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Alexander Ivanov

In Savoy !

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The Team and Focus To Take ICA Into 2000



I have a sweatshirt that says, "Over the hill? What hill? I didn't see any hill!" I'm getting another one made that will say, "Election, what election? I didn't see an election. Who counted the ballots and when?"

Well, I'm here, but I really don't know how it happened. I can't remember if I volunteered or was elected? Nonetheless, it is an honor to be the president of the Illinois Chess Association for the next two years. And thanks to a lot of tireless chess professionals and volunteers, we hope to make Illinois the best Chess State in the US!

1999 will be the year of co-operation and the motto for the year is "Synergy".

How much more we can all do when we work together!!

Illinois has an assemblage of very illustrious ICA officers, and board members that it will be a pleasure to serve with: Alan Losoff, Metro-Vice President; Bill Naff (I still think it should be Knaff), Downstate Vice - President; Bill Brock, Treasurer and just Tim Just, Secretary.

There are also many more volunteers that give and give and give. Just to name a few.... Helen Warren, administrator of the Helen Warren Junior Chess Program, Josh Flores - always there in the pinch, Bill Smythe - 110% effort- all the time, Hector Hernandez, Larry and Howard Cohen, Bonnie Cobia, Jim Warren, Kevin Bachler, Erv Sedlock, Tom and Maxine Fineberg, Tom Larson, Ken Lewandowski, Garrett Scott, Bill Brock, Vince Berry, Steve Szpisjak, Dennis Bourgerie, Ken Marshall, Chris Baumgartner, Harold Winston, Tom Doan, Mike Zacate, Tom Knoedler, John Tomas, Alan Watson, Roy Frye, Richard Verber, Roger Blaine, Joe Bannon and the list goes on and on. What a pleasure it is to be associated with them. Thank you. Thank you.

We have already selected a Search Committee for the new ICB editor's position with Helen Warren as the chair, so we will have that resolved as soon as possible.

We have also lost our elected treasurer, as Jim Warren has resigned due to health problems. We wish him well and we have appointed Bill Brock as the new treasurer. Bill is a CPA and a very meticulous person. We were very thankful that he took the position. There are many other endeavors that are meaningful and we will be addressing them as soon as we have the editor slot filled.

Among the things we will be addressing are:

- Increasing ICA membership.
- Introducing a new corporate membership.
- Starting an annual K-12 ICA State Championship.
- Working closely with Co-Chess and the IHSA chess programs.
- Increase funding for the Helen Warren Junior Chess program.
- Supporting all our masters and professional players.
- And...adding a few more fun tournaments.

With all the things we are planning maybe we can even get Harold Winston to revive his "Groundhog" tournament. How about it Harold?

President's Podium

I will be very pro-active and I can always be reached by e-mail Fgruc@AOL.com or phone 708-774-5005 days or 708-774-5800, evenings. Please contact me if you want to get involved, have any ideas or just some concerns. Criticisms should be in writing, of course.

Oh, and by the way, with all the important things we intend to do, we still want to add one more. Let's "Put the Fun Back into Chess" too!

Thank you all for your support.

Fred Gruenberg

Speaking Of Chess...

A brand new era is starting in Illinois Chess! With the election of new officers, Fred Gruenberg and his team promise to "Put the Fun back into CHESS!" And Fred's word is Golden! Expect a lot of things to happen in the next 2 years and they will be for the better.

I am excited about serving as the Interim Editor of the Illinois Chess Bulletin.

M. L. Rantala brought the ICB to new heights in quality and standards. In doing so, our cherished official journal of chess in Illinois received national recognition with many first place finishes and honorable mentions in the annual Chess Journalists of America Awards. This also includes an extraordinary accomplishment of the ICB being presented the Most Improved award for the 2nd year in a row!

How can we top that? I endeavored to by keeping, and hopefully, improving upon M.L.'s legacy. I hope I have accomplished that!

As Fred mentions in his column, we need a new Editor! Please read the ICA Search Committee Ad below to see how you can apply for this job. In this issue, WOW! We have news and games and crosstables! The Midwest Class, The Illinois Class, The K-12 National Championships, and The Pan

Am are all covered! Also we have Club News, Voice of the People, Chess Wizardry, Tournament Calendar, Where to Play, 1998 Final Tour Standings, Rules for the 1999 Tour, and Letters to the Editor! There are new contributors in this issue! With many more to come in the next.



I need to give a warm loving Hug and Thanks to all who pulled through in the last few weeks to make sure I had enough to give you the best State magazine possible in a relatively short time! Bill Smythe, Dennis Bourgerie, Bill Brock, Al Losoff, Tim Just, Salar Jahedi, Betsy Zacate, Janelle Losoff, Hector Hernandez, and the list goes on and on... Thank you all!

In the next issue, there will be coverage and games from Tim Just Winter Open, the 1999 Midwest Amateur Team Championships, 2 Martin Luther King Day tournaments, a GM Simul, and much much more!

As always, send your comments, letters, articles, pictures, and reviews to me!

Chessically yours,

Josh Flores

ICA Seeks New Editor

Ml. Rantala's departure as ICB editor leaves us with a giant place to fill. The ICA needs a new editor. Many of you have wide experience and special skills needed for this post, and we want to hear from you! Editing the ICB is a major challenge — a commitment of time, energy, and talent. If you have some experience in desktop publishing, a nose for news, and a love for chess, you are what we need.

The ICA search committee for a new editor invites your queries, resumes, and writing samples. Contact Helen Warren, Chair, ICB Search Committee, PO Box 305, Western Springs, IL 60558, (630) 663-0688 or (630) 663-0690 by phone. You can also reach me by FAX at (630) 663-0689 and by e-mail at apct@aol.com. Bill Smythe and Bill Brock will serve with me on the search committee. Please feel free to contact either of them. Bill Smythe can be reached by e-mail at chichess@enteract.com Bill Brock can be reached at (773) 274-4169

Helen Warren



Reader's Pawn-derings

A Column of Chess Problems and Solutions from the Internet

John Tomas,

I saw the Tactical Teasers page in the most recent issue of Illinois Chess Bulletin.

Position #1 was cute

Position #2 as printed, had 15.Qh5 and then an illegal move 15... Bf6. In an effort to reconstruct this to be a correct problem, I figure the answer should be (and was intended to be ...) 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 THEN 16.Qh5 Bf6

17.Rxe6+ Kf8 18.Rxf6 gxf6
19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Ne3 with ... f5 losing to

21. Nxf5 Qe5 22.g4! with the threat of 23.f4 and Black's Queen cannot maintain guarding the mate on g7. NICE ... I thought perhaps the try 20....

Qc8 might wiggle out, but White has: 21. Bxd5! Rb8 (Qd7 22.Bxb7 wins)

22.Qxf6 Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Qd8 24.Ne7+ Kf8 25.Re1 Rg8 26.Qh6+ Rg7 27.Nf5 Qg5 28.Qd6+ Kg8 29.Nxg7 capping the combo. Position #3 After the line given ending with: 15.Nxa8 Bb4+ I pondered if White could hang on with 16.Kc1 ... but then I saw that (after a half hour) the Black Knight was trapped with out any compensation. 16... d6! 17.Nf3 (Bxb7? d2+ will mate, if Nh3? d2+ 18.Kb1 Re8 winning) ... Kc7 18. Kb1 Nc2 19.Nc7 Kd6 & the Knight is trapped.

Position #4, #5, and #7 are nice

Position #6 I suppose the Rook should

have been at e7, then the move 1... Re4 makes it a correct solution.

Position #8 has a mate in six starting with 28.Nxh5+ Kh7?? But here 29.Nf6 discovered check, mates in two. And another flaw is that Black could play 29... gxh5 stopping the attack cold. In this line the best I can see for White is a perpetual with 30.Qg3+ Again trying to reconstruct the piece placement to make a correct problem; we will need to have the original problem position with the White Queen NOT a h4 but either on g5 or even g3.

I notice that when I work on some problems to be published, I may have the chess program set on infinite, but in a mating attack, the program may make a move before you can click on the print button. ... so that the diagram printed has a move made out of place. Other times we can have "computer glitches" and then anything can change for no reason at all!

It was still fun and instructional to work with the positions as published, but I'm not sure how many would have had the patience to do so.

Warmest regards, Daren Dillinger

(Editor's note: Mr. Dillinger is a Chess Columnist for The Florida - Times Union)

To the editor,

Regarding Carol Jarecki's reply in the last ICB to my clock incident with GM Byrne, I must state that Jarecki did not ask if I would mind letting GM Byrne use his own clock; rather, upon informing her of his refusal/reluctance, she stated, and I again quote, "Oh, let the man use his clock!". The mood in that spoken sentence is neither indicative nor subjunctive but imperative - not a request but a command. A director who invokes the imperative mood when speaking to a player could hardly be making a request but could easily be making a ruling. If Jarecki's intentions were benevolent, her choice and delivery of words certainly were poor. Jarecki asks in her reply, "...is it reasonable to force an equipment choice on a player whose opponent seems willing to accommodate him?" Well, why would a player complain to a director about a clock infraction (as I did in this case) if the player intends to accommodate his opponent anyway? Let the player beware; it is not sufficient to complain about an infraction to a director - one must also insist that the director enforce the rules!

Steve Szpisjak



Some fun facts received from Mr. Dillinger

"ENIAC is equipped with 18,000 vacuum tubes and weighs 30 tons, computers in the future may have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and weigh only 1 ½ tons."

Popular Mechanics magazine, March 1949

"Deep Blue is a pair of twin black monoliths, each 6 feet 5 inches tall weighting in at 1.4 tons.

The IBM RS/6000 SP can calculate over 200 million (chess) positions a second."
Florida Chess magazine, Summer 1997

Grandmaster Alexander Ivanov Takes Savoy By Storm!

Dennis Bourgerle



GM A. Ivanov Starting his rounds. Bill Schulte is his victim with Bob Ash and Jack Heller looking on from the back.

Grandmaster Alexander Ivanov played a 35 board simultaneous at Savoy, Illinois (6 miles south of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois). Grandmaster Ivanov put in considerable effort and gave up only 2 draws despite contesting a field with several strong amateur players, such as National Master Mark Brodie, Experts Chris Merli and Bob Ash, A players Steve Wagner and Dennis Bourgerle. Other participants included Bret Fuller, Jack Heller and Justin Sadauskas. Many other players were from the University of Illinois.



Ivanov about to put Bret Fuller into trouble while Steve Wagner is absorbed in his own problems

George Barbathatis from the University of Illinois and Arnor Bielrvedt from St. Louis achieved the only draws. The simul lasted almost 6 hours and finished up about 1 a. m. on Sunday morning!

The Russian club at the University of Illinois approached the Champaign-Urbana Chess Club with the idea for the simul. One of the members of the Russian club was a roommate with someone who knew GM Ivanov's son or something like that! The Russian club contacted Ivanov, who lives in Boston, Massachusetts, and made the arrangements for the simul.



Mark Brodie

The day after the simul, GM Ivanov played the strongest player in the Champaign area, Pierre Moulin (approximately 2400) an exhibition match of 2 games. GM

Ivanov won both games, although he was a little fortunate to get the first game in a time scramble.

Mark Brodie, the organizer of the simul had a chance to spend some time chatting with him while he was in Champaign-Urbana. Mark said that he was very personable and friendly, answering all questions about the chess scene and so on. Grandmaster Ivanov's attitude was professional and courteous throughout the visit



Ivanov poised to pounce

1998 Illinois Class

By **Bill Brock**



On the weekend before Thanksgiving, the spirit moved one hundred thirty-three players to Chicago's Morgan Park United Methodist Church for a brain-bashing revival. The Illinois Class Championships, held November 21-22, allowed contestants to do battle with four bloodthirsty opponents of similar skills. More than a few ambitious souls chose to play in a higher class: many held their own, others gained valuable experience for the next time.

In the top section, IM Osman Palos continued his recent domination of Chicago tournaments with a convincing 4-0 score, including a last-round blowout of formidable FM Emory Tate with the Black pieces. FM Al Chow took clear second with 3½ by drawing Tate and squeezing NM Vasik Rajlich on the final day. Larry Cohen, whose 1886 rating understates his inform playing strength by at least 200 points, powered his way to the Under-2300 prize with victories over NM Steve Szpisjak and two experts. IM Enrico Sevillano blundered a promising first-round position to Rajlich, but swept his last three games for equal third with Cohen.

1998 Illinois Class Championships

Prize Winners

Place	Name	Score	Prize
Master/Expert			
1 st	IM Osman Palos	4	\$500.00
2 nd	FM Albert Chow	3½	\$300.00
U2300	Larry Cohen	3	\$200.00
U2100	Bill Brock	2½	\$200.00
Class A			
1 st	Bert Gazmen	4	\$250.00
2 nd	Hector Hernandez	3½	\$150.00
=3 rd	Brian Ruggiero	3	\$ 50.00
	Sam Ford	3	\$ 50.00
Class B			
1 st	Wayne Ellice	3½	\$250.00
=2 nd	Gennadiy Gorlin	3	\$ 62.50
	Andrew Groeger	3	\$ 62.50
	Roger Allison	3	\$ 62.50
	Tom Doan	3	\$ 62.50
Class C			
1 st	Andrey Gorlin	4	\$250.00
=2 nd	David Langer	3	\$ 83.34
	Matthew Pullin	3	\$ 83.34
	Rudy Padilla	3	\$ 83.34
Class D/E			
=1 st	Edward Cummings	4	\$125.00
	William Blackman	4	\$125.00
3 rd	William Ferguson	3½	\$ 50.00
Unrated	Herman Cipres-Hluz	3	Informant

Ethelbert Gazmen was the class of Class A, sweeping the section 4-0, including key victories over George Kamber and Bradley Watts. Former ICA President Hector Hernandez took clear second with 3½.

Wayne Ellice knocked off Tom Doan and agreed to a grandmaster draw with Andrew Groeger to clinch Class B with 3½. Groeger, Doan, Roger Allison, and young Gennadiy Gorlin all tied for second. Another visitor from Skokie, elementary school student Andrey Gorlin, showed his elders in Class C how the game is played: Gorlin knocked off David Langer and Matthew Pullin on his way to a 4-0 sweep. (We should not forget another beneficiary of the Warren Junior program, older sister Yelena, who scored a very creditable 1-3 in the Master/Expert section, and could easily have scored higher.)

In the Class D/E Section, Edward Cummins and William Blackman both mowed down their opposition to score 4-0 and tie for first in a 45-player field.

In a style befitting the site of the old "Put the Fun Back into Chess" tournaments, the atmosphere was as relaxed as the play was

intense. Players helped themselves to Helen Warren's homemade sandwiches and Fred Gruenberg's soda, to apples and doughnuts and coffee. Josh Flores directed smoothly, assisted by Blair Machaj. Special thanks goes out to Fred's lovely wife, Donna, for her help in securing the site.

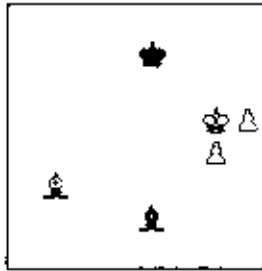
1998 Illinois Class Games

Chow,A (2287) - Warren,J (1958)
[E38]
Illinois Class / MX (1), 1998

Chow's beautiful technical play breaks down Warren's tough resistance.

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5
5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Bd2 Na6 7.a3 Nxc5 8.Rc1
Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Qa4 10.b4 Qxc2 11.Rxc2

Na4 12.Ba1 a5 13.Nf3 axb4 14.axb4 b6 15.e3
Bb7 16.Be2 Ke7 17.0-0 Rhc8 18.Nd2 Ne4
19.f3 Nxd2 20.Rxd2 f6 21.e4 e5 22.Kf2 Ba6
23.Rc1 Ra7 24.Ra2 Bb7 25.Bc3 Raa8 26.Bd2
b5 27.cxb5 Rxc1 28.Bxc1 Nc3 29.Rxa8 Bxa8
30.Bc4 d5 31.exd5 Bxd5 32.Bd3 Kd6 33.Bd2
e4 34.Bf4+ Kd7 35.fxe4 Nxe4+ 36.Ke3 Nd6
37.g4 g5 38.Bxd6 Kxd6 39.Bxh7 Kc7 40.Be4
Bc4 41.Bd3 Be6 42.Bf5 Bb3 43.Kd4 Kb6
44.Bd3 Be6 45.Be2 Bf7 46.Bc4 Be8 47.Be6
Kxb5 48.Kd5 Kxb4 49.Kd6 Bb5 50.Ke7 Kc5
51.Kxf6 Kd6 52.Bb3 Be2 53.Kxg5 Ke7 54.h3
Bf1 55.h4 Be2 56.h5 Bd3



After 56...Bxg4, the routine 57.Kxg4 would only draw after 57...Kf6, but 57.h6! wins.

57.Kh6 Kf8 58.g5 1-0

Palos, O (2413) - Brock, B (2009) [D26]

Illinois Class / MX (1), 1998

Your Humble Reporter's timeless tourney tales would be incomplete (and insufficiently self-indulgent) if he did not show his dear readers how he lost yet again to Palos.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Bd3 c5 5.c4 dxc4 6.Bxc4

Black is a full tempo up on the standard QGD, and should equalize easily.

6...Nc6 [6...a6=] 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.a3 a6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.b4 Be7?! 12.Bb2 b5 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Qe2 Qb6 15.Rac1 Rfd8 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Rd6?!

Fri2 suggested 17...a5 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Qa6; Al Chow advocated 17...Rac8. Both moves are better than the artificial text.

18.Bb1 Bf6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.Qc2 f5 22.Rfd1 Rc8 23.Rxd6 Qxd6 24.Qd2 Rd8 25.Qxd6 Rxd6 26.Kf1 Kg7 27.Ke2 Kf6 28.Nd2 a5 29.bxa5 Nxa5 30.Bd3 Bxg2 31.f3 e5

After 31...Nc4 White remains on top with 32.Bxc4! [32.Nxc4 Bxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Rxa3] 32...bxc4 33.Rxc4

32.Rg1 Bxf3+ [32...Rxd3 33.Kxd3 Bxf3 34.Nxf3

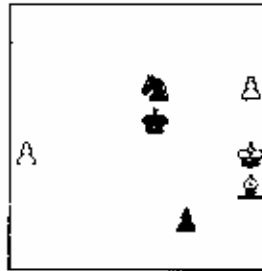
e4+] 33.Nxf3 e4 [33...Rxd3 34.Kxd3 e4+ transposes to the previous line; 34.Bxb5! exf3+ 35.Kxf3 Rd2 36.Rg2 Rxc2? 37.Kxg2 Ke5 38.Kf3 h6 39.a4 f6 40.Bd3 Nb3 41.Kg3]

Now I felt totally busted.

41...Na5 42.Kh4 f4 43.exf4+ Kxf4 44.Kh5 Ke3 45.Bf5 Kf4 46.Bh3 Ke5 47.Kxh6

I call this "parting with the pawnie"!

47...f5 48.Kg5 f4 49.Bg4 Nc6 50.h4 Nd4 51.h5 f3 52.h6 f2 53.Bh3 Ne6+ 54.Kh4



54...Ke4?

A stupid move. The only try is 54...Kf6! 55.a5 (55.Kg3 leads to lines similar to Var. A below) 55...Kg6! (Chow's brilliantly simple idea: in the post-mortem, I kept trying 55...Nc5 56.Kh5+), and now:

A) 56.Kg3 Kxh6 57.Kxf2 Nc5! (57...Nc7?+- 58.Ke3 Kg5 59.Kd4 Kf6 60.Kc5 Ke7 61.Kc6 Kd8 62.Kb7 Nb5 63.a6 Nd6+ 64.Kb6 Nc4+ 65.Kc5 Kc7 66.Kxc4 Kb8 67.Kb5 Ka7 68.Bc8 Ka8 69.Kb6) 58.Ke3 Kg5, when the White King's approach is slowed by a "force field": for example, 59.Bf1 Kf5 60.Bc4 Ke5 61.Bg8 Kd6 62.Kd4 Kc6 63.Bc4 Kd6=.

B) 56.a6 56...Nc7 57.a7 Kxh6=

If the above analysis is correct and Black missed a draw, then where did White miss a win earlier?

55.Bf1

Here's another reason 54...Ke4? was stupid: my intended "trap" 55.h7 Nf8 56.h8Q Ng6+ loses to 57.Kg5 Nxf8 58.Kf6!

55...Nf8 56.a5 Kd5 57.a6 Kc6 58.Kg3 Nh7 59.Kxf2 Nf6 60.Kf3 1-0

Illic, S (1980) - Szpizjak, S (2307) [D30]

Illinois Class / MX (1), 1998

Illic bags a big upset in Round 1

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Qc2 g6 6.h3 Bf5 7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Nbd2 Bg7 9.e3 Na5 10.a3 Ne7 11.Be2 c5 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.Qa4+ Qc6 15.Qd1 Qb5 16.Nb1 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Nf5 19.Qf6 Rhf8 20.a4 Qc6 21.Qc3 d4 22.Qxc6+ Kxc6

23.g4 Nb4?!

This tactical line isn't necessary: Black should retain a slight pull after 23...Nh4.

24.Na3 Nh4 25.exd4 Rfe8+ 26.Kf1 Nd3 27.Bg5! Nf3 28.Be3 Nxb2 29.Kg2 Nh4+ 30.Kg3 g5 31.Rhc1+ Kd5 32.Bxg5 Ng6 33.Rc5+ Kxd4 34.Rc2 Nxa4 35.Rd1+

Mate is in the air. 1-0

Huang, K (1720) - Karklins, E (2053) [B16]
 Illinois Class / MX (1), 1998

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bf4 Qb6 8.Qc1 c5 9.Be3 Nc6 10.c3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.Qd2 Bf7 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Bc6 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.f3 Rg8 20.Kd2 Rg6 21.h4 Rg3 22.Ke3 f5 23.Kf4 Rg8 24.Ke3 e5 25.Bd3 e4 26.Bf1 Kd7 27.b4 b5 28.fxe4 fxe4 29.g4 Kd6 30.g5 Ke5 31.c4 a6 32.cxb5 axb5 33.Be2 Ra8 34.Rc1 Ra3+ 35.Kf2 e3+ 36.Kf1 Bd5 37.Bxb5 Rxa2 38.Bd3 Rf2+ 39.Kg1 Rg2+ 40.Kf1 Rh2 41.Rb1 Rxb4 42.Ke2 Kd4 43.Bf5 Rh2+ 44.Kd1 Bf3+ 45.Kc1 Kc3 0-1

Smythe, B (1837) - Chavez, R (2077) [A53]
 Illinois Class / MX (1), 1998

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.e4 e5 5.d5 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.g4 Nc5 8.Bf3 c6 9.h4 Qb6 10.g5 Ne8 11.Nge2 f5 12.Ng3 fxe4 13.Ngxe4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Qb4+ 15.Nd2 Nc7 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Bxc6 Qc5 18.Bf3 Bb7 19.Qe2 Rxf3 20.Nd3 Rf8 21.Rh3 Ne6 22.Be3 Nd4 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Qxe7 Qc8 25.0-0-0 Bxf3 26.Rxf3 Qxe4+ 27.Kb1 Rxf3 28.Qxa7 Rxf2 29.Qxd4 Qc2+ 30.Ka1 Kf7 31.a4 Qe2 32.Qd5+ Ke8 33.Qb5+ Qxb5 34.axb5 Kd7 35.Rc1 Rf5 36.b6 Rc5 37.Rf1 Ke7 38.Rf4 Rb5 39.h5 Rxg5 40.Rb4 Ra5+ 41.Kb1 Ra8 42.Kc2 Rd8 43.Kc3 d5 44.Kd4 Kd6 45.Rb5 Kc6 46.Rc5+ Kxb6 47.b4 Rf8 48.Kxd5 Rf4 49.Ke6 h6 50.Rc8 Rh4 51.Kf7 Rxb5 52.Kxg7 1/2-1/2

Washington, R (1966) - Steele, G (1902) [A13]

Illinois Class / A (1), 1998

1.c4 e6 2.e4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.f4 Nge7 5.Nf3 d5 6.e5 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nf5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Kh1 0-0 10.Re1 b6 11.Ne4 Bb7 12.d3 Nfd4 13.a4 Nxf3 14.Qxf3 Nd4 15.Qf2 Bh4 16.g3 Be7 17.Kg1 Qd7 18.Be3 Nf5 19.Bb5 Qc7 20.h3 a6 21.Bc4 Qd7 22.Kh2 Rfd8 23.Red1 Qc6 24.Ba2 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Rd4 26.b3 Rad8 27.Rac1 Qd5 28.Rc2 Rxe4 29.dxe4 Qxd1 30.Re2 Rd4 0-1

Groeger,A (1711) - Giertz,C (1653) [A04]

Illinois Class / B (1), 1998

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d3 c6 4.Nbd2 d5 5.g3 Bg4
6.Bg2 Qc8 7.0-0 Bh3 8.Bxh3 Qxh3 9.Ng5 Qc8
10.f4 Nf6 11.e5 Ng4 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Nb3 c5
14.Qf3 h6 15.Nxh7 Rxd7 16.Qxd5 Na6 17.h3 e6
18.Qe4 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Qf8+
21.Kg2 Qf7 22.Be3 Rf8 23.c3 b6 24.Nd2 Qf5
25.d4 cxd4 26.cxd4 Ng7 27.Rf1 Qxe4+ 28.Nxe4
Nd5 29.Rxh8+ Kxf8 30.Bd2 Ke8 31.Nd6+ Kd7
32.Nf7 g5 33.Kf3 a6 34.Kg4 Ne7 35.Be3 Nf5
36.Bf2 Ke7 ½-½

Sollano,E (1944) - Case,R (1850) [A30]

Illinois Class / A (1), 1998

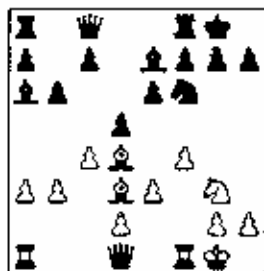
1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Nf6
6.d3 Be7 7.Nbd2 d6 8.Rbf Nc6 9.a3 a5 10.Ne1
0-0 11.Nc2 Qc7 12.Nf3 d5 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Bg5
Nd7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Ne3 Ne7 17.Bxe7 Bxe7
18.Nd2 Nf6 19.Nf5 Rfe8 20.Nxe7+ Rxe7 21.Re1
Qd6 22.Rc1 Rae8 23.e3 Ba6 24.Nf1 Qe5
25.Qd2 Qf5 26.Red1 Bb7 27.h3 Qg6 28.b4
axb4 29.axb4 c4 30.dxc4 Ne4 31.Bxe4 Qxe4
32.Qd4 dxc4 33.Qxe4 Rxe4 34.Nd2 R4e6
35.Nxc4 Ba6 36.Na3 R6e7 37.Rd6 Re6
38.Rxe6 fxe6 39.b5 Bc8 40.Nc4 e5 41.Nd6 1-0

Burnett,J (1324) - Connelly,A (772) [A02]

Illinois Class / DE (1), 1998

Future opponents be forewarned: when Jim
Burnett plays the Bird, he's dreaming of the
double Bishop sacs on h7 and g7, as in the
famous Lasker-Bauer game.

1.f4 Nc6 2.b3 e6 3.Bb2 Nf6 4.e3 Bc5 5.Nf3 0-0
6.Bd3 Bb4 7.0-0 b6 8.a3 Bd6 9.Nc3 Bb7
10.Ne2 Qc8 11.Ng3 Ba6 12.c4 Be7 13.Nd4
Nxd4 14.Bxd4 d5



15.Nh5! Nxb5 16.Bxh7+! Kxh7 17.Qxh5+ Kg8
18.Bxg7!! Kxg7 19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Rf3

Even if you've seen this combination before, it's
still beautiful! 1-0

Covic,M (1827) - Hernandez,H (1904) [A03]

Illinois Class / A (1), 1998

Hector Hernandez shows the incisive play that
would earn him clear second in Class A.

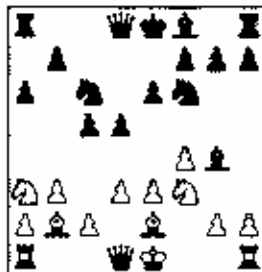
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MASTER-EXPERT

									score
1	PALOS Osman	IL	2413	W 8	W18	W 5	W 6		4
2	CHOW Albert C	IL	2287	W21	W20	D 6	W 7		3.5
3	SEVILLANO Enrico	IL	2550	L 7	W27	W12	W11		3
4	COHEN Lawrence S	IL	1886	L18	W 9	W20	W10		3
5	MALKOC Hazim	IL		W11	W15	L 1	W13		3
6	TATE Emory A	NC	2414	W26	W12	D 2	L 1		2.5
7	RAJLICH Vasik G	MI	2345	W 3	W10	H	L 2		2.5
8	BROCK William	IL	2009	L 1	W24	D16	W15		2.5
9	SZPISJAK Steven J	IL	2307	L12	L 4	W17	W23		2
10	KARKLINS Erik	IL	2053	W17	L 7	W14	L 4		2
11	SAX Robert D	IL	2053	L 5	W21	W23	L 3		2
12	ILIC Stanimir M	IL	1980	W 9	L 6	L 3	W24		2
13	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	IL	1924	H	H	W18	L 5		2
14	ROBLEDO Mark Sr	IL	1919	H	H	L10	W20		2
15	CHAVEZ Roberto	IL	2077	D16	L 5	X26	L 8		1.5
16	SMYTHE Bill	IL	1837	D15	D23	D 8	L25		1.5
17	HUANG Kenneth	IL	1720	L10	D26	L 9	W27		1.5
18	GAST Bryan	IL	2125	W 4	L 1	L13	-		1
19	FAGAN James B	IL	2119	D23	H	-	-		1
20	SCOTT Gene G	IL	2035	W24	L 2	L 4	L14		1
21	WARREN James E	IL	1958	L 2	L11	W27	-		1
22	KAMBER George W	IN	1944	W27	-	-	-		1
23	GORLIN Yelena	IL	1851	D19	D16	L11	L 9		1
24	LEFTWICH Gerald	IL	1591	L20	L 8	B	L12		1
25	SAX Robert D	IL	2053	-	-	-	W16		1
26	SANTANA Miguel An	IL	2052	L 6	D17	F15	-		0.5
27	BOGAN Timothy J	IL	1970	L22	L 3	L21	L17		0

1.f4 d5 2.b3 Bf5 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 a6 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.Nh4
Bd7 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 e6 9.d3 Nf6 10.Na3



10...c4! 11.0-0 [11.bxc4 Bxa3 12.Qxa3 Qa5+] 11...c3!
12.Bc1 b5 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 b4 15.Nb1 Bc5 16.Qe1
0-0 17.d4 Bd6 18.g4 Ne4 19.h4 Be7 20.g5 f6 21.Bg4
Qd6 22.a3 a5 23.Rf3 e5 24.dxe5 fxe5 25.f5 Rae8
26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Ra8 28.Qf1 Rxa6 29.Qxa6 Nd4!
30.f6 The Confuse-a-Cat defense. 30...Nxf3+ 0-1

Gast,B (2125) - Palos,O (2413) [B42]

Illinois Class / MX (2), 1998

Palos dispatches another victim.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nc6
6.Nb3 Qc7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.a4 b6 10.f4 d6
11.Kh1 h5!

Unsubtle and ominous.

12.Be3 Bb7 13.Be2 Nb4 14.Bf3 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Bd4
h4 17.Qe2 0-0!

A surprising decision: having decided that
the ...Ng3+ trick won't work, Black switches
to Queenside play.

18.Rac1

Possibly the wrong Rook? After 18.Rfc1,
White looks at least equal.

18...Qc6!

Immediately hitting the a4 pawn left
unguarded by the Rook

19.Rfe1

The better part of valor might be 19.Ra1=

19...Nxc3! 20.bxc3 Na2 21.Qe3 Nxc1
22.Rxc1 Rac8 23.Bg4 Bc5 24.Bxc5 bxc5
25.Na5 Qc7 26.f5 exf5 27.Bxf5 Qxa5
28.Qg5 Rc6 29.Rf1 Qd8 0-1

Medina,F (1425) - Pullin,M (1518) [A42]

Illinois Class / C Section (2), 1998

Accidents happen:

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nc6 5.d5
Nd4 6.Be3 c5 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nge2 Qh4

9.g3?? Nf3+ 10.Kf1 Qh3#

Since 10...Bh3# also works, Black can fake
a brilliant Queen 'sacrifice' with 10...Qxe4
11.Nxe4 Bh3#. Add one large grain salt:
don't bother me with refutations 0-1

Cohen,L (1886) - Gast,B (2125) [A25]

Illinois Class / MX (1), 1998

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.e3 Nc6 5.Ne2 e5
6.Nbc3 Be6 7.d3 Qd7 8.Nd5 a5 9.Nec3 Nb4
10.Nxb4 axb4 11.Nd5 Nf6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6
13.Bxb7 Rb8 14.Bg2 h5 15.Qf3 Ke7 16.Qc6
Qd8 17.Qa4 h4 18.Qb3 Qd7 19.Bd2 Bg4 20.h3
hxg3 21.hxg4 Rxh1+ 22.Bxh1 Qxg4 23.f3? [

White should try something like 23.Bg2 gxf2+
24.Kf1.

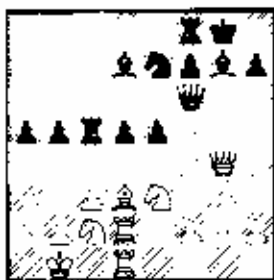
23...g2!+ Cute! 24.0-0-0 Qxf3 25.Bxg2 Qxg2
26.a3 c5 27.axb4 cxb4 28.e4 Bg5 29.Qa4
Bxd2+ 30.Rxd2 Qg1+ 31.Qd1 Qa7 32.Qb3
Qg1+ 33.Qd1 Qe3 34.Qa4 b3 35.d4 Rf8
36.Qa7+ Kf8 37.Qb8+ Kg7 38.Qxh8+ Kxh8
39.dxe5 dxe5 40.c5 Qe1+ 41.Rd1 Qe2 42.Rd2
Qc4+ 43.Rc2 Qxc2# 0-1

Rajlich,V (2345) - Sevillano,E (2550) [B33]

Illinois Class / MX (1), 1998

Sevillano plays his beloved Sveshnikov
Variation and sacs a pawn for a strong initiative.
But at move 30, Rajlich pounces on a lapse,
wins more material, and converts smoothly.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6
10.Nd5 Bg7 11.Bd3 Ne7 12.Ne3 f5 13.exf5 d5
14.Qg4 0-0 15.0-0-0 Bd7 16.c3 Rc8 17.Kb1
Rc5 18.Nac2 a5 19.Rd2 Qb6 20.Rhd1 Qf6?
[20...b4+]



21.Be4! d4 22.Qg3 Bxf5 23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Qh3
Nh6 25.cxd4 exd4 26.Nxd4 Rfc8 27.Nxb5 Rb8
28.a4 Rc4 29.Qg3 Rf8 30.Nc3 Rb4 31.Nd5
Qe6 32.Nxb4 Qxe4+ 33.Nc2 Nf5 34.Qf3 Qe5
35.Ne3 Nxe3 36.Qxe3 Qf6 37.Qa7 Qf5+
38.Ka1 Bf6 39.Qd7 Qf4 40.g3 Qb4 41.Qb5
Rb8 42.Qxb4 Rxb4 43.Kb1 Rxa4 44.Rc1 Rb4
45.Rc5 a4 46.Ra5 Kg7 47.Ka2 Re4 48.Ra7
Kg6 49.Rb7 h5 50.Rd6 Re2 51.f4 Kg7
52.Rdd7 Rxb2 53.Rxf7+ Kg6 54.f5+ Kg5
55.Rb6 1-0

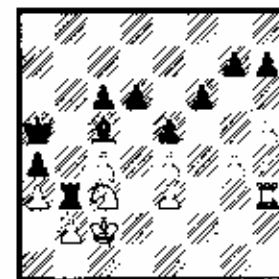
Karklins,E (2053) - Rajlich,V (2345) [C77]

Illinois Class (2), 1998

Illinois Class			November 21-22, 1998				
CLASS A			score				
1	GAZMEN Ethelbert	IL 1920	W20	W11	W12	W 5	4
2	HERNANDEZ Hector	IL 1904	W17	W 3	D 5	W 8	3.5
3	RUGGIERO Brian T	Il 1992	W15	L 2	W10	W12	3
4	FORD Samuel M	IL 1919	L10	W 9	W15	W 7	3
5	KAMBER George W	IN 1944	B	W19	D 2	L 1	2.5
6	STEELE Gregory S	IN 1902	W18	D13	L 7	W14	2.5
7	CRONIN Mike	YL 1869	D12	W16	W 6	L 4	2.5
8	COVIC Mehmed	IL 1827	H	W14	W13	L 2	2.5
9	COHEN Howard	IL 1912	L11	L 4	B	W13	2
10	CIMA Joe	IL 1812	W 4	L12	L 3	W15	2
11	JOHNSON Eric L	IL 1627	W 9	L 1	L14	B	2
12	WATTS Bradley S	IL 1964	D 7	W10	L 1	L 3	1.5
13	SOLLANO Ely O	IL 1944	W19	D 6	L 8	L 9	1.5
14	MITCHELL Jerome	IL 1835	D16	L 8	W11	L 6	1.5
15	MARKOVIC Arandel	IL 1907	L 3	W18	L 4	L10	1
16	CREWSE Lynn	IL 1936	D14	L 7	-	-	0.5
17	CONDON James K	IL 1992	L 2	-	-	-	0
18	WASHINGTON Ronald	IL 1966	L 6	L15	-	-	0
19	CASE Rick	ND 1850	L13	L 5	-	-	0
20	COVIC Mehmed	IL 1827	L 1	-	-	-	0

The following game does credit to both players. Keep in
mind that the stubborn Defender playing White is in his
mid-eighties!

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Bxc6 dxc6
6.d3 Bd6 7.Be3 0-0 8.Nbd2 Ng4 9.Qe2 Nxe3 10.fxe3
Qe7 11.0-0-0 a5 12.Rdg1 a4 13.g4 Be6 14.c4 b5
15.h4 Rf8 16.Ng5 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Bxc4 18.dxc4 Rb4
19.Kc2 Bc5 20.Rd1 Bb6 21.a3 Rb3 22.Rd3 Rxd3
23.Qxd3 Rd8 24.Qe2 Qc5 25.Nf3 f6 26.Re1 Ba7
27.Nd2 Rb8 28.Qd3 Qd6 29.Qxd6 cxd6



Karklins has a wretched pawn structure and no open
files for his Rook. But Black has problems, too: his
central pawns prevent the Bishop from shifting to the
Kingside, and his a4 pawn needs a babysitter.

30.Nb1! Bc5 31.Nc3 Ra8 32.Kd3 Kf7

Black's King marches over to relieve the Rook.

33.Rf1 Kg6 34.Rf5 h6 35.h5+ Kf7 36.Rf3 Ke6 37.Rh3
Kd7 38.Rf3 Kc7 39.Rf1 Kb8 40.Rb1 Ra6 41.Rf1 Ka5
42.Rf3 Rb6 43.Kc2 Rb3 44.Rg3 Bb6 45.Rf3 Ba7
46.Rh3 Rb8 47.Rf3 Rg8 48.Kd3 Bb6 49.Rf1 Bd8
50.Rh1 Be7 51.Rh2 Bd8 52.Rh1 Bc7 53.Rf1 Ra8
54.Rf3 Kb6

Black swaps defenders again.

55.Rf2 Kb7 56.Rf1 Bb6 57.Rf3 Kc7 58.Rf1 Ra5 59.Rf3
Ba7 60.Rh3 Bc5 61.Rf3 Ra7 62.Rh3 Kb6 63.Rf3 Ka5

Another swap: is the blockade holding?

64.Rh3 Rb7 65.Kc2 Bb6 66.Rf3 Ba7 67.Rh3 Bc5
68.Rf3 Rb8 69.Rh3 Rb6 70.Rf3 Rb3 71.Rh3

71...Bxa3! Finally, a breakthrough! White's
weak pawn structure allows this long-term
piece sacrifice. 72.bxa3 Rxa3 73.Rh1 Kb4
74.Rb1+ Kxc4 75.Nd1 Ra2+ 76.Rb2
Rxb2+ 77.Nxb2+ Kb5 78.Nd3 a3 79.Kb3
a2 80.Kxa2 Kc4 81.Ne1 Kc3 82.Ng2 c5
83.Kb1 Kd2 84.Nh4 c4 85.Nf3+ Kd1
86.Kb2 Ke2 87.Nh4 Kd2 88.Nf3+ Kxe3
89.Nh4 Kd2 90.Nf3+ Kd3 91.Nh4 c3+
92.Kc1 Kxe4 93.Kc2 d5 94.Kxc3 Ke3
95.Nf5+ Ke2 96.Ng3+ Kf3 97.Nf5 Kxg4
98.Nxg7 f5 99.Kd3 f4 100.Ke2 e4 101.Ne6
Kg3 102.Nd4 Kg2 103.Nf5 f3+ 0-1

Bogan,T (1970) - Warren,J (1958) [A46]

Illinois Class / MX (3), 1998

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6
5.e4 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nc6 8.Nc3 Bb4
9.Be2 Qg6 10.Qd3 d5 11.e5 Qxd3
12.Bxd3 0-0 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Rac1 Rac8
15.a3 Be7 16.Bb5 [16.Nb5!?] 16...a6
17.Be2 Na5! 18.Nd2 Rc8 19.b4? Rfc8!
20.bxa5 Rxc3 21.Rb1 R8c7 22.Nb3 Bxa3
23.f4 Ba4 24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.dxc5 R3xc5
26.Rb6 Bb5 27.Bxb5 Rxb5 28.Rxb5 axb5
29.Rb1 Rc5 30.Kf2 Kf8 31.Ke3 Ke7 32.g4
Kd7 33.f5 Kc6 34.fxe6 fxe6 35.Rf1 b4
36.Rf7 b3 37.Re7 Rb5 38.Rxe6+ Kc5
39.a6 bxa6 40.Rxa6 b2 0-1

Chow,A (2287) - Tate,E (2414) [A43]
 Illinois Class / MX (3), 1998

Chow has Tate on the ropes, but agrees to a draw in severe time pressure.

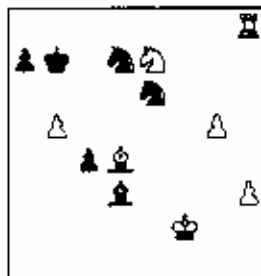
1.d4 c5 2.d5 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qa5 7.Qb3 f5 8.exf5 Bxf5 9.Ne2 Na6 10.Ng3 Bd7 11.Bd3 Nf6 12.0-0 Qa4 13.f4 0-0 14.h3 Rhg8 15.Bd2 Nc7 16.Rae1 Qxb3 17.axb3 Rg7 18.Rf2 b5 19.cxb5 Nfxd5 20.c4 Nb6 21.f5 d5 22.Bh5 Rf7 23.fxg6 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 dxc4 25.gxh7!

This pawn is easily worth a piece!

25...cxd3 26.Bg7 Be6 27.Rd1 Bxb3

Tate has 46 minutes left, while Chow only has 8 minutes

28.Rxd3 Bd5 29.Nf5 Kb7 30.Nxe7 Be4 31.Rxd8 Bxh7 32.g4 c4 33.g5 Ne6 34.Rh8 Bd3 35.Bd4 Nd7 1/2-1/2



Chow was down to one minute: better to accept a draw in a winning position than to lose on time or risk a blunder against such a dangerous tactician. 36.Be3 looks like one way to win.

Smythe,B (1837) - Brock,B (2009) [E32]
 Illinois Class / MX (3), 1998

The "Mother Carey's chicken of Illinois chess" has me clucking once again about lost rating points

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 Bxc3+! 6.bxc3 d6 7.Ba3 Re8 8.f4 e5 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.d5 b6 11.c5 c6 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Bb5 Bb7 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Nf3 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.0-0 Nd8 18.c4 Ne6 19.cxb5 axb5 20.8xb5 Bxe4?! [20...Rxa3 21.Bxe8 Bxe4 22.Qc1 Rxa2] 21.Qc3 Reb8 22.Bc4 Bxf3 20.Bxb5 Bxe4?! [20...Rxa3 21.Bxe8

Illinois Class		November 21-22, 1998		score
CLASS B				
1	ELLICE H Wayne	FL	1684	W17 W16 W 5 D 3 3.5
2	GORLIN Gennadiy	IL	1764	L 5 W12 W13 W 7 3
3	GROEGER Andrew	IL	1711	D 9 W14 W11 D 1 3
4	ALLISON Roger D	IL	1700	W10 L 5 W16 W 9 3
5	DOAN Tom B	IL	1674	W 2 W 4 L 1 W11 3
6	WONG Brian	IL	1700	L13 H W17 W15 2.5
7	LYONS Mack	IL	1681	D14 D 9 W10 L 2 2
8	BISHOP Jack	IL	1678	W15 L11 L 9 W13 2
9	GERTZ Charles E	IL	1653	D 3 D 7 W 8 L 4 2
10	CANNONE Charles R	IL	1610	L 4 B D 7 W17 2
11	REDDIVARI Dushyan	IL	1598	W12 W 8 L 3 L 5 2
12	MISHLOVE David	IL	1691	L11 L 2 D18 B 1.5
13	STEVENS Joseph M	IL	1600	W 6 H L 2 L 8 1.5
14	LECHNICK William	IL	1505	D 7 L 3 L15 W18 1.5
15	VENUSO Michael A	IL	1431	L 8 H W14 L 6 1.5
16	ROGERS Nathaniel	IL	1600	W18 L 1 L 4 - 1
17	MC CLURE Seth	IL	1545	L 1 W18 L 6 L10 1
18	BUCIOR Sylvester	IL	1691	L16 L17 D12 L14 0.5

Bxe4 22.Qc1 Rxa2] 21.Qc3 Reb8 22.Bc4 Bxf3 31.Rc1 Qd3 32.Bb4 Qxd6 33.Bxd6 Kf7 34.Rc7+ Kg6 35.Re2 Re6 36.Bb4 Nd5 7 Rc4

Rae8 38.a3 Nf4 39.Re3 Nd3 40.h3 h5 41.Rc7 Nf4 42.Rg3+ Kh6 43.Rgxg7 e3 44.Rh7+ Kg6 45.Rhg7+ Kh6 46.Rh7+ Kg5 47.Rhg7+ Ng8 48.Rc5+ Re5 49.Rc6 R8e6 50.Rxe6 Rxe6 51.Kf1 Kf4 52.Rh7 b4 53.Be1 e2+?! 54.Kf2 Kg5 55.Bd2+ Kf6 56.Bc3+ Kg5

Not 56...Kf5?? 57.Rf7+ Ke4 (57...Kg5 58.Bd2+ Kh5 59.Rf5#) 58.Kxe2 with a winning ending. So Black has to allow the repetition.

57.Bd2+ Kf6 58.Bc3+ Kg5 59.Bd2+ Kf6 60.Bc3+ Kg5 1/2-1/2

Stevens,J (1600) - Gorlin,G (1764) [B07]
 Illinois Class / B (3), 1998

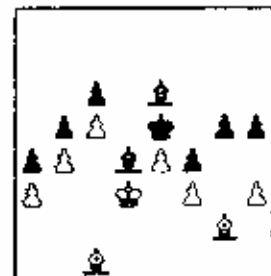
Gennadiy Gorlin displays the fine positional understanding that earned him to clear second in the B section

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nbd2 c8 7.Re1 Nfd7 8.c3 Qc7 9.Nf1 e5 10.Qc2 Nb6 11.h3 Be6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.b3 h6 14.c4 Rd8 15.Bb2 a5 16.Ne3 Na5 17.a3 Nc5 18.Bf1 a4 19.b4 Nb3 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Re8 22.c5 Nc8 23.Nc4 f6 24.Nd6 Nxd6 25.Rxd6 b5 26.Qd1

It certainly looks like White has control of the d-file, but...

26...Bf8 ...and say goodbye, Mr. Rook!

27.Rd3 Be7 28.Nd2 Rd8 29.Nxb3 Bxb3 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8 31.Qxd8+ Bxd8 32.Bd3 Kf7 33.Kf1 h5 34.Ke2 Ke6 35.g3 Bc7 36.Bc1 f5 37.f3 f4?! 38.gxf4?! [38.g4=] 38...exf4 39.Kf2 Be5 40.Be2 Bc2 41.Bf1 g5 42.Bg2 Bd4+ 43.Ke2 Ke5 44.Kd2 Bb3 45.Kd3 Bc4+ 46.Kd2 Be6 47.Kd3 Ba1!



Zugzwang!

48.Kc2 g4 49.hxg4 hxg4 50.Bb2+ Bxb2 51.Kxb2 Kd4 52.fxg4 Bxg4 53.e5 f3 54.e6 fxg2 55.e7 Bd7 0-1

Reddivari,D (1598) - Groegner,A (1711) [B01]
 Illinois Class / B (3), 1998

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nc6 6.c3 e5 7.Be3 exd4 8.Ne2 Be6 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 0-0-0 12.a3?!

Here, greedy players would try the interesting 12.Bxa7?!

12...Bb3 13.g3 Re8+ 14.Kd2 Rd8 15.Bh3+ Kb8 16.Ke3?! f6! 17.f4 c5 18.Be5+ fxe5 19.fxe5 Be7 20.Rae1 Bg5+ 21.Ke2 Rd2+ 0-1

Pullin,M (1518) - Gruenberg,F (1502) [A04]
 Illinois Class / C (3), 1998

In the following game, White snares a pawn in an opening trap and grinds down the new ICA President with nice technique.

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.e3 e6
6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nge7 8.Ndb5 d5 9.cxd5
Nad5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Qxd5!

A good trick to learn!

11...Qxd5 12.Nc7+ Kf8 13.Nxd5 Be6 14.Nc7
Rc8 15.Nxe6+ fxe6 16.Bh3 Kf7 17.0-0 Rhd8

Winning the pawn took time, and Black's lead in development gives compensation.

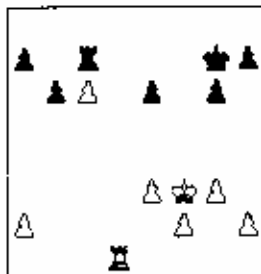
18.Bg2 Rc7 19.Rb1 Rcd7 20.b4? Rd1 21.b5
Rxf1+?

Why trade active pieces for passive pieces?
Now White has a nice plus.

22.Kxf1 Na5 23.Ke2 Rc8 24.Be4 b6 25.Bb2
Bf8 26.Rd1 Rc7 27.Kf3 Bg7 28.Bxg7 Kxg7
29.Bc6?

Perhaps too cute.

29...Nxc6 30.bxc6



30...Kf6!?

Defenders usually want to trade pawns, so the straightforward 30...Rxc6 31.Rd7+ Kf6 32.Rxa7 h5 should also be considered, though Black would remain in dire straits.

31.Rc1

The sanest move. Even with Fritz's help, it's too late at night for me to figure out whether the strange-looking 31.Rd7!? wins: a sample variation might run 31...Rxd7?! (31...Rxc6 is probably more sensible, transposing to the line in the previous note) 32.cxd7 Ke7 33.Kf4 Kxd7 34.Ke5 b5 35.f4 a5 36.g4 b4 37.Kd4 Kd6 38.e4 Kc6 39.Kc4 Kd6 (39...h6 40.f5+-) 40.Kb5+-

31...Ke5 32.Kg4 h6 33.h4 Kf8 34.Kf4 e5+
35.Ke4 Ke6 36.g4 a5? 37.f4 |Or 37.a4+- :
37...exf4 38.exf4 Kd6 39.f5 g5 40.hxg5 hxg5
41.Rd1+!

This is the cleanest win, offering a pawn ending in which the protected passer would trump the outside passer

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CLASS C		score					
1	GORLIN Andrey	1545	W21	W 9	W 4	W 3	4
2	LANGER David P	1581	L 6	W20	W15	W10	3
3	PULLIN Matthew	1518	W11	W 6	W 9	L 1	3
4	PADILLA Rudy R	1511	W22	W17	L 1	W11	3
5	SMITH Orlan B	1472	H	H	B	W 8	3
6	MEDINA Francisco	1425	W 2	L 3	W13	W12	3
7	WEBER T V	1564	W10	L 8	L11	W15	2
8	GRUENBERG Fred	1502	W13	W 7	L 3	L 5	2
9	HANKE Paul D	1475	W14	L 1	L10	X17	2
10	LOPEZ Philip	1423	L 7	W23	W 9	L 2	2
11	SEIBEL Dennis	1400	L 3	W14	W 7	L 4	2
12	GORZ Edward	1400	L18	D19	W16	L 6	1.5
13	HUANG Winston	1380	L 8	W16	L 6	D14	1.5
14	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	1237	L 9	L11	W23	D13	1.5
15	DARIN Michael		W19	H	L 2	L 7	1.5
16	LOBRACO Michael J	1463	L17	L13	L12	B	1
17	AGUIINALDO Terrance	1231	W16	L 4	-	F 9	1
18	CIPRES-HLUZ Herman		W12	-	-	-	1
19	SMITH Orlan B	1472	L15	D12	-	-	0.5
20	WHITE David James	1421	H	L 2	-	-	0.5
21	WHITE David James	1421	L 1	-	-	-	0
22	WISHNER Michael	1239	L 4	-	-	-	0
23	WOOD Mike		-	L10	L14	-	0

41...Ke7 "No, thank you."

42.Rd7+ "But I insist!"

42...Rxd7 43.cxd7 Kxd7 44.Kd5 1-0

Robledo, Jr., M (1924) - Gast, B (2125) [C24]

Illinois Class / MX (3), 1998

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Qe2 Nc6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.d4 d6
6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 dxe5 8.0-0 c6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Nc3
b5 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qh5 Kh7
15.Rd3 g6 16.Qf3 Kg7 17.Rad1 h5 18.h3 Be7 19.Ne2
f5 20.R3d2 fxe4 21.Qxe4 Bc5 22.Ng3 Rf4 23.Qd3 h4
24.Ne4 Bd4 25.c3 Bf5!

26.cxd4 Rxe4 27.Qc3 Re8? 28.Bd5! [28.d5! works,
too.] 28...exd4 29.Rxd4 Qe5 30.Bxe4 Bxe4 31.Re1 b4
32.Rxb4 1-0

Szpisjak, S (2307) - Huang, K (1720) [E70]

Illinois Class / MX (3), 1998

After a horrible start, Szpisjak finally finds his form.

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0
7.Bg5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.exd5 Re8+ 10.Kf1 Nbd7
11.Nf3 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.h4 h5 14.f3 Qf8 15.Bf4
Re8 16.Nb5 Rd8 17.Re1 a6 18.Nc3 Bd7 19.a4 Re8
20.Kf2 Kh7 21.Bg5 Ng8 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.g4 Bd4+
24.Kg3 f5 25.gxh5 gxh5 26.Re1 Re5 27.Ne2 Qe8
28.Nxd4!

Like most Chicago chessplayers, Steve enjoys Muddy Waters

28...cxd4

I'd guess that White's a little better after 28...Rxe1
29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Bxf5+ Kg7: a good

position for someone to analyze! Black chooses a "safe" alternative and watches his position deteriorate quickly.

29.Rg1 Qg6 30.Kf2± Nf6 31.Bf4 Qf7
32.Bxe5 dxe5 33.Bc2 Bc8 34.Rg5 Ne4+
35.fxe4 fxe4+ 36.Kg1 1-0

Gazman, E (1920) - Watts, B (1964) [A13]

Illinois Class / MX (3), 1998

1.c4 e6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4
5.Na3 Bxa3 6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.Qxa3 Bc6 8.0-0
Nbd7 9.Qc3 Nb6

Since White has already moved his Queen three times, 9...0-0 should be at least slightly better for Black, and less dangerous. But why not hold the extra pawn?

10.b3!? A nasty gambit!

10...cxb3 11.Ba3 b2 12.Rab1 Na4!



Black is probably better here, but the position is very sharp.

Images...

The 1998 Illinois Class Championships

As Seen by Maxine Fineburg & Lawrence Cohen

2nd Place finisher in Class A Hector Hernandez smiling on his way to the bank



Hoosier Emory Tate reacting to ICA Treasurer Howard Cohen charging him as an amused line of registrants look on.



Bill Brock embraces Larry Cohen. Remarks Bill "I can only Thank Larry for playing so well because I played so badly!" Larry's 3 points earn him the UNDER 2300 prize (with an 1886 rating!) leaving Bill a \$200 U 2100 prize!



The four who would be kings! Rudy Paddlla, David Langer, Orlan Smith and Matt Pullin are all smiles as they cash in on Second Place in Class C.



"Told YOU I am not a D Player!" smirks 1st place D/E & below Class winner Edward Cummings



Albert Chow scores 3.5 for 2nd place in the Master/Expert Section and readily shows his happiness!

13.Qc2 a5?

Wastes valuable time. Instead, 13.Qd5? prevents White's reply in the game. Play might go 14.Nh4 Qd7 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Qxc6+ bxc6 17.Bxb2 Nxb2 18.Rxb2, after which I have no idea what's going on.

14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Qxa4+ b5?

Fritz suggests 15. Bc6 16.Nxc6 Qd7?

16.Qxb5+ c6 17.Qb7 1-0

Gonzalez,A (1261) - Blackman,W (1147) [A04]
Illinois Class / DE (3), 1998

On his way to a share of the D/E title, young William Blackman survived a couple dubious positions before winning this third-round m le.

1.Nf3 c6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 Qb6 8.Nb3 Bxf2+ 9.Rxf2 Ng4

Young players tend to be overfond of this exchange: most players above 1800 would rather have the Bishop and Knight for the middlegame.

10.e3 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 h6 12.Bf4 a5 13.a4 f6

Threatening to trap the Bishop.

14.Bd6?

Either 14.d4 or 14.g4 look stronger.

14...c5! 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Nfd4 a5 17.Nxc5 exd4?! [17...Qxc5] 18.exd4 0-0 19.Bxd5+

White's back in the driver's seat

19...Kh8 20.b3 Qd6 21.Qf3?! b6!

Both strong and trappy.

22.Bxa8?!

Fritz suggests 22.Re1=.

22...Qxd4+! 23.Kg2 Qxa1 24.Ne4 Qc1 25.Qf2 Bf5 26.Qxf5 Qxc2+ 27.Kh3 Rxa8 28.Nxf6!

White's best chance

28...Qc8!-+

But certainly not 28...gxf6? 29.Qxf6+ Kg8 30.Qe6+ Kf8 31.Qf5- Kg7 32.Qg4+ Kf6 33.Qf3+ with excellent winning chances.

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2	BLACKMAN William	IL	1261	W35	W21	W20	W12	4
3	FERGUSON William	IL	1181	W36	D:1	W31	W15	3.5
4	BURNETT Jim	IL	1324	W18	L20	W24	W19	3
5	SCHWARTZ Josh	IL	1309	W23	W33	W 7	L 1	3
6	WISNER Michael	IL	1239	B	W10	L 1	W23	3
7	YARNOFF Benjamin	IL	1239	W24	W16	L 5	W21	3
8	GASUNAS Anthony C	IL	1184	H	W43	W17	D11	3
9	HALL Jason A	IL	1166	W27	L 1	W25	W26	3
10	SZCZEPANIK Przemys	IL	1054	W28	L 6	W37	W20	3
11	FORD Justin M	IL	1002	W40	D 3	W13	D 8	3
12	CIPRES-HLUZ Herman	IL		B	W36	W14	L 2	3
13	LEWIS Ollis	IL	1222	W25	D17	L11	W29	2.5
14	JOVANOVIC Nenad	IL	1200	W26	D30	L12	W31	2.5
15	BRONNER Ben	IL	1055	W39	H	W30	L 3	2.5
16	LEWIS Richard	IL	1026	W41	L 7	H	W30	2.5
17	MC CLURE Renee J	IL	1019	W45	D13	L 8	W32	2.5
18	DOAN Jessica	IL	903	L 4	H	W43	X33	2.5
19	CONNELLY Alexande	IL	772	H	W40	W42	L 4	2.5
20	GONZALEZ Anthony	IL	1147	W37	W 4	L 2	L10	2
21	HERONYMUS April	IL	1079	W38	L 2	W27	L 7	2
22	PENA Andy G	IL	930	L 1	L37	W45	W38	2
23	PODOR Mark	IL	880	L 5	W29	W38	L 6	2
24	TITIC Lazar	IL	766	L 7	W41	L 4	W37	2
25	FISHMAN Joey	IL	747	L13	W45	L 9	W42	2
26	FISHMAN Isak N	IL	743	L14	W39	W33	L 9	2
27	MARSHALL Andrew	IL	641	L 9	W44	L21	W35	2
28	GERAGHTY William	IL		L10	L23	W39	W36	2
29	WOOD Mike	IL		L30	B	B	L13	2
30	SOMASUNDARAM Vign	IL	1007	W29	D14	L15	L16	1.5
31	BRUCE John	IL	931	D43	W42	L 3	L14	1.5
32	FODOR Tim	IL	621	L33	H	W44	L17	1.5
33	THURMOND Renard	IL	1132	W32	L 5	L26	F18	1
34	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr	IL	1049	-	-	W40	-	1
35	CONNELLY Patrice	IL	805	L 2	L38	W41	L27	1
36	ORTEGA Ollies	IL	643	L 3	L12	B	L28	1
37	BARNES Toby	IL	623	L20	W22	L10	L24	1
38	ROCHA Mario	IL	135	L21	W35	L23	L22	1
39	BAWANDI Adam	IL		L15	L26	L28	X43	1
40	JENNIS Brian	IL		L11	L19	L34	W44	1
41	HJENECKE Ben	IL		L16	L24	L35	W45	1
42	JANA Dan	IL		W44	L31	L19	L25	1
43	VAN HOUSSEN Robert	IL		D31	L 8	L18	F39	0.5
44	WEBER Becky	IL	1068	L42	L27	L32	L40	0
45	CORTEZ Jorge	IL		L17	L25	L22	L41	0

29.Qxc8+ Rxc8 30.Nd5 Rc6 31.Kg4 Rd6 32.Nf4 g5 33.Kf5 gxf4 34.gxf4 Rxd3 35.Kg6 Rxb3 36.h4 Rf3 37.f5 Kg8 38.Kf6 Kf8 39.h5 Rf4 40.Kg6 Rxa4 41.Kxh6 Rh4

42.Kg6 Rxb5 43.Kxh5 0-1

Cohen,L (1886) - Scott,G (2035) [A36]
Illinois Class / MX (3), 1998

Larry Cohen looks completely busted at one point, but wins a fascinating N vs. R ending.

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 Nge7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Be6 10.Na4 Nf5 11.Nac3 Qd7 12.Nd5 Nh6 13.Nec3 Bh3 14.Rb1 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 f5 16.Ne2 g5 17.d4 cxd4 18.exd4 f4 19.f3

g4 20.gxf4 gxf3+ 21.Rxf3 Nf5 22.Kh1

exd4 23.Qd2 Qe8 24.Ng3 Nhg3+ 25.hxg3 Qe4 26.Rbf1 Ne5 27.Qxd4 Qxd4 28.Bxd4 Nxf3 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Rxf3 Rae8 31.Ne3 h5 32.Kh2

Thanks to his incisive play, Gene now enjoys an endgame edge. But with a passed pawn for the Exchange, targets on d6 and h5, and (not least) a great outpost on d5, Larry hopes to create major technical problems.

32...Re4 33.Kh3 Kg6 34.a4

Now b3 is a target.

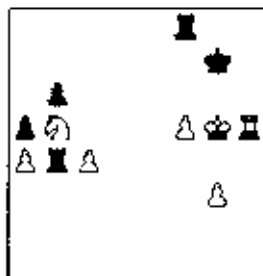
34...a5

Fixing the target .for Black as well as White.

35.Nd5 Re2 36.Nc3 Rb2 37.Ne4

All of a sudden, Black is having problems.

37...b6 38.Nxd6 Re2 39.f5+ Kg5 40.Rf4 Kf6 41.Nb5 Ke5 42.Rd4! Re3 43.Rd5+ Kf6 44.Kh4 Re4+ 45.Kh3 Re3 46.Kh4 Rxb3 47.Rd6+ Kg7 48.Rg6+ Kh7 49.Rg5 Rb4 50.Fxh5+ Kg7 51.Kg5



51...Rf6?!

Rather than pretend that I know what's going on here, I'll quote a sample from Fritz's analysis to suggest some of the possibilities for both sides: 51...Rxa4!? 52.Nc7 Kf7 53.f6 Ra3 54.Rh7+ Kg8 55.Rg7+ Kh8 56.g4 Rf3? As risky as this looks for Black, the passed a-pawn creates real counterplay: e.g., 57.Rg6 Rg8 58.Nd5 a4 59.Kh5 Rxxg6 60.Kxxg6 a3 61.Nb4 Kg8 62.g5 Kf8 63.Kh7 Rf5→.

52.Nc7 Rf7 53.Ne8+ Kg8 54.Nf6+ Rxf6 55.Kxf6 Rxc4 56.Rh4 Rc8+ 57.Kg5 Rc3 58.g4 b5 59.axb5 Rb3 60.Kg6 a4 61.f6 Rf3 62.b6 a3 63.b7 Rb3 64.f7+ Kf8 65.Rh8+ Ke7 66.f8Q+ Kd7

Of course Gene could have stopped the clock here. But he may have needed a minute to adjust to the surprising new reality

67.Qf7+ Kc6 68.Qxb3 a2 69.Rc8+ Kd7 70.Rc7+

No one wants to face two Queens (possibly three!) with a bare King. 1-0

Watts, B (1964) - Ruggiero, B (1992) [B22] Illinois Class / A (4), 1998

Ruggiero sacs (or drops?) a pawn, getting strong Queenside pressure in return.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.f3 b6 5.Be3 g6 6.Qd2 Bg7 7.Na3 0-0 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.h4 e5 11.d5 a6 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.a4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Fxa6 Fxa8 16.Na3 Ba6 17.Bxb5 Nb6 18.Kf2 Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Qd7 20.Na3 Nh5 21.g4 Nf6 22.Ng3 Qa4 23.h5 Qb3

24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Bh6 Ra7 26.Bxg7 Rxxg7 27.g5 Ne8 28.Rc1 c4 29.Nf1 Na4 30.Ne3 Nxb2 31.Rb1 Qxa3 32.Qxb2 Qa7 33.Qb6 Qe7 34.Rg1 h6 35.gxh6 Qh4+ 36.Ke2 Qxh6 37.Qd8 Kf8 38.Ng4 Qf4 39.Rh1 Ra7 40.Rh6 Ra2+ 0-1

Sevillano, E (2550) - Sax, R (2053) [B22] Illinois Class / MX (4), 1998

Uncharacteristically out of contention for the top prize, Sevillano crushed the solid Rob Sax to tie for third place overall.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nf6 8.Nc3 Qd7 9.d5 Bxf3 10.gxf3 0-0-0 11.dxc6 Qxc6 12.Qa4 Qb6 13.Be3 Qxb2 14.Rc1 Rd6 15.Nd1+ 1-0

Karklins, E (2053) - Cohen, L (1886) [B32] Illinois Class / MX (4), 1998

Larry Cohen bags the U2300 prize convincingly:

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.c3 Nf6 8.Qe2 d6 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Bf4 Nd7 12.Na3 Qc7 13.Rac1 b5 14.Bb3 Bb7 15.Rfe1 Rad8 16.Qe3 Rfe8 17.Bh6 Bf6 18.Bg5 Bg7 19.Nd4 Na5 20.Qe2 Nxb3 21.axb3 h6 22.Bh4 Qb6 23.Qe3 g5 24.Bg3 e5 25.Nf3 Qxe3 26.Rxe3 d5 27.exd5 Bxd5 28.Nd2 f5 29.Rd3 Nc5 0-1

Kamber, G (1944) - Gazmen, E (1920) [A40] Illinois Class / A (4), 1998

Solid endgame play brings home the Class A title for Bert Gazmen:

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Qa5 6.Qb3 f5 7.e3 Nf6 8.Bd3 d6 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.Ng3 Nb6 11.e4 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Ng4 13.f4 Bd7 14.0-0 0-0 15.h3 Nf6 16.Nxf6 exf6 17.Bd2 Qa6 18.a3 Bf5 19.Bxf5+ gx15 20.Qb5 Qxb5 21.cxb5 Nc4 22.Ra2 Rhe8 23.Bc1 Re4 24.Kf2 Rde8 25.a4 Kc7 26.a5 a6 27.b6+ Kd7 28.Rd1 R8e7 29.Rf1 Ke8 30.Rd1 Kf7 31.Rf1 Ne3 32.Bxe3 Rxe3 33.Rc1 Rd3 34.Re2 Rxe2+ 35.Kxe2 Rxd5 36.g4 c4 37.Ra1 Rd3 38.gxf5 Rxc3 39.h4 Rd3 40.h5 Rh3 41.Rc1 c3 42.h6 c2 43.Rxc2 Rh2+ 44.Kd3 Rxc2 45.Kxc2 Ke7 46.Kc3 Kd7 47.Kd4 Kc6 48.Kc4 d5+ 49.Kd4 Kd6 50.Kd3 Kc5 White resigned on move 56 0-1

Sax, R (2053) - Smythe, B (1837) [C05] Illinois Class (4), 1998

After a quick loss to Sevillano, Rob Sax offered to replace Bill Smythe's opponent, who had withdrawn after the pairings were finalized. With this fifth-round victory, Sax edged Brock out for the holly contested Top Prematurely Bald Accountant title.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Be7 8.0-0 c4 9.Bc2 b5 10.f4 g6 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Kh1 Bb7 13.Ng5 Nf8 14.g4 h6 15.Nf3 h5 16.gxh5

Rxh5 17.Ng3 Rh7 18.Ng5 Rg7 19.Be3!?

Sax sacs. Smythe has to open Kingside files to win the pawn.

19...Bxg5 20.fxg5 Nxe5 21.Bg1 Nc6 22.Qf3 0-0-0

Perhaps Black can try to seal the Kingside: e.g., 22...Ne7 23.Qf6 Rh7 24.b3 Nf5:

23.b3 Ne7? 24.Qf6+ Rh7 25.Qxe7 Qc7 26.Qxc7+ Kxc7 27.bxc4 dxc4+ 28.Be4 Rd5 29.Be3 Rd8 30.Bxb7 Kxb7 31.Rab1 Kc6 32.Ne4 Nd7 33.Nf6 Rh3 34.Nxd7 Rxd7 35.Rf1 f5 36.gxf6 Rf7 37.Kg2 Rh5 38.Rf1 a6 39.Rf3 Rh8 40.Bg5 Rh5 41.h4 Rh8 42.Re3 Re8 43.Rbe1 Kd5 44.Re5+ Kd6 45.d5 1-0

Cohen, H (1912) - Sollano, E (1944) [B23] Illinois Class / A (4), 1998

While both Howard Cohen (Larry's brother) and Ely Sollano are rated in the mid-1900's, they're stronger than many experts. Their lackluster performance in the A section is a fair barometer of just how tough this section was. They met in the last round:

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 a6 4.a4 Nc6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nd4 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5! Be6!

Kids, don't play 9...Bxd1?? 10.Bxf7# unless you're anxious to achieve negative immortality in databases.

10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.d3 Nd4 12.Ne4 e6? 13.Ng5!± Nf5 14.Ngx7 Qd4+ 15.Kh1 Rg8 16.c3 Qd5 17.c4 Qd4 18.Qf3 Rb8 19.g4!+- Nh4 20.Qe2

Thanks to his wonderful pair of Knights, White threatens to "mate" the Black Queen with 21.Be3!

20...Nxxg4 21.Qxxg4 Nf5 22.Re1 Be7 23.Qe2 Bh4 24.Nf3 Qf6 25.Nxxh4 Kxf7 26.Nf3 Rgd8 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Qxe6+ Qxe6 29.Nxe6 Rxd3 30.Nxc5 Rh3 31.Re5 g6 32.Kg2 Rh4 33.Bd2 Rd8 34.Ne4 Rd3 35.Re1 Rdh3 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Bc3+ Kh8 38.Ng5 Rxh2+ 39.Kf3 Kh5 40.Rh8 h6 41.Rg1 Rh1 42.Rxh1 Rxh1 43.Nf7 Rh3+ 44.Kf2 Rh2+ 45.Kg1 Rh4 46.Be5 Kg4 47.Rg8 Kh5 48.Nd6 Ne3 49.b4 Nc2 50.b5 Rg4+ 51.Kf2 Nb4 52.Ne4 Kh4 53.Bf6+ Kh3 54.Kf3 h5 55.Nf2+ 1-0

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1998 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship

As the USCF reports it...

UMBC REGAINS PAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE TEAM TITLE

University of Maryland Baltimore County regained the nation's top college chess title by dominating the 1998 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship, held December 26-29 in Dallas, Texas.

The new college team champions (GM Tal Shaked, 20, of Tucson, Ariz.; Florin Felecan, 18, of Evanston, Ill.; Eugene Perelshteyn, 18, of Baltimore, Md.; William Morrison, 38, of Baltimore, Md.; Erez Klein, 22, of Forest Hills, N.Y.) posted a perfect 6-0 match score to win their second national title.

The UMBC team also finished in first place in 1996.

Rounding out the top six places were: University of Pennsylvania (2nd overall; 4 1/2 match points); Harvard (3rd-6th; 4 points); University of Chicago (3rd-6th; 4 points); Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3rd-6th; 4 points); Stanford (3rd-6th; 4 points).

Porter High School, of Brownsville, Texas, tallied 14 1/2 game points to win the 1998 Pan-American Scholastic Team Championship. The top individual scholastic winner was Jonathan Walsh (5 1/2 out of a possible 6 points). Walsh, 15, of Richardson, Texas, with a USCF rating of 1791, defeated top-seeded Andrew Whatley (2259 USCF) in the

final round to win first place honors. A total of 63 players competed in the event.

Three players tied for first place in the 1998 Pan-American Open: Rudy Tia, 34, of Ft. Hood, Texas, IM Rade Milovanovic, formerly of Yugoslavia, and WIM Alexey Root, 33, of Denton, Texas, each scored 5 out of a possible 6 points. A total of 48 players participated in the event.

The 1998 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship and related events were co-sponsored by the U.S. Chess Federation, local organizers Katie Stone, Tim Redman, and Luis Salinas, the University of Texas at Dallas, and the Dallas Chess Club.

And as the U of C Team reports it...

By Mark Young

The University of Chicago fielded two teams at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championships, held December 26-29, 1998 in Dallas, Texas. But while the lower-rated Chicago teams were more than willing to steal the thunder of a very strong field, they soon found out that they were going to be playing for second place.

The University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC), a perennial favorite for first place who had been upset last year in the final round, had come determined to claim the largest trophy. They fielded what was far and away the strongest 'A' team at the event, which was so exclusively selected that last year's UMBC first board, William "The Exterminator" Morrison, was only rated well enough to play fourth for their team this year!

Heading up their ranks was the 20-year-old World Junior Champion (erroneously described in the Dallas newspapers as the "world champion") Grandmaster Tal Shaked, who had only recently matched wits in international round-robin tournaments with such

players as Kasparov and Judit Polgar. But due to the peculiarities of USCF ratings vs. FIDE ratings, Shaked wasn't even the highest-rated player at the event.

That title belonged to former Evanston resident and reigning national high school champion Florin Felecan, who only last winter had led a team to victory at the Chicago-based Midwest Amateur Team Championships. Fast-rising junior Eugene Perelshteyn, Morrison, and FM Erez Klein rounded out the team, giving it a frightening 2499 average rating.

The two Chicago teams—which, due to the surprising absence of Pan-Am regular University of Illinois, were the only local teams in the event—quickly discovered that UMBC A was not the only strong team present. The UMBC B, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, New York University, University of Texas at Dallas, and Stanford teams all boasted average ratings well over 2000, leaving



University of Chicago Team Members from Left to right clockwise: Salar Jehedi (B Team) William Lopes (A Team), Frank Titus (B), Martin Szefran (B), Chuck Cadman(A), Leon Shernoff (A). Not Pictured: (A) Todd Rowland, (B) Mark Young and Jay Bhatt

Chicago 'A' seeded eighth out of a field of 21. The Chicago 'B' team was even worse off; none of their players were over 1800, leaving them seeded 19th.

After two rounds the teams had lived beyond its rating, crushing the UMBC C team in round 1 and then scoring an upset in round 2 over UT-Dallas' A team.

Although Chicago captain and first board Chuck Cadman and second board William Lopes were far from 2200, they were both performing as masters!

Cadman scored a draw against the very strong UTD master Nouredine Ziane, while Lopes completely tied down and dismantled former Chicago-area regular Jason Doss.

But Chicago A would see their first real challenge in round 3, paired against a strong team from Pennsylvania. Cadman, a long-time Illinois tourney regular, got a little bit lucky against former high school champion David Arnett-

**Arnett,D - Cadman,C [D47]
Pan-American Intercollegiate
(3), 27.12.1998
Notes by Chuck Cadman**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4
7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 b4
10.Na4 Be7

British GM Peter Wells in his book "The Complete Semi-Slav" gives 10...c5 as more challenging.

11.a3 bxa3 12.bxa3 0-0 13.e4
c5 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5
16.dxc5 h6 17.c6 Bxc6 18.Nd4
Bb7 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.Rb1

After the game, Arnett claimed he missed a win, but subsequent analysis shows the same defensive method foils him:

20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bxh6 gxh6 22.Qg6 Rf7! (22...Rf5 23.Bxf5
exf5 24.Qxh6+ Kg8 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Rab1+/- Arnett tried
to play Rb1 first in the game to "improve" on this idea, but
it is interesting that ...Rf7 works here as well.) 23.Qxf7 Qg8
24.Qxg8+ (24.Qf3 Rf8 25.Qh3 Qg5+; 24.Qh5 Qxg2+
25.Kxg2 Nf4+ and Fritz says this is mate in 7.) 24...Rxg8
with virtually the same drawn endgame as that which results
from the text.

There is also the try 20.Qe4, but it kills off all of the play
after 20...Nf6 21.Qxb7 Qxd4 22.exf6 (22.Bb2 Qxd3
23.Qxe7 Nd5=+; 22.Qxe7 Nd5 23.Be3 Qxd3=+) 22...Bxf6
23.Qe4 Qxe4 24.Bxe4 Bxa1 25.Bxa8 Rxa8 26.Bxh6=.

20...Nb6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Bxh6 gxh6 23.Qg6 Rf7! 24.Qxf7
Qg8!

Arnett claimed after the game that he simply missed this
saving move.

25.Qxg8+ Rxg8 26.g3 Bd5 27.Rfc1 Bxa3 28.Rc7 Rg7
29.Rxg7 Kxg7 30.Ra1 Be7 31.Rxa7 Kf8 32.h4 Nc4 33.Bxc4
Bxc4

Arnett admitted in the postmortem that his winning chances
are virtually nil, but both players continue on as the match
was still very much in doubt.

34.Ra4 Bd5 35.h5 Bg5 36.f4 Be7 37.g4 Bf3 38.f5 exf5
39.gxf5 Bxh5 40.f6 Bc5+ 41.Kh2 Kf7 42.Kg3 Ke6 43.Kf4
Be2 44.Ra5 Bb6 45.Ra2 Bc4 46.Rc2 Bd4 47.Rxc4 ½-½

With this draw and a crushing win by Lopes on Board 2 in
hand, Chicago third board Todd Rowland faced a difficult
decision against WIM Anna Khan:

Khan-Rowland
Notes by Todd Rowland

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 Nc6

Before the round I agonized over my opening choice. B-team player Mark Young thought I should not play my usual choice, the England Gambit (1 d4 e5!). That made sense to me since I had lost badly two years ago to UPenn's first board David Arnett at the Pan Am '96 in Baltimore. Mark suggested the Two Knights' Tango since it was not too theoretical.

3 Nf3 e6 4 Nc3 Bb4 5 Bg5

We have transposed to the Nimzo-Indian. White has many alternatives, like 5 Qc2 or 5 e3, but after the game Anna Khan told me she was unhappy in the past with positions from the latter choice, so she opted for the text.

5 ... h6 6 Bh4 g5 7 Bg3 Ne4

Here I follow the stem game Szpisjak-Rajlich [Chicago Open 1996, I believe, since I was there to see the postmortem. MY] which continued here with 8 Qc2 d5 9 e3 h5 with a wild game. Anna Khan was concerned about pressure on the g3-bishop, so she implements an idea to recapture on g3 with the queen.

This game is not an adequate test of this idea since white quickly goes wrong.

8 Qd3 d5 9 Ne5 Nxe5 10 Bxc5 f6

Black has committed himself to some major weaknesses, but will obtain the initiative in return. After 11 Bg3 Bd7 12 f3 Nxe5 13 Qg6+ Ke7 14 Qg7+ Kd6 15 hxg3 Qf8 16 Qxf8- Raxf8 Black's king is actively placed for the endgame.

11 exd5? Qxd5! 12 Bg3

Black answers the planned 12 Bxf6 with ...Rf8 and ...Rxf2, and not 12...Nxf6 13 Qg6+. White would then have problems with developing her kingside. Best was 12 Bxc7!; one possible line is 12...e5 13 a3 Bxc3+ 14 bxc3 Qc6 with an unclear position, avoiding 14...Bf5 15 f3 Ng3 16 e4 Nxh1 17 exd5 Bxd3 18 Bxd3 with a great position for white.

12 ... e5!

White can be forgiven for missing this one. Now black's development is very quick while white will have trouble developing her kingside. I was planning on answering 13 f3 with 13...exd4 14 fxe4 dxc3; Black's pieces coordinate the attack on c3 very well.

13 a3 Bxc3+ 14 bxc3 Bf5 15 dxe5 Qa5 16 Qc4 O-O-O 17 exf6

Suicidal; White's last defensive try was 17 Qb4. Black's next move prevents both this resource and tactics based upon Bxc7.

17 ... c5!

Now on 18 f3 Nd2 19 Qf7 Rh7 20 Qa2 Qxc3 21 Kf2 Nc4 the black pieces swarm over the position.

18 Be5 Rhe8 19 f4 gxf4 20 Bxf4 Nxc3 21 Bc7

Desperation since 21 Bd2 is met by 21...Rxd2 22 Kxd2 Nb1+ 23 Kc1 Qd2 mate. White can try also 21 Bd2 Rxd2 22 f7 Rf8 23 Kxd2 Nd5+ 24 Kc1 Ne3. My computer comes up with yet a third try: 21 Rc1 Ne4+ (or the mundane 21...Nxe2+) 22 Qb4 Rd1+! 23 Kxd1 Nf2+ 24 Ke1 Nd3+. After the text the game is over quickly since losing the piece does not relieve the pressure.

21... Kxc7 22 Qf4+ Rd6 23 Kf2 Ne4+ 24 Kg1 Qc3 25 Rc1 Qd2 26 Qxd2 Rxd2 0-1

[White resigned, and I got a free dinner from Todd for my opening advice. MY]

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The Pan-Am Blitz tournament was held that night, but because it featured a shocking \$20 entry fee (the year before it was \$5) all of the Chicago players missed out on the event, preferring to catch up on their sleep - to make space for the blitz, the second round had to be held at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. Several other players agreed that the tournament wasn't worth it; UPenn's Arnett said, "I had to get up at 8 because of that [expletive] blitz tourney, so I'm sure not going to play in it." Unfortunately, your writer could not get results from the tourney for this article.

In the morning, Chicago A got the chance to face UMBC A, which had rolled to a 3-0 record but whose individual

players, including Shaked, had been nicked for a few draws along the way

This gave the Chicago players some hope, but only one of the games still had some reason to be hopeful after the first time control:

Cadman,C - Shaked,T [B43]
Pan-American Intercollegiate (4), 28.12.1998
Notes by Chuck Cadman

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6
7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.f4 d5 10.Qf3 Be7 11.Bd2 0-0

Cautious play by both sides has resulted in a slightly unusual position. The strong Black center virtually demands that White seek kingside play. One option for Black instead of the text is 11...Qb6+ 12.Kh1 Qxb2 13.Rab1 Qa3 14.Rb3 Qc5 15.e5 Nd7 16.Qg3 0-0 17.f5 with the kind of attacking position that White seeks. Shaked presumably avoided taking the pawn over the next few moves because of variations like this.

12.Rae1 g6 13.Kh1 Bb7 14.e5 Nd7 15.Qh3 Nc5 16.f5? exf5

Although the tactics are in White's favor after 16...Nxd3? 17.f6 Nxe5 (17...Rfb8 18.exd3 followed by Rf4-h4) 18.fxe7 Rfe8 19.Bf4 -, Black has kept his options open with the text and can beat off the attack at the right time.

17.Bh6

Not 17.Bxf5? gxf5 18.Bh6 Ne6-/-

17...Ne4?!

I think this is inaccurate. Instead after 17...Nxd3 18.Qxd3 I would be fighting for a draw. Tal tries to obtain a strong knight and get two pawns for the exchange. I attempted to eliminate the f5 pawn so that I could take on e4 when the e4 pawn would be vulnerable. However this plan is very difficult to accomplish and Black's position is solid

18.g4 Qxc5 19.gxf5 c5

Black must avoid 19...Nf2+? 20.Kg2

20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.fxg6?!

21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Qg3 is the best try, but it is very difficult to evaluate. It is probably equal with best play.

21...hxg6 22.Qd7? Bc8?

The time control was 45/2 and I think black had about 10 minutes compared to about 45 for me. He could have come out

better after 22...Ra7! 23.Bf4 (23.Bxf8? e3+ 24.Kg1 Qg5+) 23...Qe6 24.Qxe6 fxe6 25.Kg1 (25.Nxe4? g5) 25...Bd5-/+

23.Qd5?

After the game Tal thought 23. Qc6 would win, but we didn't look at it very carefully and it seems that Black can hold the position. The complicated path is 23.. Rb8 24.Rxe4 (24.Bf4 Qe6 25.Qxe6 Bxe6 26.Bxb8 Rxb8 27.Rxe4 Rxb2-/+) 24...Qd6 25.Qxd6 (25.Nd5 Bb7 26.Nxe7+ Qxe7 27.Rxe7 Bxc6+ 28.Kg1 Bd5 29.Bxf8 Kxf8-) 25...Bxd6 26.Bxf8 Bxf8 27.Nd5 Rxb2-. After the text White wins the exchange, but finds himself powerless against the Black pawn juggernaut.

23...Qxd5 24.Nxd5 Re8 25.Nc7 Bb7 26.Nxa8 Bxa8 27.Be3 f5 28.Kg1 Kf7 29.Re2 Ke6 30.Rg2 Rg8 31.Kf2 Bc6 32.Rfg1 Bh4- 33.Ke2 Bb5+ 34.Kd2 Rd8+ 35.Kc1 Be8 36.Rd2 Rxd2 37.Kxd2 Ke5 38.Bg5 Bxg5+ 39.Rxg5 Kf4 40.Rg3 Ke5 41.Rc3 Kd4 42.Rh3 f4 43.Rh8 e3+ 44.Ke1 Bb5 45.c3+ Ke5 46.b3 f3 47.c4 Bd7 48.a3 a5 49.Rh7 f2+ 50.Kf1 Bf5 51.Rf7 Bd3+ 52.Kg2 Kd4 0-1

The loss meant that UC A had to face down the perennially strong Stanford team Monday night, damaged by the fact that Chicago fourth board Leon Shernoff fell ill and the team did not have an alternate. Forced to play anyway, Shernoff went down in defeat, and none of the other three boards were able to do better than draw.

This set up the final round on Tuesday morning, in which Chicago and NYU battled it out. UMBC A had already locked up first place, and the Harvard-UT-Dallas A and Stanford-UPenn matches on boards 2 and 3 would likely decide second place, but a top five finish still awaited the Chicago-NYU winner.

Cadman quickly drew on board 1, liquidating down into an opposite-colored bishop endgame. By the first time control, Rowland had won on board 3, putting the squeeze on his helpless opponent, who lost on time as he tried to find a way to break out of the bind. That meant one point was needed in the final two games to decide the match in favor of Chicago. One of those two games was by the freshman Lopes, against the strong NYU expert Gregory Blekherman:

William Lopes, Chicago A
Gregory Blekherman, NYU
Pan American Intercollegiate Team Championships (6),
Dec. 29, 1998

Notes by Mark Young

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nge7!?

A bit of unorthodoxy for such an important match game.

4. c3 g6 5. d4 Bg7 6. O-O

Surprisingly, White has the option of 6 d5!?, after which 6...Nb8 seems forced (6...Na5 7 b4 c6 8 Bd3+/-), then giving White the further choice of something solid or 7 d6!?

6...exd4 7. cxd4 d5 8. e5 O-O 9. Bg5?!

It turns out that this might be a waste of time, as there is no real threat involved and the bishop can be promptly scared away.

9. ... h6 10. Be3 Nf5 11. Bxc6 bxc6 12. Qd2 Qe7 13. Nc3 Qb4 14. Rab1 Rb8 15. Ne1 Nxe3 16. Qxe3 Bf5 17. Nd3 Qc4 18. Nc5!?

An interesting sacrifice planning to take advantage of the hemmed-in Indian bishop and the threat of Nc5-d7. However, this simply encourages Black to take part in the series of tactics that is to come.

18. ... Bxb1 19. Rxb1 Bxe5! 20. Qxe5!

Both sides must be careful. White's plan is to meet 20...Qxc3? with the marvellously restrained 21 Nd7 Rxb2 22 Nf6+ Kh8 23 Rf1! (not 23 Re1?? Qxe1+! 24 Qxe1 Rfb8, with the decisive threat ...Rb1) when White's threat of 24 Nd7+ f6 25 Qe7! (Lopes) is difficult to meet. It seems 23...Rbb8 is forced, but then 24 Nxd5+ f6 25 Nxf6 maintains the threats while winning a couple of pawns. After the text, White still faces a difficult endgame.

21. Qg3 Rxb2 22. Rf1 Qxd4 23. Nb3 Qe5 24. Qd3 d4?

A baldfaced blunder, giving up a defended center pawn for what seems to be no real reason. Black wants to have the queens off, but he is in too much of a rush and would do well to simply keep White tied down.

25. Qxd4 Qxd4 26. Nxd4 c5 27. Nc6 a6 28. g3 Rc2 29. Nd5 Ree2 30. Nxc7 Rxa2 31. Nd5 Red2 32. Ne3 Kg7 33. Ne5 a5 34. N5c4 Re2

The knights have performed wonders for White, thanks to the absence of the restraining d5-pawn. Now Black gradually wanders astray trying to get his a-pawn moving. Considering the match situation at this point (1.5 points for Chicago with severe time pressure for Chicago on board 4) Black may have wanted to start thinking about closing the game down to a draw at this point.

35. Kg2 Ra4 36. Kf3 Rea2 37. Rd1 Rb4 38. Rd5 Rb5 39. Rd7 a4 40. Nd6 Rbb2 41. Rxf7+ Kh8 42. Rf8+ Kh7 43. Rf7+ Kh8 44. Ng4 a3 45. Rf8+ Kg7 46. Rf7+ Kh8 47. Ne4 1-0

The match win, coupled with a win by Stanford over UPenn on board 2, propelled Chicago A into a tie for third place, with the Pan Ams' complicated tiebreak system deeming that Chicago finished in fourth place. However, it's worth noting that UC A was the highest finisher of the teams that had to face the UMBC A leviathan.

"The teams that placed 2nd and 3rd lost so early—in the case of UPenn, to us—that they never had to face [UMBC A]," said Shernoff.

The team was more than pleased with the result. "We had our best team since the old glory days [Chicago won multiple Pan Ams outright in the '60s and '70s] and our best chance to win the tournament," said Rowland.

Meanwhile, the UC B team was not turning any heads but gradually improved upon itself. The team was originally rated third from the bottom, with none of its members over 1800. After losing two quick matches (one of them to Stanford) and winning one, the team had to take the bye in round 4 not because they had the worst record in the tournament, but because they were the lowest-rated team that had not yet taken the bye!

A hard-fought match against the B team from host school UT-Dallas was lost by Chicago, but not before some blood was drawn against UTD B's all-expert lineup:

W: Young, Mark 1574 (Chicago B)
B: Gurwitz, Jacob 2010 (UT-Dallas A)
Notes by Mark Young

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 b5!?

The Polugaevsky variation, of which the only thing I know is its name and that the recommended next move is:

8. e5 dxe5 9. fxe5 Qc7

At the board, I thought that my opponent was vastly prepared against the obvious 10 Qe2, which I found out later is the main line. I instead tried to play something solid that would take my opponent out of book...

10. Nf3 b4!?

. and was successful. After the game he refused to do the postmortem until he had consulted both ECO and Polu's book, since he had never seen 10 Nf3 before. I guess such reliance upon theory is good, since he's rated over 2000, but I don't know how it helps him in a game like this one, which gets more and more random with every move:

11. exf6!? blunder:

Polu's recommendation is 11 Nb5 axb5 12 exf6, which turns out to be unclear (at least that's what my opponent's book said). I preferred the tactics of the text, realizing that I had a super-risky 12th move that would avoid the loss of a pawn, but next time I will examine 11 Nb5 more closely.

11...bxc3 12 .Qd4 Nc6?!

This play brings trouble. The reason for "?" after 11. exf6 is the line 12...cxb2 13 Qxb2 (I don't have the space to describe how 13 fxg7?! loses) g6, in which White is playing with fire, positionally. If Black castles his solid pawn structure will offer him the advantage, but if White can develop an attack then his weak Q-side will not matter. This was clearly the better choice for Black.

13. fxg7! Nxd4 14 gxh8=Q cxb2?

And this lemon loses trivially, something that I had to foresee before playing 12. Qd4. I wrote down 14...Nxc2+, thinking that it was obviously forced. Even so, after 15 Kd1! Black cannot capitalize on the exposed position of the White king because his bishops cannot make threats in one move. After 15...Nxa1 16. Qxc3 the knight is trapped and my opponent and I determined that White emerges with at worst two pawns for the piece and the better endgame in all lines. (*Editor's Note: Salar Jahedi provides that Nxc2 is given as = by Fritz*)

15. Qxd4 Bb4+ 16. Bd2 Qxc2 17. Bxb4 Rb8 18. Bd3

18. Rd1 wins much more easily, of course, but it's all over after the text too: A) 18...bxa1=Q+ 19. Qxa1 Qxd3 20. Qh8+ Kd7 21 Ne5+ winning the queen; B) 18...b1=Q+ 19. Rxb1 Qxb1+ 20. Kf2 Qxh1 21. Bf1! trapping the queen and threatening 22. Qd6.

18...Qxg2 19. Rg1 bxa1=Q+ 20. Qxa1 Qxf3 21. Rg8+ Kd7 22. Qd4- Kc7 23. Bd6+ 1-0

In the final round Chicago B faced the University of Western Ontario, who was rated far over 2000 but seemed to be lacking in experience, as the board 1 game showed:

W: Carl Erhman 2079
B: Frank Titus 1766
Notes by Mark Young

1.e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d3 Nc6 4. Nc3 Na5!?

A typical move from Frank, denying his opponent the chance to obtain his ideal position without first making a major positional decision.

5. f4 Nxc4 6. dxc4 Bb4!?

Yet another unusual move, this time inducing a tactical

7. fxe5? Nxe4!

A trap which can also be seen in the Ruy Lopez with colors reversed, after 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Nf3 fxe4 5 Nxe5 Qh4, but in this game White quickly panics:

8. Qg4? Nxc3 9. a3

Desperation, to eliminate the threat from the bishop, but forgetting about:

9...d5! 10. Qxg7? Qh4+ 11. Qg3 Nc4+ 0-1

Chicago would in fact sweep Ontario, despite being underrated on boards 1, 2 and 3, as each Canadian "expert" blundered in much the same way in unclear positions. This win gained Chicago an even 3-3 record and 10th place on tiebreaks, finishing over several higher-rated teams. The team, consisting of Titus on board 1, Chicago natives Martin Szafran and Salar Jahedi on boards 2 and 3, myself on board 4 and alternate Jay Bhatt, saw a plus score for every member except Bhatt. Furthermore, with Lopes, Szafran, and Jahedi staying around after this year, the team looks to be in great shape for years to come.

Rumors persist that Jahedi is starting a movement to hold the Pan Ams in Chicago in two years; if true, they it would ensure that Chicago has returned to the glory days of its chess program.



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Selected Games from the team members

W: William Lopes, Chicago A
B: Gregory Blekherman, NYU
 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Championships (6), Dec. 29, 1998

1.e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nge7 4. c3 g6 5. d4 Bg7
 6.O-O exd4 7. cxd4 d5 8. e5 O-O 9. Bg5 h6 10. Be3 Nf5 11. Bxe6 bxc6 12. Qd2 Qe7 13. Nc3 Qb4 14. Rab1 Rb8 15. Ne1 Nxe3 16. Qxe3 Bf5 17. Nd3 Qc4 18. Nc5 Bxb1 19. Rxb1 Bxe5 20. Qxe5 Rfe8 21. Qg3 Rxb2 22. Rf1 Qxd4 23. Nb3 Qe5 24. Qd3 d4 25. Qxd4 Qxd4 26. Nxd4 c5 27. Nc6 a6 28. g3 Rc2 29. Nd5 Rec2 30. Nxc7 Rxa2 31. Nd5 Red2 32. Ne3 Kg7 33. Ne5 a5 34. N5c4 Re2 35. Kg2 Ra4 36. Kf3 Rea2 37. Rd1 Rb4 38. Rd5 Rb5 39. Rd7 a4 40. Nd6 Rbb2 41. Rxf7+ Kh8 42. Rf8+ Kh7 43. Rf7+ Kh8 44. Ng4 a3 45. Rf8- Kg7 46. Rf7+ Kh8 47. Ne4 1-0

Szafran-Longo (2029) UMBC B Rd.2 Dec 27

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Nf66.Nc3 Bg7
 7.Be2 00 8.Qd2 d5 9.000 Nxe4
 10.Nxc6 Nxd2 11.Nxd8 Bxc3
 12.bxc3 Ne4 13.Nxf7 Rxf7 14.Rxd5
 Be6 15.Re5 Nxc3 16.Bd3 Bf5
 17.Bc4 e6 18.f3 Rc8 19.Bb3 Nd5
 20.Kb2 Rfb7 21.Rc1 h5 22.Bxa7
 Nf4 23.Be3 Nd5 24.h3 Nb4 25.Rxf5
 gxf5 26.Bxe6- Kg7 27.Bxc8 Rxc8
 28.Rd1 Rxc2+ 29.Kb3 Rxa2
 30.Kxa4 Rxc2 31.Rg1 Rxc1
 32.Bxc1 Kf6 33.f4 Kc6 34.Kc4 b5+
 35.Kc5 b4
 36.Bd4 resigns

Etan Lifeld (2257) Stanford - Szafran Rd 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.a4 Be7
 8.00 00 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nb3 b6 11.f4
 Bb7 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Nb4 14.a5
 b5 15.g4 Qc4 16.Qg2 Nxe4 17.Nxe4
 Nxc2 18.Ned2 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Nxe3
 20.Rxe3 Qxf4 21.Rf3 Qe5 22.Raf1
 Rac8 23.Qf2 Bf6 24.Qa7 Ra8
 25.Qf2 Qxb2 26.Kh1 Qc2 draw

MINI BOOK REVIEW

Tim Just

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Greater Peoria Open

October 17, 1998

						score	
1	MERLI Christopher	2124	W 8	W 4	W 3	D 2	3.5
2	SAKALINSKAS Henrikas	2025	W14	W11	W 9	D 1	3.5
3	NAFF William A	2087	W 6	W 5	L 1	H	2.5
4	LEALI Michael R	1894	W12	L 1	D 5	W 7	2.5
5	GETZ Barney	1822	W13	L 3	D 4	W12	2.5
6	SUAREZ Ronald J	1564	L 3	W13	W11	D 9	2.5
7	STINSON Marcus E	1854	L 9	W12	W10	L 4	2
8	VERO Carl M	1704	L 1	D 9	W15	H	2
9	LEALI Matthew	1409	W 7	D 8	L 2	D 6	2
10	KARAGIANIS Pete D	1256	L11	W14	L 7	D13	1.5
11	ANDERSON Phil	1825	W10	L 2	L 6		1
12	LEWIS Jonathan A	1537	L 4	L 7	W13	L 5	1
13	RUSTOM Rami	1052	L 5	L 6	L12	D10	0.5
14	FAMERO Paul	1552	L 2	L10			0
15	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1544	-	-	L 8	-	0



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The K-12 National Championships

The K-12 National Championships in Oak Brook this past December attracted over 1400 Players! The Oak Brook Hyatt was bursting at the seams with children of all shapes and sizes, of all nationalities and ages! Concerned parents could be found in the hallway outside of the playing room, trying to hide their nervousness. The USCF bookstore was busy as players found books they wanted, sets they needed, and clocks they desired.

Mid-America Chess, USCF, and the ICA sponsored the tournament. And they made sure they had enough reliable, knowledgeable, experienced staff to handle the event and make it run smoothly and efficiently. Some tournament directors were flown in from Arizona and Texas! Essentially the same core staff that has made the National Open in Vegas a pleasure to adult chess players for many years taxed themselves to do the same for the children!

I was on hand as floor chief for the fourth grade. This event is at least my fourth National Scholastic, and it still amazes me as I watch over 1000 kids play! Each game has its merits, and there are a thousand stories that I can tell. But instead, for one person to do a write up for this extra-ordinary extravaganza would not do it justice! So... I asked anybody I could find associated with the event to write. A game, an opinion, an anecdote, a story... whatever they wanted I said. And did I get a response! Here they all are... put together in one happy family.... All pictures were taken by Betsy Zacate. Visit Mid America Chess Web Site at www.64.com for results and more photographs. Enjoy! *Editor*



1 picture = 1000 words ! Enough said!

Hadley Dominates at Nationals

Blair Machaj

Want to know whom some of the best up and coming juniors are?

Well, keep reading this article. Hadley participated at the Nationals in Oak Brook, in the first week of December. In the Nationals you only play people in your grade and the top three scores count for the team. Although many teams would have problems if their teams got split up this was no problem for Hadley.

The 6th grade team consisted of Andrew Hubbard (1559), Bennett Joseph (1200), Patrick Frank (1040), Matias Sich (695), and last but not least Jeff Novak (592). Hubbard dominated winning five out of six games. Take a look at the January Chess Life to see a picture of Hubbard. Joseph gave the team four points, but

beat 1761 Jared Hecht the number one player in the tournament. (*Editor – since I was Bennett's coach, I have the score of this game. I present it as a separate section in this feature.*) He also drew against a 1420 and a 1377. The surprise of the tournament came from Novak, although he was 138 out of 160, that did not stop him from a fantastic tournament. He scored all of his points against higher rated opponents. The team dominated the division and won first place. A great finish for Hadley and hopefully they will continue this winning streak.

The 7th grade team only had three players but that did stop them. Brent Shadel (1147), Ben Hudson (1200), and Matt Ollayos (753), led the team. Shadel scored four points; he drew the number six player, and beat the number fourteen player. Look for a picture of Brent in the January Chess Life. Hudson was sick for the tournament but tried to play to help the team. He still managed to swipe three points despite his illness. Ollayos scored solid three points even though he was lower rated than most of the players in his section. The team

managed ten points and tied for fifth. If they were at full strength it could have been better.

The only player they had in the 8th grade section was Kevin Wong. He played despite many problems this year and managed to get two points. It was a good showing since it was one of the first tournaments he played in.

A special thanks goes out to all the people who helped to run this tournament. Also I would like to thank the TD's especially the Illinois TD's: Alan Losoff, Tim Just, Todd Barre, Mike Zacate, Walter Brown, Erv Sedlock, Jeff Wiewel, Josh Flores, Tom Doan, Gary Janssen, and Dan Pradt. (And any TD I might have forgotten).

A Couple of Coach's Choices

Garrett Scott (University High – Normal Chess Coach)

As a high school chess coach I am often treated to exciting postgame analyses.

The games are not always accurate, but there are fun to watch with after the fact comments from the players.

Peter Stroyan is in his ninth year of competitive chess. He is a senior at

University High in Normal. His creativity at the board is often interesting

B02/8

W: Stroyan, Peter (1400)

B: ???

**K-12 National Championships
Oakbrook, 12th Grade, 1998**

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. dxc6 Nxc6 5. Bb5 Qe7 6. Nf3 a6 7. Bxc6+ Qxc6 8. d3 Bg4



9. Be3

This pin won't hurt because if we exchange I'll get the g file (PS)



11th grade competitors and fast friends

9... Bxf3 10. Qxf3 Qxf3 11. gxf3 e6 12. 0-0-0

My opponent started looking at O-O. I'm watching his eyes. (PS)

12... Be7 13. Ne4 Nd7

He'll either straighten up my pawns or I've got a strong knight at e4. (PS)

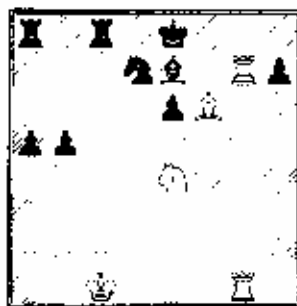
14. Rhg1 0-0 15. Bh6



15... Rfc8 16. Bxg7 b5 17. Rg2

After giving me the file and b5 he is asking to die (PS)

17... a5 18. Rdg1 16 19. Bxf6+ Kf7 20. Rg7+ Ke8



21. Rg8+

Black Resigns. [21 ... Bf8 22. Nd6# ; 21 ... Nf8 22. Bxe7 Kxe7 23. R1g7+ Ke8 24. Nf6+ Kd8 25. Rxf8# (25. Rd7#)] 1:0

It is enjoyable watching a near 1400 like Peter executing an attack like this without a Queen.

Emily Riehl is a freshman with a rating in the 700's. She played a little in Junior High. She did not show up to chess until after the state cross country meet (a finish in the mid 40 place). She is bright and eager to learn chess. She has

been soaking up instruction like a sponge. The question is whether we can keep her in chess with her interest in cross country, scholastic bowl, orchestra, math team and continuing academic achievement that puts her among the top of her class.

Frosh Soph State at Bloom Trail
Dec. 12th 1998
Fifth board Section

W: Josh Edenburg
B: Emily Riehl.

1. e4 25 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 d5 4. exd Nxd5 5. Bxd5 Qxd5 6. d4 Nc6

Remember, these are F/S fifth board players - most of whom are just beyond beginners. Not real solid yet. (GS)

7. c3 Bd6 8. Bg5 e4 9. Nh4 QxB 10 g3 e3 11. Qe2

This would have been a good idea at move 9.

11. ... O-O 12. fxe Re8

more for an attack.



Some who have reason to be proud!

13. e4 Bxp+ 14. hxB Qxg+ 15. Qf2 Rxc- 16. Kf1 Bb3+

She has been told to use as many pieces as possible for an attack. It has a better chance of succeeding.

17. RxB QxK+ 18. Qg2 Rf4+ 19. Kg1 Qe3+ 20. Kh2 RxN+ 21 Qh3 QxQ+

Players at this level play to the bitter end, with good reason. There are often startling reverses among these players.

22. Kg1 Qh2+ 23. Kf1 Rf4+ 24. Ke1 Re8+

See note after move 16.

25. Kd1 Rf1++

Admittedly, there are many inaccuracies in the game. But all of us can remember some of those early games in our chess experience where we punished errors that were worse than our own. It is that joy of attack that caused many of us to become infatuated with the game.

More than half of Emily's moves was checks. She seems to thrive on the attack. It will be a pleasure to watch her develop.

There are many tournament chess games

being played in the scholastic arena in Illinois. Some of them are of high quality. Most are of lesser quality. But hundreds of young people are plying thousands of games of chess that are enthralling them for a period of time. Almost all of them have interesting ideas in them. Many of the ideas are flawed. The process of thinking, observing, rethinking while all the time enjoying the process has to be of some benefit to these youngsters. Moreover, they are learning to enjoy the game so many have enjoyed through the years.

A Pivotal Game Annotated

Joshua Flores

This was a very important game for Hadley's 6th grade team member Bennett Joseph.

He had won 3 games out of three and now was facing a top seed. How would he, a 1200 who has been dropping, do against a 1700? Find out and follow the game! Notes are by Joshua Flores.

C01/5

Joseph, Bennett (1200)
Hecht, Jared (1761)
K-12 National Championships
Oakbrook, 6th Grade,
December, 1998

1. e4 e6 2. d4

Bennett has played the Black side of this opening many times and has seen many of my games where I did also. The French Defense battles for the center in a slow boil usually. The classical pawn structure for Black lends itself for a queen side onslaught, and for White a

kingside crusade.

2... d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Bd3

The exchange variation is considered by many to be "drawish". The symmetry for both sides usually leads to rapid trade of pieces and/or equalizing tactics and threats. But what the theory states and what happens do not necessarily go hand in hand. This variation lets both sides show their stuff and fireworks can come quickly

4... Nc6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. c3

To hold the d4 pawn.

6. ... Bd6 7. Bc3 Nge7 8. Nbd2 f6
9. 0-0 Qd7



Yes! We are Number 1!



10. b4 0-0-0

Bennett judged that Black was going to castle long. All of Black's pieces are aimed at White's kingside. Black seems to be standing better now. So Bennett launched an attack of his own, showing that his pieces are not idle.

11. Qb3 h5 12. a4

Here come the can openers.

12. ... Nf5

Black loses focus. Changes plans. Or so it seems. This move threatens to weaken White's dark squares with Nxe3. Is this an accurate plan? I like g5 continuing with the pawn storm.

13. Rf1 Nxe3 14. Rxe3 Bf4

This move definitely should not be part of Black's plan. It forces White's rook to go back, true... but that is just helping.

15. Re1 Bf5

Exchanging Bishops? Why? The White king is happy that there are less pieces coming towards him now.

16. Bxf5 Qxf5



17. b5

White finally gets to continue his attack. But more accurate would have been a5. then b5. As is the N can post itself on a5 and blockade the pawn storm.

17. ... Nb8

Fortunately for White, Black retreats the Knight to a passive position. N's are great protectors of Kings, but not when they are passively placed.

18. a5 g5 19. b6 19... axb6 20. axb6 c6



On the surface this is a good move. It keeps the lines closed. But in reality, a bad move. the pawn on b6 plays a major role in the fireworks to come. As do the extremely weak dark squares Black has saddled himself with. How Bennett exploits these positional pluses is almost flawless!

21. Ra8!

Pinning the passive knight? Of course! Prevents the defensive move of Na6 It also sets up tactics Bennett has a natural ability to drum up.

21. ... h4 22. g3?!

Bennett stops his plans to stop Black's storm. I don't think this was necessary. Better would be to play Qa2.

22... hxcg3 23. fxcg3 Bd6 24. Qa2 Qh3 25. c4

Bennett sees that the Black's king bishop has to leave the b8-h2 diagonal. so he threaten to move it for Black.



25. ... Bxcg3?? 25 ... g4 26. Nh4 Rxh4 leads to an unclear position where Black has the initiative and attack and still keeps his very important King Bishop! This Bishop is key

for Black! Getting rid of it in a speculative attack is a serious mistake.'

26. hxcg3 Qxcg3+ 27. Kf1 Rh1+ 28. Ke2 Re8+

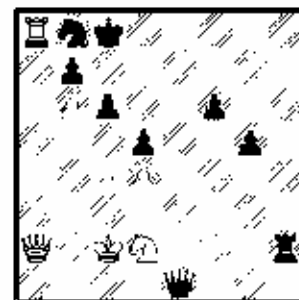
The White King flees for his life. Black looks like he is winning the battle.

29. Kd1 Rxe1+ 30. Nxe1 Qxf+ 31. Kc2

Safe haven for the White King? Black doesn't think so... the Bishop sac netted him 2 passed pawns for the good and a huge attack on White. What could be wrong with this position?

31. ...

Pinning and winning the Knight? forcing the King into exposed territory? This looks like a winning move. But Bennett saw further. Remember the dark square weaknesses around the King? and now the Rook is on a dark square too.



32. Rxb8+!! Kxb8

And now it is White's turn! Ride them cowboy!

33. Qa7+ Kc8 34. Qa8+ Kd7

b6 pawn is playing an awesome role.

35. Qxb7+ Ke8 36. Qxc6+ Kf8 37. Qxf6+

Not necessary but fun anyway.

37. ... Ke8

[37 ... Kg8 38. Qxcg5+ Kh8 39. b7

Qe8 40. Qe5+ Qxe5 41. dxe5 and the pawn queens]

38. Qc6+ Kf8 39. Qd6+

The point of the whole sequence.

39. ... Kg8 40. Qxh2 Qa1 41. b7 Qa4+

A piece up and a passed pawn inching forward... Bennett makes good use of each of the next following moves

42. Kd3 dxc4+ 43. Kc2 Qe8+ 44. Qe5

Only hope... Perpetual check? what else does he have?

44... Qh5+



45. Nf3 1:0

Black resigned... Pawn heads home... no

stopping now. A great game played by 2 very talented juniors!



Game Annotated

Jose A. Rodriguez Jr.

4th Grader Jose A. (Tony) Rodriguez presents one of his games for our pleasure.

White: Jose A. Rodriguez Jr
Black Jessica Doan

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4

White prefers to bring his Bishop out instead of blocking it in on 3.e3

3...Nc6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nbd2 e6 6.c3 Be7 7.h3

Allows White's bishop to have a flight square on a possible 7...Nh5

7...0-0 8.Be2 Bd6 9.Bxd6

White trades off the Bishop's thinking that Black's is better.

10.0-0 Rfe8 11.Nh4

Forcing the trade of White's Knight and Black's Bishop

11...g6?! 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Rc1?!

g3 would have been better leaving Black with her double pawns probably for the rest of the game.

13...f4 14.exf4 Qxf4 15.Bd3 Re6 16.Re1 Rxe1 17.Qxe1 Re8 18.Qd1 b6 19.Bb5 Re6 20.Qc2 Na5 21.Nf3 Nc4 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.Qd2 Qxd2?!

Black trades Queen's even though her Queen look a little better

24.Nxd2 Re2?

Allows White to take a pawn and defend his own.

25.Nxc4 Ne4 26.f3 Ng5 27.Kf1 Re6 28.Re1?

h4 would win Black's Knight

28...Rc6 29.Nd2 Ne6?

Allows White to fork Black's Knight and Rook

30.d5 Rd6 31.dxe6 Rxd2??

Black, getting the Knight back, doesn't realize that 32.e7!! wins

32.e7!! Rxb2 33.e8(Q) Kg7 34.Qe5+ Kg8 35.Qd4 h6 36.Re8+!

Forcing checkmate on the next move

36...Kh7 37.Qh8#

Oak Brook

Morgan Feeney

The K-12 tourney in Oak Brook was really fun.

Fourteen kids from my school (Walden III) went, and we all had a really great time. The tournament site was cool too, and it was nice that there was such a big skittles room. It seemed to be pretty well run, and the TDs I met were nice.

And it was cool that there was a mall just across the street that was really huge, even though we didn't have much time to shop, and it was pretty easy to get lost there.

The others thought it was pretty cool, but they didn't say much. Rachel and Tony had the nicest comments, Tony said that "It's groovy" and Rachel said "It was nice to be able to play against people of my own age. Even though it was a pain to be playing against people with really high ratings."

None of them would give me any of their games, so you can have one of mine.

White: Lester Simpson
Black: Morgan Feeney
R. 6

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 e6 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. d3 Nf6 6. 0-0 Be7 7. Bb5 Bd7 8. Bxc6 Bxc6 9. e5 Nd5 10. Ne4 0-0 11. e4 Nb6 12.

exd6 Bxd6 13. Re1 Be7 14. Nfg5 h6 15. Nh3 Nxe4 16. Bxh6 Ne5 17. Nxe5 Qd5 18. Nf4 Qxc5 19. d4 Nf3+ 20. gxf3 Qd6 21. Qd2 gxh6 22. Nh3 e5 23. Rxe5 Qg6+ 24. Kf1 Bxf3 25. Nf4 Qa6+ 26. Nd3 Bg5 27. Qc3 Rae8 28. Kgl Qg6 29. Kf1 Bd2 30. Nf4 Qa6+ 31. Qd3 Bxf4 32. Qxa6 bxa6 33. Rf5 Be2+ 34. Kg2 Bd6 35. Rd5 Re6 36. Rcl Rg6+ 37. Kh3 Bg4+ 38. Kh4 Be7+ 39. Rg5 Bxg5+ 40. Kxg4 Bxc1+ 41. Kf5 Rd8 42. Ke4 Rg4+ 43. Kf5 Rgxd4

White forfeits on time Anyway, it was a really cool tournament and we liked it

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First Experience

Renee McClure

Top Ten Reasons Why Kindergarten and First Grade Scholastic Players Request a Tournament Director

10. I have to go to the bathroom.
9. Can you set my clock for me?
8. How do you write checkmate?
7. She's moving too slowly.
6. Is it a touch move if he touches the piece with his pencil?
5. I have to go to the bathroom.
4. My pieces weren't really there (after being forked by the opponent).
3. She touched her piece and then tried to move a different one. (Opponent's response: I didn't REALLY touch it. I put my hand like this, really close to the piece, and I ALMOST touched it, but I didn't REALLY touch it).
2. Is this checkmate?
1. I have to go to the bathroom.

I worked as a tournament director at my first scholastic tournament when the Nationals came to Oak Brook in December.

It was a fabulous experience. I assisted in the kindergarten and first grade sections - occasionally helping out with the "older" kids in second and third grade.

My instructions before the event dealt with a lot of practicalities:

Kindergartners who have to go to the bathroom are escorted to a special door so that their parents can take them; first graders

Just go by themselves. Tournament directors don't answer the question, "Is this checkmate?" (If both players agree that Black won, then Black won, no matter what the position.

I was impressed with the players at the tournament. For the most part, there were no tears and no nerves - just a lot of chess, most of it good. The kids caught on to the routine quickly. After a round or two, almost none of the players still had trouble with 'touch moves,' they knew how to fill out the results sheet, and yes, they even knew how to find the bathrooms.

I was impressed with the parents. I had been warned that I would probably have more trouble with the parents than with the players. I had no trouble with either. I especially sympathized with the parents of the youngest players.

They had to stay close, and they had no way of knowing if their child's game would take thirty seconds or two hours. The parent volunteers were invaluable - they assisted with recording results, 'guarding' doors, and escorting children as well as with almost anything else that needed doing.

I was impressed with the tournament staff. The logistics involved with a tournament of this magnitude (1400

players) are mind-boggling. There were a few glitches, but basically, everything went smoothly. Recording results, posting pairings and wall charts, and calculating team standings become major jobs when dealing with so many players. Even bringing the trophies into the main playing room was a major feat - I believe there were approximately 300 trophies that could only be carried two to three at a time

I spent the weekend being impressed. I loved being part of so massive an undertaking. I loved being surrounded by so many good people. And I hope to do it again someday.



One of Renee's Charges.

Bridging the Chess Culture Gap with Scholastic Chess

Chess Widow (A.K.A. Janelle Losoff)



Do your non-chess-playing friends' eyes

glaze-over when you start to talk about the game?

Do they yawn when you are trying to show them the brilliant trap you set for your opponent in round three of last week's tournament? Do you crave the attention and support of a non-player, or at least some tolerance for your passion for the game?

Don't worry. You are not alone. Let's face it. A cultural gap still exists between the inhabitants of ChessWorld and ordinary mortals.

Hello, My name is Janelle Losoff. Just call me ChessWidow. I have probably met you at a chess club or tournament sometime over the past twenty-five years or so, but not over the board. I rarely play. Not that I don't know how, but rather because if I played I might miss all

the drama, passion and humor behind the scenes. For me, chess is a spectator sport. There are more games going on at a tournament than the ones played at the boards. I enjoy ChessWorld. It has some wild and wonderful creatures in it. The natives speak a different language and have a different culture. Chess players tend to be smarter than most ordinary mortals, although they are also prone to odd habits. Over the years, I have learned not to expect chess players to behave like normal people. A chess player is not normal. S/He's extraordinary. And these are extraordinary times for the game of chess too, especially for scholastic chess.

You may not remember, but in the past, chess was not as "cool" as it is today. Scholastic chess existed mostly on a college level. High School chess clubs were rare. Chess got little or no press. Back then chess players were considered odd creatures indeed. A lot has changed since then and it's a good bet that most of this positive change is due to the growth of scholastic chess. If you doubt this, go to a scholastic event and observe.

The last scholastic tournament I "attended" was the 1998 National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championships, held in at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Oak Brook Illinois on December 4-6. It drew 1455 players from 32 states and some late entries were turned away because there was no more space to put them. The players ranged in strength from a eleventh-grader with a rating in the 2100's down to unrated in most grades. All competed for over 200 trophies for grade, place and rating class. All players went home with certificates of participation and some high scoring non-trophy winners



Ken Lewandowski doesn't have a gap to bridge!

took home special commemorative medals. Although chess still seems to be more of a "man's game," nearly 10 percent of the players were female and they did not appear intimidated.

Overall turnout for this tournament was far greater than anticipated by organizer, Al Losoff and the USCF. Early registration projections allowed enough time for the plans to handle the over capacity crowd. Additional tournament directors and staff were flown in from all over the country to make the tournament run more smoothly. Dozens of volunteers donned red staff shirts, pinned on name badges, and rolled up their sleeves to help with everything from data entry to safety patrol.

The tournament site had the feel of both seriousness and carnival. During the games, new chess moms and dads paced and jockeyed for positions close to the door. They camped in hallways and often blocked the aisles. More experienced parents waited for their child's results with a little more calm and shopped the bookstore. Coaches poured over wallboards and change forms, and were at one moment confident and the next all worked-up. They fretted over scores, team standings, team-rooms and tie

breaks, but for the majority of them, making sure that their kids did well and had fun seemed to be the top concern. Both, parents and coaches lined up to sign-out one of a very few passes that would allow them into the tournament room for 10 minutes at a time. At the board, some kindergartners and first graders were so small that they had to kneel on their chairs and lean over the table so that they could see and reach the pieces. Some players did not keep score sheets but wore funny hats or had their lucky toys with them at the board. After their games were finished, the players sought out their parents and coaches and then settled in to do analysis. They played skittles in ballrooms and on almost any flat surface. Kids and coaches snacked on fast-food together while playing chess on the floor. Some kids played ball outside or went for a swim in the hotel's pool as their tired parents looked on. Some players napped on the floor, in corners next to their parents, others hung-out at the Oak Brook Mall down the road. I saw more smiles than frowns. The

tournament went smoothly; most rounds were on time. The TD's were very professional. They had this circus under control 98 percent of the time and didn't sweat the other 2 percent.

Maybe I am not a player, but chess has made me a good observer of human nature. And in my years of observation I

have seen the young kids of the 70's grow-up to be Masters and then become teachers themselves to yet another generation. I have watched chess grow from an obscure curiosity for the intellectual elite, into the exciting and vital game that it is today, fueled mainly by the fire of interest in scholastic chess. A great deal of credit for all this is due to the dedicated and far-

sighted programs supported by the USCF, state organizations, private foundations. Today it is hard to find a national event of any sort that does not have a scholastic workshop as part of its schedule. I highly recommend that you attend one.

Chess Story

Betsy Zacate

As a child I was around chess tournaments that were played by adults.

And now that I am grown, I increasingly experience tournaments where the players are still learning their multiplication tables. One thing that I have taken away from the comparison is that scholastic chess tournaments are not the same as those played by adults.

The main differences between youth and adult competition are evident between rounds. Friends who hang out together for the weekend or individuals that are on a quest to better their game dominate adult tournaments. In contrast, a mother, father, and siblings usually follow around the younger chess players. During adult tournaments, the players are usually found in a restaurant or their room between rounds and sometimes in a bar at the end of the day. But at scholastic tournaments, the players are everywhere and anywhere.

As I checked in to the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook, Illinois for the 1998 National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championships, I recall that I warned the bellhop, "Don't let the image of a chess player fool you.



Getting ready!

Those kids will still be kids when they aren't playing." I didn't realize how correct I was. So I write this article, not to capture the spirit of play, but to teach adult chess players something. I am no expert chess player and while I have worked many a tournament, something new always seems to happen at each one. What I have to share with the adults is a lesson in what to do between rounds.

First of all you have to leave all work at home. I never saw one child doing any homework. Homework is exactly that -- what you do at home. Leave your work at home or in the office. After all, you are at a chess tournament. You are not being paid to play or to work. If you bring some friends, it

makes leaving behind the rest of the world easier. Assuming you make a friend or two, hide and seek is a game that never seems to get old at the K-12 national championships. Most people are already familiar with it, so starting up a game isn't very hard. You might say it can't be played on tournament grounds. Well, despite the fact that there is little furniture to hide behind, the children were clever enough to duck behind people, plants, and cross table stands.

Escalators offer more than transportation between floors. You can have a contest with your buddy

to see who can get up the down escalator the fastest. Rolling items such as pop cans, pencils, and baby sisters seemed to offer entertainment. But the best trick of all was sliding down on the moving hand rest without getting yelled at. I will admit that the games are only fun while the escalators are still moving. If you get caught playing on them too much, they might be turned off.

Yo-yos are popular again. It seems all of the really cool kids had them. Now, ideally, you want to stand around and in a calm manner perform difficult tricks while making it look super easy. Not all of the young chess players I saw could pull that off, and I found the lesser-talented yo-yo throwers often grouped together to practice and share tips.

Portable video games are also a popular way to pass time and can be a solo as well as group sport. If you plan ahead a little you can do what some smart youngsters did -- they traded baseball and magic cards. Of course, if you didn't

get enough chess during the round you can always go over your game. Better yet, go over a friend's and point out his mistakes. It will make you feel better about your own. And there is always the old standby, speed chess and bughouse.

The final most popular pastime I observed between rounds was sleeping. Now at age 5 or 9 that is very easy to do while spread out between two chairs or being held by mommy. As an adult, the pastime of sleeping between rounds is more difficult, but it is still possible. Just remember you will have to wake yourself up by the time the next round is starting. So, set a watch alarm if you have it and if not you might consider one of the following: Sleep in front of where the pairings are posted. The commotion that inevitably forms there every round is sure to wake you up. Make your nap area one of the top boards. Those guys never miss the round and they hate it when someone other than them is sitting in the seat they had to work to hold on to. Finally, you could also consider taping a sign to your forehead requesting passers by to wake you at a given time. This

may also be useful because if you choose a strange napping place, like, say under one of the tables in the USCF bookstore, it will let people know you are only napping and medical attention is not needed. That way people won't wake you to ask if you are all right.

Chess tournaments don't have to be just about winning or improving your game. Tournaments can also be fun in numerous other ways, like spending time with family and friends or making new friends. Adults need to step back and take a lesson from children every now and then. I feel that learning how to really enjoy every second of a chess tournament to the fullest is one of those lessons. Therefore, adults, keep in mind what you have learned today and do more than just play chess at the next tournament you attend.

CHESS PARADES

A Story from the Sixth Grade National Chess Tournament at Oak Brook

David Hubbard - a chess dad

It was a warm December weekend.

The weather felt more like September than December. I decided to drive in to Oak Brook on Thursday night to check out the Hyatt Regency, to check my son Andrew in for the tournament and to check out the competition. Andrew has played in many national tournaments, but has never participated with a school team at one. There were 5 boys signed up for the sixth grade Hadley Junior High

school including Bennett Joseph, Patrick Frank, Jeff Novak, Matias Sick, and Andrew Hubbard. Knowing full well that ratings don't matter much at these tournaments, I added up the ratings of our top 3 players. It looked like our team was fairly strong so I decided to compare them to Emerson (Park Ridge). Emerson has an excellent sixth grade player (Daniel Leung) and usually makes a good showing. To my surprise the ratings of the top two teams came out about the same. Our team would be a top competitor.

On Friday night the tournament began. The first round is usually the easiest. Everyone is playing a rating mismatch. Hadley's top 3 players (Andrew, Bennett, and Patrick)

all came back quickly with wins. The team was in first place, tied with many other teams.

On Saturday morning the second round began. The second round is usually tricky. The top players would like to play it easy because it's a long tournament. This is dangerous because scholastic players are notoriously underrated. Bennett came back with a win. Patrick had a tough pairing and lost. Then disaster strikes. Andrew played a 955-rated girl from Indiana named Maria Potts and lost (Andrew was rated 1559 at the time). Andrew often loses a round

or 2 to lower rated opponents at the national tournaments. It is nevertheless always disappointing.

The third round went much better. Patrick got an easier pairing and won. Bennett Joseph had to battle the top-rated Jared Hecht and pulled out a big win. With a second round loss, Andrew gets an easier pairing and wins. Recovering from round 2 in fine style, Hadley is now in second place. The team is one half game out of first. Not a bad showing but will this last?

As the fourth round starts, I happened to notice Maria Potts still at the top boards playing against a 1700-rated opponent this time. Perhaps her victory over Andrew was not a fluke. Andrew came back early with a quick checkmate. Patrick came back with another win. Bennett is still undefeated and is playing close to the top board. After a long tough battle he comes back with a draw. With a strong fourth round Hadley has moved into first place by a half a point.

The fifth round started on Sunday morning. By the fifth round the best players have all gravitated towards the top table. Maria Potts, having defeated her 1700-rated opponent last round, was still up there. Maria was to finally run into a brick wall in the form of Daniel Leung this round. Her loss to Daniel would be her only loss going on to win a top ten individual trophy. She had a sterling class A performance rating - not bad for 955-rated player. This once again shows the unimportance of ratings at national scholastic events. Playing in



such a tournament is a little like walking

through a mine field. You never know when a low-rated will explode in your face and play as though they were an expert.

Meanwhile at the fifth round, Bennett continued to play well and drew, while Patrick suffered a loss. Andrew fought a long see-saw battle to record another victory. With 1.5 more points, Hadley holds on to a half point lead again.

As the final round starts, we are hopeful. The first to come back was Bennett. He had a long face which indicated a loss. A while later Patrick showed up. He had bad news...another loss. Now the best we can do is to get one point if Andrew is somehow lucky enough to win the last round. One point will certainly not be enough for the first place team trophy. There was no joy in Oak Brook, for the mighty Hadley had struck out ☹.

Jeff Novak came back from his last round all smiles. He was going through his games with his dad Chris. Chris congratulated him on raising his rating about 100 points. I asked him how many games he had won and he proudly told me three and a half. The significance of this score failed to strike me for a few minutes. This put Jeff (also a sixth grader) ahead of Patrick Frank and more importantly adds a crucial half-point to the Hadley team score. We still have a chance.

It was now two and a half hours into the 3-hour last round. Every board below board five was finished. However, all of the top 5 boards were still playing. There is no course that prepares you for being a chess parent. The waiting drives you crazy. It's like watching a Bulls playoff game without being able to hear or see anything but the final result at an undetermined moment sometime within the next 3 hours. You twist your neck into contortions just to see if your child looks "confident" as if that really means anything. Finally I saw a tournament official come out. He wrote a result that was to be the



only victory recorded on the top 5 boards (all the rest were draws). I couldn't believe my eyes when he put a "1" next to my son Andrew's name. Across the hall I imagine someone asked, "Who is that guy yelling 'yes' and hugging that boy?" "Oh, its just another one of those chess dads."

With Andrew's victory, Hadley took the national first place team trophy by no less than a half a point. Congratulations to Bennett Joseph (4 pts.), Patrick Frank (3 pts.), Jeff Novak (3.5 pts.), Matias Sick (2.5 pts.), and Andrew Hubbard (5 pts.) - the national champions for 6th grade. The final standings were:

1. Hadley Jr. High - Glen Ellyn IL
2. Orchard Jr. High - Indianapolis IN
3. Phoenix Country Day - AZ,
4. Bloomington Jr. High Bloomington IL

Hadley would have lost on tie-breaks with a half point less

Chess is on the rise!



Congratulations!

Dennis Bourgerle

At the National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championships held in Oak Brook, Illinois on December 4-6, the University High School team of Normal, Illinois finished in 2nd place. This was the highest finish ever by a Bloomington-Normal team in a national chess competition. Congratulations to University High School!

The team members were Peter Stroyan, Jason Shive, Jeremy Shive and Kung Wei

News from down south

Dennis Bourgerle

The Hampton Inn Winter Open held on December 12, 1998 in Springfield, Illinois was won by National Master Doug Van Buskirk (2206) of Springfield, Illinois with a score of 4 wins and 0 losses. The tournament was directed by Tom Knoedler and David Bononi and was attended by approximately 20 players.

It's a week later, now December 19, 1998 but it's the same Van Buskirk. National Master Doug Van Buskirk (2206) of Springfield, Illinois wins the Winfield Scott Memorial Open with a score of 3 ½ - ½. The tournament was held at Richland Community College in Decatur, Illinois and was directed by Greg Homrighous with William Meyer and Dennis Bourgerle assisting. Approximately 20 players attended.



I want to play the king next game

Montage by Mike Lobraico

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Helen Warren

And big thank you to supporters of the ICA-Warren Junior Chess Program!

At the half way point in this the seventh year of the junior program we report satisfying results and increased activity. Leaf through the last ICB and this issue; you'll see evidence of much junior activity. Our kids are getting more numerous—and they're getting better, making their mark in competition with schools of the state and national levels and in open tournaments with adults.

All this is possible because of the commitment from so many contributors who believe in what we're doing and see the results of the dollars. We extend our thanks to the following who have contributed to the ICA junior program during this academic year.

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Co-Chess October Tournaments

Tom Doan

Construction at two of the traditional Co-Chess sites, plus the addition of the National All-Grades in early December, threw this year's K-8 fall schedule into chaos. At the beginning of summer, there was only one tournament on the schedule

prior to Nationals. Into the void stepped two new sites. Unfortunately, the final details were not nailed down on these until early September, so attendance was very light: as low as I've seen for metro K-8 tournaments in five years of coaching. The competition,

however, was fierce, as a much higher percentage of the participants had high ratings than at the typical tournament.

Evanston Fall Scholastic, October 10, 1998

The Evanston Fall Scholastic was held at Chute Middle School in Evanston. There were 125 players, mainly from Evanston, but some from the western and northern suburbs.

The very deserving winner of the Primary section was top seed Steven Klink of Churchill in Glen Ellyn. Not only did he finish with a perfect 5-0 score, he came just one point short of the maximum possible tie break, beating the third, fourth, five and seventh place finishers. Noah Lieberman of Chiaravalle in Evanston came in second, suffering only a round four draw. It's not surprising to see a Primary section dominated by third graders, and, in fact, only one of the top seven was a second grader (Patrick Sheehan). But watch out, everyone! There were *three* first graders with scores of 3.5 or 4.0.

In the team competition, two time defending Primary champ Dewey of Evanston led wire to wire. But the big story here was the very strong performance of St. Gilbert's of Grayslake, which was only a half point out of first despite being a player short. All three of St. Gilbert's players finished with 4-1 scores.

The Elementary section was, by any measure, much tougher than usual. Again, the top seed was able to hold off all comers, as Michael McNally finished with 5-0. He had wins over the second, fourth, sixth and seventh place finishers. A boatload of draws among high rated players left only two players at 4-1: Dipanjot Singh, who lost to McNally in the last round, and Robert Flax, who lost to Singh.

Only three teams (all from Evanston) had a full complement of four (or more players). Lincolnwood took top honors, followed by

Dewey and Walker.

The winner of the Junior High section was Alex Garivaltis of Hinsdale: again, the only player with a perfect score. (Hmmm. Those 40 player sections do have their advantages). He pulled mild upsets in the last two rounds en route.

Vignesh Somasundaram drew top seed Bennett Joseph in round two (a tough round two pairing for a player with a 1000+ rating) and won his other three to finish second.

The top team trophy went to Hadley on tiebreaks over Chute. Both teams scored 10.5, but Hadley's higher rated players built up a big lead in the tiebreaks.

Round Lake Scholastic, October 24, 1998

The Round Lake Scholastic was held at Round Lake High School. Almost identical in size to the Evanston tournament (124), even the names were pretty similar: about half had played in Evanston.

The surprising winner of the Primary section was First Grader Joshua Hudson from Abe Lincoln in Glen Ellyn. He got nicked for a round three draw by Brandon Verwijst, but beat, in the final round, the only 4-0 player (Jordan Cohen) to finish clear first.

This time, St. Gilbert's from nearby Grayslake came in with a full team and dominated the team standings. Another first grader, Frankie Swindell, led them.

Daniel Cohen from Pritchett in Buffalo Grove was the sole perfect score in the Elementary section. In one of those odd flukes of the pairing process that can arise in smaller tournaments, the top two seeds (Jason Duncan and Robert Flax) played in round four even though neither had a perfect score. Jason won that game and his last to finish second.

In the Elementary team competition, Dewey and Lincolnwood swapped places from the Evanston tournament. Dewey taking first this time.

Hadley JHS from Glen Ellyn left no doubt about who was strongest on this day. Kevin

Wong, Benjamin Hudson and Brent Shadel all scored 4-0. Their dominance wasn't a great surprise, as they had four of the top five seeds. And Hadley still has 1500-rated Andrew Hubbard "in reserve."

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Chicago High School Chess Conference

Mike Marsh

Two high schools have started the 1998-'99 Chicago High School Chess Conference season with perfect records. St. Ignatius leads the conference's North division with a 5-0 record. The University of Chicago Laboratory School tops the South division with the same score. The team also has 141.5 board points, the highest total in the league.

Players from both teams are ranked among the individual scoring leaders of the conferences. St. Ignatius' John Wray (32 points), Sean Williams (29), and Steve Yeung (28) are fourth, sixth, and seventh in the North. The Lab School's John Wood (36), Jon Heckman (32), and Sam Walsh (31) are second, third, and fourth in the South.

The conference consists of two divisions, each with seven teams. The remaining teams in the North division are: St. Patrick, St. Joseph, Fenwick, Archbishop Quigley, Driscoll, and Notre Dame. St. Patrick has a 5-1 record. The rest of the teams in the South division are: Brother Rice, Marist, Leo, Hales Franciscan, St. Rita, and De La Salle.

Fenwick's Alex Krol and Marist's Grant Chessman top the individual scoring list of their respective sections with 40 points each.

The conference will hold a mid-season team tournament at De La Salle on Saturday, January 30.

SEVILLANO, PALOS, CHOW TOP 1998 ICA TOUR

Bill Smythe, ICA Tour statistician

Perennial Illinois Chess Association Tour winner Albert Chow slipped a bit this year, as he finished in third place behind International masters Enrico Sevillano and Osman Palos. Winners in the Expert class were Gene Scott and Rob Sax, both of whom have been there before.

Tour winners in each class are shown below. There were clear winners in each class except D, which saw a dead heat between Fabian Ramos and Mike Wishner. Prizes will be awarded at the annual ICA Banquet, Sunday, February 21, 1999, in Elmhurst.

Master: 1st: \$350 Enrico Sevillano
2nd: \$250 Osman Palos
3rd: \$150 Albert Chow

Expert: 1st: \$160 Gene Scott
2nd: \$80 Robert Sax

Class A: 1st: \$130 Bradley Watts
2nd: \$65 Ethelbert Gazmen

Class B: 1st: \$100 Gennadiy Gorlin
2nd: \$50 Aaron Chen

Class C: 1st: \$70 Andrey Gorlin
2nd: \$35 Rudy Padilla

Class D: 1-2: \$30 Fabian Ramos
1-2: \$30 Michael Wishner

Class E: 1st: \$25 Benjamin Yarnoff



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PAIRINGS BY PARADE

Michael E. Zacate

The fall series of Bloom Trail tournaments ended with a most unusual turn of events owing to a computer program 'bug'. While the attendance was down from last year's record turnout, 168 players representing 24 high schools from four conferences and some independents came early on November 6th for the last of the Knights of the Round Table tournaments. Managed by Don Deakin for the past decade, this open high school individual/team tournament has attracted players from all parts of Illinois. The theme of this year's tournament, however, might have been "... to really foul things up takes a computer".

Using a new version of a tried and true program resulted in uncovering a lingering 'bug'. The program had run smoothly and was being used more efficiently than last year up until the third round. After the third of the five rounds started, it was time to print out team standings and other information for display. Without the step by step account, the end result was the loss of

all but the list of players and schools as they were before the start of round 1. Despite assistance from Garrett Scott and others, it was determined that the time to set things right to finish the tournament would take far too long. Proving wrong the old saying of, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," Mike Mayfield and others stepped forward with ideas and assistance to enable the tournament to continue and finish on time.

The information on the players and their results was quickly recovered by having each coach fill out old fashioned pairings cards (which were in the set of supplies just in case) and using the results sheets from the first three rounds. Since the tournament was not USCF rated, some information was not as important to recover or to record before pairing future rounds. Now came the parade.

While the fourth round proved to be a bit of trial and error time to get it to work, the fifth round pairings went so

well it was tempting to consider using the system as a new option for pairings in the future. Players were called by score group. Next they were divided by having those needing White on one side of a hall with those needing Black on the other side. They were then paired off with each player verifying that they hadn't played earlier that day. Paraded with their pairing cards to a desk, the match was recorded and laid out to await the reporting of results.

Thanks to terrific cooperation and attention to directions from the players it was possible to run the operation quickly and smoothly. A great deal of thanks to the many coaches who helped create and put in motion the unusual solution to a computer program problem. So many people recognized a place where help or an idea was needed and just did it.

FROSH-SOPH INDIVIDUAL/TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Michael E. Zacate

The 31st installment of the Frosh-Soph Team and Individual Championship took place December 12th at Bloom Trail H.S. Total attendance was smaller than last year's large, near record, numbers which may have been due, in part, to the record setting K-12 National event of the weekend before. While the event has changed format since its inception in 1967, it has had its unique structure for many years.

Players are assigned to play at Boards 1-

5 for their team. Rather than the whole team being paired against another team, each board is paired separately. Only one player is allowed to represent a team on Boards 1-4. As many as are available are permitted to play at Board 5 with only the highest scoring player from each team counting towards the team total. Each board position is paired as a separate Swiss tournament. Thus the strength of opponents faced is determined by each player's score instead of by the team's score as in other

team tournaments where players are assigned specific boards.

Two other sections of chess competition were also held that day. In those sections, not only were juniors and seniors allowed to compete, but the coaches, alumni, parents, and even future high school freshmen. One of the sections was USCF rated and the other was not.

HIGH SCHOOL STANDINGS IN THE SOUTH SUBURBS

Michael E. Zacate

SICA began its second 25 years of chess competition with five divisions for the first time. The return of Stagg H.S. resulted in conference permission to add a fifth set of awards. Conference competition began the first week of December and will run for 14 weeks. The schedule was disrupted by the Great Snow with the school closings which followed in its wake. By the time the season ends in mid-March, all games are expected to be completed.

NORTH DIVISION

STANDINGS

TEAM	W	X	D	Pts.
1. Argo	3	1	0	270
2. Oak Lawn	2	2	0	251
3. Eisenhower	1	3	0	208
3. Richards	1	3	0	124
5. Shepard	0	3	0	135

CENTRAL DIVISION

STANDINGS

TEAM	W	X	D	Pts
1. Bremen	1	3	0	194
1. Oak Forest	1	3	0	171
3. Hillcrest	0	4	0	159
3. Rich East	0	3	0	123
3. Rich Central	0	0	0	000

EAST DIVISION

STANDINGS

TEAM	W	X	D	Pts
1. Thornwood	3	1	1	350
2 Thorton	3	2	0	327
2 T. F. South	3	2	0	316
2 Thornridge	3	2	0	294
5. T. F. North	2	2	1	290

SOUTH DIVISION

STANDINGS

TEAM	W	X	D	Pts		
1. Bloom Trai			1	4	0	340
2. Rich South	3	0	0			201
3. Bradley-Bourbonnais	2	1	0			216
3. Kankakee		2	2	0		191

WEST DIVISION

STANDINGS

TEAM	W	X	D	Pts
1. Rich South	3	0	0	201
2. Joliet West	2	2	0	236
3. Stagg	1	3	0	140
3. Lincoln-Way	1	1	0	125

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CLUB NEWS

Chicago Chess Club

Bill Smythe

Once again the Chicago Chess Club has played a large role in determining the year-end winners in the ICA Tour.

Seven of the fourteen 1998 Tour winners achieved their result, in part, through participation in Club events. The smart ones were Enrico Sevillano, Osman Palos, Gene Scott, Rob Sax, Brad Watts, Rudy Padilla, and Mike Wishner.

The Club got lucky in three of its five Plus-Score events during November and December, avoiding paying out the perfect-score prize because of draws or late-round upsets. Osman Palos, however, beat the odds on November 29 by going 6-0 including a win over his

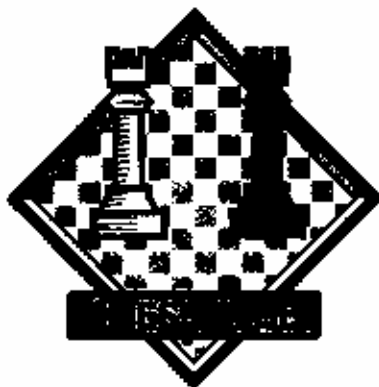
frequent nemesis, James Marshall. Emory Tate achieved a 5-0 result on the following weekend, December 5-6, by defeating Palos, Marshall, and three lesser lights.

Those who fear our top-heavy Plus-Scores should try our one-day Quads. On November 15, the top section was won by B players Dushyanth Reddivari and Nathaniel Rogers, while William Blackman (1302) captured the second section with a perfect 3-0.

There are plenty of tournaments -- Plus-Scores, Quads, and others -- on weekends at the Chicago Chess Club. Some are Tour events; all are in Chess Life. Stop by and increase your chances of winning an ICA Tour prize in your class during 1999. Or, blitz it out on Fridays in our game/6 round robin -- civilized Blitz, with a 2-second

delay if you bring your digital clock, and no capturing of the King. Hustlers, eat your hearts out.

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NOTES AND NEWS

Elmhurst Chess Club News

Roger Birkeland

Our Fall Swiss, held over 3 weeks - September 20, 27 & October 4- was contested in 2 sections.

12 players entered the Open section, won by Jim Duffy and Ely Sollano, both with 2.5-.5. John Tums and Dan Sajkowski, with 2-1, split the 2nd & under 2000 money. Scott Silverman, also at 2-1, won the under 1800 prize. The 8-player Under 1600 section produced the only perfect score in the tournament-a nice 3-0 by Frank Micklich. Richard Homor and Subhash Verma were second with 2-1.

On **October 11** we moved next door to the Frick Center for our largest tournament of the year. 43 players competed in a Game/60 ICA Tour Mini-Event. Stanimir Ilic's win over Albert Chow in the last round gave him a perfect 4-0 and \$150 for clear first. Second with 3.5-.5 were Steve Szpisjak and Ely Sollano, who took home \$95 each. Andrey Gorlin, a talented junior, posted a score of 3-1, good for the under 1800 prize of \$75. Mike Wishner, Bulent Cavdar and Gary Kalberg, all with

2.5-1.5, split the under 1600 money. Our next ICA Tour Mini-Event, a 4-round Game/60 in two sections, is scheduled for January 17.

The popular Game/15 Double Quad format brought out 20 players on **October 18**. Ely Sollano continued to be in good form as he scored an impressive 5-1 against 3 higher rated opponents in the top section. Stanimir Ilic was second with 4.5-1.5. In the second quad, Butch Allen proved best with 4-2. Tying for the runner up spots were George David and Bill Cox, both with 3-3. The third group also produced a clear winner; Joe Cygan with 4.5-1.5, just nosed out Greg Witck, who had a score of 4-2. Matt Poynter and John Steele scored 5-1 in the fourth quad, and Luke Burke, the only player in the tournament to post a perfect 6-0, took the fifth quad.

16 players took part in a Game/35 Quad on **October 25**. In the top quad Butch Allen, who was out rated by 200 points by all 3 opponents, split the prize with Misha Mladenovic-both at 2-1. The second section featured a perfect score of 3-0 by Mark Sefcheck. Marty Ptacek, with 2-1, was second. The third quad also produced a perfect 3-0, this time by

Matt Poynter. Scott Silverman's 1.5-1.5 was good for second. In the fourth quad John Steele's 2.5-5 was enough for first, and Richard Hornor nailed down second with 1.5-1.5.

On **November 1**, with the Midwest Class going on in nearby Lisle, we held a handicap blitz round robin. In this unrated, just-for-fun event, experts and masters were given 3 minutes, A players 4 minutes, B players 5 minutes, C players 6 minutes, and D/E players 7 minutes. In a fight that went right down to the wire, Ed Cummins (14.5-1.5) nosed out master Steffen Klug (14-2). Teun Valstar was third with 9.5-6.5, and Roger Birkeland finished fourth with 8.5-7.5.

We renewed our friendly rivalry with the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club on **November 10** when 13 club members traveled to their site in River Forest for a team match. When the smoke cleared our club was victorious, 9-4. See details in Ken Marshall's article.

On **November 8 & 15** we hosted a 4-round Game/45 event that drew 18 players. Misha Mladenovic's win over Ely Sollano in the last round gave him a perfect score of 4-0 and clear first. Sollano's 3-1 was still good for a share of second with Roger Birkeland, John Tums and Stanimir Ilic. Subhash Verma was best under 1400 with 2.5-1.5.

Our Game/10 Double Round Robin held on **November 22** was contested in 2 sections. In the Open section, new member Jonathan Meltzer (7-3) narrowly prevailed over master Brent Cromzac (6.5-3.5). Bill Wenz (5-5) was third. Jim Adkins (8-2) took the lower section, with newcomer Eric Petersen (7-3) second and Mathew Joseph (6-4) third.

18 players, competing in 4 sections, came out for a Game/29

Quad on **November 29**. In the top quad, Stanimir Ilic posted an impressive 3-0 to take the \$30 first prize. Brent Cromzac was

second with 2-1. Mark Engelen and Bill Wenz, both with 2-1, were the winners in the second section. The third quad featured another perfect 3-0, this time by Roger Birkeland. The other 3 players in the group, Scott Silverman, Mathew Joseph and John Steele, all shared second with 1-2. The lower section, with 6 players, was held as a 3-round Swiss. Gary Kalberg made his top rating hold up as he swept through the field with 3-0. Kermit Dodson and junior Lazar Ilic, both with 2-1, tied for second.

18 players, including FIDE Master Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, turned out on December 6 for a 4-round Game/20. Misha Mladenovic, who sacrificed both Bishops in his nice win over Martinovsky, took clear first as the only player with 4-0. Dr. Martinovsky was joined for second by Ely Sollano, Jim McNamara and Arandel Markovic at 3-1.

The popular Game/15 Double Quad format drew 19 players on December 13. Stanimir Ilic took the tough top quad with an impressive 5-1, and Misha Mladenovic nailed down the second spot with 4-2. The evenly matched second section featured a three-way tie between John Tums, Vince Hart and Ely Sollano—all at 4-2. The third quad also ended in a tie—Mariusz Gorski and junior David Nordahl both with 4-2. The seven lowest-rated players competed in a single round robin. Roger Birkeland and Abdulah Prijic shared first with 5-1, Dennis Seibel was third with 4-2, and junior Isabelle Stanton was fourth with 3-3.

CONCORDIA COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB

(formerly known as the Oak Park - River Forest Chess Club) NEWS

Ken Marshall

On January 1, 1999, the Oak Park - River Forest Chess Club changed its name and its meeting site. The club, now called the Concordia Community Chess Club, has relocated to Concordia University,

at the southwest corner of Division and Bonnie Brae in River Forest. The new site is directly across Division Street from the Club's former meeting place, the Dominican Conference Center.

The Club will continue to be open on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. Yearly dues have been substantially reduced, from \$36 to \$12 for regular members and from \$24 to \$8 for junior and senior members. For more information please call

Ken Marshall at (630) 932-1455 or Andy Schiller at (708) 383-0993.

Fall '98 Round Robin: This event, with a time control of 45 moves in 90 minutes and then Game/30, ran from September 22 to October 27 and drew six players. John Tums (1905) and Mark Parnaby (1675) tied for first with 4 points each, followed by Phil Moran (1091) at 3.

Blitz (Game/5) Tournament: Paul Prause and Wlad Boguslowicz each scored 9.5-4.5 to share top honors in this unrated October 27, eight player double round robin ahead of Joe Cygan (8.5-5.5). Mariusz Gorski (8-6) and Butch Allen (7.5-6.5) were next.

USCF Game/10 "Quick Play" Swiss: Ten players competed in this five round November 3 tournament, which Brent Cromzac (2131 QP) won by finishing 5-0. Runners

up at 3-2 included Mariusz Gorski (1753), Marty Ptacek (1692), Bill Barker (1682), and Joe Cygan (1545).

Match with Elmhurst Chess Club: Braving winds of up to 50 miles an hour, 13 members of the ECC and of the OP-RF CC appeared to compete in this event on November 10. Playing on its "home court" proved to be no advantage as the OP-RF CC went down to a lopsided 9-4 defeat. Outrated on every board but one, the home team fought hard, but could manage only three wins and two draws. Jim Kelly, Andy Schiller, and John Tums helped to get the match started, while Roger Birkeland (in his capacity as ECC President and OP-RF CC Vice President) as usual did more than his share to make certain that things went well.

OP-RF CC Speed/Blitz (Game/5) Championship: On November 17 Brent Cromzac topped a seven player field to become the 1998 OP-RF CC Blitz/Speed Champion. Cromzac's 10-2 score in the double round robin included losses only to John Tums and Mariusz Gorski. Tums (9-3) came in second, followed by Wlad Boguslawicz (7-5) and Gorski (6.5-5.5).

OP-RF CC		ECC		
1.	John Tums (1950)	½	Steffen Klug (2200)	½
2.	Bill Barker (1850)	0	Bert Gazmen (2100)	1
3.	Paul Prause (1825)	1	Ely Sollano (1900)	0
4.	Butch Allen (1715)	½	PaulGarofolo (1800)	½
5.	Jim Kelly (1710)	0	Les Bale (1785)	1
6.	Mariusz Gorski (1675)	1	Marty Ptacek (1650)	0
7.	Joe Cygan (1525)	0	Josh Flores (1780)	1
8.	Chuck Collins (1500)	0	Mathew Joseph (1640)	1
9.	Andy Schiller (1500)	0	TeunValstar (1600)	1
10.	Phil Moran (1300)	1	Mark Englen (1590)	0
11.	Warren Kreitzer (1300)	0	Scott Silverman (1575)	1
12.	Brett Collins (1300)	0	Roger Birkeland (1525)	1
13.	David Jones (1300)	0	Dennis Seibel (1400)	1
		4		9

** Some ratings are approximate or estimated

USCF Game/12 Double Quads: These three events took place on December 1. In Quad 1, John Tums (1897 QP) scored 5-1 to take first place ahead of Mariusz Gorski (1761, 3.5-2.5). Bill Barker (1682, 5-1) won Quad 2, with Marty Ptacek (1722, 3.5-2.5) coming in second. Quad 3 went to Derek Schneider (5.5-5), who was followed by Roger Birkeland (1483, 4.5-1.5).

Knigh Moves Chess Club

Hector Hernandez

The Rudy Lozano Branch of the Chicago Public Library held four tournaments between September and December of last year.

All were sponsored by the Blue Skies for Library Kids program, which is funded by the Chicago Community Trust and administered by the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

The September Open took place on Saturday, September 24. A total of 17 players participated, 8 adults and 9 children. The top five adults were: Expert Roberto Chavez, who took first place with a perfect 5-0 score; Philip Lopez and Jim Burnett each scored 4-1, after tie-breaks they were second and third respectively; fourth and fifth places went to Cipriano Menendez and Fabian Ramos, both with 3-2 scores. The top five children were: First place Jose Rodriguez, 3-2; second, third and fourth Ramon Jimenez, Daniel Hymanson and Earl Hall, all 2.5-2.5; and fifth place went to Andy Pena, 2 points. All winners received chess books for prizes.

The Knight Moves Fall Championship saw 13 players compete for prizes, which were chess books again. The top five adult players were: Roberto Chavez, Cipriano Menendez, Luis Pena, Kevin Sturm and Jim Burnett.

The top five children were: Ulixes Ortega, Mario Rocha, Andy Pena, Noe Banuelos and Shirley Hernandez. Shirley is 8 years old and this was her first tournament.





KMCC Women's Championship participants at the award ceremony. To Josh Flores and Organizer Hector Hernandez with them.



Knight Moves Women's Champion Lorena Duran moves inspiring Christina Martinez

The 6th Annual Chicago Latino Chess Championship was held on November 28. Twenty adults and twenty-five children came out for the occasion, matching last year's total number of players. Trophies were awarded to the top 10 players in each group. Adult winners were: Josh Flores, first place; Roberto Chavez, second; T.V. Weber, third; Ed Cummins, fourth; Anthony Gonzalez, fifth; Luis Pena, sixth; Patrick Crotty, seventh; Jorge Reyes, eighth; Jaime Garcia, ninth; and Philip Lopez, tenth.

The top 10 children were: Jose Rodriguez-perfect 5-0 score, first; Andy Pena, second; Janet Garcia, third; Getulio Cruz, fourth; Adrian Flores, fifth; Daniel Hymanson, sixth; Javier

Perez, seventh; Ulixes Ortega, eighth; Jacob Davis, ninth; and Mario Rocha, tenth. Cristian Pena, who was 4 years old at the time of the Tournament, finished in 13th place among 25 participants.

The 2nd Annual Knight Moves Women's Championship was held on Saturday, December 12. 9 players showed up for this event, one more than last year. Lorena Duran had a perfect 5-0 score and was proclaimed Champion for the second year in a row.

Places 2nd-9th went to: Vanessa Martinez, Alejandra Rodriguez, Christina Martinez, Michelle Martinez, Susana Vasquez, Christina Perez, Jessica Wong and Shirley Hernandez.

Knight Moves Chess Club member Jose Rodriguez, finished in 6th place in the Fourth Grade Division of the K-12 National Tournament in Oak Brook in early December. Jose, who turned 10 on December 8, has worked his way back into USCF's Top Fifty Lists. So far, he is the only KMCC player to achieve such a distinction.

March is Women's History Month and the Rudy Lozano Branch Library will host a lecture on famous women chess players. It will be presented by Hector Hernandez, on the last Saturday of the month. Other activities aimed at promoting chess within the female population will also take place at the library during March.



Mario Rocha one of the newest Knight Moves member



Emiliano Vazquez (8 yrs old) contemplates the situation

USCF's New Clock Rules a review

Bill Smythe

The full title of USCF's new pamphlet is *Everything You Wanted to Know about the USCF's New Clock Rules, But Were Afraid to Ask*. Its eleven pages cover chess clocks in general, time controls, sudden death, the "insufficient losing chances" rule, and, finally, delay clocks.

The pamphlet is well enough written, but its approach is excessively historical. There is too much discussion of the obsolescent "C player vs Master" concept, including four sample positions, two of which, according to the pamphlet, should be declared drawn.

After burdening the novice reader with three pages of this passe stuff, the pamphlet finally begins its treatment of delay clocks, the newest and best method of dealing with draw claims. Will the reader realize that the delay feature replaces, more than it supplements, the "insufficient losing chances" rule? One can only hope so.

The pamphlet contains an extremely disturbing statement on page 8: "In general, tournament organizers and directors are free to modify the standard USCF clock rules to meet the needs of their local events or clubs. However, such changes should be listed in any advance publicity for the tournament and

must be announced prior to the start of the first round." This statement appears to be the fabrication of someone in the USCF office, unsupported by anything put out by the Rules Committee. It gives TDs far too much leeway to surprise players with non-standard rules just before the start of the first round.

Please, USCF, at least change "should" to "must" in reference to all pre-tournament publicity, so the players will know what to expect before they enter.

Despite the overall historical emphasis, and the egregious blunder described above, I recommend this pamphlet to anyone who needs a more solid understanding of sudden death rules. Many players, and some TDs, need to enhance their understanding of draw claims and delay clocks.

The rules themselves need a bit of reworking here and there. Rule 5F states, in part: "The standard delay is five seconds per move. For Quick Chess the standard delay is three seconds." This rule is not among those which have been superceded since the rulebook was written, so it presumably remains in effect. By

contrast, the added rules use the phrase "five seconds" explicitly. My interpretation of this ambiguity is that, for Quick tournaments, "three seconds" should replace "five seconds" throughout the rules. This point apparently went over the heads of those who revised the rules.

Another example: What if a player with a lone knight claims a draw against an opponent with a lone rook? Strictly speaking, the claim should be denied, as a C player with the knight would probably lose more than 10 percent of the time against a Master with the rook. Yet, it seems reasonable for the TD to place a delay clock on the game, to give the weaker player a reasonable chance to establish the draw.

Incidentally, where does the phrase "time delay" come from? Is there another kind of delay, such as "height delay" or "weight delay"? The single word "delay" seems sufficient.

USCF's New Clock Rules is available to USCF members at no charge. Send a business-size SASE to U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Route 9-W, New Windsor NY 12553.

1999 ILLINOIS TOUR RULES

Bill Smythe ICA Tour statistician

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

There are three types of events on the Tour: maxi-, mini-, and micro-. Major tournaments such as the Tim Just Winter Open, Greater Peoria Open, Mid-America Class, Chicago Open, Midway Amateur Class, Illinois Open, and Illinois Class are

generally maxi-events, while smaller events (including all one-day tournaments) are mini-events. Quick-rated tournaments are always micro-events.

Tour points are awarded in twelve rating classes: Master (2200 and up), Expert (2000-2199), Class A (1800-1999), Class B (1600-1799), Class C (1400-1599), Class D (1200-1399), Class E (1000-1199), Class F (800-999), Class G (600-799), Class H

(400-599), Class I (200-399), and Class J (below 200).

Players earn Tour points according to score. Mini-events award half as many points as maxi-events; micro-events award 1/4 as many as maxi-. For a perfect score in a maxi, the award varies from 28 in a four-round tournament to 40 in a seven-rounder. For each half-point below a perfect score, the award is cut by a factor which varies from .50 to .70

depending on the number of rounds.
When this cutting would result in the Tour award being too low, points are awarded in direct proportion to the score. No Tour points are awarded for a score of zero.

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

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----- SEVEN ROUNDS -----

score	MAXI	mini	micro
7	40	20	10
6.5	28	14	7
6	20	10	5
5.5	14	7	3.5
5	10	5	2.5
4.5	9	4.5	2.2
4	8	4	2
3.5	7	3.5	1.8
3	6	3	1.5
2.5	5	2.5	1.2
2	4	2	1
1.5	3	1.5	0.8
1	2	1	0.5
0.5	1	0.5	0.2
0	0	0	0

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----- SIX ROUNDS -----

score	MAXI	mini	micro
6	36	18	9
5.5	23	11.5	5.8
5	15	7.5	3.8
4.5	10	5	2.5
4	8	4	2
3.5	7	3.5	1.8
3	6	3	1.5
2.5	5	2.5	1.2
2	4	2	1
1.5	3	1.5	0.8
1	2	1	0.5
0.5	1	0.5	0.2
0	0	0	0

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----- FIVE ROUNDS -----

score	MAXI	mini	micro
5	32	16	8
4.5	19	9.5	4.8
4	12	6	3
3.5	7	3.5	1.8
3	6	3	1.5
2.5	5	2.5	1.2
2	4	2	1
1.5	3	1.5	0.8
1	2	1	0.5
0.5	1	0.5	0.2
0	0	0	0

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----- FOUR ROUNDS -----

score	MAXI	mini	micro
4	28	14	7
3.5	15	7.5	3.8
3	8	4	2
2.5	5	2.5	1.2
2	4	2	1
1.5	3	1.5	0.8
1	2	1	0.5
0.5	1	0.5	0.2
0	0	0	0

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----- THREE ROUNDS -----

score	MAXI	mini	micro
3	-	12	6
2.5	-	6	3
2	-	3	1.5
1.5	-	1.5	0.8
1	-	1	0.5
0.5	-	0.5	0.2
0	-	0	0

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Each Tour tournament, or section thereof, awards Tour points in any given rating class ONLY if: (1) the tournament or section is open to ALL players in that class, and (2) at least one player in that class, or in a higher class, actually plays in the tournament or section. Each player in a Tour event can earn points only in his own rating class and those above.

EXAMPLES:

1. Kathy Knight, an A player, scores 4-1 in a five-round maxi-event. According to the chart, she has earned twelve Tour points. The tournament is a single-section event, open to all, and at least one Master actually participates. Kathy's twelve Tour points are awarded in all classes A through Master. She earns twelve A points, twelve Expert points, and twelve Master points.

2. Benjamin Bishop, a B player, scores 4.5-0.5 in a five-round maxi-event. The chart shows that he has earned 19 Tour points. But he has chosen to play in the under-2000 section, so his Tour points are awarded only in classes A and B. He receives 19 A points and 19 B points.

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

At the end of the year, cash prizes are awarded to those ICA members who have accumulated the greatest Tour point totals in each class Master through E. The 1999 Illinois Tour prizes are as follows:

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

Cash prizes will be awarded only to those players who play in at least three Tour events during 1999. Prizes which would have been won by players with only one or two events will be distributed to those next in line.

Unrated players can accumulate Tour points only in the Master class, and then only if they play in a tournament

or section open to all Masters and in which at least one Master actually participates. Unrateds in all Tour events, however, will have their events counted towards the three-event minimum; this will help them later in the year when they become rated.

ORGANIZERS: Putting your tournaments on the ICA Tour will enhance their prestige and increase attendance. Players have come to expect that major events, especially, will be ICA Tour events.

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

A Tour event must also be listed in the Calendar published bi-monthly in the Illinois Chess Bulletin. The ICB announcement must mention that the tournament is a Tour event (maxi-, mini-, or micro-). Be sure to observe the ICB's published deadlines, and keep in close

contact with the ICB Calendar Coordinator so you won't be left out.

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

A Tour event should be set up in such a way that Tour points can be awarded fairly. Section cut-offs, if any, should be at 2200, 2000, 1800, 1600, 1400, 1200, 1000, 800, 600, 400, and/or 200. The following are examples of recommended Tour formats:

- (1) 1 section, open to all.
- (2) 2 sections, open and under-1800.
- (3) 3 sections, 1600-&-over, under-2000, and under-1400.

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

Another inadvisable format would be the quad or the octagon -- four- or eight-player sections grouped by rating. Such an event almost

certainly would, for example, split the B players across two sections, neither of which could award B points because neither would be open to ALL players in class B.

The fee for running a Tour event is \$1.00 per player. For maxi-events, there is a \$50.00 minimum and a \$100.00 maximum. For mini- and micro-events, there is no minimum, and the maximum is \$50.00. In addition, your organization must affiliate with ICA at \$25.00 per year. Past experience suggests that these fees repay the organizer many times over in added entry fees, as having an event on the Tour increases its appeal to most players.

A maxi-event is entitled to a free full-page ICB ad. A mini-event gets a free half-page ad, and a micro-event a quarter page. But to take advantage, you must submit your ad camera-ready to the ICB editor by the published deadline. Do not expect the editor to concoct an ad for you.

The ICA officers reserve the right to reject the Tour status of any tournament. To avoid conflicts, the officers will be scrutinizing the schedule carefully. As stated previously, your event must be cleared through the ICB calendar before it is sent to Chess Life.

1998 ICA Tour Standings

Bill Smythe

Master Tour Points:

SEVILLANO Enrico	138
PALOS Osman	109
CKOW Albert C	84
SZPISJAK Steven J	53
SCOTT Gene G	37
SAX Robert D	35.5
FELBCAN Florin	33
ILIC Stanimir M	32
MARSHALL James A	26
BACHLER Kevin L	24.5
MODES Dan	24.5
KARKLINS Andrew	23
MARTINOVSKY Eugene	22
SMYTHE Bill	22
RIDDELL Joshua S	20

PANGAN Camilo C	19
CIMA Joe	18
CHEN Aaron	17
DASTGIR-BUTT Ghulam	17
SANTANA Miguel A (2)	16
SOLLANO Ely O	16
WATTS Bradley S	16

Expert Tour Points:

SCOTT Gene G	72
SAX Robert D	63.5
CADMAN Chuck	42
BACHLER Kevin L	40.5
SMYTHE Bill	38
KARKLINS Erik	37
CAVENEY Geoffrey	34.5
MARSHALL James A	32

BENESA Arnulfo	
30	
ILIC Stanimir M	
30	
BROCK William	
29	
GAST Bryan	28
RIDDELL Joshua S	27
MODES Dan	26
SPLINTER Joseph C	22
GREGORY Jamie	20
NAFF William A	18.5
CIMA Joe	18
ULTCH Douglas A(2)	18
BOURGERIE Dennis	17.5
LEE Tyrone D	17.5

Class A Tour Points:

WATTS Bradley S	67.5
GAZMEN Ethelbert	52.5
CONDON James K	46
OTMA Joe	44
SMYTHE Bill	38
CHEN Aaron	37
COX William G	34
GAST Bryan	32
HERNANDEZ Hector	31
ROUERGIE Dennis	27.5
CASE Rick	27.5
HUANG Kenneth	27.5
COVIC Mehmed	26
CRONIN Mike	26
NGUYEN Tam B	24
MODES Dan	23
WAGNER Steven J	22.5
SOLICANO Ely O	22
IKENOHI Curtis K (1)	21
JANKAUSKAS Kazys (2)	20
LORING Steven W	20
MARKOV Igor I (1)	20

Class B Tour Points:

GORLIN Gennadiy	61
CHEN Aaron	46
DELAY Joe	40
CONNELLY Kevin (1)	36
GORLIN Yelena	35
HACKS David W	34.5
GIERTZ Charles E	32
GROEGER Andrew	29
SALAZAR Jeronimo (2)	29
HUANG Kenneth	28.5
HASEGAWA David	28
RIDDLE Robert	28
HUBBARD Andrew	27.5
REDDIVARI Dushyanth	27.5
ALLISON Roger D	26
COLEMAN George Jr	26
WONG Brian	25.5
ELLICE H Wayne	25
GORLIN Andrey	24
LEUNG Daniel Y	24
ARKHMETOV Arta	23
LAHR H Fred	23
SZAFKAN Martin (1)	23

Class C Tour Points:

GORLIN Andrey	76.5
PADJITA Rudy R	63.5
SMITH Brian B	55.5
REDDIVARI Dushyanth	47
LOBRACC Michael J	40.5
PULLIN Matthew	36
HUANG Winston	35.5
SILVERMAN Scott A	33
GORLIN Gennadiy	32
MC CLURE Seth	32
LANGER David P	30
RIDDLE Robert	28
STEELE John	28
MEDINA Francisco	27
RAGO Paul	26
PRIJIC Abdulah	24.5
CHEN Aaron	22
POYNTER Matthew	22
WITEK Gregory	22
SEIBEL Dennis	21

RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	20
WHITE David James	20
YOUNG Mark (2)	20

Class D Tour Points:

RAMOS Fabian	46
WISNER Michael	46
BLACKMAN William	41
POLTORAK Alex	41
YARNOFF Benjamin	41
SCHROMBECK Jon A	40
BURNETT Jim	37
HOANG Winston	35.5
POLLIN Matthew	35
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	33
BUCSA Jeffrey (2)	32
GASUNAS Anthony G	32
VILENCHIE Vladimir	30
CUMMINS Edward T (1)	29
DOGGETT Thomas (2)	27
LERNER Gabriel	27
MEDINA Francisco	27
REDDIVARI Dushyanth	26.5
PENLEY Daniel J (2)	26
RASMUSSEN Robert	26
LEWIS Otis Jr	25
FERGUSON William	24
CUMMINGS Michael	23.5

Class E Tour Points:

YARNOFF Benjamin	28
SHADEL Brent R (2)	26
HIERONYMUS April	25
SOMASUNDARAM Vignesh	25
FERGUSON William	24
GASUNAS Anthony G	23.5
MORAN Philip D	23
WIDING Daniel R	23
DUNCAN Jason T	22
MC CLURE Renee J	21
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	21
AMIR Ali (1)	20
BOLTON John L (1)	19
POLTORAK Alex	19
DUPUIS Erik G	18
KOFINSKI Michael	18
WIDING Robert	18
BRONNER Benjamin	17
FORD Justin M	17
LEWIS Richard	17
MC CONNELL Nicholas	17
CONZALEZ Anthony	16
ILIC Lazar S	16
POPOVIC Zeljko	16

Class F Tour Points:

ILIC Lazar S	16
SOMASUNDARAM Vignesh	16
HIERONYMUS April	14
DUPUIS Brian M	12
MORAN Wesley	12
MC CLURE Renee J	11
CONNELLY Alexander	10
PENA Andy G	10
CONNOR Chris M (2)	9
DOAN Jessica (2)	9
KRASNOPOLSKIY Le (1)	9
MENDENHALL Ryan (2)	9

CONNELLY Patrice	8
DUPUIS Erik G	8
LIVSHITS Louiza (1)	8
SAWYIER Timothy	8
BIALER Gershon (1)	7
KRASNOPOLSKIY Ge (2)	7
AUGALITS Tom (2)	6
BRONNER Benjamin	6
FOOTS Maria A (1)	6
KASSIN David (1)	6
PHELPS Douglas	6
SEARS Tony (1)	6
SEFO Adhir (1)	6

Class G Tour Points:

ILIC Lazar S	16
CONNELLY Alexander	10
AUGALITS Tom (2)	6
SEARS Tony (1)	6
GILRUTH Alexander(2)	5
ORTEGA Ulises (2)	5
CHODAK David (1)	4
FISHMAN Isak N (1)	4
FISHMAN Joey (1)	4
MARSHALL Andrew(1)	4
ROCHA Mario (2)	4
STINSON Trevor (1)	4
CONNELLY Patrice	3
DAVIS Jacob(1)	3
FODOR Tim(1)	3
FREEDMAN Stepha(1)	3
MEYERS Asher (1)	3
O'HARA Chris (1)	3
BARNES Toby (1)	2

Class H Tour Points:

ROCHA Mario (2)	4
MEYERS Asher (1)	3
O'HARA Chris (1)	3
DENNIS Ryan A (1)	2
HYMANSON Daniel(1)	2
THOMPSON Andrew(1)	2
THOMPSON Emily L(1)	2
COULTER Larry (1)	1

Class I Tour Points:

ROCHA Mario(2)	4
HYMANSON Daniel(1)	2
THOMPSON Emily L(1)	2

Class J Tour Points:

ROCHA Mario (2)	4
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Grumblings & Mumblings

Photo's - Josh Flores



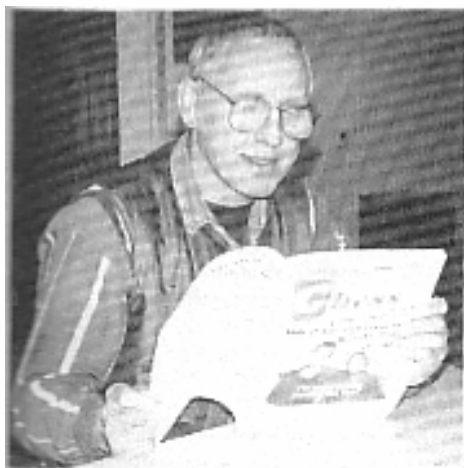
Dushyanth Redivari

3 Pachman and 2 Averbach Books



Eric Dupuis

Absolutely Nothing!
But I did get this neat Watch!



Dennis Grant

I am reading my ICB!

**At the Tim Just Winter Open we asked:
"What chess stuff did you get for Xmas?"**



Seth McClure

Chess Art Calender, Tie,
And a mini License Plate
That says "Chess God"



Tim Just

I bought myself a really
Neat chess calendar



Mark Robledo

Bunch of books,
Novag Computer,
Petium PC with
CM 3000 & 4000
Kasporov Gambit
But I really wish
I had a Chronos



Rob Sax

I decided to buy
Myself an ICC
subscription.

Midwest Class Championships

Joshua Flores

The Midwest Class Championships, held during Halloween weekend in Lisle by the Continental Chess Association, was a rousing success. Smaller this year than last (no room for skittles!) because Organizer Bill Goichberg restructured the lower sections so a more reasonable number of participants could attend and enjoy themselves.

Also notable this year was the lack of big guns, as many were playing in the US Closed Championships being held at the same time.

Even with this handicap, one GM, two IM's, and several FM's competed for top honors. And GM Alex Goldin, defending champion, did not cut through to the paycheck like a hot knife on butter, as he may have expected! He lost to Chicago based IM Osman Palos in round 2. Palos went on to win the event with a 4½ / 5 score by handing defeats to IM Enrico Seviliano and FM Florin Felecan. Although he felt he was better against Michigan NM Vasik Rajlich, he ended up with a draw in that game. Top rated Goldin, had to settle for second with 4.

Midwest Class			October 30 - November 1, 1998						
MASTER			score						
1	PALOS Osman	IL	2413	W16	W 3	W 2	D 4	W 6	4.5
2	GOLDIN Alexander	NY	2719	W10	W 9	L 1	W 5	W 4	4
3	SEVILLANO Enrico	IL	2550	W19	L 1	W10	D 6	W 8	3.5
4	RAJLICH Vasik G	MI	2345	W13	W17	W 8	D 1	L 2	3.5
5	DEAN Jim H	IN	2321	W 6	D15	W14	L 2	W 7	3.5
6	FELECAN Florin	IL	2588	L 5	W19	W17	D 3	L 1	2.5
7	PELTS Peter	IL	2429	D11	L14	W16	W15	L 5	2.5
8	KARKLINS Andrew	IL	2382	D12	W11	L 4	W14	L 3	2.5
9	MARTINOVSKY Eugene	IL	2348	W18	L 2	D15	D13	D12	2.5
10	CHOW Albert C	IL	2287	L 2	W12	L 3	D16	B	2.5
11	BETANELI Alexander	WI	2248	D 7	L 8	D12	W17	D13	2.5
12	STEIGMAN A J	FL	2198	D 8	L10	D11	X19	D 9	2.5
13	CADMAN Chuck	IL	2148	L 4	D18	W19	D 9	D11	2.5
14	SZPLISJAK Steven J	IL	2307	B	W 7	L 5	L 8	D15	2
15	ASHTON Jeffrey	MI	2178	B	D 5	D 9	L 7	D14	2
16	FAGAN James B	IL	2119	L 1	B	L 7	D10	D17	2
17	BERDAHL Myron C	MN	2063	B	L 4	L 6	L11	D16	1.5
18	SALOMON J Eugene	NJ	2176	L 9	D13	-	-	-	0.5
19	DASTGIR-BUTI Gru	IL	2248	L 3	L 6	L13	F12	-	0

Young wunderkind, Florin had a tough time. After losing to Ohio NM Jim Dean in a miniature in round 1, he found himself with a draw against Enrico Seviliano in round 3 and playing for the big money against Palos in the last round. A tactical melee ensued, and when the smoke cleared... he found himself with a queen against 3 pieces in a slightly inferior position and pawn structure. Seeing a mating attack, he

Midwest Class			October 30 - November 1, 1998						
EXPERT			score						
1	HARE Douglas S	MN	2193	D 8	W26	W22	W 3	D 4	4
2	HARTWIG Thomas E	MI	2082	W13	D14	D 8	W18	W 9	4
3	TUBIC Bisi L	IL	2150	W12	W18	W 4	L 1	D 6	3.5
4	RIDDELL Joshua S	IL	2127	W23	W10	L 3	W14	D 1	3.5
5	ZELNER Alexander	OH	2119	D20	W 7	L 6	W22	W13	3.5
6	SPLINTER Joseph C	IL	2025	D 9	W21	W 5	H	D 3	3.5
7	IKEUCHI Curtis	IL	1967	B	L 5	W26	W19	W14	3.5
8	KLEIST Frederick	WA	2061	D 1	W19	D 2	L 9	W17	3
9	KAPTSAN Aron	CN	2151	D 6	D11	D13	W 8	L 2	2.5
10	CAVENEY Geoffrey	IL	2146	W21	L 4	L18	D20	W27	2.5
11	KARKLINS Erik	IL	2053	D19	D 9	D16	D17	D15	2.5
12	SAX Robert D	IL	2053	L 3	L13	D23	W26	W19	2.5
13	GOFFSTEIN Daniel	IA	1959	L 2	W12	D 9	W16	L 5	2.5
14	MACHAJ Blair L	IL	1858	W24	D 2	W17	L 4	L 7	2.5
15	LAHR H Fred	IL	1800	L25	W23	L19	X24	D11	2.5
16	GAST Bryan	IL	2125	B	H	D11	L15	D21	2
17	HANKINSON Chris J	MI	2082	D22	W20	L14	D11	L 9	2
18	LEE Tyrone D	IL	2063	W27	L 3	W10	L 2	-	2
19	JAKSTAS Kazimiera	IL	2164	D11	L 8	W15	L 7	L12	1.5
20	SATTERLEE Ray D	IL	2037	D 5	L17	B	D10	L23	1.5
21	NIKOLOVSKI Oliver	MI	2016	L10	L 6	L24	W23	D16	1.5
22	ROBLEDO Merk (Sr)	IL	1919	D17	W24	L 1	L 3	L10	1.5
23	CAVITT Dexter L	IL	1902	L 4	L15	D12	L21	W20	1.5
24	CHAVEZ Roberto	IL	2077	L14	L22	W21	F15	-	1
25	DELAY Joe	IL	1671	W15	-	-	-	-	1
26	HAYES Raymond C	WI	2100	B	L 1	L 7	L12	-	0.5
27	ASHTON Jeffrey	MI	2178	L18	-	-	-	-	0

pushed further, compromising his position more. Unfortunately for Florin, 2 of the pieces Osman had were Knights, the natural and best defenders of one's king. Fending of all of Florin's mating maneuvers deftly, his pieces began eyeing the weakened and broken state of Black's army. Florin resigned, disappointed at missing a win.

The rest of the cross tables and a selection of games will appear in the next issue of the Illinois Chess Bulletin.



CHESS WIZARDRY

Todd Barre

What Happened?



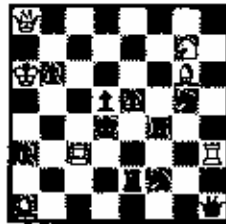
Ever walk into a tournament, mingle among the boards, and then stop and wonder how in the world two players arrived at the position you are currently staring at? Such is the thinking behind an increasingly popular realm of the problem genre, known as the shortest proof game. The concept is quite simple. You are given a position, the stipulation as to how many moves have been made, and are asked to find the unique set of moves from the start of the game that led to the given position. In essence, it's a logic puzzle over the chessboard.

Problem 42 gives you a first crack at this task. The position shown is after White's 13th move. To get full credit, provide the score of the game so far. Obviously, you'll have to figure out what White has been up to all this time. The state of Black's kingside pawns ought to give you an important hint.

I don't think either of our two-movers will be too difficult. 37 is a classic oldie, and although 38 is a recent composition, it has an "oldie" feel to it. As usual, you need only provide the key move for credit. 39, a three-mover, is another old

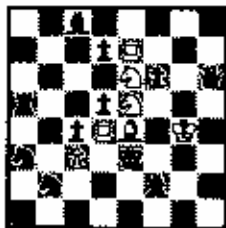
problem by one of the great American composers, Otto Wurzburg. Supply the key move and at least one variation through

37



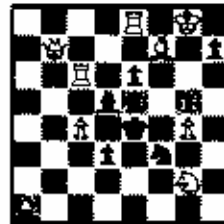
Mate in 2

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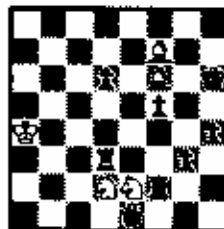
Helpmate in 2 - 3 sols.

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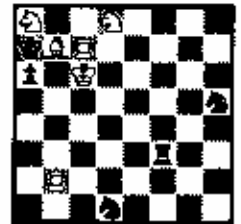
Mate in 2

41



Helpmate in 3 - 2 sols

39



Mate in 3

42



Position after White's 13th move.

move two for credit. I think the two helpmates will be more challenging. Remember that Black starts first and cooperates with White to mate Black's monarch. 40 is a helpmate in two moves with three different solutions, although successful

solvers will undoubtedly see the common thread among the answers. I think 41, a helpmate in three moves with two solutions will be especially challenging. Remember to supply all the moves to all the solutions to score the points.

I'll award 3 points for 37 and 38, 5 points for 39 and 40, and 7 points for 41 and 42. An even 30 points for your efforts. Good solving!

Answer Box

From the September-October issue, 25, a recent problem by Hall of Fame inductee Milan Vukcevic is solved by the beautiful key 1 Rd5!, subjecting the rook to four different captures. My favorite variations are the two checks, 1... exd5+, 2 f5 and 1... e5+, 2 Rd7. Another good key in 26 (Barnes), where 1 Ke8! shifts the White rook from one pin to another. Simple but pleasing line clearance plays in 27 (Kirtley) where 1 Qg1! waits for Black to choose his preferred method of demise. After 1... f6, 2 Ba7 is followed by 3 Qb6, while 1... f5 allows 2 Ra1 to be followed by 3 Qb1. 28 is another old Sam Loyd composition. The point of the problem is that the try 1 Rf7? threatening 2 Ng6 fails to 1... Rh1+ followed by enough rook checks to keep White from his task. After the key 1 Qa1!, Black is obligated to play 1... Bxa1 because of the threat 2 Qxb2. Then 2 Rf7 succeeds because after 2... Rh1+, 3 Ka2, Black runs out of checks. The solutions to our first helpmate, 29 (Aliovsadzade & Akchurin), contain all checking moves: 1 Bd2+ Nb4+, 2 Nc4+ Nxa2 in part (a), and 1 Bb2+ Nd4+, 2 Qc2+ Nb3 in (b). Conversely, the three solutions in 30 (Werner) contain all capturing moves: 1 Qxd6 Rxc6+, 2 Kxc6 Qxd6; 1 Qxc8 Qxa7+, 2 Kxa7 Nxc8; and 1 Qxb8 Nxb7, 2 Kxb7 Rxb8. Join the ladder! Solve this month's problems and pick up 30 points to get started! Send your solutions by April 1, 1999 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to tbarre@aol.com.

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, 773-761-2455, chichess@enteract.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

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/90). 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. EF 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 teams entered: company, family, college, high school (9-12), middle school (6-9), elementary (K-6), junior (under 20), and senior (over 50). Scholastic teams must be from same school if local, or from same city

if traveling over 50 miles. USCF GameTime digital clock for top player on each board 1-4. Reg 5-7 pm Fri, 8-9 am Sat. Roster changes after Thursday will require \$25 late fee. Players may register as individuals for \$25 by 2/1, \$30 after and form teams at site; must be present 30 minutes before close of registration to be assured a team assignment. Rds: 3-day 8, 10:30-5:30, 10-4-15, 2-day 10:30-2 and merges with 3-day for rd 3 at 5:30. HR \$89 single or double. 630-537-1234, reserve by 1/31 and ask for chess rates. Info: Al Losoff, 847-966-5559 evenings, Alan@Losoff.com. Website www.64.com/usatmw. Entries to U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Rte 9-W, New Windsor NY 12553, attn U.S. Amateur Team Midwest, 914-562-8350.

February 13, 1999, Lucky 13 Open. 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 2/5, \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic, \$5150: 50, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$25, u-1200 & unrated \$25. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6.

Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu.

☐ **February 13, 1999, Glenn Scholastic.** Normal. www.illinois-chess.org.

February 20, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #3. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 h/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

☐ **February 20, 1999, ICCA Individual Championship.** Bloom Trail HS, Sauk Trail & Cottage Gr, Chicago Heights 60411. Don Deakin, 708-765-7000 x164. 708-758-5496.

February 20, Barb City Mid-Winter Tornado. 4-SS, game/60. Barb City Manor, 680

members \$12, under-18 \$8 by 2/14, all \$5 more at site. \$\$170 b/20- \$60-30, B.C.D. Unr each \$20. Reg ends 9, rd 1 9:30. Bill Reed, 1460 N 14th, DeKalb 60115, 815-758-1027.

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 C.C. tournaments 2/22/99 thru 4/30/99. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

February 21, 1999, Annual ICA Awards Banquet.

February 21, 1999, Elmhurst CC ICA Banquet Mini-Tour. 3-SS, game/45. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16. ECC members and those attending the ICA Banquet \$12. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u2000, u1800. **UNDER-1600:** \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1400. **BOTH:** 85% of EFs returned as prizes. Reg 4:30-5, rd 1 at 5:15. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. An ICA Tour mini-event.

February 27, 1999, Tri-State Scholastic. Emerson Middle School, 8101 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 scorers). Illinois CoChess rules apply, send \$2 for team definition, rules and registration procedure, or check www.cavemanchess.com/cochess. Check-in 7:45-8:30, rd 1 at 9. Checks payable: Deborah Socha, 2719 W DeCook, Park Ridge 60068, 847-698-9365, dsocha@cavemanchess.com. Get entry form from CoChess website. Phone entries add \$5. One check/entry list per school, sort by section/grade. Give contact info in case we have questions. Include name, USCF ID, school/town, section & grade. Withdrawals: 847-494-2559 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. Inverted Swiss: within each score group, top plays 2nd, 3rd plays 4th, etc, send SASE for details. EF \$30, juniors and club members \$25. Free EF to masters who are physically present by 9:30 and request no byes. \$\$ 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, 10-2:15.

February 28 and March 7, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/45. 4-SS. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$17. ECC members \$12. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1900, u1700, u1500. 90% of EFs 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. 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.

March 6-7, 1999, Greater Peoria Open. 5-SS, game/120. Signature Inn, 4112 Brandywine Dr, Peoria 61614. EF \$30 by 3/1, \$40 at site. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$\$300-150-100, u2000 \$100-50. **RESERVE (u1800):** \$\$150-75, 1400-1599 \$70-50, u1400 \$70-50. **BOTH:** Top \$\$ guaranteed, class \$\$ based on 6 per class. Reg 8:30-9:30, rds 10-2:30-7, 9:30-2. HR \$60 by 2/20, \$67 later, 309-685-2556. Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks #2, Peoria 61604, 309-686-0192 after 7, ctrlalt@flink.com. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

March 7, 1999, Sunday Plus-Score Quick. 6-SS, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 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.

March 13, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #4. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

March 13, 1999, Lake Forest Scholastic. Anne Csar, aetco@interaccess.com

March 13, 1999, Bradley Bourbonnais HS Team. Not USCF-rated. 8-board teams. 700 W North St, Bradley 60915. John Hassett, 815-468-8121.

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 \$100, 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.

March 14, Elmhurst CC Game/15 Double Quad. 6-RR in 4-player sections, 2 games vs each opponent. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, ECC members \$11. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

March 19-21, 1999, National Open. 6-SS, 40/120, then 20/60, then SD/30. Riviera Hotel & Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas NV 89109. Four sections. **CHAMPIONSHIP (open to all):** EF \$89 by 3/5, \$110 at site. \$\$G 6000-4000-2000-1000-750-500-500-500-500-250-250-250-250-250-250-250-250, u2500 \$1500-750, u2300 \$1300-650, u2100 \$1100-550. 5 points wins at least \$500, 4.5 at least \$200. **RESERVE (under 2000):** EF \$84 by 3/5, \$105 at site. \$\$G 3000-2000-1000-500-200-150-150-150-150-150, u1800 \$1400-700. 5 points wins at least \$200. **BOOSTER (under 1600):** EF \$79 by 3/5, \$100 at site. \$\$G 1500-900-400-200-100-50-50-50-50-50, u1400 \$1300-650, u1200 \$800-400, u1000 \$400-200. 5 points wins at least \$100. **UNRATED (for players with no USCF or convertible international rating):** \$69 by 3/5, \$80 at site. \$\$ USCF gift certificates: \$500-300-100, jr \$200-100-50. 5 points wins at least \$50 gift certificate. **ALL:** \$29 off advance entry only for USCF juniors or second family member at same address. Unrated may play only in Championship or Unrated section. CCA minimum ratings may be used if higher than February supplement. Reg 6-8 pm Thu, 8:30-11 am Fri. Rds at 12:30-7:30, 10-6, 10-6. Add 50 cents to advance EF for first-round half-point bye. WBCA Blitz tournament Thursday evening, Judit Polgar simul Thursday and brunch Friday. HR \$78 single or double, 702-734-5110, reserve by 3/1 and ask for chess rates. Entries to U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Rte 9-W, New Windsor NY 12553, attn National Open Entries, 914-562-8350. Info: Al Losoff, 847-966-5559 evenings, Alan@j.losoff.com, website www.64.com/natlopen. A USCF National event.

☐ **March 26-27, 1999, IHSA State Team.** Bone Center, Illinois State University. Ken Lewandowski, 847-492-7932, 847-869-8246, lewk@eths.k12.il.us.

March 27, 1999, Bloomington Tornado canceled.

March 27-28, 1999, Elmhurst Class Game/120 Maxi-Tour. 4-SS, game/120. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$38. ECC members \$34. Five sections, total \$\$1600 b/60:
MASTER-EXPERT: \$\$200-125, u2200 \$100. CLASS A: \$\$150-100-50. CLASS B: \$\$150-100-50. CLASS C: \$\$150-100-50. CLASSES D/BELOW: \$\$125-100-50. ALL: Play in your own class or one up. Unrated may play in any class but may not win more than \$50 except in MASTER-EXPERT. Reg 11:30-12:30, rds 1-5:30 each day. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

April 3, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #5 (Big #2). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$15, u19 \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$350 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

April 3, 1999, Saturday Evening Quick Quads. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$8, juniors and club members \$6, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any 1-day Chicago CC tournament 4/4/99 thru 5/31/99. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

April 4, 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 4/5/99 thru 5/31/99. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

☐ **April 8-11, 1999, National High School Championship.** Sioux Falls SD.

☐ **April 10-11, 1999, Illinois Scholastic State Championships.** Normal. www.illinois-chess.org.

April 10-11, 1999, Chicago CC Spring 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. 773-761-5050. EF \$30; juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants (by 4/4) \$25. \$\$420 b/20: 120-100, u2200 80, u2000 60, u1800 40, u1600 20. Reg ends Sat 9:30, rds 10-2-6. 10-4. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

April 17, 1999, Glenview Open. An ICA Tour mini-event.

April 17, 1999, Tax Freedom Open. 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 4/9, \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic. \$\$150: 50, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$25, u-1200 & unrated \$25. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265. Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu.

April 24, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #6. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

April 24, Barb City Spring Tornado. 4-SS, game/60. Barb City Manor, 680 Haish Blvd, DeKalb 60115. EF \$15, club members \$12, under-18 \$8 by 4/23, all \$5 more at site. \$\$170 b/20: \$60-30, B,C,D,Unr each \$20. Reg ends 9, rd 1 9:30. Bill Reed, 1460 N 14th, DeKalb 60115. 815-758-1027.

May 1, 1999, You Play We Pay. 5-SS, game/25. College of Lake County, Rt 45 and Washington, Grayslake 60030. EF \$50 by 4/27, \$5 more at site. Prizes: \$15 for each win (including forced byes), \$5 for each draw (including half-point byes -- limit 1, must be requested before round 1), \$200 perfect-score bonus to every player scoring 5-0. ChessMaster 5000 to top junior. Reg 9:30-10:30, rds 11-12-30-1:30-2:30-3:30 A Wayne Clark - Tim Just Quick Chess event. Tim Just, 37165 Willow Ln, Gurnee 60031, 847-244-7954, timjust@Lnd.com. **An ICA Tour micro-event.**

☐ **May 7-9, 1999, National Junior High Championship.** Columbus OH.

☐ **May 13-16, 1999, National Elementary Championship.** Phoenix AZ.

May 15, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #7. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24,

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May 15, 1999, Normal May Open. 4-SS, game/80. New location: Fairfield Inn, 202 Landmark Dr, Normal. EF \$17, jrs \$12, both \$3 less by 5/12. Free entry to masters \$\$150-80, u-1800 \$65, u-1400 \$60, books to top A,B,C,D,E,F,Unr. Reg 8-8:45, rds at 9-12-3-6. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761, 309-454-3842, Schoolstreet@msn.com.

May 28-31, 29-31, or 30-31, 1999, Chicago Open. 7-SS, 40/120, then SD/60 (3-day option, rds 1-2 game/75; 2-day option, rds 1-4 game/45). Hyatt Regency, 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook 60521. Seven sections: **OPEN: \$\$G 10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-700-600-600-500-500, u2400/unr \$2000-1000-800-600-400. UNDER-2200: \$\$G 7000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300. UNDER-2000: \$\$G 7000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300. UNDER-1800: \$\$G 6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300. UNDER-1600: \$\$G 5000-2500-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300. UNDER-1400: \$\$G 4000-2000-1200-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300, u1200 \$1000-500-300, u1000 \$600-300.** Players who dropped from established 1400+ since 12/97 ineligible for u1200. **UNRATED: \$\$G 1000-600-300-200-100. ALL:** Unrated must play in Open or Unrated sections. See Chess Life for prize restrictions on foreign and recently foreign players (USA residents under 3 years). EF: 4-day \$194, 3-day \$193, 2-day \$192 if check mailed by 1/20, 4-day \$204, 3-day \$203, 2-day \$202 by 3/20, 4-day \$214, 3-day \$213, 2-day \$212 by 5/18, all \$240 at site. No checks at site. Credit cards \$200 by 1/20, \$210 by 3/20, \$220 by 5/25, \$240 at site. Special EF: \$70 less to juniors under 18 who are rated below 1500, over 2199, or play up; callers must request special EF. Re-entry \$100, not available in OPEN section. Add 50 cents to advance EF for first round bye. Unrated section EF: 4-day \$74, 3-day \$73, 2-day \$72 if mailed by 5/20, all \$80 with credit card by 5/20, \$90 at site. Credit cards 914-496-9658 weekdays, or 406-896-2038 (no questions) 24 hours daily; no phone entries after 5/25. 4-day reg ends Fri 7 pm; rds 8. 12-7, 12-7, 10-4:30. 3-day reg ends Sat 11 am; rds 12-3-7, 12-7, 10-4:30. 2-day reg ends Sun 9 am; rds 10-12-2-4-7, 10-4:30. Hotel rates \$77-77-77, 630-573-1234 by 5/14, reserve by April as hotel may sell out. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577, recmater@aol.com, www.chesstour.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

June 5, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #8 (Big #3). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$15, u19 \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$5350 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

June 19, 1999, Father's Day Open. Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu.

June 25-27, 1999, Mid-America Class Championships. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

June 26, 1999, Peoria Tornado. Bill Naff, 212 W Vail Ct, Peoria 61614, 309-691-4624. An ICA Tour mini-event.

June 29 - July 5, or July 1-5, or July 3-5, or June 26-27 and July 3-5, 1999, World Open. Philadelphia. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577, recmate@aol.com, www.chesstour.com.

July 3, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #9. Chicago. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

July 17, 1999, Normal July Open. Normal. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761, 309-454-3842, Schoolstreeter@msn.com.
July 24, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #10. Chicago.

July 31 - August 1, 1999, Midway Amateur Class. Five sections. Expert, Class A, Class B, Class C, Classes D/Below. Hector Hernandez, 773-586-3950. Checks payable to Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638-8765. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

August 7, 1999, Fourth Annual Evan Green Summer Sectional. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu.

August 10-19, 1999, U.S. Open. Reno NV.

August 21, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #11 (Big #4). Chicago.

September 4-6, 1999, Illinois Open. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

September 18, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #12. Chicago.

October 16, 1999, Springfield Autumn Open. Springfield.

October 16, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #13. Chicago.

November 6, 1999, Normal November Open. Normal.

November 6, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #14

(Big #5). Chicago.

November 20-21, 1999, Illinois Class. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

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