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But all this costs money. The Illinois chess community has been very generous in keeping this program alive and well. It is funded by contributions from individuals and chess organizations, as well as matching funds from participating schools and parents. The Illinois Chess Association is a 501 (C) (3) cor-

poration, so donations to this program may qualify for tax deduction. But more importantly, they help bring quality instruction to our future masters. Please use the coupon elsewhere in this issue and donate generously. Thank you.

Illinois Champions

Congratulations to the Illinois Co-Champions Enrico Sevillano and Osman Palos. Two hundred players participated in a revitalized Illinois Open this Labor Day weekend.

President's Podium

New ICA Leadership

When I became ICA interim president last June, my first goal was to find someone to take the job from me. I can't think of anyone better qualified to lead the ICA into the 21st century than Fred Gruenberg. He has brought many new ideas to Illinois Chess, and his term as president promises to bring many more.



Thanks to All Who Helped

I'd like to end my short term with thanks to everyone who helped me through it: Treasurer Howard Cohen, Secretary Josh Flores, Vice President Mike Leali, Bill Smythe who took over the thankless task of membership secretary, ICB Editor M. L. Rantala who despite staff desertions produced the finest Chess magazine in the country, and most of all my wife Janelle who once cast the only vote against me the first time I ran for president of a state chess association.

Raising the Bar for the ICB

The Illinois Chess Association is sorry to announce that M.L. Rantala will no longer be serving as Editor of the Illinois Chess Bulletin. M.L. brought our magazine to new heights and set standards that will be a challenge to meet. Under her stewardship, the ICB won numerous awards from the Chess Journalists of America including "most improved" for the second year in a row. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and wish her the best of luck in whatever future directions she takes.

The new ICA officers promise to continue and even to improve upon the high standards and quality to which are now accustomed.

Our first goal for improvement is to put the magazine back on a timely schedule. Our next issue, January/February 1999, will be only 1 month behind this one. With the March/April 1999 issue we expect to be back on schedule, with everything you expect from an award winning state magazine, mailed on or before the first of each odd numbered month.

The next issue will have games and news from the Midwest Class. Bill Brock will share his unique and enlightening perspective on the Illinois Class with games and anecdotes. Of course, there will be club reports, the Junior Section will feature the National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championships in Oakbrook, which was a resounding success for players, the organizers and Illinois Chess.

But we need your help! To bring to you the stories, the pictures, the games, the inside scoops you want to see, we need you to continue (or start) sending contributions, pictures, games, and stories. Your letters, your thoughts and suggestions are also very much welcomed!

Gurevich Beats Korchnoi and Wins Italian Tournament

Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich won the 1998 Bratto, Italy tournament this past summer. Before he could take first (on tie-breaks, with Israel's Leonid Gofshtein next in line), he defeated the chess world's elder statesman Viktor Korchnoi, seeded first at Bratto, in a game Gurevich annotates below.

Korchnoi tied for third place, half a point behind Gurevich, along with Ivan Farago, Giulio Borgo, Gerardo Barbero, Michele Godena, and Igor Efimov. Another player from the U.S., Anjelina Belakovskaia, also participated in the event, off one-and-a-half points from the leaders.



File photo by Fred Gruenberg

Gurevich Explains His Win Over Viktor Korchnoi.

Dmitry Gurevich

Viktor Korchnoi

Bratto (8), 1998

Trompowski's Opening [D00]

Notes by Gurevich

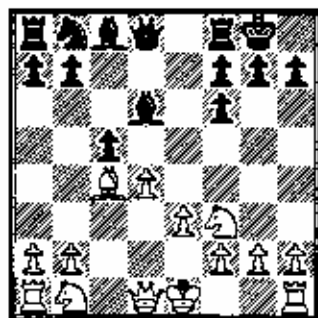
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5

This year I twice had to face the British grandmaster Julian Hodgson with Black. So, I looked through many of his beautiful attacks and decided to try 2.Bg5! myself.

2...d5 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e3 Bd6 5.c4

It's also possible to delay the move 0-0 with 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.Ne2.

5...dxc4 6.Bxc4 0-0 7.Nf3 c5



GM Dmitry Gurevich

I think that this is an innovation which Korchnoi prepared for someone else!

8.dxc5

8.0-0 Bg4; 8.h3 cxd4 9.Nxd4; 8.d5 a6 9.a4 Bg4.

8...Bxc5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Ke2 Be6 12.Bb3

White doesn't want to take on e6 and is waiting for 12...Na5.

12...b6!?

With the idea of 13...Bxb3 14.axb3 Na5 winning a pawn, but I think Black's move is too ambitious because the b-pawn is moved to the wrong square—it's more comfortable to keep the a6-b7 or a6-b5 formation.

12...Bxb3 13.axb3 b6 14.Ra4 a6=.

13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.a3 Kf7

14...a5? 15.Na4.

15.Rhc1 Rac8 16.b4?!

White throws away his small advantage which he could keep with 16.Rc2!

16...Be7

The most likely outcome from this position should be the exchange of the a- and b-pawns with equality.

17.Rc2 Nb8

On 17...a5 White might try 18.Na4!?

18.Rac1 a5 19.Na2 Rxc2+ 20.Rxc2 axb4 21.Nxb4 Bc5

If 21...Bxb4 22.axb4 leaves White with a slight advantage.

22.Rc4 Nd7 23.a4 Ra8 24.Nd3 c5 25.Nd2 Kc6 26.e4 Kd6

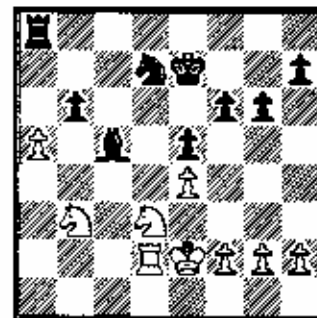
26...g6! 27.Nb3 Bd6.

27.Nb3 Ba3 28.a5

This move should have forced an immediate draw after 28...bxa5 29.Ra4 Bc5 30.Nxa5 (30.Rxa5=) 30...Ke6 31.Nb7 Rc8 32.Ra6+ Ke7 33.Nbxc5 Nxc5 34.Ra7+ Kf8=.

28...Be5 29.Rc2 g6 30.Rd2

All of a sudden, Black faces a problem.



30...Ke7?

A time-pressure mistake: 30...Bd4
31.axb6 Nxb6 32.Nb2! wins a pawn.
Only 30...Kc6! holds the position.

31.Ndxc5! bxc5

On 31...Nxc5 32.Nxc5 bxc5
33.Ra2 Kd6 34.Kd3 Kc6 35.Kc4 Ra6
36.g4 g5 37.Ra1, Black is in
zugzwang—37...Ra8 38.a6 Ra7
39.Ra2 Kb6 40.Kd5.

32.Kd3!

Now the a-pawn is decisive.

32...Rb8 33.Kc4 Rb4+ 34.Kc3
Rb7

Not 34...Rxc4? 35.Rxd7+.

35.a6 Ra7 36.Kc4 Ra8 37.Kb5
Ke6

On 37...Rb8+ 38.Kc6 Rc8+
White wins with 39.Kb7 Rb8+
40.Kc7.

38.Na5! Rc8 39.Nb7?

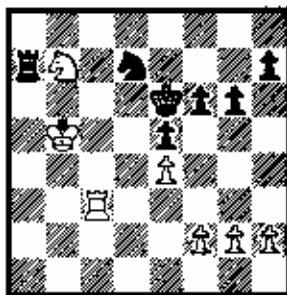
White was also in time pressure
39.Nc6 is winning 39...Nb8 40.Nxb8
Rxb8+ 41.Kc6 Rb3 42.Ra2.

39...c4 40.Rc2 c3 41.a7 Ra8

42.Rxc3

42...Ka6? Nb8+! 43.Kb6 Nd7+
draws.

42...Rxa7



Luckily for White, he is still
winning.

43.Nd8+!

On 43.Rc6+ Black can draw after
43...Ke7 44.Rc7 Ra2 45.Nc5 Rd2
46.g4 h6 47.h4 g5 48.hxg5 hxg5
49.Rxd7+ (49.Kc6 Rd6+) 49...Rxd7
50.Nxd7 Kxd7 51.Kc5 Kc7 52.Kd5
Kd7 53.f3 Ke7 54.Kc6 Ke6 55.Kc7
Ke7. White needs another tempo for

a win.

43...Kd6 44.Rd3+ Kc7

44...Kc7? runs into 45.Nc6+.

45.Nc6+ Kb8

45...Kc8 46.Rc3+ Kb8 47.Kc6.

46.Kc6 Kc8 47.Rc3!

47.Kd6? Ra6+ 48.Kc7? Rxe6+ a
neat echo of the White threat in the
note to move 44.

47...Ra6+

Losing at once, but the domi-
nating position of White's pieces give
him a winning position anyway as the
following variations indicate:

(a) 47...f5 48.cxf5 gxf5 49.Kd6+
Kb8 50.Rg3+; or

(b) 47...Kb8 48.Kd6.

48.Kb5+ 1-0

Winning a rook after 48...Kb7 49.
Rc7.

I was happy to win this game and
a tournament, but I have to admit that
the game is more Korchnoi's loss than
my win. ♣

For a brief news flash on Gurevich at the US Championship, see News & Notes on page 23.

Elmhurst CC Game/60 Mini-Tour January 17, 1999 4-SS, game/60

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EF \$20, ECC members \$16.

Two sections: OPEN: \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u2000, u1800.

UNDER-1600: \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1400.

BOTH: 85% of EFs returned, estimated total prize fund \$500 b/35.

Registration: 12-12:45 • Rounds 1 - 3:15 - 6 - 8.

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An ICA Tour mini-event

IMs Sevillano and Palos Once Again Win Illinois Open

By Bill Brock

Once again, Enrico Sevillano (2548) and Osman Palos (2408) tied for first in the Illinois Open. In the 1998 championship, held over Labor Day weekend at the Hyatt Regency Oak Brook, the two IMs drew with each other and beat up on the rest of the field for a 5.5-0.5 score and an equal share of the state title. This was Palos's second consecutive share of the crown, and Sevillano's third.

Expert Miguel Santana (2052) overcame a rocky start with four consecutive wins to score an impressive 5-1 for clear third. Rounding out the top finishers were three former champions, FMs Eugene Martinovsky (2400), Al Chow (2371), and Andrew Karklins (2371), joined by a strong newcomer to the Illinois scene, Ghulam Dastgir-Butt (2290), Experts Chuck Cadman (2108) and Stanimir Ilic (2032), and top Class A finisher Dan Modes (1966), all at 4.5-1.5.

Two round six games were crucial: Palos ground down Dastgir-Butt in the endgame. Chow, with White against Sevillano, appeared to have a significant middlegame advantage in a complex position—in severe time pressure, he walked into an attack.

In the Reserve Section, Kevin Connelly (1750) swept the field 6-0. He was closely followed by Martin Szafran (1632) at 5.5-0.5. Third through seventh places were shared by Will Hayes (1784), David Hasegawa (1757), Joe Delay (1644), Class C winner Paul Raso (1501), and Class D winner Gabriel Lerner (1291), all with 5-1. Lerner's 1862 performance rating will probably prevent him from winning next year's Class D prize.

There were several notable upsets in the first round of the Open Section. Gene Scott (2071) ventured a wild variation of the Philidor against young Yelena Gorlin (1761), and lost the theoretical struggle. Gene's constant reference during this tournament was the vintage Bent Larsen pamphlet, *Why Not the Philidor Defense?* As Gene philosophically observed after the game, "DeFirmian says, 'There are answers to this question!'" Friendly Wisconsin master Alex Betaneli (2308) was downed by David Monatelli (1900), and Bill Smythe (1889) vanquished Josh Riddell (2131).

Sevillano, with effort, avoided a first round upset. He had a drawish pawn-down major piece ending against Tam Nguyen (1965), but managed to squeeze out the full point.

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"Hi, Vishy, I'm Illinois State Champ again!" Enrico Sevillano calls to share the news of his win with a friend.

1998 Illinois Open

Open

1st	IM Enrico Sevillano	5.5/6	\$900.00
	IM Osman Palos	5.5/6	\$900.00
3rd	Miguel Santana	5.0/6	\$300.00
1st U2300	Ghulam Dastgir-Butt	4.5/6	\$300.00
1st Expert	Chuck Cadman	4.5/6	\$225.00
	Stanimir Ilic	4.5/6	\$225.00
1st U2000	Dan Modes	4.5/6	\$300.00
2nd	Michael Leali	4.0/6	\$150.00

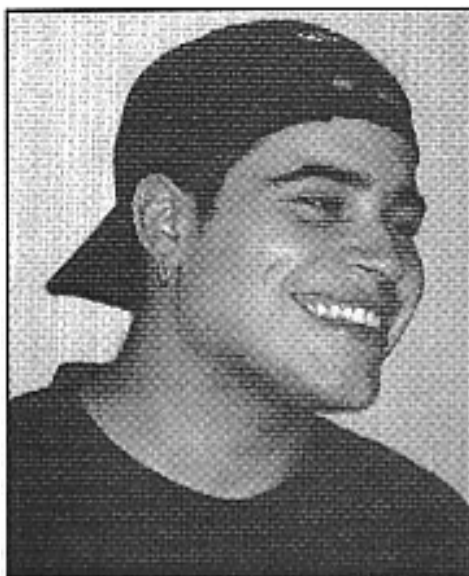
Reserve

1st	Kevin Connelly	6.0/6	\$500.00
2nd	Martin Szafran	5.5/6	\$250.00
3rd	Will Hayes	5.0/6	\$33.33
	David Hasegawa	5.0/6	\$33.33
	Joe Delay	5.0/6	\$33.33
1st C	Paul Raso	5.0/6	\$200.00
2nd C	Andrey Gorlin	4.5/6	\$25.00
	Mark Young	4.5/6	\$25.00
	Avelino Oribello	4.5/6	\$25.00
	Matt Pulin	4.5/6	\$25.00
1st D	Gabriel Lerner	5.0/6	\$200.00
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OPEN SECTION												score	tour
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2548	W35	W23	W52	W5	O2	W6	5.5	23M			
2	PALOS Osman	2408	W44	W24	W20	W16	D1	W7	5.5	23M			
3	SANTANA Miguel	2052	W58	L51	W70	W38	W15	W14	5	15MX			
4	MARTINOVSKY Eugene	2400	W36	W42	W8	D6	L7	W22	4.5	10M			
5	KARKLINS Andrew	2371	W27	W53	W21	L1	W18	D8	4.5	10M			
6	CHOW Albert	2332	W68	W43	W17	D4	W11	L1	4.5	10M			
7	DASTGIR-BUTT Ghulam	2290	W45	W34	W9	D15	W4	L2	4.5	10M			
8	CADMAN Chuck	2108	W39	W56	L4	W44	W12	D5	4.5	10MX			
9	ILIC Stanimir	2032	W59	W71	L7	D29	W46	W19	4.5	10MX			
10	MCDES Dan	1966	H	H	W71	W52	D29	W20	4.5	10M-A			
11	YOUNG Angelo	2388	W26	W25	L16	W22	L6	W28	4	8M			
12	BETANELI Alex	2308	L55	W57	W36	W33	L8	W32	4	8M			
13	WALLACH Ken	2283	H	H	L44	W47	W51	W33	4	8M			
14	PANGAN Camilo	2234	D46	D33	W55	W53	W21	L3	4	8M			
15	MILBRATZ Walter	2219	W18	D28	W51	D7	L3	W34	4	8M			
16	BACHLER Kevin	2116	W47	W55	W11	L2	L5	W36	4	8MX			
17	KARKLINS Erik	2051	W40	W49	L5	D51	D34	W29	4	8MX			
18	LEALI Michael	1894	L15	D67	W62	D32	W31	W30	4	8M-A			
19	RIDDELL Josh	2131	L37	W39	W45	D43	W24	L9	3.5	7MX			
20	BENESA Arnulfo	2129	W63	W54	L2	D34	W25	L10	3.5	7MX			
21	SAX Robert	2081	W48	W51	L5	W37	L14	D27	3.5	7MX			
22	CAVENEY Geoffrey	2079	D64	W46	W32	L11	W43	L4	3.5	7MX			
23	SPLINTER Joe	2025	W60	L1	H	W49	L28	W38	3.5	7MX			
24	BROCK Bill	2010	W41	L2	D47	W26	L19	W46	3.5	7MX			
25	OBERSWEIS James	1985	W50	L11	W41	H	L20	W47	3.5	7M-A			
26	KAMBER George	1943	L11	D59	W69	L24	W57	W42	3.5	7M-A			
27	HERNANDEZ Hector	1929	L5	H	W57	H	X	D21	3.5	7M-A			
28	CAVITT Dexter	1891	X	D15	L29	W35	W23	L11	3.5	7M-A			
29	SZPISJAK Steve	2311	H	H	W28	D9	D10	L17	3	6M			
30	GAST Bryan	2080	L56	W40	L37	W48	W55	L18	3	6MX			
31	SCOTT Gene	2071	L49	W60	L38	W56	L18	W51	3	6MX			
32	BUERGER Ed	1981	D65	W69	L22	D18	W37	L12	3	6M-A			
33	CONDON James	1979	H	D14	W56	L12	W49	L13	3	6M-A			
34	BOGAN Timothy	1970	W73	L7	W65	D20	D17	L15	3	6M-A			
35	NGUYEN Tam D	1965	L1	D62	W63	L28	W64	D41	3	6M-A			
36	SIWEK Mark	1956	L4	W66	L12	W60	W50	L16	3	6M-A			
37	SMYTHE Bill	1889	W19	L52	W30	L21	L32	W61	3	6M-A			
38	AMUNDSEN Steven	1881	L52	W73	W31	L3	W54	L23	3	6M-A			
39	PEIFFERS Stan	1847	L8	L19	L50	W72	W58	W62	3	6M-A			
40	JANUS Chris	1656	L17	L30	D72	D69	X	W55	3	6M-B			
41	HUANG Kenneth	1618	L24	W68	L25	W45	D44	D35	3	6M-B			
42	SOLLANO Ely	1991	W62	L4	H	L46	W61	L26	2.5	5M-A			
43	MICHALIK Philip	1972	W67	L6	W61	D19	L22	-	2.5	5M-A			
44	WARREN James	1958	L2	W48	W13	L8	D41	-	2.5	5M-A			
45	STINSON Marcus	1896	L7	W50	L19	L41	D62	W67	2.5	5M-A			
46	COHEN Howard	1896	D14	L22	W58	W42	L9	L24	2.5	5M-A			
47	HANCO Mark	1848	L16	W72	O24	L13	W65	L25	2.5	5M-A			
48	CHEN Aaron	1817	L21	L44	W66	L30	W59	D49	2.5	5M-A			
49	GORLIN Yelena	1761	W31	L17	W54	L23	L33	D48	2.5	5M-B			
50	RIDDLE Robert	1496	L25	L45	W39	W70	L36	D57	2.5	5M-C			
51	SHOCKLEY Robert	1400	B	W3	L15	D17	L13	L31	2.5	5M-C			
52	FAGAN James	2123	W38	W37	L1	L10	F	-	2	4MX			
53	NAYLOR Samuel M	1973	W66	L5	W64	L14	-	-	2	4M-A			
54	COX William	1971	W72	L20	L49	W59	L38	-	2	4M-A			
55	MONATELLI David	1900	W12	L16	L14	W71	L30	L40	2	4M-A			
56	HENDERSON Harold	1811	W30	L8	L33	L31	W60	-	2	4M-A			
57	HAYES Christopher	1678	H	L12	L27	W67	L26	D50	2	4M-B			
58	HALE Bob	1677	L3	H	L46	H	L39	W66	2	4M-B			
59	LEUNG Daniel	1640	L9	D26	H	L54	L48	W73	2	4M-B			
60	JOHNSON Eric	1627	L23	L31	W73	L36	L56	W71	2	4M-B			
61	VONDRUSKA Richard	1577	B	L21	L43	W68	L42	L37	2	4M-C			
62	REDDIVARI Dushyant	1501	L42	D36	L18	W63	D45	L39	2	4M-C			
63	CROWELL James	1885	L20	H	L35	L62	W71	-	1.5	3M-A			
64	BUTTNY William	1800	D22	H	L53	H	L35	-	1.5	3M-A			
65	VENUSO Michael	1400	D32	H	L34	H	L47	-	1.5	3M-C			
66	BAIRD Doug	1345	L53	L36	L48	D73	W72	L58	1.5	3M-D			
67	HECKMAN Jonathon	1306	L43	D18	L68	L57	W73	L45	1.5	3M-D			
68	ROBLEDO Mark Sr	1913	L6	L41	W67	L61	-	-	1	2M-A			
69	SUAREZ Edward	1855	H	L32	L26	D40	-	-	1	2M-A			
70	COVIC Mehmed	1853	H	H	L3	L50	F	-	1	2M-A			
71	STERN Mike	784	W74	L9	L10	L55	L63	L60	1	2M-G			
72	ZEPEDA Rogelio	1277	L54	L47	D40	L39	L66	-	0.5	1M-D			
73	WARD Timothy	-	L34	L38	L60	D66	L67	L59	0.5	1M			
74	COHEN Lawrence	1916	L71	-	-	-	-	-	0				



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Miguel Santana, 5-1, took clear third.

In Round 2, Dastgir-Butt unveiled home cooking against the French:

Ghulam Dastgir-Butt (2290)

Tim Bogan (1970)

1998 Illinois Open, Rd 2

French Defense, Winawer 4.Bd3

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 c5
5.Be3 Nc6 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.Kf1 Bxc3
8.bxc3 c4 9.Be2 Nf6 10.Bf3 Qd7 11.Ne2
Nd5 12.Bd2 0-0 13.h4 b6 14.h5 Bb7
15.Rh3 Rac8 16.Rg3 f5 17.h6 g6
18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Nf4 Qf7 20.Qh5 Kh8
21.Qg5 Nb8 22.a4 Qf6 23.a5 bxa5
24.Rxa5 Qb6 25.Ra1 Qb2 26.Rc1 Qb6
30.Ra1 Qxg5 31.Rxg5 Re7 32.Rxg6
hxg6 33.Nxg6+ Kh7 34.Nxe7 Ba8
35.Nxf5 Rf7 36.g4 1-0

Also in Round 2, Palos demonstrated why knights are so much better than bad bishops:

IM Osman Palos (2408)

Bill Brock (2010)

1998 Illinois Open, Rd 2

Scotch Four Knights

Notes by Brock

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6
7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.0-0 0-0
10.h3 c6 11.Qf3 Rc8 12.Ne2 Ne4
13.Ng3 Qf6!

The two bishops don't compensate for the coming damage to Black's pawn structure: I had to try either 13...Nxc3 14.fxg3 Be6 (Szpisjak) or 13...Qh4 (Palos).

14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qxf6
gxf6 16.Nh5!

Ugh! Now Black has to choose between dropping a pawn and burying his poor light-square bishop.

16...Be7 17.b3 f5 18.Re1
Be6 19.Re3 Bh4 20.Bb2
Red8 21.Bf6!

Fine technique! White's plan is simple: to trade off Black's useful pieces and leave him with a useless bishop.

21...Bxf6 22.Nxf6+ Kg7
23.Nh5+ Kf8 24.Rc3
Rac8 25.Kf1 c5 26.Kc1
a5 27.Rd1 Rxd1+
28.Kxd1 c4 29.Nf4 cxb3
30.Rxc8+

Not falling for the cheap
30.Nxe6+?? Ke7 31.Rxc8
bxa2.

30...Bxc8 31.axb3 Ke7
32.Kd2 Kd6 33.g3 Bd7
34.h4 h6 35.Kc3 Ke5
36.Nc2 a4 37.bxa4 Bxa4
38.Nd4



Now that's a knight!

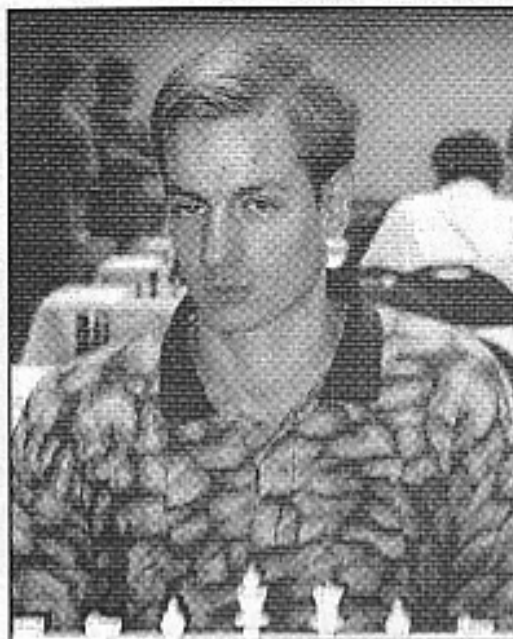
38...h5 39.c4 f6 40.c5
Bd7 41.c6 Bc8 42.Nb5
f4+ 43.gxf4+ 1-0



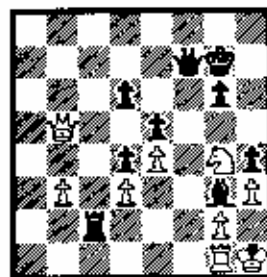
In another Saturday game, Miguel Santana was paired against Robert Shockley, whose rating had recently fallen from the mid-1600s to a remarkably round 1400.

Robert Shockley (1400)
Miguel Santana (2052)
1998 Illinois Open, Rd 2

After White's 41st move, the position looked like this:



Chuck Cadman (above, left) won the Expert prize and Ghulam Dastagir-Butt (right) won the Under-2300 prize.



41...Rxc2??

The idea is beautiful: 42.Rxc2 walks into a mate after 42...Qf1+ 43.Rg1 Qh3+, while 42.Kg2 Qf2+!!! 43.Kh1?? Qf3+ forces 44.Rg2, transposing into the above line. Unfortunately for Santana, Knights also move backwards...

42.Kxc2 Qf4 43.Qd7+
Kg8 44.Qe6+ Kg7
45.Qe7+ Kg8 46.Qf6 1-0

Unfazed by this disaster, Miguel would then reel off four straight wins, including upsets of NMs Camilo Pangan and Walter Milbratz, to take clear third.



Sevillano rapidly defanged the Grand Prix attack:

Joe Splinter (2025)
IM Enrico Sevillano (2548)

1998 Illinois Open, Rd 2
Sicilian Grand Prix Attack
1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6
4.Bb5 Nge7 5.0-0 g6 6.e5
Bg7 7.Nc3 d5 8.exd6ep
Qxd6 9.Ne4 Qd5 10.d3 0-0
11.Kh1 b6 12.Qe1 Nd4
13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Bc4 Qd8
15.g4 Bb7 16.Kg1 Rc8
17.Bb3 Bd5 18.Qh4 Bxb3
19.axb3 Rxc2 20.f5 exf5
21.Bg5 fxc4!

Not really an exchange sac: Black remains ahead in "point count." With a pig on the seventh and a monster passed pawn, all endings must be won.

22.Bxe7 Qd5! 23.Bxf8
e3 24.Qg3 Bxf8 25.Qf3
Qxf3 26.Rxf3 Bd6 27.Kf1
Bb4 28.Kg1 e2 29.Rf2 Rxb2
30.Kg2 a5 31.Kf3 e1Q
32.Rxc1 Rxf2+ 33.Kxf2
Bxe1+ 34.Kxe1 f5 0-1



Chow displayed his technical prowess in a smooth performance:

FM Al Chow (2332)
Phil Michalik (1972)
1998 Illinois Open, Rd 2
c3 Sicilian
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5

4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 cxd4
6.cxd4 c6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd3
Nf6 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0
11.Bg5 Nd7 12.Qe2 Qa5
13.Qe4 g6 14.c4 Rc8
15.Rfc1 f6 16.Bd2 Qd8
17.Rad1 e5 18.Bc3 Qc7
19.Qd5+ Kg7 20.c5 Ne7
21.Qd6 Qxd6 22.cxd6 Nc6
23.dxe5 fxe5 24.Bb5 Kf7
25.Bc4+ Kf6 26.Nxe5
Ndx5 27.f4 Bd7 28.fxe5+
Rxe5 29.Bxe5+ Nxe5
30.Bd5 Nc6 31.Rf1- Ke5
32.Rf7 Bf5 33.Rxb7 Nd4
34.Bc4 Rd8 35.Rxa7 Rxd6
36.Re1+ Kf4 37.Rxb7 Nc2
38.Rf1+ Ke5 39.Bb3 Nd4
40.Re1+ Kf6 41.Rf7+ Kg5
42.Kf2 Nc6 43.Rd1 1-0



Andrew Karklins's openings are more offbeat than Chow's, but the results tend to be similar:

FM Andrew Karklins (2371)
Rob Sax (2081)
1998 Illinois Open, Rd 3
Sicilian Dragon

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.g3
Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.b3 Nc6
9.Bb2 Bd7 10.Nde2 Rc8
11.Qd2 Qa5 12.h3 b5 13.a3
Be6 14.Rb1 Nd7 15.Nd5

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									score	tour
1	CONNELLY Kevin	1750	W17	W54	W38	W22	W21	W8	6	36B
2	SZAFRAN Martin	1632	W68	W57	W28	D3	W35	W18	5.5	23B
3	HAYES Will	1784	W61	W88	W15	D2	W10	D6	5	15B
4	HASEGAWA David	1757	W62	W24	L23	W57	W52	W30	5	15B
5	DELAY Joe	1644	W67	D56	D7	W44	W26	W23	5	15B
6	RASO Paul	1501	W111	D35	W79	W19	W36	D3	5	15BC
7	LEINER Gabriel	1291	D8	W100	D5	W38	W47	W22	5	15B-D
8	GORLIN Gennady	1787	D7	W80	W93	W27	W9	L1	4.5	10B
9	WONG Brian	1731	W78	D50	W56	W16	L8	W37	4.5	10B
10	USISKIN Robert	1699	W64	W26	D16	W41	L3	W45	4.5	10B
11	ALLEN Hence	1678	W66	L29	H	W78	W41	W39	4.5	10B
12	PARNABY Mark	1675	W82	W42	L27	D56	W69	W46	4.5	10B
13	GORLIN Andrey	1597	W34	D43	D89	W60	W27	D17	4.5	10BC
14	YOUNG Mark	1564	W110	D36	W113	L18	W85	W42	4.5	10BC
15	ORIBELLO Avelino	1555	W95	W60	L3	W31	D45	W35	4.5	10BC
16	PULLIN Matt	1517	W97	W85	D10	L9	W59	W36	4.5	10BC
17	POLTORAK Alex	1265	L1	W102	W117	W24	W49	D13	4.5	10B-D
18	AKHMETOV Artem	1763	W32	L41	W77	W14	W53	L2	4	8B
19	JAHEDI Salar	1706	W45	W52	D37	L6	D50	W54	4	8B
20	GIERTZ Chuck	1696	W65	L28	L45	W94	W64	W55	4	8B
21	JONES Byron	1643	W91	W30	W29	W23	L1	-	4	8B
22	WITEK Gregory	1586	W46	W58	W31	L1	W28	L7	4	8BC
23	SILVERMAN Scott	1582	W92	W59	W4	L21	W55	L5	4	8BC
24	POYNTER Matthew	1482	W84	L4	W66	L17	W82	W61	4	8BC
25	STEELE John	1400	H	H	L46	W97	W66	W63	4	8BC
26	MICKLICH Frank T	1399	W103	L10	W34	W93	L5	W72	4	8B-D
27	RASMUSSEN Robby	1388	W105	W87	W12	L8	L13	W48	4	8B-D
28	ALI Amir	1380	W123	W20	L2	W70	L22	W47	4	8B-D
29	MEDINA Francisco	1376	W129	W11	L21	L46	W67	W49	4	8B-D
30	SUMMERHAYS David	1357	X	L21	W73	W87	W48	L4	4	8B-D
31	CUMMINGS Mike	1302	W116	W48	L22	L15	W96	W53	4	8B-D
32	PARK William	1278	L18	W128	W86	L39	W108	W50	4	8B-D
33	RICHARDSON Gregory	1205	L75	W123	L88	W122	W51	W76	4	8B-D
34	FINNEGAN David	1102	L13	W108	L26	W116	W67	W52	4	8B-E
35	VALSTAR Teun	-	W77	D6	W50	W75	L2	L15	3.5	
36	SEFCHECK Mark	1762	W108	D14	W43	W37	L6	L16	3.5	7B
37	GINZBURG Roman	1535	W121	W81	D19	L36	W58	L9	3.5	7BC
38	MC CLURE Seth	1529	W96	W69	L1	L7	W65	D44	3.5	7BC
39	PADILLA Rudy	1508	W83	L93	W81	W32	H	L11	3.5	7BC
40	GRUENBERG Fred	1502	W98	H	W65	H	D46	-	3.5	7BC
41	LOBRACO Michael	1449	W102	W18	D75	L10	L11	W79	3.5	7BC
42	DOGGETT Thomas	1364	W114	L12	W110	D69	W75	L14	3.5	7B-D
43	GILRUTH Bruce	1348	W125	D13	L36	L85	W81	W80	3.5	7B-D
44	AILES Tim	1336	W107	L47	W74	L5	W93	D38	3.5	7B-D
45	BUSEL Gennady	1230	L19	W101	W20	W88	D15	L10	3.5	7B-D
46	SHADEL B Brent	1094	L22	W124	W25	W29	D40	L12	3.5	7B-E
47	SMITH Orlan	1668	W70	W44	H	H	L7	L28	3	6BC
48	KITTSLEY Scott	1556	W71	L31	W63	W89	L30	L27	3	6BC
49	PIPER August	1524	L72	W97	W64	W61	L17	L29	3	6BC
50	NORDAHL David	1467	W112	D9	L35	W79	D19	L32	3	6BC
51	WALLACE Mark D	1454	L85	W98	L68	W95	L33	W97	3	6BC
52	SCHROMBECK Jon	1453	W101	L19	W90	W82	L4	L34	3	6BC
53	RAMOS Fabian	1418	H	H	W72	W68	L18	L31	3	6BC
54	KUNG Harold	1397	W104	L1	L69	W83	W90	L19	3	6B-D
55	PENLEY Daniel	1375	W74	L75	W94	W72	L23	L20	3	6B-D
56	ROLFS Matt	1358	W115	D5	L9	D96	W70	-	3	6B-D
57	LECHNICK William J	1354	W124	L2	W95	L4	L34	W85	3	6B-D
58	NOVAK James	1345	W126	L22	W122	D12	L37	D69	3	6B-D
59	HUANG Winston	1338	W106	L23	D85	W113	L16	D71	3	6B-D
60	SCHWARTZ Josh	1309	W130	L15	W106	L13	W68	-	3	6B-D
61	STEFANSKI Peter	1285	L3	W99	W116	L49	W106	L24	3	6B-D
62	DRENDELL Tyler	1274	L4	W84	L87	L73	W100	W94	3	6B-D
63	SOSSI Michael	1229	L87	W104	L48	W99	X	L25	3	6B-D
64	POPOVIC Zeljko	1227	L10	W103	L49	W84	L20	W95	3	6B-D
65	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	1216	L20	W105	L40	W100	L38	W96	3	6B-D
66	HOULE David	1216	L11	W129	L24	W104	L25	W92	3	6B-D
67	KATSEN Paul	1176	L5	L74	W112	W126	L29	W99	3	6B-E
68	DUNCAN Jason	1105	L2	W115	W51	L53	L60	W103	3	6B-E
69	GONZALEZ Anthony	1086	W76	L38	W54	D42	L12	D58	3	6B-E
70	WIDING Daniel	1080	L47	W126	X	L28	L56	W89	3	6B-E
71	BRONNER Benjamin	1055	L48	H	D100	H	W78	D59	3	6B-E
72	KOPINSKI Michael	1022	W49	B	L53	L55	W89	L26	3	6B-E
73	KASSIN David	969	H	H	L30	W62	L76	W90	3	6B-F
74	SEARS Tony	659	L55	W67	L44	L90	W111	W91	3	6B-G
75	SACKS David	1676	W33	W55	D41	L35	L42	-	2.5	5B
76	LANGER David P	1581	L69	D96	H	H	W73	L33	2.5	5BC
77	CAMPOS Miguel	1283	L35	W111	L18	D98	W113	-	2.5	5B-D



Kevin Connelly: the smiling winner of the Reserve Section.

Qxd2- 16.Kxd2 Bh6+ 17.f4 f5 18.cxf5 Rxf5? 19.Nc3! Rc5 20.Bxc6 R8xc6 21.Nd4 Bd5 22.Nxc6 Bxh1 23.Nxe7-Kf7 24.Rxh1 Kxc7 25.Bd4 Rc6 26.h4 Nf6 27.Bxf6+ Kxf6 28.Ng4+ Kg7 29.Re1 Rc7 30.Re4 a5 31.c4 bxc4 32.Rxc4 Rb7 33.Kc3 Rc7 34.b4 d5 1-0

Paired against a former state champion who specializes in the King's Indian, Jim Warren shows no fear, and wins a theoretical battle with terrifying ease:

**Jim Warren (1958)
Ken Wallach (2283)
1998 Illinois Open, Rd 3
King's Indian, Sämisch**

Notes by John Tomas

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6

For a long time, 6...c5 held sway in grandmaster chess. But its popularity has begun to recede, partly because the popularity of the Sämisch Variation has receded but mostly because grandmaster tests indicated that White could take the pawn and draw with only slight trouble.

7.Nge2 Rb8 8.Qd2 Rc8 9.0-0-0 a6 10.Kb1 b5 11.Nc1 e5

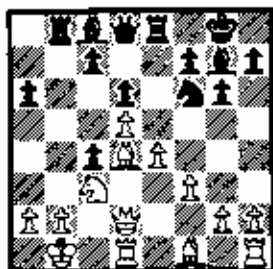
Black has delayed playing this move until White moved his knight (necessary to develop his bishop eventually). But it is possible to delay it even further with something like 11...b4 12.N3e2 Bd7 hoping to induce

discombobulation among the White pieces.

12.d5 Nd4 13.Nb3 bxc4

To open the b-file, but 13...Nxb3 14.axb3 b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.Rc1 Bd7 runs into 17.c5! with a strong initiative down the c-file for White—a standard trick in these positions.

14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bxd4



15...c5??

A standard move in such positions, but in this specific position it leaves Black with an immediately lost position. Instead, Black can get counterplay after giving up the most forward of the c-pawns with 15...Bd7 16.Bxc4 Rb4 17.b3 (17.Bb3 runs into 17...Rxd4! 18.Qxd4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 and Black is winning.) 17...Qb8 18.Ka1 a5 and clearly Black has pressure for his pawn.

The rest of the game isn't very interesting—no doubt White could have won more efficiently, but he was careful enough to win in the end. It must have been fun to play this position against a master!

16.dxc6 Bc6? 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bf5+ 19.Ka1 Qh4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.g3 Qf6 22.Bxc4 Rc3 23.Rhe1 Rxf3 24.Rf1 Rxf1 25.Rxf1 Qd8 26.Bxa6 Kg8 27.Bb7 Qb6 28.a3 Be4 29.Rc1 Qc7 30.Qd4 f5 31.Rc1 Kf7 32.g4 Rg8 33.g5 Re8 34.Re3 Re5 35.Ba6 Qe7 36.h4 Ke8 37.Bc4 h6 38.Rb3 Qc7 39.gxh6 Qa5 40.Rb4 Qd8 41.Qa7 Re7 42.Rb7 Rxb7 43.cxb7 1-0



Kevin Bachler derailed another title contender:

Kevin Bachler (2118)

Angelo Young (2388)

1998 Illinois Open Rd 3

Sicilian, Accelerated Dragon

Notes by Bill Brock

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Bc3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bc4



Family Affair. Brent Shadel (Reserve, 2nd place, E) with his father.

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78	WISHNER Mike	1250	L9	D112	W120	L11	L71	W106	2.5	5B-D
79	JOVANOVIC Nenad	1236	D86	W127	L6	L50	W98	L41	2.5	5B-D
80	HAYES Mike	1227	H	L8	L96	W112	W107	L43	2.5	5B-D
81	MAYE Erik	1221	W17	L37	L39	H	L43	W112	2.5	5B-D
82	MC CONNELL Nicholas	1190	L12	W114	W109	L52	L24	D83	2.5	5B-E
83	HIERONYMUS April	0977	L39	L118	W105	L54	W124	D82	2.5	5B-F
84	SOMASUNDARAM V	0963	L24	L62	W124	L64	D109	W116	2.5	5B-F
85	DUPUIS Tom	0914	W51	L16	D59	W43	L14	L57	2.5	5B-F
86	ALLISON Roger	1713	D79	D94	L32	W119	F	-	2	4B
87	COLEMAN George	1705	W63	L27	W82	L30	-	-	2	4B
88	STAPLES Carl	1492	W99	L3	W33	L45	-	-	2	4BC
89	GRIESMEYER Walter	1296	H	W119	D13	L48	L72	L70	2	4B-D
90	GASUNAS Anthony	1189	H	H	L52	W74	L54	L73	2	4B-E
91	DUPUIS Erik	1110	L21	L106	W103	L108	W102	L74	2	4B-E
92	MORAN Philip	1091	L23	L116	W102	L106	W101	L66	2	4B-E
93	WOODS Martez	1083	W131	W39	L8	L26	L44	-	2	4B-E
94	WIDING Robert	1077	D127	D86	L55	L20	W122	L62	2	4B-E
95	LEWIS Richard	1034	L15	X	L57	L51	W123	L64	2	4B-E
96	FORD Justin	1022	L38	D76	W80	D56	L31	L65	2	4B-E
97	TRAN Bill	0989	L16	L49	W129	L25	W126	L51	2	4B-F
98	KRASNOPOLSKIY Lev	0977	L40	L51	X	D77	L79	D107	2	4B-F
99	MENDENHALL Ryan	0964	L88	L61	W115	L63	W104	L67	2	4B-F
100	DUPUIS Brian	0941	H	L7	D71	L65	L62	W115	2	4B-F
101	KRASNOPOLSKIY G	0900	L52	L45	L108	W105	L92	W123	2	4B-F
102	KLENK Matthew	0825	L41	L17	L92	W129	L91	W124	2	4B-F
103	MORAN Wesley	0824	L26	L64	L91	W128	W121	L68	2	4B-F
104	ILIC Lazar S	0795	L54	L63	W121	L66	L99	W125	2	4B-G
105	STINSON Trevor	0715	L27	L65	L83	L101	W129	W122	2	4B-G
106	HAFFNER Bruce	-	L59	W91	L60	W92	L61	L78	2	
107	AMLING Michael	-	L44	L110	H	W111	L80	D98	2	
108	MARTINEZ Jose	-	L36	L34	W101	W91	L32	-	2	
109	WARREN Helen	1481	W128	-	L62	-	D84	-	1.5	3BC
110	BADALAMENTI Dave	1065	L14	W107	L42	H	-	-	1.5	3B-E
111	HAFFNER Willie	0965	L6	L77	D114	L107	L74	W128	1.5	3B-F
112	VISWANATHAN Vyan	0924	L50	D78	L67	L80	W114	L81	1.5	3B-F
113	AUGAITS Tom	0717	W118	H	L14	L59	L77	-	1.5	3B-G
114	ORTEGA Ulises	0643	L42	L82	D111	L121	L112	W129	1.5	3B-G
115	MEYERS Asher	0454	L56	L68	L99	H	W128	L100	1.5	3B-H
116	BRUCE John	-	L31	W92	L61	L34	H	L84	1.5	
117	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1697	L81	W121	L17	-	-	-	1	2B
118	TAPIA Robert	1394	L113	W83	F	-	-	-	1	2B-D
119	LEUNG Cheung	1075	H	L89	H	L86	-	-	1	2B-E
120	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr	1049	-	-	L78	H	H	U	1	2B-E
121	PHELPS Douglas	1031	L37	L117	L104	W114	L103	-	1	2B-E
122	ORLOFF Benjamin	0814	H	H	L58	L33	L94	L105	1	2B-F
123	GILRUTH Alexandra	0713	L28	L33	H	H	L95	L101	1	2B-G
124	HYMANSON Daniel	0313	L57	L46	L84	B	L83	L102	1	2B-I
125	ROCHA Mario	0135	L43	B	-	-	-	L104	1	2B-J
126	MARSH Michael	-	L58	L70	W128	L67	L97	-	1	
127	GASIECKI Alan	1568	D94	L79	-	-	-	-	0.5	1BC
128	PENA Andy	0930	L109	L32	L126	L103	L115	L111	0	
129	STINSON Sarah	0686	L29	L66	L97	L102	L105	L114	0	
130	KLEIN Bradley	-	L60	F	-	-	-	-	0	
131	VONDRUSKA Richard J	1577	L93	-	-	-	-	-	0	

Karpov wannabes would've played 5.c4 to establish the Maroczy Bind. But this White setup is the principled "Caveman" response to the Accelerated Dragon—White plays for mate!

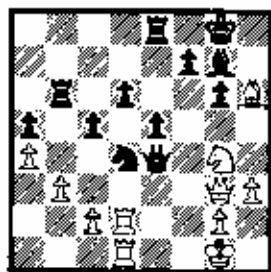
7...0-0 8.Bb3 a5 9.f3 d6
10.Qd2 Bd7 11.Nde2
Ne5 12.a4 Rc8 13.0-0
Bc6 14.Rfd1 Rc8
15.Rab1 Nfd7 16.Bd5
Nb6 17.b3 Bf8

So where's the mating attack, you ask? White's in no hurry: his last few moves have been directed towards stabilizing the center and Queenside. In the next seven moves, he redeploys his pieces to more active positions.

18.Nd4 e6 19.Bxc6 bxc6
20.Ncc2 Nbd7 21.h3
Nc5 22.Ng3 Qc7 23.Qf2
Ned7 24.Rd2 Rb8
25.Rbd1 Na6 26.f4

At long last, it's time to attack!

26...Nb4 27.f5 Ne5
28.Nf3 Nxf3+ 29.Qxf3
c5 30.Bf4 Rb6 31.Nf1
Nc6 32.fxc6 hxc6
33.Qg3 Nd4 34.Nh2! e5
35.Be3 Qb7 36.Ng4 Bg7
37.Bh6 Qxe4



Young appears to have broken Bachler's attack before it has even started, but in fact, there's time to whip up an attack on the black squares.

38.Qh4! f5?

38...Qf5 loses to 39.Bxg7 Kxg7 40.Qh6+ Kg8 41.Rf2, as does

It's dangerous to discuss main line Sveshnikov theory with Enrico Sevillano

38...Nf5 39.Nf6+ Bxf6
40.Qxc4. So Black has to try
38...d5! 39.Re1 Qf5
40.Rf2.

39.Nf6+ Bxf6 40.Qxf6 1-0

Young rebounded immediately. He inventively breaks Caveney's blockade:

Angelo Young (2388)
Geoffrey Caveney (2079)
1998 Illinois Open Rd 4
Nimzo-Indian Defense

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.e3 0-0 5.Ne2 d5 6.a3 Be7
7.Nf4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nc6
9.Nd3 a6 10.0-0 Qd6
11.Qc2 Ng4 12.g3 Nf6
13.Ba2 e5 14.d5 Nb8 15.e4
Bh3 16.Re1 Bg4 17.Kg2
Nbd7 18.f3 Bh5 19.Be3
Nc8 20.g4 Bg6 21.Qf2 Qf6
22.b4 b6 23.Rac1 Bd6
24.h4 h6 25.Nb2 Qd8
26.Nc4 Be7 27.h5 Bh7
28.d6! Nxd6 29.Nd5 Bh4
30.Qc2 Nxc4 31.Red1 Nef6
32.Nxc7 Qxc7 33.Nxb6
Qxb6 34.Bxb6 Nxb6
35.Rc6 Rab8 36.Qxa6
Nxc4 37.Rxb6 Nc3+
38.Kh3 Ra8 39.Qc2 Nxd1
40.Qxd1 Rf2 41.Rb7 e4
42.Rxf7 Kh8 43.Rxf8+ Rxf8
44.Qd6 Re8 45.Qd7 Rb8
46.Qc7 Rf8 47.Qc7 Ra8
48.Bd5 Rc8 49.fxe4 1-0

It's dangerous to discuss main line Sveshnikov theory with Sevillano, so Andrew Karklins tries a sideline:

FM Andrew Karklins (2371)
IM Enrico Sevillano
1998 Illinois Open Rd 4
Sveshnikov Sicilian

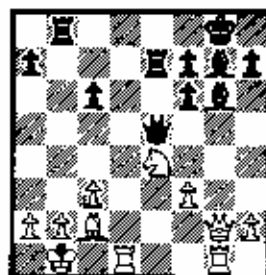
Notes by Bill Brock

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4
cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
e5 6.Nf5 d5 7.exd5 Bxf5

8.dxc6 bxc6 9.Qf3 Qd7
10.Bg5 e4 11.Qf4 Bd6
12.Qd2 0-0 13.0-0-0
Rfd8 14.Bxf6 gxf6

White has the better pawn structure, but Black has the two Bishops. Naturally, Sevillano wants to open lines.

15.Bc4 Bg6 16.Qc2 Qf5
17.Kb1 Bc5 18.f3 exf3
19.gxf3 Re8 20.Ne4 Qe5
21.Qg2 Rab8 22.Bb3
Bd4 23.c3 Be3 24.Rhe1
Bh6 25.Rg1 Re7 26.Bc2
Bg7!



Rope-a-dope! The bishops not only cover up their king, but also line up to strafe the enemy.

27.Qg3 f5 28.Qxc5 Bxc5
29.Ng3 Bxc3 30.b3 f4
31.Ne4 Be5 32.Rg2 Kg7
33.Nc5 Bc3 34.Be4 Rb6
35.Nd3 and 0-1 in about
65 moves.

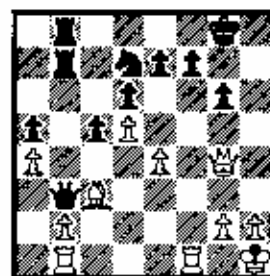
Fagan and Modes had a cute tactical exchange:

James Fagan (2123)
Dan Modes (1966)
1998 Illinois Open, Rd 4
Benko Gambit

Notes by Brock

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5
4.Nf3 g6 5.exb5 a6 6.b6
d6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Nd2
Nbd7 9.e4 Nxb6 10.Be2
0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.a4 a5

13.Bb5 Ba6 14.Qe2 Bxb5
15.Nxb5 Qb7 16.Nb1
Rab8 17.N1c3 Ne8
18.Bd2 Nc7 19.Nxc7
Qxc7 20.Nb5 Qb7
21.Nc3 Rfc8 22.f4 Nd7
23.Rab1 Qb3 24.Qg4
Rc7 25.Kh1 Rcb7 26.f5
Bxc3 27.fxc6 hxc6
28.Bxc3



28...Qxc3!

We all saw this coming, but how many of you also predicted White's response? 29.Qxd7!?

Maybe not the best move, but certainly the coolest!

29...Qd3 30.Qg4 Rxb2
31.Rbd1 Rb1 32.h3
Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Qc2
34.Rf1 Rb1 35.Rxb1
Qxb1+ 36.Kh2 Qb4
37.Qh4 Qb7 38.Qe1 Qc7
39.h4 c4 40.Qc3 Qc5
41.h5 Qb4 42.Qf3 Qb2
43.hxc6 Qc5+ 44.g3 fxc6
45.Kg2 c3 46.Qg4 Kg7
47.Qe2 Qd4 48.Kh3 Qd2
49.Qg4 c2 50.Qc6 Qg5 0-1

Having dropped a half-point to Dr. Martinovsky in Round 4, Chow had to win as Black to remain in the title hunt:

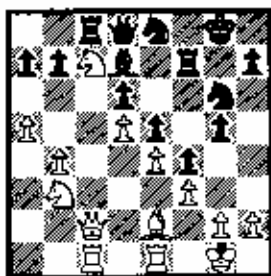
Angelo Young (2388)
FM Al Chow (2332)
1998 Illinois Open Rd 5
King's Indian Defense,
Main Line Bayonet

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3
Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0
6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5
Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5
11.Nd2 Nf6 12.f3 Bh6



Yelana Gorlin, one of the state's many promising juniors.

13.Nb3 Bxc1 14.Rxc1 f4 15.c5 g5 16.Nb5 Nc8 17.a4 Rf7 18.a5 Ng6 19.Qc2 Bd7 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Nc7 Rc8



22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.dxe6 Rfc7 24.Qa2 Kg7 25.Bb5 Nf6 26.Rxc7+ Rxc7 27.Nd2

Having survived the attack, Black has the initiative and the better position.

27...g4 28.Bc4 g3 29.Nf1 gxf2+ 30.Nxh2 Qc8 31.Bb3 Rc1 32.Qd2 Rxe1+ 33.Qxe1 Ne7 34.Qd2 Qc7 35.Nf1 Nc6 36.Bd5 Nd4 37.Kf2 Kf8 38.g3 Nh5!

Preparing to chomp the stray e6 pawn.

39.g4 Ng7 40.Qb2 Ngxc6 41.Nd2 Kc7 42.Nc4 Ng5 43.Qb1 b5 44.Qh1

White demands a little counterplay, even if it costs a piece—a good practical attitude in this objectively hopeless position.

Smythe Chess *Hydrobates pelagicus?*

The iconoclast Nimzowitsch was called "the stormy petrel of the chess world." We would do well to hail the good-natured Bill Smythe, only 800 Elo points beneath his spiritual father, as "the Mother Carey's chicken of Illinois chess." (Queries should be directed to *Hydrobates pelagicus*, care of the Audubon Society.)

But Smythe can play serious chess when he wants to, as the following games demonstrate.

Bill Smythe (1889)
Josh Riddell (2131)
Illinois Open, Rd 1

Notes by Smythe

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6
3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 c6
5.c3 Bb4 6.Qa4 Qa5
7.Qxa5 Bxa5 8.Nf3
Nc4 9.Rc1 Nd7
10.Bd3 Nxc3

Releasing the tension too early, I think. Better is 10...Nd6 or 10...f5.

11.bxc3 0-0 12.Bd6

Not your most conventional way to exchange (or improve) a bad bishop, but who likes convention?

12...Re8 13.Bb4 Bc7

14.cxd5 exd5 15.c4 a5
16.Ba3 Nf6 17.0-0
dxc4 18.Bxc4

Again this exchange seems to simplify life for white. If, however, black wants to get cute, he can now try 18...b5?! 19.Bxb5 Bxb2+.

18...Be6 19.Bxe6
Rxe6 20.Rb1 b5
21.Ng5 Rec8 22.Rfc1
Rac8

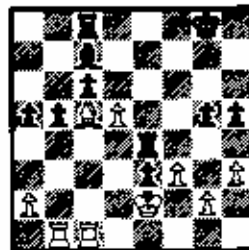
He hopes I'm as dumb as I look.

23.Bc5 h6 24.Nf3
Ne4

If he wants to trade his knight for my bad bishop, that's fine with me.

25.Kf1 g5 26.h3 h5
27.Ke2 f5 28.Nd2 f4
29.Nxc4 Rxc4 30.d5!
fxe3 31.f3!?

Keeping things closed and hoping the black e-pawn will fall later.



31...Rc4 32.Rxc4
bxc4

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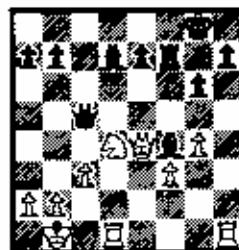
44...bxc4 45.Qh4 Nxf3
46.Qh6 c3 47.Qg7+
Kd8 48.Qf8+ Kd7
49.Qg7+ Kc8 50.Qg8+
Qd8 51.Qg7 Qd7
52.Qf8+ Kc7 53.Qa8
c2 0-1

Some games are so interesting that they're not that painful to lose...

Bill Brock (2010)
Josh Riddell (2131)
1998 Illinois Open Rd 5
Sicilian Dragon,
Yugoslav Attack

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4
cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6
8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Bd7
10.Kb1 Rc8 11.g4 Ne5

12.h4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4
14.h5 Qc8 15.hxg6 fxg6
16.Ndc2 Rf7 17.e5 Nc8
18.exd6 Nxd6 19.Bd4
Rxd4! 20.Nxd4 Nc4
21.Qh2 Be5 22.Qe2 Rf4?
23.Nd5 Rf7 24.c3 Qc5
25.Nc3 Nxe3 26.Qxc3
Bf4



27.Qc4

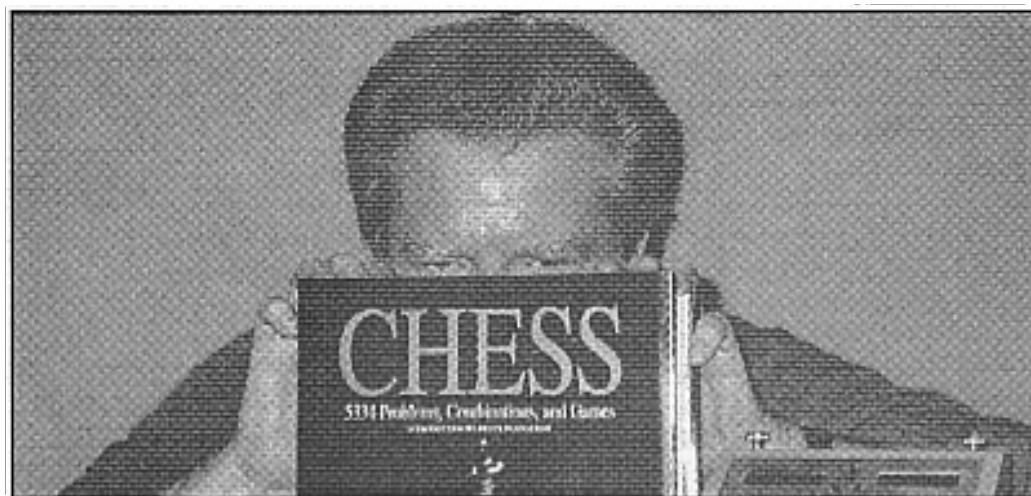
I spent much of my remaining time analyzing

the sham sacrifice 27.Qe6!! Black's best reply may be the simple 27...Bxe6 28.Nxe6 Qd6. 27...e5 28.Nb3 Qc8 29.Qd5 Bc6

Even an exchange up, the ending didn't look encouraging. Time pressure spoils the next few moves for both sides.

30.Qc4 Qe8! 31.Rd3!
Bb5 32.Rd8 Qxd8
33.Qxb5 a6 34.Qc4
b5 35.Qe2 Rc7
36.Rd1 Qc8 37.Qe4
Rd7 38.Rxd7 Qxd7
39.a3 Qd6 40.Ka2
Kg7

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You are what you read. Bookseller Bob Long at his bookstall at the Illinois Open

How to get the knight back in play?
41.Qb7+ Kh6 42.Qf7 Be3 43.Na5 Bb6 44.Nb7 Qc7 45.Qf8+ Kg5

The knight has escaped, but the Black king is on the loose!

46.Nd6 Be3 47.Kb1

In the post-mortem, Pangan suggested **47.Nf7+ Kh4 48.Qg7 Kg3 49.Qxh7 Kxf3 50.Qxg6**, but even here I like Black.

47...Bf4 48.Kc2 Kh4

What a king!

49.Nc4 Kh3 50.Qg8 Kg2 51.Qd5 Qc4 52.Qd1

Desperation: Black's pieces are running interference for the h-pawn, so White tries to get queenside counterplay.

52...Qf1 53.Qxf1+ Kxf1 54.Kd3 Kg2 55.b3 b5 56.gxb5 gxb5 57.c4 b4 58.c5

There was another time scramble, and both score sheets stop here.

58...h3 59.Ke2 h2 60.Nf2 Bg3 61.Nh1

A bluff (Black can safely take the knight and zugzwang his way out), but who can tell when the clock's ticking?

61...Bh4 62.a4 Bc7

63.axb5 axb5 64.b4 Bd8 65.Nf2 h1Q 66.Nxh1 Kxh1 67.Kc3 Kg2 68.Ke4 Bc7 69.c6 Kf2 70.Kd5 Kxf3 71.Kc5 c4 0-1

Steve Szpisjak was in poor form this tournament, but he found a way to hold a dead lost ending.

Dan Modes (1986)
Steve Szpisjak (2311)
 1998 Illinois Open Rd 5
 Nimzowitsch Defense
 1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4 5.Be3 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qd2 d5 10.exd5 exd5 11.a3 Re8 12.Rfe1 h6 13.Ne5 Bxc2 14.Rxc2 Qc8 15.Bf4 Nd8 16.Rae1 Qf5 17.Ng4 Ne6 18.Bxc7 Bxa3 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.bxa3 Nxc7 21.Qxh6 Re6 22.Re3 Qg5 23.Qxg5+ fvg5 24.Re5 Kf8 25.R1c3 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Ne6 27.Rxd5 Rc8 28.Ne4 Rxc2 29.Nxg5 Ke7 30.Nxe6 fxe6 31.Re5 Rb2 32.7h4 Kf6 33.Rc4 b6 34.Rc7 a5 35.Rc6 Kf5 36.h5 Kg5 37.Rxe6 Kxh5 38.Rc6 Kg5

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Smythe Chess

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I'm a pawn down, but two of his are weak.

33.d6 Bd8 34.Rb7

I'm getting more patient in my old age. This rook is ideally placed both horizontally and vertically.

34...c3 35.Bxc3

Better than **35.Kxc3** (I think) because now the c5 square is eventually available for my king.

35...Ra8?

35...a4 was better to give his bishop a square. Now I lock it in...

36.a4 Kf8 37.Kd3



I considered **37.Rh7 h4 38.Bxg5**, but keeping the rook in its stranglehold position seemed more important than the pawn.

37...c5 38.Kxc3 Bf6+ 39.Kc4 Rd8 40.Kxc5 Ke8

One normally wants a strong passed pawn to be on the color opposite the bishop, but this pawn seems to be tying him down perfectly.

41.Kc6 Rc8+ 42.Rc7 Rb8 43.Bb6 Bd8 44.Rb7 Rc8+ 45.Bc7 Ra8 46.Rb8 Ra6+ 47.Kb7 1-0

Bill Smythe (1889)

Bryan Gast (2080)

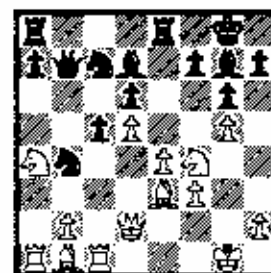
Illinois Open, Rd 3

Notes by Smythe

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.g4

With an attack like this, who needs development?
6...c5 7.d5 e6 8.g5 Ne8 9.Be3 exd5 10.cxd5 Nc7 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.a4 Nba6

13.Bd3 Nb4 14.Bb1 Rc8 15.Nge2 b5 16.0-0 bxa4 17.Nxa4 Qc8 18.Rc1 Bh3 19.f3 Qb7 20.Nf4 Bd7



He is now threatening **21...Nbxh5 22.Nxd5** (or **22.exd5 Rxc3**) **Nxd5 23.exd5 Rxe3**. To prevent this, and also to set up a Smythetude, I play ...

21.Kh1 Nb5?

My opponent has not managed his clock well. He has only about ten minutes to move 40, so does not spend as much time on this move as he needs to. He walks right into the Smythetude I warned him about in my last note...

22.Bxc5!

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Polgar First Woman to Win U.S. Open

Over 300 players traveled to Hawaii to compete in the 99th annual U.S. Open Championship held August 1-10. At the end of the week, GM Judit Polgar of Hungary and former U.S. Champion GM Boris Gulko stood above the rest with 7 wins and 2 draws each. They each received \$3,750 from the total prize fund of \$22,000.

GM Polgar defeated U.S. Champion GM Joel Benjamin in the last round while GM Gulko defeated the strong Czech Grandmaster Pavel Blatny. They had drawn each other in round 7. Polgar, 22, is considered to be the strongest woman player of all time.

Illinois was well represented at the tournament, but alas, not in the winners' circle. Florin Felecan (6.5), Brian Gast (5.5), Ray Satterlee (5.5), Tom Taylor (5.0), Blair Machaj (5.0), David Hasegawa (5.0), Will Cox (4.5), Jim Warren (4.5), Tom Doan (4.0), Mark Sefcheck (3.0), Jessica Doan (3.0), Tim Just (2.0) and Ron Weideman (1.5) represented our state well.

The Kona Surf Resort was a wonderful site for a vacation tournament. The staff was friendly and the facilities were good. Between rounds there was plenty to do and see, and each evening we got to play or watch some of the most exciting chess of the year.

—Alan Losoff

Games • Games • Games

John Tomas selects some interesting games from the Cardoza U.S. Open

Ex-Chicagoan and former USCF President Tim Redman finds out the hard way how strong young Irina Krush is.

WIM Irina Krush
Tim Redman

Cardoza US Open 1998
Modern Defence [B15]

1.d4 g6 2.e4 c6 3.Nc3 d5
4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bc2 Bg7 6.exd5
cxd5 7.Ne5 Bxc2 8.Qxc2 Qa5
9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nb5 Nxe5
11.dxe5 a6 12.Nd4 c6 13.Bg5
Qb6 14.c3 h6 15.Bh4 Qc7
16.f4 Nc7 17.Qg4 h5 18.Qg5
Bf8 19.Qg3 Ng8 20.Rad1
Bc5 21.f5 exf5 22.Rxf5 Nh6
23.Rf4 0-0 24.Bf6 Kh7
25.Rh4 Nf5 26.Rxh5+ gxh5
27.Qd3 Qd7 28.Rf1 Kg6



GM Judit Polgar, first woman to win the U.S. Open.

U.S. Open Top Prize Winners

Name	Score	Prize	Amount
GM Judith Polgar	8.0	1-2	\$3,750.00
GM Boris Gulko	8.0	1-2	\$3,750.00
GM Alek Wojtkiewicz	7.5	3-5	\$1,000.00
GM Ian Rogers	7.5	3-5	\$1,000.00
GM Tal Shaked	7.5	3-5	\$1,000.00
GM Joel Benjamin	7.0	6-10	\$410.00
GM Georgi Kacheishvili	7.0	6-10	\$410.00
GM Eduard Gufeld	7.0	6-10	\$410.00
Michael Mulyar	7.0	6-10	\$410.00
IM Gerard Welling	7.0	6-10	\$410.00
GM Pavel Blatny	6.5	11-14	\$56.25
GM Julian Hodgson	6.5	11-14	\$56.25
Florin Felecan	6.5	11-14	\$56.25
IM John Donaldson	6.5	11-14	\$56.25
IM Ben Deng	6.5	11-14	\$56.25
IM Sophia Polgar	6.5	1-2 woman	\$500.00
Jennifer Shahade	6.5	1-2 woman	\$500.00
IM John Watson	7.0	U-2400	\$500.00
Ludo Tolhuizen	6.5	U-2300	\$71.43
Henry Terrie	6.5	U-2300	\$71.43
Eugene Levin	6.5	U-2300	\$71.43
Philip Wang	6.5	U-2300	\$71.43
Hikaru Nakamura	6.5	U-2300	\$71.43
Thomas Crispin	6.5	U-2300	\$71.43
Joe Hanley	6.5	U-2300	\$71.43
Peter Dyson	6.5	U-2200	\$500.00

What Happened in Kona

A Report on the 1998 Annual USCF Meetings

by Harold Winston
former USCF President

The beautiful oceanfront surroundings of the Kona Surf Resort helped make the 1998 USCF meetings more cooperative. In such a relaxed location, chess organizers were more ready to compromise. This was the most beautiful spot for a U.S. Open this writer has seen; runner up was the Diplomat at Hollywood, Florida.

The new bylaws, a result of the Blue Ribbon Committee's work, were finished, with an assist from the Bylaws Committee. The BRC version adopted in 1997 left some issues unresolved, almost all were resolved at Kona. A new BRC version was circulated just days before the Delegates meeting. The Bylaws Committee reviewed the new draft, held a lunchtime meeting to reach a consensus on needed changes and corrections and then held a joint 7:00 a.m. breakfast meeting involving members of both BRC and Bylaws. At that meeting over 30 changes were agreed to by both committees, including retaining promotional memberships, providing no person should serve as USCF President more than four consecutive years, changing the committee language to reflect the consensus at the 1997 annual meetings, and providing specific transition wording. Mike Nolan used his computer to prepare a typed list of changes for the Bylaws workshop that followed at 10:00 a.m. and the workshop added a few more changes. Unresolved and on next year's agenda is the issue of small state representative.

The amended proposal easily passed the Delegates with a minimum of discussion. All the BRC Committee members should be commended for their work and willingness to compromise: Chairman Woody Harris, Steve Doyle, Tom Dorsch, Helen Warren, and Frank Camaratta. Doyle, Dorsch, and Warren attended the compromise breakfast along with this writer, Mike Nolan, Bob Smith, and Richard Koepcke from Bylaws. As Bylaws Chairman, I want to thank all the Bylaws Committee members for their work and note that Myron Lieberman, John McCrary, and Alan Benjamin, in particular made valuable contributions. Another new feature of the bylaws, that originated with Alan Benjamin, is allowing a state to have two districts for the purpose of USCF member election of Delegates, that starts in 2000.

The 1999 elections will see seven slots on the Policy Board filled, the top three vote getters obtaining four-year terms, the other four obtaining two-year terms. The elections will be held with Delegates and Voting Members being chosen the old way. In the fall of 1999, there will be the last selection of Delegates and Voting Members the old way for a one year term; then in 2000 there will not be a PB election, but instead the USCF adult members in each state will

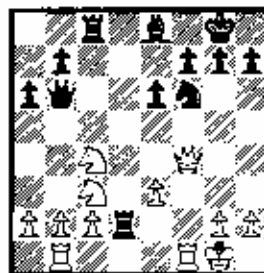
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29.h3 Rg8 30.g4 Kh7 31.Rxf5
1-0.

Native Indianan Lester Van Meter has been absent from top flight tournament chess for a long time. Rising young Georgian star IM Georges Kacheishvili's exchange sacrifice makes his return miserable.

Lester Van Meter
IM Georges Kacheishvili
Cardoza US Open, 1998
Queen's Pawn [A00]

1.Nc3 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6
4.Bb5 Qc7 5.0-0 d5 6.d4 cxd4
7.Qxd4 e6 8.e4 Bd7 9.Qa4
dxe4 10.Nxe4 a6 11.Nc3 Bc5
12.Bc3 Bxc3 13.fxc3 0-0
14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Qf4 Qb6
16.Rab1 Rfd8 17.Rf2 Rac8
18.Ne5 Be8 19.Rff1 Rd2
20.Nc4



20...Rxc4 21.Qxc4 Qxc3-
22.Kh1 Bc6 23.Rf3 Qe5
24.Rbf1 h5 25.Rg3 Ng4
26.Qf4 Qxf4 27.Rxf4 Rxc2
28.Nd1 Rd2 29.Rf1 Rxd1 0-1.

One of the real battle royals of the tournament as Judith Polgar tries to confuse John Watson and only ends up confusing herself. Watson missed a win in the middlegame.

IM John Watson
GM Judith Polgar
Cardoza US Open, 1998
English Opening [A33]

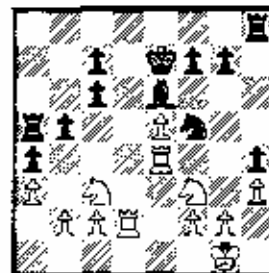
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5
4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.g3
Qb6 7.Nb3 Ng4 8.e3 f5
9.Qe2 a5 10.Bg2 a4 11.Nd4
Bc5 12.Ndb5 0-0 13.0-0
Nc5 14.Rb1 h5 15.b4 axb3
16.axb3 Qd8 17.b4 Be7 18.c5
h4 19.e4 fxe4 20.Nxe4 hxg3
21.hxg3 Nf6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6

23.Bf4 Nf7 24.Be4 Ng5
25.Bg6 Nh3+ 26.Kg2 Nxf4+
27.gxf4 Bg5 28.f5 Bh6
29.Rh3 b6 30.Nd6 bxc5
31.Rh1 cxb4 32.Rxb6 Qg5+
33.Rg3 Qxh6 34.Rh3 Qg5+
35.Rg3 Qh6 36.Rh3 Qg5+
37.Rg3 1/2-1/2

One of the deciding games of the tournament as Joel proves unable to hold a slightly worse endgame.

GM Judith Polgar
GM Joel Benjamin
Cardoza US Open, 1998
Ruy Lopez [C67]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6
4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6
dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+
Kxd8 9.Nc3 Ke8 10.h3 a5
11.Rd1 a4 12.a3 h5 13.Bg5
Be7 14.Rd2 h4 15.Rad1 Bxg5
16.Nxg5 Ke7 17.Nf3 Ra5
18.Re1 Bc6 19.Re4 b5



20.Ne2 Bd5 21.Rf4 Rh5
22.Nfd4 Nxd4 23.Rfd4 Rxe5
24.Rxb4 Be4 25.Nd4 Ra6
26.Rh8 c5 27.Nf3 Rd5
28.Rc8 Kd7 29.Rg8 Re6
30.Rxg7 Rxd2 31.Nxd2 Re1-
32.Kh2 Bd5 33.h4 Re2
34.Nf1 Rxf2 35.Ne3 Be4
36.Kg3 Rf6 37.h5 Ke7
38.Rg4 Re6 39.Kf4 e6 40.Rg5
Kd6 41.g4 e4 42.Nf5+ Bxf5
43.Rxf5 1-0.

Florin gets tricked in the opening and loses despite long resistance.

FM Florin Felecan
GM Wojtkiewicz
U.S. Open (9)
Opening [ECO]

Notes by Steve Szpisjak

If Had Florin won this game, he would have finished tied for



Irina Krush



Boris Gulko

third in the U.S. Open behind Gulko and Polgar, a result that would surpass even the Denker tournament victory for our Samford Fellowship hopeful.

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 a6
 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3=
 5.Nd4 d5 6.cxb5 e5 7.Nf3
 Bd6 8.Qa4 Bd7 9.Nc3 e6
 10.bxa6 Rxa6 11.Qc2+=.
 5...e5 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Nc3
 Qb6 8.cxb5 axb5 9.d4?
 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxg2
 11.Kxg2 b4 12.Na4 Qb7+
 13.f3 Be7
 13...d5.
 14.Qd3 Ra5!?
 14...0-0=+; 14...Nc6-+;
 14...d5=+
 15.Be3
 15.a3 Nc6=
 15...0-0 16.Rac1 Na6=
 16...Nc6 17.Rfd1=.
 17.Rc2!?
 17.Bf2=.
 17...Rd5! 18.Bf2 e5 19.e4
 Rxd4 20.Bxd4 cxd4
 21.Qxd4 d5 22.e5 Nd7
 23.Rf1 Re8 24.Rc6 Bf8
 25.f4 Qb5 26.Rlc2 h5?
 Black should not allow a queen trade until after his forces, particularly his minor pieces, are placed more actively. In one move, "Wojo" goes from better to critical. 26...Ndb8
 27.Rb6 Qd7=+.
 27.Qd1 g6 28.Qf1 Qxf1+
 29.Kxf1 Ra8?
 29...Ndb8 30.Rc8 Rxc8
 31.Rxc8 Kg7 32.Rd8 Be7

33.Rxd5+= is the best try to hold.

30.Rd2 Ndc5 31.Rxd5?
 Allowing black back in the game with a neat resource.
 31.Nb6 Rd8 32.Rxd5+-,
 31...Nxa4 32.bxa4 b3!
 33.axb3 Nb4 34.Rdd6
 Nxc6 35.Rxc6 Rb8
 36.Rc3 Bb4 37.Rd3 Rc8!?
 37...Kf8; once black centralizes his king, the game should be agreed drawn. Let's face it folks—if White can trade his rook and five pawns for rook and two pawns ('f' and 'g'), it's still a draw!
 38.h3 Rc1+ 39.Kg2 Rc2+
 40.Kf3 Rh2 41.f5??
 41.Rd4 Be7 (41...Be5
 42.Rd5) 42.Rd7 Kf8 43.h4
 and Black must cease trying to win.

41...gxf5 42.Kf4 Rf2+!
 43.Kg5 Be7+ 44.Kxh5
 Rc2 45.b4

Desperation, but it looks like black is making progress anyway.

45...Rxe5 46.b5 Kg7
 47.Rf3 Bd8 48.Rf4 Rc3
 49.Rxf5 Rg3 50.h4 Rg6
 51.Rd5 Rh6+ 52.Kg4
 Rxh4+ 53.Kg3 Rh8
 54.Kg4 Ba5 55.Rd6 Ra8
 Black went on to win in sudden death.

The new Denker champion unwisely goes for a pawn...

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directly vote for the delegates, who will hold office for two years, starting immediately following the 2000 annual meeting.

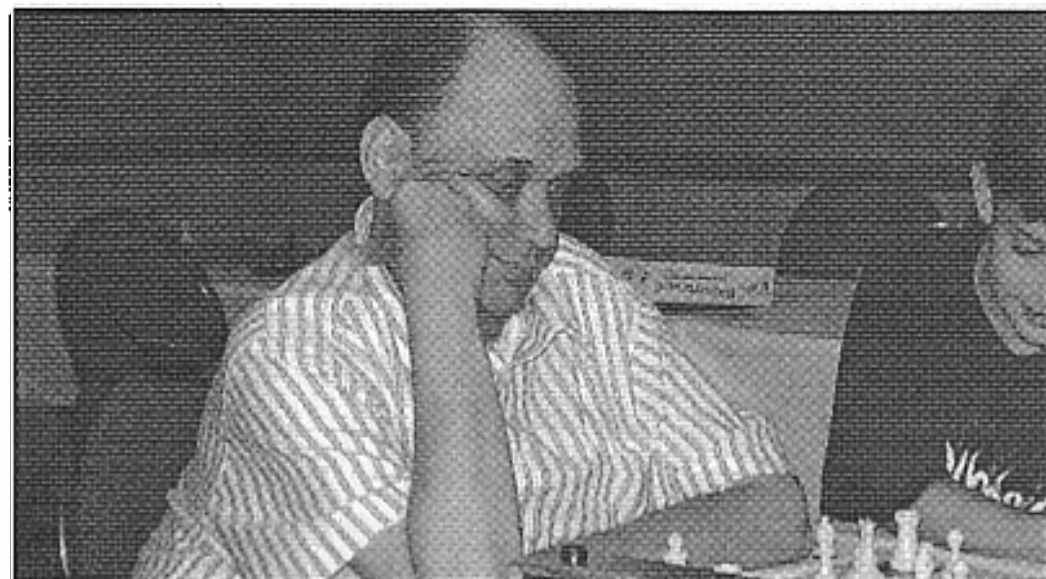
Another example of compromise, was a resolution by Eric Schiller that passed requiring, effective January 1, 1999, tournaments applying FIDE rules to be designated "FIDE" in Tournament Life to avoid confusion. Also passed were revised proposals by Jim Eade that all newly created Delegates' committees have a statement of purpose and that USCF Committees not appointed by the Delegates could make recommendations but not rulings that affect a member's status unless ratified by the Policy Board. The Delegates endorsed a proposal by President Don Schultz that the LMA Management Committee publish an annual report showing performance of the fund's investments.

Concerning scholastic chess, the Delegates approved a resolution of Richard Peterson that profits from National Scholastics go to USCF (not the Chess Trust) and a proposal by Steve Shult allowing home-school students to compete in National Scholastic team competition. Also, smoking was prohibited in "any contract areas" of National Scholastic tournaments.

There were at least two areas of controversy. A roll call vote was taken on a motion by Tim Just to table Hal Terrie's proposal for one-man one-vote direct election of Policy Board members. The result was 44-28 in favor of tabling; however many who voted for tabling, including this writer, afterwards concluded there should have been a direct roll call vote on the motion itself. An active debate took place on Bill Goichberg's proposal that the USA should not participate if the Olympiad stayed in Kalmykia because of the murder of an opposition journalist and concerns for player safety, but the motion was defeated. By a resolution of John McCreary, USCF reaffirmed that the World Champion title must be conferred by an organization representing the world's chessplayers.

In other actions, the Delegates adopted Life Achievement Awards proposed by the Policy Board and Ratings Committee and directed a special account be set up to collect donations earmarked for women's chess.

The Awards Banquet was particularly notable, graced with the presence of Nancy Edmondson, widow of past USCF Executive Director and President Ed Edmondson. Many of us remember how helpful Nancy was when she worked at the USCF office in the 1960s and 1970s. Nancy was also recognized as a charter member of the Honorary Society of Chess Mates. Other charter members were Leah Koltanowski, Nina Denker, Carrie Marshall, and Ethel Collins. This society was an idea of Denise Barry and Don Schultz. Other award recipients were Yasser Seirawan (Cramer award for Chess Journalist of the Year), Joel Benjamin (GM of the year), Art Bisguier (Marshall Ambassador Award), Steve Frymer (Outstanding Career Achievement), Richard Verber and Jim Bolton (meritorious service), and Doris Barry (Internet Committee Chair, committee of the year). Milan Vukcevic, inducted into the Hall of Fame delivered a stirring address.



Richard Verber Wins U.S.C.F. Meritorious Service Award

The ICB asked people who have known Richard Verber's work over the years to comment on his Meritorious Service Award.

Richard Verber received the USCF Meritorious Service Award honoring his many accomplishments for chess, including the record-breaking 1973 U.S. Open which he organized in Chicago (over 770 players), his pioneering of mass outdoor chess exhibitions with the Chicago Civic Center simulms he organized during the 1973 U.S. Open, and his recent contributions in teaching chess to kids. The award was presented at Hawaii by Richard's longtime close friend, past USCF President Tim Redman.

Harold Winston, Naperville, Illinois
Former USCF President

I was delighted to see Richard Verber win a Meritorious Service Award. Richard has made substantial contributions to American Chess as a teacher, organizer and player. As did many of my predecessors dating back to Fred Cramer in the sixties, I value Richard's judgment and frequently call him and ask for advice and ideas.

Don Schultz, Highland Beach, Florida
Current USCF President

Richard Verber's award was richly deserved. He has been a significant force in Chicago and national chess for nearly forty years. He learned chess by playing thousands of games with Harold Leef at the old Chicago Chess Club, rising quickly to master strength and eventually becoming a senior master. Richard represented the United States in the World Student Team Championship as a team member with Andy Soltis, Bernie Zuckerman, and Kenneth Rogoff.

Richard also made notable contributions as an organizer. In 1972 he put together the forerunner of the Chessathon, a huge, all-day simultaneous held in the Civic Center Plaza. He was one of the producers of the WTTW television show on the 1972 Fischer-Spassky match. Richard was the chairman of the record-breaking 1973 U.S. Open, which attracted 773 players; he organized the U.S. Open again in 1979. In 1975 he ran for USCF Vice-President, losing to Fred Townsend of Connecticut. In the last ten years he has achieved renown as one of the most successful chess teachers in the Midwest. His recognition by the USCF is richly deserved and long overdue.

Tim Redman, Plano, Texas
USCF President, 1981-1984

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FM Florin Felcan
Irina Krush (2370)
English Opening (A29)

Notes by Steve Szpisjak

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3
Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5
6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0 Be7
8.Rb1 Be6 9.b4 f6 10.b5
Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.e3
Nf5 12.a4 0-0 13.a4 0-0
14.d3 a5 15.Bd2 Nd7
15...Bb4=
16.Nd5 b6 17.Nxc7+
Qxe7 18.Bc1 Rfd8?
18...Rbd8=
19.Qc2
19.f4 Qc5 20.Nc2+.
19...Qc5 20.Qb2?
20 Qd2 Rc8 21.Bb2.
20...Qd6 21.Qa1 Nc5
22.Ba3 Ne7 23.Rc1 c6
24.bxc6 Nxc6 25.Bxc5?

This attempt to win a pawn nearly costs Florin dearly, as Irina's pieces become dangerously active. 25.d4 or f4 are recommended.

25...bxc5 26.Qc3 c4!
27.dxc4 Nb4! 29.c5 Qc7?
28...Qa6! 29.Rb1 Bc4 30.f4
Bxf1 31.Bxf1 Qc6 32.fxe5
fxe5 33.Qxe5 Qxa4=+.
29.Qa3 Na2
29...Rd2!+.
30.Ra1 Nb4 31.Rc1 Na2
32.Rc2 Nb4 33.Rc3 Na2
34.Rd3 Nb4 35.Rc3 Na2
36.Rc2 Nb4 37.Rc1 Na2
1/2 1/2



Earlier this year, genial British Grandmaster Julien Hodgson defeated Tal Shaked to win the National Open. Now, Shaked returns the favor to gather a share of second place.

GM Tal Shaked
GM Julian Hodgson
Cardoza US Open, 1998
English Opening (A27)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6
4.Nf3 f5 5.d4 e4 6.d5 Ne5
7.Nd4 Nf6 8.f3 Bc7 9.fxg4
Nxc4 10.Nxc4 fxg4 11.Bg2 0-0
12.Bxc4 c6 13.Qb3 Qc7
14.Qc3 Qb6 15.Bc3 c5

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Your New ICA Officers

President ... Fred Gruenberg

Metro VP ... Alan Losoff

Downstate VP ... Bill Naff

Treasurer ... Jim Warren

Secretary ... Tim Just

Tim Just's Rulebook Tactics

- ✓ If you are playing a computer ask the TD to explain any special rules that apply to your game (Rule 36).
- ✓ If your opponent's flag falls before they respond to your offer of a draw, you may claim a win on time (Rule 14B4).
- ✓ If your opponent's flag is down they may not claim insufficient losing chances (14H6).
- ✓ If your opponent's flag is down in a regular time control they may not claim a win on time (13C13).

Who Said It?

Can you identify the source of these comments?

The answers can be found on page 58.

1. "I just move the little wooden things."
2. "I am a cultural ambassador."
3. "Chess is work."
4. "Karpov and Stein shared first place with the cowardly score of six wins and eleven draws each."
5. "Well, none of this happened, but anyway it's nice to make novelties at move seven."
6. "My greatest satisfaction comes from crushing the opponent's ego."

U.S. Open Games

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16.Nc6 Bxc6 17.dxc6 Ng4
18.Bf4 g5 19.Bd2 Nf2
20.Bb1 Qc6 21.Rg1 Qe8
22.g4 Bf6 23.Qb3 Bd4
24.Qxb7 Bg7 25.Bc3 1-0

17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Nf2 Rd7
19.Ng4 Nxc4 20.fxc4 d5
21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Rxd5



One of the most interesting fights of the tournament. Donaldson and Felecan dispute Pirc theory deep into the middlegame. It certainly seems that Donaldson missed a win somewhere.

IM John Donaldson

FM Florin Felecan

Cardoza US Open, 1998

Pirc Defence [B08]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7
4.Bc2 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Bc3
0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qd2 e5 9.d5
Nc7 10.Rad1 Bd7 11.Ne1 b5
12.a3 a5 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4
Qb8 15.f3 Rd8 16.Nd3 c6

23.Qxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Qc8
25.Rc5 Qb7 26.Bf2 Rc8
27.Bf3 Qd7 28.Rd1 Qe6
29.Rd6 Qe8 30.Bc6 Qe7
31.Bxb5 Ra8 32.Rd1 Bh6
33.h4 e4 34.g5 e3 35.Bg3
Bg7 36.Bc2 Rd8 37.Rf1 Rd2
38.Bc4 Bd4 39.Rxf7 Qxf7
40.Bxf7+ Kxf7 41.Rc7+ Ke6

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News & Notes

Russia Wins the Olympiad Gold

The Russian team earned the gold medal at the 33rd World Chess Olympiad, held Sept. 26 through Oct. 12 in Elista, Kalmykia (a semi-autonomous region of Russia). The U.S. team, which led through most of the event, ended up in second place, taking home the silver medal.

The Russians ended with 35.5 points out of 52 with the U.S. at 34.5. Each with 32.5 points were Ukraine and Israel, Ukraine winning the bronze medal on tiebreaks.

China won the Women's Olympiad.

The next World Chess Olympiad is scheduled for the year 2000 in Istanbul.



Kolty: 95 Years Young

The San Francisco Chronicle, the newspaper which originates George Koltanowski's popular chess column, sponsored a 95th birthday party for "Kolty" earlier this year. Friends and dignitaries from across the country attended including his Illinois chess friends, Helen and Jim Warren, and Fred Gruenberg.

Kolty Celebration. Top (from left): Mrs. Koltanowski, Helen Warren, and George Koltanowski.

Middle: Kolty completes yet another Knight's Tour.

Right: Kolty speaks to an audience comprising admirers and well-wishers.

Photos by Fred Gruenberg



—Late Flash—

Dmitry Gurevich at the US Championship

GM Dmitry Gurevich made the 'Final Four' of the US Championship held in Denver. His play there also earned him a place in the next FIDE championship cycle.

Details in our next issue.



FIDE lists this couple as #29 in the world.

Julie Oberweiss and Josh Manion got married this past summer.



WisChess '98

WisChess '98 took place August 1-7 at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. There were at least 11 instructors and more than 120 students. Instructors included GM Kaidanov, GM Gurevich, IM Schroer, IM Silman, IM Manion, SM Victor Sherman, SM Al Chow, NM Steve Szpisjak. Some of the students and staff are pictured above.

Notes

The USCF Policy Board has appointed Harold Winston, of Naperville, to the board of the U.S. Chess Trust, a 501(c)3 charity dedicated to promoting chess. Winston is a former USCF President, as well as ICA president. Also named to the U.S. Chess Trust board is Thomas Maser, of Mountain View, California.



Zsuzsa Polgar has had to cancel her planned appearance at the National Open in Las Vegas in 1999. She is scaling back her chess activities in anticipation of the birth of her first child. Her sister Judit has agreed to appear at the National Open in her place.



During the FIDE Congress, held in Elista, in conjunction with the World Chess Olympiad, E. Steven Doyle was re-elected as vice-president of FIDE (one of seven such positions on the FIDE Presidential Board). Doyle, 39, of Morris Township, N.J., was also chosen to serve as chair of the FIDE Events Committee, which oversees such events as the World Chess Championship, World Youth Festival, and other non-Olympiad activities such as the World Team Championship. Before the Olympiad, the USCF selected William Kelleher as its new delegate to FIDE. Kelleher is an FM and Senior Master who resides in Watertown, Massachusetts. At the FIDE Congress, was named as chair of the FIDE Ethics Committee.



Club News

Oak Park–River Forest Batters CICL in Return Match

Report by Ken Marshall

moves/90 minutes and then Game/30 minutes.

Game/15 "Quick Play" Double Quads

These three events took place on September 15. In Quad 1, John Tums (Quick Play rating 1943) finished 5–1, ahead of Paul Prause (QP 1804, 4–2), Mariusz Gorski (QP 1779, 3–3), and Butch Allen (QP 1779, 0–6). Marty Ptacek (QP 1751) topped Quad 2 with a perfect 6–0 score, outdistancing Bill Barker (QP 1682, 2.5–3.5), Joe Cygan (QP 1545, 2–4), and Chuck Collins (QP 1523, 1.5–4.5). Quad 3 went to Roger Birkeland (QP 1500) for his 4–2 result, while Lonnie Renda (QP Unr, 3.5–2.5), Phil Moran (QP 1139, 3–3), and Brett Collins (QP Unr, 1.5–4.5) followed.

Oak Park Chess Club
River Forest Chess Club

USCF Game/30–Game/45 Round Robin

Mark Marovitch (2190) ended up 4–1 to top the six player field in this event held on July 28 (three rounds at G/30) and August 4 (four rounds at G/45). John Tums (1974) and Butch Allen (1678) lost only to Marovitch and drew with each other on the way to their 3.5–1.5 results and a tie for the second place and Class A/B prizes. Robert Shockley (1483) scored 1.5–3.5 and took home the Class C/D/E/Unr money.

Rematch with Chicago Industrial Chess League

Avenging a lopsided 11–5 loss to the Chicago Industrial Chess League on April 28, the OP–RF CC battered the CICL 14.5–5.5 in an August 25 rematch. Although outrated on each of the first 11 boards, the Club scored 6.5–4.5 on those boards while turning its rating advantage on the lower nine boards into an 8–1 rout. CICL President Pat Sajbel and OP–RF CC President Ken Marshall co-directed the contest, which had a time control of 45

Match: OP–RF versus CICL

OP-RF CC		CICL**	
1. Mark Marovitch (2120)	0	Ruben Reyes (2360)	1
2. Ray Satterlee (2020)	1	Mike Stevanovic (2227)	0
3. John Tums (1905)	1	Len Spiegel (2081)	0
4. Bill Barker (1852)	0	Ed Buerger (2010)	1
5. Paul Prause (1823)	1/2	Wayne Ellice (1950)	1/2
6. Bob Stoltz (1790)	1	David Green (1864)	0
7. Jim Kelly (1729)	1/2	Jay Lechnick (1833)	1/2
8. Mariusz Gorski (1695)	1	Mike Plett (1784)	0
9. Marty Ptacek (1693)	1	Bill Alexander (1768)	0
10. Butch Allen (1678)	0	Erman Paraoan (1746)	1
11. Mark Parnaby (1675)	1/2	Ed Seaton (1732)	1/2
12. Wlad Boguslawicz (1590)	1	Frank Micklich (1613)	0
13. Roger Birkeland (1525)	1	John Zoellner (1436)	0
14. Ken Marshall (1509)	1	Carl Reid (1425)	0
15. Andy Schiller (1465)	1	Mike Sossi (1229)	0
16. Chuck Collins (1450)	1	Tony Appleberry (1235)	0
17. Phil Moran (1100)	1	Bill Bannon (1165)	0
18. David Jones (Unr)	1	Trevor Gatson (1100)	0
19. Warren Kreitzer (Unr)	0	Dan Blinkoff (Unr)	1
20. Brett Collins (Unr)	1	Lance McGee (Unr)	1
	14.5		5.5

** Ratings are CICL and differ slightly from USCF ratings.

Grand Opening Celebration at the Wild Onion Chess Club

Report by Angelo Young

The Wild Onion Chess Club was successfully launched at an inaugural event held at the club location at 6136 N. Clark Street in Chicago this past autumn.

There were a number of international masters and masters who attended the affair, as well as Filipino dignitaries and community leaders. (The president, Nenita Farrales, was not present at the grand opening, but she prepared all the food and drink in advance.)

Wild Onion Chess Club

Angelo Young conducted a six-board simul, losing a game to Mark Parnaby. Many casual games were played and a mini-tournament was held which was won by Young, followed by Pangan and Acosta.

Members were signed up and visitors had a chance to check out the club.

The Wild Onion Chess Club is open every Wednesday through Sunday from 6:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Free food is being served to members and visitors.

Club tournaments are held every Friday and Saturday. Angelo Young provides game analysis every Thursday. Chess lessons are also available by appointment. Please contact Angelo Young at 773- 274-4043.



It's a draw, then? Efren Farrales (seated, left) shakes hands with Al Basco, former president of the Filipino Association of the Midwest at the Grand Opening of the Wild Onion Chess Club. Club organizers, members, and well-wishers look on.



Angelo salutes all players in the grand opening simul. There were six boards.



Camillo decides to play "duck, duck, goose!" during the picture. Seated: Efren Farrales (left) and Angelo Young. Standing: Arnulfo Benesa (left), Esther Balase, and Camilo Pangan.

New found Success on the North Shore

Report by Steve Szpisjak

The North Shore Chess Club, with meetings on Tuesday evenings the last four years, ran its first USCF rated event at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 17. 28 players participated in the open, 3-SS, G/90. Registration went quite smoothly, but a problem arose when Bill Smythe and I realized we didn't bring scoresheets. While I drove the two miles home to remedy the problem, Kevin Bachler and family did their own scrambling in Park Ridge for 'Caveman' scoresheets (many thanks to them). The tournament ran smoothly and without complaint since then, and the players did not seem too bothered when organ music blasted from above late in the afternoon.

Scheduling rated events at the Glenview site on weekends must be approved by the parish council, on which Dale Hurst is a member. Dale took many photos of the event and left for the Caribbean without submitting any of them! I look forward to arranging the next Glenview event in January/February, discussion of which will take place in Glenview when Dale returns. The club plans on meeting on Fridays as well as Tuesdays (7-10), so stop in and play if you are in the area!

First Rated Tournament of the State Farm's Employee Chess Club is First Rate

by Mo Dale and Dennis Bourgerie

State Farm's Employee Chess Club hosted its first rated tournament on September 19th, 1998, open to all chess players over the age of 18. The tournament was held at State Farm's corporate headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois. We had over 20 players attend from throughout the state of Illinois.

The tournament finished with a 3 way tie for 1st place between Mark Brodic and Chris Merli from Champaign and Bill Naff from Peoria. All finished with a score of 3 wins and 1 draw. This was a 4 round, game in 60 minutes tournament. 19 players attended.

SFECC would like to Thank Dennis Bourgerie and Althea Rolfs for taking the time to run our first tournament. Colley Kitson also helped to organize the event.

State Farm's Chess club plans to host more rated tournament in the future.

Robert Sax (2053)
Aaron Chen (1903)
North Shore First USCF

1. e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 c6 4. Bc3

4. Bc4! is the sharpest way to play for an advantage.

4...d5 5. c5 c5 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. h3 Bxf3 8. Qxf3 cxd4?

Releasing the pawn tension tactically works to Rob's advantage. Better is 8...Nc6 with 9...Rc8 to follow.

9. Bxd4 Nc6 10. e6! f6?

Aaron needed to play 10...Bf6, when Rob would have a dangerous initiative but would have to find one or two more "exclams" before driving the point home. The e6 pawn now wedges deeply into Aaron's position, with the weakened d5 pawn and poor scope for his pieces adding to his woes. 11. 0-0-0 Rc8 12. Bb5!

Rob could simply chop off the d5 pawn, but instead pins the knight in preparation for a more violent tactical sequence. 12...a6 13. Nxd5! axb5 14. Bb6 Qd6 15. Nc7+ Qxc7 16. Bxc7 Rxc7

Three poorly placed pieces are not a match for queen, e6 pawn, and a "caveman-like" initiative.

17. Qa3! Bh6+ 18. Kb1 Kf8 19. Qa8+ Kg7 20 Rd7 Rxd7 21. cxd7 Bf4 22. d8Q Nxd8 23. Qxd8 Bd6 24. Re1 Nh6 25. Rxc7+ (Simplify!) Bxc7 26. Qxc7+ Nf7 27. Qxb7 Re8 28. b3 Re5 29. f4 Re2 30. Qxb5 Rxc2 31. a4 g5 32. fxg5 Rxc2 33. Qd7 f5 34. b4 Kg6 35. a5 f4 36. a6 Ne5 37. Qc6+ Kh5 38. a7 f3 39. a8Q f2 40. Qae8+ Ng6 41. Qe2+

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Coincidence, Conspiracy or Conviviality?

Report by Bill Smythe

In a single recent tournament, Enrico Sevillano was paired against Osman Palos, Tam Nguyen, and James Fagan. Fagan also played Steve Amundsen and Bill Smythe. Amundsen also faced Gene Scott, while Smythe did battle with Rob Sax. In addition, Palos was paired against Bill Brock, while Nguyen squared off against Dushyanth Reddivari.

Just a typical Saturday Plus-Score at the Chicago Chess Club, right?

Wrong. These pairings all occurred at the Illinois Open in Oak Brook over the Labor Day weekend. Amundsen, who lives directly above the Club, and Scott, who resides a block away, were heard to lament "Was this trip really necessary?"

Club regulars often face each other at large hotel tournaments. Is it coincidence? Is there a conspiracy among TDs? Neither - it's just that there are so many Club regulars. Even though the Club can accommodate only about 30 tournament players at a time, a sizeable percentage of the hotel tournament crowd has played at one time or another at the Chicago Chess Club. Players find our events to be good warm-ups for the larger tournaments. Or, as one regular said, "Why pay \$80 for a hotel tournament when you can get the same quality of opposition for \$15 at the Club?"

But the weeks just after Labor Day are generally slow for chess in general and for the Club in particular. After a couple of six- and eight-player tournaments in September, we bounced back a bit with a 12-player Quick event on September 27 and a 21-player Game/60 on October 10. The former was won by this writer, who lucked out against Gene Scott and Rob Sax and took advantage of Steve Szpisjak's tiring new lifestyle as a full-time employee of the U.S. Postal Service. Yours truly then fell to James Marshall, who tied for second

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								score	tour
1	SCOTT Gene	2071	W2	W3	W5	W4	W5	5	16X
2	LAHR H Fred	1875	L1	W5	W3	D6	D4	3	3XA
3	SMYTHE Bill	1889	L1	W4	L2	D5	W6	2.5	2.5XA
4	GREGORY Jamie	2110	L5	L3	W6	L1	D2	1.5	1.5X
5	GARWOOD Brian	1985	W4	L2	L1	D3	L1	1.5	1.5XA
6	SMITH Orlan B	1568	H	H	L4	D2	L3	1.5	1.5X-C

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with Sax, Roland Jordan, and Aaron Weiss.

The October event was won by a familiar soul, Osman Palos, who won \$100.00 for his perfect 4-0 score. Gene Scott, going into the last round with two points, saved the day for the Club by defeating till-then-perfect Bryan Gast, leaving both out of reach of a second \$100.00 prize. James Marshall and Bill Brock joined Gast and Scott at 3-1 and won \$25.00 each. As round 2 was wrapping up, a new player, Deborah Hayes, appeared and asked if she could take part. Even after being told she would probably be able to play only two games and would have to join USCF, she still decided to play. She finished her first games quickly and ended up playing one more game than anybody else,

winning two of her five contests.

On December 5-6 we plan to repeat an earlier experiment, a Masters-Play-Free 1-vs-2 Plus-Score. Among the players with perfect scores in each round, the two top-rated will be paired, while number three plays number four, etc.

Also in December, look for two ICA Tour events: a Game/60 Plus-Score on December 12, and the two-day Winter Mini-Tour on December 19-20.

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Elmhurst Chess Club News: Still More Exciting Activity

Report by Roger Birkeland

The busy vacation month of August was no deterrent to our loyal players, as attendance was strong at all four tournaments. 20 players, conveniently divided into 5 quads, turned out on August 2 for a Game/35 Quad. FIDE Master Dejan Maksimovic, a very strong player who has been visiting in this country from Yugoslavia, breezed through the top quad, with Bert Gazmen taking second money. In the second section, Misha Mladenovic outplayed 3 other A players to take the \$30 1st prize and Howard Cohen took home \$10 for his 2nd place finish. Joe Cygan and Salar Jahedi shared first money in the third quad, as did Greg Witek and Matt Poynter in the fourth group. In the bottom section, Dennis Seibel was clear first and Mike Cummings finished second. August 9 saw 18 players come to compete in a Game/10 round robin. The players were divided into two sections according to rating. Dejan Maksimovic cruised undefeated through the strong top section, which included 3 players rated above 2100. Brent Cromzac, another very strong player with a regular rating in the Master class, lost

only to Maksimovic to nail down clear second. In the lower section, top-rated Ralph Wakerly was clear first and Greg Witek took home the second money.

Our popular Game/29 Quad format brought out 20 competitors on August 16. Dejan Maksimovic again had no problem (3-0) with the tough top group, leaving the other 3 players all at 1-2. Fast-rising junior Aaron Chen got the best of the second quad with 2.5-0.5, Butch Allen taking second. Greg Witek (2.5-0.5) had a good showing against his higher rated opponents in the third section, with Vince Hart second. Matt Poynter became the only player other than Maksimovic to post a perfect score of 3-0 when he beat Roger Birkeland on time while two pieces down to win the fourth quad. Luke Burke and Kermit Dodson, both with 2-1, took the prizes in the bottom section. A nice turnout of 25 players took part in a Game/20 4-round Swiss on August 30. Dejan Maksimovic again breezed through the field, capturing the \$75 first prize with a perfect 4-0. Five players—Aaron Chen, Larry

Cohen, Butch Allen, Misha Mladenovic and Stanimir Ilic—scored 3-1 and split the \$145 in prizes for 2nd, U2000, U1800 and U1600.

After a break for the Labor Day weekend (and the Illinois Open) we resumed with a Game/29 3-round Swiss, held in two sections, on September 13. In the open section, Dejan Maksimovic concluded his short stay in this country with another perfect score to take clear first. He not only won all seven of the tournaments he played in at our club this summer, but did so without losing a single game. "Max" plans to be back in the Chicago area next spring. We look forward to his return; he is a great addition to the local chess scene. Stanimir Ilic, fresh off a good showing in the Illinois Open, new member Dan Sajkowski, and Vince Hart were second with 2-1. In the under 1600 section, Roger Birkeland was the only player to score 3-0, and Scott Silverman, Kermit Dodson and Mathew Joseph tied for second with 2-1. We look forward to two team matches in the coming months. On November 10 we will travel to the Dominican Center at Harlem and Division for a match with the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club. We have developed a friendly rivalry with them over the past couple of years, with each club winning the matches held on its home turf. On January 24 we will again host a large match with the Chicago Industrial Chess League. Last year's inaugural match with the CICL (won by our club) drew 58 players, so we anticipate an even bigger turnout this year.

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Bloomington Open: Brodie and Alsberry Win

by Dennis Bourgeric

National Master Mark Brodie (2200) from Urbana, IL and Expert Melvin Alsberry (2032) of Bloomington, IL tied for 1st place at the 1998 Bloomington October Open. They both scored 3 wins and 1 draw, drawing with each other in the 4th round.

The winners each took home half of the \$200 Open prize fund. Mark gave a couple of seminars on "superior pawn structure wins" on his way to victory. Melvin worked the night shift at Illinois State University the night before the tournament. He came straight from work to play in the tournament and didn't have to be woken up once. In my opinion, sleep has always been much overrated!

Carl Vero (1720) of Peoria, IL and Paul Fambro (1552) of Rockford, IL tied for the under 1800 prize of \$65, each scoring 3-1. Carl was Black in the final round and he had castled kingside. His opponent Paul Raso offered up the g-pawn for a kingside attack. Carl took the g-pawn and survived the attack down the half-open g-file.

Paul Fambro had a even position against Melvin Alsberry in the 3rd round, but overpressed and the game was lost.

Patrick Perego (1326) of Normal, IL, took the under 1400 prize with a score of 2.5-1.5, winning \$60 in the process. In the last round against Bill Meyer, Patrick was Black



Jameson Painter (left) prepares to play Mark Brodie in round 2.



Above: Tournament winner Melvin Alsberry.

Right: All right. You can take my picture, but not my clock's! Colley Kitsen before round 2.

and sacrificed the minor exchange (rook for a bishop) but showed that the two bishops could easily compensate.

Bill Meyer (1670) of Decatur, IL won an upset prize by defeating Mike Leali (1894) of Peoria, IL.



Clock Issue Sets Off Exchange

To the editor,

Congratulations on another great issue of the ICB. It certainly is one of the most impressive state publications I have ever seen. In the article on the World Open (Sept-Oct 98, page 9), the following note on the game Steve Szpisjak-Robert Byrne caught my eye as a Senior TD:

"And in the last round he was paired against the venerable Robert Byrne, who did not want to use a digital clock with the delay feature. TD Carol Jarecki sided with Byrne, in spite of Steve's protestations."

I have worked with Carol Jarecki as a TD and I know her to be fair and reasonable in her rulings. Perhaps Mr. Szpisjak could supply some details on this incident. Under current USCF rules if Mr. Szpisjak supplies his own time delay clock and he understands how to use the clock and he is on time to the round, then the opponent must use the time delay clock. In the last six months, I have certainly forced a number of usually older players to use a time delay clock. As a TD I probably wouldn't push the issue on a player of Mr. Byrne's stature or if the issue threatened to become disruptive to the tournament but as a player I would be quite upset if I

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couldn't use my own time delay clock which is the preferred clock under our revised rules.

Allan Fifield
Visalia, CA

The writer is the editor of the
California Chess Journal.

Steve Szpisjak replies:

GM Byrne made clear to me that he did not want to use a digital clock. (Suat Atalik is the only other GM I have played who opposed use of the clock, but the TD quickly set matters straight

when that incident occurred two years ago.) He wanted me to state reasons for my preference, but before I finished my oral essay, Dr. Miles Ardaman, sitting next to Byrne, interrupted me and proceeded to change the topic. He began talking with Byrne about the authorship of some book or another, the implication apparently being that my quibbling over the clock was beneath the dignity of a man of GM Byrne's stature. So I went to Carol Jarecki, whose view on the matter (when I told her that GM Byrne wanted to use his analog instead of my digital) was "Oh, let the man use his clock!", a reaction I find roughly equivalent to Dr. Ardaman's.

When I served at the US Naval Academy after high school, my only contact with chess came via Byrne's column in the New York Times, a few minutes here and there. Sadly, I must now hold the authority figures involved in this incident in lower esteem than before.

Bloomington Open

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Meyer showed that a rook and knight and superior pawn structure could defeat two rooks.

Twenty-two players attended the tournament. The tournament was organized and directed by Dennis Bourgerie.



"See, when most of the pieces are to my left, I compensate by leaning to my right." Patrick Perego, who won the under-1400 prize.

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Carol Jarecki Replies:

I have never allowed a player's "stature" to influence a ruling. Had Mr. Szpisjak insisted, I would certainly have required Robert to use the standard clock. Grandmaster Byrne rarely plays any more, a great loss to chess. He said he was uncomfortable with the new clocks. When I asked Mr. Szpisjak if he would mind letting Robert use his own clock, I thought him gracious to allow it. I knew nothing of the conversation with Dr. Ardaman. I am sorry that Mr. Szpisjak thought he had to accede to my request; this was not my intention. It is essential to enforce the rules equably for all players, however, is it reasonable to force an equipment choice on a player whose opponent seems willing to accommodate him?

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To the editor,

After reading the fodder about the U.S. blind in the ICB I now know why we must have editors. You made the ordinary submission I made to the ICB regarding that event look like the best thing I have ever written.

Hooray for ML!

Tim Just

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To the editor,

Regarding Chuck Beach's letter to the editor in the July/August issue, we have double-checked the records and discovered that the 3rd and 4th places in the Elementary Section at the State Tournament should

have been awarded in the order given in my article, that is, King of Rockford 3rd and MacArthur 4th. For reasons we do not fully understand, the software being used at the time used the wrong board four for King and thus gave them incorrect tie breaks. Our (CoChess) apologies to both teams and their coaches for the error.

Tom Doan
CoChess Metro VP

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To the editor,

In the Sept./Oct., 1998 Illinois Chess Bulletin are the standings for the K3 Under 800 section. My son, Steven Klink, was number 40. The entry form did not provide a place for his school name, if he was not part of a team (and none of the other 60 members from his school chess club attended the tournament!). If you would please include his school name in any future corrected standing lists he would appreciate it! He attends Churchill School, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Thank you very much!

Steven Klink

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To the editor,

I noticed an error in the last issue of the ICB on page 41 in paragraph 2. The Eisenhower chess team did not set a record for the most points by a team scored at state. This record was set in 1997 by Franklin Elementary with 24 out of 28 pos-

sible points.

Records for K-8 chess are being compiled and published on the Internet at <http://www.cavemanchess.com/cochess/records.htm>. Readers may submit potential records to kbachler@cavemanchess.com along with information to verify the record.

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To the editor,

I enjoyed reading Hector Hernandez's President's Podium which included a section on the National Elementary Championships and a statement that the next issue of the ICB would have full coverage. While Mr. Hernandez mentioned a few Illinois players and teams which had success at the Nationals, as he noted, he omitted others, including my son, Ben Bronner, who finished 29th in the Open K-3 section and received the top Under-1000 trophy for that section, and David

Kassin who finished 21st in the Open K-3 section. Both David and Ben finished with 5 points. I also believe there were others from Illinois who received recognition in that and other sections.

C. Bronner

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To the editor,
Nice job with the ICB as usual! Some of us are casting looks at your product.

Best in Chess,
Steve Frymer
MACA Treasurer and
Budget Committee Member

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To the editor,
Just wanted to say congratulations for all the awards that the ICB won. Well deserved, as the publication has gone from good to outstanding under your guidance. I'm sure it is a task that has its frustrations, but at least it isn't completely thankless!

Best regards,
Randy Pals
Chesterton, Indiana

Inside Chess on the ICB

New England-based Chess Horizons has long set the standard for U.S. state chess publications, but it now has a strong competitor in the revamped Illinois Chess Bulletin, edited by M.L. Rantala, a first-rate publication. The July/August issue features an in-depth report on Bill Goichberg's big Memorial Day weekend tournament as well as extensive coverage on the Toronto International.

The ICB offers lots of games (some annotated), but it excels when it comes to photographs and witty captions. The July/August issue has many photographs of U.S. Champion Joel Benjamin, including one (suitable for framing) of the former Little League first baseman wearing a Cubs hat while watching a game at Wrigley Field.

Inside Chess, September 1998

Vox Populi

At the 1998 Illinois Open we asked some players to share their views with the Illinois Chess Bulletin. This is what they told us.



Chris Hayes
(1683)
Lake Forest

"Play the French by John Watson because it helps me crush 1.e4. It is thorough, presents creative ideas, and the Tarrasch lines are simply awesome."



Ken Wallach
(2283)
Deerfield

"Logical Chess Move by Move by Chernev because it explained the logical progressions of chess. Also Play like a Grandmaster by Kotov because it gave me a deeper understanding of positional play"

What chess book has influenced you the most?



Daniel Leung
(1683)
Park Ridge

"I don't read books, I watch the Foxy video tapes and I like Chris Ward's tape on the Sicilian. I also like Capablanca's book 60 Best Endgames"



August Piper
(1520)
Seattle, Washington

"Michael Stean's Simple Chess. He makes the ideas clear and the reasons understandable. I also like Nimzowich's My System because the humor is engaging and it is full of memorable sayings."



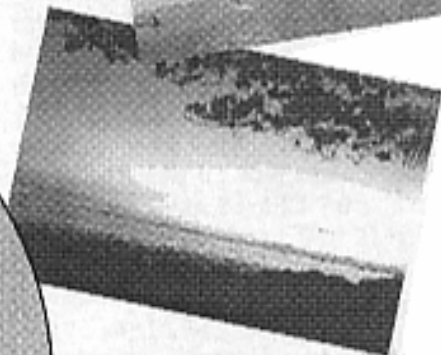
Doug Baird
(1421)
Chicago

"Frank Marshall's Collected Games, the first chess book I ever looked at. It was inscribed kindly to my father from Marshall because he played Marshall in a simul and won"

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Hawaiian Vacation & The Denker Title



Florin Felecan's Trip to Paradise

Felecan Fleeces the Freshman

Florin Felecan, of Evanston, took first place at the 1998 Denker Tournament of High School Champions, held August 3–7 at the Kona Surf Resort and Country Club in Kona, Hawaii.

He went undefeated, scoring 4.5 points out of 5, winning a \$500 college scholarship. Although rated in the high 2500s, this native of Romania's only international title (as yet) is FIDE Master.

Taking second place at the Denker were Harutyun Akopyan, 17, of Los Angeles and Vinay Bhat, 14, of San Jose. These two Californians each scored 4 points and each won a \$200 scholarship.

Three of Felecan's Denker games are here analyzed by Florin's friend, NM Steve Szpisjak.

Harutyun Akopyan (2370)
Florin Felecan (2588)
 Denker High School (5), 1998
 Pirc Defense [B06]

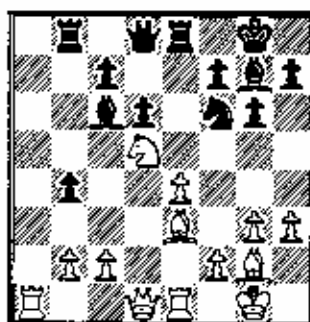
Notes by Steve Szpisjak

This game was the final round of the Denker tournament. Florin held a half-point lead over his opponent, so this was a must-win situation for Akopyan.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.h3 a6
 5.a4 Nf6 6.Be3 0-0 7.g3 e5 8.Nge2
 exd4 9.Bxd4 Nc6 10.Be3 Rb8
 11.Bg2 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.0-0 b4
 14.Nd5 Rc8 15.Nd4

15.Bg5 h6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Bxb6
 Bxb2 18.Ra2 Bf6.

15...Bb7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Rc1

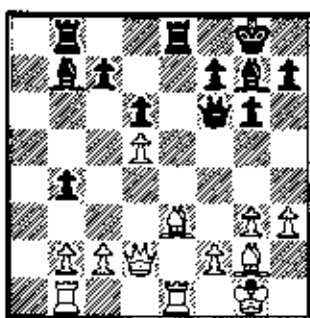


17...Nxd5

17...Nxc4! 18.Ba7 Bxd5 19.Bxb8
 (19.Qxd5 Bxb2 20.Bxe4 Bxa1 21.Rxa1
 Rc8) 19...Bb7 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.Rxc4
 Bxc4 22.Ba7 Bxb2.

18.exd5 Bb7?!

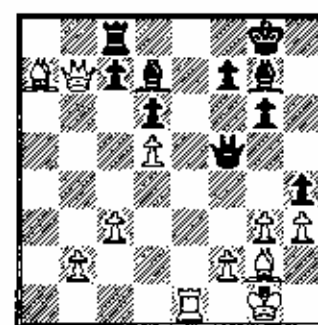
18...Bd7 19.Ra2 Qc8 20.g4 h5=
 19.Rb1 Qf6 20.Qd2



20...Ba6?!

20...Qf5=.

21.Ba7 Rxc1+ 22.Qxe1 Ra8
 23.Qxb4± Qf5 24.Ra1 Bc8 25.c3
 h5 26.Qb5 Bd7 27.Qb7 Rc8
 28.Rc1 b4



29.Re7?

29.Bc3!+-.

29...hxg3 30.fxg3 Be5!

With this move Florin is safely out of trouble and the Denker tournament is his!

31.g4

31.Bd4 Kf8! and Black has a small advantage.

31...Qb1+ 32.Bf1 Qe1 33.Rxd7
 Qg3+ 34.Bg2 Qe1+ 1/2-1/2

Philip Wang (2265)
Florin Felecan (2588)
 Denker High School, 1998
 King's Indian Defense [E62]

Notes by Steve Szpisjak

1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3
 Nf6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 Qa5
 8.e4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nbd7
 11.Qc2 e5 12.Be3

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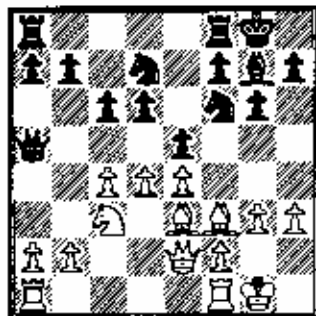
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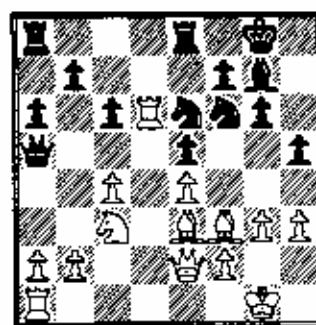
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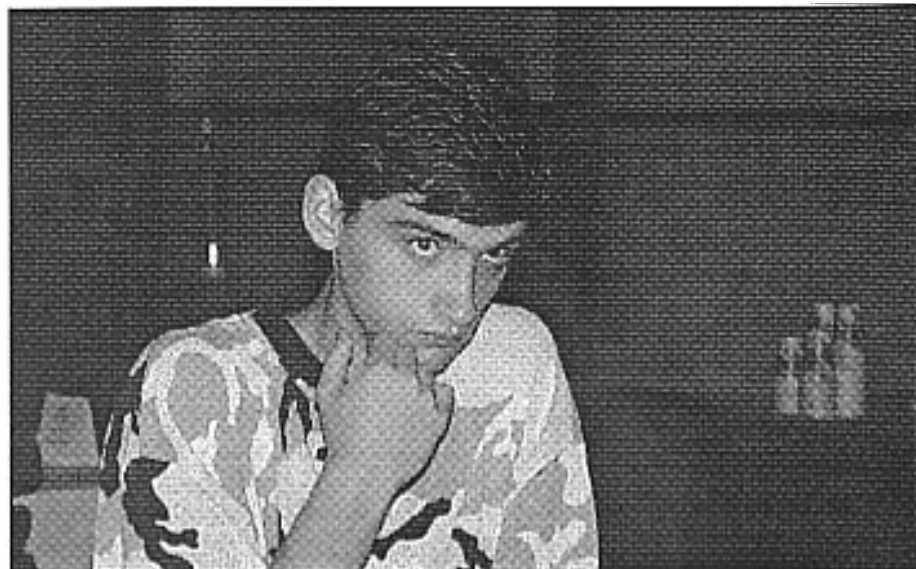
- 12.d5.
 12...Rfe8
 12...exd4 13.Bxd4 Rfe8.
 13.Rfd1
 13.d5.
 13...a6?! 14.dxe5
 14.d5.
 14...dxe5 15.Bg4

The only open file on the board is the 'd' file. Double the rooks!

- 15...Nf8 16.Rd6 h5 17.Bf3 Ne6



- 18.Qd2?!
 18.Rad1=
 18...Qc7 19.Rd3 Rad8 20.Ne2 Bf8
 21.g4
 Florin severely punishes Wang for creating outposts for the Black knights on the kingside, as if the d4-square wasn't enough. White should play 21. Rd1.
 21..hxg4 22.hxg4 Bc5 23.Kg2
 Rxd3 24.Qxd3 Rd8 25.Qc3 Bd4
 26.Qd2 Nh7 27.Bxd4
 The passed pawn and extra black squares (e5, b8-h2 diagonal) grant Florin a strategic win. Wang should play 27.Rh1 to slow Florin's progress on the kingside...
 27...exd4 28.Nc1 d3 29.Nb3 Nhg5
 30.Qc3 Qc5 31.Rb1 Kg7
 31...d2 32.Kf1 Nf4.
 32.Nd2 Nf4+ 33.Kf1 Rh8 34.c5
 Nxf3 35.Nxf3
 35.Qxf3 Rh3!.



Al Lomoff

Florin Felecan was not deceived by any of the camouflage his opponents used against him.

- 35...Rh1+ 36.Ng1 Ne2 37.Kg2
 Qh2+ 38.Kf3 Nxf1+ 39.Rxf1
 Rxf1 0-1

Florin Felecan (2588)
Andy Reader (2144)
 Denker (2)
 Reti [A13]

Notes by Steve Szpisjak

- 1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 d4 4.g3 c5
 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 g6!? 7.Bb2 Bg7
 8.e4!? e5 9.Nc1 Nh6

Black plans to play a future ...f5 at the cost of a decentralized knight.

- 10.Nd3 Qd6 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2?!

Florin is at home and brimming full of confidence in middlegames which combine protracted maneuvering with complex tactics. Here he could play actively with 12.f4 exf4 13.Nb5 followed by Nxf4, but chooses instead to keep the position less active but more complex.

- 12...a5?!
 12...f5 makes more sense.
 13.Na3
 13.f4.
 13...Bg4?

All's quiet on the western (Hawaiian) front? Black should play 13...f5 already and put an end to all this shadow-boxing. Fighting for initiative means something, doesn't it?

- 14.Qe1?!

Florin could play 14.f3 followed by the active plan outlined after move 12 above. Just how long will both players insist on seizing the defensive?

- 14...b6

- Another trivial move. 14...Nb4=.
 15.Nb5 Qd7 16.a3 Bc6 17.Rc1?

Would the reader believe me if I suggest 17.f4 as an improvement!

- 17...Rae8?=
 17...a4! 18.b4=/+.

- 18.f4 f5 19.Qc2

19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Bxc6 Qxc6
 21.Nxc5 Bxc5 22.fxe5 Nf7 favors Black.

- 19...exf4 20.Rxf4 g5

Also good is 20...Nf7.

- 21.Rff1 fxe4 22.Rxf8+ Bxf8
 23.Qxe4?

A rare tactical miscalculation by Florin. After 23.Bxc4 the position is level.

- 23...Bxc4! 24.Qxc6 Bxb5 25.Bd5+
 Kh8 26.Qxd7 Bxd7 27.b4 Bf5
 28.bxc5 Bxd3 29.cxb6 Rb8?!

After 29...Bg7 30.b7 Ba6 31.Rc5 a4 Black's advantage should be decisive.
 30.b7 Bf5?

- 30...Ba6 31.Rc6 Bxb7 32.Bxd4+
 Bg7 33.Bxg7+ Kxg7 34.Rc7+ Kf6
 35.Bxb7 Nf5 +/-.

- 31.Bxd4+ Bg7 32.Ba7 Be6 33.Bxc6
 Rxb7 34.Rc8+ Bf8 35.Bd4+ 1-0

The Warren Junior Program

From classroom to tournament hall ... bridging the gulf

by Helen Warren

My visit to the Illinois Open last Labor Day week-end included a chat with the tournament directors Larry Cohen and Josh Flores. "A very successful turnout of 202," quipped Josh, "but you'll be especially gratified to know that about sixty-five of them are juniors!" It made my day. Most of these young chess players were from schools in the ICA-Warren Junior Program where teachers deliver chess instruction on a scheduled basis. The transition from classroom to tournament hall in Illinois continues; chess has become an integral part of the lives of these fast-improving, enthusiastic youngsters.

The New Year Has Begun

Another academic year is under way. Schools already participating in the program include Bernard Zell School (Chicago), St Clement's (Chicago), Ben Franklin (Glen Ellyn), Franklin (Park Ridge), Forest Glen (Glen Ellyn), Baker Demonstration School (Evanston), Maine So. High (Park Ridge), and Melody School (Chicago). Our teachers are an experienced group of veterans: SM Richard Verber, NM Albert Chow, NM Ken Wallach, NM Kevin Bachler, NM Steve Szpisjak, Hector Hernandez, Joe Splinter, David Shiner, and Les Bale. We welcome Les back to the teaching circle. NM Vince Berry's school and job commitments force a teaching sabbatical. We look for his return to the program soon! We expect additional schools to enter the program in coming months.

The second aspect of the junior program in Illinois centers about tutorial instruction of our kids on USCF's Top Fifty by Age lists. Lessons are well under way. We're privileged to have GM Dmitri Gurevich on board as instructor for two of our promising youngsters:

Yelena and Andrei Gorlin. IM Enrico Sevillano is working with Expert Bryan Gast as he concludes his final year in high school. NM Ken Wallach continues working with Daniel Leung, while SM Richard Verber guides Aaron Chen and Kenneth Huang up the rating ladder. Hector Hernandez is tutoring young Jose Rodriguez and Joe Splinter is working with Andrew Hubbard. We will watch the progress of these avid young players.

The Denker Champion

We salute Florin Felecan on his outstanding achievement at the Denker High School Tournament of Champions in Kona, Hawaii this past August! In snaring top honors Florin won \$500. He added to his purse by finishing in a multiple tie for 4th. The ICA-Warren Program helped Florin meet travel expenses to Hawaii.

The ICA has made a strong commitment to the development of junior chess, recognizing that early exposure to and training in the game spells huge dividends for the future: the development of talented players, the health of our state association, tournament participation, the success of our organizers, and even the training of young tournament directors. (I was especially encouraged to see novice TD Blair Machaj assisting in the TD boiler room.) It's important, too, to recognize the contribution of volunteers outside the ICA program who give generously of their time in many schools: Tom Fineberg, James Fagan, Kevin Bachler, and Josh Flores.

Last year the ICA-Warren Junior Program's budget exceeded \$17,000, down about \$3,000 from the previous year. This year we hope to equal our goal of \$20,000 with matching funds from



Andrei Gorlin: Thanks to the Warren Program, he and his sister Yelena (pictured on page 15) are being tutored by GM Dmitri Gurevich.

schools, parents, and, of course, the support we desperately need from our traditional supporters—ICA members, most especially our Century, Gold card, and Patron members. Recently many of you received a fund raising letter from interim-president Al Losoff for the junior program. We're counting on your support to sustain our efforts for junior chess! We can provide instruction for schools and individuals only to the level of our financial resources, so your support is crucial. The ICA itself is a generous patron of the Junior Program; we will seek further funding from the USCF Charitable Trust.

Down the Road

NM Kevin Bachler and Joe Splinter are currently working on a Minimum Requirements Curriculum for use by teachers in the program. We hope for completion in time for the 1999 academic year. Also under consideration is the establishment of a scholarship for a graduating senior on USCF's Top Fifty by Age list. More on that next time.

In the next ICB we'll acknowledge the generosity of all who have contributed to this year's fund drive for the ICA-Warren Junior Program.

The Warren Junior Program in Action: Case Studies of Success

by Mike Marsh

Bryan Gast, a senior at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn, plans to reach a milestone by next spring. "My goal is to be a master by the time I graduate from high school," the Wheaton resident said.

Gast has a good chance to earn a master rating because he participates in the Illinois Chess Association-Helen Warren Junior Chess Program.

Longtime chess organizer Helen Warren founded the program six years ago to help young players strengthen

their love and knowledge of the game. The Warren program has several components. It arranges for chess teachers to coach at Chicago area elementary and high schools. It subsidizes private tutoring for Illinois youngsters who achieve a ranking among the top 50 players nationally in their age group. It provides scholarships to chess camps and funds the \$1,000 Billy Colias Excellence in Teaching award given to outstanding mentors in the program. The award is named in honor of the late Colias,

who was the program's first teacher. The program helped defray travel costs when 18-year-old Evanston resident Florin Felecan won the Arnold Denker High School Tournament of Champions held in Kona, Hawaii last August.

"The mission of the program is to introduce chess to kids with the expectation that they stick with it as a life-long avocation," Warren said. "I saw many promising young children who were playing chess in school and dropping out of chess when their school days were over. My aim was to send masters to teach and encourage children to make the leap from chess as a school activity to tournaments where they would meet adult competition and improve their skills."

Warren started with two schools during the program's first academic year; 19 participated during the last school year. So far, the following eight schools have committed for 1998-99: Bernard Zell Anshe Emet (Chicago), St. Clements (Chicago), Benjamin Franklin and Forest Glen (Glen Ellyn), Baker Demonstration School (Evanston), Melody Elementary School (Chicago), Maine South High School, and Evanston High School. Warren estimates the program's coaches will work with between 400 and 500 total students.

The program has impacted the Illinois chess scene. Andrew Hubbard, an 11-year-old Glen Ellyn resident, took second with 5 points in the Reserve section at the 1997 Illinois Open. Jose Rodriguez, Jr. a nine-year-old Chicagoan, recorded a 4-0 score at the 1997 Illinois Class Championships. Warren estimates a third of the 205 players at

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Hector Hernandez and José A. Rodriguez, Jr.

Narcy Chavez

two years. He finished with 3 points in the reserve section of the 1998 Illinois Open, and upset an opponent rated 400 points higher than him at the Indiana State Championship in October.

Hernandez, an expert and past president of the Illinois Chess Association, says Rodriguez has improved his play in the middle game and the end game. "He used to be very impulsive and make the first move that came to mind. Now he's a little more mature and plans his moves better. His game now has more depth."

"He shows me lots of games and open-

ings," Rodriguez said about Hernandez. "He also gives me chess puzzles to solve."

Warren wants to expand the program, but has to contend with financial and logistical constraints. Although the ICA, individual donors (including Warren and her husband Jim), and participating schools have contributed funds to the program, she has to struggle to meet the \$20,000 annual budget.

She has also difficulty finding coaches able to travel to some schools, particularly in the south suburbs, that want to enter the program.

Still, she continues to serve the players. She says the game has educational value. "Chess is enjoying something of a renaissance," Warren said. "Educators are looking at it as an educational tool. Teachers are finding that it assists in attention span training."

Rodriguez says the game has strengthened his math and science skills. "In chess, you have to calculate just like you do in math and experiment just like you in science."

He also wants to improve his chess. He plans to push his rating to 1450 this year and work toward a long-term goal.

"I want to be a world champion," he said.

the 1998 Illinois Open, were involved in the program.

Joseph Splinter, an expert who tutors Hubbard and coaches at Forest Glen, says he enjoys working for the program. "I enjoy seeing players who are serious about the game work hard and improve as a result of their efforts," Splinter said. "Andrew has always been good at tactics. His positional play has improved. He's become more well versed in the openings."

Gast learned the moves in kindergarten, but did not play seriously until he entered junior high school. At 14, he began sessions with coach Bob Cooper and Ken Wallach and his rating improved. After he became one of the top 50 players in the 17-18 age group last year, the Warren program began paying for his lessons with Wallach. Ear-

lier this year, he reached 2125, just 75 points from the master rating. "He helped my endgame a lot," Gast said about Wallach. "That was one of my weak points. He was always fond of saying that the king is a fighting piece." In the fall, Gast switched from Wallach to International Master Enrico Sevillano to further strengthen his game.

Unlike Gast, Rodriguez began playing tournament chess at an early age. A fourth grader at Lenart Gitted Center on Chicago's south side, he's studied under Hector Hernandez since May, 1995. By December, 1996, he ranked among the nation's top 50 players in the 7-8 age group, and the Warren program began paying for his lessons with Hernandez. His rating has risen from 1058 to 1237 in less than

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Selected Scholastic Games

By Kevin L. Bachler

When working with scholastic players, there is a time when you see the signs that they are beginning to move to the next level. Over the last several months several of the players that I've been working with have shown real signs of breaking out. In several cases they've started to consistently defeat "C" and low "B" players, and some of these players have started to play very close games against "A" players and Experts, even obtaining a few wins and draws. Sometimes these players still have ratings as low as the 1100 or 1000 range, but the evidence of their improvement is clear. Experience and consistency are still major factors keeping these players from leaping to the next level, but in almost every tournament they show that their play is more dangerous than in the tournament before. Although I get to see mainly the players from Park Ridge, other players that I've watched in scholastic tournaments over the past few years have also shown a great deal of improvement. Here are a few games from tournaments over the past six months.

Mark Rokita, 1240
Franklin Elementary
Wellington Cassuto, 1690
The Shelby School
1998 National Elementary Ch
Peoria Illinois
Round 7, [B09]

Notes by Kevin Bachler

Going into this round, Franklin trailed The Shelby School by a half point, and our sole encounter head-to-head in the last round was this game. During the tournament we had faced this team twice, and had scored 1.5. We needed a win from Mark for any real chance of catching them. Mark went out

there and played like a real caveman.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.Bc3 Nd7 10.g4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bxd4 12.h4 Bg7 13.h5 c5 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Bc4+ Kh8 16.Rxh7+!! Kxh7 17.Qh3+ Bh6 18.g5 Rf7 19.Qxh6+ Kg8 20.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.Qxf7 Qf8 22.0-0-0?

22.Qh5+! Kg7 23.Qh6#.

22...Qxf7 23.Bxf7

And White eventually won the ending.

1-0.

Unfortunately, the rest of the team had only an average result in the final round, so that we finished clear second, far ahead of third place Hunter College Campus.

Yelena Gorlin is a very dangerous competitor in scholastic—and adult—chess. I've seen her defeat expert Robert Sax, and in the next game in the tournament Ken Wallach was very fortunate to weasel out a victory in time pressure. Here is an encounter against another up and coming Illinois junior, Robert Riddle. In this game Robert manages to equalize, but Yelena eventually won this game in time pressure.

Yelena Gorlin-Robert Riddle
Chicago Open, 23.05.1998
[B22]

Notes by Kevin Bachler

Here is a game from the Chicago Open that saw two of Illinois' top juniors square off. Yelena's play has struck me as solid and positional, while Robert looks for tactics under every stone.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nb6

5...e6 leaving the Knight centralized

is a more common approach.

6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qe4 d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Bf4 Qd5 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.Nbd2 Rd8 12.Bc2 Qb5!?

Gorlin has done a good job of rapidly completing her development. Robert keeps trying to complicate to catch up in development. An interesting idea now is 13 Bc7, but 13...Bxf3 14 Nxf3 Rd7 looks ok. Yelena searches and finds a good prophylactic move that nicely threatens Bc7.

13.Bb3 Bxf3

Robert was concerned about the threat of 14 Bc7 when Bxf3 is met effectively by 15 Qxf3. However, 13...e6 may be playable.

14.Qxf3 e6 15.Bc7 Rd7 16.Bxb6 axb6 17.Nc4 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 19.Qe2 Qxe2+ 20.Kxe2 Kd8

Yelena has a better pawn structure, and she gains some activity now due to the threat of Ba4.

21.Ba4 Rd6 22.Rhd1 Kc7 23.Bc2 h6

Both ...g6 and ...h5 should be considered as well.

24.a4 Bc7 25.a5 bxa5 26.Rxa5 Rxd1 27.Kxd1 Bg5 28.Bd3 Rd8

At this point Black has finally achieved approximate equality.

29.Kc2 Rd6 30.g3 Rb6 31.f4 Bf6 32.Rc5+ Rc6 33.Ra5 Rd6 34.Ra8 Rd8 35.Ra7 Rb8 36.Ra5 Bc7 37.Bc4 Bd6 38.f5!

The best try for an advantage, but Robert answers sensibly.

38...exf5 39.Bxf7

39.Rxf5.

39...f4 40.gxf4 Bxf4 41.h3 Bd6 42.Ra4 Rf8 43.Be6 Rf2+

After further adventures in time pressure, Black eventually lost—perhaps on time, perhaps due to an error in time

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Scholastic Annotated Game Contest

By Kevin L. Bachler

In his book *The Art of Analysis*, Timman relates a story in which Botvinnik suggests that one of the best ways to improve at chess is to publish. I think he's right. In the days when I played more seriously and I was writing, my rating was 150 points higher than it is today. As a result of this belief, I encourage all chess students to publish. But with young students, this can be very difficult to accomplish. Thanks to the ICB, the Illinois Chess Association and some donors (many of whom we are still working with) we are pleased to announce a contest to encourage our young players to publish their games.

Some of the details of this contest are not yet known—for example a number of the prizes are still being set. But we do know that Sierra software has already agreed to donate some (non-chess) software (worth about \$30 each) as prizes, and we will be looking for more donors over the coming months. We hope that we can offer \$50–\$100 in value in prizes to first place in each section of this contest. Prize details will

be announced in the next ICB. Here are the rest of the details about the contest.

Contest begins: *Now!*

Contest ends: July/August ICB, winners announced in September/October Issue.

Judges: Selected contributing editors of the ICB.

What they will judge: The judges will select the game that is both best played and best annotated that has been submitted for publication to the Illinois Chess Bulletin by an ICA member who is currently attending an Illinois High School, Junior High, Middle School, or Elementary School, or who is preschool. Best annotated can mean many things, including most thorough analysis, best insight into thought process, or best story behind the game. The annotator of the game must be a player in the game. You need not be the winner for the game to be best played and best annotated.

Note that to be eligible, you *must* be an ICA member.

Prizes (at least a first prize) will be

awarded in the following sections: primary (through 3rd grade), elementary (4-5), junior high (6-8) and high school. Prizes are not yet set, but will be worth at least \$50 per section. We should be able to announce the available prizes soon.

Entries must be typed and submitted to David Monatelli, 401 Milwaukee Av, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, Email: NSHomes@aol.com, in electronic format, preferably Microsoft Word 95. If the entry is in another form, please indicate the form with the entry. Entries on disk must be on Windows compatible formatted disks. Entries must include the annotator's name, date played, tournament played, opponent, ratings of both players at the time the game was played, the address and phone number of the annotator, a correct game score and correct notes. Be accurate! Have some healthy (not insane) fear about all your friends laughing at you if you mess up. It will help you to do better work!

I will not be a judge of games, since I have students who I hope will make submissions. Good luck!

Scholastic Tour?

CoChess, the K-8 chess association, is considering implementation of a scholastic tour. This tour, as currently discussed, would award points for results in Illinois K-8 scholastic tournaments. Both individual and team awards would be made at the end of the year.

Because planning for this tour is late, it is possible that implementation may not occur until next year. If it does occur this year, consideration will be given to counting results from scholastic events that occurred prior to the implementation of the tour.

More information on the possible tour will be posted at scholastic tournaments and can be found in the next ICB.

—Kevin L. Bachler

Selected Scholastic Games

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pressure.

1-0

Here is a case where a 1400 junior defeats a 1700 rated opponent:

L. Teague-R. Riddle
Chicago Open, 25.05.1998
[E80]

Notes by Kevin Bachler

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.c4 d6 5.f3 c6 6.Be3 a6 7.a4 a5 8.g4 Na6 9.h4 Qb6 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.Bh3 0-0-0

Black's setup is a little odd. More normal would be Nb4, Nfd7, and perhaps c5 by Black.

12.Nge2 Ne8 13.Rb1 Qb3

Robert takes advantage of the bishop's misplacement at h3.

14.0-0 Qxc4 15.b3 Qb4 16.Nc1 Qb6 17.Nd3 Nb4 18.Nxb4 Qxb4 19.Ne2 Qxd2 20.Bxd2 b6 21.b4 axb4 22.Rxb4 Kc7 23.Rfb1 Rb8 24.a5 b5 25.Bc3 h5 26.Bf2 hgx4 27.Bxg4 Bxg4 28.fxg4 Nf6 29.d5 c5 30.Rxb5 Rxb5 31.Rxb5 Rb8 32.Rxb8 Kxb8 33.Nc3 Nxx4 34.Nb5 Nxf2 35.Kxf2 Kb7 36.Na3 Ka6 37.Nc4 Bc3 38.Ke3 Bxa5 39.e5 Bc7 40.e6 fxe6 41.dxe6 d5 42.Nd2 Bg3 43.Nf3 Kb6 44.Kd3 Kc6 45.Kc3 Kd6 0-1

Juniors in Hawaii

Three Illinois juniors who played in the Cardoza U.S. Open describe what it was like.



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Blair Machaj

My parents took me to Hawaii for the U.S. Open as a family vacation, we're a three person family. While I played chess, they went out and saw sights. They spent time with Bryan Gast's parents as well as the Moshers from Iowa.

The chess at the Open was very good but I saw some interesting things off the board as well. The volcanoes were very interesting, very spectacular: the entire landscape was completely different from anything in Illinois.

There were a lot of strong and famous players at the Open. I saw a lot of

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Bryan Gast

Apparently I went to Hawaii when I was very little but I don't remember it that well. I think I was five or six at the time.

The trip was pretty good actually. We were gone 17 days. This year was my parents' 25th anniversary, so we combined the trip and their anniversary. We just made it into a big vacation. We were there a week before the tournament. We started in Honolulu for a couple of days and then we took an inter-island flight to Molokai. My parents had never been there so they wanted to go. We stayed at a bed-and-breakfast. One night we got back from driving around the island, and we locked our keys in the car when it was still running. We called the police. The rental people had gone to bed. No one on the island could open the doors! We spent an hour with the B-and-B owners trying to break into our car. We were having a lot of trouble for a while. Then an owner figured out we had to push the automatic lock button instead manhandling the locks. It had a happy ending.

The chess was pretty good. I got to play a grandmaster: Pavel Blatny of the Czech Republic. I lost of course. It was an interesting game. I think he had a little advantage in the opening. I started to attack. He defended like a grandmaster. One good game I played was my last one. I played someone from Scot-

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Al Lowoff

Jessica Doan

I played in the US Open in Hawaii this summer. I had two wins and two draws. I missed winning the Under 1100 prize by a half-point. My dad played, too. He had four points. My five year old sister Sarah played in several of the beginners' tournaments.

This was very different from other chess tournaments. We played one round every night. I liked that a lot. I could spend more time with my family.

During the days we watched a fishing contest, went to the Rainforest Zoo, saw the volcanos, went horseback riding, and, of course, went swimming. My favorite was snorkeling. We went four times. I saw sea turtles and lots of pretty fish.

My opponents were very nice. At the end of the tournament, some of them got together and gave me a chess set and board. I also got a board autographed by Judit Polgar. She's my favorite player.

I really had a good time. I hope to play in more US Opens.

This is my best game:

Jessica Doan (903)
Marie Jose Mont-Reynaud (1187)
1998 US Open

Notes by Doan

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4

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One day I spent too long in the sun and also ate raw fish. This turned out to be my worst chess day!

Jessica Doan

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Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0
8.0-0 Bb4? 9.Qb3!

Now if Black plays 9...Bxc3, I can play 10 Qxb7 before capturing the bishop.

9...Qc7 10.c5! Bxc3 11.Bd6!

This wins the exchange.

11...Qd7 12.Bxf8 Bxb2 13.Qxb2
Kxf8 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.Rab1??

Oops! It's a good square for the Rook, but I forgot about Black's bishop.

15...Bxb1 16.Rxb1 b6 17.Bd3 g6
18.Qb4 Nbd7??

She didn't see the discovered check
19.cxb6+ Nc5 20.bxc7

Black resigns.

Blair Machaj

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interesting games, like Judit Polgar's games with Joel Benjamin and Boris Gulko.

My opponents were from all over the United States. It was interesting and I also saw good chess games played by Illinois players. Both Jim Warren and Ray Doyle Satterlee played good games against opponents rather higher than them. There was a strong camaraderie among all the Illinois Players.

One day I spent too long in the sun and also ate raw fish. This turned out to be my worst chess day!

But I am pleased with my result and happy to report that I had a couple of solid draws against Expert.



Al Lissell

Bryan Gast

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land. I had a good position and just kept increasing my advantage. I didn't make any mistakes.

During the days, we went driving. We found some nice little restaurants. I knew the Illinois people there and we did some things with them (players Blair Machaj, Ray Doyle Satterley, Bill Cox, Florin Felecan). One day, my parents and another family went to the big volcano (about 90 miles from the tournament). I didn't go because I had a late game the night before. I didn't want to get up early.

After the Denker tournament was over, I spent some time with Florin Felecan. We walked around, played a little chess, and talked a lot. The two of us wanted to rent a kayak, but there was no convenient way we could.

Proviso Clinic Results

Team results from Proviso Clinic held on October 17, 1998:

1. IMSA with 32 pts.
2. Evanston with 31 pts.
3. Wheaton-Warrenville South with 25 pts.
4. Bloom Township with 24 pts.
5. Downers Grove North with 24 pts.

Individual results from Proviso Clinic on October 17, 1998:

1. Mark Castillo from Proviso West with 4-0-0
2. Matt Pullin from Evanston with 4-0-0
3. Mike Brnkdolil from North Boone with 3-0-1
4. Jameson Painter from IMSA with 3-0-1
5. Woo Jae Sung from Evanston with 3-0-1

Tie-breakers were used to determine places for identical scores.

Submitted by Mike Mayfield and Chuck Hlavaty

Columbus Winner

Evan Nave (foreground, right), rated 1143, won the Columbus Day Scholastic tournament with a 4-0 score. Matthew Musick (left) is his opponent and Warren McCawley (background, left) watches. The tournament was held on October 12 in Bloomington, Illinois.



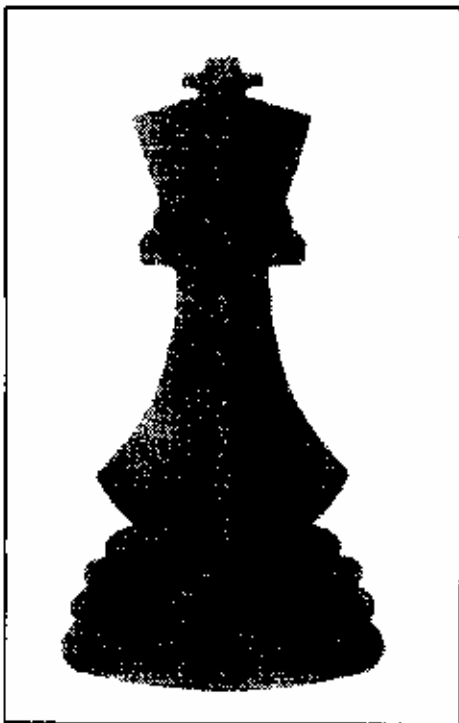
Bannon's Kids

Joe Bannon is a warrior for kid's chess. He recently received a token of appreciation from the students at Kolmar. After winning their second tournament (against St. Catherine's Chess Club), the students of the Kolmar Check Mates thanked the people who had helped them. Joe Bannon received a card of thanks for his role in helping to set up the club and in "challenging us each week to improve our game skills." Also instrumental in the club

are Jacky Connelly, Wayne Ellice and Olga Warner.

Top photo: Members of the Kolmar Check Mates. Joe Bannon is also pictured. He is tallest person in the photo, in the back row.

Bottom left: the front of the card made by the Kolmar students. **Bottom right:** the inside of the card, with student signatures, a photo, and a brief report on Kolmar.



MAY 27th 1998

Dear Joe,

Brian Bannick
Jane
James
Matthew
Hastings
Joshua
David
Patrick
Ben
Mike
Jacky
Wayne
Olga

WE also want to thank Joe Bannon and Wayne Ellice for all they have done for us by challenging us each week to improve our game skills. Special thanks to Olga Warner for challenging each week. We also wish to thank the Chess Mates parents for their wonderful support. All the above really made our chess club's first year a huge success. Thank You!

Thank you so very much for starting our chess club, and all the hard work you put in it. We are there for u.s. We truly appreciate all your efforts. Sincerely,
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Marvin's Musings

Games annotated by NM Marvin Dandridge

IM Osman Palos
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 CCC Masters (2)
 Meran Defense [D48]

Notes by Dandridge

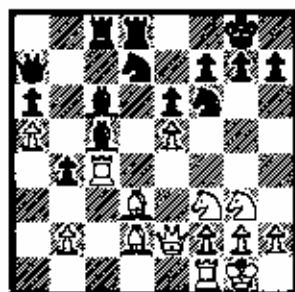
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3
 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4
 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.a4 b4 10.Nc4 c5
 11.0-0

White has chosen a very quiet line in the Meran where Black equalizes fairly easily.

11...Bb7 12.Ng3 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0
 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.a5 Qa7 16.dxc5
 Bxc5 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.e4 Rac8
 19.Rc4

This signals intentions of a kingside attack, but Black's actively placed pieces should provide enough counterplay in the center to repulse an attack.

19...Bc6 20.e5?



This is bad because White wrecks his kingside, loses a center pawn and still has poor chances for a successful kingside attack.

20...Bxf3 21.gxf3 Nxe5 22.Qxc5
 Rxd3 23.Qc2 Rdd8!

Dodging a trap because the natural-looking 23...Rcd8 loses material to 24.Be3! Bxe3 25.Qxd3!!

24.Bg5

White should just take his pawn back

Marvin Dandridge

assures observers at the Chicago Chess Club that the winning variation is on the tip of his tongue.



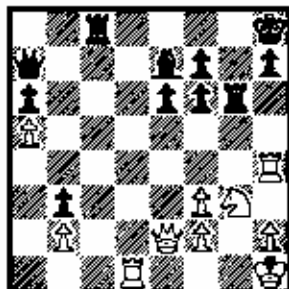
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with 24.Bxb4. Note that 24.Be3 Bxe3 25.Rxc8 is impossible because of 25...Bxf2+.

24...Be7 25.Bxf6 gxf6

This pawn capture compromises Black's kingside but also holds on to the b4-pawn and avoids the bishop being attacked with Ne4. The Black king is still safe.

26.Rg4+ Kh8 27.Rh4 Rg8 28.Kh1
 Rg6 29.Rd1 b3



This is Black's bid for counterplay, threatening to invade on c2 with his rook.

30.Rhd4 Rc2 31.Qc3 Qc5
 32.Qxb3 Rxf2 33.Qc3 Rxb2
 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Qxc5

There is no mate (the Black queen prevents Nh5+), so White enters a lost endgame.

35...Bxc5 36.Ra8 Rh6 37.Nf1 Rh3
 38.Rxa6 Rxf3 39.Rc6 Bd4 40.Rcc1
 e5 41.Ra1 Rff2 42.a6 Ra2

Sidestepping the final trap: 42...Rg2?
 43.Rxd4 exd4 44.a7 Ra2 45.a8(Q)

43.Rxa2 Rxa2 44.Ng3 Kg6 45.Rf1
 Rxa6 46.Nf5 Ra1 0-1



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King over the Water

Chess in France

The second in a series of articles by a British journalist covering recent chess developments in Europe

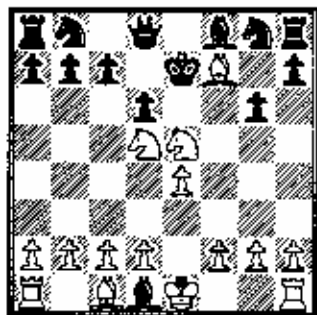
by FM Stephen Berry

France can be a country of extremes. It changes government by revolution and is rather proud of the fact. Americans have been happy with the same old boring constitution for more than 200 years whilst the French have enjoyed five republics in the same length of time. In chess too the French seem to swing from one extreme to another.

In the 18th century and the first half of the 19th France was arguably the centre of the chess-playing world. The nonagenarian M. de Kermur, Sire de Légal (1702–1792), the champion of the Café de la Régence and inventor of that old chestnut, Legal's mate, was for a while the leading player in France.

Légal-Saint Bria

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 g6?? 5.Nxe5 Bxd1? 6.Bxf7+ Kc7 7.Nd5 mate



In those days this sort of thing must

**Nihilism is a philosophy
without a future.**

have seemed quite novel.

Légal was also a chess tutor. In the 1740s he came across a teenager who, apart from having had a motet performed at the Chapel Royal in Versailles at the age of eleven, was already a strong chess player. Initially, Légal could give the boy the odds of a rook, but by 1750

turn to France. In 1795, he died and was buried in London.

During the next 50 years, France maintained its status as the number one chess nation, producing a number of high quality players: Deschappelles, La Bourdonnais and Saint-Amant. In 1843, however, Saint-Amant lost a

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the erstwhile pupil was beating his master in a match. François-André Danican Philidor, 'The greatest chess-player amongst musicians and the greatest composer amongst chess-players,' had arrived.

As a chess-player Philidor was considerably superior to his contemporaries—but he was not just a player. He published the first modern chess book, *Analyse du jeu des échecs* in which he expounded his idea that 'pawns are the soul of chess'. It was the first attempt to make a systematic study of the game and, along with his work on certain endgame positions, remains an enduring contribution. He divided his time between writing operas and playing chess, spending more and more time in England. When the French Revolution broke out in 1789, Philidor was in London. He was placed on the proscribed list of emigrés and not allowed to re-

match to the English Shakesperian critic Howard Staunton, and with it the title of unofficial World Champion. The centre of world chess moved across the English Channel and this proved to be an almost mortal blow to the *amour-propre* French chess.

It is true that after 1850 France served as a refuge for great chess-players fleeing persecution; Janowski, Alekhine and Tartakower are three that immediately spring to mind, but emigrés do not necessarily produce a thriving indigenous chess culture. French chess remained utterly mediocre for almost 150 years with no player of the first rank being produced.

Indeed, so barren was the French chess scene that discussion of those years often turns to Marcel Duchamps, the father of Dadaism and a pioneer of Surrealism. After the completion of his last major work, *The Bride Stripped Bare by*

her *Bachelors Even* (1915–1923) he tossed away his crayons and concentrated on chess. Perhaps he was encouraged into his career change by the remark of his friend Man Ray: 'Chess is a game where the most intense activity leaves no trace' (which incidentally, is both quite witty and palpably untrue). In any case, art's gain was not to be passed on to chess. Duchamps did compete on board four for France at the Hamburg Team Championship of 1930, but he could only score one win, eight losses and six draws.

But nihilism is a philosophy without a future. The 1980s finally saw the beginnings of the French Renaissance with both league and tournament chess developing in leaps and bounds. The French chess league has rapidly developed into the second strongest in Europe. It is financed by local mayors who can put up enough money to attract strong foreign players; both Kasparov and Karpov have played for teams in the French League. I have attended a number of tournaments in France which have been well organised and where the hospitality has been up to the legendary French standards. France also possesses one of the very best produced chess magazines, *Europe Échecs*.

The investment has begun to pay off. During the 1990s, Joel Lautier has established himself as a super-grandmaster (ELO 2625 in the latest list) who can take games from both Karpov and Kasparov. In Etienne Bacrot the French have the youngest Grandmaster in the world who dismissed the ex-world champion Smyslov 5–1 in a recent match. In the latest very strong French Championship Bacrot came second behind the emigré Josef Dorfman himself a one-time Soviet Champion. There are also a number of other home-grown young players who might easily 'make it'. French chess is definitely a force to be reckoned with once more.

Here is a representative game of the leading French player from Biel 1997.

Karpov has saved many a difficult position but this borders on the atrocious.

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**Lautier–Karpov
Biel 1997**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de 4.Nxe4 Nd7

Karpov defends against 1.e4 with the Zaitsev variation of the Ruy Lopez or the super-solid Smyslov variation of the Caro-Kann. It is interesting that Lautier, normally a 1.d4 player, confronts Karpov on his favourite ground and inflicts on the ex-world champion his only defeat at Biel.

5.Ng5 Ngf6 6.Bd3 e6

Black has to be careful. One of the little tricks of this line is 6...h6! 7.Ne6! Qa5+ 8.Bd2 and White gains the two bishops.

7.N1f3 Bd6 8.Qe2 h6 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 c5 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Qh4 cd 13.Rc1

Black cannot castle on the kingside. This would be met by 14.Bxb6 gxh6 15.Qxh6 intending an eventual Ng5.

13...Bd7 14.Nxd4 Qa5 15.Be3 Kf8

With 15...Qh5 Karpov could force the exchange of queens but after 16.Qxh5 Nxh5 17.Nb5 Bxb5 (if 17...Bb8, then 18.Bc5) 18.Bxb5+ Kc7 Lautier has the two bishops and the queenside majority. 19.Be2 Nf6 20.Bf3 would be one way for White to maintain the initiative.

16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 Rc8 18.Nf3 Ke7 19.Qg3 Qb4 20.Ne5!

Very strong. If:

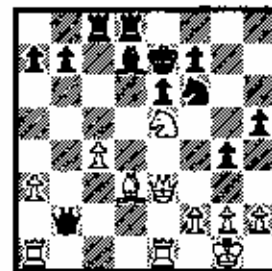
20...Qxb2 21.Qxg7 Rht8 22.Ng6+;

20...Rhg8 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.Bh7;

20...Kf8 is very passive so Karpov decides on a weakening pawn move.

20...g5 21.c4 Rhd8 22.Qh3 h5 23.Qe3 g4 24.a3! Qxb2?

Karpov misses the point but his position is in any case unenviable. After 24...Qb6 25.Qg5 (threatens 26.Qg7) 25...Rhg8! 26.Qxf6+ wins nicely.



25.Rab1 Qxa3 26.Nxf7!

If 26...Kxf7? 27.Bg6+ wins. It's as simple as that!

More of a problem is that the Black rook on d8 has no sensible square to move to. If 26...Rf8 27.Ne5 threatens to fork on g6 and 26...Re8 27.Rxb7 intending 28.Qxe6+ is even worse. Karpov decides to give up the exchange in order to exchange queens.

26...Qc5 27.Nxd8 Qxc3 28.Rxc3 Kxd8 29.Rxb7 a5 30.Ra7 Rc5 31.f4 gf 32.Rxf3 Ne8

Karpov has saved many a difficult position but this borders on the atrocious. His retreat to the back rank was necessary as 32...Nf6 lost to 33.Rxf6 Kxf6 34.Rxd7.

33.Rf7 Nc7 34.Rh7 Be8 35.Kf2 Kc8 36.Rh8 Kd7 37.Ke3 e5 38.Be2 Bg6 39.Bxh5 Bf5 40.Be2 Be6 41.h4 Kd6 42.Rh6 Ke7 43.h5 Resigns

If 43...Kf7 44.Rxc7+ Rxc7 45.Rh7+ wins or 43...Kf8 44.Rxc7 Rxc7 45.Rxe6. Otherwise White marches the h-pawn home.

The Three Bs

B is for Bradley, Bourgerie, and Bielvedt. At the Bradley Summer Open, Dennis Bourgerie and Amor Bielvedt shared first place with scores of 3.5–0.5. In clear third as Jameson Painter. There were twenty participants in this ICA Tour event.

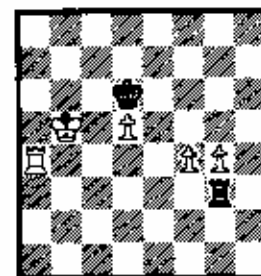
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2	BIELVEDT Amor G	1705	W16	W15	W4	D1	3.5 7.5X-B
3	PAINTER Jameson R	1358	L1	W16	W17	W13	3 4X-O
4	CROWELL James	1885	W11	W6	L2	D7	2.5 2.5XA
5	VERO Carl M	1720	W8	W17	L1	D6	2.5 2.5X-B
6	PADILLA Rudy R	1508	W20	L4	W12	D5	2.5 2.5X-C
7	LEWIS Jonathan A	1367	X	W9	L10	D4	2.5 2.5X-D
8	NAVE Evan Brent	1133	L5	W19	D13	W14	2.5 2.5X-E
9	ANDERSON Phil	1850	W12	L7	W11	-	2 2XA
10	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1557	L17	W14	W7	-	2 2X-C
11	ROLFS Matthew P	1358	L4	W20	L9	W18	2 2XA-D
12	KENNEL Earl L	1156	L9	W18	L6	W17	2 2XA-E
13	WRIGHT William H	1439	W18	L1	D8	L3	1.5 1.5X-C
14	NIKOLOPOULOS Chris	1100	H	L10	W18	L8	1.5 1.5X-E
15	NAFF William A	2126	W19	L2	-	-	1 1X
16	LEWIS Matthew J	1083	L2	L3	L14	W20	1 1X-E
17	SCHMIDT Scott	986	W10	L5	L3	L12	1 1X-F
18	COULTER Larry	527	L13	L12	W20	L11	1 1X-H
19	LANAGHAN Matthew	1386	L15	L8	-	-	0
20	INGLES Anthony	944	L6	L11	L18	L18	0

Illinois Open Games

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39. d5 Kf5 40. Rc3 Ke5
41. Rd3 Kd6 42. Kf1 a4
43. g4 Rc2 44. Rd4 b5
45. Rd3 Rc8 46. Kc2 Rg8
47. Rd4 Kc5 48. Kd3 Rf8
49. f4 Rh8 50. Kc3 Kd6
51. Kb4 Rh3 52. Kxb5 Rxa3
53. Rxa4 Rg3



54. g5 Kxd5 55. Kb6
Kc6 56. Kc5 Kf5 57. Kd6
Rc3 58. Rc4 Re1 59. Kd5
Re2 60. Rd4 Re1 1/2–1/2

US Open Games

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42. Kf1 Kf5 43. Rc4 Ke6 44. c3 Ba7 45. Rc6+ Kf5 46. Ra6 Kg4
47. Rxa7 Kxg3 48. Re7 Kf4 49. b5 Rd1+ 50. Ke2 Rd2+ 51. Ke1
Rc2 52. b6 Rxc3 53. b7 Rb3 54. Rxb7 Rb2 55. Re7 Kg4 56. Rc4+
Kh5 57. g3 Rxb7 58. Rxc3 Rb2 59. Rc2 Rb3 60. Kf2 Rxb3 1/
2–1/2



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Judith Polgar (GM)
Jordy Mont Reynaud
Sicilian Defence [B35]
Cardoza US Open, 1998

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3

Nf6 7. Be4 Qa5 8. 0-0 0-0 9. Bb3 d6 10. h3 Bd7 11. f4 Nxd4
12. Bxd4 Be6 13. Qd3 Rad8 14. Rad1 b5 15. a3 b4 16. axb4 Qxb4
17. Qe3 a5 18. e5 dxe5 19. fxe5 Nh5 20. Bc5 Bh6 21. Qf2 Qf4
22. Bxe7 Rxd1 23. Nxd1 Re8 24. Bxf7+ Kxf7 25. Qc5 Ba8 26. Bd6
Qxf1+ 27. Kxf1 Ng3+ 28. Kg1 Nf5 29. Qc7+ Kg8 30. Qd7 Nxd6
31. exd6 Re1+ 32. Kf2 Rxd1 33. Qe6+ Kg7 34. Qe7+ Kg8 35. d7
Rd2+ 36. Ke1 1-0.



Ray Satterlee plays the opening inaccurately against a master and pays the usual price.

S. Nagle

Ray Satterlee

Cardoza US Open, 1998
Sicilian Defence [B98]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6
7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 Qa5 9. 0-0-0 Bd7 10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 Nc6
12. Nxc6 Bxc6 13. Qg3 Nd7 14. Bxe7 Kxe7 15. Qxg7 Rg8
16. Rxd7+ Bxd7 17. Qf6+ Ke8 18. Be2 Bc6 19. Bh5 Qc7 20. Rd1
Kf8 21. Rd8+ Be8 22. Ne4 Qxd8 23. Qxd8 1-0.



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For the finals of the karioke contest, Fred Gruenberg sang *My Way*. "I could sleep a lot more comfortably if Fred didn't sing so loud," mused Tim Redman

At the US Open

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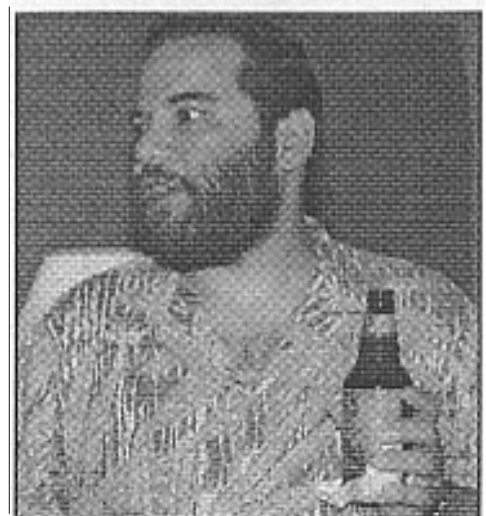
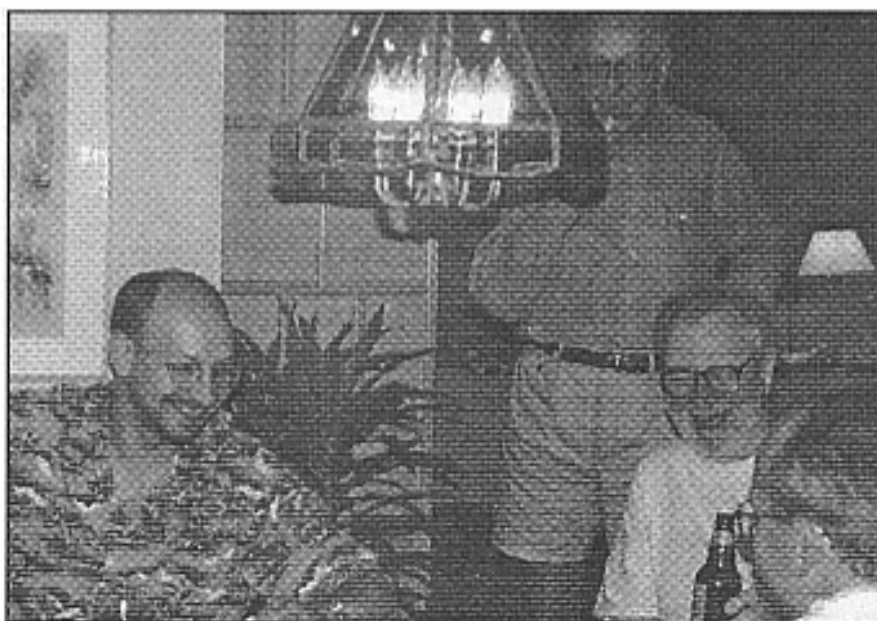


Helen Warren: A grand organizer in a grandmaster pose.

Joel and Jim prepare to take on all comers at bughouse. From left: Joel Benjamin, Arnold Denker, Jim Warren and Avery Cardoza.



"Joel, one more lei around your neck and I'm claiming a triple repetition."

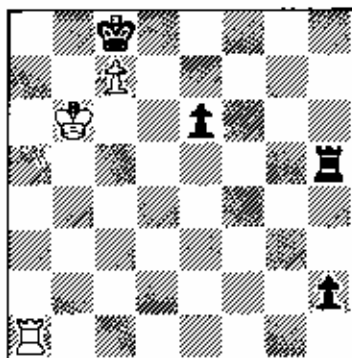


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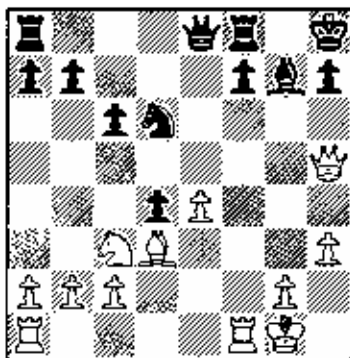
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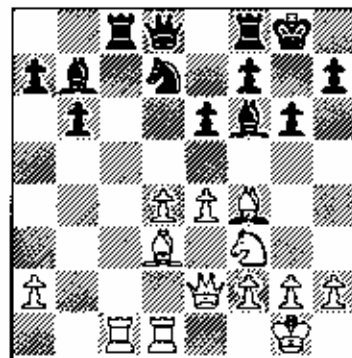
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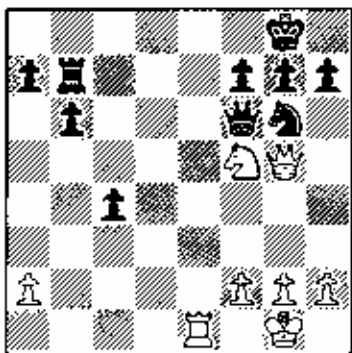
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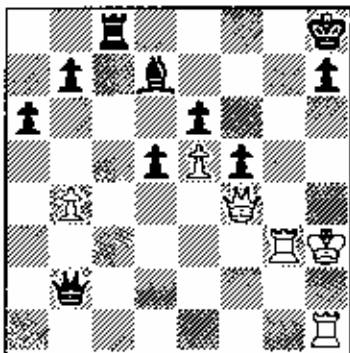
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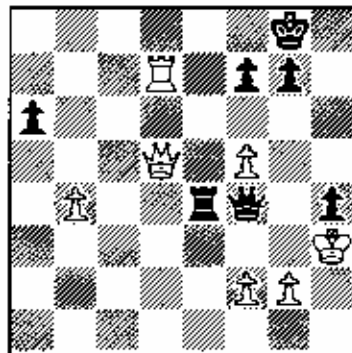
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White to move

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297. ...Times a Queen is Too Much
1. Bg3! 2. Nf3! 3. Qd2! 4. Bg8! 5. Qd8! 6. Qe7! 7. Qf8! 8. Qg7! 9. Qh8!
Kholmov—Ehlvest, 1984

298. Fischer's Iron Grip
This attractive 1... e5 can be met by 1... f5! Evaluation of a chess position is not done by the king's grip—but not Bobby Fischer!
1. Qh5! 2. e5! 3. Ne2! 4. Qd1! (Fischer—Benko, 1963/64)

299. Struggle for the File
—To conquer the file, take control of its back square—Eugene Ruess
1. Bg6! 2. Qxg6! 3. Rxc1! 4. Bf6! 5. Bg7! 6. Qf7! 7. Qg8! 8. Qh7!
With these moves, White has achieved an overwhelming position! (Gall—Stragis, 1975)

300. Three Steps to Victory
1. Re8+! 2. Nh6+! 3. Rxf8+! 4. Qd8 mate! (Alekhine—Friman, 1924)

301. His Majesty Steps Aside
1. Qh6! 2. Qxe5! 3. Qxh7+! 4. Kxh7 5. Kg2 mate! The White king slides demurely to the side and delivers checkmate! (Pillsbury-Maroczy, 1900)

302. Rump in the Defender
1. Rf4! 2. Bf3! 3. Rf2! 4. Rg2! 5. Rf1! 6. Rg1! 7. Rf2! 8. Rg2! 9. Rf1! 10. Rg1!
Karpov—Karpov, 1976

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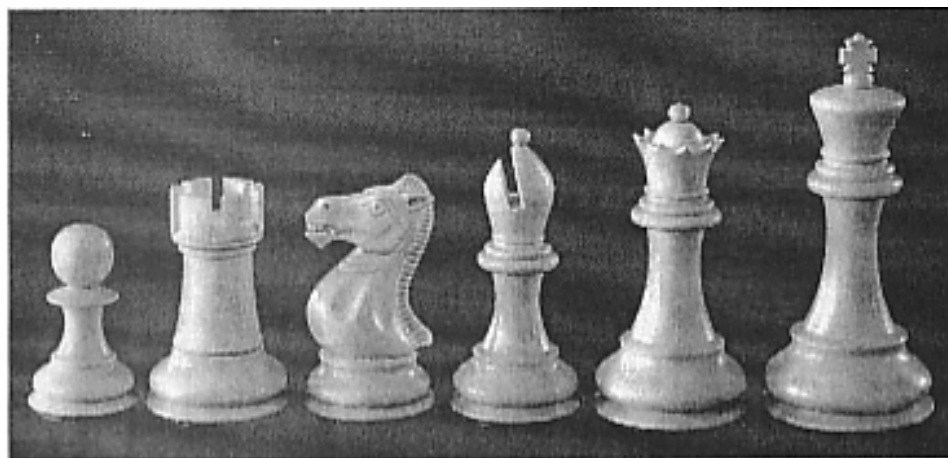
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Chess Wizardry: The Answer Box

From the July-August issue, 19 (composed by Youngs) solves by 1 Qb1!, giving Black two checks. But both (of course) fail: 1...Re5-, 2 Be3 and 1...Rb2+, 2 Bd2. Your objective in Vukcevic's 20 was to figure out where White's Knight on d5 should move to so as to threaten 2 Qd5 and stave off Black's defenses. Only 1 Nf6! succeeds, and the astute solver will discover that after Black's main defenses, all of White's mating moves have changed! Loyd's classic 21 is an exercise in giving Black just enough room to get mated! It solves by 1 Bh1! Kf4, 2 Kg2 Ke4, 3 Kg3. His 22 is amusing. White's only solution is a complete pullback 1 Bg2!. After 1...Bh3 (otherwise 2 c8Q), 2 Bxh3 forces Black to open the killing line 2...bxa6, 3 Bg2. On to helpmates where 23 (Feather) utilizes a nice combination of interferences and line clearances. The two solutions are 1 Nd3 Rxc4, 2 Be4 Nd4 and 1 Ng6 Bxh6, 2 Re3 Ng5. Finally, the Black Queen gets some exercise while White sets up the winning batteries in 24 (composed independently by both Zhuravlev and Karpati). The solutions are 1 Qc2 Rh6, 2 Qc7 Bg6, 3 Kc6 Be4 and 1 Qb6 Bh7, 2 Qe3 Rg6, 3 Ke4 Rd6.

Join the ladder! Solve this month's problems and pick up 26 points to get started! Send your solutions by **February 1, 1999** to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to tjbarre@aol.com.

The Search for the Perfect 12



by Todd Barre

Problem composers have the opportunity to earn Grandmaster titles from FIDE much as our favorite players do. Their qualifications center on the FIDE Album, a publication issued every three years highlighting the best problems during that period. Problems published in the Album earn points for the composer which may be accumulated to qualify for a title.

To qualify for the Album, composers are invited to submit previously published problems to a panel of three judges, who each score the problems on a zero to four-point scale. If the problem scores at least eight points from the panel, it earns publication into the Album. While almost all composers are simply delighted to earn publication, it must be special indeed to earn a "perfect" 12 score. I've taken five examples from recent Albums that earned high praise from their respective judges.

The panel judging the two-movers (White to play) 32 and 33 awarded 11 points to both, which happened to be their highest scores, as they decided not to award the coveted 12 to any of the problems they assessed. You'll find a number of tries (moves defeated by only one Black defense) in both. Even tougher judging applied to our three-mover 34, where the highest score was 10.5, awarded to this problem and just one other. Our first



Mate in 2



Mate in 2



Mate in 2



Mate in 3

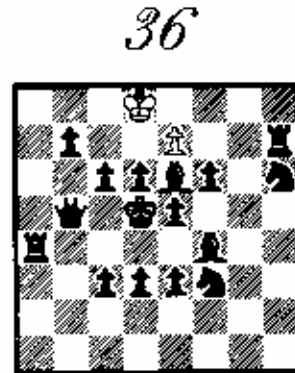


Helpmate in 2
(b) wRb1 - g1 (c) wRb1 - h8

helpmate, the two-mover 35, also earned 11 points from its judges. There are three parts—the diagram position, a second position where the White Rook on b1 starts on g1 instead, and a third where the Rook begins on h8. Remember that Black moves first and cooperates with White to force a mate (by White) in two moves. I think you'll find the

play quite pleasing. We close with—at last!—a problem that earned the perfect 12. 36 is a helpmate in three moves, where there are four distinct solutions, all from the printed diagram. Here too, I think the award is well deserved!

As always, I like to include one classic old problem, so warm up with the two-mover 31, a good example of a Knight



Helpmate in 3; 4 solutions

wheel. For ladder credit, send the key moves only for 31, 32 and 33 (3 points each), and the key move and at least one variation one move short of mate for 34 (5 points). For the helpmates, you'll need to send the full solutions (all moves) for all parts in each to get full credit (5 points for 35, 7 points for 36). 26 points total. As always, happy solving!

1998 Tour Leaders

The following represent the 1998 Tour Leaders. For players with fewer than three 1998 Tour events, the number of events (1 or 2) shown in parentheses. A player must have played in at least three Tour events during 1998 to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

Master Tour Points:

SEVILLANO Enrico (2)	123
CHOW Albert C.	60
PALOS Osnar	46
SEPSIAK Steven J.	37.5
SCOTT Gene G.	32.5
FELECAN Florin (2)	29
BACHLER Kevin	21.5
MOSES Dan	20.5
RIDDELI Joshua S.	20
PANGANI Carlo C.	19
MARSHALL James A.	18.5
KARKLINS Andrew (2)	18
DASTGAR-BLITT Shu (2)	17
MARTINOVSKY Eugene (2)	17
SAX Robert D.	15.5
SANTANA Miguel (1)	15
WALLACH Kenneth (2)	15
GUREVICH Dmitry (1)	14
LIC Steinar M.	14
LATCH Douglas A (2)	14
WATTS Bradley S.	14
BETANELI Alexand (2)	13
RIDDLE Robert	13
MOCHALK Philp (2)	12.5
CHEN Aaron	12
WOTE David B (2)	12
HUANG Kenneth	11.5
NALE Bob Lloyd	11
GRIFRITIS James D (2)	11



Expert Tour Points:

SCOTT Gene G.	64.5
SAX Robert D.	35.5
BACHLER Kevin	37.5
CADMAN Chuck	37
BENESA Arnaldo	30
CAVENEY Geoffrey	29.5
KARKLINS Erik	28
MOSES Dan	22
SMYTHIE RH	21.5
BROCK William	21
RIDDELI Joshua S.	20
MARSHALL James A.	18.5
GAST Bryan	18
LATCH Douglas A (2)	18
BOLJIGRIE Dennis	17.5
HAFF William A.	16
SANTANA Miguel (1)	15

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SPUNJER Joseph (2)	15
GREGORY Jame	14.5
CAVITT Debra	14
MCNATELL David	14
WAGNER Steven J.	14
WATTS Bradley S.	14
LEE Tyrone C.	13.5
READ Rhys	13
RIDDLE Robert	13
MOCHALK Philp (2)	12.5
VERG Carl M.	12.5
CHEN Aaron	12
ILE Stanimir M.	12
LEALI Michael E (2)	12
REDDHARI Jushyanti	12

Class A Tour Points:

WATTS Bradley S.	55.5
CONDORON James	35
COX William S.	34
GAST Bryan	32
CHEN Aaron	29
BOLJIGRIE Dennis	27.5
GAVENIN Ehab	24.5
NGUYEN Tan D.	24
SMYTHIE RH	21.5
MARSHALL James A.	20
MOSES Dan	19
HUANG Kenneth	17.5
CASE Rick	17
COVIC Mehmed	17
CRONIN Mike	17
MARSHALL Arnold	17
CHEN Joe	16
ELIMANOLU Hector (2)	15
GOURBAN Nazer M.	15
SWEK Mark S (2)	15

BATTY William P.	14
CAVITT Debra	14
KEUCH Curtis K.	14
JANKAUSKAS Kazys P.	14
MCNATELL David	14
CHEN Aaron	14
DONNELLY Kevin (1)	13.5
DE AY Jose	13.5
GORLIN Yelena	13
SACKS David W.	13
GORLIN Gennady	12
SARAZAR Kimmo (2)	12
RIDDLE Robert	12
GIFRIT Charles E.	12
HASEGAWA David (2)	12
LIHF H Ted	12
SARAN Willie (1)	12
HUBBARD Andrew (2)	12

Class B Tour Points:

CHEN Aaron	45
DONNELLY Kevin (1)	36
DE AY Jose	36
GORLIN Yelena	35
SACKS David W.	34.5
GORLIN Gennady	32
SARAZAR Kimmo (2)	29
RIDDLE Robert	27
GIFRIT Charles E.	24
HASEGAWA David (2)	24
LIHF H Ted	23
SARAN Willie (1)	23
HUBBARD Andrew (2)	22

Class C Tour Points:

FRDLA Rudy R.	45.5
GORLIN Andrej	40.5
SMITH Glen B.	40
REDDHARI Jushyanti	39
LOPRAJO Mircea J.	33.5
STEINMAN Scott A.	33
GORLIN Gennady	32
HUANG Winston	27
RIDDLE Robert	27
RASO Paul	26
MCGUIRE Seth	24
FRIDG Abdulrah	23.5
CHEN Aaron	22
WITTE Gregory	22
YOUNG Mark (2)	20

HUBBARD Andrew (2)	19
MEDINA Francisco	19
STEELE John	19
GRIBELLO Avelino (2)	18
HAYES Christopher	17
SERBEL Dennis	17
WHITE David James	17

Class D Tour Points:

BAMOS Fabian	46
SOBROMBECK Jon A.	40
PULLIN Matthew	35
YARNOFF Benjamin	33
BUCSA Jeffrey (2)	32
POLICRAK Alex (2)	29
WISNER Michael	28.5
DOUGGETT Thomas (2)	27
HUANG Winston	27
MEDINA Francisco	27
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr.	27

Class E Tour Points:

YARNOFF Benjamin	28
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr.	21
AMIR Ali H.	20
DUNCAN Jason	19
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Class F Tour Points:

SOMASUNDARAM Vignesh	16
HEFRONMUS April	14
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MCGUIRE Renee J (2)	11

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CONNELLY Alexand (2)	5
GRIFFIN Alexand (2)	5

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MEYERS Asner (1)	3
OHARA Chris (1)	3

Class I Tour Points:

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RODIA Marin (1)	2
THOMPSON Emily L (1)	2

Class J Tour Points:

ROCHA Mario (1)	2
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Tour winners to be announced soon!

- These standings reflect the following 1998 Tour events:**
 January 10-11, 1998—MAXI—Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake
 January 17, 1998—mini—Peoria Tornado
 January 18, 1998—mini—Elmhurst Game/60
 February 7-8, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Winter Open
 March 7-8, 1998—MAXI—Cheap Shot Open, Glen Ellyn
 March 14-15, 1998—MAXI—Midway Spring Class, Oak Lawn
 March 22, 1998—mini—Elmhurst Banquet Game/45
 March 28, 1998—mini—Elmhurst Game/60
 April 18, 1998—mini—Peoria Tornado
 May 22-25, 1998—MAXI—Chicago Open, Oak Brook
 May 30, 1998—mini—Illinois Valley Tornado, Peru
 June 6-7, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Spring Open
 July 18-19, 1998—MAXI—Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn
 July 26, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Three-Game Open
 August 8-9, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Summer Open
 August 15, 1998—mini—Bradley Summer Open, Peoria
 September 6-7, 1998—MAXI—Illinois Open
 September 19-20, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Fall

Not included:

- October 11, 1998—mini—Elmhurst Game/60
- October 17, 1998—mini—Greater Peoria Open
- October 17, 1998—mini—Glenview Open
- Oct 30 - Nov 1, 1998—MAXI—Midwest Class, Lisle

Remaining:

- November 21-22, 1998—MAXI—Illinois Class, Chicago
- December 13, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Cl SunPlus-Score
- December 19-20, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Winter

Scheduled or probable 1999 Tour events:

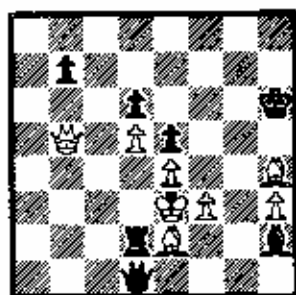
- January 9-10, 1999—MAXI—Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XIV, Grayslake
- January 16, 1999—mini—Peoria Tornado
- January 17, 1999—mini—Elmhurst Chess Club Game/60
- March 6-7, 1999—MAXI—Greater Peoria Open
- March 27-28, 1999—MAXI—Elmhurst
- May 28-31, 1999—MAXI—Chicago Open, Oak Brook
- June 25-27, 1999—MAXI—Mid-America Class Championships
- September 4-6, 1999—MAXI—Illinois Open

Tactical Teasers

John Tomas has selected some interesting positions of local players. Answers at the bottom of the page.

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Alan Watson—Josh Manion
Chicago 1994



Black to move and win

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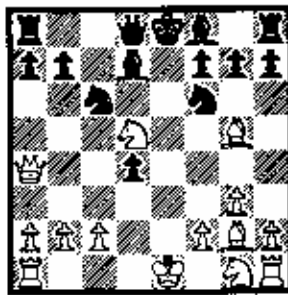
Florin Felcán—Steve Spisjak
Chicago Open 1998



White to move and win

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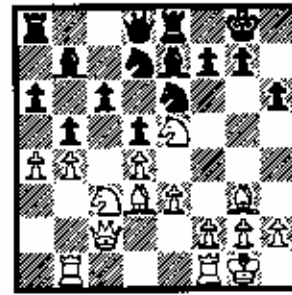
Dale Hassell—Al Chow
Ontario Open, 1998



Black to move and win

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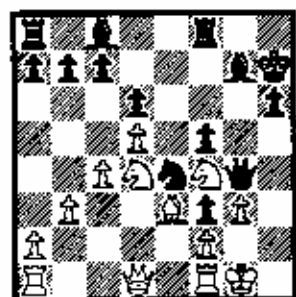
Al Chow—Matthew Hoekstra
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White to move and win

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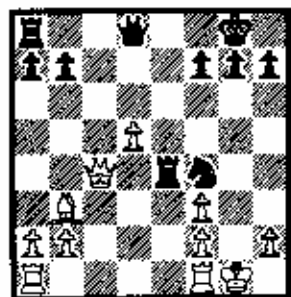
tfec (1725)—John Tomas
ICC, 1998



Black to move and win

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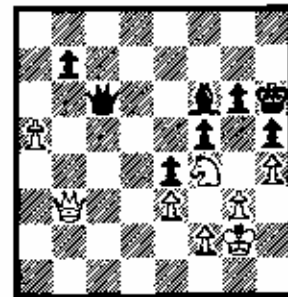
Roboledo—Kirzhner
Chicago, 1998



Black to move and win

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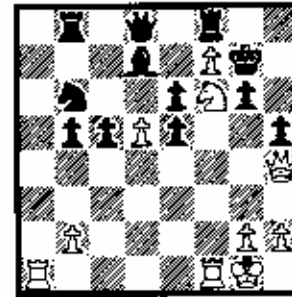
Florin Felcán—M. Pruess
Los Angeles, 1998



White to move and win

8

J. Marshall—Rob Sax
Chicago, 1997



White to move and win

Teaser Solutions

1

48...Rxe2+! 49.Qxe2 Qxd4#

2

15.Qh5 Bf6 16.Rxc6+ Kf8
17.Rxf6 gxf6 18.Qh6+ Kg8
19.Nc3 f5 20.Nxf5 Qe5
21.g4 1-0

3

10...Nb4 11.Qb3 [11.Bxf6

Bxa4 12.Bxd8 Nxc2+
13.Kd2 Nxa1 14.Nc7+ Kxd8
15.Nxa8 Bb4+] 11...Nbx5
12.Bxd5 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Qxd5
14.Re1+ Bc6 0-1

4

17.Bh7+ Kf8 18.Nxf7! Kxf7
19.Qg6+ Kf8 20.Qxc6 Bf6
21.Bd6+

5

1...Bxd4 2.Bxd4 Nxc3
3.fxg3 Qxg3+ 4.Kh1 Qh4+
5.Kg1 Rg8+ 6.Ng2 Rxc2#
0-1

6

1...Re4!!

7

1.Qf7 Be5 2.Ne6 Qc3 3.Ng5
Qc7 4.Qg8! 1-0

8

28.Nxh5+ Kh7 29.Qxe5!
gxh5 30.Qxh5+ Kg7
31.Qg4+ Kh8 [31...Kh6
32.Ra3 Qg5 33.Rh3+ Kg6
34.Qc4+ Qf5 35.Rxf5 exf5
36.Qxd5 Rbd8 37.Qd6+
Kxf7 38.Rh7+ Kg8
39.Qg6#] 32.Ra3 1-0



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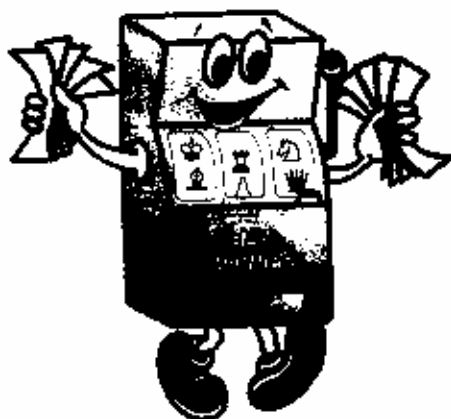
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Look for more information in the Calendar section of this issue or at www.64.com/natlopen/



A \$10,000 game at the Chicago Public Schools Most Valuable Player event earlier this year engrossed many people (including winner Dushanth Reddivari) but not this weary chessplayer.

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Who Said It? Answers

1. Tony Miles, 1976.
2. Garry Kasparov, 1985.
3. Walter Browne.
4. Viktor Korchnoi commenting on the Alekhine Memorial Tournament of 1971. Korchnoi finished with six wins, six losses and five draws.
5. A. Adorjan commenting upon some attractive sacrificial possibilities that might have occurred for him had his opponent played more ambitiously in this game: Hjartarson-Adorjan, Esberg 1985 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 h6 7.h4 e5—this was the new move—8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Nf5 Nc6 11.Rg1 0-0-0 12.Ne3 d5 13.exd5 Nb4 1/2-1/2.
6. Bobby Fischer.

All quotations from *Playing to Win*
(Macmillan, 1988) by James Plaskett

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Smythe Chess

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If the 21st moves had not been played, this trick would not work because of 22...dxc5 23.Nxc5 Qb6.

22...a5

Does he need to give up a second pawn?

23.Bxb4 axb4 24.Qxb4 Qa7 25.Bd3 Qc3 26.Bxb5 Bxb5 27.Ng2

Knights are ideal defenders against queens.

27...Rxa4? 28.Qxb5 Qxc1+ 29.Rxc1 Rea8 30.Ne3 Ra2 31.Nc4 h6 32.h4 hxg5 33.hxg5 Bd4 34.Rb1 Kg7 35.Na3 Bxb2

For white, the simplification is worth the pawn.

36.Rxb2 R2xa3 37.Qb6 Rxf3 38.Qxd6 Rh8+ 39.Kg2 Rhh3 40.Qe5+ Kh7 41.Rb8 Rf6?!

Trying to set up a super-rook. It doesn't work anyway because I can take with the pawn, but just to be sure...

42.Rh8+ 1-0

Tournament Calendar

All Tournaments are USCF-rated, unless otherwise noted (Quick rated if game/29 or faster) and require USCF membership. ICA Tour events also require ICA membership. Memberships may be purchased at most tournaments. Scholastic events are marked with a ♁. Almost all tournaments prohibit smoking in the playing rooms.

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.

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. **Calendar coordinator is Bill Smythe**, 1159 W Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773-781-2455, chichess@netractor.com. **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
May 15–Jul 14	Mar 15	May–Jun issue
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

December 19-20, Chicago CC Winter Mini-Tour. 5-SS, rds 1-3 game/120, rds 4-5 40/120, then SD/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-781-5050. EF \$30, juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants (by 12/13) \$25. \$\$420 br20 120-100, U2200 90 u2000 60 u1800 40, u1600 20. Reg ends Sat 9:30, rds 10-9-6, 10-4. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

December 26-31, Pan-American Intercollegiate. Dallas TX.

January 2, 1999, Saturday Plus-Score. 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-781-5050. EF \$15, juniors and club members \$12. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

January 3, 1999, Sunday Plus-Score Quick. 6-SS, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-781-5050. EF \$15, juniors and club 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 ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

January 3, 1999, Elmhurst CC January Blitz. Game/7, not USCF-rated. Frick

Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Round-robin 1, 2, or 3 sections depending on entries. LF \$8, LCC members \$5. 80% of FFs returned as prizes. Reg 6-8:45 pm, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu

January 9, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #1. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60819. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$8. \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 br24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Hinberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3879.

♁ **January 9, 1999, Evanston HS Varsity and JV Team.** 5-board teams 1600 Dodge, Evanston 60204. Ken Lewannowski, 847-492-7432. 847-869-8246. kwwk@elhs.k12.il.us.

January 9-10, 1999, Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XIV. 5-SS, 40/90, then SD/30. College of Lake County, Rt 45 & Washington, Graylake 60030. EF \$11 by 1/4, \$35 at site, \$5 less for rs. \$\$2000 guaranteed. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$250 175-150, X 125-100, A/below 125-100.

RESERVE (open to under 1800): \$250 175-150, U 125-100. D/below 100, u175 **BOTH:** Min. buy with only top prizes in OPEN or u175 prize in RESERVE. Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7904, timjust@ind.com. No smoking on campus. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

January 10, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/35 Quad. 3-HR in 4-player sections of related players. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect Elmhurst. LF \$16. FCC members \$11. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu

January 16, 1999, Peoria Tornado. 4-SS, game/60. Garret Center, 824 N Duryea Pl, Peoria 61625. EF \$12 by 1/11, \$15 at site, juniors \$10. \$\$75-50. Books to A,B,C,D,L based on 6 per class. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12 2:45-5:30, Bill Naff, 212 W Vall Ct, Peoria 61614, 309-691-4824. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

January 16, 1999, Choose-Your-Opponent Open. 4-Choice, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-781-5050. LF \$15, juniors and club members \$12. Players choose their opponents without regard to score, rating, etc. Players chosen in early rounds get first choice in later rounds. SASE for details \$875-50-25 to the players who



defeat the highest-rated opponents. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

☛ **January 16, 1999, Mini Union HS Team.** Not USCF-rated 5-board teams 1212 W Springfield, Urbana. Gene Rild, 217-339-2870, 217-398-2408.

January 16, 1999, Greater Rockford Open City Champs. 4-SS, game/60 Our Masters United Methodist Church, 2820 S Mulford Rd, Rockford, EF \$25, under-18 \$20. No checks. \$\$ to 1800/over, u1800 each \$100-75. Trophies to City Champion (best score in Winnebago/Boone counties). Trophies to 1st-2nd each 1800/over, u1800, u1400, u1200/unr, Reg 8-9, rd 1 at 9:30. Info: Les Morgan, 815-282-0717

January 17, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/60 Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/60 Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst, EF \$20, ECC members \$18. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u2000, u1800. **UNDER-1800:** \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1400, **BOTH:** 85% of EFs returned, estimated total prize fund \$500 b/35. Reg 12 12:45, rds 1-3: 15-6-8. Info: Roger Birkeand, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. An ICA Tour mini-event.

☛ **January 18, 1999, Martin Luther King Scholastic.** Bloomington. www.illinoischess.org.

☛ **January 23, 1999, Northwest Scholastic.** Eisenhower Junior High, 800 W Haxell Rd, Hoffman Estates. Three sections: **Primary** (K-3), 5-SS, game/30. **Elementary** (4-5), 5-SS, game/40. **Junior High** (6-8), 4-SS, game/50. Trophies to top eight individuals, top eight teams in each section, top three in each grade, biggest upset and top unrated in each section. FF \$15 by 1/17, \$20 by January 18. No on-site entries. Limited to first 450 paid entries. Checks in by 9:00, rd 1 at 9:30. Checks (one per school please) payable to M.E.S.C.C. (MacArthur-Eisenhower Scholastic Chess Club) PO Box 95707, Hoffman Estates 60105. Bill Guedel 847-643-3423 (home) or 847-956-9477 (work)

January 23, 1999, Chesterton January Open. 4-SS, rd 1 game/75, rds 2-4 game/90. Westchester Library Service Center, 100 W Indiana, Chesterton IN 46304. EF \$15, under-19 \$10, \$\$\$70 b/40: \$150-60, u2000 \$45, u1800 \$40, u1600 \$35, u1400 \$25, u1200 \$15. Reg 8:30-9:15, rd 1 at 9:30. Randall Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr, Chesterton IN 46304, 219-926-2266.

January 23-24, 1999, Two-Day Plus-Score Mini-Tour. 6-SS, rds 1-3 game/120, rds 4-5 40/120, then SD/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$25; juniors, club members, and advance registrants (by 1/18) \$21, \$\$ by score: 5-0 \$160, 4.5-0.5 \$90, 4-1 \$50, 3.5-1.5 \$25, 3-2 \$10. Reg ends Sat 9:30, rds 10-2: 15-6:30, 10-4.

January 30, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #2

(**Big #1**). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$15, u19 \$\$ \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$\$50 b/74, kids count half. Reg 11 11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Finberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649 773 721 3979.

☛ **January 30, 1999, Holy Trinity - St Claire Scholastic.** Bloomington. www.illinoischess.org.

January 31, 1999, High Noon Quads. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 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 2/1/99 thru 3/31/99. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3: 15-6:30

☛ **February 6, 1999, Midwest Scholastic Class.** Glen Ellyn. Mike Mala. mmala1947@aol.com

February 6, 1999, Groundhog Sectional. 3-SS, game/90 in 8-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ by score: top section 3-0 \$80, 2.5-0.5 \$40, 2-1 \$15, other sections 3-0 \$70, 2.5-0.5 \$30, 2-1 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

February 7, 1999, Sunday Plus-Score Micro-Tour. 8-SS, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$17, juniors and club members \$14. \$\$ by score: 6-0 \$100, 5-1-0 \$60, 5-1 \$35, 4-5 1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3-5-2 \$5. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12. An ICA Tour micro-event.

February 7, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/20 Swiss. 4-SS, Room 310, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst, EF \$15, ECC members \$10, \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1900, u1700, u1500, 85% of EFs returned as prizes. Reg 8-8:45, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeand, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

February 12-14 or 13-14, 1999, U.S. Amateur Team Championship Midwest. 5-SS, 40/120, then SD/60 (2-day schedule rds 1-2 game/30). Hyatt Regency, 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook 60521. Open to 4-player teams with 1 optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings as of 12/98 annual rating list) must be under 2200. A player rated more than 1000 points below next higher rated team member counts as 1000 below. FF: 3-day \$95, 2-day \$96 by 2/1, \$120 at site. Scholastic teams: 3-day \$80, 2-day \$81 by 2/1, \$100 at site. Plaque plus four USCF GameTime digital clocks to top team, plaque plus four BHB clocks to 2nd and 3rd place teams. Four BHB clocks each to top teams with average rating u2000, u1800, u1600, u1400, u1200. Trophy to top team in each state with 4 or more teams entered, and in each of the following categories with 4 or more

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February 13, 1999, Lucky 13 Open. 4-SS, game/90. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 2/5, \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic \$150-50, 1600-1899 \$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. 217-523-7205. Knoedler Thomas@us.edu

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February 20, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #3. 511 E 100th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$10 \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$\$250 b/74, kids count half. Reg 11 11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Finberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649 773-721-3979.

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February 20, Barb City Mid-Winter Tornado. 4-SS, game/40. Ram City Manor, 680 Haish Blvd, DuKalb 60115. U \$15, club members \$12, under-18 \$8 by 2/14, all \$5 more at site. \$\$\$170 b/20, \$80-30, B,C,D,Unr each \$20. Reg ends 9, rd 1 9:30. Bill Heed, 1481 N 14th, DeKalb 60115, 815-758-1927.

February 21, 1999, High Noon Quads. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 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 2/22/99 thru 4/30/99. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3: 15-6:30.

February 21, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/29 Quad. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, Room 310, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst, EF \$15.

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♣ **February 27, 1999, Tri-State Scholastic.** Emerson Middle School, 9101 N Cumberland, Niles. Three sections: **PRIMARY** (K-3): 5 SS, game/35. **ELEMENTARY** (4-5): 5-SS, game/40. **JUNIOR HIGH** (6-8): 4 SS, game/55. **ALL:** EF \$15 by 2:15, \$30 after. No on-site entries. Limited to first 500. May play up, eligible for overall prizes only. Trophies in each section to top 8 overall, top 4 in each grade. Trophies to biggest upset (unrated ineligible, top unrated, top 8 teams/team is top 4 snipers). Illinois CoChess rules apply; send \$2 for team definition, rules and registration procedure, or check www.naveamanchess.com/cochess. Check in 7:45 @ 30, rd 1 at 9. Checks payable: Deborah Socha, 2719 W DeCook, Park Ridge 60068, 847-698-9385, dsocha@naveamanchess.com. Get entry form from CoChess website. Phone entries add \$5. One check/entry list per school, sent by school/grade. Give contact info in case we have questions. Include name, USCF ID, school/town, section & grade. Withdrawals: 547-434-2559 on morning of tournament only.

February 27-28, 1999, Masters-Play-Free 1-vs-2 Plus-Score. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626, 773-761-5050. 5 SS, game/120. Invited Swiss; within each group, top plays 2nd, 3rd plays 4th, etc., send WASH for details. LI \$30, juniors and club members \$25. From 7 to masters who are physically present by 9:30 and request no byes. \$\$ by score: 5-0 \$160, 4-5 2-5 \$90, 4-1 \$50, 3-5-1-5 \$25, 3-2 \$10. Reg ends Sat 9:00, rds 10-2 15 @ 30, 10-2 15.

February 28 and March 7, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/46. 4-SS, Room 016, Elmhurst College Library, 100 Prospect, Elmhurst, IL \$17. ICC members \$12. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th of 700, at 1500. 60% of FHS returned as prizes. Reg 6-6:45 February 28, 2 rds at 7 each Sunday. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

March 6, 1999, Frankie Yankovic Memorial Sectional. 3 SS, game/90, in 8-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626, 773-761-5050. FF \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ by score: top section 3-0 \$80, 2.5-0.5 \$40, 2-1 \$15, other sections 3-0 \$70, 2.5-0.5 \$30, 2-1 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

March 6-7, 1999, Greater Peoria Open. 5-SS, game/120. Signature Inn, 4112 Brandywine Dr, Peoria 61614. LI \$30 by 3:1. \$40 at site. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$\$\$300-150-100, \$\$\$200 \$130-60. **RESERVE** (at 1800): \$\$\$150-75, 1400-1599 \$70-50, 1400 \$70-50. **BOTH:** Top \$5 guaranteed, class \$\$ based on E per class.

Reg 8 30-9:30, rds 10-2:30-7, 8:30-2. HR \$60 by 2/20, \$87 later, 309-685-2556. Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks #2, Peoria 61604, 309-686-0192 after 7, c1rla1t@link.com. An ICA Tour **MAXI-event**.

March 7, 1999, Sunday Plus-Score Quick. 6-SS, game/28. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626, 773-761-5050. FF \$15, juniors and club 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 ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

March 13, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #4. 501 E 94th Pl, Chicago 60619. Thomas Lindberg, 7371 S South Shore Dr #6-C,

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♣ **March 13, 1999, Lake Forest Scholastic.** Anne Csar, aalc@interaccess.com.

♣ **March 13, 1999, Bradley Bourbonais HS Team.** Not USCF-rated. 8-board teams. 700 W North St, Bradley 60115. John Hassett, 815-168-8121.

March 14, Sunday Plus-Score Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626, 773-761-5050. EF \$17, juniors and club members \$14. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$110, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12. An ICA Tour mini-event.

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