEL Dennis	1326	W9	H	W6	W5	3.5	15 D
2	PRIJIC Abdulah	1394	W12	W11	L5	W7	3	8 D
3	WONG Kevin	1302	W14	D7	D4	W9	3	8 D
4	RODRIGUEZ Jose	1075	W15	D6	D3	W10	3	8 DE
5	GIANNAKOPOULOS D	1359	D13	W8	W2	L1	2.5	5 D
6	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	1344	W10	D4	L1	W11	2.5	5 D
7	SOMASUNDARAM V.	850	B	D3	W13	L2	2.5	5 DEF
8	PULLIN Matt	1329	L11	L5	W12	W13	2	4 D
9	HARBACEK Nathan	1159	L1	W12	W15	L3	2	4 DE
10	FERGUSON William	1247	L6	W14	D11	L4	1.5	3 D
11	PARK William	1228	W8	L2	D10	L6	1.5	3 D
12	SPIROS George	1297	L2	L9	L8	W15	1	2 D
13	HAYES Michael	1285	D5	D15	L7	L8	1	2 D
14	HUDSON Ben	998	L3	L10	B	-	1	2 DEF
15	PAINTER Jameson	1320	L4	D13	L9	L12	0.5	1 D

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Prijic in the last round, Vignesh would have tied for first. Rated at 1075, Jose's victories were all upsets, as was his draw against the highest rated player in the section, Dushyanth Reddivari. This tournament clearly shows that you have to watch out for those ambitious players who play up a class.

The E/Unrated section had a unique feature that allowed for a player to pay a low (\$5) entry fee, but be eligible to win only a trophy. As a result, first place in the "E/Unrated" section was won by Ben Yarnoff with a perfect 4-0 score. Gennadiy Gorlin also posted a perfect 4-0 score, but was winner of the first Unrated trophy due to the trophy option. Tying for second place in the section were Mike Kopinski, Mark Vildgorn, and Paul Fleeman at 3 points. Mike lost to Paul, Paul lost to Mark, and Mark lost to top man Ben. As cash prize winners, none of these gentlemen was eligible for trophies. This resulted in a massive tie for the U1000 trophies. Tie breaks gave Gary Egerton first U1000 and William Whited Jr. second U1000 trophies. The second Unrated trophy went to Daniel Penley.

A new feature at this year's "Holiday Classics" was the prize raffle on Sunday. Kenneth Huang won the grand prize of a hand-carved sandstone chess table and set. Charles Giertz was the winner of a men's wrist watch. Other prizes included a number of "Beanie Babies", chess books, and chess score books. Also, each prize winner received a chess T-shirt.

Tentative plans call for the "Holiday Classics" to be held December 19-20 this year. Once again there will be raffle prizes (more "Beanies" and score books) and trophies. However, in 1998 there will not be a Master section! The money that would have been used for the Master section will be put into the other sections. Also, there will be a trophy option for each of the sections! Hope to see you next year. ♘

### Games begin on the next page

CLASS E							Score	Tour
1	YARNOFF Ben	1000	W17	W16	W8	W4	4	28 E
2	GORLIN Gennadiy	-	W10	W9	W6	W7	4	
3	KOPINSKI Mike	1028	W15	L5	W12	W11	3	8 E
4	VILDGORN Mark	1000	W18	W7	W5	L1	3	8 E
5	FLEEMAN Paul	891	W13	W3	L4	W8	3	8 EF
6	PENILEY Daniel	-	D9	W10	L2	W13	2.5	
7	MORAN Philip	1161	W12	L4	W16	L2	2	4 E
8	LEWIS Richard	1052	W14	W11	L1	L5	2	4 E
9	EGERTON Gary	926	D6	L2	D13	W14	2	4 EF
10	WHITED William	923	L2	L6	W18	W16	2	4 EF
11	NIKOLOPOULOS C	889	X	L8	W17	L3	2	4 EF
12	ESSES Joshua	775	L7	W18	L3	W17	2	4 EG
13	BARBERA Brad	-	L5	W15	D9	L6	1.5	
14	CAPIGATTI Andrew	746	L8	L17	W15	L9	1	2 EG
15	HARBACEK Kyle	735	L3	L13	L14	B	1	2 EG
16	NIKOLOPOULOS	532	B	L1	L7	L10	1	2 EG
17	MORAN Wesley	-	L1	W14	L11	L12	1	
18	HUDSON Josh	623	L4	L12	L10	-	0	

# Games from the Holiday Classic



Ken Wallach tied for second at the Holiday Classic

## J. Ellis (2100)

### Enrico Sevillano (2557)

Glen Ellyn, 1997

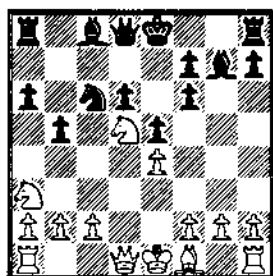
Sicilian Defense

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5

Those familiar with Enrico's play are quite aware that he relies heavily upon the Sveshnikov Sicilian and is one of its most faithful practitioners.

6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7



While 10...f5 is currently more popular, the text is also not without point. Black first protects f6 in order to challenge the Nd5.

11.c3 Nc7 12.Nxc7

Another of Enrico's games played previously in the year followed an entirely different course: 12.Nc2 f5 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.a4 bxa4 15.Rxa4 0-0 16.Be2 a5 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Rg4?! (White's play is either optimistic or rather "loose" depending upon one's perspective.) 18...Kh8 19.Na3 Be6

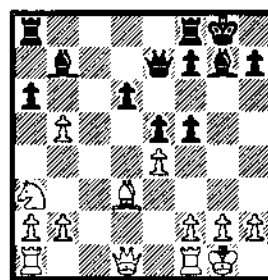
20.Ra4 Rc8 21.Nc4 Rc5 22.Ncb6 Rc6 23.Nc4 Rc5 24.Ncb6 Ne7 25.Nxe7 Qxc7 26.b4 Rxc3 27.bxa5 Bb3 28.Qe1 e4 29.Ra3 Qc7 30.Qb1 Be6 31.Rxc3 Qxc3 32.a6 Qa5 33.Qb5 Qxb5 34.Bxb5 Bd4 35.Nc4 d5 36.Nc3 Ba7 D.Strenzwilk-Sevillano, World Open Philadelphia 1997, 0-1 (64). 12...Qxe7 13.Bd3?

White's knight is poorly placed on a3 and should immediately be maneuvered towards the critical squares d5 and f5.

13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Bd3 f5 (This must be played before Ne3 renders it impossible and Black is left without any play.) 15.exf5 Qg5 16.Ne3 d5 17.0-0 h5!? 18.Qe2! 0-0 19.f6!± Bxf6 20.f4! exf4 21.Nf5 h4! 22.Rxf4! Qxf4 23.Qh5 Rfe8 24.Rf1!+ Qd2 25.Nh6+ Kh8 26.Ng4+ Kg7 27.Nxf6 Qe3+ 28.Kh1 Rh8 29.Nh7! f5 30.Qxf5 Rhe8 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Ng5 1-0 Nisipeanu-Genescu, Romania (ch) 1992. 13...0-0 14.0-0

14.Nc2 is again preferable. 14...f5 15.c4

Worth consideration also was also 15.exf5 d5 16.Qh5 e4 17.Bc2 b4 (17...Bxc3? 18.bxc3 Qxa3 19.f6+) 18.Nb1 Qe5 19.Rd1 Bxf5 20.a3 15...Bb7 16.cxb5?



By releasing control over d5, White grants Black the opportunity to set his central pawn majority in motion and open lines for the activity of his pieces. Even when this involves the sacrifice of a pawn the reward is well worth the price. Despite its strange appearance, one interesting way to retain control of the light squares was 16.Qf3!? 16...fxe4 17.bxa6

Now that the strategic damage has been done and cannot be corrected one may as well turn to greed. Even 17.Bc4 axb5 18.Nxb5 d5 19.Bb3 += is unconvincing. 17...exd3 18.axb7 Qxb7 19.Qxd3 d5 20.Nb5 e4 21.Qb3

Slightly better was 21.Qe2 f5 (21...d4 22.Rfe1 d3 23.Qh5) 22.Rfd1 when the queen would occupy a more flexible post than in the game. 21...Rfb8 22.a4 d4 23.Qg3 Rd8 24.Rfc1

A bit optimistic. Better was 24.Rfd1 in order to keep an eye

on the passed d-pawn. 24...d3 25.h4

25.b4 d2 26.Rd13

25...Kh8 26.Qg5

Our game comes to an abrupt halt after the active but careless 26.Rc7 Qxb5! 27.axb5 Rxa1+ 28.Kh2 d2 -+ when the d-pawn cannot be prevented from queening.

26...Bxb2

Since 27.Rc7 is capably met by 27...Bxa1, the game is effectively concluded.

27.Rab1 f6! 0-1

## Bryan Gast (1960)

### E. Ledesma (1717)

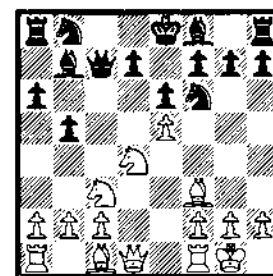
Glen Ellyn, 1997

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Be2 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 b5?

A weak move which prematurely opens the a8-h1 diagonal. Whereas 7...d6 would have transposed to the Sheveningen, both 7...Nc6 and 7...Bb4 8.Qd3 Nc6 9.Nc6 dxc6 10.f4 0-0 11.e5 Rd8 were more in keeping with typical Paulsen strategies. 8.Bf3 Bb7

8...b4 9.e5 Bb7 10.Ncb5! axb5 11.exf6 gxf6 12.Nxb4 is likewise unappealing. 9.e5!



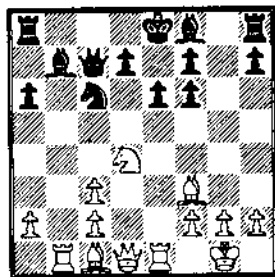
Striking in the center before Ledesma completes development.

9...b4 10.exf6 bxc3 11.bxc3

11.fxg7?! (It is unwise to assist Black's development.) 11...Bxg7 12.bxc3 0-0 13.Rb1 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 d5 15.Qh3 Nc6 16.Ne2 Ne5 17.Bh6 Qc4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7

19.Nd4 Nc6 20.Qg3+ Kh8  
21.Rb6 Rac8 22.Nxc6 Rxc6  
23.Rxc6 Qxc6 24.Rb1 f6  
25.Rb8 Rxb8 26.Qxb8+ Kg7  
27.Qa7+ Kg6 28.Qe3 e5  
29.h3 Kg7 30.Qa7+ 1/2-1/2  
Gerber-Bletz, Germany 1990.  
11...gxf6 12.Rb1 Nc6

12...Bxf3? 13.Qxf3 Nc6  
14.Nxc6 (It's hard to understand why the first player didn't continue.) 14...Qf6 with advantage.) 14...Qxc6 15.Qxc6 dxc6 16.Rd1 Rd8 17.Rxd8+ Kxd8 18.Rb7 Bd6 19.Bc3 Kc8 20.Rxf7 Be5 21.Bd4 Rd8 22.Rxh7 c5 23.f4 Bxd4+ 24.cxd4 Rxd4 25.g3 Rd1+ 26.Kf2 Rd2+ 27.Ke3 Rxc2 28.f5 exf5 29.h4 Rxa2 30.h5 Kd8 31.h6 Rh2 32.Kd3 Ke8 33.Kc4 Kf8 34.Kxc5 Kg8 35.Rg7+ Kf8 36.Rg6 Kf7 37.Rg7+ Castejon-Vall, Barbera op 1993, 1/2-1/2.  
13.Re1!



Standard development works fine here, but wouldn't it be both pretty and incisive to continue 13.Bf4! e5 (13...Qxf4 14.Rxb7) 14.Re1 Rb8 (14...Be7 15.Nf5) 15.Qd3 Be7 (15...Bg7? 16.Nf5 0-0?? 17.Bxc6! Bxc6 18.Qg3 clearly demonstrates the idea behind White's 15th move) 16.Bg3 when it is not clear how Black can free himself from the shackles of White's powerfully placed pieces.  
13...Bd6 14.Rxb7!

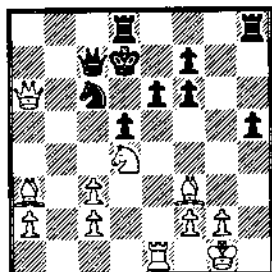
Tactically alert to the fact that the Bd6 will be loose after 14...Qxb7 15.Nxc6, Bryan further increases his advantage.  
14...Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Qxb7 16.Kxh2 h5 17.Ba3

The immediate 17.Nf5 was also worth consideration so as to stake an outpost on d6.  
17...Qc7+ 18.Kg1 0-0-0  
19.Qd3

White's nefarious pieces all hungrily eye the Black queen-

side and are ready to pounce on its weaknesses. As 19...Nb8 20.Be7 loses a pawn and 19...Nxd4 20.Qxa6+ Kb8 21.Rb1+ is indicative of other dangers the second player faces, Ledesma elects to close down the a8-h1 diagonal and run his king away from harm.

19...d5 20.Qxa6+ Kd7



21.Nxc6?!

The mirage that Black's king would be secure behind his central wall of pawns could be immediately dashed by 21.Bxd5!! exd5 (The bishop is immune after 21...Nxd4 22.cxd4!) 22.Nxc6! Rhe8 (22...Qxc6 23.Re7+ +-) 23.Ne7 when his defeat would be just a matter of moves away. While the text prolongs the game it does nothing to alter the final verdict.

21...Ra8 22.Qb5 Qxc6  
23.Qb4!

No need to acquiesce to the better ending when your queen and bishop pair have such fine attacking prospects!

23...Kc7 24.Qc7+

Better is 24.c4 in order to breathe fresh life into the Bf3. Curiously, Brian takes a brief moment to go pawn hunting before fulfilling the true destiny of his king-hunting bishop pair.

24...Qd7 25.Qxf6 Rhe8  
26.Qe5+

26.Qf4+ retained much more maneuvering room for Her Majesty.

26...Kc6 27.c4!

"Finally!" muttered the light-squared bishop as he again drew up his mighty lance and prepared for the resumption of battle.

27...Rxa3 28.cxd5+ Kb6?!

28...exd5 29.Qxe8 Qxe8  
30.Rxe8 Rxa2 31.Bxh5+

29.Qb2+ Qb5 30.Qxa3  
exd5 31.Qd6+ Ka5 32.Rxe8  
32.Qc7+ Ka6 33.Rxe8  
Qxe8 34.Bxd5 threatening Bc4  
32...Qxe8 33.Qxd5+ 1-0

Ray Doyle Satterlee (2102)  
Enrico Sevillano (2557)

Glen Ellyn, 1997

Sicilian Defense

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.c3?!

Ray has been known to play this sharp line from time to time himself, but essaying it against Enrico is akin to walking into a lion's den with nothing but brass knuckles.

2...e6 3.d4 d5 4.cxd5

Opting for a transposition into the Advance Variation of the French Defense with 4.e5 would have been a logical way of steering for positions less well-known to Enrico.

4...Qxd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2  
Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5?!

The standard moves in this position are 8.Na3, 8.Be3, and 8.c4! Qd8 9.dxc5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Ne4 11.Be3 as recommended by GM Murray Chandler in his recent book *The Complete c3 Sicilian* published by ICE.

8...Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bxc5  
10.Bf4?!

A poor choice. Practice has instead seen:

10.Nbd2 0-0 11.b4  
(11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Bf4 Re8  
13.Ne5 Bc7 14.Nd3 Bxf4  
15.Nxf4 e5 16.Nd5 1/2-1/2  
Jensen-Henrichsen, Copenhagen 1993) 11...Be7 12.a3 b6  
13.Bb2 Bb7 14.c4 a5 15.b5  
Nb8 16.Ne5 Nbd7 17.Bf3  
Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxf3 19.Nxf3  
Rfc8 20.Bd6 Kf8 21.Ne5 Kc8  
22.Bxe7 Kxc7 23.Nc6+ Ke8  
24.Rd4 Rc7 25.Rad1 Rd7  
26.Ne5 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Rc8  
28.Rd6 Rd8 29.Rxd8+ Kxd8  
30.Nxf7+ Ke7 31.Ne5 Kd6  
32.Nd3 Ne4 33.f3 Nd2 34.c5+  
bxc5 35.Kf2 Nc4 Mainka-  
Vyzhmanavin, London GP  
1994, 0-1; 10.Bg5 Nd5  
11.Nbd2 f6 12.Bh4 Bd7  
13.Ne4 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0-0  
15.c4 Nc7 16.Bd6 Ne8  
17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.b4 h5 19.b5  
Nf5 20.a4 Nc7 21.Nd4 Nxd4

22.Rxd4 e5 23.Nd6+ Kb8  
24.Rdd1 Be6 25.c5 Bb3  
26.Rd3 Bc2 27.Rd2 Bb3  
28.Bf3 b6 29.a5 bxc5 30.b6  
Ne6 31.bxa7+ Kxa7 32.Rb1  
Nd4 33.Rxd4 exd4 34.Nb5+  
Ka6 35.Rxb3 Schulze-Over,  
OLWuert 9293 (72) 1993, 0-1.  
10...Ne4 11.Rf1

Unfortunately this move is now positionally forced; since 11.Bg3 Nxc3 12.hxc3 e5 would leave Black the bishop pair and a position full of opportunities.

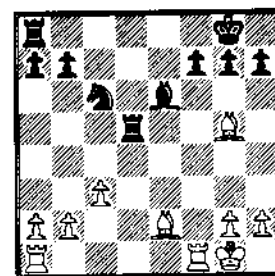
11...0-0 12.Nbd2 Nxd2  
13.Nxd2 e5 14.Bg3?!

A clever way of keeping the White pieces coordinated was 14.Nb3! Bb6 (14...Bxf2+ 15.Rxf2 exf4 16.Rxf4 is equal.) 15.Bc1 when the disadvantage would be at a minimum. The game continuation demonstrates just how uncomfortable this piece will become stranded on the kingside.

14...Rd8 15.Ne4

Again, 15.Nb3 Bb6 was called for. The knight serves no useful function on e4 and only encourages the second player to continue f5,f4.

15...Be7 16.f4 exf4  
17.Bxf4 Be6 18.Ng5 Bxg5  
19.Bxg5 Rd5



Throughout this game Sevillano displays a remarkable patience and confidence in his ability. While some might fret that the continued simplification would also reduce their winning chances, he is content to maintain an advantage in development and better coordinated forces. Very mature play!

20.Bf4 g5 21.Be3

21.c4! Rf5 22.Bd6 guaranteed better chances than the reflexive text move.

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# 4½ Score Tops Both Sections at Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XIII

*Sevillano Clubs Cavemen to Win the Open*

*Junior Andrew Hubbard wins Reserve*

*By Tim Just*

IM Enrico Sevillano's rise to the top of the Open section was littered with wins over Cavemen Josh Riddell, Ken Wallach, Kevin Bachler, and past ICA President Jim Oberweis. The only roadblock to a flawless performance in the Open section at the January 10-11, 1998 event at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois was Steve Szpisjak's draw with the IM in round three. Enrico's first place finish netted the chess pro a payday of \$225.

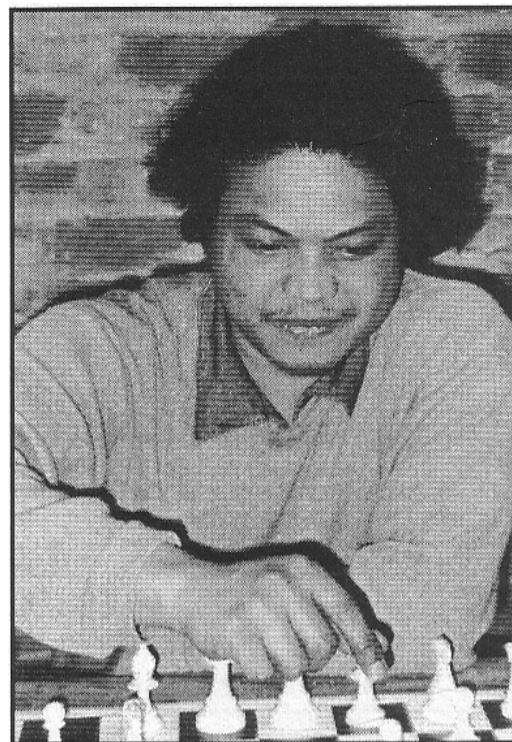
Szpisjak and Expert Gene Scott shared the \$300 combined second-third place prize fund by scoring 4-1 each. Cavemen Kevin Bachler and Josh Riddell equaled Rhys Read's 3-2 performance to net a share of the nearly \$200 total Expert prize fund. The \$115 first place Class A prize was claimed by Caveman Dave Monatelli when he matched the 3-2 score of his fellow Franklin School Chess Coaches in the Expert class, Bachler and Read. By posting scores of 2.5-2.5, ICA Secretary Josh Flores, Bradley Watts, and Joe Cima each took home a share of the \$90 second place Class A prize.

The Reserve section crown rested on top of 4.5 scoring, 1571-rated scholastic player Andrew Hubbard's brow. To add \$225 to his treasury, he vanquished Dale Henderson, Rudy Padilla, Orn Backstrom, and Aaron Chen before being held to a draw in the last round by Gennadiy Gorlin.

By scoring 4-1, Caveman Carmelo Napoli, top C player Aaron Chen, top D player Caveman Dale Henderson, and Gennadiy Gorlin in-

habited the second-third place dwelling on the Reserve Section final standings and collected \$126.50 each. Jeff Otto claimed the second place Class C prize of \$90 by announcing a 3.5-1.5 score. The Unrated payday of \$60 was the sole property of Doug Phelps.

The tournament was organized and directed for the College of Lake County Chess Club by Tim Just with help from Dennis Grant, Wayne Clark, and Orn Backstrom.



International Master Enrico Sevillano

## Tim Just Winter Results

Open			
1	Enrico Sevillano	4.5	\$225
2-3	Steve Szpisjak	4.0	150
2-3	Gene Scott	4.0	150
Expert			
1-2	Kevin Bachler	3.0	\$ 69
1-2	Joshua Riddell	3.0	69
1-2	Rhys Read	3.0	\$69
Class A			
1	Dave Monatelli	3.0	\$115
2-3	Brad Watts	2.5	30
2-3	Joe Cima	2.5	30
2-3	Josh Flores	2.5	30
Reserve			
1	Andrew Hubbard	4.5	\$225
2-3	Carmello Napoli	4.0	126
2-3	Aaron Chen (C)	4.0	126
2-3	Dale Henderson (D)	4.0	126
2-3	Gennadiy Gorlin	4.0	126
Class C			
2	Jeff Otto	3.5	\$ 90
Unrated			
1	Doug Phelps	1.0	\$ 60

## Games From the Winter Open

**Enrico Sevillano (2557)**

**Josh Riddell (2068)**

**Winter Open (2), 1998**

**Sicilian Defense**

*Notes by NM Alan Watson*

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 cxd4?!

Modern theory concludes that this

early exchange is premature because White's queen's knight may now be comfortably developed to c3. Both 4...Nc3 and 4...c6 are the focus of current interest.

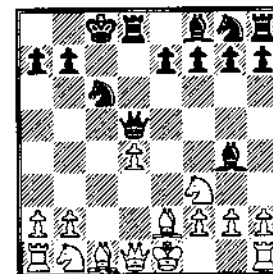
5.cxd4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2

A necessary move which furthers development while simultaneously

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OPEN								Score	Tour
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2557	W16	W 7	D 2	W 5	W 6	4.5	19M
2	SZPISJAK Steven J	2277	B	W11	D 1	D 6	W 8	4	12M
3	SCOTT Gene G	2062	H	W21	W12	D 4	W 9	4	12MX
4	CHOW Albert C	2367	D12	D 8	W16	D 3	W14	3.5	7M
5	WALLACH Kenneth T	2246	W14	W20	D15	L 1	W11	3.5	7M
6	BACHLER Kevin L	2160	W19	W 9	H	D 2	L 1	3	6MX
7	RIDDELL Joshua S	2068	W22	L 1	L 9	W20	W16	3	6MX
8	READ Rhys	2000	H	D 4	W18	W15	L 2	3	6MX
9	MONATELLI David	1895	W17	L 6	W 7	W10	L 3	3	6MXA
10	SAX Robert D	2068	L20	W17	D14	L 9	W19	2.5	5MX
11	KAMEN Dan	2061	W18	L 2	D20	W13	L 5	2.5	5MX
12	WATTS Bradley S	1932	D 4	W23	L 3	L14	W17	2.5	5MXA
13	CIMA Joe	1905	H	L15	W23	L11	W20	2.5	5MXA
14	FLORES Joshua	1802	L 5	W19	D10	W12	L 4	2.5	5MXA
15	KINNAIRD Rodney M	2151	D21	W13	D 5	L 8	-	2	4MX
16	OBERWEIS James D	1933	L 1	W22	L 4	W21	L 7	2	4MXA
17	HAYES Will	1808	L 9	L10	W22	W18	L12	2	4MXA
18	RIDDLE Robert	1446	L11	B	L 8	L17	W21	2	4M...C
19	ROCKWELL David	1863	L 6	L14	D21	W22	L10	1.5	3MXA
20	GORLIN Yelena	1478	W10	L 5	D11	L 7	L13	1.5	3M...C
21	DELAY Joe	1689	D15	L 3	D19	L16	L18	1	2M...B
22	SILVERMAN Scott A	1586	L 7	L16	L17	L19	B	1	2M...C
23	MARSHALL James A	2158	H	L12	L13	-	-	0.5	1MX
<b>RESERVE</b>									
1	HUBBARD Andrew	1571	W 4	W10	W16	W 3	D 5	4.5	19BC
2	NAPOLI Carmelo	1727	L13	W33	W11	W20	W12	4	12B
3	CHEN Aaron	1515	W33	W19	W30	L 1	W13	4	12BC
4	HENDERSON Dale	1222	L 1	W28	W10	W24	W17	4	12BCD
5	GORLIN Gennadiy	D11	W21	W 9	W 7	D 1	4	-	-
6	CLARK Wayne D	1600	W26	W24	W15	H	-	3.5	7B
7	OTTO Jeffrey M	1525	W32	D13	W31	L 5	W23	3.5	7BC
8	MC CONNELL Nichol	1051	L37	W14	W18	D 9	W20	3.5	7B...E
9	ENGELN Mark	1685	D23	W34	L 5	D 8	W25	3	6B
10	PADILLA Rudy R	1500	W40	L 1	L 4	W32	W26	3	6BC
11	GORLIN Andrey	1455	D 5	W36	L 2	D22	W29	3	6BC
12	SHELLHAMER Ted C	1439	D30	H	W29	W26	L 2	3	6BC
13	HUBBARD Dave	1373	W 2	D 7	H	W16	L 3	3	6BCD
14	NAPOLI C Anthony	1279	L16	L 8	W28	W39	W24	3	6BCD
15	LEUNG Daniel Y	1686	W22	W37	L 6	H	-	2.5	5B
16	BACKSTROM Orn U	1661	W14	W18	L 1	L13	D22	2.5	5B
17	STEVENS Joseph M	1600	W27	L20	D22	W21	L 4	2.5	5B
18	GRANT Dennis S	1500	W41	L16	L 8	D33	W32	2.5	5BC
19	WATKINS Reginald	1488	W29	L 3	H	L23	W33	2.5	5BC
20	LOBRACO Michael J	1463	W39	W17	H	L 2	L 8	2.5	5BC
21	LIM Jae H	1347	D36	L 5	W34	L17	W35	2.5	5BCD
22	MC CLURE Seth	1315	L15	W39	D17	D11	D16	2.5	5BCD
23	RASMUSSEN Robert	1295	D 9	L31	W36	W19	L 7	2.5	5BCD
24	NAPOLI Mike	1512	W28	L 6	W37	L 4	L14	2	4BC
25	HOGAN Dan	1319	D31	L30	H	W27	L 9	2	4BCD
26	WISHNER Michael	1274	L 6	W40	W27	L12	L10	2	4BCD
27	NAPOLI Steven	1233	L17	W41	L26	L25	W39	2	4BCD
28	RODRIGUEZ Jose A	1075	L24	L 4	L14	W41	W38	2	4B...E
29	MC CLURE Renee J	990	L19	B	L12	W34	L11	2	4B...F
30	WILLARD Gary D	1758	D12	W25	L 3	-	-	1.5	3B
31	FISCHER Gregory A	1700	D25	W23	L 7	-	-	1.5	3B
32	BIELSKI William J	1140	L 7	H	X	L10	L18	1.5	3B...E
33	WIDING Robert	1095	L 3	L 2	W41	D18	L19	1.5	3B...E
34	WIDING Daniel R	1044	H	L 9	L21	L29	X	1.5	3B...E
35	DUPUIS Brian M	979	-	H	L39	W36	L21	1.5	3B...F
36	HIERONYMUS April	927	D21	L11	L23	L35	W41	1.5	3B...F
37	SHOCKLEY Robert	1509	W 8	L15	L24	-	-	1	2BC
38	ASHMANN Aaron	1344	-	-	-	W40	L28	1	2BCD
39	PHELPS Douglas	-	L20	L22	W35	L14	L27	1	-
40	KARACIC Steven T	1024	L10	L26	H	L38	F	0.5	1B...E
41	DUPUIS Erik G	1003	L18	L27	L33	L28	L36	0	-

providing an indirect defense to the seemingly overwhelmed d-pawn after 7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qxd4?? 9.Bxc6+! bxc6 10.Qxd4 +-  
7...0-0-0?!



Although the text looks aggressive, Black has no idea of the trouble he's walking into by castling on the queen's wing. The open c-file and b8-h2 diagonal are particularly valuable assets in White's arsenal of weapons. 7...e6 was much safer, but still favors White.

### 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Be3 e6

It was perhaps only now that Josh realized his plan to overwhelm the d4-pawn was not easily implemented. Given that the logical 9...e5?! 10.Nxe5! Bxe2 11.Nxc6! bxc6 12.Qxc2 Nf6 13.0-0 greatly favors White, Black's only other reasonable choices are the text and 9...Nf6.

### 10.h3

This is a particularly interesting moment of the game. One would normally expect White to safeguard his king with 10.0-0, but such tame measures do not interest Enrico. Instead, he intends to delay castling as long as possible in the hope of using the extra tempo to further his own attack.

10.0-0 Bb4 11.Rc1 Nf6 12.Ng5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rd7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 Kb8 16.Rfc1 h6 17.b4 Qd5 18.b52 hxc5 19.bxc6 Rc7 20.cxb7 Rxc3 21.Rxc3 Ne4 22.Rc1 Kxb7 23.f3 Nd6 24.Qb2+ Qb5 25.Qxb5+ Nxb5 26.Rc5 a6 27.a4 Nc7 28.Bxc5 Nd5 29.Bd2 Rc8 30.Rxc8 Kxc8 31.h4 Nb6 32.a5 Nc4 33.Bb4 Kc7 34.h5 Nd6 35.Bxd6+ Kxd6 36.g4 f6 37.f4 Ke7 38.g5 Kf7 39.Kf2 f5 40.Ke3 Ke7 41.Kd3 Kf8 42.Kc4 1-0 Vogel-Bisset, corr CompuServe 1994.

10...Bh5 11.a3

A delicate move serving a much greater purpose than merely safeguarding b4: that innocuous b-pawn is about to be launched as the vanguard of White's attack.

**11...Nge7 12.b4!**

Houston, we have ignition!  
**12...Qc7 13.Rc1 a6**

Come what may, Black's king must temporarily stand its ground on c8. **13...Kb8 14.Nb5 Qb6 15.Bf4+ +-** shows that he can run but not hide.

**14.b5 axb5**

Equally unappetizing is **14...Bxf3 15.Bxf3 axb5 16.0-0! Qa5 17.Qb3** when Black's king remains without adequate shelter.

**15.Nxb5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Qa4 Kd7**

White's earlier decision to forego castling has been completely validated as all other pieces have the bedeviled Black king trained squarely in their sights. Since **17...f6 18.Ba5 Qa6 19.Nd6+ Rxd6 20.Bxa6** fails miserably, the king reasons he may as well take to heel.

**18.Ne5+**

Another path towards the same destination follows **18.Ba5!** when **18...Ra8 19.Ne5!** transposes to the game. Amusing knight-mates follow both **18...Nxa5?? 19.Ne5+ Ke8 20.Nd6##** and **18...Qxa5+ 19.Qxa5 Nxa5 20.Ne5+ Ke8 21.Nc7#**.

**18...Nxe5 19.Ba5 Ra8 20.Bxb6 Rxa4 21.Rc7+ Kd8 22.Rxb7+**

**23.Nd6#** results in check-mate however Black responds. **1-0**

**Enrico Sevillano (2557)**  
**Ken Wallach (2246)**  
**Winter Open (4), 1998**  
**French Defense**

*Notes by NM Alan Watson*

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7**

This modest line is named after former World Champion Max Euwe and primarily strives to retain the flexibility of continuing with **f6**, **Nge7**, or **Qb6** depending upon the first player's response.

**6.Be2 f6 7.0-0**

White must complete devel-

opment before even thinking about striking in the center. The following game should serve as a warning to those doubting the soundness of this advice.

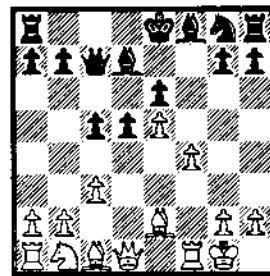
**7.c4?! cxd4! 8.cxd5 exd5 9.cxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxd4 Qb6 (10...Bc5 11.Nb3? Bxf2+!! 12.Kxf2 Ne4+-) 11.Nb3 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 0-0 13.0-0 Rfe8 14.Bxb4 Qxb4 15.Bf3 Ne5 16.Bxd5+ Kh8 17.Nc3 Bg4 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Rad8 21.Ne3 Rxd4 22.f4 Re4 0-1 J.Murphy-L.Remlinger, Philadelphia 1992.**

**7...fxe5 8.Nxe5**

**8.dxe5!?** (an infrequently seen alternative) **8...Qc7 9.Re1 0-0-0 10.Bd3 h6 11.h3 Nge7 12.Be3 c4 13.Bc2 Be8 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bg6 16.Bxg6 Nxc6 17.Nc3 Bb4 18.Qg4 Qf7 19.Rec1 Kb8 20.a3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Ne7 22.Rcb1 Rd7 23.a4 Ka8 24.Rb5 b6 25.a5 bxa5 26.Rbxa5 Nc6 27.Rc5 Rc8 28.Qd1 Rb7 29.Ra6 Rb6 30.Rxb6 axb6 31.Rb5 Qc7 32.Qg4 Re8 33.f4 Kb7 34.f5 A.Karklins-Szpisjak, Chicago Open 5, 1996, 0-1.**

**8...Nxe5 9.dxe5 Qc7**

Per Gary Lane's *Beating the French* (Henry Holt, 1994), this line has in recent times been more popular than **9...Be6!?** which he analyzes out to White's advantage. **10.f4**



Two additional games that Chicago Master Steve Szpisjak has been involved with feature **10.c4**:

**10.c4 d4 11.Bf4 (11.b4? Qxe5 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.bxc5 Bxc5 14.Nd2 Bc6 15.Re1 0-0 16.Bg4 Qf4 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.g3 Qh6 19.Nb3 Ne4 20.Rxe4 Bxe4 21.Nxe5 Rxf2 22.Kxf2 Qe3+ 0-1 J.Caveney-Szpisjak, CCC Fall Open, 12/01 1996) 11...Ne7**

# Who Said It?

Can you identify the source of these comments?

The answers can be found on page 58

- "If God played God in the Benoni, I think that White would win; at lower levels, however, Black has excellent practical chances"
- "He would stare at the pieces for minutes at a time, motionless, looking at them as though he hated them, and then reach out over his belly, pick one up by its top with his fingertips, hold it for a moment as though holding a dead mouse by the tail and set it on another square."
- "The average club player today knows more openings than Philidor, and the average expert more of the motifs of positional play than Anderssen, but it would surely be absurd to suggest that such club player or expert ranks with those masters."
- "Chess is a foolish expedient for making idle people believe they are doing something very clever, when they are only wasting their time."

**12.Nd2 Bc6 13.Re1 Ng6 14.Bg3 Be7 15.Bg4 Qd7 16.Bh5 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bxc4 18.Rxe4 Nf8 19.Rf4 g6 20.Bf3 h5 21.h3 Bg5 22.Re4 Rh7 23.Qd3 Rf7 24.Rd1 Qa4 25.a3 Nd7 26.Ree1 h4 27.Qxg6 Rxf3 28.gxf3 hxg3 29.Qxg5 gxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Qxc4 31.Re4 Rf8 32.Rexd4 cxd4 33.Rc1 b5 34.Rxc4+ bxc4 35.Qg4 Rf5 36.Qxd4 Nxe5 37.Qxa7 Rxf3+ 38.Kg2 Rf5 39.a4 Kd8 40.a5 Nc6 41.Qb6+ Kd7 42.a6 Ra5 43.Qxa5 1-0 Szpisjak-M.Lonoff, Lincolnwood TOC (2) 1990.**

**10...0-0-0 11.c4!?**  
Given that **11.Be3** has failed to demonstrate any advantage, it is only natural for the first player to experiment along different lines. However, **11.c4!?** also contains a number of disadvantages: control of **d4** is released and the potential opening of lines may leave Black's pieces placed more actively than before. **11...d4!?**

An unfortunate strategic decision which fails to capitalize upon the defects of **11.c4**. A more effective strategy was seen in N.Hagesaether-Nordahl, Oslo Ch NOR 1996 which continued: **11...Ne7 12.Nc3 Be6!** (Black's idea is now clear. By not closing the center with **d5-d4** the **Rd8** retains its activity and **d5** will become a central outpost for his minor pieces.) **13.Bg4 Qd7 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Qb3 h5 16.Bh3 Kb8 17.Rd1 Qf7 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Qa4 Be7 20.Be3 Rhg8 21.b4 g5!** (Finally, all is ready for the counterattack) **22.fxc5 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 b6 24.Bd6+ Rxd6 25.exd6 Be3+ 26.Kh1 Rxc2!! A) 27.Bxc2 Bxc2+ 28.Kxc2 Qf2+ 29.Kh3 (29.Kh1 Qf3#) 29...Qf3+ 30.Kh4 Qg4#; B) 27.Rxd5 27...Rf2 28.Rf5 0-1 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.Ne4 Nf7 14.Bf3 Be7 15.Qe1 g5 16.Nxg5 Bxc5?**

Preferable was **16...Nxg5**

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# News & Notes

## Mona Karff Dead at 86

*M*ona May Karff, seven-time winner of the US women's chess championship, died in her Manhattan home on January 10. She was 86 years old; the cause of death was heart failure. She was one of the first four Americans to achieve the woman's IM (WIM) title.

In 1937 she placed sixth in the women's world championship and the following year she was the second person to become the US women's champion, the competition having been inaugurated the previous year. She attained her seventh and last US championship title in 1974. She was also the winner of four consecutive U.S. Open titles. She played exclusively in women's tournaments.

Mona Karff was a millionaire due in part to her savvy investments in the stock market. She spoke eight languages, loved opera, and collected art. She often played in tournaments in South America and Europe, but her international results were not as impressive as her American victories.

Karff reportedly was born in the Russian province of Bessarabia (under the name Ratner). Her father, Aviv, taught her to play chess when she was nine. Her family moved to Palestine when she was a teen-ager and after the formation of Israel, her father eventually became one

of the wealthiest men in the country. Karff emigrated to the US during the 1930s. She was married briefly to Abe Karff, a lawyer who was her cousin.

She played in the women's world championship several times, first representing Palestine, later representing the US.

Karff had a long-term romance with Dr. Edward Lasker, 25 years her senior, and both were seen regularly at the Marshall Chess Club.

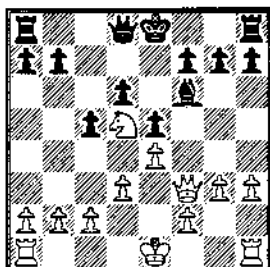
Perhaps her most memorable victory was against former world champion Jose Capablanca, presented here. ♣



Not rain, not sleet, not snow, not even *el Niño* can stop ICA Treasurer Howard Cohen from making required payments on behalf of the ICA. He is pictured above in his 'Nanook' hat while preparing an ICA check.

### Jose Capablanca–Mona Karff New York, 1941 [B24]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.d3 Bg4 6.Nf3 Nd4?! 7.h3 Nxf3+ 8.Bxf3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5



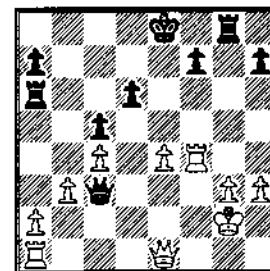
Capablanca's mastery of positions such as this was legendary, but at the time this game was played—November 6, 1941—he was suffering from high blood pressure and regrettably destined to die only four months later.

12...Rc8 13.c4 Qa5+ 14.Kf1 Rc6 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Qxf6 Rg8 17.Qf3 Rb6 18.Qc2 Qb4 19.b3 Ra6 20.Kg2 Qa5 21.Rhf1 b5

Despite the pawn minus, Mona has struggled mightily to make use of her superior development in gaining counterplay. 22.f4 exf4 23.Rxf4 bxc4 24.dxc4 Qc3

This double attack against both a1 and g3 leaves White little choice of response.

Unfortunately, whereas the odd 25.Rg4 Rxf4 26.Qxf4 Qb2+ draws, the more 'normal looking' 25.Qe1?? loses instantaneously! 25.Qe1??

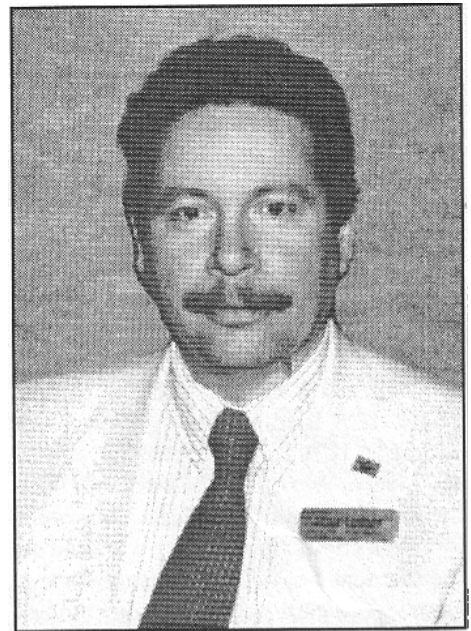


25...Rxa2+ 0-1

—Game notes by Alan Watson



Wayne West



Wayne West

**Winners of the National Open** (above, from left to right): Alexander Baburin, Julian Hodgson, Dmitry Gurevich, and Ilya Smirin. The organizer was Illinois's own Al Losoff (pictured at right), who is already working on the 1999 event (having done much work already for the 1998 edition to occur later this year).

Al says the National Open event epitomizes Fred Gruenberg's determination to "put the fun back into chess."

There are many people from Illinois who played a part in the last National Open, besides winner Gurevich and organizers Losoff and Gruenberg. For example, experienced TDs Todd Barre, Tim Just, and Walter "No E" Brown were part of the directing staff while non-directing staff included the ICB's Bill Smythe and Alan Watson as well as Dennis Grant.

## FIDE's World Top List

Here are the top players on FIDE's latest rating list. The old July 1997 rating precedes the new January 1998 rating.

Rank/Player	Country	Jun/97	Jan/98
1 Kasparov, Gary	RUS	2820	2825
2 Kramnik, Vladimir	RUS	2770	2790
3 Anand, Viswan.	IND	2765	2770
4 Ivanchuk, Vassily	UKR	2725	2740
5 Topalov, Veselin	BUL	2745	2740
6 Karpov, Anatoly	RUS	2745	2735
7 Kamsky, Gata	USA	2720	2720
8 Shirov, Alexei	ESP	2700	2710
9 Svidler, Peter	RUS	2660	2690
10 Beliavsky, Alex.	SLO	2710	2690
11 Salov, Valery	RUS	2680	2680
12 Gelfand, Boris	BLR	2695	2675
13 Bareev, Evgeny	RUS	2670	2675
14 Georgiev, Kiril	BUL	2670	2675
15 Adams, Michael	ENG	2680	2670
16 Leko, Peter	HUN	2635	2670
17 Polgar, Judit	HUN	2670	2670
18 Rublevsky, Sergei	RUS	2650	2665
19 Khalifman, Alex.	RUS	2655	2660
20 Krasenkow, Mic.	POL	2645	2660
21 Yermolinsky, Alex	USA	2650	2660
22 Short, Nigel	ENG	2660	2660
23 Akopian, Vladimir	ARM	2660	2660
24 Oll, Lembit	EST	2645	2655
25 Zvjaginsev, Vadim	RUS	2635	2655

## Notes

Tim Just is organizing and directing the United States **Braille Chess** Association's USCF 1998 U.S. Blind national championship in July at what he describes as "a great site found by Fred Gruenberg, Nevada's Primadonna Casino Resort". If you can donate time or money please contact Tim at 847-244-7954 or timjust@lnd.com. More information will be published in the next *ICB*.

In this issue we announce yet another new chess club affiliate, the **Des Plaines Community Chess Club**, which meets on Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. at 1072 Lee Street. Further information can be found in the "Where to Play Chess" section of the *ICB* beginning on page 62.

The staff of the *ICB* extends "Get Well Wishes" to ICA stalwart **Richard Verber**, who had been released from the hospital early this year, only to suffer a relapse which required hospital re-admission.

Don't forget the **ICA Banquet on March 22**. Bring friends or family for a fun afternoon and good food. Details are on the next page.

# Annual ICA Awards Banquet on March 22nd

by Josh Flores

1997 was a banner year for Illinois Chess. ICA members had no problem finding an ICA Tour event whenever they had a day or two off on the weekend. With the introduction of the Micro Tour event for quick chess, almost every weekend on the calendar boasted of a chance for our members to earn points for Tour money. And earn they did! The competition was tough but someone had to win.

Every year the Illinois Chess Association awards the ICA Tour winners their prizes at a banquet held in their honor and in honor of other people deserving recognition for their work and/or achievement in Illinois Chess. Each year there is good food, entertainment, fun, and a chance to mingle with old chess friends without a chess board in between!

This year will be no different. Negotiations are being finalized for a top Illinois Master to show us his stuff by playing a speed clock simul against three

people at a time. In a separate mailing you will be notified of this special guest as well as other updated banquet information.

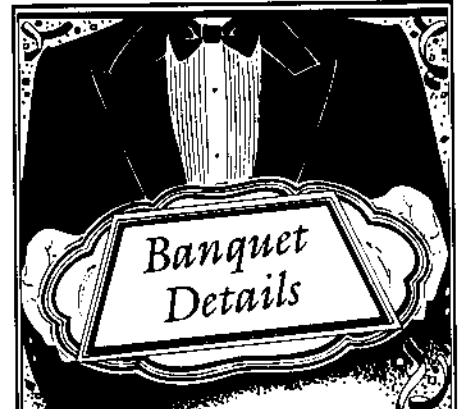
The banquet will be at Stevens Restaurant at 476 North York Road in Elmhurst. It is conveniently located right of the York exit of I-290.

It is also within two miles of the Elmhurst Chess Club, which will be sponsoring an after-event. So if you need more chess, you can go right to the Elmhurst Chess Club and play! See page two of this ICB for details of the Elmhurst tournament.

The banquet will be on Sunday, March 22nd from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We are offering three choices of entree: Prime Rib, Chicken Kiev, and Broiled Salmon. A cash bar will be available. The cost for dinner is only \$20 a person if you reserve your spot in advance, or \$25 at the door.

Come join us honor our Tour winners and our hard working chess enthusiasts!

Have fun with friends that enjoy the same passion you have for the royal game! ♣



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March 22, 1998

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Stevens Restaurant

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476 North York Road,  
Elmhurst

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Right of York exit of I-290

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\$20 per person in  
advance  
\$25 per person at door

## ***Yes! I want to attend the 1998 ICA Banquet!***

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# Everyone's Reading the ICB!

## *Everyone's Reading Dmitry Gurevich*

To the Editor,

I left out a move in "Gurevich's Notebook" in the Jan/Feb 1998 issue, page 12. In my game against Al Chow, I published the move pair for 20 as Qb7 h6 when in fact I left out the true move 20. The game actually continued 20.Rb1 c5 then 21.Qb7 h6, and so on.

I am indebted to my student Dr. Barrie Richmond, who brought this omission to my attention.

GM Dmitry Gurevich,  
Chicago

To the Editor,

It has been such a pleasure to read the last two issues of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*! I read John Tomas's review of my King's Indian book (Nov/Dec 1997) with great interest, of course; his criticisms are well thought out and helpful to me as an author.

But I was also greatly impressed by the contents and superb layout of both issues. It's hard to believe that any other state magazine could be of such high quality.

My only request: make Dmitry Gurevich work harder and fork over some detailed comments about his games! They are consistently among the most creative and interesting played in the country.

IM John Watson  
Carlsbad, California

To the Editor,

I've just finished reading the Jan/Feb 1998 issue of the *ICB*. Terrific job. I realize that you were plugging Dmitry Gurevich's success by reporting his victory at the Mechanics' Masters, but I am grateful for the coverage in any event. The Mechanics' Masters was inspired by my visit to last year's US Masters, which until this year, was a crown jewel of Illinois chess. Your local organizers should feel proud to have set such an excellent example that a spin-off event was spawned half a country away.

I also appreciated the Chicago Chess Club's offer to share their rule sheet. Such offers can only help other organizers, wherever they may live.

You do a great job producing a magazine that reflects well on the many, varied chess talents of Illinois. I'd take my hat off to you, if not for the fact that I'm self-conscious about my growing bald spot.

Jim Eade  
San Francisco, California

The writer is a delegate-at-large on the USCF policy board and founder of Hypermodern Press.

## Letters to the Editor



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## *Views from our Friends to the East*

To the Editor,

The *Illinois Chess Bulletin* looks quite nice—and big. As editor of *Virginia Chess Newsletter* I can say that I like your idea of having an official Junior Editor and I'm going to look into borrowing the concept here.

Macon Shibut  
Arlington, Virginia

To the Editor,

I really like the look of the new *ICB*, particularly the "Contents" pages which are a *major* improvement over the old ones. The format and coloring are terrific and make the information just jump off the page at the reader. I find it superior not only to the old *ICB* format, but also the format used in *Chess Life*.

Randy Pals  
Chesterton, Indiana

The writer is one of the organizers of an ICA affiliate in Indiana.

## *Now all of us at the ICB are blushing...*

To the Editor,

I really enjoy reading the *ICB* and I feel the staff is doing a fine job.

Dushyanth Reddivari  
Chicago

To the Editor,

I have for many years been an admirer of the Illinois chess program. In the first half of this decade, my state, Northern California, was ranked number three in USCF membership. All of a sudden, we were surpassed by Illinois. Somehow, the ICA took a mix of strong personalities—a formula that on paper seems like a recipe for an explosion—and achieved an efficiency that makes the ICA the envy of all other state programs in the USCF system. And you keep adding refinements!

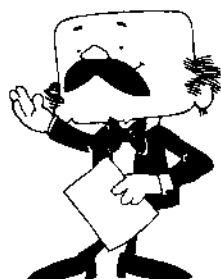
I can't help but notice how much your already excellent magazine has improved lately. The credit must belong to your capable new editor, M.L. Rantala, whom I know from my experience as an officer in the Chess Journalists of America. M.L. Rantala is superb; she adds the same luster to the *ICB* that Jordan adds to the Bulls.

Congratulations on your success! We in Northern California and elsewhere consider the ICA the model of a successful state organization. Nobody does it better.

Tom Dorsch  
Menlo Park, California

The writer is the Treasurer of the USCF.

# Club News



## Longer Time Controls Prove Popular at Fox Valley/Naperville

Report by Roy Frye

In an attempt to get longer time controls into Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club Monday night tournaments, we tried the idea of holding a four round, game/90, event. We were able to accomplish the time control by holding the event on four consecutive Monday nights. This test began on January 5th, with

### Fox Valley Chess Club Naperville Club

the last round held on January 26th. Seventeen people registered for the event, showing it to be popular enough to conduct again.

The final round created a showdown for first place money between contenders James McNamara (1852) and Bradley Watts (1932). Bradley Watts went into the final round with a 3-0 score. James McNamara entered the round with 2.5-.5. Both players had been undefeated going into the final round (McNamara's 1/2 point came from his first round bye). Watts and McNamara had a clear shot at taking first place money since the five players trailing behind him had only 2 points. A draw for Watts would earn him the top prize money and guarantee McNamara a portion of the second-place money. But McNamara wasn't interested in sharing the second place pie.

#### FVNCC Monday Night Game/90 Tournament

##### First and Second Place Prize Winners

James McNamara (1852)	3.5
Justin Sadauskas (1932)	3.0
Bradley Watts (1932)	3.0
Kevin Brewer (1678)	3.0
Gregory Witek (1634)	3.0

##### Under 1600 Prize Winners

Rudy Padilla (1500)	2.0
Lloyd Lauger (1055)	2.0



Roy Frye



Top: James McNamara in the last round of the FVNCC Game/90 Tournament, which he won.

Bottom: Helen Warren holds the attention of Dr. Eugene Martinovsky at a recent FVNCC meeting.

## Tuley Park News

Report by Tom Fineberg

James Fagan directed a 5-SS Game/20 tournament on January 31st at the Tuley Park Fieldhouse. There were over two dozen participants in the tournament which was won jointly by Sam Ford and Allen Kornfeld. They met in the final round and played a very quick draw. A complete report will appear in the next issue of the ICB.

The Tuley Park Chess Club announces a change in tournament format. Because we have been finishing too early recently, as of April 11 and following, the time controls will be amended as follows:

From	To
4-SSG/25	4-SS G/26
5-SSG/20	5-SS G/22
6-SSG/17	6-SS G/17



# Windy City Chess Closes out the Year in Style

Report by NM Vince W. Berry and Cindy Misiak

Once again we got to experience something new for us. On December 13th and 14th we held the WCCA Holiday Open at Archer Park with the average group of 16 or so players. Although starting out normally, by Sunday evening I again began wondering if I really wanted to hold tournaments. It seems that the Park District had double-booked

the rooms and we had to move to a smaller room. Sure glad I did not get extra people—or then what? I guess there are always going to be fun little things like this. I want to thank all the players who seemed to be able to deal with this fairly well.

This event had a slightly different prize structure. To encourage everyone to play as hard as possible throughout the event, there were no class prizes but more place prizes. First through 7th plus a \$50.00 best game prize and a \$50.00 upset prize. This seems to have produced a lot of interesting games. The winner was not decided until the very last game, and the result was in doubt until the second time control.

and take an unscheduled bye and pass his prize to the next players in line. 7th was split by Mike Cronin, Jeff Otto, and Joe Jankovic.

Albert was again the top scoring WCCA member for \$50.00 extra.

The upset prize was never in much doubt. It went to Andrew Hubbard who had a 2212 performance after three rounds and finished with a 2150 performance. Somehow I think this may be one of Illinois's next masters.

Last, the "Best Game" prize gets split between Al Chow and Bill Smythe. Al somehow gets Bill to play real chess instead of Smythe-chess but Bill still held on to draw.

We've selected some interesting games from the event.

## Windy City Chess Association

### A Couple of 'Cheapies'

This first game of the Windy City Chess Association Holiday Open set up an interesting last round. The game was strange for Bill Smythe who did not get a chance to move his f-pawn followed by moving his king to f2. He even castled here. What is chess coming too?? Nice game, Bill!

#### Bill Smythe—Al Chow Nimzo-Indian Defense [E41]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.dc 0-0 6.Bd2 Bxc5 7.Qc2 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxe4 11.Qxe4 Nc6 12.Nf3 d5 13.cd ed 14.Qa4 Rc8 15.Bc3 Qe7 16.0-0 Qe4 17.Qb3 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Qc4 19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Qxb3 22.ab Rc2 23.Kf1 Rd7 24.Rb1 f5 25.Ke1 Kf7 26.Rd2 Rxd2 27.Kxd2 d4 28.Rc1 Ke6 29.Kd3 de+ 30.Kxe3 g5 31.g3 g4 32.Rc3 Ke5 33.Rc8 Re7 34.Rc2 a5 35.Kd3 Rd7+ 36.Ke3 Rd5 37.b4 ab 38.Rc4 Rb5 39.b3 h5 40.Rf4 Rc5 41.Rb4 b5 42.Kd3 Rd5+  
Agreed drawn

#### Jeff Otto—James Sahs English Opening [A18]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 Bb4 4.e5 Bxc3 5.bxc3 Ne4 6.Qe2! (normal is Qg4) d5 7.exd6 Nxd6 8.d4 0-0 9.Qc2 Nd7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Nf3 c5 12.0-0 b6 13.Re1 Bb7 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.Re3 cxd 16.cxd Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.d5 Ne4 19.f3 Nd6 20.Ba3 g6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qc3 Rac8 23.Rae1 Rfe8 24.Nxg6!! (nice shot) fxg6 25.Rxe8+ and black resigns in a few more moves.

The winners were: 1st Al Chow, 2nd-5th Brad Watts, Blair Machaj, Chris Baumgartner, Andrew Hubbard. Clear 6th was Bill Smythe as Orland Smith chose to not play

#### Windy City Cheapie #4 • November 9, 1997

								Score	Tour
1	CHOW Al	2284	W4	W2	W3	W5	W6	5	8 M
2	COHEN Larry	1824	W5	L1	W6	L3	W4	3	1.5MXA
3	CRONIN Mike	1801	W6	L4	L1	W2	W5	3	1.5MXA
4	MISHLOVE Dave	1611	L1	W3	L5	W6	L2	2	1 M...B
5	KONCZAL Ron	1095	L2	W6	W4	L1	L3	2	1 M...E
6	MISIAK Cindy	1042	L3	L5	L2	L4	L1	0	

#### Windy City Cheapie #3 • November 8, 1997

												Score	Tour	
1	CHOW Al	2284	W4	W3	W11	W9	W6	W7	W10	D2	W5	W8	9.5	10.5M
2	FORD Sam	2054	H	H	H	H	H	W3	W4	D1	W6	W5	7	3.5MX
3	CRONIN Mike	1801	W9	L1	W10	W6	W4	L2	W5	W8	L7	W6	7	3.5MXA
4	PARKS Chet	1682	L1	L8	B	W10	L3	L5	L2	W6	W9	W7	5	2.5M...B
5	ARMISTEAD Angelo	1769	H	L6	L9	W8	D10	W4	L3	W7	L1	L2	4	2 M...B
6	FISCHER Greg	1731	L10	W5	W8	L3	L1	W9	W7	L4	L2	L3	4	2 M...B
7	FINEBERG Tom	1707	H	H	H	H	W9	L1	L6	L5	W3	L4	4	2 M...B
8	BAUMGARTNER Ch.	1656	L11	W4	L6	L5	B	W10	L9	L3	W10	L1	4	2 M...B
9	MENENDEZ Cipriano	1526	L3	B	W5	L1	L7	L6	W8	W10	L4	L10	4	2 M...C
10	STEVENS Joseph	1467	W6	D11	L3	L4	D5	L8	L1	L9	L8	W9	3	1.5M...C
11	FAGAN James	2096	W8	D10	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.8MX

# Rapid Growth and Much Activity at the Elmhurst Chess Club

Report by Roger Birkeland

Our new club, now almost 18 months old, has grown faster than anyone anticipated. We have approximately 110 members, including four Masters, five

**Elmhurst Chess Club**

Experts, 21 A players, 16 B players, 24 C players, 15 D players, 12 E players, and several non-USCF players as well. Dues are still only \$10 a year.

Twenty players, competing in two ten-players sections, took part in a Game/10 round

robin on November 30. Misha Mladenovic scored an incredible 9-0 to sweep the top section. Well back in second at 6-3 were Bill Wenz and Rick Lutzke.

Another strong effort was turned in by Luke Burke in the the lower section; his 8-1 just nosed out Matt Poynter (7.5-1.5). Ed Ledesma and Chris Nitura shared third with 7-2.

Our Game/25 Swiss on December 14 drew 15 players.

Artem Akhmetov, a very promising junior, took clear first with an undefeated 4-0, a half-point ahead of second place finisher Mark Stamatakos. Ted Shellhamer, who upset two higher-rated players, and Bill Wenz were third with 3-1.

Twenty-two players came out on January 4 to compete in a Game/29 Quad. Ed Thomas and Misha Mladenovic prevailed over the experts and A players in the top section to share the prize with 2-1. Paul Garafolo breezed through the second Quad with a perfect 3-0. Both the third and fourth Quads featured an unusual result—three players tied with 2-1. In the third Quad it was Scott Silverman, Mathew Joseph, and Ed Ledesma, and in the fourth Quad Ted Shellhamer, Mike Cummings, and Tom Singura shared the prize. The lowest-rated six players competed in a 3-round Swiss. George Poynter, in his first USCF tournament,

emerged undefeated to take clear first. Charles Dailey and Brian Davidson were second with 2-1.

January 11 saw 14 competitors gather for a 5-round, Game/25 Swiss. John Gossage found it profitable to renew his USCF membership when he took first prize with 4-1. Ed Thomas, who needed only a draw in the last round to secure clear first, had to settle for a share of second when he was unable to hold off Gossage. Joining Thomas with 3.5-1.5 were new member Brian Glover and Vince Hart, who won his last three games after some tough pairings in the first two rounds.

Our third ICA Tour mini-event, a 4-round Game/60 tournament, took place on January 18. Held in a new, larger room, the 36 players competed in comfortable conditions. IM Enrico Sevillano, the only player with an undefeated 4-0, took home the \$140 first prize. Steve Szpisjak and Bert Gazmen, both with 3.5-5, split the \$120 second prize. Sharing the under 1900 money at 3-1 were Scott Silverman, Joe Cygan and Artem Akhmetov.

Dushyanth Reddivari took the under 1500 prize with 2.5-1.5, and Luke Burke was the under 1300 winner with 2-2.

## Elmhurst Game/60 • January 18, 1998

							Score	Tour
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2517	W18	W14	W5	W4	4	14M
2	SZPISJAK Steve	2277	W19	W10	D9	W11	3.5	7.5M
3	GAZMEN Bert	1989	W20	D6	W13	W9	3.5	7.5MXA
4	THOMAS Ed	1936	W24	W15	W16	L1	3	4MXA
5	WATTS Bradley	1932	W21	W7	L1	W17	3	4MXA
6	AKHMETOV Artem	1658	W29	D3	D10	W20	3	4M...B
7	CYGAN Joseph	1600	W34	L5	W26	W22	3	4M...B
8	SILVERMAN Scott	1573	W31	L9	W27	W16	3	4M...C
9	MLADENOVIC M.	1915	W32	W8	D2	L3	2.5	2.5MXA
10	ILOSVAY Paul	1835	W33	L2	D6	W23	2.5	2.5MXA
11	REDDIVARI D.	1344	W23	W35	H	L2	2.5	2.5M...D
12	STOLTZ Robert	1885	W27	W17	-	-	2	2MXA
13	FLORES Joshua	1802	H	H	L3	W26	2	
14	PTACEK Martin	1754	W28	L1	L20	W27	2	2M...B
15	WITEK Greg	1649	W30	L4	L21	W28	2	2M...B
16	JOSEPH Matthew	1594	W22	W25	L4	L8	2	2M...C
17	SORIANO Leo	1563	W36	L12	W30	L5	2	2M...C
18	KALBERG Gary	1550	L1	W28	L22	W30	2	2M...C
19	POYNTER Matt	1531	L2	L30	W33	W29	2	2M...C
20	CHEN Aaron	1515	L3	W29	W14	L6	2	2M...C
21	SMITH Orlan	1478	L5	W34	W15	-	2	2M...C
22	BURKE Luke	1263	L16	W24	W18	L7	2	2M...D
23	LEDESMA Ed.	1717	L11	D33	W35	L10	1.5	1.5M...B
24	SINGURA Tom	1514	L4	L22	D34	W35	1.5	1.5M...C
25	MC NAMARA Jim	1922	W26	L16	-	-	1	1MXA
26	BIRKELAND Roger	1454	L25	W31	L7	L13	1	1M...C
27	DODSON Kermit	1423	L12	W36	L8	L14	1	1M...C
28	BUDEPUDI G.	1355	L14	L18	W31	L15	1	1M...D
29	HUANG Winston	1334	L6	L20	W36	L19	1	1M...D
30	GRIESMEYER Walt	1292	L15	W19	L17	L18	1	1M...D
31	DAILEY Charles	1134	L8	L26	L28	W34	1	1M...E
32	JANSSEN Gary	1428	L9	H	-	-	0.5	0.5M...C
33	SHELLHAMER Ted	1410	L10	D23	L19	-	0.5	0.5M...C
34	EMERY Steve	1283	L7	L21	D24	L31	0.5	0.5M...D
35	ROMANO Paolo	1115	H	L11	L23	L24	0.5	0.5M...E
36	ROSSI Michael	-	L17	L27	L29	-	0	

## To Be Continued ...

Report by Daniel Pradt

In October, Jeff Wicwel won the five-minute championship, with a 12-2 score, winning on tie-break over Mark Robledo Sr., who also scored 12-2.

**St. Charles Chess Club**

In current play, in a tournament not officially completed as of press time, Kevin Schmuiggerow will be the win-

ner of the Knights' Cup Tournament, and Jim Oberweiss will be the winner of the Squires' Cup, coming in ahead of experts Jim Marshall and

Ray Doyle Satterlee. More details will be published in the next issue of the ICB.

# Knight Moves Women's Chess Championship

Report by Hector Hernandez

The Knight Moves Women's Chess Championship was held at the Chicago Public Library's Rudy Lozano Branch on Saturday, December 13, 1997. Eight women and girls participated; the youngest competitor—Alejandra Rodriguez—was six years old, and the oldest—Elisa Blancas—was 77.

Five straight wins and a perfect 5-0 score gave the championship title to 13-year-old Lorena Duran. Lorena, an 8th grade student at the Manuel Perez Elementary School (CPS), has been a Knight Moves Chess Club member since the Summer of '94.

Second place went to Laura Whittemore, a Pilsen resident who is very active in community affairs and great promoter of chess. Laura lost only one game—to Lorena Duran.

The third place trophy went to Devion Joseph, perhaps better known as Bennett Joseph's mom. Losses to Lorena and Laura left Mrs. Bennett with a 3-2 score.

Mrs. Elisa Blancas, 77, had a break-even score of 2.5-2.5, which was good enough for a clear fourth place. An interesting match-up resulted in round 3: Mrs. Blancas drew with six-year-old Alejandra Rodriguez, in a game of age versus youth. A summary of the results is presented on the next page.

I thank all the women and girls who supported this event by playing in it. A special thanks goes to Lucy Mancilla and Ernie Whittemore of AT&T for providing the trophies for this event.

## ICA Tour Winner

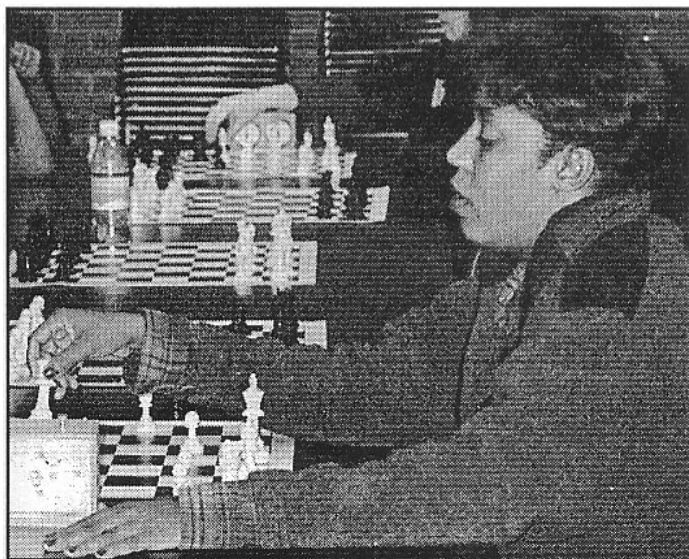
Jose A. Rodriguez, Jr., age



Hector Hernandez



Narcy Chavez



9, is the 1997 Class E, ICA Tour winner. Congratulations, Jose! He will be honored, along with the other Tour winners, at the ICA Banquet later in the year. The end of 1997 saw Jose turn in two strong performances: 4-0 at the Illinois Class Championships and 3-1, at the Holiday Class. 1998 should be a very interesting

year for him as he prepares to compete in more open tournaments.

Another Knight Moves CC member deserving recognition for recent achievements is Ulixes Ortega, age 10. He has earned trophies in the last three tournaments he has played in. Congratulations, Uli!

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Top of the page: The youngest competitor, Alejandra Rodriguez with her 7th place trophy.

Middle: The oldest competitor, Elisa Blancas, prepares for a game.

Left: Devion Joseph moves her queen.

# Knight Moves

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If you would like more information about the Blue Skies for Library Kids, sponsored Knight Moves Chess Club, please call Hector R. Hernandez at (312) 746-4329.

## Knight Moves Women's Championship

Player	Points	Place
1. Lorena Duran	5.0	1st
2. Laura Whittemore	4.0	2nd
3. Devion Joseph	3.0	3rd
4. Elisa Blancas	2.5	4th
5. Angela Ramos	2.0	5th
6. Janet Garcia	2.0	6th
7. Alejandra Rodriguez	1.0	7th
8. Tierra Reed	0.5	8th



Narcy Chavez



Maria Chavez



Maria Chavez

Top: All the competitors, Front Row (l to r): Elisa Blancas, Tierra Reed, Alejandra Rodriguez, Laura Whittemore, Devion Joseph. Back Row (l to r): Janet Garcia, Lorena Duran, and Angela Ramos. Bottom left: Tournament winner Lorena Duran. Bottom right: Hector Hernandez awards Laura Whittemore her second place trophy.

# Oak Park-River Forest Action

Report by Ken Marshall

## Game/45 Swiss

Ten players competed in this four round tournament, playing two games on December 9 and two on December 16.

Marty Ptacek (1754) finished first with a 3.5-.5 result, then generously donated his prize to the Club. Hence "Butch" Allen (1718) and Jeff Otto (1525) each scored 3-1 to tie for second and third.

Top Class A entrant was Mark Stamatakos (1857, 2.5-1.5). With Ptacek, Allen, and Otto taking place prizes, Paul Prause (1736, 2-2) pocketed the Class B money and Roger Birkeland (1436, 2-2) garnered Class C honors.

Phil Moran (1161, 1-3) was best

among the Class D/E/Unrated players.

## Game/10 "Quick Play" Swiss

On January 6 Mark Marovitch (QP 2128) and Bob Hansen (2072) both won four of five games to top a 12 man field in this event.

Marovitch beat Hansen, but lost to Marty Ptacek (1756), who split the 1800-1500 money with Bill Barker (1714) and Mariusz Gorski (1713), all with 3-2 results. Joe Cygan (1454, 2.5-2.5) took home the 1499-Below cash.

## Game/30 Swiss

This eight player, four round tournament consisted of two games each on January 20 and January 27. Paul Prause (1736), always dangerous in events with

time controls of 30 minutes or less, ended up first at 3.5-.5.

Following closely were David Hurchalla (1991) and Marty Ptacek (1754), each scoring 3-1.

Bob Stoltz (1885, 2.5-1.5), who drew with Prause in the last round, led Class A, while Roger Birkeland (1436, 2-2) was the Class C winner.

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# Chicago Chess Club

Report by Bill Smythe

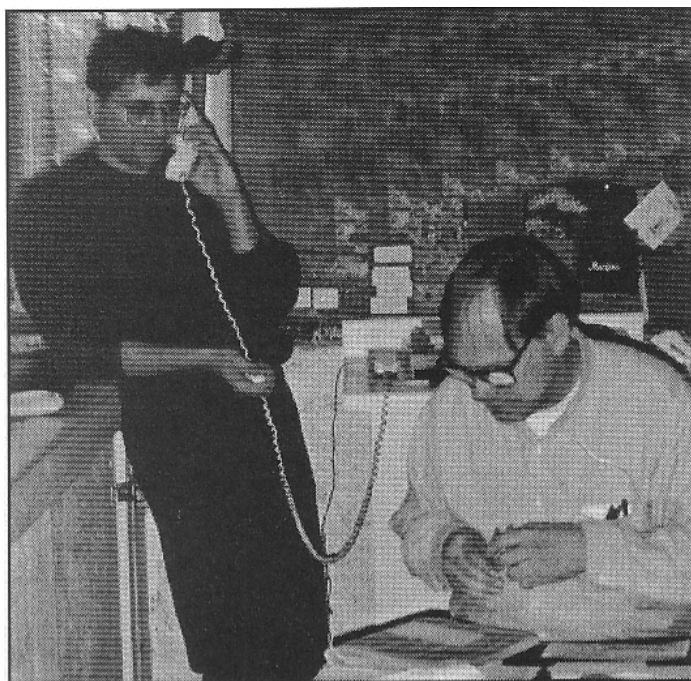
Allen Kornfeld and Enrico Sevillano shared the honor of having the only perfect scores in Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score events during December and January. Kornfeld did it in the four-round Saturday event on December 20, but was not able to duplicate his feat in the Sunday six-rounder, as A player James McNamara held him to a draw in round four. Sevillano's perfect score came in a six-round event on January 17, but his record too was blemished on the following weekend by a draw with A player Brad Watts in the second round. We love A players — they save us so much money when they draw Masters in Plus-Score events.

Our shift of emphasis to-

ward slower time controls is off to a good start, with decent turnouts for our Fall Mini-Tour in December, our Two-Day Plus-Score in January, and our Winter Mini-Tour in February. We have also done well with assorted Hog tournaments (eight-player sectionals) and quads.

Of course, our game/60 and game/29 Plus-Scores are alive and kicking as well. Whatever your preferred time control, we hope you'll find something to your liking.

We're proud to say that 11 of the 14 winners in the 1997 ICA Tour have played in at least one Chicago Chess Club event during the past year. Winning on the Tour requires substantial tournament activity,



**Just Another Day of Toil.** Steve Szpisjak fields a phone call while Bill Smythe catches up on paperwork at the Chicago Chess Club.

a goal made more achievable by playing at the state's most active chess club.

Speaking of substantial activity, our desk person and primary TD, Steve Szpisjak, is number 15 on the nation's most active TD list according to the December 1997 *Chess Life*.

Steve directed 43 tournaments and 1015 players during the year. Since our mailing list is far smaller than 1015, there must be many duplications. Those who play in Steve's tournaments evidently like his directing, and come back for more. We hope this includes you!

## Chicago Chess Club Winter Open • February 7-8, 1998

									Score	Tour
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2546	W20	W9	W2	W8	D3	4.5	9.5M	
2	MARSHALL James	2121	W7	W10	L1	W6	W8	4	6	MX
3	SCOTT Gene	2095	W21	D6	D8	W10	D1	3.5	3.5MX	
4	SAX Robert	2000	W15	L5	D11	W13	W9	3.5	3.5MX	
5	SZPISJAK Steve	2285	W12	W4	H	-	H	3	3	M
6	KAMBER George	1927	W16	D3	H	L2	W15	3	3	MXA
7	HALE Bob Lloyd	1670	L2	W18	H	D11	W16	3	3	M...B
8	WAGNER Steven	2093	W22	W19	D3	L1	L2	2.5	2.5MX	
9	TOMAS John	2087	W24	L1	H	W12	L4	2.5	2.5MX	
10	WATTS Bradley	1951	W18	L2	W23	L3	D11	2.5	2.5MXA	
11	LAZEBNIK Yakov		W13	L20	D4	D7	D10	2.5	2.5M	
12	WONG Brian	1773	L5	W15	H	L9	W17	2.5	2.5M...B	
13	WISHNER Mike	1266	L11	W24	W19	L4	H	2.5	2.5M...D	
14	GASUNAS Anth.	1153	H	H	H	L15	W21	2.5	2.5M...E	
15	SOPOCIA Roger	1516	L4	L12	W18	W14	L6	2	2	M...C
16	WONG Kevin	1313	L6	D21	H	W24	L7	2	2	M...D
17	REDDIVARI D	1297	L19	W22	H	H	L12	2	2	M...D
18	LEWIS Otis	1363	L10	L7	L15	D21	B	1.5	1.5M...D	
19	CIMA Joe	1905	W17	L8	L13	-	-	1	1	MXA
20	SMYTHE Bill	1859	L1	W11	-	-	-	1	1	MXA
21	GENCHANOK Y	1618	L3	D16	L22	D18	L14	1	1	MXAB
22	HERNANDEZ Jose		L8	L17	W21	-	-	1	1	M
23	SMITH Orlan	1512	H	H	L10	-	-	1	1	M...C
24	OTTO Jeffrey M	1539	L9	L13	H	L16	-	0.5	0.5M...C	

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									Score	Tour
1	CHOW Albert	2367	W16	W11	D6	W8	H	4.0	6M	
2	SZPISJAK Steve	2277	W4	D14	W3	D6	W8	4.0	6M	
3	SCOTT Gene	2062	W7	W5	L2	W13	W6	4.0	6MX	
4	WATTS Brad	1932	L2	W7	W16	W14	W10	4.0	6MXA	
5	RANGE Johnny	1349	W13	L3	D15	W9	W14	3.5	3.5M...D	
6	MARSHALL James	2158	W12	W18	D1	D2	L3	3.0	3MX	
7	FISCHER Gregory	1700	L3	L4	W19	W12	W13	3.0	3M...B	
8	COHEN Howard	1842	H	W20	W17	L1	L2	2.5	2.5MXA	
9	SMITH Orlan	1478	H	H	W11	L5	H	2.5	2.5M...C	
10	GASUNAS Anthony	1205	H	H	H	W11	L4	2.5	2.5M...D	
11	GORLIN Gennady	-	W21	L1	L9	L10	W15	2.0	2M	
12	GORLIN Andrey	-	L6	L16	W20	L7	W19	2.0	2M	
13	COVIC Mehmed	1850	L5	W15	W18	L3	L7	2.0	2MXA	
14	SMYTHE Bill	1807	W17	D2	H	L4	L5	2.0	2MXA	
15	GENCHANOK Yefim	1797	D20	L13	D5	W16	L11	2.0	2M...B	
16	PRUIC Abdulah	1394	L1	W12	L4	L15	W20	2.0	2M...D	
17	CAVENEY Geoff	2111	L14	W19	L8	-	-	1.0	1MX	
18	READ Rhys	2000	W19	L6	L13	-	-	1.0	1MX	
19	SOPOCIA Roger	1545	L18	L17	L7	W20	L12	1.0	1M...C	
20	SMITH Will	902	D15	L8	L12	L19	L16	0.5	0.5M...F	
21	LEVY A David	900	L11	-	-	-	-	0.0		

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# Tournament Round-up

## Peoria Tornado

Expert Bill Naff and A-player Paul Sholl tied for first in the 24-player Peoria Tornado tournament held on January 17th. Each of them scored 3.5-0.5 and both received the half point via a bye. They each won \$62.50

Carl Vero won the A prize, Rod Moore of Galesburg won the C prize, Jim Baker of Springfield won the D prize, and Dustin Wense of Bloomington won the E/under prize. There was no B prize due to a lack of entrants. The class prizes were books.



Bill Naff tied for first at the Peoria Tornado

### Peoria Tornado • January 17, 1998

						Score	Tour
1	NAFF William A	2065	W19	W 6	W 4	H	3.5 7.5X
2	SHOLL Paul E	1996	H	W13	W11	W 3	3.5 7.5XA
3	LONG David	2012	W14	W 7	W 5	L 2	3 4X
4	LEALI Michael E	1955	W20	W 8	L 1	W 9	3 4XA
5	BOURGERIE Dennis	1884	W21	W12	L 3	W11	3 4XA
6	VERO Carl M	1833	W10	L 1	W14	W13	3 4XA
7	GETZ Barney	1782	W23	L 3	W15	W12	3 4XAB
8	DELA CERDA Gabriel	1635	W16	L 4	D10	W19	2.5 2.5XAB
9	BAKER James E	1312	H	W19	W18	L 4	2.5 2.5X...D
10	WENSE Dustin	1128	L 6	W22	D 8	W20	2.5 2.5X...E
11	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1595	W24	W18	L 2	L 5	2 2X...C
12	MOORE Rod	1469	W17	L 5	W16	L 7	2 2X...C
13	STOTLER Richard E	1408	W22	L 2	W17	L 6	2 2X...C
14	KARAGIANIS Pete D	1256	L 3	W23	L 6	W21	2 2X...D
15	KENNEL Earl L	1156	L18	W24	L 7	W23	2 2X...E
16	MIZEUR Collin R	1074	L 8	W20	L12	W24	2 2X...E
17	NIKOLOPOULOS Chr.	889	L12	W21	L13	H	1.5 1.5X...F
18	BOLITHO Thomas B	1892	W15	L11	L 9	-	1 1XA
19	NIXON Andrew K	1376	L 1	L 9	W23	L 8	1 1X...D
20	DRAKE Chester L	1243	L 4	L16	W24	L10	1 1X...D
21	CALABRO Michael	1140	L 5	L17	W22	L14	1 1X...E
22	BEARD Michael U	831	L13	L10	L21	B	1 1X...F
23	INGLES Anthony L	1092	L 7	L14	L19	L15	0
24	TROYER Carl R	1010	L11	L15	L20	L16	0

## Lisle Plus Score

Steve Szpysjak and Lawrence Cohen won the Lisle Plus-Score tournament on November 8th. They each scored 3.5 points in the four round tournament, splitting the point with each other in the third round. Although there were only ten players at the event, four of them were winners in the ICA Tour—Szpysjak, Cohen, Brad Watts, and Tom Wachter

### Lisle Plus-Score • November 8, 1997

						Score	Tour
1	SZPISJAK Steve	2270	W 9	W 8	D 2	W 3	3.5 7.5M
2	COHEN Lawrence	1951	W 6	W 5	D 1	W 9	3.5 7.5MXA
3	WATTS Bradley	1929	D 4	W 9	W 8	L 1	2.5 2.5MXA
4	SMITH Orlan	1421	D 3	H	W 5	H	2.5 2.5M...C
5	RAJASHREE Jain	1758	W10	L 2	L 4	W 6	2 2M...B
6	PADILLA Rudy	1500	L 2	W10	W 7	L 5	2 2M...C
7	LAUGER Lloyd	1061	L 8	B	L 6	W10	2 2M...E
8	MARKOV Igor	1887	W 7	L 1	L 3	H	1.5 1.5MXA
9	WACHTER Tom	1537	L 1	L 3	W10	L 2	1 1M...C
10	BURNETT Jim	—	L 5	L 6	L 9	L 7	0

### 1998 Illinois Valley Tornado An ICA Mini-Tour Event Saturday, May 30, 1998

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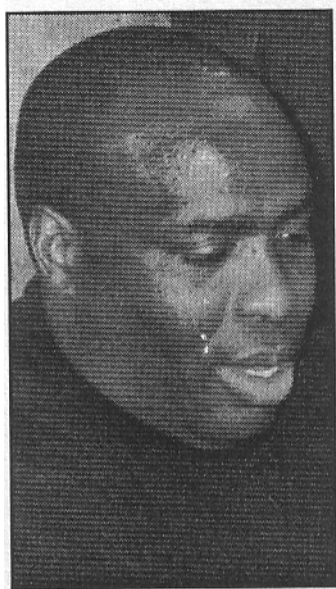
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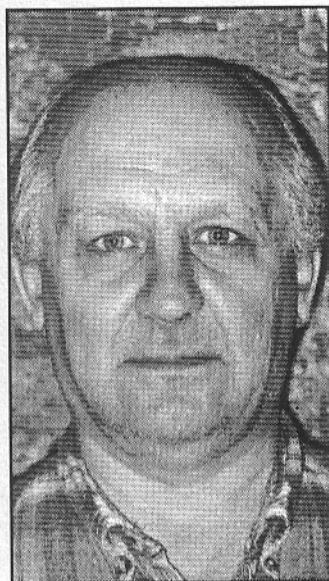
*At the Chicago Chess Club we recently asked some players to share their views with the Illinois Chess Bulletin. This is what they told us.*

What is your favorite time control?



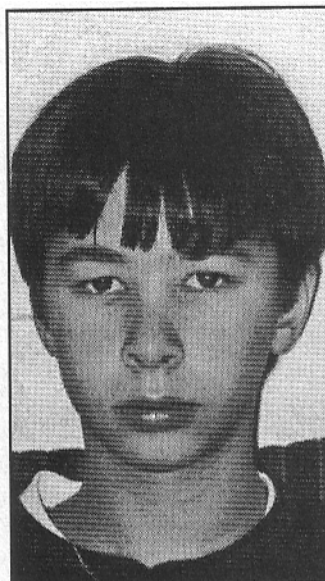
Marvin Dandridge  
(2339)  
Chicago

"Game in two hours using a delay clock. I don't want to give up an entire weekend to chess, but I do want enough time to think."



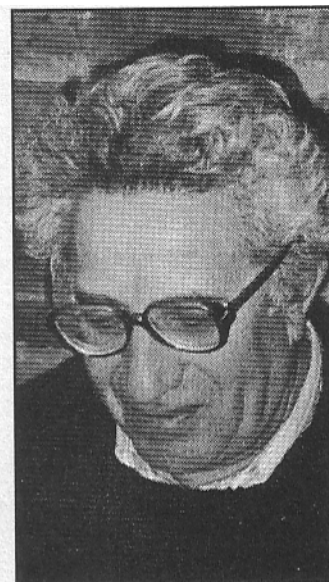
Roger Sopocia  
(1545)  
Chicago

"Anything over 40 moves in an hour. I like enough time to think. I mess up tactically when playing under fast time controls."



Brian Wong  
(1783)  
Wheaton

"Game in one hour. I don't like long time controls. With G/1 the game gets done faster and I am forced to think quickly."



Yefim Genchanok  
(1797)  
Chicago

"A five-minute game, a ten-minute game, a game in one hour—none of this matters to me. I just like to play chess."

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# Square One

Illinois Chess Association Junior Chess News • March/April 1998



Frank Summers

*4th of July in Evanston means Kids and Chess!*

## Focus on Evanston Junior Chess!

*—Plus Lots More Junior News, All Inside!—*

# Roy Frye Retires as Editor of Square One

## Replacement Sought

**R**oy Frye, the person who put the idea of a junior newsletter into practice, has resigned as editor of *Square One*. His presence will be sorely missed, as he was a tireless worker with an ear always ready to listen to potential readers or writers of *Square One*.

All of us at the ICB wish Roy well and hope that he will continue to write for us as well as bring his trusty camera to chess tournaments.

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Roy Frye

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# Evanston and New Trier Clean Up at Five-Board Invitational

by Matt Pullin, Sophomore, Board 3 Evanston Township High School

I was looking forward to the Evanston Invitational tournament for quite some time. When the date finally arrived, I was at the high school bright and early, helping to set up. A lot goes on behind the scenes of a tournament this big.

When I was done, there was time to relax, play blitz with teammates, discuss defense, and wait for other teams from all over the state to show up. I was amazed by the huge attendance—I never knew our South Cafeteria could hold 240 players from 36 different teams!

I'd like to thank all teams that participated, including New Trier, West Chicago, Downers Grove North, IMSA, Glenbard West, Wheaton/Warrenville South, University High, Buffalo Grove, Lake Forest, Naperville North, St. Ignatius, Sandburg, Hinsdale South, Proviso West, U of Chicago Lab, St. Rita, Auburn, Joliet West, Bowen, Deerfield, Jefferson, Maine South and last, but not least, Mundelein. There were an additional 8 Junior High teams participating as an experiment as well.

Well, now that the room was crowded, it was only a matter of time before the first round began. My team was the ETHS A team, which consisted of Florin Felecan (who needs no introduction), Matt Thomas, myself, David Summerhays and Dave Geisler. Our ratings are 2561 (provisional), 1424, 1329, 1224, and 979, respectively—quite a steep slope!

Nevertheless, the Evanston A Team played very well, defeating 4 of last year's

*Ken Lewandowski, ETHS Coach, contributed to this article.*

top state finishers: West Chicago, Glenbard West, IMSA, and University High.

Florin on first board was wonderful! He defeated Justin Sadauskas, Bryan Gast, Tom Johnson, and Kim Goodwin.



Florin Felecan (left), member of the Evanston winning team and winner of the individual Board 1 prize, plays a smiling Bryan Gast.

These are the top players from four of the IHSA's strongest teams. Had this been a 5-round tournament, he would have also faced the up-and-coming New Trier first board Rob Usiskin.

Second board Matt Thomas also had a monster day. He had two huge upsets, against West Chicago's Blair Machaj (1832) and Glenbard West's Brian Wong (1703). He went 3-1, losing only to IMSA's Andy Dougherty (1532) who defeated me at Chicago.

I also went 3-1 as well. I gained a lot of experience from this tournament. All my rounds were very difficult. I beat West Chicago's Kevin Brewer (1678), Glenbard West's David Nordahl (1405), IMSA's Michael Massey (1407) and lost a drawn position on time against University High's Keith Middleton (1403). All in all, I felt I was playing some of my

best chess at this tournament.

But Evanston wasn't the only team that was smoking at the Invitational Tournament. The New Trier team was also undefeated! Playing for them were Rob Usiskin (1739), Ben Chu-Kung (1407), John Barth (1376), Matt Miller (1223) and Kevin Estes (1044). Admittedly, I'm not as familiar with NT's squad and their play as I am of Evanston's team, but they appear to be a fairly strong team with a good balance of skill. They beat the teams of University High, Auburn, Hinsdale South and Downers Grove North. So these guys are definitely a

team to watch out for! With only a few rounds left, ETHS and New Trier are undefeated in their divisional play for the North Suburban Chess League and are eagerly looking forward to the Championship Match later in February.

The accelerated pairings set the top teams against each other from round 1 on. Twelve of the top 15 teams last year were in attendance. Winning at Evanston is a clear indication of strength, as is any plus score. Coach Lewandowski was pleased with the turnout, participation, play, and behavior all day. The Environmental Awareness Club sold concessions during the tournament, earning enough money to purchase and preserve some rain forest land. He was equally pleased with the Evanston B team results (2-2). They entered two varsity teams in order to create an even number of teams and the fact that there are many players at Evanston wanting to be the "State 8". The Evanston B team consisted of play-

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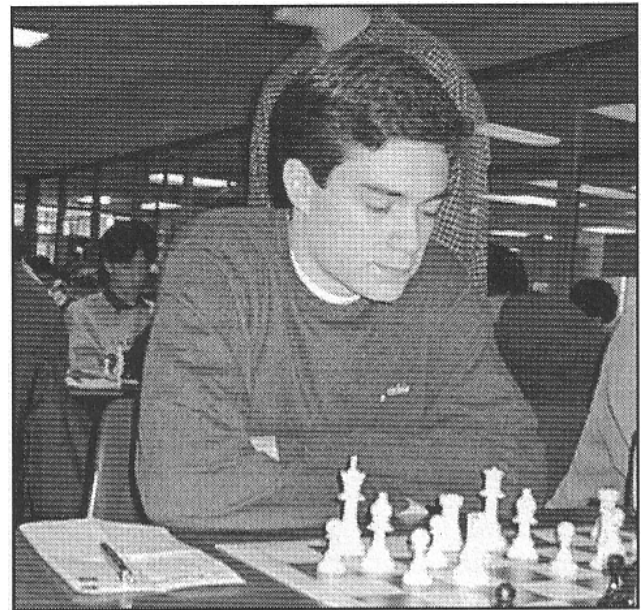
Focus on Evanston

# Results

## Evanston Invitational Varsity

Place Name/Team	Score
Top Overall Places	
1 ETHS A (10,ETHS)	-011 4.0
2 New Trier (9)	-010 4.0
3 West Chicago A (3,WSTCH)	-003 3.0
4 Downers Grove North (4)	-005 3.0
5 IMSA (1)	-001 3.0
6 Glenbard West (5)	-006 3.0
7 Wheaton/Warrenville South (6)	-007 3.0
(26 teams total)	

Place Name/Team	Rate	Score
Top Overall Places		
Board 1		
1 Felecan, Florin, ETHS A	2570	4.0
2 Freitag, Todd M, Sandburg	1379	4.0
3 Leicht, Nick W, Buffalo Grove	1114	3.5
4 Goodwin, Kimberly, University, Normal	1735	3.0
Board 2		
1 Chu-Kung, Ben, New Trier	1407	4.0
2 Dougherty, Andy, IMSA	1532	3.5
3 Thomas, Matthew, ETHS A	1424	3.0
4 Burke, Luke, Downers Grove North	1263	3.0
Board 3		
1 Ferguson, John, Wheaton/Warrenville S	1420	4.0
2 Middleton, Keith T, University, Normal	1403	4.0
3 Doty, Jason A, ETHS B	1458	3.5
4 Pullin, Matthew, ETHS A	1329	3.0
Board 4		
1 Patel, Eddie, West Chicago A	1447	4.0
2 Stefanski, Peter, Glenbard West	1346	4.0
3 Campos, Miguel, Bowen	1350	4.0
4 Powers, Mark, Proviso West	—	4.0
Board 5		
1 Dixon, John, Downers Grove North	0993	4.0
2 Kueker, Josh, IMSA	1154	4.0
3 Sung, Woojae, ETHS B	0973	3.0
4 Livesay, Justin, Naperville North	—	3.0



Rob Usiskin (New Trier)

ers from the middle boards. Ben Allen, normally Board 4/5 played Board 1 for this team and earned an impressive 3-1 score, losing a tie game in time trouble.

When the tournament came to a close, the tiebreak points more than modestly favored Evanston, so as a result, the tournament winner is Evanston Township, runner-up is New Trier. (Personally, I think a 5-minute blitz playoff would have been much more fun than winning by tiebreaks, but oh well, a win's a win!)

In conclusion, the results of the Evanston 5-Board Invitational clearly show that Evanston and New Trier will both be in the running for the 1997-98 IHSA Chess Team Championships.

And now, for your viewing pleasure, here's a game I played against Michael Massey of IMSA:

**Matt Pullin (1329) (ETHS)**  
**Michael Massey (1409) (IMSA)**  
**Evanston 5-Board Invitational**  
**Reti Opening**

*Notes by 1329 Matt Pullin*

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. b3 Bf5 4. g3 Nf6

The moves ...d5, ...c6, ...Nf6 and ...Bf5 constitute the Lasker System. This is one of Black's most solid choices against the potent Reti Opening.

5. Bg2 Nbd7 6. Bb2 e6 7. d3 Bd6

A typical position of the Lasker System. Black is playing a Semi-Slav formation.

8. 0-0 h6

Not 8....e5? because of 9.e4! with initiative.

9. Nbd2 Qc7 10. Rc1 dxc4

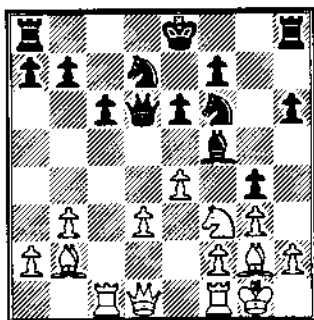
Well, 10....e5? simply loses: 11.cxd5! Nxd5 12.e4. The move played loses no material but is positionally inferior as White's next move demonstrates:

11. Nxc4! g5 12. Nxd6+ Qxd6 13. e4 g4



Justin Sadauskas (West Chicago)

Koy rryc



Forced. If his bishop retreats, then 14.e5 wins a piece.

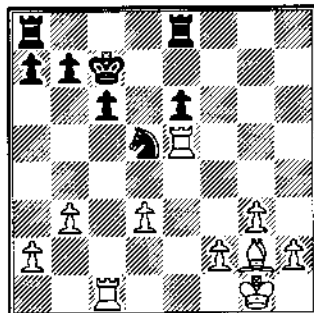
14. exf5

14.Nh4 was my first instinct, but then after 14.Nh4 Bh7 there is not enough power to fork, and White's Nh4 is a pedestrian. Don't force your opponent to make good moves!

14. ... gxf3 15. fxe6 fxe6 16. Qxf3 Rf8 17. Rfe1 Nd5? 18. Qh5+ Kd8 19. Qxh6 Re8 20. Qg5+ Kc7

20....Kc8 21.Bxd5 wins a piece, as both Black's c pawn and e pawn are pinned.

21. Be5 Nxe5 22. Qxe5 Qxe5 23. Rxe5



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## Results Evanston Invitational Junior Varsity

Top Overall Places		Score
1	Glenbard West (3)	-006 4.0
2	Downers Grove North (2)	-004 3.0
3	IMSA (1)	-001 2.0

Top Overall Places	Rating	Score
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Board 1		
1	Liu, Michael Y, IMSA	1270 3.5

Board 2		
1	Warren, Brian, Glenbard West	1023 3.5

Board 3		
1	Lehnert, David, Wheaton/Warrenville S	1007 3.5

Board 4		
1	Villafior, Elizabeth, Glenbard West	1051 4.0

Board 5		
1	Villafior, Phillip, Glenbard West	0834 4.0

## Junior High

Top Overall Places	Rate	Score
1	Eisenhower (3)	— 4.0
2	Hadley A (4,HDLGE)	— 3.0
3	Chute B (2,CHTEV)	— 3.0

Place Name/Team	Rate	Score
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Top Overall Places		
Board 1		
1	Rose, Alan J, Eisenhower	1557 3.5
2	Wong, Kevin D, Hadley A	1302 3.5

Board 2		
1	Moore, Glenn, Eisenhower	1351 4.0

Board 3		
1	Bucsa, Jeffrey, Eisenhower	1243 3.0
2	Bob, Gideon M, Hadley A	1038 3.0
3	Meyer, Kevin J, Chute B	0951 3.0

Board 4		
1	Hudson, Benjamin R, Hadley A	0998 4.0

Board 5		
1	Walker, Jamil, Eisenhower	0765 4.0

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# North Suburban Chess League Update

by Ken Lewandowski

**A**s the season nears completion, both divisions of the NSCL have second place up for grabs. New Trier and Evanston are the clear favorites to take first in their respective divisions. Many of the second place teams in the accompanying box above have not played the frontrunners yet. There are five teams tied with two losses in Division A, and only two of them played Evanston. Barring upsets of the leaders, it very likely that the second place team will have two or possible three losses for the season. New Trier will be playing Lake Forest and Stevenson soon. There seems to be a great deal of equality in the league this year. Each match in the league now takes on special weight as so many schools vie for the honor of making the playoffs in each division.

Both Evanston and New Trier are acknowledged to be strong contenders for the IHSA State Title as well. These two teams tied with perfect 4-0 records at the recent Evanston Tournament (see article elsewhere in Square One), beating the top teams from all over the state. Evanston finished third at West Chicago and New Trier second at the Illini Classic.

There are several new teams shining in play this year too. Mundelein, Prospect, and Glenbrook South have started programs and are fielding teams in the league. Although starting near the bottom of the initial seeding, they have already suprised many veteran teams and two are in contention for second place in their divisions. Add these to Deerfield, Lake Forest, Loyola, and Glenbrook South who started teams in the last few years and everyone can see the growth of scholastic chess in Illinois. League president Ken Lewandowski took over the league nine years ago when there were eight teams. Today, there are 20 with a possibility of Maine West rejoining next season.

Note: The league divisional alignment changes each year, based on play at the IHSA Team tournament each spring. ♘

## North Suburban Chess League Standings

### Division A

- 5-0 Evanston
- 5-2 Niles North
- 4-2 Mundelein
- 3-2 Glenbrook South
- 3-2 Rolling Meadows
- 3-2 Buffalo Grove
- 2-3 Elk Grove
- 1-2 Loyola
- 0-3 Waukegan
- 0-6 Prospect

### Division 1

- 4-0 New Trier
- 5-1 Lake Forest
- 3-1 Stevenson
- 3-3 North Ridge Prep
- 2-2 Glenbrook North
- 2-4 Maine South
- 1-2 Deerfield
- 1-3 Fremd
- 0-2 Niles West
- 0-3 Highland Park

## Evanston Invitational • results and game continued from previous page

### Results Evanston Invitational Open Individual Standings

Place	Name/Team	Rate	Score
Top Overall Places			
1	Poltorak, Alex (1,MPLxx)	1302	4.0
2	Weber, Jon (8,UNINO)	1143	4.0
List for Group H			
1	Weber, Jon (8,UNINO)	1143	4.0
List for Group J			
1	Poltorak, Alex (1,MPLxx)	1302	4.0

White has the better ending.

23. ... Nb4 24. Rd1 Nxa2 25. Bh3 Kd6 26. Rde1 Nb4  
27. Rxe6+ Rxe6 28. Rxe6+ Kd5 29. Rc7! b6 30. Rd7+  
Kc5 31. d4+ Kb5 32. Bf1+ Ka5 33. Bg2 a6 34. d5! cxd5  
35. Bxd5 Nxd5 36. Rxd5+ Kb4 37. Rd6! Rb8 38. Rd3  
a5 39. h4 b5 40. h5 a4 41. bxa4 bxa4 42. g4 a3

Here Black is in time trouble from analyzing all the tactics in the opening. However, since this game now decides the match, White must play very carefully. In calculating the Rook sacrifice at the end, I must see everything clearly. One tempo could mean all the difference in endings like this.

43. Rd2 Kc3 44. Re2 Ra8 45. h6 a2 46. Rxa2!! Rxa2

His rook is powerless to stop my passed pawns, because the Black King is on the wrong side of the board.

47. h7 Ra1+ 48. Kg2 Ra8 49. g5 Rh8 50. g6 ...

Just in time!

1-0 ♘

# Evolution of a Scholastic Chess Program: Evanston's Dewey Elementary

by Shawn Decker

**W**hen my first grade son Sam expressed an interest in the new chess club at his school several years ago, all I knew about scholastic chess was what I had 'learned' from *Searching for Bobby Fischer* and what I had recently read in our local paper about the latest chess success of another Evanston elementary team. Oakton Elementary had just finished its second year as state champion (in the Primary division, grades K-3), and the cover of our local paper displayed some very excited young faces! Despite my relative ignorance, I soon found myself volunteering to help teach chess at Sam's school—Dewey Elementary. Starting with a most basic understanding of chess, and with a packet of materials provided by the USCF, several other parents and I learned along with our children as we taught about a dozen elementary school children in this first year of our fledgling club.

Now, three years later, Dewey Elementary Chess is a very successful and thriving program, with close to 50 children attending meetings once a week. Our team, coached by myself and Bill Banzhaf, is the current State K-3 Champion. We will be defending this title at the State Scholastic Championships in Rockford in February. Clearly Dewey's program has grown, and prospered, very quickly.

Dewey's club meets once a week on Monday mornings before school for an hour, a meeting open to all who register for the club. Newcomers receive basic instruction in small groups, but most of the children spend their time playing games with each other. Once players are able to pass a basic proficiency test (based on the one used by Oakton Elementary), they are then eligible to join the "team" which has a separate practice every Saturday for one-and-a-half



FRANK SUMMERS

Above: A Dewey team meeting prior to the first round at the 1997 State Scholastic Championship tournament in Peoria.

Below: Coach Shawn Decker looks on as Shannon Burkhead and Todd Summers play a game in a club meeting before school.

hours. This smaller group of more experienced players participates in local tournaments as well as in larger regional, state, and national tournaments. We are proud to boast a growing percentage of girl team members.

### Parents are the Key

While it is the kids who rightfully get the trophies and credit for the team's tournament successes, I have found that the foundation for this success rests not only with the kids but with the many parents who have become interested in playing chess through their children. My assistant coach Bill Banzhaf and I, as well as many other parents, have found ourselves scrambling to keep up with the interests and the skills of our children. (Nothing is more disconcerting than to have your 8-year-old stump you!)

Many of our parents are not only interested in their own child's success, but have become deeply involved in the well-being of the entire chess club. Each



Bill Banzhaf

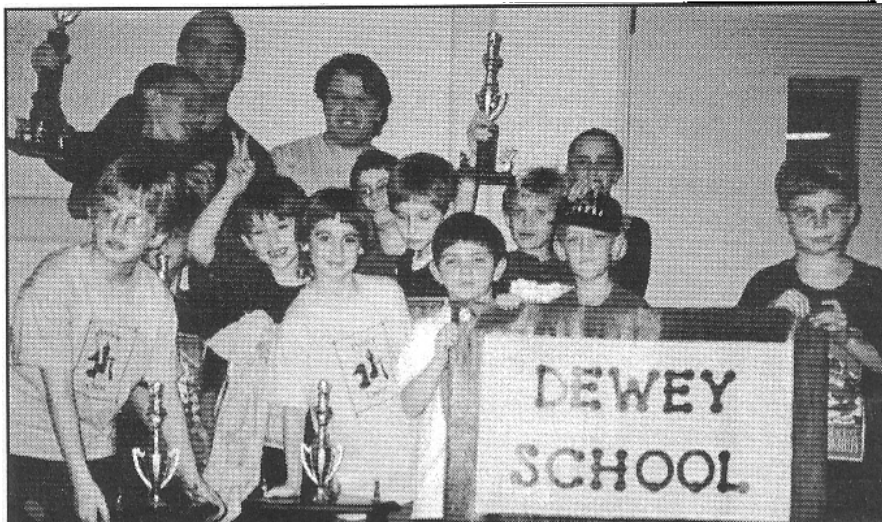
Monday morning (a tricky time for working parents) at least four or five mothers and fathers show up to help with chess club. These volunteers are critically important when 40-50 surpris-

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Focus on Evanston



Frank Summers



Bill Banzhaf

Left: Sam Decker. Right: Coaches Bill Banzhaf (left) and Shawn Decker (right) along with the Dewey Elementary team after winning last year's State Championship in the primary division. Team members, from left to right are: Sam Decker, Todd Summers (partially hidden), Eli Klejunas (top), Nick Salter, Elliot Damashek, Zack Yarnoff, Kyler Murlas, Patrick O'Leary, Alex Banzhaf, Nicole Summers (back), Drew Banzhaf, and Glenn McFadden. Not pictured: Shannon Burkhead and Clifford Walls.

ingly wide-awake children attend. These parents don't just baby-sit—they play games, learn new ideas along with the children, and engage in one-on-one instruction with new players. Likewise for the team, many parents share the burden of the work to be done. Practices are held at various homes and parents provide essential support during the busy tournament season.

For my own part, my son's interest in chess has now sparked an avid interest in the game. I now own a large bookshelf of well-worn chess books and engage in much internet and over-the-board play. Other parents have also been bitten by the chess bug and/or have hired chess tutors for their children (recent Evanston High School Graduate Miguel Santana being one favorite). Either way, for all of us our interest and knowledge of the game began with our children and not the other way around, an interesting reversal of the educational process.

**Evanston: Good Place To Play Chess**

Another important factor in Dewey's success has been the terrific scholastic chess community which has developed within Evanston. Inspired by Oakton Elementary's state championship, many Evanston schools have either expanded existing chess clubs or, like us, started new ones. There are currently

more than 10 schools with programs in Evanston at the K-8 level, many of which are regular top finishers in scholastic tournaments in Illinois. The parents and coaches at these schools have organized at the school district level as well, and we now host several District 65-only tournaments (which include both USCF-rated and non-rated sections). These friendly but intense events cost very little to enter (usually a couple of dollars) and provide a great opportunity for new players to try out tournament play. This series of tournaments culminates in an "All-Evanston Championship" which is held every spring, a day-long tournament which last year attracted nearly 150 players. Likewise, this group runs a summer chess night at the library, for those of us who just can't stop.

The Dewey Chess Club's good relationship with our school principal, and with the PTA, has also been critical to our success. The PTA's sponsorship of the chess club has allowed us to purchase equipment, books for the library, and other essentials. While the club does charge modest dues to participate, the PTA also sponsors a scholarship fund for those who cannot afford to register for the club, or for tournaments.

**Benefits of a Chess Program**

While the many educational benefits of a chess program are fairly well estab-

lished, there are other benefits which I see every day in our club and team meetings. Chess is one of the few competitive activities which allows children and adults of different ages to directly interact, teach, and compete with each other. In chess tournaments, summer programs, and other inter-school events, this interaction can spread from beyond just kindergarten though fifth grade all the way to high school and beyond. Furthermore, chess provides a non-athletic team experience, reinforcing self-esteem and pride in learning. Finally, it is an activity which involves more fathers in an in-school activity at Dewey than just about any other club or sport than I can think of.

Sportsmanship, focus, concentration, and perseverance are among the important lessons learned by the kids in our club, in addition to the impact chess knowledge has on reading and math skills. Establishing the Chess Program at Dewey Elementary has been not only a very rewarding experience for the kids, but also, I believe, for the parents as well. This new 'community'—which has bonded driving long miles to tournaments, fetching coffees and candy bars, gathering notation sheets, and soothing post-game tempers—is deeply invested in ensuring the Dewey Chess Club is here to stay. ♣



# Evanston Winter Scholastic

by Tom Doan

**F**ive years ago, scholastic chess in Evanston was pretty much limited to the program at Oakton Elementary. But after Oakton won State Primary championships in 1993 and 1994, the interest in developing chess programs at other schools exploded. There are now chess programs at nine of the twelve elementary schools, a private elementary school and two of the three middle schools. Six of the elementary schools have won team trophies at large scholastic tournaments in just the past year, and the 1997 State Championships saw Evanston teams finish first, fourth and sixth in the Primary section (Dewey, Oakton and Lincolnwood, respectively).

One of the keys to the recent success of Evanston schools has been a series of unrated local tournaments. These are low-budget tournaments (with \$2-3 entry fees), typically drawing 80 to 120 players. By using many small sections, with players divided by age and ability, we are able to keep mismatches to a minimum. Sections range from a 900+ section for players of all ages (we've now opened this to high schoolers) to a novice section open only to players second grade and under. The typical tournament runs for four hours. We get in a four to five round Swiss for the less-experienced players and three rounds at G/30 for the stronger ones. As players improve, they are moved up into higher sections.

These give new chess players a chance to play children from other schools and get used to the tournament scene in a less stressful environment than at the large scholastic tournaments. We have most of the trappings of a major tournament (touch-move rules, board numbers, scorer's tables), but we don't use clocks in the novice sections, and tend to be fairly quick to "arrange"

draws when it's clear that neither player has acquired the knowledge to finish a game with a checkmate. A quick lesson in a two-queen checkmate and it's on to the next round.

Most of the Evanston schools use some type of test that children must pass before being allowed to play in rated tournaments. The test used at Lincolnwood (which is based largely on one devised at Oakton) requires that a child know the basic checkmates through K+R, know the basic tactical tools (pin, fork, skewer and discovered attack), know the Scholar's mate and how to defend it, know back rank checkmates and how to defend against them, and be able to keep and read a score. In addition, most schools expect the children to play in at least one of these unrated tournaments first.

This year, we expanded our usual December tournament into the "Evanston Winter Scholastic Invitational," on Sunday, December 8, with 130 players from Evanston, Chicago and some of the northern suburbs playing in three rated sections, and 60 more from Evanston playing in two unrated sections. The rated sections started at 10:00, while the unrated sections had a later start time of 1:00.

Team trophies in the Primary (K-3rd grade) section went to Dewey, St. Gilbert's (Grayslake) and Walker. Individual overall trophy winners were Elliott Damashek, Thomas Dupuis (both 5.5-0.5—they had a fifth round draw), Todd Summers, Noah Lieberman and Nick Salter. Winning grade trophies were Frankie Swindell (kindergarten), Matthew Strauss (first grade), Eli Kliejunas, Patrick O'Leary, Jacqueline Swindell (second grade) and Ben Simon, Andrew O'Callahan and Andrew Day (third grade).



Frank Summers

Todd Summers, winner of an individual overall trophy

Team trophies in Elementary (4th-5th grade) went to Lincolnwood, Dewey and Avoca West (Glenview). Individual overall trophy winners were David Moosman, Alexander Burt (both were 5-0, David won a blitz playoff), Sam Decker, Jose Rodriguez and Bennett Joseph. Winning grade trophies were Jessica Doan (third grade), David Holmes, Alex Banzhaf (fourth grade) and Shannon Burkhead (fifth grade).

Team trophies in the Junior High section were won by Chute, Marie Murphy (Wilmette) and Haven. Individual trophy winners were Jack Williams (4-0), Jeff Cobia, Tyler Drendel, Daniel Summerhays and Jody Smith. Grade trophy winners were Erik Dupuis, Jusuf Pekovic, Christopher Holmes (sixth grade), Tony Carfang (seventh grade) and Mark Fodor (eighth grade).

The following was one of the key games from the Elementary section. Top seed (third grader!) Jose Rodriguez was upset by Alexander Burt (playing Black).

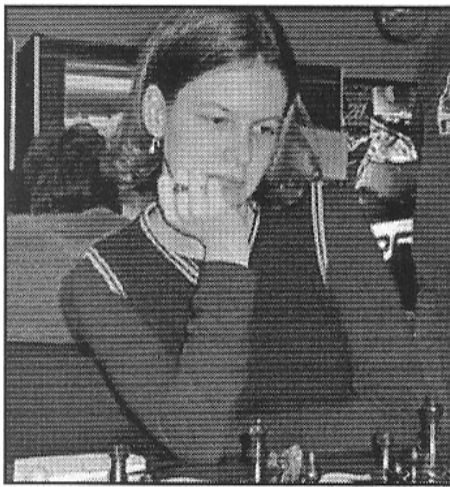
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# The Illini Classic

by Mike Zacate

**T**he Illini Classic is a high school team event held in January at the Illini Union on the campus of the University of Illinois in Urbana. Contestants are paired by teams with five players on a team. Besides the varsity section, a junior-varsity section is also held.

The tournament this year was directed by Garrett Scott of Bloomington



Kim Goodwin, above, was first place on board one at the Illini Classic.

and Jerry Parker of Mattoon assisted by an able staff of individuals from the Urbana-Champaign area.

The top three teams in each section won trophies and each of the five team members received medals. Individual awards were won by the top three places for each board in each section.

In the varsity section on Board 1, Kim Goodwin (University High-Normal) won first place with a 4-0 score followed by Michael Smith (Mattoon), Matthew Thomas (Evanston Twp. I), Rob Usiskin (New Trier-Winnetka), and Matthew Pullin (Evanston Twp. II) with 3-1 scores.

John Bolton (Lincoln Way-New Lenox) was 4-0 on Board 2 followed at 3.5 by Karl Keyzer (Auburn-Rockford), Steve Suddick (Bradley-Bourbonnais), and Nils-Holger Schmidt (Quincy). ♣



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**Jose Rodriguez  
Alexander Burt**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 Bg4! 6.Bxc4?

6 Be3 is needed first.

6...Bxf3 7.gxf3 Qxd4! 8.Qxd4 Nxd4 9.Kd1!

9 Nb5! is stronger

9...O-O-O! 10.Kd2?! Nb3+! 11.Kc2 Nxa1+ 12.Kb1 e6 13.Kxa1 Bc5! 14.Rf1 Rd7 15.b3 Rhd8 16.Be3 Bb4 17.Kb2 Rd2+!

A little combination wins two pieces for a rook..

18.Bxd2 Rxd2+ 19.Kc1 Bxc3 20.a4 Nd7!

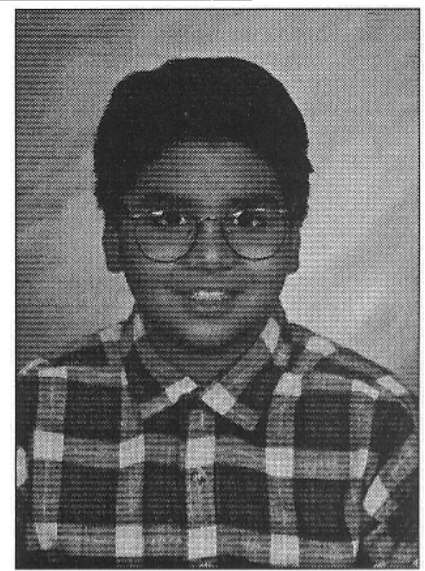
Getting the last piece into the game, heading for c5 or e5.

21.f4 Nc5 22.e5 a6 23.f5?! b5!

The mate threats cost White another piece.

24.Rd1 Rxd1 25.Kxd1 bxc4

And Black won. ♣



**Vignesh Somasundaram** (pictured above), age 10, was the Class G winner of the 1997 ICA Tour. Although there is no prize for Class G, Square One congratulates Vignesh and all the other juniors who won games on the Tour. Below is one of Vignesh's Tour wins.

Michael Hayes

Vignesh Somasundaram

Holiday Classic 12/28

French Exchange Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Ne7 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.0-0 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Ng6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bxe7 Ncxe7 12.Ne5 c6 13.Nd2 Re8 14.Qf3 f6 15.Nxg6 Nxg6 16.Re3 Qd7 17.Rae1 Rxe3 18.Rxe3 Re8 19.Nb3 b6 20.a4 a5 21.Qe2 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Kf7 23.Qe2 Qf5 24.g3 Qc8 25.c4 Qe6 26.Qxe6 Kxe6 27.c5 bxc5 28.Nxc5+ Kf5 29.Nb7 Ke4 30.Nxa5 Kxd4 31.Nxc6+ Kc5 32.Nd8 Kb4 33.Ne6 Kxa4 34.Kf1 Kb3 35.Ke2 Kc4 36.Ke3 Ne5 37.f3 g6 38.h3 Nd3 39.b3+ Kc3 40.Nf8 d4+ 41.Ke2 Kc2 42.Nxh7 Nc1+ 43.Ke1 d3 44.Nxf6 d2+ 45.Kf2 d1=Q 46.Ng4 Qe2+ 47.Kg1 Qe1+ 48.Kg2 Kd3 49.Nf2+ Kd4 50.g4 Ne2 0-1 ♣

## Illini Classic

### Team finishes in the Varsity section

1. 4.0 University High (Normal)
2. 3.5 New Trier (Winnetka)
3. 3.0 Auburn (Rockford)  
[36 tie-breaks]
4. 3.0 Quincy (Sr.) [34 tie-breaks]
5. 2.5 Lincoln-Way (New Lenox)
6. 2.0 Wheaton-Warrenville S
6. 2.0 Evanston (Twp.) I
6. 2.0 Mattoon
6. 2.0 Bradley-Bourbonnais
6. 2.0 Danville (H.S.)
11. 1.0 Moline
11. 1.0 Charleston
11. 1.0 University High (Urbana)
11. 1.0 Tri-City (Buffalo)
15. 0.0 Jefferson (Rockford)

# Bowen Wins Frosh-Soph Tourney

by Mike Zacate

**B**loom Trail H.S. (Chicago Heights) again became the center of high school chess for a week-end December 13, 1997. The occasion was the annual Frosh-Soph state wide tournament that was been held every year since 1967. The tournament had 274 players in 7 sections.

The Frosh/Soph play comprised 5

of the sections in a Board Swiss format. Team members are assigned team positions Board 1-5. Each board position becomes a separate tournament. A team has only one player on Boards 1-4 but may place as many players as they like on Board 5 with only the highest scorer counting toward the team score. A board weighted system is used.

The other sections are for chess

competition for chess enthusiasts who are not a freshman or sophomore in high school. Both a rated USCF and a non-USCF rated section is provided.

Bowen (Chicago) emerged as the Frosh-Soph Team Champion by one point over Glenbard West in the 34 team field. Mike Barkdoll (North Boone-Poplar Grove) won all four games on Board 1. ♘

## Board Winners

### BOARD 1

1. Mike Barkdoll (North Boone)
2. Karl Keyzer (Auburn)
3. Brian Wong (Glenbard West)
4. David Fitt (Mattoon)
5. Rogelio Zepeda (Bowen)

### BOARD 2

1. Dave Nodahl (Glenbard West)
2. Ali Amir (Downers Grove North)
3. Tom Rooney (Charleston)
4. Eugene Bukhman (Niles North)
5. Andrew Cleland (Sandburg)

### BOARD 3

1. Chuck Bintz (Thornwood))
2. Eric Atwood (Maine South)
3. Tom Yeung (St. Ignatius)
4. John Skolnick (Evanston)
5. William Thornton (Bowen)

### BOARD 4

1. Miguel Camos (Bowen)
2. Dan Woodall (Niles North)
3. Sam Castic (Glenbard West)
4. Woo Jae Sung (Evanston)
5. John Sibley (Moline)

### BOARD 5

1. Daniel Hernandez (Bowen)
1. David Herrera (Bowen)
1. Martez Woods (Bowen)
4. Elizabeth Villaflor (Glenbard West)
5. Jimmy Eickhoff (Bloom Trail)

## Team Results with weighted score by Boards

SCHOOL	Bd 1	Bd 2	Bd 3	Bd 4	Bd 5	Total
1. Bowen (Chicago)	30.0	27.0	24.0	28.0	24.0	133.0
2. Glenbard West-A (Glen Ellyn)	30.0	36.0	24.0	21.0	21.0	132.0
3. Evanston Twp.	25.0	22.5	24.0	21.0	18.0	110.5
4. Mattoon	30.0	22.5	24.0	14.0	18.0	108.5
5. Charleston	15.0	27.0	24.0	21.0	18.0	105.0
6. Marmion Academy (Aurora)	15.0	22.5	24.0	21.0	18.0	100.5
7. Thornwood (South Holland)	20.0	13.5	32.0	14.0	18.0	97.5
7. Glenbard West-B (Glen Ellyn)	20.0	22.5	16.0	21.0	18.0	97.5
9. Maine South (Park Ridge)	20.0	18.0	32.0	14.0	12.0	96.0
10. North Boone (Poplar Grove)	40.0	18.0	12.0	07.0	18.0	95.0
11. Bradley-Bourbonnais	30.0	22.5	16.0	14.0	12.0	94.5
12. Auburn (Rockford)	35.0	09.0	16.0	21.0	12.0	93.0
13. Downers Grove North	25.0	31.5	16.0	07.0	12.0	91.5
14. Buffalo Grove	25.0	18.0	00.0	17.5	18.0	78.5
15. Moline	10.0	22.5	20.0	21.0	—	73.5
16. Sandburg (Orland Park)	—	27.0	16.0	14.0	12.0	69.0
17. St. Ignatius (Chicago)	25.0	18.0	24.0	—	—	67.0
17. West Chicago	20.0	18.0	16.0	07.0	06.0	67.0
19. Niles North (Skokie)	—	27.0	16.0	21.0	—	64.0
20. Forman-B (Chicago)	10.0	09.0	16.0	10.5	18.0	63.5
21. Roanoke-Benson	10.0	18.0	08.0	07.0	12.0	55.0
22. Ottawa Township	20.0	09.0	08.0	14.0	—	51.0
23. Joliet West	15.0	13.5	00.0	14.0	06.0	48.5
24. Forman-A (Chicago)	10.0	18.0	08.0	10.5	—	46.5
25. Wheaton-Warrenville South	—	—	12.0	14.0	18.0	44.0
26. Jefferson (Rockford)	—	18.0	08.0	07.0	09.0	42.0
27. Argo (Summit)	20.0	04.5	08.0	03.5	—	36.0
28. Oak Forest	—	13.5	16.0	—	—	29.5
29. Danville H.S.	05.0	00.0	12.0	07.0	00.0	24.0
30. Bismarck-Henning	—	04.5	08.0	00.0	09.0	21.5
31. Curie (Chicago)	—	—	—	—	18.0	18.0
32. Georgetown-Ridge Farm	15.0	—	—	—	—	15.0
33. Proviso West	—	—	—	—	12.0	12.0
34. Rich East (Park Forest)	00.0	09.0	—	—	—	09.0

# Jose Rodriguez at the Illinois Class Championships

By Hector R. Hernandez

I first met Jose in December of 1993. He had just turned 5 on December 8th. His parents, Jose Rodriguez, Sr. and Maria Chavez, had come across an article in *Exito* which featured some children from the chess club at the Chicago Public Library's Rudy Lozano Branch. Since then he and his father show up at the Knight Moves Chess Club sponsored by "Blue Skies for Library Kids" on a regular basis.

I have had the privilege of working with him on a weekly basis since May 1995, both in and out of regular club hours. Jose's achievements are many, but most outstanding are being on USCF's National Top Fifty list for 7- and 8-year-olds from December 1996 through December 1997; being the top 6-, 7-, and 8-year-old at the U.S. Junior Open in 1995, 1996, and 1997, respectively; and scoring a first place finish at the Tri-State Scholastic in 1996 with a perfect 6-0 score, K-3rd grade Division. Because of these accomplishments Jose has been featured on various television programs—Chicago channels 23 and 44, as well as NBC's *Today Show* with Mike Leonard, which airs nationally. Since he started playing, he has earned upwards of 25 trophies, one of which he donated to his school, the Ted Lenart Regional Gifted Center, CPS. Jose is also a participant in the ICA-Warren Junior Chess Program. At the 1997 Illinois Class Championships Jose scored a perfect 4-0 by defeating three teenagers and one adult. Excluding his first round opponent who was unrated, the average rating of his opponents was 1306. He averaged 27 moves per game, which means he did not need a lot of moves to score

his 4 wins. Young Jose's victims in rounds 2 and 3 were the number 1 and 2 Class D ICA Tour leaders, D. Reddivari and Tim Ailes.

Many of us would be happy to set up pawns on d4 and e4 by move 4. Against 19 year-old Alex Vassiliades in round 1, Jose does this as Black! Jose wins a center pawn on move 3, a second center pawn on move 4, a Knight on move 6, a Queen on move 10, a Bishop on move 13 and a King on move 16!

## Round 1

Alex Vassiliades (Unrated)

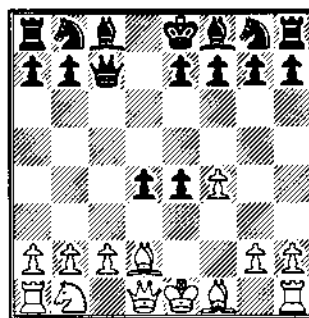
Jose A. Rodriguez (1075)

Irregular Queen's Pawn

1997 Illinois Class Championships

Notes by Hector Hernandez

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c5 3.e4 dxe4 4.Nc5  
 cxd4 5.f3 Qa5+ 6.Bd2 Qxc5 7.f4  
 Qc7



Jose looks for familiar elements in new positions. This move, for example, is very useful in the Paulsen variation of the Sicilian Defense. The queen keeps a watchful eye on the center and is alert to attacking possibilities versus the White king, should White castle on the kingside. After 7 moves Jose has moved only two pawns and his queen; but he is up two center pawns and a knight. We

are often cautioned about bringing the queen out too early in the game. However, great players know when to lay aside general principles and pursue a different course of action.

8.c3 d3

This move limits the mobility of White's king bishop and gives Black two connected passed pawns in the center.

9.Qa4 + Qc6

Since Black is up two pawns and a knight, he offers a queen trade to simplify the position.

10.Qxc4?

White refuses the trade and, instead, blunders away his queen.

10...Qxc4+ 11.Kd1 Bg4+ 12.Kc1

Nc6 13.Bxd3

White gives up the bishop for no apparent reason.

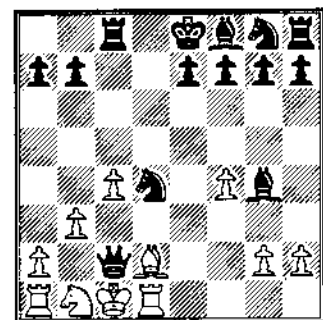
13...Qxd3 14.Rd1 Rc8

Black does not want the exchange and prefers to bring his rook onto the same file as the enemy king

15.b3 Nd4 16.c4

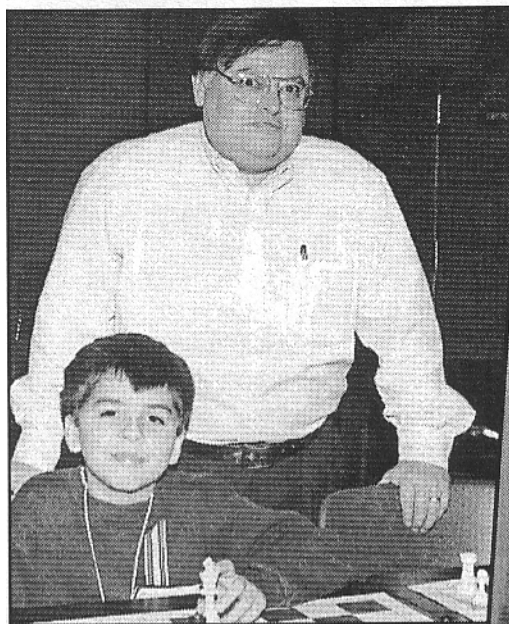
16.Na3 would prolong the game, but would not change its outcome.

16...Qc2#



The final position is a curious one. Black did not employ any of his kingside pieces. Starting with his second move, just about all of Jose's moves either attacked, threatened, or won something.

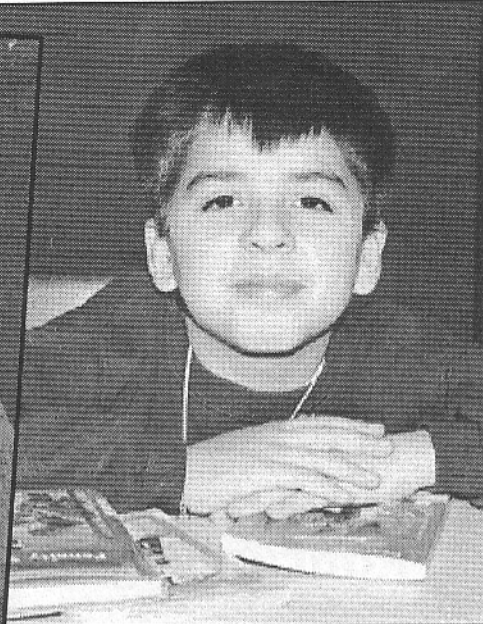
Teach a friend to play chess!



Jose A. Rodriguez, Jr. with his coach, Hector Hernandez.



Jose with one of his chess trophies.



Photos by Nancy Chavez

When not playing chess, Jose enjoys reading many kinds of books.

**Jose A. Rodriguez (1075)  
Dushyanth Reddivari (1345)**

Queen's Gambit Declined  
1997 Illinois Class Championships  
*Notes by Hector Hernandez*

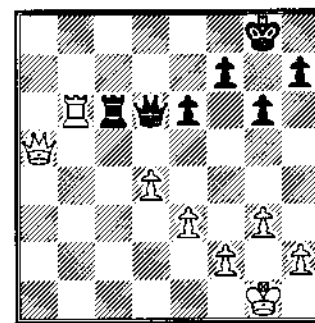
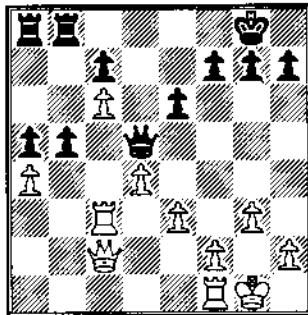
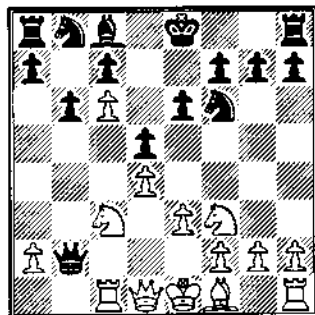
1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4  
Bd6 5.Bxd6 Qxd6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Nf3  
Qb4 8.c5

This move allows Black to capture the pawn on b2. Why did Jose play it? I think we need to look at White's 8-10 moves as part of a comprehensive plan to answer this question.  
8...Qxb2 9.Rc1 b6 10.c6 Nb8

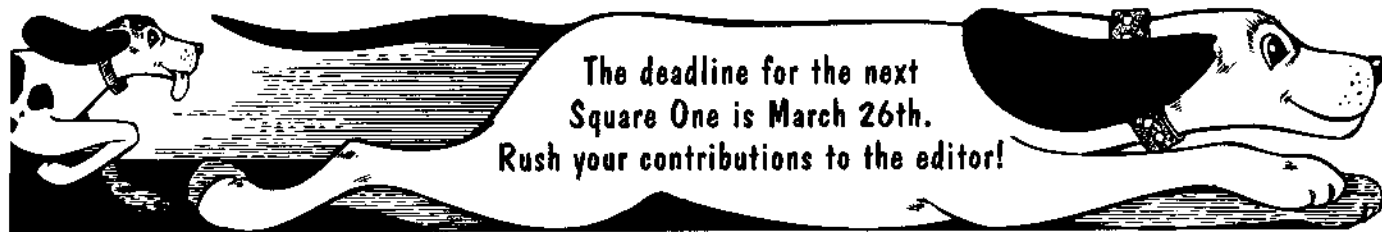
White's pawn on c6 may not look very impressive; but, it turns out to be a big factor in the later development of this game. I believe only Jose knows the real strength of his pawns and pieces.  
11.Ne5 Qb4 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 Ne4  
14.Nxc4 dxc4 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Qc2  
Nb8 17.Qg4 0-0 18.Qxc4 Qd6  
19.Nd3 Na6 20.g3 Nb4 21.Nxb4  
Qxb4 22.Qf4 Qd6 23.Qe4 Qd5  
24.Qb1 Rfd8 25.Rc3 Rdb8 26.Qc2  
a5 27.a4 b5?

Black attempts to trade his b-pawn for White's a-pawn, after which his passed a-pawn would be ready to march to the queening square a1 supported by the Ra8. However, there is a flaw in his plan as Jose shows with his next couple of moves.

28.Rc5 Qd6 29.Rxb5 Rxb5 30.axb5  
Rb8 31.Rb1 g6 32.Qa4 Ra8 33.b6  
cxb6 34.Rb6 Rc8 35.Qxa5 Rxc6?



Black finally gets rid of White's c6-pawn, which had been there since move



# ICA-Warren Junior Chess Update

by Helen Warren

The following contributors should be added to the list published in the January/February ICB:

David Sawyer  
Kevin Bachler & Deb Socha  
Marty Castro  
Tres Americas Books  
Jim Oberweis

The following schools are added as participants in the program:

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Roosevelt H.S.

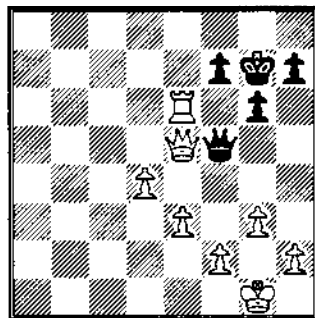
Argo-Summit H.S.  
St. Rita H.S.  
Naperville No. H.S.  
Oakton School

This represents a total of 19 schools in the program for the academic year 1997-98.

## Rodriguez

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9. However, he overlooked the following combination which loses his rook.  
36.Qa8+ Kg7 37.Qxc6 Qa3 38.Qc7 Qd3 39.Rxc6 Qf5 40.Qc5+ Black resigns.



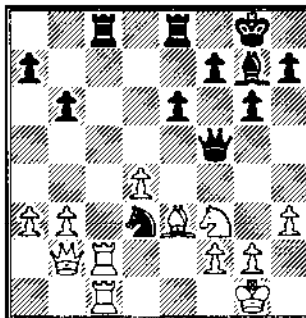
White had refused to trade queens on moves 23 and 24, but now forces the exchange to further simplify the position.

Jose A Rodriguez (1075)  
Tim Ailes (1300)

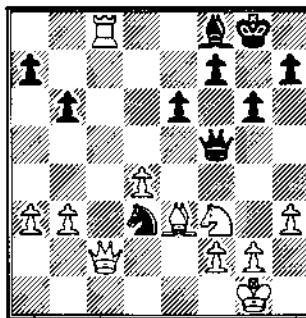
Grünfeld Defense  
1997 Illinois Class Championships  
Notes by Hector Hernandez

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 cxd4 4.exd4 d5  
5.Nc3 g6 6.h3 Bg7 7.Nf3 dxc4 8.Bxc4  
0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Qc2 e6  
12.Rad1 Bd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5

Qxd5 15.b3 Nc6 16.Qe1 Rfe8 17.Qc3  
Rac8 18.Qb2 Qf5 19.a3 Nc7 20.Rd2  
Nd5 21.Rc1 Nf4 22.Rdc2 Nd3?



Black forks White's queen and rook but his back rank is weak, a factor which allows the following combination.  
23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rxc8+ Bf8 25.Qc2



Better was 25..Bh6 leading to a mate in two moves. Black resigns because: he is down a rook; his knight is trapped; and White is still threatening Bh6 with mate to follow.

Gabriel Lerner (1274)

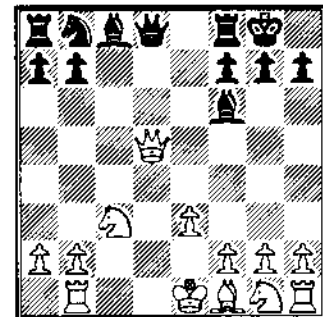
Jose A Rodriguez (1075)

Queen's Gambit Accepted  
1997 Illinois Class Championships

Notes by Hector Hernandez

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6  
5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.e3 Be7 7.Rb1 0-0  
8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bxf6

White removes one of the d5-pawn's defenders looking to win it.  
Bxf6 10.Qxd5?



Black wins the queen.  
10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxd5

At this point the game is over.  
12.Rd1 Qa5 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.g3 Rd8  
15.Rxd8+ Qxd8 16.Bg2 Be6 17.0-0  
Bc4 18.Rc1 Bxc2 19.Rxc2 Qd1+  
20.Bf1 Ne5 21.f4 Nc4 22.Rf2 Nxc3  
23.f5 Nxf1 24.Rxf1 Qd5 25.a4 h6  
And Black won.

Congratulations to Jose on an excellent overall performance and to his parents for providing a supportive environment for Jose's talent to develop in. I eagerly anticipate his participation in 1998 Open tournaments. Look for him to join the 9- and 10-year-old USCF Top Fifty list this year.

**Kids: Don't forget the ICA Banquet on March 22!**

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# Searching for Perfection in Purdy

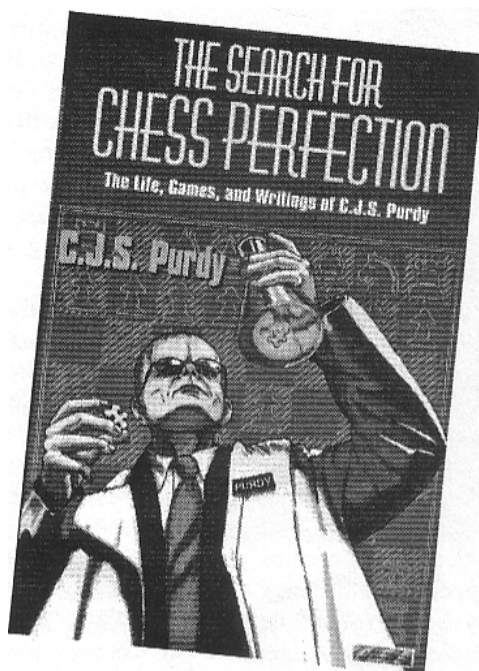
*John Tomas examines a chess great from Down Under*

by John Tomas

If you are not intimately acquainted with chess history, you may not have heard of C.J.S. (Cecil) Purdy. Although he won a number of national championships (two New Zealand and eight Australian) and one world championship (the inaugural World Correspondence Championship finished in 1953), and held the title of International Master, his star was largely eclipsed in the chess-playing capitals of the world because he spent most of his life in the far reaches of the Southeast Pacific. However, during his lifetime he was renowned as one of the greatest annotators who ever took pen to paper. No less a personage than the former world champion, Bobby Fischer, paid tribute to his skill. Unfortunately, almost all of Purdy's work was done for the various Australian magazines that he edited and so has not been immediately available to most Occidentals.

Now, Bob Long's Thinker's Press (working out of Davenport, Iowa) has reprinted John Hammond's 1980 work *C.J.S. Purdy: His Life, His Games and his Writings*. This work collected a wide range of materials by and about Cecil Purdy: a biographical sketch, hundreds of pages of his instructional articles, and a generous selection of games. With two new sections added, this work now appears as *The Search for Chess Perfection*.

The first 27 pages of the book are given to a biography of Cecil Purdy by Purdy's wife Anne. Because outside of his chess Cecil Purdy was not a particularly interesting man and because the biography itself is neither insightful nor fluently written, I doubt that readers will get through it all unless they have an abiding interest in the history of Australian and New Zealand chess—I didn't.



**The Search for Chess Perfection:  
The Life, Games, and Writings of  
C.J.S. Purdy  
Davenport, Iowa:  
Thinker's Press, 1997**

The games section covers 89 pages and includes 50 games and an appreciation of Purdy the player from J.N. Hanks. It suffers from the fact that few of Purdy's opponents are well known outside of Australasia and fewer still were of legitimate international ability. Purdy annotated virtually all of the games himself, but, at least in these annotations, was remarkably sparing in his comments. I had looked forward to seeing the annotations to his postal games, but very few of them made their way into this volume, and those that did are little better annotated than his over-the-board efforts. In a note, Bob Long mentions that a complete collection of Purdy's games and annotations to his 1953 World Championship triumph is in preparation.

So, it is clear that this volume will stand or fall on the quality of its center section of some 200 pages—"Purdy's Writings."

Unfortunately, it falls.

To understand why Purdy's articles fail, it is useful to explore some important but seldom understood facts concerning the process of annotating chess games.

## **Analysis—the Metalanguage of Chess**

To my knowledge, it was the American International Master John Watson who first pointed out that ideas in chess do not exist except *in moves*. Everything else is an imposed language upon the actual "language" of chess. Isolani, doubled pawns, advantages in development, and exposed kings are all attempts to explain, to ourselves or others, the actual language of chess. They constitute, if you will, a *metalanguage*.

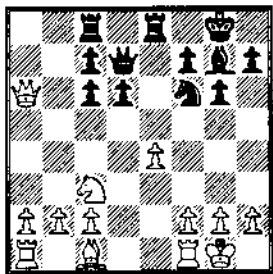
There are two problems with any metalanguage. The first is that every society creates its own metalanguage, and that metalanguage looks silly to any other age or society. Philosophy can be thought of as a metalanguage, and think how the distinctions of scholastic philosophy or of 19th century German materialism look to us today, or what the future will think of the effusions of late 20th century post-structuralist thought.

The same is true in chess. Many players who were thought of as great annotators in their own time translate poorly to our age: I think immediately of Tarrasch and Maroczy. It is not that you cannot profit from those annotators, but that it requires an effort to enter their mindset that many people are not able or willing to make. I suspect, for example, that many people will be as annoyed as I am with Purdy's constant use of the metaphor of warfare in his articles. It was a constant of the first part of the century that has gradually dropped out of our analytic vocabulary.

But there is another, more insidious problem with metalanguages—people

who use them often forget that a metalanguage merely describes a reality—it does not contain it. This is one of the primary difficulties with Purdy’s instructional articles—he consistently forgets that his abstractions require validation by reference to the primary language, by variations—by chess moves. Here, for example, is Purdy’s comment after a long discussion of the theoretical merits of a particular move: “Thus, without any analysis at all, Black could have dismissed ...” The problem with such a comment is that in the abstract it is possible to say the same concerning almost any position. I could easily construct a silly example to demonstrate the absurdity of Purdy’s comment. Any move, considered abstractly, has both positive and negative elements. It is only by the process of analysis that those abstractions become concrete. In other words, it is very much *not* true that you can dismiss or praise a move “without any analysis at all.”

Take for example the following position.



This is the position after Black’s 12th move from the famous game Nimzovitch–Capablanca, St. Petersburg, 1914, won in fine style by Capablanca. We are fortunate to have no fewer than three commentaries on this position (though I am certain that there are a great many more). Purdy uses the position to illustrate his thesis that the initiative is almost always more valuable than a pawn (at one point he comments “Thus we see that a pawn + is not the ideal sort of

advantage even for an endgame. And in the middle game, it is usually no help at all.”). Here, he comments that “In what follows, we are not concerned with improvements that might have been made in White’s defense. All we want to show is that Nimzovitch played quite reasonably all the time.”

Again, here is the refusal to burden his theory with specifics. His attitude, in fact, flies in the face of many of the great players in history—from Capablanca through Fischer, Korchnoi, and Karpov. (When confronted with a pawn sacrifice in a post-mortem, Karpov is wont to say: “Very nice, but where is the mate?”) Amusingly, as is so often the case with romantic theorists, it also flies in the face of his own *praxis* as revealed in the games section.

Now, consider Znosko-Borofsky’s take on the position. (A book Purdy was familiar with, by the by). Znosko-Borofsky appears to understand what Purdy did not (or at least could not bear to admit)—that there is a complex interrelationship between a material plus on one side and the initiative on the other. Without concrete analysis, it is impossible to determine which side has the advantage. Znosko-Borofsky commented that if your opponent has a lead in time, but you have extra material, in no circumstances should you divert to defensive duties pieces which are exerting pressure on the enemy position. (This was formulated from the original by Mikhail Shereshevsky—author of the magnificent endgame treatise *Endgame Strategy*—in the chapter “Studying the Classics” in Dvoretsky and Yusupov’s *Training for the Tournament Player*.)

Purdy has the obvious (and I might add trite) take on the position—Black has a lead in development and the initiative—it is worth more than the pawn he has invested. Shereshevsky and Znosko-

Borofsky are more interested in discovering the actual truth of the position. “From the a6 square the queen attacks the pawn on c6 and prevents Black from regrouping with ...Qe6 and Nd7... It is necessary to reckon with the reply ...Ra8, but then White may play Qc4. The essence of the matter consists in not removing the queen from a position where it is attacking the c6 square.” From this analysis, they find the flaw in Nimzovitch’s defense—instead of retreating the queen to defend the e-pawn with 15.Qd3, he should have played 15.f3!, following with Qc4 when Black plays ...Ra8. It is then an open question whether Black has enough for the pawn—I suspect not.

### Purdy’s Systems

Purdy’s analysis was always didactic in nature—his primary intention was to teach. This is very different from many of the very great analysts of history. I learned an enormous amount about correct play in the Scheveningen Sicilian from the magnificent analysis Jan Timman did of the game Ljubojevic–Andersen, in his masterful work *The Art of Chess Analysis*. But the lesson was accidental, so to speak. Timman was interested in getting at the truth of the position rather than teaching us something. I profited from it practically because I had enough energy to work through it and was sufficiently experienced to understand what it had to do with many similar positions.

But even though there is much that is good in Purdy’s articles (though not necessarily for experienced players), there are a number of times where it is possible to question his judgment. For example, he chooses the endgame of rook and rook pawn versus rook to illustrate some general points about rook and pawn versus rook endgames. The problem

with this is twofold. First, rook and rook pawn is relatively infrequent compared to the rest of the endings—they constitute no more than a small fraction of the possible rook and pawn endings. Second, the strategy behind such endings tells you almost nothing about the other possible endings—the fact that there is only one side to the board changes play substantially for both defender and attacker. If you understand something about central pawns (the principle of the long versus the short side, for example), you also know something important about bishop pawns and something about knight pawns; if you know something about rook pawns—you know something about rook pawns.

This didactic tendency led Purdy to construct a number of “systems” to help less experienced players improve. Some of the systems (by no means all) appear here. There is one system to spot combinations, another to avoid blunders and yet another to conduct a “reconnaissance” of a position. Purdy’s description and explanation of a reconnaissance take up 15 pages: the questions alone take up more than a page. Nobody, not even Purdy himself (as he admits), would ever proceed through the whole analysis. For one thing, there is no point—nobody ever comes to a position in a game cold; there is always a prehistory of analysis and consideration which precludes the need for 95% of this analysis for all but the most inexperienced player. Moreover, no strong player does anything like this. Anyone who attempted it after every move (as Purdy recommends) would never make a move! Moreover, remember that this reconnaissance is *prior* to any analysis of a position. Without analysis, how can one determine whether a pawn is weak or strong?

Finally, I have a bone or  
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# The Search for Used Treasures

*What Bill Brock is reading  
and where he finds it.*

by Bill Brock

How do you satisfy your addiction to chess books without going broke? The APCT sale is well worth the trip to Western Springs, but only comes once a year. And now that there's a Borders or Barnes & Noble on virtually every corner, you're continually tempted to spend \$26.95 on Nunn's book-of-the-month. The landlord can wait until the 15th, but you've got to have the new blockbuster on your opening *now*...

You almost certainly won't find the most recent theoretical tomes at Powell's, a chain of used bookstores with three Chicago locations. But Powell's does have an unusually strong selection of books published in the 1980s and early 1990s, many remaindered by top-line publishers like Henry Holt (Batsford) and Cadogan (Pergamon). Books that originally sold for \$23 or more can be found in Powell's for 25%–50% of the original list.

On recent sprees at the Lincoln Avenue store, I found Geller's *The Application of Chess Theory* (Cadogan, 1994) for \$7.95, Nunn's *Secrets of Minor-Piece Endings* (Henry Holt, 1995) for \$8.95, and Gligoric's *The Nimzo-Indian Defence*, 2nd ed. (Cadogan, 1993) for \$7. Also available for substantial

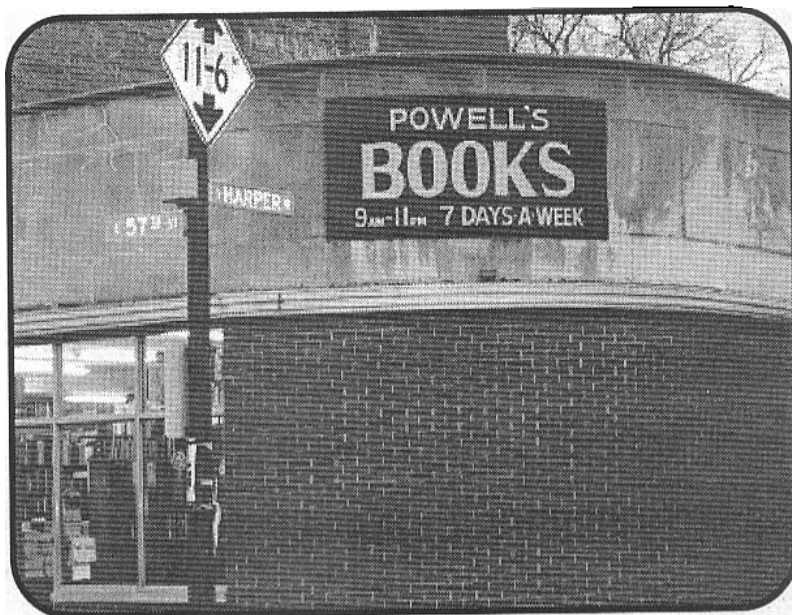
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## Tomas on Purdy

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two to pick with Bob Long and the team which laid out the book. Purdy used descriptive notation. Long has changed this to English Algebraic in the games. Such a change makes the work more accessible and saves money and is thus praiseworthy. However, in the



Powell's Hyde Park store, at 57th and Harper.

discounts were Burgess's *The Complete Alekhine*, Polugaevsky's *The Sicilian Labyrinth*, Shereshevsky's endgame manuals, several good books by Mednis, and Varnusz's collection of Keres's best games. All the aforementioned are still being sold in the superstores at list prices.

Bear in mind that all titles will not be in stock at all locations. If you're planning to spend more than \$100, it may be worthwhile to stop

at more than one store. Powell's buys used chess books as well, generally for 20% of original retail. In

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my experience, I have gotten a fairer price for both chess and non-chess books at the 57th Street store in Hyde Park. (At Lincoln Avenue, I was only offered \$3.50 per volume for back issues of

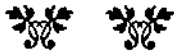
*Chess Informant*.)

In the interests of full disclosure I should note that I was a clerk at

text of his articles, Purdy certainly never used figurine algebraic to replace the names of the pieces! Indeed, I have never before seen such a convention in a reputable publication. It is ugly, inconsistent, and it makes the text significantly more difficult to follow. I would hope that Thinker's Press abandons this layout in future offerings.

For these reasons, I find it very difficult to recommend this book to anybody. The lessons it teaches well will already have been absorbed in more effective fashion by the vast majority of tournament players. It might serve to introduce less-experienced players to useful concepts, but they would still have to tread warily around its excesses. ♘

Powell's almost twenty years ago. While working at 57th Street, I once warned a teenager not to buy the Fred Reinfeld books in his hands, as they might ruin his game. Young Fred Rhine, undoubtedly attracted by the author's name, ignored my advice and broke 2200 a few years later.



Powell's also carries remaindered copies of Kasparov's *The Test of Time*, as well as his books on the second and third Karpov matches. Reading *A New Era: How Garry Kasparov Changed the World of Chess* makes one nostalgic for the days when Kasparov poured his soul into his annotations, rather than

## Michael Khodarkovsky and Leonid Shamkovich. *A New Era: How Garry Kasparov Changed the World of Chess*. New York: Ballantine, 1997. \$14.00

delegating the task to capable friends. Michael Khodarkovsky, a member of the Kasparov camp during the Anand and Deep(er) Blue matches, gives us an insider's view of all three contests. GM Shamkovich offers running commentary on some games from Kasparov-Anand and the first Deep Blue match; in others, however, Shamkovich only provides *Informant*-style notes, not very appropriate for a book in-

tended for a general audience.

Frankly, if you followed the matches closely, you won't find much new material here: even Khodarkovsky's very readable reports of Kasparov's daily struggles closely parallel (and understandably so) Fred Friedel's earlier online articles. The final twenty pages of the book are relatively uninteresting appendices cobbled together from press releases and such.

While Kasparov himself is not listed as a co-author, he contributed a typically self-

serving introduction and notes to the six games of the rematch. These annotations are particularly disappointing to those familiar with the books mentioned above: here there is nothing but a few variations printed in ChessBase format, shorn of emotion. One longs to hear the old egomaniacal Garry proving to us how much more he knows about chess than his opponent. It must be hard for him to hate Anand, and certainly unproductive to hate the machine (though Khodarkovsky follows Kasparov in accusing the Team IBM handlers of conducting psychological warfare).

If you would enjoy a light, popular account of Kasparov's most recent matches accompanied by solid annotations, *A New Era* is not a bad value. But it's nothing more than that. ❧

## Sevillano-Wallach

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17.fxg5 Rhg8 when attempts by White to hold onto the g-pawn or exchange it for Black's h-pawn would allow the second player vigorous counterplay. 18.b4!? cxb4 19.Bd2 is another possible continuation.

17.fxg5 Nxe5??

The losing move, permitting a *Blitzkrieg* attack by White's bishop, queen, and rook.

18.Bf4 Nxf3+ 19.Rxf3

The specific outlines of White's threats are beginning to take concrete shape; he has conquered the critical b8-h2 diagonal while simultaneously mobilizing his rook along the third rank. I urge those readers unsure of the relevance to carefully read on, for they're soon to learn a thing or two from Chicago's master of attack.

19...Qb6 20.Qe5 Ba4

Forced, since a path must be cleared for the king to run and the only other choice 20...Be7 fails to 21.Rb3, 22.Qb8+, and 23.Rxb7+. However, even this fails to stem White's onslaught given Enrico's relentlessly precise play.

21.Ra3 Bc2 22.Rxa7!

The equally effective 22.b4! cxb4 23.Rxa7 Kd7 24.c5! merely

transposes to the actual game.

22...Kd7 23.b4!

As powerful as White's pieces are, there is still insufficient force to render a knock-out. Ironically, it is the lowly pawns that step up to deliver the clincher!

23...cxb4

The immediate 23...Qxa7 allows a six-move checkmate identical to that outlined in the notes to White's 26th move.

24.c5!

An excellent tactic demonstrating that Black's queen is vastly overloaded. Its purpose is twofold, forcing either a) 24...Qc6 25.Qg7+ winning the king's rook, or b) 24...Qb5 25.Qd6+ Ke8 26.Qxe6+ when White's queen and bishop combine for a deadly assault on the naked king. Ken's choice at least grants him the luxury of a full stomach as he lies writhing in painful agony on the ground.

24...Qxa7 25.Qd6+ Ke8

There is no choice given that 25...Kc8 26.Qc7# results in immediate checkmate.

26.Qxe6+ Kf8 27.Qf6+

A slight inaccuracy. 27.Bd6+ Rxd6 28.Rf1+ Bf5 29.Rxf5+ Kg7 30.Qf7# was a more merciful end to Black's suffering.

27...Kg8 28.Qxd8+ Kg7

29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Qe6+ 1-0 ❧

## Satterlee-Sevillano

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21...Re5 22.Kf2 Bd5 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Kxf3 Rae8 25.Rae1 25.Rfe1

25...Ra5 26.b4?

In light of the fact that 26.a3 Ne5+ 27.Kg3 Nd3 28.Rc2 f5 → is hardly appetizing, Ray sat down for a long think. I have observed that difficult positions such as this tend to reveal quite a bit about a player's true temperament. Realists and technicians would examine this position in the soft cool light of objectivity and reason that 26.Bc1 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Rxa2 28.Kg4 offered some compensation for the lost pawn. Gamblers and attackers, on the other hand, dislike passive positions and tend to strike out violently, staking everything on the ensuing complications.

26...Ra3!

Correctly gunning for the more important c3 pawn which will render b4 weak after it falls. 27.Bxg5 Rxc3+ 28.Kg4

Also worth consideration was 28.Kf2 Rxe1 29.Rxe1 Rc2+ 30.Kg3 Nxb4 31.Re7 with active play partially compensating for the material deficit.

28...Rxe1 29.Rxe1 Kg7 30.b5

Having already decided to activate his own king while restricting Black's, a logical alternative was 30.Kh5!? f6 31.Bh6+ Kf7 32.Rd1 Ke6 33.Bd2 Ra3 34.Kh6 gaining a passed h-pawn. 30...Nd4 31.Rc7?

Fortune turns a cold shoulder towards Ray after this last inaccuracy. Oddly, after 31.Rf1 Rc4 (what else?) 32.Rf4 Kg6 (32...f5+ 33.Kh5!) 33.Bf6 Nf5 34.Rxc4 Ne3+ 35.Kf4 Nc4 White may even have a slight advantage.

31...Kg6 32.Bf4??

Immediately following the game, Ray blamed this final mistake for his defeat. However, as we have seen the delicate balance between advantage and disadvantage is quite narrow and, as is often the case, a single move is seldom responsible by itself. Although inferior nearly the entire game, there were several moments where resolute and precise play by White would have balanced the chances.

32...h5+

Ouch! 32.Kh4 Nf5# is quite strong. 0-1 ❧

# Taming the Dragon

*Another look at the lighter side of chess*

*By Rich Vondruska*

The avid tournament player is always looking for ways to avoid the dreaded Sicilian Dragon and Accelerated Dragon. By dint of analysis, a new antidote has been founded for this fearsome opening:

**1.d4!**

The Accelerated Anti-Sicilian Attack. This is much stronger than 1.e4 (the Accelerated Anti-Dutch Attack).

**1...c5!**

The Kamikaze Sicilian, in which Black ignores White's prophylactic first move. Black's attitude here is, "Hey, why should I be put on the defensive!" This opening is sometimes referred to as the Benoni Defense by outsiders...

**2.e4**

Transposing into well-known lines. Better is 2.Kd2! using the king as a fighting piece (*à la* Steinitz).

**2...f5!!**

The Delayed Dutch Deferred Defense (<sup>DD</sup><sub>D</sub>). This pattern has overtones

of the Staunton Gambit. Its relative unsoundness is compensated for by the pretty symmetry it creates on the chessboard!

**3.dxc5**

As Bobby Fischer once said, a button is a button. Pawns were made to be eaten.

**3...Qc7**

Attempting to re-bag the button. The more plausible 3...Qc5+ would merely unleash the dangerous 4.Ke2! (Grr).

**4.cxf5**

Button, button, White's collecting buttons. Note the tremendous central bind that White has on the Black position.

**4...Qd8**

Better safe than sorry. Black consolidates his position with a canny hedgehog move.

**5.Kd2**

A high-class waiting move. It is

slightly inaccurate since it blocks the powerful dark-squared bishop. 5.Ke2 (blocking the powerful light-squared bishop) is powerful.

**5...g5!?**

At last the "Dragon bishop is liberated (called the "Pussycat bishop" in Bulgarian circles). The book move here is 5...g6 with a normal fianchetto. The text move is due to an oily substance on the g-pawn that caused it to scoot forward to g5 *en passant*. This is the key to good chess—confusing your opponent with little-known rules.

**6. Draw Agreed**

Since the *en passant* rule was not included in the pamphlet that came with the chess set being used, the players had no choice but to agree to a draw. Pity, since 6.Qh5+ looks very strong.

This game demonstrates that 1.d4 can be a potent anti-dragon weapon, as long as White can keep from getting "in Dutch." ♣

## The 1998 Peoria Tornado An ICA Mini-Tour Event Saturday, April 18, 1998

Where: Garrett Center, 824 N. Duryea Place,  
Peoria 61625

Entry Fee: \$12 by April 16, \$15 at the site,  
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What: 4-Round Swiss Time Control: Game/60

Memberships Required: USCF & ICA  
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Chess books to Class A, B, C, D, E/Under  
(must be at least 3 entrants per class)

Registration: 8:00–8:45AM

Round Times: 9, 11, 1:30, 3:30

Note: a limit of one "1/2 point" bye is available  
in any round.

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

# 1997 Top of the Tour



Money winners are listed on page 7

## The Top Finishers in the 1997 ICA Tour

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PALOS Osman	142.6
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SEVILLANO Enrico	84
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COHEN Lawrence S	58
WATTS Bradley S	57.5
MANION Josh	47
BACHLER Kevin L	45
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BASE Alfredo B	40
MARSHALL James A	39.3
KORNFIELD Allen I	38.5
MACHAJ Blair L	34
SAX Robert D	29.5
SCOTT Gene G	29.2
BAUMGARTNER Christop	28.5
MARTINOVSKY Eugene	27.5
WITEK Gregory A	27
KARKLINS Andrew	24
WONG Brian	22.3
GAZMEN Ethelbert	22
FISCHER Gregory A	21.8
HAYES Will	21.5
GUREVICH Dmitry	20
WALLACH Kenneth T	20

### Expert Tour Points

COHEN Lawrence S	94
BACHLER Kevin L	82
WATTS Bradley S	63.5
MARSHALL James A	62.3
TUBIC Bisi L	60

SMYTHE Bill	53.4
SAX Robert D	50.5
FAGAN James B	42.3
CADMAN Chuck	41.5
ZINYTCH Miron	40.5
SCOTT Gene G	39.2
MACHAJ Blair L	38
BAUMGARTNER Christop	32.5
CAVENEY Geoffrey	30.8
WITEK Gregory A	29
RUGGIERO Brian T	28.5
CRONIN Mike	28.2
GAZMEN Ethelbert	27
GOLDMAN Anatoliy	27
JORDAN Roland V	26
KARKLINS Erik	25
RIDDELL Joshua S	25
BROCK William	24
KIRZHNER Mikhail	24
WAGNER Steven J	24

### Class A Tour Points

MODES Daniel R	89.8
WATTS Bradley S	83.5
COHEN Lawrence S	61.5
CRONIN Mike	60.2
GAST Bryan	56
SMYTHE Bill	53.4
MACHAJ Blair L	48
COHEN Howard	46
CONDON James K	36
WONG Brian	34.3
BAUMGARTNER Christop	32.5
STEEL Simon A (1)	32
WITEK Gregory A	29
FISCHER Gregory A	28.8
LORING Steven W	28

KLEIN John	26
MOHAPATRA Taranik	26

### Class B Tour Points

BAUMGARTNER Christop	75.5
ROBLEDO Mark Jr	62.5
MACHAJ Blair L	56
WATTS Bradley S	54.5
HUBBARD Andrew	47.5
SILVERMAN Scott A	44
HUANG Kenneth	43.5
DELAY Joe	41
ENGELLEN Mark	39.5
HART Vincent J	37
JOHNSON Eric L	37
JAKUBOWSKI Maciej	36
WACHTER Tom W	36
COVIC Mehmed	35.9
HOWELL Thomas W	35
HALE Bob Lloyd	34.8
KLEIN John	34
ROUSTAN Pierre	34
CHEN Aaron	33.5
STEVENS Joseph M	32.5
VIEREGG Craig	31.5
SMITH Orlan B	31
AKHMETOV Artem	30.8
PADILLA Rudy R	30.8
LEUNG Daniel Y	30.5
WITEK Gregory A	29
RIDDLE Robert	28.5
HART Dan G	27
GIERTZ Charles E	26

### Class C Tour Points

WACHTER Tom W	88
AKHMETOV Artem	69.8
HUANG Kenneth	62.5
HUBBARD Andrew	51.5

PADILLA Rudy R	51.3
CHEN Aaron	51
VIEREGG Craig	49.5
RIDDLE Robert	46.5
SMITH Orlan B	46.5
LEUNG Daniel Y	41.5
CYGAN Joseph	40.5
SILVERMAN Scott A	36.5
WITEK Gregory A	36
SZAFRAN Martin	35.5
GINZBURG Roman (2)	35
ALBERT Steven A	33
JAHEDI Salar	32.5
SINGURA Thomas J	30
HUANG Winston	29
JOSEPH Mathew	28.5
LOBRACO Michael J	28.5
FAMBRO Paul	28
DE PERALTA Arturo	27

### Class D Tour Points

REDDIVARI Dushyanth	69.2
SEIBEL Dennis	54
AILES Tim S	50
HUANG Winston	46
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	45.5
WISHNER Michael	42.3
CUMMINGS Michael	40.5
LEARNER Gabriel (2)	40
HUBBARD Andrew	36
DODSON Kermit	35
PARK William	32.5
CAMARGO Miguel (1)	32
WONG Kevin D	28.7
GASUNAS Anthony C	25.5
LEWIS Enc	24.5
PRUIJC Abdulah	23
CHU-KUNG Benjamin	22
KUNG Harold	22

PULLIN Matthew	22
WRAY John (2)	22

### Class F Tour Points

L'ESPERANCE John (1)	32
HUDSON Benjamin R	30
WEBER Jon	25
HIERONYMUS April M	22.5
CLOUGH Patrick (2)	22
JOSEPH Bennett	19.7
LEVY Adam D	19
ROSS Ben (1)	19
ESSES Joshua	14
FLEEMAN Paul (2)	14
VILLAFLOR Elizabeth	14
NIKOLOPOULOS Christi	12
PEDERSEN Soren C (1)	12
SUNG Woojae (2)	12

### Class G Tour Points

SOMASUNDARAM Vignesh	32
JOSEPH Bennett	19.2
ROSS Ben (1)	19
ESSES Joshua	12
ZILLMER Julie H (1)	12
GILRUTH Alexandr (2)	10
KASSIN David (1)	10
GILRUTH Jessica (2)	8
NIKOLOPOULOS Bas (2)	8
HARBACEK Kyle C (2)	7
RODRIGUEZ Jacob (1)	7



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Name	# of Tour events
SMYTHE Bill	25
WATTS Bradley S	25
CHOW Albert C	23
SZPISJAK Steven J	23
COHEN Lawrence S	21
BAUMGARTNER Christopher	20
PADILLA Rudy R	20

SMITH Orlan B	19	MARSHALL James A	12	FAGAN James B	10	LOBRACO Michael J	8
WITEK Gregory A	18	SAX Robert D	12	HUANG Kenneth	10	MARQUEZ Anthony	8
PALOS Osman	17	SCOTT Gene G	12	JAHEDI Salar	10	SEVILLANO Enrico	8
WACHTER Tom W	17	WISHNER Michael	12	ALLISON Roger D	9	TUBIC Bisi L	8
CHEN Aaron	15	AILES Tim S	11	HAYES Will	9	WONG Kevin D	8
REDDIVARI Dushyanth	15	COHEN Howard	11	LEUNG Daniel Y	9	CAVENEY Geoffrey	7
SINGURA Thomas J	15	COVIC Mehmed	11	STEVENS Joseph M	9	KLEIN John	7
FISCHER Gregory A	14	DANDRIDGE Marvin	11	STIDD Sean C	9	LEWIS Richard	7
HALE Bob Lloyd	14	MODES Daniel R	11	CADMAN Chuck	8	LORING Steven W	7
ZINYTCH Miron	14	PARK William	11	CONDON James K	8	OSANYINJOBI Tokunba	7
HUANG Winston	13	RIDDLE Robert	11	DELAY Joe	8	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	7
CRONIN Mike	12	SILVERMAN Scott A	11	ENGELLEN Mark	8	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	7
GAST Bryan	12	VIEREGG Craig	11	FLORES Joshua	8	SEIBEL Dennis	7
MACHAJ Blair L	12	WONG Brian	11	GASUNAS Anthony C	8	SHELLHAMER Ted C	7
		BACHLER Kevin L	10	HUBBARD Andrew	8	WASHINGTON Ronald	7
		CUMMINGS Michael	10	KORNFIELD Allen I	8		

—compiled by Bill Smythe

# Maverick Chess Openings

by NM Alan Watson

One of the proudest aspects of my heritage is the fact that I was born a Texan. Unfortunately, less than a year later my parents arrived at the misconception that life would be better in Illinois, packed up the Rambler wagon, and whisked our family across several state lines—with profuse tears in my eyes all the way.

What was perhaps the single defining moment in all Texas history occurred in 1836 when a small force of only 155 men under the command of William Barnett Travis retreated into a former Franciscan Mission in San Antonio called the Alamo. From February 23rd until March 6th, they withstood 4,000 Mexican troops headed by General Antonio Santa Anna. Although they were eventually routed, the courage and defiance this small band of patriots exhibited will be forever remembered. At some point thereafter, the word 'Maverick' came into common parlance, meaning "A Texan whose cattle are unbranded," or more generally "an unbranded range animal, especially a motherless calf". In modern times, the term has also come to refer to anyone who acts independently, and Steakhouses, a prominent Southwestern Convenience store chain, as well as a popular TV show and film have adopted this name.

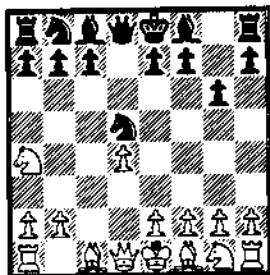
The opening I examine here is also wild and unbranded; featuring on move 5 an idea the majority of us would previously have labeled as ludicrous. Sit back in your chairs, place the tray tables in their upright positions and get ready for take-off!

**A. Kharlov  
T.Vakhidov  
Anibal Open, Linares, 1997  
Grünfeld Defense [D85]**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5  
4.cxd5 Nxd5

Here we have the standard Exchange Variation of the Grünfeld Defense, a well-investigated yet dynamic opening which promises interesting play; all standard stuff seen thousands of times before. However, before glancing at the next move keep in mind that Mavericks are original thinkers seldom content to follow in the footsteps of others. Those already short of breath are advised to inhale deeply before we proceed.

5.Na4!?



What!? Had this been played in the A section of a local open I might merely have chuckled and moved rapidly on to the next board. However, when a FIDE player rated over 2400 employs the idea on three separate occasions in major international tournaments it's time for the rest of us to sit up and take notice. While it is true that the standard continuation 5.e5 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 forces the second player to somewhat strengthen the White center, a rapid c5 combined with

the baleful stare of Black's dark-squared bishop along the a1-h8 diagonal offers robust and fully equal counterplay. The radical change of thought employed here is that the loss of time incurred by 4.Na4 will be offset when Black's knight also moves a second time, and in the meantime c7-c5 is directly prevented. Enough of generalities, let's move on to the nitty gritty detail.

5...Bg7

While 5...Bg7 seems normal, Black can also play creatively here with 5...e5!? (The unusual prelude to a totally unexpected five-move combination!) 6.dxc5 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nc3! 8.fxe3 Bxd2+ (8...Qb4+? 9.g3 Bxd2+ 10.Kxd2+) 9.Qxd2 Qb4+ 10.g3 Qxa4 (For his pawn investment, Black has inflicted trebled pawns upon his opponent and now eagerly seeks an advantageous endgame.) 11.Qd4 Qa5+ 12.b4 Qa6 13.e6 0-0 14.exf7+ Rxf7 15.Bg2 Be6 16.Nh3 Bxh3 17.Qd8+ Kg7 18.Qd4+ Kg8 19.Qd8+ 1/2-1/2 Kharlov-Herrera, Ubeda, 1997 This game was quite interesting despite its brevity.

6.e4

The limited experience with this line shows that 6.e4 need not be played immediately but may be delayed in favor of simple development. 6.Nf3 0-0 7.e4 Nb6 8.Be2 Nxa4 9.Qxa4 b6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.Rd1 e6 13.0-0 h6 14.Bb5 c6 15.Bxc6 Rc8 16.d5 Nb8 17.Qc1 exd5 18.exd5 Nxc6 19.dxc6 Qf6 20.Bxh6 Bxc6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qg5 Bxf3 23.Qxf6+ Kxf6 24.gxf3 Rc2 1/2-1/2 Nadanian-Pelletier, Cannes, op18 A 1997.

6...Nb6

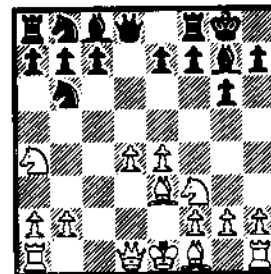
In typical Grünfeld fashion,

Black is loathe to block the diagonal of his king's bishop. Also worth considering are: A) 6...Nb4 7.a3 N4c6 8.d5; B) 6...Nf6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.e5 Nd5 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Be3 Nxa4 12.Qxa4 Nxe5 13.Be4 Ng4 14.h3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 c6 16.Nc3 Qb6 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.axb3 f5 19.Be2 Be6 20.b4 Bc4 21.b3 Bxf1 0-1 Gröppel-Schirm, Wichern-Open 1997.

7.Be3

7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be2 Nxa4 9.Qxa4 b6 would transpose to Nadanian-Pelletier as considered above.

7...0-0 8.Nf3



White is well advised to rapidly bring his king into safety before the center unexpectedly opens up and engulfs his monarch in a firestorm of tactics. A tell tale example of this danger is seen in the game Kharlov-Krasenkow, Swidnica Poland, 1997 which continued: 8.Rc1! Nc6 (A double-edged alternative is 8...f5!? 9.exf5 Bxf5 10.Nc5 Qd5 11.a4 Nc6 12.Ne2 Nc4 13.Nf4 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Qd6 15.Bc4+ Kh8 16.0-0 e5 17.Nf6 Bb6 18.Rc3 Bxe6 19.Nxe6 Rxf1+ 20.Qxf1 Qe7 21.Ba2 Rc8 22.d5 Nd8 23.d6 1-0 Naumann-Lytschak DEM U-20 Apolda, 1997) 9.d5 Nxa4 10.Qxa4 Ne5 11.h3 c6 12.f4 Nd7 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.e5 Nb6 15.Qxc6 Be6 16.Rd1 Nd5 17.Qa4 Rb8 18.b3 continued on the next page

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- ✓ Call your own flag down to stop your opponent from filling in and using their incomplete score sheet against you in a non-sudden death time control (Rule 13C2).
- ✓ If your flag falls and your opponent does not have mating material (even a pawn is mating material!), the game is a draw (Rule 14E).
- ✓ You must use the same hand to press your clock AND move your pieces in the last five minutes of a sudden death time control (Rule 16D1).

## Maverick Openings

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Qc8 19.Rc1 Qb7 20.Bd2 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.Bd3 Rb4!! (A beautiful diversionary sacrifice!) 23.Qa6 (23.Bxb4 Qc1+ 24.Ke2 Qe3+ 25.Kf1 Qxd3+ 26.Ke1 Qe4+ 27.Kf1 Qxf4+ 28.Nf3 Nxb4+) 23...Qc5 24.Ne2 Nxf4! (White's position is beginning to crumble and nought can be done to save it.) 25.Nxf4 Bc8 0-1

8...Nxa4

Should the second player choose to ignore White's oddly placed knight, he risks allowing it to settle comfortably on c5. 8...Nc6 9.Nc5 Bg4 10.d5 Ne5 11.Rc1 e6 12.Nxb7 Qf6 13.Be2 exd5 14.exd5 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Nxd5 18.b3 Rfe8 19.0-0 Nxe3 20.fxc3 Rxe3 21.Rxc7 Re2 22.f4

Rxa2 23.Nd6 Rd8 24.Nc4 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 Re8 26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.fxe5 Rxe5 28.Rcxf7 Rec2 29.Rf8+ Kg7 30.R8f7+ Kh6 31.Rd1 Rxh2+ 32.Kg1 Rag2+ 33.Kf1 Kinsman-Roos ch-Team Lille-Groupe A, 1997, 0-1.

9.Qxa4 c5 10.Rd1

10.Rb1? (Unnecessarily passive, after which Black secures a powerful initiative and the advantage.) 10...Bd7 11.Qb3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qa5+ 13.Qc3 Qxa2 14.Rc1 Nc6 15.Bc4 Qa5 16.Qxa5 Nxa5 17.Bd5 e6 18.Ba2 Nc6 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rd2 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Bc6 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.f3 Rd4 25.0-0 a5 26.Rf2 Rd1+ 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 e5 29.Ke2 Bb5+ 30.Kd2 g5 31.Bd5 b6 32.g3 Kf8 33.Ke3 f6 34.f4

Ke7 35.fxc5 fxc5 36.Bg8 h6 37.h4 Kd6 38.Kd2 Kc5 39.Kc3 Bc6 40.Bh7 b5 0-1 Grote-Kreiman, Wichern-Open 1997. 10...Bd7

A more active choice for Black is 10...Qb6 targeting the central and queenside dark squares while prudently removing his queen from opposition of White's rook. Even here, though, the first player has sufficient resources to maintain the balance. For example, 10...Qb6 11.Rd2 Bd7 12.Qa3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Rc8 14.Be2 Qc5 15.Qb3 Qb6 16.Qa3 Qc5 17.Qxc5 Rxc5 18.0-0 Rc8 19.Nb3 Be8 20.Bg4 e6 21.Nc5 Nc6 22.Nxb7 Rcb8 23.Nd6 Rxb2 24.Rxb2 Bxb2 25.Nxe8 Rxe8 26.Rd1 a5 27.Be2 Rb8 28.Rd6 Nb4 29.a4 Be5 30.Rb6 Rc8 31.Rb5 Bc3 32.Rxa5 Rb8 33.Rc5 Bf6 34.Bb5 Na2 35.Bd2 Rd8 36.Rc2 1-0 Jelen-Kos, Krsko SLO-ch 1997.

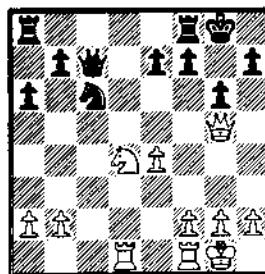
11.Bb5

White's position appears quite respectable despite the eccentric opening and the first player can now look forward to a fully balanced game.

11...cxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxb5 14.Qxb5

14.Nxb5 compels the Black queen to relocate but is actually rather pointless since the knight lacks a secure outpost and will itself shortly be forced to retreat.

14...Qc7 15.0-0 a6 16.Qg5 Nc6!



With excellent foresight, Black seeks to exchange either White's knight or queen in order to ensure the safety of his king. As 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 offers the first player no advantage whatsoever in light of the numerous pawn exchanges, White instead plays for control of the c-file.

17.Rc1 Qe5 18.Qxe5 Nxe5

19.Rc7 Rfd8 20.Nb3 Rd7

Vakhidov continues his excellent defense.

21.Rxd7 Nxd7 22.Rc1 Nb6 23.Kf1

As the direct 23.Rc7 Rd8! 24.Kf1 Rd7 permits Black an easy defense of the seventh rank, White is forced to expend a valuable tempo.

23...Na4

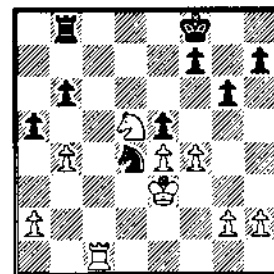
Counterattack at last! 24.Rc2 b6 25.Nd4 Kf8 26.Ke2 Rd8 27.Ke3 e5! 28.Nc6 Re8 29.Nb4 Nc5 30.Nd5 Rb8 31.b4?!

Better winning chances were offered by 31.Nxb6 Rxb6 32.Rxc5 Rxb2 33.Ra5 when a pawn bites the dust next move.

31...Ne6 32.Rc6 Nd4

Time and time again in this ending Black's position is saved not by passive defense, but counterattack. White's misjudgment back on move 32 was likely due to the fact he overlooked 33.Rxb6 Rxb6 34.Nxb6 Nc2+ dropped the b-pawn.

33.Rc1 a5 34.f4!



Black's powerful knight must be undermined.

34...axb4 35.fxc5 Nc6 36.Nxb4 Ra8 37.Rc3 Ra4 38.a3 Nc5 39.Kd4 Ra5 40.Nc6

And Black's flag fell in a position which is still roughly equal. 1-0

From evidence presented above are we to judge that White's unusual opening is a success or failure? I vote for the former and highly commend this idea to others. Despite the fact that the first player has yet to demonstrate any appreciable advantage, the second player is immediately thrust into a situation where advance preparation is useless and he must rely upon his own resources. ♘

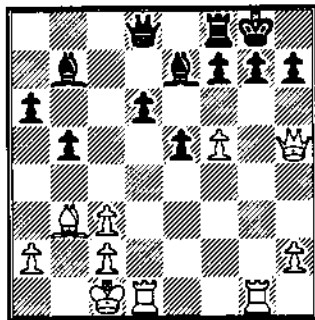
# Readers' Retorts

Compiled by Alan Watson

Games editor Alan Watson selects a handful of positions won by Illinois FM Peter Pelts from over a decade of strong play. Pelts to move in all six positions.

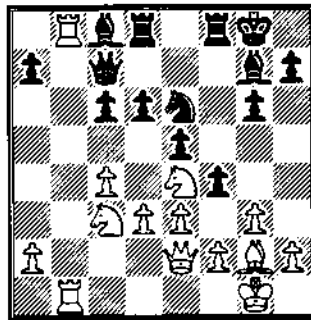
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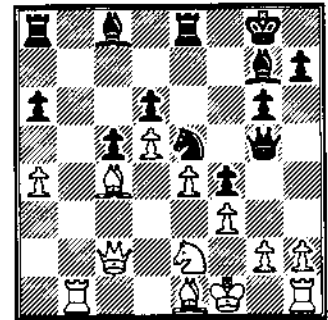
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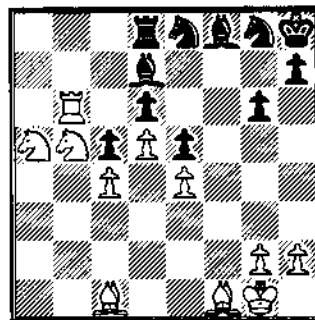
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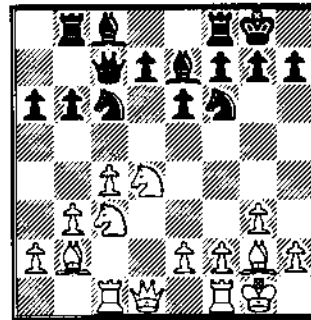
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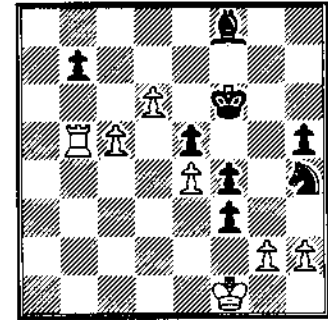
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Peter Pelts–Gionnetti [A33]  
Chicago International (8), 1992



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Peter Pelts–Robert Byrne  
US Open 09 (Chicago), 1994



## Retorts Revealed

1

20.Qh6! Bf6 21.Rxg7+!! 1-0

2

22...d5 23.Nd2 e4 24.dxe4 Bxc3+  
25.exd5 fxg3 26.Ne4 gxf2+ 27.Kh1  
cxd5 28.Nxc3 Qxc4 29.Qxc4 dxc4  
30.Bf1 Ba6 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.Rb2 Nc5  
33.Rxf2 Nd3 34.Rc2 Kg7 35.Kg1 Kf6  
36.a4 Kc5 37.Nb5 Bxb5 38.axb5 Kd5  
39.Ra2 Rd7 40.Bg2+ Kc5 41.Bc6 Nb4  
42.Re2 Nxc6 43.bxc6 Kxc6 44.e4 Kc5  
45.e5 Re7 46.Kf2 0-1

3

23...Nxf3!! 24.h4 [24.gxf3 Bh3+  
25.Kf2 Qg2#] 24...Qg4! [24...Nxe1!]  
25.gxf3 Qxf3+ 26.Kg1 Rxe4 27.Bf2  
Qg4+ 28.Kf1 f3-+ 29.Ng3 Rxc4  
30.Qd2 Bf5 31.Rd1 Be5 32.Qg5 Qxg5  
33.hxg5 Bc2 34.Re1 Rg4 35.Rh3 Bxa4  
36.Kg1 Rxg5 37.Kh1 Rf8 0-1

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25..Nb7! Rb8 26.Nxc5 Rxb6 27.Nxd7

Ra6 28.Nxf8 Ngf6 29.Nc3 Ra1 30.Bd2  
Nc7 31.c5 1-0

5

12.Nd5! exd5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5  
Bb7 15.Nf5+- Bf6 16.Bxf6 gxf6  
17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Qd4 1-0

6

42.g3!! fxg3 43.hxg3 Ng6 44.Rxb7+  
Kc6 45.Rh7 h4 46.gxh4 Nf4 47.d7 Be7  
48.c6 Kd6 49.c7 Kxc7 50.Rxe7 Ng6  
51.Rh7 Nf8 52.Rf7 Nxd7 53.h5 1-0

# Chow

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20.N3d2 f5 21.f3

The pawn chain is overprotected according to the principles of Aron Nimzovitch.

21...Nce8 22.Rc6 Rf7

23.Rec1 Nh5 24.Qa6

White invades the queenside, threatening 25.Rxb6 before Black can create meaningful kingside threats.

24...Bd8 25.Be3 Nf4

26.Kh2

26.Bxb6? Bxb6 27.Rxb6 axb6 28.Qxa8 Ne2+ was the type of cheapo Palos was waiting for. The king's castle is safe from all dangerous knight checks including the possible sacrifice for counterplay on h3.

26...fxe4 27.fxe4 Rb8

28.Rc8 Rxc8 29.Qxc8

Qxc8 30.Rxc8

The queen trade removed Black's last hope for counterplay against White's king.

30...Rd7 31.Nf3 Kf7

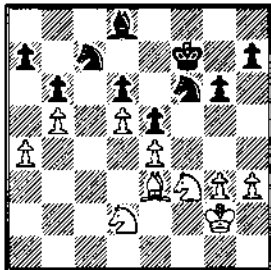
32.N1d2 Be7 33.g3 Nh5

34.b5

The endgame win for White is a simple matter of technique thanks to Black's bad bishop, offside knights, and weak pawns.

Rc7 35.Rxc7 Nxc7 36.a4

Nf6 37.Kg2 Bd8



38.Ne1 Kc7 39.Nd3

What should Black do against the threat of 40.Nb4 and 41.Nc6, forking everything and winning the weak a7-pawn?

39...a6 40.Bxb6 axb5

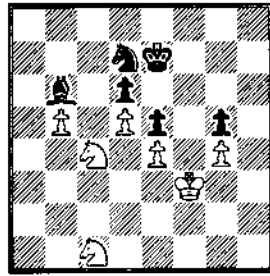
41.Bxc7 Bxc7 42.axb5 h5

43.Kf3 g5 44.g4 hxg4+

45.hxg4 Nd7 46.Nc4 Bb6

47.Nc1

Black's bad bishop watches helplessly while White's knights find fresh targets winning more material.



47...Bc5 48.Ne2 Kd8 49.Ng3 Kc7 50.Nf5 Nf8 51.Nh6 Kd7 52.Nf7 Nh7 53.b6 Bb4 54.b7 Kc7 55.Ncxd6 Bxd6

The bad bishop finally gets to trade itself for a good knight but it's too late. The Bogo player should have made that exchange on move five.

56.Nxd6 Nf8 57.Nf7 Nd7

58.Nxg5 Kxb7 59.Ne6

Nb6 60.g5 Nc8 61.g6 Nc7

62.g7 Kc8 63.d6 Ng8

64.Nf8 Kb7 65.Ng6 1-0

Chow's second selected game from the Tour is against a talented junior. Chow explains, "Winning top prize in the ICA Tour is not easy. It is necessary to play often and win against a variety of styles of opponents.

"It is not difficult to find motivation for the 'test of time.' At the Windy City Chess Association's Mini-Tour event at Archer Park, I found the right stuff. Despite a novelty by Black on move seven, White got a clear advantage in the center. The more things change, the more they remain the same! The year finished as it began: another tournament won thanks to the bad Bogo."

**Al Chow-Andrew Hubbard**  
Bogo Indian [E11]  
Windy City Mini Tour, 12/  
14, 1997

Notes by Albert Chow

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3

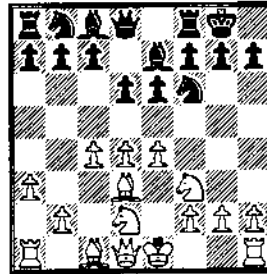
Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.a3 Be7

The exchange of bishop for

knight is a trade the Nimzo-Bogo-Indian master is not afraid of. Thematic was 5...Bd2 6.Bd2 b6 and ...Bb7 controlling e4 Queen's Indian style. 6.e4 d6

More active is 6...d5. But then after 7.e5, White's pawn wedge creates a space advantage on the kingside, as in the French Defense.

7.Bd3



7...c5 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5

Bg4 10.0-0 Nbd7

The pawn structure has transformed towards transposition to the Modern Benoni.

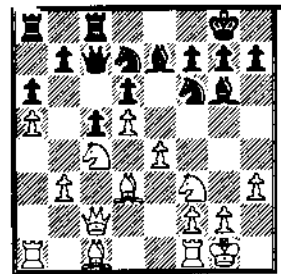
11.h3 Bh5 12.Qc2 Bg6 13.a4

It is important for White to restrain Black from advancing his queenside pawn majority with ...b5.

13...Qc7 14.Nc4

An excellent outpost square idea, pressuring the typical Benoni weak pawn at d6.

14...Rfc8 15.b3 a6 16.a5



At this point young Mr.

Hubbard remembered that his dream of pushing Ne4 with the thrust ...b5 would force me to invoke the half-forgotten law of *en passant* when axb6 creates a backward, isolated a6-pawn.

16...Ne8 17.Bb2 Bf6

18.Ra2 Bxb2 19.Rxb2

Nef6 20.Nfd2 Re8 21.f4

Threatening to create Noah's Ark with 22.f5 Bh5 23.g4—one of the oldest traps in chess.

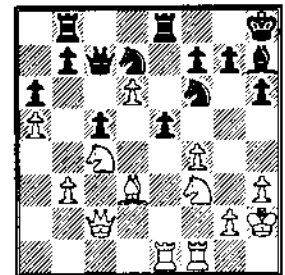
21...h6 22.Kh2 Bh7

23.Rbb1 Rac8 24.Rbe1

Rb8 25.Nf3

The defender is reduced to passive wait-and-see moves while White's central pawn majority builds for a big breakthrough with the inevitable e5!

25...Kh8 26.e5 dxe5 27.d6



27...Qc8 28.Nfxe5 Nxe5?

A mistake in a difficult position.

29.fxe5 Bxd3 30.Qxd3

Nh7?

Instead of blundering a piece, better was 30...Nd7, but 31.Rf7 is winning for White.

31.d7 Qd8 32.dxe8Q+

Qxc8 33.Nd6 Qe7 34.Rxf7

Qd8 35.e6 Nf6 36.e7 Qg8

37.Qg6 Ne8 38.Rf8 Nxd6

39.Rxg8+ Rxg8 40.Qxd6

c4 41.e8Q Rxe8 42.Rxe8+

Kh7 43.Qd8 g6 44.Qd7#

1-0 ♀



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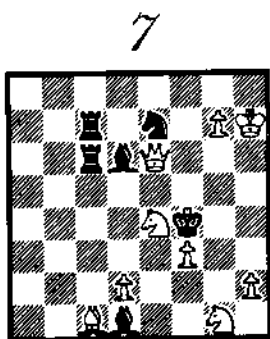
# The Soul of the Game



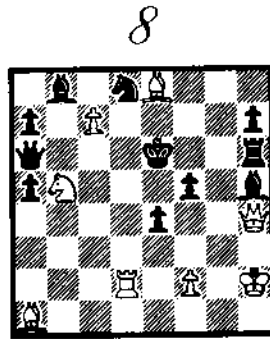
by Todd Barre

Paul Keres once said, "The older I grow, the more I value pawns." The great Philidor called them the soul of the game. While pawn structure often makes or breaks an over-the-board game, the heavy pieces usually get the credit for bringing the full point home. In the problem world, however, we have the opportunity to set the lowly pawn on a pedestal. This month, we look at a number of problems where the pawns play starring roles.

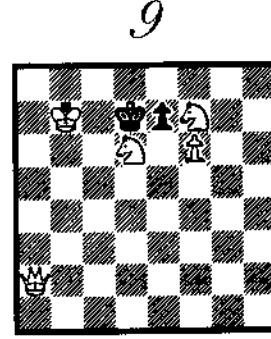
We start with some great old compositions. Problems 7 through 10 are all two-movers; that is, White is to play and mate in two moves against any Black defense. The fact that 7 won a prize in a "Pawn One-Two" tourney ought to give you a not-so-subtle hint. Several pawns get involved in the play in 8, a problem composed by the great Kenneth Howard. Sometimes the focus is more on the defender rather than the attacker. In that regard, 9 is a classic miniature (six pieces or less) where the Black pawn fights valiantly to stave off mate. Time for a more modern example. Which pawn does more damage in 10? 11 is a mate in three, but I don't think you'll find it all that difficult to solve. You'll find that the White pawns are very, very busy! Finally, a challenger in 12, in which White is to play and mate in five moves. Safe to say that the pawns on the seventh are involved—but what pieces will you need?



Mate in 2



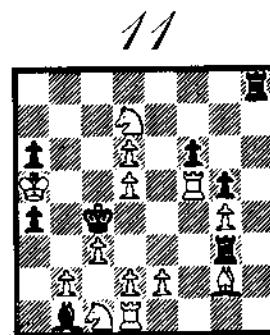
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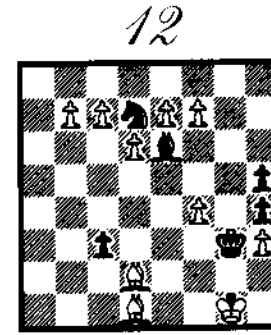
Mate in 2



Mate in 2



Mate in 3



Mate in 5

## The Answer Box

Next issue, we really will start giving answers! In this issue, we again extend a hearty invitation to 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 Three points apiece. You need only send in the key first move for these. Five points to be earned for the three-mover, but in this case, 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. For our five-mover, you must send in at least one correct line up to White's fourth move (one move short of mate). Seven points for that one, 24 points total available for the month.

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



**Paw of approval** for the Illinois Chess Bulletin.

## Bachler

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About this second Tour game, Kevin notes, "In the Illinois/U.S. Class in November 1996 a last round loss to Zinytch in the 11th hour cost me a perfect score and \$1,000. It was time for a modest portion of revenge."

**Kevin Bachler (2150)-  
Myron Zinytch (2100)**  
Sicilian Defense [B57]  
FVNCC 17.05.1997

*Notes by Kevin Bachler*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6  
6.Be4 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Be3  
Qc7 9.Nb5

Played solely to get us out of the book.

9...Qb8 10.Nc3 Be7 11.0-0  
0-0 12.Be2 Rd8 13.f4 d5  
14.e5 Ne4 15.Bd3 f5  
16.exf6 Bxf6

A very unbalanced position has arisen, where White has a lead in development. I use this to strike a first blow—as many players know this is the kind of

position I am probably best at.  
17.f5 Nxc3 18.bxc3 e5  
19.Qh5 Bd7 20.Nc5 Be8  
21.Qh3!

It is important to keep an eye on h7.

21...Bf7 22.Rab1!

This move looks obvious as a developing move, but in fact it involves a tactical finesse by ensuring that the knight on c6 is loose.

22...b6 23.Nc6 Re8  
24.Nxg7!!

Revealing the point of 22 Rab1. If 24...Bxg7 25 f6 e4 26 Bb5 regains material with the advantage. If 24...Kxg7 25 Qh6+ Kg8 26 Qxf6 with pressure on the Black K and on the loose Nc6.

24...Qd6

24...Re7 25 Nh5 leaves White with a strong attack and a material edge.

25.Nxe8 Rxe8

This defense hopes to utilize the two bishops and central pawns.

26.Be2 d4 27.Bh6 dxc3  
28.Bh5 Qe7 29.Bxf7+ Qxf7

# Who Said It? Answers

1. C.H.O'D. Alexander, quoted by John Nunn in *The Benoni for the Tournament Player*.
2. Walter Revis in the novel, *The Queen's Gambit*.
3. Arpad E. Elo, *The Rating of Chess Players*.
4. George Bernard Shaw.

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**Lets discuss it over the chess board.**

30.Qxc3 Nd4 31.Rbe1 e4  
32.Qg3+ Kh8 33.Rf4 Qxa2  
34.Rfxe4 Rxe4 35.Qb8+  
Qg8 36.Qxg8+ Kxg8  
37.Rxe4 Nxc2 38.Re8+


For a moment it looks like Black has some chances due to the passed queenside pawns. In real-

ity, his loose pieces and poor King position lead to a quick finish.  
38...Kf7 39.Rc8 Bd4+  
40.Kf1 Bc5 41.Bg5 a5  
42.Rc7+ Ke8 43.f6 a4

No better is 43...Ne3+ 44 Bxe3 Bxe3 45 Re7+ 44.f7+ 1-0 ♚

# Tournament Calendar

**ICA Tour events** are generally listed as such in *Chess Life* and in the Calendar below. Players are responsible for checking both *Chess Life* and the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* to determine which events are Tour events. Call ChessPhone (630-832-5222) a few days before any tournament to verify its Tour status.

Unless otherwise noted, all tournaments require USCF membership. Tour events also require ICA membership. Scholastic events are marked with a .

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. **Calendar coordinator is Bill Smythe**, 1159 W Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773-761-2455. **Do not send calendar entries to the ICB editor.** If you are running a Tour event, make sure it is listed as such in both *Chess Life* and the *ICB*. Deadlines for ICB calendar submissions are as follows:

Tournament starting date:	Deadline:	To appear in:
Jan 15–Mar 14	Nov 15	Jan–Feb issue
Mar 15–May 14	Jan 15	Mar–Apr issue
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Jul 15–Sep 14	May 15	Jul–Aug issue
Sep 15–Nov 14	Jul 15	Sep–Oct issue
Nov 15–Jan 14	Sep 15	Nov–Dec issue

**March 2, Fox Valley/Naperville Monday Evening Game/15**, 5-SS, game/15. Hyatt Lisle, Warrenville Rd & Rte 53, Lisle. EF \$12, FVCC members \$5. \$\$ based on ent. Reg at site only 6:45-7:10, rd 1 at 7:15.

**March 2,9,16,23, Fox Valley/Naperville Game/90**, 4-SS, game/90. Hyatt Lisle, Warrenville Rd & Rte 53, Lisle. EF \$20, FVCC members \$10. \$\$ based on ent. Reg at site only 6:45-7:10 March 2, rds each Monday at 7:15.

**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. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**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, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**March 9, Fox Valley/Naperville Monday Evening Game/29**, 3-SS, game/29. Hyatt Lisle, Warrenville Rd & Rte 53, Lisle. EF \$12, FVCC members \$5. \$\$ based on ent. Reg at site only 6:45-7:10, rd 1 at 7:15.

**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 or more unrateds. EF \$55, juniors below 1500 \$25 by 3/9, all \$10 more after 3/9 or at door; add \$5 to play up a section. Reg 8:30-9:15, rounds 10-2:30-7, 10-5. Info: Hector Hernandez, 773-586-3950 evenings. Ent/checks payable: Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638-8765. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**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 21, Saturday Evening Quick Quads**, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/29. EF \$8, juniors and club members \$6, plus \$3 forfeit deposit. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any 1-day Chicago CC tournament 3/22/98 thru 5/31/98. Reg closes 7:00, rd 1 at 7:15.

**March 22, ICA Awards Banquet**, Stevens Restaurant, 476 North York Road, Elmhurst (Right of York exit of I-290) from 1-5 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door. **More information is available on page 22 of this magazine.**

**March 22, Elmhurst CC ICA Banquet Mini-Tour**, 3-SS, game/45. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$12 ECC members and anyone who attends the ICA Banquet, \$16 others. In two sections. OPEN SECTION: \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u-2000, u-1800. UNDER-1600 SECTION: \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u-1400. BOTH: 85% of EFs returned as prizes. Reg 5-5:40,

## ICA Banquet, March 22! See page 22.

round 1 at 5:45. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. See advertisement on page 2 of this magazine. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**March 26-29, National Open**, 6-SS, 40/2, 20/1, SD/30, Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas. Four sections: CHAMPIONSHIP (open to all): EF \$84 by 3/13, \$16 more at site. \$\$5000-3000-2000-1000-400-400-400-400-200-200-200-200-200-200-200-200, u-2500 \$1400-700, u-2300 \$1200-600, u-2100 \$1000-500. RESERVE (open to u-2000): EF \$79 by 3/13, \$16 more at site. \$\$2500-1500-1000-500-200-100-100-100-100-100, u-1800 \$1300-700. BOOSTER (open to u-1600): EF \$74 by 3/13, \$16 more at site. \$\$1300-700-300-150-100-50-50-50-50-50, u-1400 \$1000-500, u-1200 \$700-400, u-1000 \$300-200. UNRATED (open to players with no USCF (or convertible international) rating. EF \$59 by 3/13, \$16 more at site. \$\$ USCF gift certificates: \$300-200-100-50-50, junior 150-100-50. Unrated may play only in Championship or Unrated section. ALL SECTIONS: \$29 off advance EF only for USCF juniors or second family member at same address. Add .50 to advance EF for round 1 half-point bye. Reg 6-8 pm Thursday March 26, 8:30-11 am Friday March 27. Rds 12:30-7:30, 10-7, 10-7. Mail entries to U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Rte 9-W, New Windsor NY 10553, Attention National Open Entries. **A USCF National Event.**

**March 28, Elmhurst CC Game/60 Mini-Tour**, 4-SS, game/60. Frick Center (note larger site, 100 yards south of Library), Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16 ECC members, \$20 others. In two sections. OPEN SECTION: \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u-2000, u-1800. UNDER-1600 SECTION: \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u-1400. BOTH: 85% of EFs returned as prizes. Reg 12-12:45, rounds at 1-3:15-6-8. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**March 28, High Noon Quads**, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. EF \$10, juniors and club members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 3/29/98 thru 5/31/98. Reg closes 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

**March 28, Bloomington Tornado**, 4-SS, game/80. Lincoln Leisure Center (formerly Abraham Lincoln School), 1206 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgerie, Box

157, Normal 61761-0157. 309-454-3842, Schoolstreeter@MSN.com.

**March 29, High on the Hog Sectional**, 3-SS, G/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, 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.

**March 29, Elmhurst CC Game/25**, 4-SS, game/25. Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**April 4, Chicago CC Saturday Plus-Score**, 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. Reg closes 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**April 5, 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.

**April 5, Elmhurst CC Game/15 Double Quad**, 6-RR, game/15, in 4-player sections of like-rated players (play each opponent twice). Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, club members \$11. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:50, round 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**April 11, Tuley Park Quick #5 (Big #2)**, 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.

**April 12, High Noon Quads**, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. EF \$10, juniors and club members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 4/13/98 thru 5/31/98. Reg closes 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

**April 18, Peoria Tornado**, Garrett Center, 824 N Duryea Pl, Peoria 61625. 4-SS, game/60. EF \$12 by 4/16, \$15 at site, \$10 juniors. \$\$75-50, book prizes to A, B, C, D, E/under (book prizes based on 3 per class). Reg 8-8:45, rds at 9-11-1:30-3:30. Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct, Peoria 61614. 309-691-4624.

See advertisement on page 51. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**April 19,26, May 3,10, Elmhurst CC Championship**, 4-SS, 40/100, SD/30. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, open to ECC members only (club dues \$10). Prizes: 1st \$100, others depend on entries. Reg 6-6:50 4/19 and 4/26, rounds at 7 each Sunday. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**April 24-26, USCF National Elementary Championships**, 7-SS, game/120. Peoria Civic Center, Madison and Fulton, Peoria. Six sections: KINDERGARTEN, K-3, K-3 UNDER-800, K-5, K-6, K-6 UNDER-900. Trophies to top 25 in each section by individual and team, trophies to all kindergarten players, participation awards for all players. EF \$25 by 4/3, \$50 by 4/15, no entries after 4/15. \$20 for substitutions/changes after 4/3. Opening ceremony 12:30, rds 1-6:30, 9-2-7, 9-2. Trophies 7 pm. Checks payable to USCF, mail to Carol Spengel, 1306 W Moss Av, Peoria 61606. **A USCF National Event.**

**April 25, Hampton Inn Spring Open**, 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 4/17, \$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.

**May 1-3, USCF National Junior High Championship**, Phoenix AZ.

**May 2, Tuley Park Quick #6**, 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.

**May 8-10, USCF National High School Championship**, Los Angeles.

**May 16, Bloomington Tornado**, 4-SS, game/80. Lincoln Leisure Center (formerly Abraham Lincoln School), 1206 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761-0157. 309-454-3842, Schoolstreeter@MSN.com.

**May 22-25, 23-25, or 24-25, Chicago Open**, 7-SS, 40/2, SD/1, Hyatt Regency, 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook. 3-day option, rds 1-2 game/75. 2-day option, rds 1-4 game/45. Unrated must enter OPEN or UNRATED sections. Seven sections: OPEN: \$\$1000-5000-2500-1200-1000-700-600-600-500-500, u-2400/unr 2000-1000-800-600-400. UNDER-2200: \$\$7000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300 UNDER-2000: \$\$700-300-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300. UNDER-1800: \$\$7000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-

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**May 30, Illinois Valley Tornado, 4-SS, game/80.** Mirror Building, 1701 Fourth St, Peru 61354. EF \$12 by 5/28, \$15 at site, jrs \$10. \$5G 75-50. Class A, B, C, D/under \$25 each based on 6 per class. Reg 8-8:45, rds at 9-12-3-6. Bill Schulte, 520 First St, LaSalle 61301, 815-223-1505. See advertisement on page 31 of this magazine. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**May 30, Tuley Park Quick #7,** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/25, or 5-SS game/20, or 6-SS game/17. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

**June 20, Hampton Inn Summer Open,** Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 217-523-7265, tknoel@uis.edu.

**June 27, Peoria Tornado.** Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct, Peoria 61614. 309-691-4624. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**June 27, Tuley Park Quick #8 (Big #3),** Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.

**July 18, Bloomington Tornado,** Bloomington. Dennis Bourgerie, 309-454-3842, Schoolstreater@MSN.com.

**July 18-19, 4th Annual Midway Amateur Class,** Oak Lawn. Info: Hector Hernandez, 773-586-3950 evenings. Ent/checks payable: Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638-8765. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**July 25, Tuley Park Quick #9,** Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.

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**August 15, Tuley Park Quick #10,** Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.

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**October 3, Tuley Park Quick #12,** Chicago 60619. Thomas Fineberg, 773-721-3979.

**October 17, Peoria Tornado.** Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct, Peoria 61614. 309-691-4624. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**October 24, 1998, Hampton Inn Fall Open,** Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 217-

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**December 12, 1998, Hampton Inn Winter Open,** Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, tknoel@uis.edu.

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## Midway Chess Enterprises

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## Park Forest Chess Club

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## Rudy Lozano Library Chess Club

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Tom Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield. 217•523-7265.

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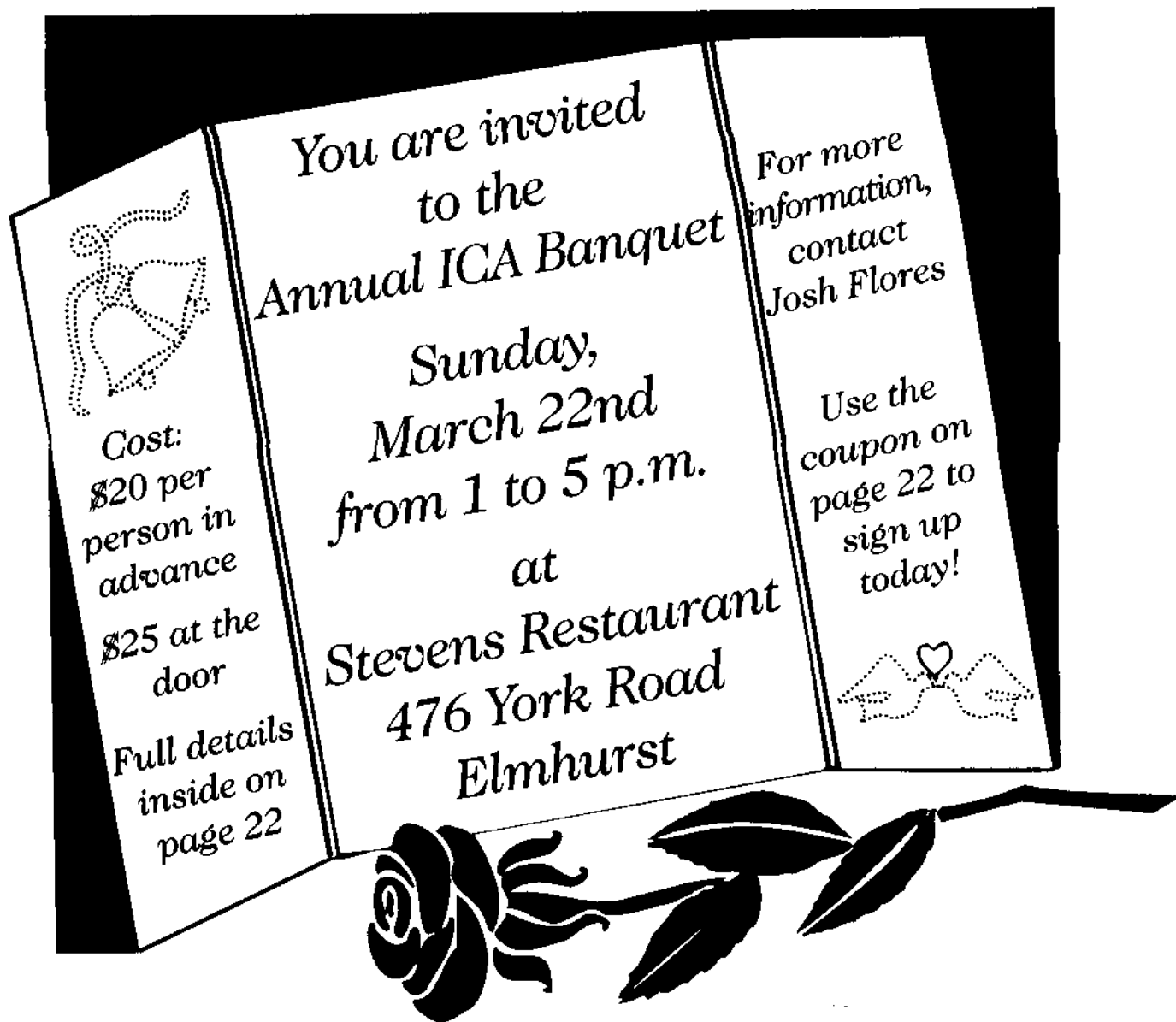
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