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President's Podium



For those who may not have heard IM Osmand Palos died Saturday February 7, 2004 from lung cancer. He was 54 years old, and had been an IM for well over a dozen years. He came to Illinois late in 1996, then proceeded to be co-champion of the state for the next (97 & 98) two years. He won many tournaments in Illinois, and was frequently among the top of the ICA Tour. I am sure we will all miss his presence, and not just over-the-board. I am asking members to send in games to our games editor for possible inclusion in the issue.

Here is a nice little game by IM Palos against a 2300 Master from Missouri as from a previous ICB.

Palos, O - McLaughlin, J  
 1) e4 c5 2)Nf3 e6 3)Nc3 Nc6 4)Bb5 Nge7 5)0-0 a6 6)Bxc6 Nxc6 7)Re1 d6 8) d4 cxd4 9)Nxd4 Be7 10)Nxc6 bxc6 11)Qg4! 0-0 12)Bh6 Bf6 13) e5! (sacrificing the e pawn to get the Knight into the attack). 13)... dxe5 14)Rad1 Qe7 15)Ne4 Kh8 16)Be3 Rg8 17)Bc5 Qc7 18)Bd6 (chasing the Queen even further away from protecting the King). 18)... Qb7 19)Nxf6 gxf6 20)Qh4 Rg6 21)Bc5 Bd7 22)Be7 Kg7 23)Rd3 c5? (better was Re8). 24)Rg3! Qb4 25)Bxf6ch! (also playable was Qxf6ch followed by Qxe5, but Osmand saw more). 25)... Kg8 26)Re4! c4 27)Qxh7ch !! (here comes mate!). 27)...Kxh7 (if Kf8, then Qh8 & a capture on g8 mates). 28)Rh4ch Rh6 29)Rg7ch Kh8 30)Rxh6 MATE.

I want to remind everyone that the ICA tour is concluding at the end of March. It is coming down to the wire for some of those prizes, so play in a tour event soon. Also, don't forget to check out chessPhone or the ICA web site. Our membership list is now up on the site, so double check those expiration dates. Also, please check for your friends as well. We are currently missing a few address for sending ICBs. Thank you.

Best "Chess" Regards  
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*International Master  
Osmand Palos*



*From the Mechanics' Institute  
Chess Room Newsletter  
By IM John Donaldson*

International Master Osmand Palos died Saturday, February 7, at the age of 54 in Chicago. The cause was lung cancer. Palos, who suffered from diabetes for many years, had been in poor health for some time. He leaves behind his sons Robert and Davor.

Osman Palos was born October 29, 1949, in Gracanica, Yugoslavia. He legally changed his name to Osmand after becoming a U.S. citizen in 2002.

Osmand was the strongest player in Tuzla, the second largest city in Bosnia, for many years until he left in the late 1980s. His best years as a chess player were in the mid-1980s. During this time he received the IM title in 1985 and achieved his peak FIDE rating of 2440 in 1987. His best ever result was winning the Pula Open in 1986 with a GM norm performance score of 10 from 11. Two other good results were 8.5 from 13 in a Category 4 (2328) round robin in Tuzla in 1991 and =2nd with GM Ikonnikov behind GM Klinger at the 138 player Werfen Open in 1992. Palos was a regular participant in Yugoslav Team Championships in the 1980s, winning the gold medal on board 5 in 1982 with a score of 6 from 9. Osmand played often in

Germany, Austria and Switzerland in the late 1980s and early 1990s, collecting many GM scalps including those of Ikonnikov, Kudrin, Vukic, Kupreichik and Khenkin among others. Palos was a big fighter when healthy and not one to respect reputations. To get an idea of his persistence play over his 107 move draw with GM Eingorn from Graz 1987.

Palos loved to play blitz and could often be found between rounds indulging in his favorite pastime. He was an inconsistent but dangerous opponent who could pose a danger to anyone. One example: his 2-0 score versus GM Krasenkov in the 1997 New York City Blitz Championship.

Much of his life Osman worked as a businessman, only becoming a full-time chess professional when things started to deteriorate in Yugoslavia. One of his last important duties in his old town was directing the Women's Interzonal in Tuzla in 1987. Fleeing the Balkans he spent several years playing in Western Europe before taking a position as a chess trainer in the United Arab Emirates in 1993.

Palos first arrived in Chicago in late 1996, quickly establishing himself not only as one of the top players in the city but also one of the best chess coaches. Neil Gleason of Madison, Wisconsin, remembers: "In early 1999, I spent an evening arguing politics with him. The next morning, he gave me a 10 minute lesson in the exchange Caro Kann ("play simple chess") over breakfast, whereupon I proceeded to use it with white to notch 2 convincing victories that same day in a quick tournament. He was a skillful instructor who would readily demonstrate that chess is a very simple game."

Palos was already in poor health by the time he arrived in the United States but he still managed to hold a USCF rating over 2400 until the last few years of his life, peaking at 2477. He was especially proud of his two wins over GM Goldin, one of the best players in the US. His last major event was the Lindsborg Rotary Open in December of 2002 where he scored a respectable fifty percent against a field averaging 2442 FIDE. Osman Palos will be remembered as a warm, modest and intelligent man who gave his life to chess.

Unfortunately only 329 of Osmand's games are available in Mega 2004, representing probably less than 10 percent of those he played during his career. Here is a small selection covering three decades.

Palos,O (2350) - Hazai,L (2475) [E73]  
Tuzla (9), 1983

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0  
6.g4 c5 7.d5 e6 8.g5 Ne8 9.h4 exd5 10.exd5  
Nc7 11.h5 b5 12.Qd3 Re8 13.Qg3 Nd7 14.hxg6  
hxg6 15.Bf4 Ne5 16.0-0-0 Bf5 17.Nf3 bxc4  
18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.f4 Bg7 21.Bxc4  
Rb8 22.Rh4 Rb4 23.b3 Qb8 24.Bd3 Rxb3  
25.axb3 Qxb3 26.Bxf5 Nb5 27.Qe3 Kf8 28.Bd7  
Qa3+ 29.Kc2 1-0**

Kupreichik,V (2535) - Palos,O (2390) [C02]  
Cattolica op (5), 1993

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Ne7 5.Bd3 Nec6 h3  
6.Be3 Nd7 7.a3 a5 8.Nf3 Be7 9.h4cxd4 10.cxd4  
Nb6 11.Nbd2 Bd7 12.Ng5 Bxg5 13.Bxg5 Ne7  
14.h5 Bc6 15.Qg4 Kd7 16.Rh3 Qf8 17.Ke2 f6  
18.exf6 gxf6 19.Bh4 Qh6 20.Re3 f5 21.Qf3 Nc4  
22.g4 f4 23.Re5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Rhf8 25.Kf1 Ng6  
26.hxg6 Qxh4 27.gxh7 Rf7 28.Nb3 Rxh7  
29.Bxh7 Qxh7 30.Rd1 Rh8 31.Nd4 Qh2 32.Ke2  
33.g5 Rxf3 34.Nxf3 Qh5 35.Rg1 d4 0-1**

Palos,O (2363) - Kaufman,L (2422) [A13]  
World op 29th Philadelphia (9), 08.07.2001

**1.c4 e6 2.Qa4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3 d6  
6.d4 Bd7 7.Qd1 cxd4 8.exd4 Rc8 9.Bd3 Be7  
10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 e5 12.d5 Na5 13.Nd2  
Ng4 14.Bxa7 b6 15.Na4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qc7  
17.b4 e4 18.Bxe4 Nxc4 19.Nxc4 Qxc4 20.Bf5  
Ra8 21.Qd7 Nh6 22.Bxb6 Bf6 23.Rab1 Qxd5  
24.Bh3 Rxa2 25.b5 Rb2 26.Rxb2 Bxb2 27.Qc6  
Qe5 28.Bc7 Ba3 29.b6 Bc5 30.b7 Ba7 31.Bxd6  
Qf6 32.Qc7 Re8 33.g3 Nf5 34.Bxf5 Qxf5 35.Qc6  
Qe6 36.Rc1 h5 37.Qxe8+ Qxe8 38.Rc8 1-0**

## PEORIA SPRING TORNADO

AN ICA MINI-TOUR & EX-URBAN  
EVENT

WHEN: Saturday, April 24, 2004

WHERE: Lakeview Museum, 1125 W.  
Lake Ave., Peoria, IL 61614

ENTRY FEE: \$14 by April 22, \$17 at the  
site, free to players rated 2200  
or over

WHAT: 4 Round Swiss

TIME CONTROL: Game/80

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ROUND TIMES: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30

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## The Chicago Industrial Chess League Keeps Rolling

By Jim Brotsos, Co-founder of the C.I.C.L.



CICLvNY March 2 1974

The CICL team, Runners, and Phone Handlers in 1st All-Star League Match versus the Commercial Chess League of New York, by telephone, March 2, 1974 (L to R.) Back Row: Doug Anderson, Joe Brozovich, John Greczek, Gary Benson, Ainis Mengelis, Steve Schwartz, Greg Berry, Ken Kellogg Center Row: Richard Lee, Alex Pehas, Rick Schaff, Jon Ason, Fred House, Irving Rosenfeld, Slavko Mihailovich, Charles Ward, John Stull Front Row: Terry Andresen, Dick Root, Dick Astrom, Rich Parry, Bill Kenny, Nick Keine, Ned Anderson, Jim Brotsos (Not Shown): Ed Latimer

### THE EARLY YEARS

In the mid 1950's a few commercial chess clubs in Chicago began to hear about each other and arranged to hold large team matches and simultaneous exhibitions against Experts & Masters including (Chicago attorney) Sol Friedman, ("Champion of the Western Hemisphere") Sammy Reshevsky, and IM Al Horowitz (former U.S. Champ & founder of CHESS REVIEW).

**Miroslav "Mirko" Mejzr**, a Czech immigrant, headed the strong chess club at the First National Bank. He knew Salo Flohr, the great Soviet Grandmaster of the '30s, back in Prague. Now Mirko worked in the Silver Dept. of the First which was a leading bank of Chicago. The bank building stood where the Bank One plaza & the Chagall Wall are now at Dearborn & Monroe. He got the idea of forming a chess league similar to industrial bowling or softball leagues. He called around inviting other chess club leaders to come to the bank to discuss the proposition. The meeting was held on May 29, 1957. I cannot remember all of the representatives, but following is a list of most of those who attended:

The Lakeside Press Chess Club (R.R.Donnelley & Sons Co.). –  
 James A. Brotsos, Charles Bradley, & William P. Stevenson  
 Illinois Bell Telephone- unknown  
 Stewart Warner (a large manufacturer with two industrial sites, one on Diversey Blvd., just East of Damen [now Yuppi housing], the other at Kostner & Division St.  
 Hugh Williamson & Claude Luth  
 Chicago Title & Trust Richard Jones, John Dunworth, & Walter Fischer  
 Western Electric (a giant complex just south east of Cicero & Cermak)-  
 Ed Yaros & Joseph Traeger  
 First National Bank of Chicago-  
 Miroslav Mejzr , Don McCluskey & (probably) Bill Mann. The latter was the Manager of the Bank Cafeteria which furnished employees with free, hot lunches. We always ate well when we went to the bank for matches or meetings.

None of us were aware of the existence of the Commercial Chess League of New York, so we had no source of guidance. But we were enthusiastic, positive, and creative enough to generate some basic rules and a schedule to get us started. The competition began in the fall of 1957 with each team playing the other 5 twice, once at home and once away. The team size was 8 players, but if teams showed up with more players, the larger team result was also counted as the "Club Match"



## In Memory of the life of David B. Mote

score. At the end of the season, FNB won in Team Competition, 7 1/2- 2 1/2 ; Western Electric won the Club Match competition, 9- 1.

The only officer was the Secretary-Treasurer (M. Mejzr) who would receive, record, and relay results by phone and collect and manage League funds. He held this position for several years.

The first awards banquet was held in spring of 1958 at the Old Prague restaurant in Cicero. After the two team trophies were awarded, the group watched a couple of chess films ("Chess Fever" [1925] & "Passionate Pastime" [1958] ). Then the event turned into a couple of impromptu poker games. The following year we managed to stage an after-dinner speed chess tournament. We didn't have enough chess clocks for the usual Blitz style tournament so we played Rapid-Transit Chess. I brought a buzzer clock from the Lakeside Press C.C. equipment locker. It was placed in the center of the restaurant and set to buzz every 10 seconds. Players were expected to make their respective moves between the sounds. Cash prizes went to the winner of each Class Round Robin. This was better than playing cards at a chess banquet, but it left a lot to be desired. I believe this misfire stimulated the acquisition of chess clocks within the League. In succeeding years this annual tourney was conducted with competitors getting 7-minutes per clock.

In 1963 I showed my 8 mm films of the 1962 U.S. Open Chess Tournament before the speed chess.

The banquets also included talks by chess dignitaries including Frank Skoff, (later Pres. of the U.S.C.F), Helen Warren (founder of American Postal Chess Tournaments), Pearle Mann, F.I.D.E. Arbiter; GM Dimitri Gurevich, GM John Fedorowicz, and Senior Master Albert Chow.

Sometimes special entertainments were provided for the members' wives and girl friends- magicians, pantomimists, simple craft projects, and board games.

In 1958-59 two important events took place: **Nikolai Goncharoff** brought the Motorola team into the League and **Jim Warren** joined the Western Electric team. Nik was always a strong leader for Motorola and also headed the League for 2 years. He developed large, strong teams and played more League games than anyone else. He also has the distinction of having beaten Bobby Fischer in May 1964 and, in 1959, drawing with Povilas Tautvaisas (one of the best in the Midwest) in simultaneous exhibitions.

Jim Warren was our first Expert player at a time when most teams were happy to have one Class A player on the team. In competition, he dominated for several years and always remained in the Top Ten of his Division. More importantly, he consulted with Professor Arpad Elo of Marquette U. and created our numerical rating system. He wrote a computer program for calculating self-consistent ratings. This work also formed the basis of the Elo/ FIDE international rating system.

Our ratings made it possible to create additional forms of competition and player recognition. Jim began the rating program in 1968 and served as Rating Statistician for several years. Jim introduced a popular Problem- Solving contest printed in the League Bulletin. He also served the League in many ways including heading it from 1964 to 1966. He was a great help in co-directing three Open Swiss-style tournaments held in the 1970's at the O'Hare Inn (now Ramada Inn) in Rosemont, the Western Electric Albright Gym in Cicero (razed several years ago), and the penthouse of the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles. He also spearheaded the League sending a team of players into the Indiana State Penitentiary to play a team of prisoners.

The second year also saw the introduction of the office of League Chairman held by Hugh Williamson, an accounting executive at Stewart Warner.

In the third year the largest member of our league applied for membership. Lolita Woodard, Jasper Wolkoff, and Edgars Rudzitis brought Argonne National Laboratories into the League. This club eventually split into 4 teams. It also challenged the Rest of the League to giant team matches as special events. The only other entity that did this was AT&T which, before its historic break-up, had League teams within Illinois Bell Telephone, Western Electric, Bell Laboratories, and Teletype. Argonne and Western Electric won most of the trophies for the next 13 years.

During 1959 I inaugurated our League Bulletin.

In the 1960-61 season we formed an All Star team and entered into competition in the powerful Greater Chicago Chess League headed by the late Edward Buerger. The other teams in that league and some of their stars were:

The Latvian C.C. – Master John Tums, Valdis Tums, & Erik Karklins (The winning team)

The University of Chicago - Masters Robion Kirby & Mitchell Zweig; Mike Robinson

The Polish Eagles - K.A. Czerniecki & Roman Golla

The Ukrainian Lions - Master Miroslav Turiansky & Petro Skalczuk

The Evanston YMCA C.C. – K.O. Mott-Smith, Ed Godbold

The Austin Chess & Checker Club - Ed Buerger, John Nowak, & Martin Klein

The Knight Klub (which met in a tavern on So. Pulaski Av.)

By now the League began organizing occasional Simultaneous Exhibitions featuring such stars as Masters Rob Kirby and Charles Henin from the U. of C., frequent Illinois and Chicago Champ Povilas Tautvaisas, GM Sammy Reshevsky (again), GM Robert Byrne, GM Arthur Bisguier, GM Larry Christiansen, Senior Master Greg Defotis, and (future world champion) Bobby Fischer.

For companies with bigger chess clubs, the idea of multiple teams made sense ; rules were changed to allow this popular program. On the other hand, a few teams in the League didn't have the staying power to last, so we created a rule allowing combined teams to compete. Stewart Warner and Sunbeam were the first two teams to merge. Although retired employees were always welcomed on a team, players who moved to other companies were disqualified. To help sustain the teams of such players, we instituted a "residual eligibility" rule allowing the departing players to finish the season with either the team they began the season with or a team sponsored by their new employer (but not both). Later this was expanded to allow old employees to play with their original team forever, just like a retiree. The emphasis was on a guideline adopted in our maiden meeting: Maximum Participation.

### **THE EXPANSION OF THE LEAGUE**

By 1969 the League had grown to 12 8-Man Teams:

- Western Electric Chargers
- Western Electric Gambiteers
- 1st National Bank
- Illinois Bell Telephone
- Motorola
- Argonne National Labs Knights
- Argonne National Labs Bishops
- Argonne National Labs Pawns
- Bell Laboratories
- Goss Co.
- Teletype
- Amoco



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CICL Co-Founder Jim Brotsos (author of History article) is also a chess-set collector.

Here shown at home next to one of his curio displays.

## In Memory of the life of David B. Mote

I was not part of the League at this time. I began exploring the idea of 4-man industrial chess teams. I contacted my old club at the Lakeside Press and found that their President, Ron Dargis, was of a like mind. Working together we rounded up 12 companies interested in fielding 4-man chess teams in the CICL. I organized a team at my workplace, Sherwin-Williams. I called the League Chairman, Nik Goncharoff, and proposed the addition of these teams as an added division of the League. Nik said "I can't turn you down, Jim, because I know you'll start a new 4-man team League of your own if I do". At the August 1969 meeting at the Hawthorne Savings & Loan Association office in Cicero, this "Junior" Division was accepted in the C.I.C.L. At this same meeting another large club was voted into the "Senior" Division: Bell Telephone Laboratories brought in by Gary Benson and Ray Alexis. The new 4-man teams came from:

The Lakeside Press	Perma Power
Chicago Title & Trust	Continental Can Co.
Sears & Roebuck	DeSoto
Sherwin-Williams	Bell & Howell
Rauland	International Minerals & Chemicals
Signode	Johnson & Johnson

Within 3 years the 4-man team Division had grown to 28 teams and the League had a total of 40 teams. This was at the height of the "Fischer Boom".

The formation of a second division set the stage for an obvious annual All Star game where the best of each division would play each other in large team matches. The 8-Man Team Division usually won these battles.

In 1970 the League introduced the offices of President, Treasurer, and Division Chairmen. I was the first President. Steve Schwartz of Sears was the first 4-Man Team Division Chairman; Frank Tegel of Teletype was the first 8-Man Team Division Chairman. Ron Dargis was the Secretary, and Stan Ockers of ANL was the Treasurer. An appointed office of Problem Contest Chairman went to Newman Guttman of Bell Laboratories.

Around 1971 I installed a new program that added strength and numbers to the League. Valuable members of the League lost their eligibility whenever

- they quit their member company,
- were laid off by that company, or
- their team disbanded, often after the loss of the Team Captain or company support.

Why not create Alumni teams allowing these players to band together and continue participating? With these teams, any player who had played a match game in League competition could join an Alumni team. At that time, a major reduction-in-force at Argonne National Labs produced the first Alumni team; it was an all- Argonne team called ArgonneX and organized by Past President Ray Fabijonas. This was followed shortly by Alumni North which later changed its name to The EXcaliburs. This program has conserved many of our more talented players and leaders. The idea was adopted by our counterpart in New York. At one time we had up to 4 Alumni Teams in the League.

### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

In the early years of the League the competitive awards were all team-oriented. League officers were given plaques, gavels, etc., but these were for service. In the 1960s a couple of opportunities were created for individual competition recognition. One was competition in Chess Problem Solving as published by Jim Warren in the Bulletin. At times awards were also offered for Best-Played Game.

With the coming of ratings, it was possible to identify The Most Improved Player and the Highest Rated player in each division each year. It was an obvious step to inaugurate awards in these

categories and to give the originator of our all-important rating system recognition. Accordingly, I named these the James E. Warren Awards. For some reason, later administrations have forgotten to call these the James E. Warren awards.

It also seemed fair to give recognition to those players who made most of the matches. Loyalty and enthusiasm are as important as talent. So in 1972 we instituted the Century Club recognizing any player who chalked up 100 League-sponsored games played. So far only Nik Goncharoff has exceeded 500 qualified games. Karel Dobr and Jim Warren of Western Electric/ Lucent Technology and Frank Tegel of Teletype/ Lucent Tech. have gone beyond 400 games. Those with over 300 games are the late Edward Buerger of Procon/EXcaliburs/UOP, Vern Stamm and the late Dan Kumro of Western Electric/ Lucent, and Roy Benedek and Greg Berry of Argonne National Labs.

In 1990 I wrote an obituary in our Bulletin on Ron Dargis who was a major leader in the 1969-72 period. This led to the incumbent officers creating a new individual award: The Ron Dargis award for lifetime Distinguished Service within the CICL. In 1991 I was the first recipient. Later Jim Warren and Dan Kumro also received this accolade.

### **TOP PLAYERS**

In surveying the history of the League, one has to be impressed by the number of fine players who participated. Some gained or lost over 200 rating points in their careers; some were very consistent. I tried to identify the better players for this article by sampling rating lists in our Bulletin. Unfortunately, these rating swings, or limited play, or my missing certain Rating Lists, will probably leave some deserving players off this list. (My sincere apologies to them). The team with the strongest players in CICL history was the Chicago Board of Options Exchange which had a brief life of about a year in the 1988 season. This team included I.M. James Rizzitano rated 2585 and I.M. Calvin Blocker at 2555. Robert Gruchacz (2491) and Mark Lonoff at over 2300 were also on the team. The highest rated players with significant experience in League play have been **David Levine** of Argonne,

**Morris Giles** and **Ruben Reyes** of Sears,  
**R.Cusi** of Franklin-Watts

**Peter Stein**, Tellabs/ Lucent Technology

**Lawrence Chachere** of Bell Laboratories, and

**Victor Bezzubov**, Fermilab

All of these stars had ratings hovering around 2350 .This past season brought a new super-Master into the CICL on the 2003 Champion Getco team: **Gregory Volynskiy** who finished his first season with a provisional rating of 2572.

Based on CICL Ratings, I've compiled the following list of top- rated (very high Class A to Master) players (excluding the stars mentioned above) in 45 years of our competition:

C .Alfaro

H. Allen

Roy Benedek

Arnulfo Benesa

Greg Berry

C.Bhojwani

Bob Bloom

Edwin Boldingh

J. Borum

Darren Bolden

C. Horowitz

C.Huttar

Stan Ilic

Florentino Inumerable

Jim Jackson

Norman Jacobs

Kazimieras Jakstas

Tony Jasaitis

Barry Jones

M. Kantar

Murrel Rhodes

J. Rose

K. Rose

E. Roytburg

Russ Rzeszutko

Leonid Sagalovsky

A. Salkauskas

Chris Samelson

Angelo Sandrin

Ted Santiago

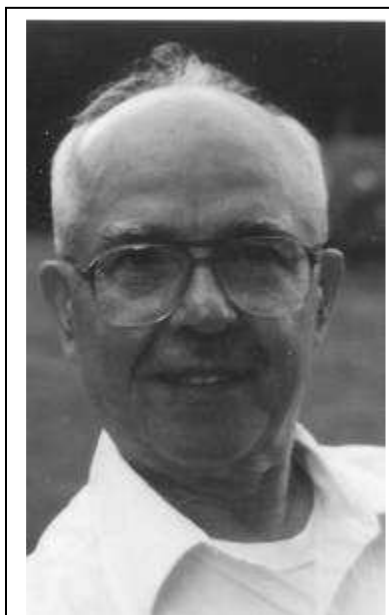
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Bill Brock	J. Keisler	K. Schmuggerow
Robert Buchner	Bill Kenny	Ron Schulman
Edward Buerger	Martin Klein	Sam Sheynin
L. Chachere	J. Koh	Mark Siwek
D.Cieslek	M. Kozlovsky	Richard Smiley
B. Clare	Herb Krakau	Elly Sollano
Jim Condron	Tim Kras	Lenny Spiegel
P. Connor	Dwight Kucera	Miomir Stevanovic
Marvin Cox	S. Kukes	Marcus Stinson
Lynn Crewse	Rick Lang	Bob Stoltz
Paul Cripe	Ed Latimer	David Streets
Kajetan A. Czerniecki	Chester Lee	Adam Stys
Joe DeMauro	Dennis Leong	Jim Sullivan
Pablo Diaz	Gee Leong	Wes Suzuki
Chuck Dobrovolny	S.. Loring	I. Tamez
John Dunworth	Alan Losoff	Mark Tang
Tommaso Dorigo	T. Ludwig	Frank Tegel
R. Easter	Vilo Machuca	Jim Thomson
Rick Edahl	R.Manaster	Wes Underwood
Jim Egerton	Bob Marcowka	John Van Meer
Abe Ellenberg	D. Marema	Dan Vasto
Wesley Franz	Kelvin McAlister	P. Walhout
Yuri Fridman	Bruce McNeil	Cliff Wallach
Bill Friesema	Igor Melnikov	Arthur Wang
Tom Friske	Ainis Mengelis	Jim Warren
Gustavo Garzon	Slavko Mihailovich	Len Weber
Bert Gazmen	S. Minin	W. Weihmiller
Sheldon Gelbart	Robert Morris	Kent Williams
Jim Gibbs	K. Moynihan	Tim Williams
P. Golumbovski	J. Murphy	D. Wilson
J. Gregory	?. Neidhardt	Harold Winston
Julian Guio	H. Nelson	David Wirtschafter
Morton Hamermesh	Russ Osterlund	Dan Wolf
Y. Hasan	Lou Parker	Phil Wong
Bob Hill	Alex Pehas	Charles Young
Jim Hodina	S. Peijffers	S. Youssef
	. Rauchman	J. Zeidel

**TOP LEADERS**

Although strong players add prestige to the League, it is the organizational leaders that make it work. The top leaders often held office for multiple years. They also served in numerous roles beyond heading the League. Below is a list of the gentlemen who were elected to the top executive position of the CICL in (generally) chronological order.

Miroslav Mejzr	1st National Bank
Hugh Williamson	Stewart Warner
James Brotsos	
The Lakeside Press / Sherwin-Williams/ Curtiss Candy /Alumni North	
Don McCluskey	1st National Bank
Walter Elliott	Western Electric
Jim Warren	Western Electric
Daniel Kumro	Western Electric
Romas (Ray) Fabijonas	Argonne National Labs
Nikolai Goncharoff	Motorola
Ronald Dargis	R.R. Donnelley & Sons
Ronald Tobias	R.R. Donnelley & Sons
John Greczek	Amoco
Irving Rosenfeld	Chicago Title Insurance
James Sobun	Western Electric
Gregory Berry	Argonne National Labs
Gee Leong	Kemper Insurance
Paul Weston	Western Electric
Martin Franek	Veterans Administration
Russell Rzeszutko	AVJ Software
Bruce McNeil	Motorola
Ross Siegel	Continental Bank
Anthony Jasaitis	Chicago Research & Trading
James Hodina	Amoco
Patrick Sajbel	UOP
Irwin Gaines	Fermilabs
James Thomson	Motorola



Nik Goncharoff began the Motorola team in 1960, now has two teams which are still top teams. Nik has played over 500 games in the CICL.



Jim Warren is known in all Illinois Chess circles. For the CICL, he was the creator of the Ratings System, an officer in several positions, and still an avid member.

As mentioned above, Nik Goncharoff and Jim Warren have made major contributions to the League's success. I feel that **Dan Kumro** also deserves special recognition among

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Past Presidents. From his entry into the League in the late 1950s until his death in 1993 he served the League in special roles every year. This included Rating Chairman and Division Chairman. He became the self-appointed League Historian long ago. In his many years as Team Captain, he was always a fierce competitor and a good player. Many other League members never became President but served in major Chairmanships. The star of this group is Charlie Ward of Argonne National Labs and later Bell Laboratories. He served in several roles, but never was interested in moving up to President. When the ratings program was initiated, Jim Warren and Dan Kumro maintained ratings by using equipment at their workplace. In 1983 Charlie researched the market, found a computer the CICL could afford and that was suitable for our Ratings computations. For less than \$2000 we purchased a Radio Shack TRS 80 Model III computer and an Epson MX 80 printer. Using these, Charlie maintained the Ratings program for a number of years. Charlie also took on other committee work including updating our Policies and Procedures. Charlie retired to the St. Louis, Mo. area several years ago.

In my opinion, Charlie and Nik Goncharoff are natural candidates for the Ron Dargis Award for Distinguished Service.

Other workers who served as Division Chairmen, Rating Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, or Bulletin Editor include:

Doug Anderson

Ned Anderson

Terry Andresen

Leonard Augsburger

Dave Baurac

Gary Benson

Wayne Brandt

Joe Brozovich

Bob Buchner

Fred Ciba

William Cooper

Mike Dee

Jim Duffy

Wayne Ellice

Tom Friske

Tom Gaffigan

Don Graft

Norman Hughes

Satish Kale

Howard Klinefelter

Tim Kras

Dave Lawrenz

Ken Lisec

Kelvin McAlister

Leon McClendon

George Mergili

Bob Micek

Jeff Moles

Stan Ockers

Art Oelhafen

Lance Ogasawara

Art Olsen

Beryl Price

Carl Reid

Ruben Reyes

Rick Shaff

Lee Sheridan

Leonard Spiegel

Lee Stensaker

Frank Tegel

Elaine Long Tuber

Wesley Underwood

Len Weber

Gary Wolcott



2003 CICL Awards Banquet  
Al Chow has lectured at the  
passed two Awards Banquet.



2003 CICL Awards Banquet  
Three of the current CICL  
Officers: Tom Friske (Bulletin  
Editor/Webmaster), Art Olsen  
(Ratings Chairman/North  
Division Chairman), Tony  
Jasaitis (Speed TD/Publicity  
Chairman)

The word in the Navy is "the Chief Petty Officers run the Navy". In our League the Team Captains/ Club Presidents are the basic structure and lubricant of the CICL. These hard-working, dedicated leaders deserve the highest praise. Unfortunately, they are too numerous to be identified in this article.

### **THE LEAGUE BULLETIN**

When I wrote the first League Bulletin it was a simple sheet summarizing team results and standings and CICL business announcements. The introduction of ratings and the addition of teams certainly added to the length of the Bulletin. The inclusion of chess problems, members' results in open tournaments, other chess news, and lists of top ten rated or most improved players improved the quality of the Bulletin. Some issues included instructional articles. Marvin Cox (Motorola/ Alumni) furnished the best of these. For several years he wrote a fine series called "The 2 Squares Column". A number of excellent articles were furnished by award-winning chess journalist, Helen Warren (Jim's wife). After the first few years some players' games began to be published, some with light annotations. Later, as publishing technology improved, more games and more analysis were printed. As Editor, Jim Hodina stepped up the inclusion of members' games. Members became more willing to submit game scores when prizes were offered for the better games. The quality reached new heights with the work of Editor Ruben Reyes (Sears) beginning in 1994. In the last few years Tom Friske has outdone all prior Editors. He not only created a website placing the Bulletin on the Internet, but he greatly added to annotated game coverage and total volume. Recent issues have exceeded 34 pages, some 70 to 80 pages long. The current Bulletin is better than most state bulletins.

### **CHESS CELEBRITIES**

Many of our members have accomplished much in their professions or private lives. A few could be identified as "chess celebrities". The most notable of these would be Victor Palciauskas. When I came back to Chicago (from Navy service) in 1956, there were three boy chess players competing in the local U.S.C.F. tournaments with good results: Richard Verber, Edward Formanek, and Victor. In 1962 Palciauskas was in the CICL long enough (with ANL) to finish first in the top flight of the Speed Chess tournament at the League banquet. Years later Dr. Victor Palciauskas won the World Correspondence Chess Championship. In 1993 he was inducted into the U.S.C.F. Hall of Fame. It is interesting to note that our Past President, Tony Jasaitis, beat Victor in the 1994 North American Lithuanian Chess Championship tournament. Tony also tied for first place.

**Harold Winston** (VA/Alumni) was active in organizing college chess programs in the 1960s. He moved up into chess politics and was elected President of the ICA . Later he became a Policy Board member in the USCF and served as President between 1987 and 1990. Currently, he is the Chairman of the U. S. Chess Trust and Co-Chairman of the USCF Bylaws Committee.

**Angelo Sandrin** also played for Argonne. Although he was generally overshadowed by his bother Albert (U.S.C.F. Open Champion and Blind Chess Champion), Angelo was one of the mainstays of Chicago chess for decades. His rating hovered in the high Expert range although he did eventually reach the Master level. Several years ago he was one of the first recipients of the Natalie Broughton Life Achievement Award for long-time achievement in Chicago area chess at a high level. Angelo died on Christmas Eve, 2001.

**Jim Warren** has already received mention as one of the pillars of the League. In addition, he has had leadership roles in the Illinois Chess Association and the APCT. In 1997 he received the U.S.C.F. Meritorius Sevice Award for helping to establish the FIDE rating system. He and his wife have sponsored major regional tournaments and the U. S. Masters, often acting as financial patrons. They have contributed to top notch journalism (Helen edited the bulletin for the Chess Journalists of America). Some years ago the Warrens established programs for fostering chess



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among talented youngsters. They are, no doubt, the most influential couple in the history of Midwestern American chess. Jim has a significant collection of chessmen and one of the largest collections of chess books/ magazines in the Midwest.

Morris Giles was the power house top board at Sears. For several years he was also an active, perennially successful player in local open tournaments. Morris is probably the strongest African American chess player in Midwestern history.

Roy Benedek (ANL) has been a major player in the League and sometimes plays in open tournaments. About 30 years ago he won the Illinois Open.

Alan Losoff ( Chicago Research & Trading) also accomplished a great deal in the local/ regional chess world. He served as ICA President and has helped organize major tournaments here and in Las Vegas. In 1995 the USCF named Alan the Organizer of the Year.

Ervin Sedlock (Ill. Bell Tel.) has been a long time chess leader/organizer/TD in the western suburbs. He took on leadership roles in the ICA. He also has served the youth/scholastic segment with major contributions. In 1999 Erv was given the USCF's Meritorious Service Award.

Newman Guttman (Bell Tel. Labs) was the first specialist to take on the chess problem contest. Newman was a celebrity in his field. He had already composed and published more than 130 chess problems, mostly "Mate in Two" problems. Several of his compositions had won awards in problem composing tournaments. He was an International F.I.D.E. Judge and a U.S. Delegate to the Committee of Composition for F.I.D.E. He also judged 2-move problem solving in the CHESS LIFE & REVIEW contest.

Bill Brock (The Reader) has been an important part of the ICA in recent years. He has been Editor and Treasurer for the organization.

Ray Alexis (Bell Tel. Labs) created a fine magazine: CHESS 'N' STUFF (and a museum with the same name). He is an important member of Chess Collectors International and edited that organization's U.S. newsletter, THE CCI- USA NEWS, for several years. Ray has a large collection of chess material including the largest collection of chess stamps and doubloons (thrown at parade crowds at Mardi Gras) in the country.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

The most significant non-awards party the League held was the Bobby Fischer Victory Celebration in 1972. We took the position that Bobby would beat Spassky for the World Chess Championship (which he did a few months later) and planned using a Forest Preserve shelter for our celebration. Irv Rosenfeld, an attorney working in the Loop, went to the County building early on the first business day of 1972 and beat out others to get a permit for use of the LaBagh Woods shelter on the Northwest Side . On Sept. 16th over 100 members and their families came for the picnic celebration. The League furnished decorations, beverages, and games. Besides many skittles games, we played tree golf and Kriegspiel.

Through the years simultaneous chess exhibitions were popular events. Those in which we played against Masters are mentioned in prior paragraphs. The biggest such events were our players (and others) vs Bobby Fischer. Besides Nik Goncharoff, another CICL player beat Bobby. In 1964 Erwin Puto of Western Electric beat Bobby in 22 moves in one of the exhibitions. Erwin was the steadiest 4th board player in the CICL in the first decade of our history. He made all the matches and won something like 8 out of 9 games he played. The final position of this game (with an imminent Mate in 2) was commemorated by being diagrammed on the League's Official Match Results form- smack in the center of it. Sadly, Erwin passed away at 52 in January, 1975.

Another type of simultaneous exhibition occurred in Oct. 1980. A group of League players took on all comers at a "Leisure Show" at the Fox Valley Shopping Mall. The exhibitors included Ruben Reyes, Jim Jackson, Jim "Pawn Down" Gibbs, Terry Andresen, Abe Ellenberg, Irwin Gaines, and Lou Parker. In Oct., 1982 another mass "simul" was conducted by Joe DeMauro, Marcus Stinson,

Bill Holm, Joe Brozovich, and Jim Bingle. David Streets once played a simultaneous exhibition against a group of inmates at the State Pen.

Still another interesting simultaneous exhibition involved the CICL. In 1960 the Chicago SUN TIMES wanted to launch George Koltanowski's chess column with a publicity stunt. They asked me (because I was Chairman of the League) to furnish 6 strong players in a hurry for George to play in a "simul". I gathered together 3 of us from the League (myself and Ed Smith from the Lakeside Press and Jim Warren) and 3 of Chicago's better players: Master Robion Kirby, Expert Harold Stanbridge, and Eva Aronson, Illinois and U.S. Women's Champion. We played at the newspaper's office; George drew with Rob and beat the rest of us in quick time. That was my introduction to the Max Lang Attack.

In 1973 George, now known as the "Dean of American Chess", (and V.P. of the USCF) paid us another visit. He gave an informal talk and answered questions. Then he performed his amazing Knight's Tour feat. "Kolty" had a fabulous memory which helped him become the World's Champion Blindfold Simultaneous Chess exhibitor. He began by marking each square on a demonstration chess board with names, phone numbers, addresses. etc. that were called out by audience members. He studied the marked-up board for a minute or less. Then, with his back turned to the board, he asked an assistant to place a knight on a random square on the board. When told what this starting square was, George recalled the information placed in that square. Then he recited the next 63 squares the knight would have to traverse to cover the entire board without landing on the same square twice. As he indicated which square the knight moved to, he also told us what notation was placed in that square.

There were a number of large All Star team matches played through the years. Most of these were the Bell Telephone System or Argonne National Labs vs the rest of the League or the 8-Man Team vs the 4-Man Team Division.

In 1974, however, we had the first of two telephone matches with the Commercial Chess League of New York. The Research Center of Amoco in Naperville had a new telephone service which allowed long distance calls at a reasonable rate. On a Saturday we converged on Amoco's cafeteria and, with the aid of a Telephone Talker (me) in a side room and Runners carrying moves between the tables of Players and the phone, we managed to conduct a 20 Board match. The match went from 1:00 to 5:30 P.M. and several games had to be adjudicated (by GM Andrew Soltis). We lost, 11 ½ to 8 ½, but it was still fun.

In recent years we have also played large matches against the Oak Park C.C., Elmhurst C.C., and Concordia Community C.C.

### **THE CICL TODAY**

After 46 years the CICL is still going strong for a number of reasons. Despite the loss of many manufacturing operations, Chicago is still an industrious city with many companies from which to draw teams. Luckily, we have many sophisticated and high tech. firms with a good population of existing or potential chess players. When the League began, labor unions were very strong and some of the early teams came from companies trying hard to keep unions out. They practiced a paternalism that encouraged clubs, teams, and employee esprit de corps. These companies were cooperative in buying chess equipment, paying expenses, offering meeting spaces, and publicizing positive results. Some of this paternalism has vanished since unionism has declined. An advantage the League has over open chess organizations is that industry does a prescreening job that restricts the population to well-adjusted, well educated, cooperative types of adults. Also, I feel there are fewer megalomaniacs and more "team players" in the League's population. These make for good leadership material: people who are responsible, self-motivated, creative, and willing to help others.

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It should be noted that in the late 1970s, the League decided to abandon the 4-person and 8-person teams. Now the official team size is 6 boards.

The League rules are flexible enough that there are many opportunities for chess playing or socializing. By expecting Team Captains to rank their boards by current playing strength, team members generally play someone close to their own level. One rule that helps attain "Maximum Participation" is the inclusion of extra board players at matches. Players ranked below the first 6 boards can play rated games (if their opponent agrees). These players can be from the same team.

I recently contacted officers from our counterparts in New York to get ideas for stimulating growth in our League. It turns out we're more substantial than they are. The Commercial Chess League of N. Y. is down to 7 4 man teams. The Long Island Industrial Chess League runs between 9 and 10 teams. This year the CICL has 20 teams divided into geographical sections:

### EAST DIV.

Getco  
Alumni Aces  
Citadel Group  
Leo Burnett

### NEAR WEST DIV.

Pawns  
Cook County Dept. of Correction  
Case  
Lucent Tech. Chargers

### FAR WEST DIV.

Lucent Tech. Tyros  
Fermilab  
Argonne Rooks  
Lucent Tech. Dragons  
Molex  
BP Chemicals

### NORTH DIV.

Motorola Knights  
EXcaliburs  
UOP  
Kemper Insurance  
Motorola Kings  
Northrop Grumman

Some of the companies that have sponsored teams in the CICL in the past are A.B.Dick, A.& B. Radio, Allied Van Lines, Apex Tool Works, Avon, CNA Insurance, the CTA, Harris Bank, Kraft Foods, Encyclopedia Britannica, GATX, Honeywell, International Harvester, Continental Can, College of DuPage, Wheaton College, Columbia College, Interlake, Rockwell International, the Sun Times, Marshall Field's, Montgomery Ward, U.S. Postal Service, Wolverine Trading, and Zenith.

### JOINING THE CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

You should consider forming a team and joining the League. There is a place for the Unrated or Master player. There is room for the zealot or occasional player. There is a good chance that your company will pay the fees and expenses of your team. The requirements are as follows:

Since the current official team size is 6 players, you need to have 7+ dedicated players or 6 dedicated players and at least 2 or 3 players that are fairly interested in playing match games. All team members must be employees or retirees (not contract workers) of a given industrial, government, or school employer.

You must play all scheduled matches. From 9 to 12 matches are played after work between late September and April. Playoff matches are held in May.

At least one member should attend the annual (and any special) meeting(s) to review finances and conduct the business of the League.

At least one member at each match should be familiar enough with League rules to ensure that his team abides by the rules. Someone should be able to act as Team Captain determining details of match dates, designating the lineup, submitting results, and acting as an arbiter, if necessary. The Team Captain must be available at a phone or through E-Mail in order to schedule matches and conduct occasional League business.

Your team should be able to furnish at least three Staunton style chess sets and two chess clocks at each match.

You must be able to furnish a suitable playing space for half of the matches or be willing to play all your matches "away".

You must pay annual team dues and fees( currently \$70 plus \$15 for a mailed copy of the Bulletin) by the beginning of match play each year.

At least one member should attend the annual awards banquet held on a Friday night in early June. This is subsidized by the League treasury.

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**GM Yuri Shulman Simul**

By Dr. Rajen Simul

On a cold afternoon on January 31, 50 plus chess enthusiasts warmed up to challenge young GM Shulman, originally from Belarus now residing in New York, at Barrington High School in Barrington. The affable young GM Shulman is one of the strongest grandmasters in the U.S. and is a regular at many of the top chess tournaments. Among the participants- mostly youngsters and no more than a handful of adults - were some of the brightest youngsters in Chicago area hoping to give the GM a run for their money.

Thanks to Dr. Kiran Frey, Barrington High School became the venue for this second successful GM simultaneous exhibition in nearly 8 months. The hosts provided excellent ambiance for good chess. The food on the premises – hot dogs, sandwiches, and more- ensured the players would have ample energy for playing their best chess.

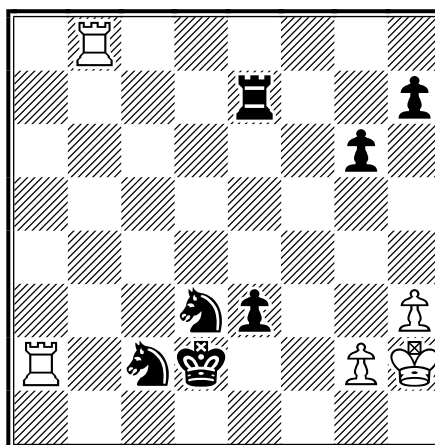
As the simul began, GM Shulman, who had white pieces, chose to deploy King’s gambit in many games, probably hoping to finish off unwary opponents quickly. However, he met stiff resistance against the top youngsters who played solid theoretical chess. In particular, GM Shulman found himself in deep trouble against Eric Heiser’s aggressive line in King’s Indian and Shiva Maharaj’s Benko gambit. Overall, GM Shulman played fair positional and tactical games and was gracious to offer the analysis of the games after the simul that lasted more than five hours. He also showed fatigue as evidenced by a drastic rook-dropping blunder that turned into a loss from a win for him. When the evening was over, GM Shulman lost four, drew two, and won the remaining games.

While I’m sure there were quite a few notable games, the following games were readily available and the GM’s two losses were the best instructive games. The wins were awarded with a prize of 40 and the draws 25 dollars.

**Yuri Shulman (GM) - Shiva Maharaj (Unr.)**  
01.31.2004, Benko/Volga Gambit (A59)

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 (Benko gambit)**  
**4.cxb5<sup>2</sup> a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bxf1**

**8.Kxf1 g6 9.Nge2 Bg7 10.h3 Controls g4 10...0-0 11.Kg1 Qb6 12.Rb1 Na6 13.Kh2 Nd7 14.b3 Rfb8 15.Bg5 Nb4 16.a4 [16.Qd2 e6±] 16...Ne5 17.Bxe7 Ned3 [17...f6!? should be considered 18.f4 Nf7=] 18.Rf1± Qc7 19.Bg5 c4 [19...Qd7!?±] 20.Nb5+- Rxb5 (speculative sac that pays off) 21.axb5 c3 22.Nxc3?? A costly blunder. The passed pawn on b5 will quickly become a dangerous weapon. a transit from better to worse. . [22.Ra1 White clearly has the better chances 22...Re8 23.Ra3+-] 22...Qxc3= 23.Qf3 [23.Qg4!?= and White could well hope to play on] 23...Qe5+μ 24.Qg3 Qxe4 25.Be3 [25.Rbd1!?!μ] 25...Nxd5--+ 26.Kh1 Be5 [Instead of 26...Nxe3 27.Qxe3 Qxe3 28.fxe3--+] 27.Qg4 f5 28.Qxe4 fxe4 29.Bh6 [29.Rbd1 Nxe3 30.fxe3 Rb8--+] 29...Rb8 30.Rbd1 Nc3 31.Rd2 d5 32.f3 Bg7 [32...Nxb5 seems even better 33.fxe4 dxe4 34.Re2--+] 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.fxe4 dxe4 35.Rc2 Nxb5 36.Rd1 [36.Kg1 Re8--+] 36...Re8 [36...Nd4!?! and Black can already relax 37.Rc7+ Kh6 38.Rb1--+] 37.Kh2 Re7 38.b4 [38.Rc8 Nd4+] 38...Kf6 39.Kg3 [39.Rc4 Ke5--+] 39...Ke5 [39...Nxb4?! is the weaker alternative 40.Rb2=] 40.Rc4 Nd6 41.Rc3 Nf5+ 42.Kh2 Kd4 43.Ra3 Ne3 44.Rb1 Nc2 [44...Nd5 might be the shorter path 45.b5 e3 46.Ra4+ Kc5 47.Ra3--+] 45.Ra8 [45.Ra4 does not solve anything 45...e3 46.b5+ Kc3--+] 45...Ncxb4 46.Rd8+ Ke3 [46...Kc3 makes it even easier for Black 47.Rc8+ Kd2 48.Rb8--+] 47.Rb3 Nc6 48.Ra8 Nd4 49.Rb1 Kd2 50.Ra2+ [50.Rd8 does not save the day 50...Ne6 51.Rd5 g5--+] 50...Nc2 51.Rb8 e3 [51...e3 52.Rc8 Ndb4 53.Raxc2+ Nxc2 54.Rxc2+ Kxc2--+] 0-1**



final position  
Bravo Shiva!!

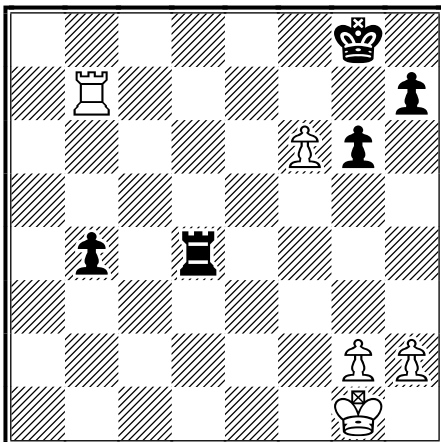
## GM Yuri Shulman Simul

Yuri Shulman (GM) - Zach Kasiurak (1722)

01.31.2004

Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation (D52)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Nbd7  
5.Bg5 c6 Controls b5 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4  
8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qg5 11.f4  
Qh6 12.Bd3 Nd5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rae1  
[14.Rf3 f5<sup>2</sup>] 14...b6 Consolidates a5 [14...Be7  
15.a3=] 15.a3 Be7 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Ne4  
[17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Rf3 g6±] 17...Rac8 [17...f5  
18.Nc3 c5 19.Bc4=] 18.Rf3<sup>2</sup> g6 19.Qf2 [19.b4  
f6 20.Nc4 Rfd8<sup>2</sup>] 19...f5 (Zach goes for  
blockade and a draw) [19...Bh4 20.Ng3=]  
20.Rh3<sup>2</sup> Qg7 21.Ng5 Bxg5 22.fxg5 c5  
23.Bb5 Rc7 24.Rh6 'the rook is the rook!'  
[24.Rf3 Ne7 25.Nd7 Bxf3 26.Nxf8 Kxf8  
27.gxf3 Nd5=] 24...a6 ['24...f4!? 25.exf4  
Nxf4μ] 25.Bc4 b5 26.Bxd5 Bxd5 27.Rh4  
[27.Nd3 cxd4 28.exd4 Qe7=] 27...cxd4  
28.exd4 Be4 [28...Qe7 29.Nf3<sup>3</sup>] 29.Qe3  
[29.Rh3 Qe7<sup>3</sup>] 29...Rc2<sup>3</sup> 30.Rxe4 fxe4  
31.Ng4 [31.b4 Qb7<sup>3</sup>] 31...Rxb2 32.Qxe4 Rd2  
Attacks the isolani on d4 33.Qxe6+ Kh8  
34.Nf6 Qa7 [34...Qb7 35.d5 Qa7+ 36.Kh1=]  
35.Qe7 The mate threat is Qxf8 35...Qxe7  
['35...Ra8!? is a viable option 36.Qxa7 Rxa7<sup>3</sup>]  
36.Rxe7± Do you see the mate threat?  
36...Rxf6 37.gxf6 Threatening mate: Re8  
37...Kg8 38.Rd7 a5 39.Ra7 [39.d5 Kf8±]  
39...b4 40.axb4 axb4 41.Rb7 [41.Rg7+!? Kf8  
42.h3<sup>2</sup> (<42.Rxh7 b3μ) ] 41...Rxd4<sup>2</sup> ½-½  
Good game Zach!



Y. Shulman(GM) - Matt Barbian (1316)

01.31.2004

Scandinavian Defense ( B01)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nc6  
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.0-0  
[8.Qd3!?<sup>2</sup>] 8...Qh5 9.Bf4 Here Matt probably  
thought "you doubled my pawns, I'm going to  
double yours!" Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qxf3 11.gxf3  
0-0-0 12.Rfd1 Nf6 13.Ne4 Nxe4 [13...e6!?!=  
14.fxe4<sup>2</sup> e6 15.Kg2 Bd6 16.Kf3 h6 Covers  
g5 17.c3 Secures b4 17...g5 18.Bg3 [18.Be5  
Bxe5 19.dxe5 Rdf8<sup>2</sup>] 18...f5= 19.h3 h5  
[19...c5 20.Bxd6 cxd6 21.dxc5 dxc5 22.e5=]  
20.Bxd6 [20.e5!? deserves consideration  
20...Be7 21.b4<sup>2</sup>] 20...cxd6<sup>3</sup> 21.exf5 Rdf8  
22.Ke2 Rxf5 23.Rg1 Kd7 24.Raf1 Rhf8  
25.Rg2 e5 26.Rd1 d5 27.dxe5 Rxe5+ 28.Kf1  
Rf3 29.Re1 [29.Rg3 Rf6<sup>3</sup>] 29...Ref5μ 30.Rh2  
h4 31.Re2 ½-½ Solid play, Matt!

Thank you players for sharing your games!

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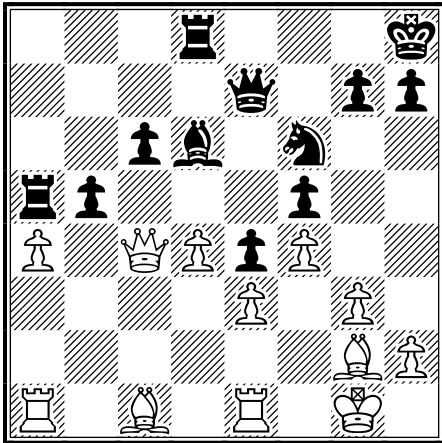
(1) Cohen,L (2002) - Karagianis,P (2087)

[A13]

18th Lake County open (3), 03.01.2004

[A.C.]

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bg2  
Bd6 6.Nc3 c6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qc2  
Qe7 10.Re1 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ne5 f5  
13.f4 Nf6 14.a3 Be6 15.e3 Rfd8 16.b4 a5  
17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.Nc4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4+ Kh8  
20.a4 b5



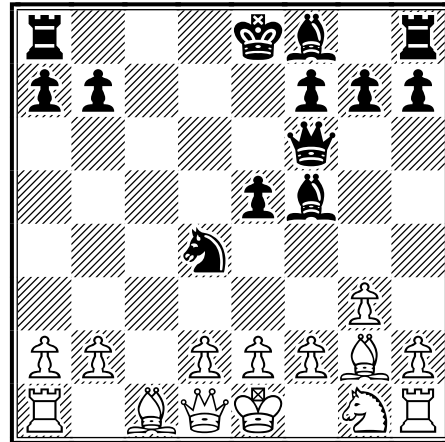
21.Qb3? [21.Qxc6! was better.] 21...Rda8  
22.Bf1 bxa4 23.Qa2 Nd5 24.Bd2 Bb4  
25.Bc4 Bxd2 26.Qxd2 Qb4 27.Qxb4 Nxb4  
28.Rab1 Nc2 29.Rec1 Nxe3 30.Be6 Rb5  
31.Ra1 Rb4 [31...g6! and black is better.]  
32.Rc3 Ng4 33.Bxf5 Nf6 34.Rxc6 Rxd4  
35.g4 a3 36.g5 Nh5? [36...Ne8! is better for  
black.] 37.Rxa3! Rd1+ 38.Kf2 Rad8 39.Bxe4  
Nxf4 Should be drawish, except for blitz  
blunders! 40.Rc2 Nh3+?? 41.Rxh3 Rf8+  
42.Ke2 Rd7 43.Rxh7+ Kg8 44.g6 Rb8  
45.Rc5 black resigned. 1-0

(2) Cohen,L (2002) - Chow,A (2243) [A23]

18th Lake County open (4), 04.01.2004

[A.Chow]

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5  
cxd5 6.Qb3 Nc6! 7.Nxd5 Nd4! 8.Nxf6+ Qxf6  
9.Qd1 Bf5! Tactical pressure vs. the English  
opening.



10.e4? [10.d3 Rc8! 11.Kf1 white's king is  
unable to castle and black's obvious activity  
gives good compensation for the pawn, but  
white might be able to defend. This is unclear  
and needs further games to test.] 10...Be6  
[Other moves were good such as 10...Bd7  
, 10...Bg4, or 10...Qc6! and white has  
problems.] 11.b3 Rc8 12.Rb1 Bc5 13.f3 h5!?  
[13...0-0 followed by 14...Rfd8 was obviously  
good, with initiative in the style of the Smith-  
Morra gambit Sicilian, with colors reversed.]  
14.Bb2 h4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Ne2? h3!  
17.Bf1 Qxf3 18.Nxd4 Qxe4+ 19.Ne2 Qxh1  
20.d4 0-0 white resigned. 0-1

(3) Cohen,L - Ellis,J [A34]

Illinois Master-expert class (1), 28.11.2003

[A.Chow]

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5  
exd5 6.d4 cxd4 7.Qxd4 Nc6 8.Qd1 d4 9.Ne4  
Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Nxe4 12.Bxe4  
0-0 13.Nf3 Re8 Black gains Tarrasch style  
pressure with his isolated d pawn against the  
English. 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nxd4 c5 16.Nb3?!  
[16.Nf3 or 16.Nc2 may keep the knight closer  
to the defence of his king.] 16...Qe7 17.0-0  
Bh3! 18.Rfe1 Qb7! 19.f3 c4! 20.Na5 Qb6+  
21.Kh1?? Qf2! unable to defend, white  
resigns. 21.e3! was the best defence. 0-1

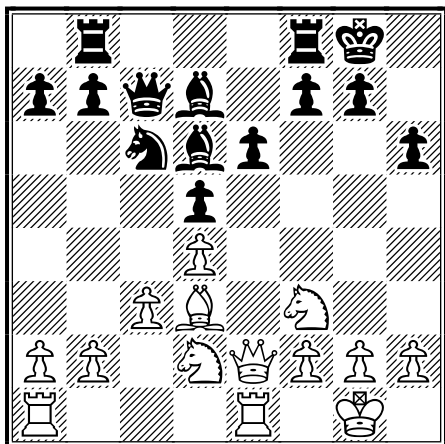
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### (4) Loal,D (2240) - Ellis,J (2200) [A46]

Illinois Master-expert class (3), 29.11.2003

[A.Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 h6 5.Bxf6 Qxf6  
6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Ne4 Qd8 8.c3 cxd4 9.exd4 d5  
10.Ned2 Bd6 11.Bd3 0-0 White's bishop for  
knight trade in the Torre system seems good if  
the Bc8 stays bad. 12.0-0 Rb8 [12...e5!? 13.dxe5  
Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 would free black's bishops,  
when the isolated d5 pawn is no big deal.] 13.Qe2  
Qc7 14.Rfe1 Bd7



15.Ne5! Bxe5?! [15...Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bc5 was  
better, retaining the dark squared bishop.]  
16.dxe5 b5 17.Nf3 Rfc8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.a3 Nc4  
20.Bb1 Qd8 21.Qc2 g6 22.Qc1 Qf8 23.Rd4! a5  
24.Rh4 h5 25.g4! hxg4 26.Ng5! Qe7 27.Rh7  
under a big attack, black resigned. 1-0

### (5) Hernandez,H (1950) - Schnieder,J (1500) [A46]

Illini Summer open, 21.06.2003

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.e3 d5  
6.h3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Bd3 Bd7  
10.0-0 Rac8 [10...e5!? is active in the center.]  
11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 cxd4 [13...h6  
14.dxc5 is good for white.] 14.Bxh7+!? Kxh7  
[14...Kh8 15.Be4 favors white.] 15.Ng5+ Kg6!  
[15...Kg8? 16.Qh5 Rfe8 17.Qxf7+ Kh8 18.Qh5+  
Kg8 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Qh8+ Ke7 21.Qxg7+ Kd8  
22.Nf7+ Kc7 23.Nxd6 Kxd6 24.cxd4+-; 15...Kh6!?  
16.Qd2 Kg6 is similar to the game.] 16.f4! e5?!  
there were other defensive moves such as  
[16...f5; 16...Qd5; 16...Rh8] 17.Ne4 Qe7?  
[17...Qc7! 18.f5+ Kh6-+ it seems black can  
defend and remain up a piece.] 18.f5+! Kh6  
[18...Bxf5 19.Rxf5! Kxf5? 20.Qg4#] 19.Qd2+ Kh7

20.f6! Qd8 [20...gxf6 21.Nxf6+-] 21.Qg5! black  
resigned 1-0

### (6) Szpisjak - Lazebnik [A84]

18th Lake County Open (2), 03.01.2004

[A.Chow]

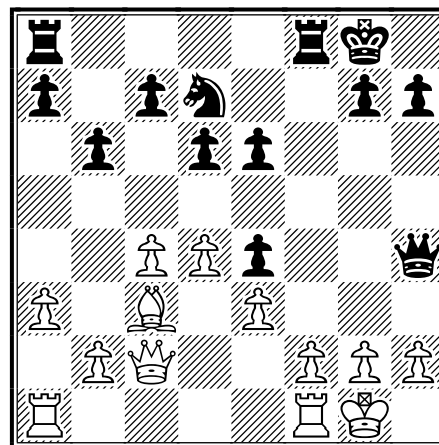
1.d4 f5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.b3 e6 6.Bg2  
Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.a4 a5 10.Ba3 Na6 A  
Stonewall Dutch. 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Ne5 Kh7  
13.f3 Nd7 14.Nd3 Nb4 15.e4 Nxd3?! [15...dxc4!?  
16.bxc4 e5! with active central counterplay.]  
16.Qxd3 Nb6? 17.Rfe1 dxc4 18.bxc4 Qb4 19.c5  
Qc4 20.Qe3 e5 21.Bf1 Qxd4 22.cxb6 f4 23.gxf4  
Rxf4 24.Qxd4 exd4 25.Ne2 Rxf3 26.Nxd4 Rf4  
White has a clear material advantage. 27.Bd3  
Rg4+ 28.Kh1 Bd7 29.Rg1 Rd8 30.Nb3 Rh4  
31.Rg3 Rf8 32.Rag1 g5 33.Nxa5 Bc8 34.Nc4  
Kg7 35.Nd6 Bh3 36.a5 Rf2! 37.a6?? [37.Rb1!  
and white soon wins.] 37...Rxb2+! 38.Kxb2 Bf1+  
39.Rh3 Rxb2# 0-1

### (7) Wilber,M - Healy,J [A85]

Springfield (1), 11.10.2003

[ChowMasterAl@Yahoo.com]

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 b6  
6.a3?! Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Bb7 8.e3 [8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 is  
good.] 8...0-0 9.Bd3 Ne4 10.Qc2 d6 11.Nd2 Qh4  
12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4? fxe4 14.0-0 Nd7 The  
Dutch counterplay is on the f file and kingside.



15.g3? Qg4 16.Qd1 Rf3! 17.Kg2 Raf8! 18.Qc2  
R8f6! 19.h3 Qf5 20.Rad1 Nf8! 21.Rd2 Ng6  
[21...Rxe3 is good.] 22.g4 Nh4+ 23.Kh2 Qg6?  
[23...Rxb3+! 24.Kxb3 Qf3+! 25.Kxb4 (25.Kh2  
Qg2#) 25...Rh6+ 26.Kg5 Qf6#] 24.d5 e5 25.b4  
Rxb3+! 26.Kxb3 Rf3+ 27.Kh2 Qxg4 white  
resigns. 0-1

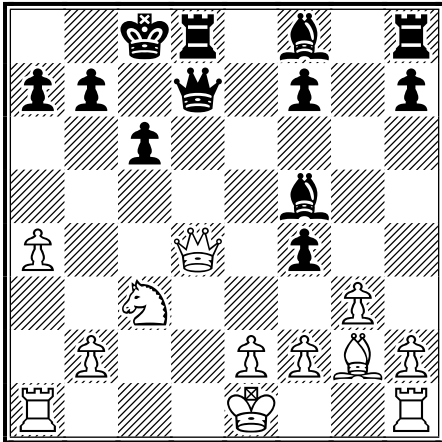


(8) McEntee,T (2188) - Stannov,A (2215) [D17]

18th Lake County open, 03.01.2004

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5  
6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5  
10.Bf4 Nfd7 11.Bg2 g5!? 12.Nxe5 gxf4 13.Nxd7  
0-0-0! 14.Qd4! Qxd7! A critical position in this  
sharp variation of the Slav. White has a choice of  
four different captures, but in all black obtains  
dynamic play:



15.Qxd7+ [15.Qxa7 Qd2+ 16.Kf1 Qxb2 is better  
for black.; 15.Qxf4 Bd6 16.Qc1 Kb8 17.0-0 Qe7  
18.a5 a6 19.Ra4 Bc7 Kramnik-Anand, Russia vs.  
World rapid 2002.; 15.Qxh8!? f6! 16.Qxf6 Bg7  
17.Qxd8+ (17.Qg5?? Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Qd2+ 19.Kf1  
Qd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rxd1#) 17...Qxd8 with equal  
chances for both sides for example: 18.gxf4 Qb6  
19.0-0 Qxb2 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Qxe2 22.Bf5+  
Kb8! 23.Rad1 Bf6] 15...Rxd7 16.gxf4 Bb4  
17.Rd1 Rhd8 18.Rxd7 Rxd7 19.h4 Rd4! 20.e3  
Bxc3+ 21.bxc3 Rxa4 22.0-0 [22.Ke2!? may  
improve.] 22...Rc4 23.Ra1 Rxc3 24.Rxa7 Kb8  
25.Ra5 Bd3 26.Re5 b5 An outside passed b  
pawn grows stronger in the endgame. 27.Re8+  
Kc7 28.Re7+ Kb6 29.Rxf7 b4 30.Rf8 b3  
31.Rb8+ Kc7 32.Rb4 Kd6 33.Rb6 Bb5 34.Be4  
Kc7! 35.Rxb5 cxb5 36.Bxh7 b2 white resigned.  
0-1

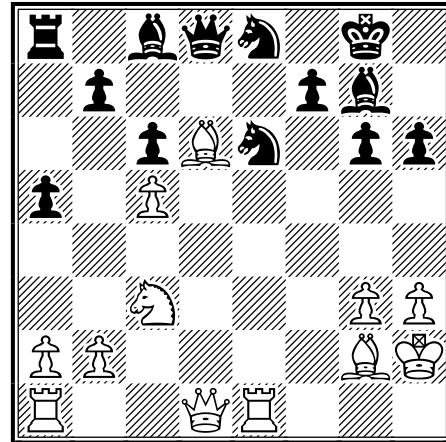
(9) Silverman,S (1475) - Jahedi,S (1860) [E68]

18th Lake County open (2), 03.01.2004

[A.Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.g3 0-0  
6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.e4 e5 8.0-0 a5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3  
Ng4 11.Bc1 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.f4 Re8 14.h3  
Nf6 15.e5!? A risky gambit. [15.Re1 c6 was solid  
in this Catalan-King's Indian.] 15...dxe5 16.fxe5

Rxe5 17.Bf4 Re7?! [17...Re8 18.Ndb5 with  
counterplay.; 17...Rh5! was best.] 18.Nc6! Qf8  
19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Re1 Ne6 21.Kh2 c6 22.Bd6  
Qd8 23.c5 Ne8 White should be better, but black  
has compensation for the lost gambit material.



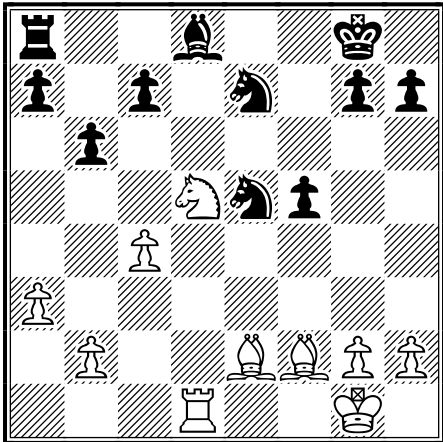
24.Ne4? [24.Be5! was good.] 24...Bxb2 25.Rb1  
Bd4 Black already has two pawns for the  
exchange, and c5 is also going to fall weak.  
26.Qf3?! f5! 27.Rf1 Qd7!? Better safe than sorry.  
28.Nd2 Nxd6 29.cxd6 Qxd6 Clear advantage  
black. 30.Rfd1 Qc7 31.Nb3 Be5 32.Bf1 Ng5!  
33.Bc4+ Kg7 34.Qg2 Ne4 35.Rd3 b5! 36.Bxb5  
cxb5 37.Rc1 Qe7 38.Rcd1 h5 39.Nd2 h4  
40.Nxe4 fxe4 white resigned. 0-1

(10) Jahedi,S (1860) - Szpisjak,S (2200) [B03]

18th Lake County open (1), 03.01.2004

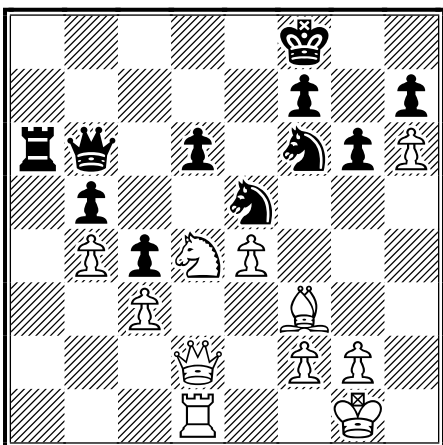
[Al Chow]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4 dxe5  
6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nf3 e6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0  
0-0 11.Nc3 f6 A classical variation of the  
Alekhine Four Pawn attack. 12.a3?! fxe5 13.dxe5  
Nd7 14.Nd4 Ndx5 15.Nxf5 Rxf5 16.Rxf5  
Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 exf5 Active development plus  
the bishop pair offer compensation for the lost  
gambit pawn. 18.Nd5 Bd8 19.Bc5 b6 20.Bf2 Ne7



21.Bg3 N7g6 22.Nf4 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 Ng6 24.Bc1 Nf8 25.Bf3 Rb8 26.Rd5! g6 27.Bh6! Bf6 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Rd7! Bxb2 30.Rxc7 a5 31.a4 h5 32.Bd5 Rd8 33.Kf2 Be5 34.Rb7 Bxh2 35.g3 h4 36.gxh4 Rd6 37.Kg2 Be5 38.h5! gxh5 39.Rf7+ Ke8 40.Rxf5 Rg6+ and a draw was agreed. 1/2-1/2

(11) Stannov,A (2215) - Napoli,S (1856) [B06]18th Lake County open (1), 03.01.2004 [Albert Chow]  
 1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 c6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.a4 0-0 After transposition of moves from the Modern defence, we have the solid Classical variation of the Pirc defence. 8.a5 Nbd7 9.Be3 b5 10.axb6 axb6 11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.Qd2 Qb7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Ra8 15.Rd1 b5 16.Bf4 Ne8 17.Bh6 Nb6 18.b3 Nd7 19.h4 e5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.h5 Qb6 22.Ne2 c5 23.c3 Ra6 24.b4 c4 25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.Nd4 Nf6 27.h6+ Kf8

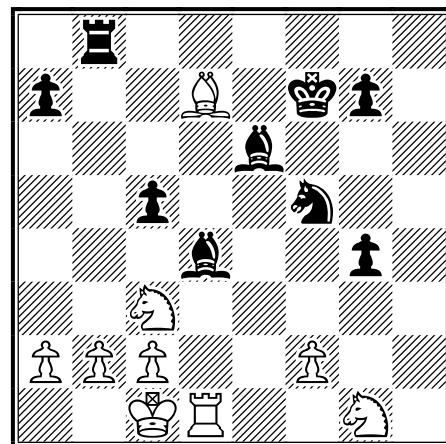


28.Qf4 Ned7? [28...Ne8! was safe.] 29.Qg5! Ra2 30.Qxb5 Qc7 31.Qg5 Ne8 32.Qf4 Ke7 33.b5 Ne5

34.Be2 Qc5 35.Qh4+ f6 36.Qh3 Nc7 37.Kh1? [37.Rb1! is better for white.] 37...Rxe2! 38.Nxe2 Nd3! 39.Rxd3! cxd3 40.Qxd3 Qxf2! White's open king and overextended pawns give black strong counterplay. 41.Nd4 Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Qh4+ 43.Qh3 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 Qc1+? [44...Qxe4! and black is OK.] 45.Kf2 Qd2+ 46.Kg1? [46.Ne2! Nxb5 47.Qc8! was better for white.] 46...Qc1+ 47.Kh2 Qf4+ 48.g3 Qd2+! 49.Kg1 Qe1+ 50.Kg2 Qxe4+ 51.Kh2 Nxb5! 52.Qc8 Nxd4 53.Qc7+ Ke6 54.Qc8+ [54.cxd4! Qxd4 55.Qxh7 and black should force perpetual.] 54...Ke5 55.cxd4+ Qxd4 56.Qe8+ Kf5 57.Qd7+ Kg5 58.Qxh7 Qf2+ 59.Kh3 Qf1+ 60.Kh2 Qe2+ Of course by now play was under the pressure of the sudden death time control. 61.Kg1 Qh5 62.Qe7! Qd1+ 63.Kg2 Qd5+ 64.Kh2 Qd2+ 65.Kh3 Kxh6 66.Qxf6 Kh7 67.Qe7+ Kh6 draw agreed, thanks to perpetual check. 1/2-1/2

(12) Ellis,J (2200) - Van Buskirk,D (2144) [B07] Illinois M/X class (2), 29.11.2003

[A.C.]  
 1.e4 d6 2.d4 f5!? What is this opening?! The Dutch-Pirc!? 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.exf5 [5.Nf3 was good.] 5...Nxd4 6.g4 h5! 7.Be3 c5 8.g5 Ng4 9.f6 Nf5! 10.Bb5+ Kf7 [10...Bd7 was good.] 11.Bxc5 exf6 12.Qd5+ Be6 13.Qxb7+ Qe7 14.Qxe7+ [14.Qxa8?? Bd5+] 14...Bxe7 15.h3 dxc5 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Rxh8 Rxh8 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.0-0-0 Rb8 20.Bd7 Bd4



21.Bxe6+ Kxe6 22.Re1+ Kf7 23.Nd1 Rh8 24.Ne2 Bf6 25.Nec3 Bg5+ 26.Kb1 g3 27.Ne4 [27.fxg3! Nxg3=] 27...g2!? 28.Nxg5+ Kg6 29.Nf3 Rh1 30.Ng1 [30.Rg1 Kh5! 31.Kc1 Nh4! 32.b3 g5! favors black.] 30...Nd4 31.Ne3 Nf3 32.Rd1 Rxg1 33.Rxg1 Nxg1 34.Nxg2 Kg5 35.Ne1 Nh3 36.f3

Kf4 37.Nd3+ Kxf3 38.Nxc5 g5 39.Nd3 Ke4  
40.Nc5+? [40.Kc1! g4 41.Kd2 activating the king  
for the endgame.] 40...Ke3 white resigns. 0-1

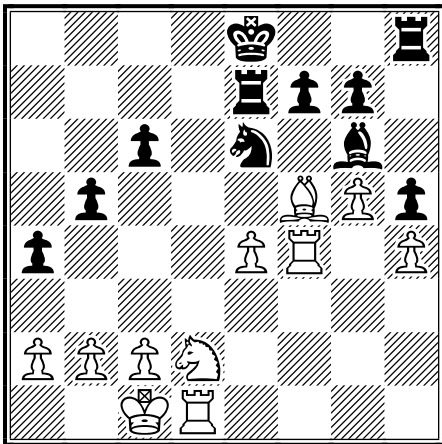
(13) Gandi,R (1859) - Stevanovic,M (2052)

[B07]

18th Lake County Open, 04.01.2004

[Al Chow]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 The Czech variation.  
4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be3 Nbd7 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6  
8.Nd2 e5 9.Bg2 Be7 10.Qe2 b5 11.dxe5 dxe5  
12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.f3 Nc5 14.h4 h5 15.g5 Nfd7  
16.Qf2 Ne6 17.Ne2 Bc5 18.Nb3 Bxe3+ 19.Qxe3  
a5 20.Bh3! Ndf8 21.Rhf1 a4 22.Nd2 Qa7  
23.Qxa7 Rxa7 24.f4 exf4 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 26.Rxf4  
Re7 27.Bf5 Ne6



28.Rf2 Nc5 29.Bxg6 fxc6 30.Rf4 Rf8 31.Rdf1  
Rxf4 32.Rxf4 Re5 33.Kd1 Ke7 34.Ke2 Ne6  
35.Rf2 c5 36.Kd3 c4+ 37.Kc3 Nc7 38.Kd4 Re6  
39.e5! Na6 40.a3 Rc6 41.Kd5 Rc5+ 42.Kd4 Rc7  
43.Ne4! Rd7+ 44.Nd6 Ke6 45.c3 Nb8 46.Kc5  
Kxe5 47.Nxb5 Rd1 48.Kxc4 Rh1 49.Nd4 Rxh4  
50.Kd3 Rh3+ 51.Kc4 Rg3 52.Rf7 Ke4??  
[52...Kd6! black is alive and threatens Rxc5.]  
53.Re7+! Kf4 54.Ne2+ black resigned. 1-0

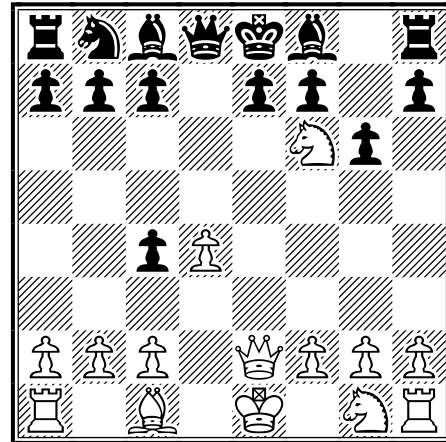
(14) VanBuskirk,D (2144) - Bonwell,J (1687)

[B07]

Springfield (2), 11.10.2003

[A.C.]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Nxe4?!  
[4...Bg7 is best.] 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Qe2! dxc4??  
[6...dxe4 7.Qxe4 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 was better.]  
7.Nf6# Diagram



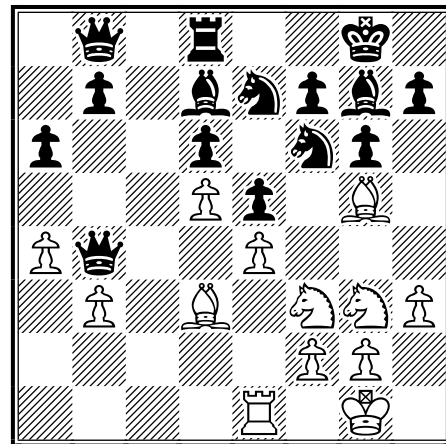
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(15) Wessel,E (994) - Marcadis,P (1247) [B08]

National K-12 Scholastic Championship (5.124),  
13.12.2003

[A.C.]

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bd3 Bg4  
6.Be3 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.h3 Bd7 10.Ne2!  
c6 11.c4 Qc7 12.b3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Qd8?! 14.Re1  
0-0 15.Rc1 a6 16.Ng3 Rc8 17.a4 Rxc1 18.Qxc1  
Qc8 19.Qd2 Qd8?! 20.Qb4! Qb8 21.Bg5 Rd8?



22.Rc1 [22.Nxe5! dxe5 23.Qxe7 was better for  
white.] 22...Rc8?? [22...h6! 23.Be3 Ne8 was  
solid.] 23.Rxc8+ Nxc8 24.Bxa6! b5 25.axb5 Na7  
26.b6 Nc8 27.b7 Na7 28.Be3 Nc6 29.dxc6 Bxc6  
30.Ba7 Qxa7 31.b8Q+ Qxb8 32.Qxb8+ Ne8  
33.Bb5 Bf8 34.Bxc6 f5 35.Bd5+ black resigns.  
1-0



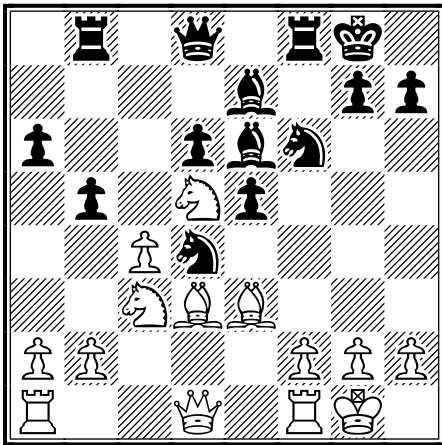
The Grand Prix variation against the Sicilian can be solid **22.f5!? exf5 23.Bg5 Ra7 24.Bf6??** [24.Kh1! was good.] **24...Bxf6??** [24...Qb6+! wins a bishop.] **25.Qxf6 Qc5+ 26.Kh1 Rc6 27.Qh4 Rd7 28.Rxd7 Bxd7 29.Nd5 Nxd5 30.Bxd5 Rc8 31.Qf6 Be8 32.h4 Qe3 33.exf5 Rc1 34.fxg6 Rxf1+ 35.Qxf1 hxg6 36.Qf6 Kf8 37.Bf3** draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

(19) Kabelac, J (1879) - Tsyganov, I (2299) [B32]

18th Lake County Open (1), 03.01.2004

[A.C.]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Be7 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 f5 9.exf5 Bxf5 10.Bd3 Be6 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Nc2 0-0 13.Ne3 Nd4! 14.Ned5 b5! 15.Be3 Rb8** Kalashnikov counterplay.



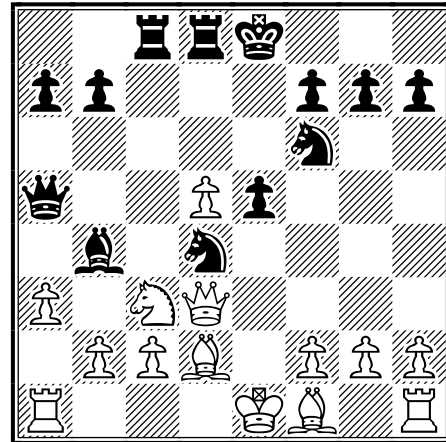
**16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.cxb5 Nxb5 18.Nxb5 axb5 19.b3 b4 20.a4 bxa3 21.Rxa3 d5 22.Ra6?** [22.Bc1! was better.] **22...d4 23.Rxe6? Qxe6 24.Bc4 Nd5 25.Bg5 Kh8 26.f4 Qd6 27.f5 Nf6 28.Rf3 e4 29.Rh3 d3 30.Qd2 Qc5+ 31.Be3 Qxf5 32.Rg3 Ng4 33.h3 Qf1# 0-1**

(20) Szpisjak, S (2200) - Pekovic, J (1628) [B45]

18th Lake County Open, 03.01.2004

[Albert Chow]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Ndb5 Bb4** Black aims for counterplay in all variations of the Four Knight's Sicilian. For example: **7.Nd6+** [7.Bf4 Nxe4 8.Qf3 d5 9.Nc7+ Kf8 unclear!?!; 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 solid.] **7...Ke7 8.Bf4 e5 9.Nxc8+** [9.Nf5+ Kf8 is also good for black.] **9...Rxc8 10.Bg5 Qa5 11.Qd3 Nd4 12.Bd2 d5! 13.exd5 Rhd8 14.a3 Ke8**



**15.Rd1 Qb6!? 16.axb4 e4! 17.Nxe4 Nxc2+ 18.Ke2 Nd4+ 19.Ke1** [19.Ke3?? Nxd5#] **19...Nc2+ 20.Ke2** Draw by perpetual check. 1/2-1/2

(21) Chris, N - Hart, V [B86]

Illinois class (1), 28.11.2003

[A.C.]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.f4 Nc5 9.f5 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Nf5 Nxb3 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.axb3 Bd7 15.Bf4 d5! 16.Qd4** [16.exd5 Qc5+! 17.Kh1 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 is also equal.] **16...Bc6 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Rae1 Qd7 20.Re5 Rae8 21.Rfe1 Rxe5 22.Bxe5 Rf5 23.Bg3 h6 24.Re5 Rxe5** draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

(22) Bumgardner, G - Hart, V [B92]

Illinois A class (3), 28.11.2003

[F.M. Al Chow]

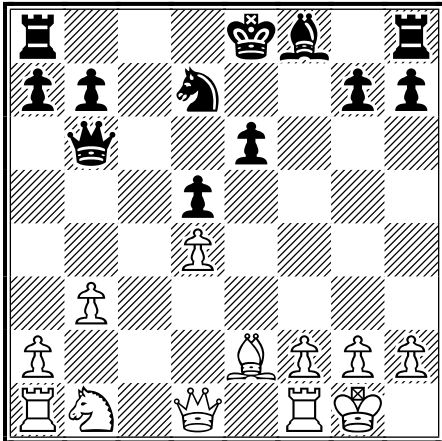
**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Be6** A solid Sicilian Najdorf. **10.f3 Nbd7 11.a4 Qc7 12.Qd2 Nc5 13.Nc1 Rac8 14.Nd3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.b3 Rfd8 18.Rac1 f5** Black is slightly better after the opening. **19.Qe1 Nxd3 20.Bxd3 e4 21.fxe4 fxe4 22.Be2 Bc5** [22...Ba3! was better.] **23.Bg4 Qb6 24.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 25.Kh1 Rc7 26.c4 Bc6 27.Be6+ Kh8 28.Qg3 Re7 29.Rf5? Qa3! 30.Rcf1 Rxe6 31.Qg5 Rg8 32.c5 Ree8 33.R5f4! Qxb3 34.Rh4! Qd5??** [34...Qe6! and black wins.] **35.Qg6! h6 36.Rxh6+! gxh6 37.Qxh6# 1-0**

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(23) Szpisjak,S - Dubin,J [C02]

18th Lake County Open (5), 03.01.2004 [A.Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7  
6.Be2 f6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Bf4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Qb6  
10.b3 fxe5 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 [11...Nf6 12.Nc3 Ba3  
was good.] 12.Nxe5 Nf6 13.Nxd7 Nxd7

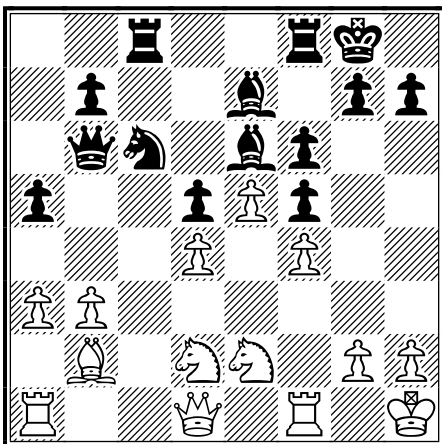


14.Bg4! Rd8?? [14...Kf7 was a better defence.]  
15.Bxe6! Nf6 16.Re1 Be7 17.Nc3 Rd6 18.Qe2  
Qd8 19.Rad1 Ne4 20.Nxd5! Rxe6 21.Nf4! Rf6  
22.Qxe4 0-0 23.Nd5 R6f7 24.Nxe7+ Kh8 25.Rd3  
Rxf2 26.Qxh7+! Kxh7 27.Rh3# 1-0

(24) Lazebnik,Y (1860) - Aaron,M (1946)

[C03]18th Lake County open (3), 03.01.2004  
[F.M. Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.e5 Nh6 5.Bd3 c5  
6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nc6 8.Ne2 Nf5 9.Bxf5 [9.Nf3!?  
was good.] 9...exf5 10.0-0 Be6 A French fight  
between old enemies. Who is more than equal?  
The Bishops or the Knights? 11.a3 a5 12.b3 0-0  
13.Bb2 Qb6 14.Kh1 Rac8 15.f4 f6

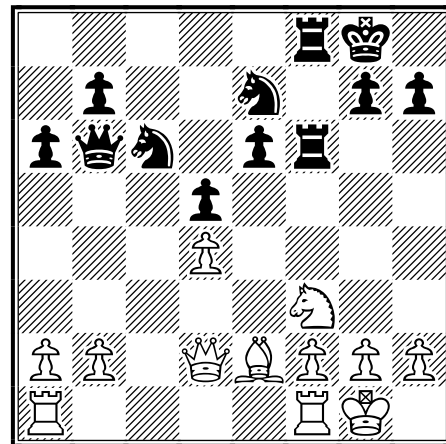


16.Nf3 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 [18.dxe5 with  
the idea to use the d4 square!?] 18...Rc7 19.Rf3  
Rfc8 20.Rc3 Rxc3 21.Nxc3 Qd8 22.Qd3 Qd7  
23.Ne2 Bg5 24.g3 Qc6 25.Bc3! b6 26.h4 Be7  
[26...Bh6!? aims at c1.] 27.Rc1! Bxa3?? [A  
tactical blunder when 27...Qd7 was solid.]  
28.Bb2! Bxb2 [28...Qxc1+ 29.Bxc1 Bxc1 30.Qb5!  
is not much different.] 29.Rxc6 Rxc6 30.Qb5!  
Rc2?? [30...Rc8 31.Qxb6 is better but still good  
for white.] 31.Qe8# checkmate. 1-0

(25) Kamen,D (2000) - Jahedi,S (1860) [C17]

18th Lake County Open (4), 04.01.2004  
[A.C.]

1.e4 [1.e3] 1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5  
5.Bd2 Ne7 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.c3 Nbc6  
9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Be2 a6 11.Nd6 f6 12.Nxc8 Raxc8  
13.exf6 Rxf6 14.0-0 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rcf8 Smart  
opening play by both sides shows what should be  
an equal middlegame from the Winawer French.



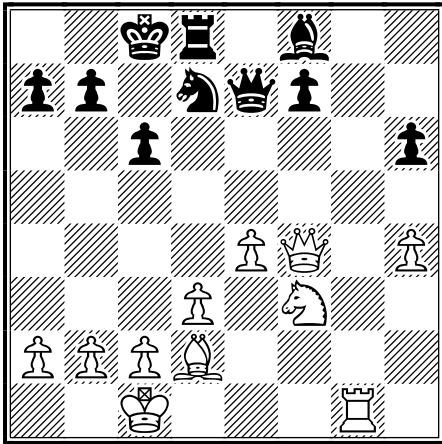
16.Bd3?? [16.Rad1 was solid.] 16...Rxf3!  
17.gxf3 Nxd4 a winning exchange sacrifice.  
18.Kh1 Nxf3 19.Qe3 Qd6! white resigns. 0-1

(26) Healy,J (1679) - VanBuskirke,D (2144)  
[C30]

Springfield (3), 11.10.2003  
[Al Chow]

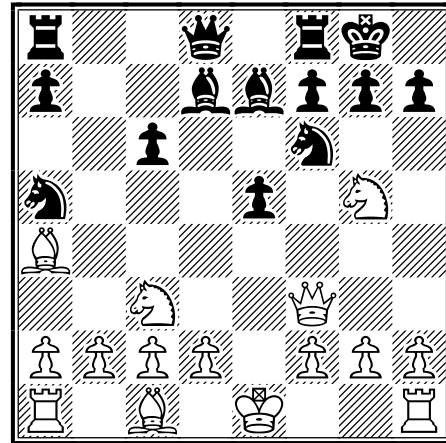
1.e4 e5 2.f4!? d6 3.Bc4 exf4 4.Nf3 Be6 [4...h6  
5.d4 g5 is a risky try to keep the f4 pawn.] 5.Qe2  
g5 6.h4! Bxc4 7.Qxc4 g4 8.Ng5! Qe7 9.Nc3 Nf6  
10.d3 d5 [10...h6 forces white to sacrifice material  
in typical King's gambit attacking style: 11.Bxf4!  
hxg5 12.Bxg5 c6 (12...Bg7 13.Nd5) 13.Nd5! cxd5  
14.Qc8+ Qd8 15.Qxd8+ Kxd8 16.Bxf6+ Be7  
17.Bxh8 and white is the one up in the endgame.]  
11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 c6 13.Qf5 Nd7 14.Qxg4

Rg8 15.Qxf4 h6 16.Nf3 Rxc2 17.Bd2 Bg7 18.0-0-0 0-0-0 19.Rhg1 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Bf8 It looks like white is the higher rated as it is black that is a pawn behind in a bad endgame.



21.Be1! Qf6 22.Bg3 Qxf4+ 23.Bxf4 Nf6 24.Be3 c5 25.Ne5! h5 26.Nxf7 Re8 27.Bf4 Re6 28.Rg6! Kd7 29.Ne5+ Ke7 30.Bg5! Rxe5 31.Rxf6 Bg7 32.Rf5+ Ke6 33.Rxe5+ Kxe5 34.c3 b5 35.Kc2 a5 36.Kd2 a4 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.d4 b4 39.Kd3 a3 40.d5+ Kd7 41.bxa3 bxc3 42.Bf4 Bf6 43.Bg3 c4+ 44.Kc2 Kc8 45.e5 Bd8 46.Kxc3 Kb7 47.Kxc4 Ka6 48.e6 black resigned. 1-0

(27) Jahedi,S (1860) - Karagianis,P (2087) [C58]18th Lake County open (5), 04.01.2004 [A.Chow]1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 A gambit for development is a critical counterplay to avoid eating Fried Liver in the Two Knight's defence . 8.Qf3 Bd7 9.Ba4 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0



11.Nge4 Nd5! 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Nc3 e4 15.Qe2 Nc6 16.0-0 Nd4 17.Qd1 Rad8 18.Ne2 [18.d3!? may improve.] 18...Ne6! Avoiding exchanges into the endgame. 19.d4 f5 20.Nf4 Nc7! 21.Nh3 Ne6 22.Nf4 Nc7 23.Nh3 draw agreed due to repetition of moves. 1/2-1/2

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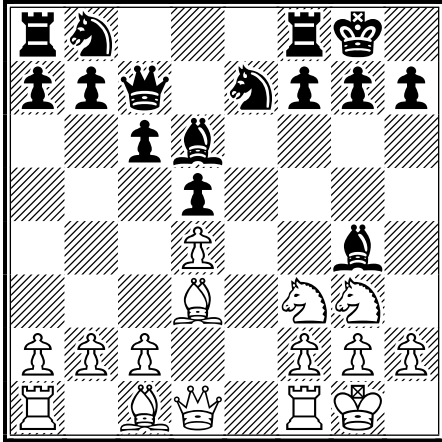
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(1) Cohen Howard - Mcdonald Jordan [C01]  
Amateur Chess Team ( Midwest ), 14.02.2004  
[Young]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.Nf3  
Ne7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 c6 8.Ne2 [Normal is 8.Re1  
Re8 9.Ne5 f6 10.Bxh7+ Kxh7 11.Nf7! Qc7  
(11...Bxh2+ 12.Kxh2 Qc7+ 13.g3 Kg6 14.Bf4 Qd7  
15.Nd6 Qh3+ 16.Kg1 Rh8 17.Qf3=) 12.Nxd6  
Qxd6 13.Qh5+ Kg8 14.Qxe8+ Kh7 15.Qxe7?  
8...Qc7 9.Ng3 Bg4?? Diagram

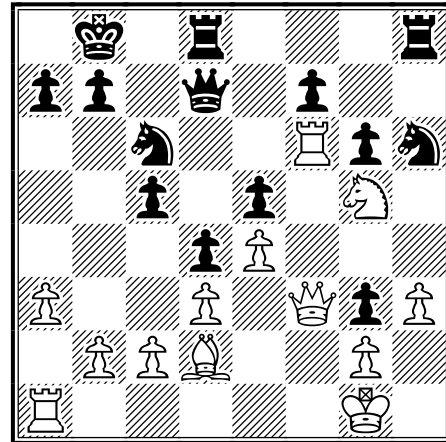


[9...h6 10.Re1 Bg4 11.h3 Be6 12.Ne5 c5=]  
10.Bxh7+ Kh8 [10...Kxh7 11.Ng5+ Kg8 12.Qxg4?  
11.Bd3 Nd7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Kg8 14.Nh5 c5  
15.c3 Qc6 16.Qg4 g6 17.Bh6 f5 18.Qg5 Rf7  
19.Rae1 cxd4 20.Bb5 Qxb5 21.Rxe7 Ne5  
22.Nf6+ 1-0

(1) IM Young, Angelo - GM Gurevich , Dimitry  
[A00]

Elmhurst Open (5), 25.01.2004  
[Young]

1.Nc3 Vangeet- Stevanovic opening 1...d5 2.e4  
d4 3.Nce2 c5 4.Ng3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nc6  
7.0-0 h5 This pawn trust is a bit premature 8.Ng5  
Ne5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.f4 Nc6  
[11...Ng4 12.e5 d3 13.c3 c4 14.b3 Qc6 15.Qe1  
cxb3 16.axb3 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Qxb3 18.h3 Qb6  
19.N3e4 with compensation for the loss pawn.]  
12.d3 Nh6 13.h3 Stopping Ng4 13...0-0-0 14.a3  
Kb8 [14...h4 15.Ne2 Kb8 16.Qe1 f6 17.Nf3 f5  
18.e5=] 15.Bd2 e5 16.f5 h4 17.f6 Bxf6 [17...Bf8  
18.Nh1 Ng8 19.Nf2 Nxf6 20.Ng4 Nxf6 21.Nxf7  
Bh6 22.hxg4 Bxd2 23.Qxd2 Qxg4 24.b4+]  
18.Rxf6 hxg3 19.Qf3+- Diagram



19...Qe7 20.Nxf7 Nxf7 21.Rxf7 Qd6 22.Rf6?  
much better is Qxg3 . 22...Qc7 23.Qxg3 c4 24.b4  
c3 25.Bg5 Qb6 26.Rb1 Qb5 27.Rxg6 Rc8  
28.Rg7 a5 29.Rb3!? [29.a4 Qxa4 30.bxa5 Ka8  
31.Rgxb7 Qxc2 32.R7b6 Rhg8 33.Kh2 Qa2  
34.Qh4+ -] 29...axb4 30.axb4 Rhe8 31.Kh2  
moving the king into safety for any possible  
checks. 31...Qa4 32.Qe1 Preventing Nxb4 and  
Qa2 this will be met by Qb1. 32...Rg8 33.Rxg8  
Rxg8 34.h4 advancing my passed pawn.  
34...Ka7 35.Qb1 b5 36.Qf1 Kb6 37.Qf7 Rc8  
38.Qe6 Kb7 39.Qd5 Kb6 40.Qc5+ Ka6 41.Bc1  
Kb7 42.Bg5 Ra8 43.Qd5 Ra6 44.Rb1 Ra8  
45.Rf1 Rc8 46.Be7 Rc7 47.Bd6 Rd7 48.Rf7 Rxf7  
49.Qxf7+ Ka6 50.Qc7 Nxb4 51.Qc8+ Kb6  
52.Bc5+ Ka5 53.Qd8+ Before the last round I  
was talking to Mr. stevanovic about dedicating  
this game to him ,he's the one who introduced the  
opening and we been studying this line for the last  
8 months.This game secured me the first place  
and in fairness to GM D. Gurevich this is my first  
time beating him on a classical chess ,he is one  
of my Bete Noire for quite sometime. 1-0



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## 2004 Normal, IL January Open

### *Josito Dondon and Jon Burgess win 2004 Normal, IL January Open*

By Dennis Bourgerie.

Normal, IL- Josito Dondon (1590) of Bloomington, IL and Jon Burgess (2203-FIDE 2153) of England both had perfect 4-0 scores to take first place. It's quite a surprise when a Class C player takes a share of 1st place in a tournament.



*Josito Dondon pictured above playing his 4th round game*

For Jon Burgess, this was his 2nd victory at a Normal, IL tournament, in the last 2 months. On November 22nd, the Englishman, visiting in America, had won the 2003 Northbridge Baptist Church Open with a 4-0 score.



*Bill Barton (above and left) playing Jon Burgess in the 3rd round.*

Chris Prather (1717), Kyle Miles (1718), Peter McConaghie (1802), Jason Chien (1413), Dan Gannon (1654) and Martin Wilber (1617) tied for 3rd place with 3 points.



*Kyle Miles (above and left) and David Long review their games on Chessbase in between rounds.*



*Jason Chien (above) was the top scorer with 3-1 in the Under 1600 section.*

Jason was the 2002 National Youth Action Champion for grades K-3, scoring 8.5 from 9 at Rockford, IL.

This picture was taken at the 2003 Northbridge Baptist Church Tournament.

The top scorers for the Under 1200 section were Keith Sanders (824), Nathan Jones (736) and Karen Wilber (1091).

The best scorer for an Unrated player was Krishna Dasari with 2 points.

I directed the 36-player tournament held at the Fairfield Inn. Colley Kitson assisted at registration and with the setup and Nathan Jones assisted at the end of the tournament.



*Karen Wilber (above) won her last 2 games to tie for 1st in the Under 1200 Category.*

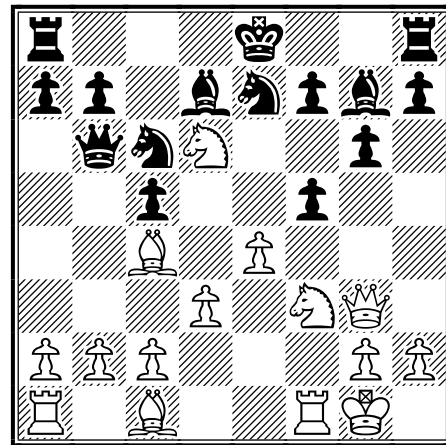
Karen is number 100 on the national rankings for girls in her age group.

**Burgess, Jon (2203) - Prather, Chris (1717) [B23]**

2004 Normal, IL January Open Normal, IL (4), 03.01.2004

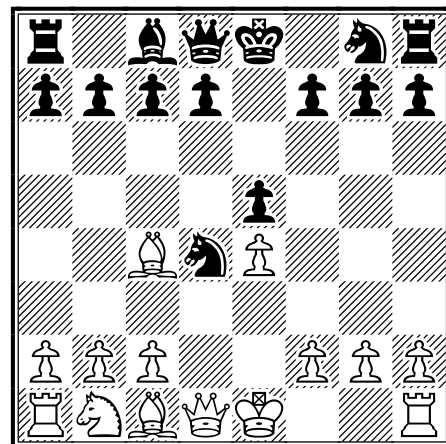
**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 Nge7** In this line, Black would like to be able to play the d-pawn to d5 in one go. (...d7-d5). **7.Qe1 d6 8.d3 Bd7** [8...a6, (preventing the White knight from going to b5) 9.f5 b5 10.Bb3 gxf5 seems like a better alternative for Black as his central pawns are safe and he has gained space on the queenside.] **9.Qg3 Qc7 10.f5** White opens the diagonal for his queen bishop and targets the d6 pawn in some variations. **10...exf5 11.Nb5+** White has the advantage now; the d6 pawn is the target. This is the way it goes when you play against master strength players----a slip or two

and before you know it, you are in more trouble than an Arthur Andersen employee working on the Enron account. **11...Qb6 12.Nxd6+**



**12...Kf8 13.Nxf7 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 15.Kh1 Be6 16.Nxh8 Bxh8 17.Bh6+ Ke8 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Rae1** Losing the b2 pawn would be a trifle in this position. **19...Be5** [19...Bxb2 20.exf5 Qc6 21.fxg6 Bf6 22.gxh7] **20.Bf4 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 Kd7 22.exf5 Qxf5 23.Qa4+** and the Black queen goes lost. Black resigned. 1-0

**Prather, Chris (1717) - Gannon, Dan (1654) [C50]** 2004 Normal, IL January Open Normal, IL (3), 03.01.2004 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d4 Bxd4 5.Nxd4 Nxd4**

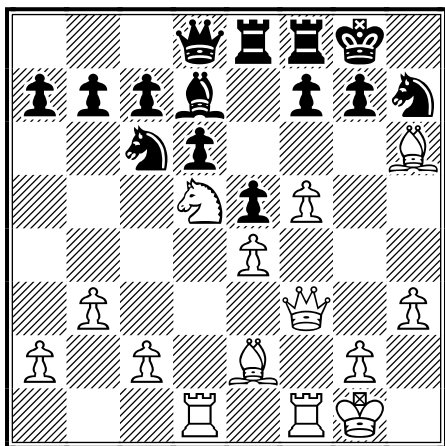


This position brings to mind a story told about Anatoly Karpov the former world champion. One of Karpov's assistants proudly showed him a line where Karpov would gambit a pawn. Karpov, who was notoriously materialistic looked at the gambit and at the end of the line asked the

question, "So where's the checkmate?" White is a pawn down here---where's the checkmate?

Nevertheless, there is merit in many pawn sacrifices. I cannot count all of the games that I have lost against Bill Naff of Peoria or Doug Van Buskirk of Springfield and others in various gambits like the Smith-Morra in the Sicilian, the Milner-Barry in the French, relatives of the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, the Evans Gambit and the Englund Gambit to name a few. In amateur chess, the gambiteer can have real initiative and it can be devilishly hard for the defender to shake off the pressure with only 75 minutes for the entire game and no Kasparov or Kramnik to consult with.

**6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.0-0 d6 9.Qe2 0-0  
10.Rad1 Na5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.b3 Qe7 13.h3 h6  
14.f4 Nc6 15.f5 Bd7 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Be2 Nh7  
18.Nd5 Qd8 19.Bxh6**



White sacrifices a piece, hoping that the damaged pawn structure and cramped position around the Black king will bring victory.

**19...gxf6 20.f6 Kh8 21.Qh5 Rg8 22.Qxh6 Rg6  
23.Qh4 Reg8 24.Rf2 Rg3 25.Rd3 Rxd3 26.Bxd3  
Be6 27.Qh5 Rg5 28.Qh4 Qg8 29.Nxc7 Qc8  
30.Nd5 Bxh3 31.Ne7 Nxe7 32.fxe7 Be6 33.Bb5**  
Now White has the better position. **33...Bd7  
34.Rxf7 Qg8 35.Qxh7+ Qxh7 36.Rxh7+ Kxh7  
37.Bxd7** and Black resigns.

**37...Rg8 38.e8=Q Rxe8 39.Bxe8** and White has an endgame that can be easily won. **1-0**

## St Charles Chess News

The Knights' and Squires' cup round robin tournaments concluded in December 2003 did not have the usual drama associated with our normally close fought events.

Jeff Wiewel won the Knights cup 6.5-0.5, Two points ahead of Jeremiah Freidel. Jeff's usual chasers, Paul Freidel and Marcus Stinson were somewhat out of form and finished fourth and eighth, respectively.

In the Squires' cup Bo Meissen, Nathan Mc Coy, and Dennis Freidel came in First, Second, and Third, respectively, none of them losing to the other five entrants. Meissen beat both Mc Coy and Freidel to finish with a perfect 7

### Knights' Cup

Name	Rating	Score
Jeff Wiewel	2014	6.5--0.5
Jeremiah Freidel	1562	4.5--2.5
Jesse Freidel	1630	4--3
Paul Freidel	1853	4--3
Eric Lindner	1550	3.5--3.5
Rudy Padilla	1511	3.0--4.0
Marcus Stinson	1854	1.5--5.5
Wally Alberts	1700	1--6

### Squires' Cup

Bowen Meissen	1674	7--0
Nathan Mc Coy	1537	6--1
Dennis Freidel	1379	5--2
Alan Jurgensen	1326	3.5--3.5
Ralph Mc Graw	1676	3--4
Aivras Stoskas	UNR	2.5--4.5
Lloyd Lauger	1145	1--6
Greg Kelly	UNR	0-7
		3.5--3.5

*2004 Normal, IL January Open*

No.	Name	Pts	Rate	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	DONDON, Josito C	4.0	1590	W25	W5	W4	W9
2	BURGESS, JON	4.0	2203	W27	W13	W11	W3
3	PRATHER, Christoph	3.0	1717	W29	W23	W7	L2
4	MILES, Kyle J	3.0	1718	W16	W15	L1	W14
5	McCONAGHIE, Peter J.	3.0	1802	W14	L1	W16	W15
6	CHIEN, Jason W	3.0	1413	W30	W12	L9	W13
7	GANNON, Dan I	3.0	1654	W34	W10	L3	W19
8	WILBER, Martin W.	3.0	1617	W35	D9	D10	W21
9	McDONALD, JORDAN	2.5	1783	W24	D8	W6	L1
10	LONG, David	2.5	1952	W17	L7	D8	W18
11	BARTON, William J	2.5	1711	W33	W20	L2	-H-
12	NEMMERS, MATTHEW R.	2.5	1660	W28	L6	W17	-H-
13	NUNEZ, Cesar R	2.0	1629	W22	L2	W24	L6
14	BAUER, Lucas M	2.0	1300	L5	W22	W23	L4
15	WILBER, Matthew K.	2.0	1430	W19	L4	W28	L5
16	KELLY, James R	2.0	1256	L4	W25	L5	W28
17	SMITH, Jeffrey L	2.0	1315	L10	W34	L12	W26
18	SANDERS, KEITH M.	2.0	824	L23	W29	W20	L10
19	JONES, Nathan C	2.0	736	L15	-B-	W32	L7
20	CATHER, EVAN	2.0	1409	W31	L11	L18	W29
21	DASARI, KRISHNA	2.0		-H-	D36	W27	L8
22	WILBER, Karen	2.0	1091	L13	L14	W30	W27
23	BARTON, Aaron	1.5	1462	W18	L3	L14	-H-
24	SCHAEFFER, John D	1.5	1286	L9	W35	L13	D25
25	WAKEMAN, Steve	1.5	960	L1	L16	-B-	D24
26	CATHER, ERIC W	1.5	1143	-H-	L27	W31	L17
27	ADAMS, Clifford L.	1.0	1375	L2	W26	L21	L22
28	REYES, Donald	1.0	1145	L12	W30	L15	L16
29	STREITMATTER, Drew	1.0	1224	L3	L18	W33	L20
30	KING, Philip M.	1.0		L6	L28	L22	W33
31	COBLENTZ, David	1.0		L20	D33	L26	D32
32	PHALKE, Harshal S	1.0	1634	-U-	-H-	L19	D31
33	MENDELL, David J.	0.5	1150	L11	D31	L29	L30
34	TSAO, Felix	0.5	1093	L7	L17	-H-	-N-
35	TSAO, Matthew W	0.5	994	L8	L24	-H-	-N-
36	COOLEY, SHAWN	0.5		-U-	D21	-U-	-U-

### *Chess From the Middle*

By Ron Saurez

Let's Find the Middle

I just recalled the reason why I started this column. No, it isn't some grand and profound philosophical reason. It is because I thought that we needed to see some print from the regular-guy kind of chess player. The high end of Masters and the like certainly get their venue in the big magazines and books. The beginners and lower rated players have a lot of stuff written for them, and sometimes by them. Interestingly enough, we guys in the Middle can understand and enjoy a little bit of each of these ends. The "masters" are bored to death with the beginner stuff while we Middle guys see it and sometimes even say, "Oh yeah, I should be doing that." The beginners and casual players look at the "masterly" stuff and have totally perplexed looks to them whilst they peruse the writings of these experts of our game. Yes, we Middle guys can look at these masterly works and even recognize a few things saying, "Oh yeah, I should be doing that." Yes my friends, this column is indeed for everyone including the Middle guy. You see, both the beginners and masters can look at these Middle writings and say, "What, I should be doing that? No way!"

I think it time to redefine the Middle. Of course the Middle is geographical both nationally and locally. It is also a location in the rating system of our recognized organizations, USCF and FIDE. Yes it is a location of time too, both of the human and the game. The Middle is not anything too extreme. From the Middle one can see all viewpoints as well. From the Middle a person can appreciate the Master's view all the way "down" to the purely casual player. Please understand that I don't mean "down" in a negative way. Let's face it, there are a lot of people with ability that choose not to put in the time to learn and compete at the higher levels and thereby show their potential. That certainly does not mean that they are any less of a person or a chess player.

Let's take a moment and talk real Chess. From the Middle of the board the greatest control can be exerted over the whole game. From the Middle each piece has its greatest influence over

the rest of the board. The great Masters have all heralded the wonders of the Middle, so should you. The Middle is indeed a place of great importance in all aspects. Remember that!

So here, my friend, we begin and continue the venture of playing chess and living life and all its vagaries from the Middle. Join me as we proceed in chess and in life. Chess, of course, is a game. Let us not forget that. A game can serve many useful purposes. It can entertain. It can teach. It can open doors for social interaction. It can parallel laws of the universe and ultimately life. Games are cool. Games also provide humor and without humor life is drab and dull. If life is anything it should never be dull.

Now it's time for your chess lesson from the Middle. Sure, you've heard all of the old opening axioms about castling, early queen movement, quick piece placement and the like. I'm here to tell you that that stuff is all fine and well but there is much more important opening information you should know. Yes my friends, I'm talking about the much ignored, the often hidden "individualized opening system". Why do you think there are so many openings named after players? And, why is it that those players that the openings were named after are all such good and highly respected players? Well, the answer is that those players learned the highly coveted and hidden "individualized opening system". Because they learned this system, they developed their own openings and then became really good players because of this. Oh yes, many of them also became world champions too, thanks to the "individualized opening system". Because I like you all so much, I am going to share this extremely valuable system with you. Actually this is a system that needs to be followed step by step, as follows:

1. The first thing you must do is to get a legal pad or some other way to accurately document your own system.
2. Now you need to set up a chessboard and pieces with the color that you want to develop your own system for on the opposite side of you (if you want to develop a White opening system set the board up so that you are playing on the Black side).

3. If you are writing the system for the White side then you need to make White's first move on the board, as your opponent. Write this move down. Now remember to make the move that YOU most fear seeing come at you if you were playing Black. Obviously this is the most hideous move that White can commit; so make it your own. Your opponents will probably pee their pants when they see it.
4. Now comes the tedious part. You need to then proceed with EVERY move that Black can make and find a refutation for it that would completely terrify you if you were to see it as Black. Then you make these White moves your opening as White. This really works.
5. Proceed this way until you have completed this process 30 moves for both sides. This may indeed take some time and paper but it will definitely be worth it. You'll see.
6. Now you need to do the exact same thing for the Black side. Remember, you will need to thoroughly and completely follow up on every possible move for your opponent.
7. With this done, you now have your "individualized opening system". Of course you will need to modify your system at least every 45 days by redoing the complete process. By doing this you too will become a great player, probably even a world champion.

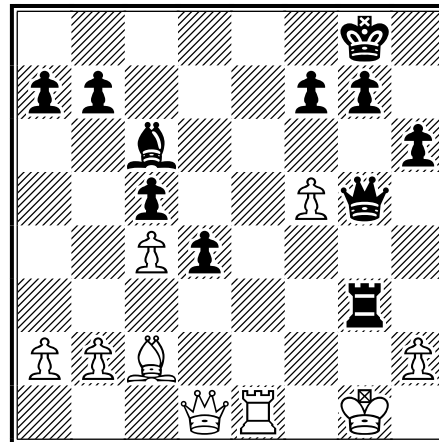
Well, there you have it. Now you don't need to go buy any more books or lessons or other such nonsense on the openings. With this handy dandy system you have everything you will ever need for the openings, enjoy. Oh, by the way this lesson does indeed come under the humor category.

Remember, play chess, eat well, sleep well and have fun.

Ron Saurez AKA (EyeChess)

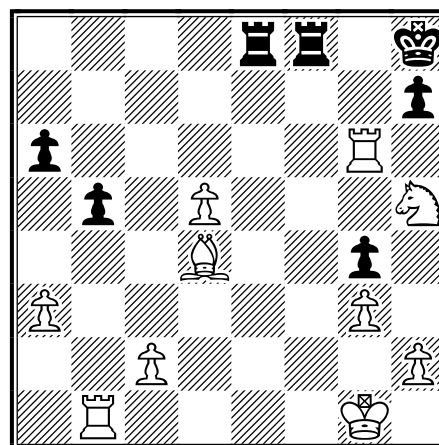
**1) DarkKnightz (1593) - EyeChess (1528)**  
**1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bb5+ c6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.d4 Bd6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.f4 Qe3+ 14.Kh1 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Qxe4 16.Bd3 Qe6**

**17.f5 Qh6 18.Qg4 Bd7 19.Qg3 Rae8 20.Rf4 Qf6 21.c3 Re5 22.Raf1 Rfe8 23.Qh3 Re3 24.R4f3 Rxf3 25.Qxf3 h6 26.Kg1 d4 27.c4 Re3 28.Qd1 c5 29.Bc2 Bc6 30.Re1 Qg5 31.g3 Rxc3+ Diagram**



**32.hxc3 Qxc3+ 0-1**

**(1) EyeChess (1523) - Eurekaplus (1404)**  
**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Rb8 5.d3 a6 6.Nge2 b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.0-0 e6 9.f4 Be7 10.Rb1 Nf6 11.b4 0-0 12.bxc5 dxc5 13.Qe1 Nd4 14.Qd2 Bd6 15.e5 Bxc2 16.Kxc2 Nxe2 17.Nxe2 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Qd5+ 19.Kg1 Ng4 20.Nf4 Qd4+ 21.Kg2 Qxe5 22.Re1 Qd6 23.Qe2 Qc6+ 24.Kg1 Nf6 25.Bb2 Nd5 26.Qg4 g6 27.Nh5 c4 28.dxc4 Qc5+ 29.Bd4 Qe7 30.cxd5 f5 31.Rxe6 fxc4 32.Rxe7 Rbe8 33.Rg7+ Kh8 34.Rxc7**



**34...Rf6 35.Bxf6# 1-0**

## Knigh Moves Chess Club News

### *Knigh Moves Chess Club News*

Hector R. Hernandez

The eleventh edition of the Chicago Public Library/Rudy Lozano Branch Chicago Latino Chess Championship was held on November 8, and gathered 54 players: 25 adults and 29 children. The top ten players in each group earned trophies. Winners in the adult section were, first through tenth place respectively, Isaac Blackwell, Alejandro Gonzalez, Emilio Tallada, Fernando Montoya, Juan P. Avalos, Kevin Tyler, Julio A. Lara, Jose A. Rodriguez, Isaiah Pettye (2001 champion), and Jerry Del Real and Justino Sosa. Andy Peña took first place in the children's section. He dominated the field scoring a perfect 5-0. Four other children tied for 2nd-5th and a double-round robin, 5-minute game play-off was arranged. Cristian Peña, whose only loss in the tournament was to his older brother Andy in the final round, was the clear winner yielding only a draw in 6 games. He took second place in the tournament. Third-fifth were Adrian Abaunza, Joshua Kaehler and Jonathan Zamora. Sixth through tenth place trophies went to: Sterling Carrington V, Miguel Gonzalez, Daniel Lara, Valentin Urbina and Gabriel Gonzalez, age 7.

In the last few months, several children from our chess club have participated in a number of USCF and scholastic events such as the Nationals at Rockford in November and Rosemont in December and the Latin School of Chicago Navy Pier event of January 17. Among them are Adrian Abaunza, Juan M. Herrera, Mario Rocha, Andy and Cristian Pena, Cuitlahuac Pineda, Jose A. Rodriguez, Valentin Urbina and Jonathan Zamora, Hector R. Hernandez played in the Midwest Class Amateur Championships, A Section. He tied for third place by managing four straight wins after losing a long game in the first round. Fernando Montoya and Jose A. Rodriguez also played in this tournament. Hector is currently leading the ICA Tour, A Section. Juan M. Herrera (Kenwood Academy H.S.) is in second place in the Class G, ICA Ex-Urban Tour. A win in the last round of the Elmhurst Classic at the end of January would have given Mario Rocha (Benito Juarez H.S.) a share of first place (\$100) in the under 1000 group. It was not to be.

Jose Rodriguez lead the Whitney Young High School (CPS) team to a first place finish at the Lane Tech Invitational Tournament in early February.

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April 26, 2003	mini	Peoria Spring Tornado (XU)
April 27, 2003	MAXI	Ranko Loncarevic Memorial, Niles
May 3, 2003	mini	Rockford Spring Open (XU)
May 26, 2003	MAXI	12Th Annual Chicago Open, Oakbrook
June 21, 2003	mini	Illini Summer Open, Urbana (XU)
June 28, 2003	mini	Peoria Summer Tornado (XU)
July 13, 2003	MAXI	Master Challenge, Elmhurst
July 26, 2003	mini	ICA Officer's Appreciation #1
August 10, 2003	mini	Chicagoland Mini-Tour, Niles
August 16, 2003	mini	Bradley Summer Open, Peoria (XU)
August 23, 2003	mini	Springfield Championship (XU)
September 1, 2003	MAXI	Illinois Open, Arlington Heights
September 6, 2003	mini	Illini Fall Sections, Urbana (XU)
September 28, 2003	MAXI	Forest City Championship, Rockford (XU)
October 4, 2003	mini	Normal October Open (XU)
October 11, 2003	mini	David Braunfeld's Birthday Open, Springfield (XU)
October 12, 2003	MAXI	Midwest Class Championships, Oakbrook
November 1, 2003	mini	Peoria Fall Tornado (XU)
November 28, 2003	MAXI	Illinois Class Championship, Springfield (XU)
December 13, 2003	mini	Springfield Holiday Open (XU)
January 4, 2004	MAXI	Tim Just Winter Open/Reserve, Grayslake
January 24, 2004	mini	Peoria January Tornado (XU)
January 25, 2004	mini	Elmhurst Classic Maxi-Tour

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LONG, DAVID	32.0
LONCAREVIC, ROBERT	31.0
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NAFF, WILLIAM A	24.5

**CLASS A TOUR POINTS:**

HERNANDEZ, HECTOR R	59.0
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LONG, DAVID	25.5
FIRMAN, NAZAR	15.0
LUNG, RICHARD E	(2) 15.0
BAUMGARTNER, CHRISTOPHER	14.5
JARRETTE, PHIL	13.0
HERNANDEZ, HECTOR R	12.0
DUPUIS, ERIK G	(2) 10.0
LAGUMBAY, CHARLES P	10.0

**EXPERT EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:**

VAN BUSKIRK, DOUGLAS	84.0
LONG, DAVID	32.0
COHEN, LAWRENCE S	26.5
NAFF, WILLIAM A	24.5
HERNANDEZ, HECTOR R	20.5
BOURGERIE, DENNIS A	19.5
BONWELL, JONATHAN J	18.0
PADILLA, RUDY R	17.5
LUNG, RICHARD E	(2) 15.0
BAUMGARTNER, CHRISTOPHER	14.5

**CLASS A EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:**

LONG, DAVID	32.0
HERNANDEZ, HECTOR R	20.5
BOURGERIE, DENNIS A	19.5
BONWELL, JONATHAN J	18.0
PADILLA, RUDY R	17.5
LUNG, RICHARD E	(2) 15.0
BAUMGARTNER, CHRISTOPHER	14.5
LEALI, MICHAEL E	14.0
WILBER, MARTIN W	14.0
JARRETTE, PHIL	13.0

**CLASS B EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:**

BONWELL, JONATHAN J	30.0
BOURGERIE, DENNIS A	24.5
HEALY, JAMES D	18.5
PADILLA, RUDY R	17.5
BAUMGARTNER, CHRISTOPHER	14.5
WILBER, MARTIN W	14.0
MILES, KYLE J	13.5
VOSS, ANDY S	10.5
LAGUMBAY, CHARLES P	10.0
WILBER, MATTHEW K	9.5

**CLASS C TOUR POINTS:**

PADILLA, RUDY R  
 VELAZQUEZ, KEVIN J  
 KREPICH, DANIEL S  
 CEN, KENT Y  
 DUBIN, JOSHUA  
 GIMENO, CARLOS  
 LEVINE, GARY T  
 KASSIN, DAVID  
 CREASEY, BRIAN J  
 LAGUMBAY, CHARLES P

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**CLASS C EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:**

CREASEY, BRIAN J 23.0  
 PADILLA, RUDY R 17.5  
 KLAHN, MATTHEW S (2) 16.0  
 WILBER, MATTHEW K 9.5  
 GRIFFIN, DANNY L 9.0  
 ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE 8.5  
 CUNNINGHAM, ROBERT E 8.0  
 GORAL, BRADLEY D 8.0  
 VOSS, ANDY S 8.0  
 BURKETT, BRUCE 7.5

**CLASS D TOUR POINTS:**

REID, DAVID  
 LAMBERT, GWAYNE  
 CEN, YUEQIN  
 CEN, KENT Y  
 DELAMORA, SALVADOR  
 FENG, JUSTIN L  
 VELAZQUEZ, KEVIN J  
 ROSEN, ERIC S  
 BARBIAN, MATTHEW R  
 GRIFFIN, DANNY L

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**CLASS D EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:**

HELLER, JACK G (2) 13.5  
 WILBER, MATTHEW K 9.5  
 GRIFFIN, DANNY L 9.0  
 CUNNINGHAM, ROBERT E 8.0  
 RUTH, JAMES 8.0  
 BURKETT, BRUCE 7.5  
 WANDA, IAN E 7.5  
 SCHAEFFER, JOHN D 7.0  
 DOROSHEFF, EVAN JAMES 6.5  
 GRIFFIN, LARRY 6.0

**CLASS E TOUR POINTS:**

SCHMAKEL, SAM A  
 JACKSON, ANGELO R  
 BOHAN, PHILLIP KEMP  
 BARBIAN, MATTHEW R  
 JASEMI-ZERGANI, F  
 MEEROVICH, ILAN  
 AUGER, MICHAEL W  
 PLACEK, ARTHUR C  
 SONG, CHARLES  
 DUNCAN, PAUL R

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**CLASS E EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:**

HELLER, JACK G (2) 13.5  
 RUTH, JAMES 8.0  
 WANDA, IAN E 7.5  
 DOROSHEFF, EVAN JAMES 6.5  
 GRIFFIN, LARRY 6.0  
 PLACEK, ARTHUR C 5.0  
 PETERSON, GREGORY (1) 4.0  
 PLACEK, PHILIP C 4.0  
 WILBER, KAREN M 4.0  
 WOLANYK, NATHANIEL (2) 4.0

**CLASS F TOUR POINTS:**

DATLA, SIDDARTH S  
 PATURI, AAMANI  
 STAMATOV, DIMITAR  
 WIRTZ, ROB  
 WOLANYK, NATHANIEL  
 MEEROVICH, ILAN  
 BATTAGLIA, JACK A  
 GAUDINO, STEVEN J  
 DOROSHEFF, EVAN JAMES  
 BOSKEY, KEVIN M

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 (2) 6.0

**CLASS F EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:**

DOROSHEFF, EVAN JAMES 6.5  
 WOLANYK, NATHANIEL (2) 4.0  
 WILBER, KAREN M 3.0  
 WOLANYK, JOSHUA (2) 3.0  
 CANAVAN, DYLAN P (1) 2.0  
 SU, ALEXANDER C (2) 2.0  
 AYLER, PETER W (1) 1.5  
 HERRERA, JUAN M 1.5  
 BARNES, TOBY W (1) 1.0  
 SUMNER, SPENCER (2) 1.0

### ICA Club Affiliates

**Organizations wishing to be listed here** should mail an affiliation fee of \$25.00 for one year (check payable to Illinois Chess Association) to the ICA membership secretary, Chris Baumgartner 107 S. Maple Lane, Prospect Points Hts, IL 60070. Include a short paragraph, similar to those below, listing your club's activities.

**Alternativa Group**, Peter Pelts, 7135 Greenleaf Av, Niles 60714. 847-965-6469.

**American Postal Chess Tournaments** sponsors postal events and sells chess books and equipment. Jim or Helen Warren, PO Box 305, Western Springs 60558. 630-663-0688, apct@aol.com. Organizers of the U.S. Masters.

The **Center Chess Club** meets 3rd Saturday of each month, 7-10 pm, Crystal Lake Park District, One East Crystal Lake Av (intersection of Walkup), Crystal Lake 60014. Also rated tournaments on most of these same dates, 4 rounds, game/60, register by 8:45 am, round 1 at 9 am. Jeff Buchman, 815-455-5288, buchadolph@aol.com.

**Chess Central** sponsors rated tournaments in the Grayslake / Zion area. Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7954, timjust@Lnd.com.

**Chess in Chicago** is dedicated to developing and promoting chess in Chicago, and scholastic players are the priority. Lamarr Wilson, email@chessinchicago.org, www.chessinchicago.org.

**Chess Utopia** sponsors rated tournaments in the Lake County area, Fridays 6 pm. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, Swinchess@aol.com, www.ChessUtopia.org.

**Chessterton Chess Club** meets at Westchester Public Library, 200 W Indiana, Chesterton IN. Joe Alford, Joe.Alford@Kemper.com.

**Chicago Industrial Chess League** organizes frequent competition among commercial or government teams with awards, ratings, and special events. Pat Sajbel, 847-391-2134.

**Chicagoland Community Chess Club** (formerly Concordia) meets Tuesdays 6-11 pm, Border's (Cafe Espresso), 7100 Forest Preserve Dr, Norridge. Howard Fried, 773-889-8553, hfried1@sbcglobal.net, or Robert Loncarevic, 773-282-5148, TlSchgo@speedsite.com.

**FIDE Master Albert Chow** gives private lessons by appointment. 3513 N Seminary, Chicago 60657. 773-248-4846, ChowMasterAl@yahoo.com.

**Continental Chess Association** runs major tournaments nationwide, including the annual World Open in Philadelphia and the Chicago Open in late May each year. PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Bill Goichberg, www.chesstour.com.

**Crossroads Chess Club** meets Tuesdays 6 pm, K Square Mall Food court, I-57 / I-70 exit 160, Effingham. Cameron Feltner, 217-844-2645.

**Elmhurst Chess Club** meets, and holds frequent USCF events, Sundays 6:30 to 11 pm, Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net, ElmhurstChess@aol.com.

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

**Greater Peoria Chess Federation** meets Mondays 7 pm, Lakeview Museum, 1125 W Lake Av, Peoria 61614. Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks Av #2, Peoria 61604. 309-692-4480 (day), 309-686-0192 (evenings), wzim@bwsys.net.

**Hammond Chess Club**, Charles Higgins, 116 Crestview St, Crown Point IN 46307. 219-663-8938.

**Happy Squares** offers group and private lessons, sets/books/clocks, as well as rated and unrated tournaments. Open to all ages Tuesdays 6-11 pm. Kids only Fridays 6-11 pm, Saturday afternoons 1-6 pm, and Saturday evenings 6-11 pm. 66 Gordon, Elk Grove Village 60007 (3 blocks east of Arlington Heights Rd off of Higgins). 866-KING-680 (866-546-4680). Les

Bale, owner.

**Highland Park High School Chess Team**, 433 Vine Av, Highland Park 60035. Tesc Schultz, [tschultz@d113.lake.k12.il.us](mailto:tschultz@d113.lake.k12.il.us).

**House of Chess** meets Saturdays 4:30 pm, 1st Baptist Church, 146 S Main St, Glen Carbon 62034. Paul Holland, 618-288-4117, <http://members.aol.com/houseofchess>.

**Illini Chess Club** meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, College of Education Building, Room 37, 6th & Pennsylvania), Urbana. [www.uiuc.edu/ro/uichess](http://www.uiuc.edu/ro/uichess). Jeff Davis.

**Illinois Chess Coaches Association** is open to scholastic chess coaches in Illinois. Mike Zacate, 708-479-9380, [mezacate@aol.com](mailto:mezacate@aol.com).

**Illinois Valley Chess Association** meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, Illinois Valley YMCA, Adult Lounge, 300 Walnut St, Peru 61354. Bill Schulte, 520 First St, LaSalle 61301. 815-223-1505, [bschulte@rivalins.com](mailto:bschulte@rivalins.com).

**Illowa Chess Club** meets Tuesdays 6:30-10 pm, St Ambrose University, Davenport IA. Matt Nemmers, [qcchess@mchsi.com](mailto:qcchess@mchsi.com), [www.quadcitychess.com](http://www.quadcitychess.com).

**Joliet Junior College Chess Club** meets Thursdays 6:30 pm, Joliet Junior College, Building J, cafeteria, 1215 Houbolt Rd (I-80 exit 127), Joliet. Maps [www.jjc.edu/maps/maincampus.html](http://www.jjc.edu/maps/maincampus.html). Tim Owens, c/o JJC-IET, 214 N Ottawa St, Joliet 60432. 815-280-1513, [towens@jjc.edu](mailto:towens@jjc.edu). Or Steve Decman, 1418 Devonshire Dr, Joliet 60435. 815-744-5272, [www.jjc.edu/clubs/chess](http://www.jjc.edu/clubs/chess).

**Lakeview Cuyler Chess Club** meets Wednesdays 7-10 pm, Cuyler Covenant Church, Fellowship Hall, 3901 N Marshfield Av (corner of Byron St), Chicago 60613. Drew Morissee, 1614 W Byron St, Chicago 60613. 312-494-1300 x12, [WindyCityKnight@yahoo.com](mailto:WindyCityKnight@yahoo.com), <http://LakeviewCuylerChess.tripod.com>.

**Mahomet-Seymour High School Chess Club**, Dan Pirtle, 302 W State, Mahomet 61853. 217-586-4962, [dpirt@ms.k12.il.us](mailto:dpirt@ms.k12.il.us).

**Mid-America Chess Association** sponsors the popular website at [www.64.com](http://www.64.com), and brings national tournaments to the Chicago area. [midam@64.com](mailto:midam@64.com).

**Midway Chess Enterprises**, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638, [whizline@home.com](mailto:whizline@home.com).

**Murphysboro Chess Club**, Murphysboro 62966. <http://mysite.verizon.net/res0bz47/>.

**New Lenox Chess Club**, c/o Vince Berry & Cindy Misiak, 815-463-9975, leave message. [VWBerry@aol.com](mailto:VWBerry@aol.com).

**Park Forest Chess Club** meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, Freedom Hall (next to the library), Lakewood Blvd just west of Orchard, Park Forest. Larry Cohen, 630-834-2477. [www.tuxdomain.com/pfcc\\_club.html](http://www.tuxdomain.com/pfcc_club.html).

**Rudy Lozano Library Chess Club**, 1805 S Loomis, Chicago 60608. Hector Hernandez, 312-746-4329, [hernande@chipublib.org](mailto:hernande@chipublib.org).

**Smythe Dakota Competitions** encourages and offers financial support for Plus-Score Mini-Tours at sites in Chicago and adjoining suburbs. Bill Smythe, [chichess@rcn.com](mailto:chichess@rcn.com).

**St Charles Chess Club** meets Thursdays 7-11 pm, Baker Community House, 101 S 2nd (Rt 31), St Charles. Jeff Wiewel, 1931 Dunhill Ct, Arlington Heights 60004. 847-818-8913, [jwiewel@ntnusa.com](mailto:jwiewel@ntnusa.com).

**The South Suburban Chess Club** of Greater Chicago meets Fridays 7-11 pm, Oak View Recreation Center, 110th & Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn. Joe Bannon, 773-445-0631.

**Springfield Chess Club** meets Wednesdays 6-10 pm, American Legion Post 32, 5th & Capitol, Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265.

**SquareHopper**, Joshua Flores, Chess Professional. Available for any chess-related activity at reasonable rates. Specialties are tournament directing/organizing, coaching and teaching. Willing to travel. 630-430-CHES(s) anytime.

## ICA Club Affiliates

**State Farm Employee Activities Chess Club 1**  
 State Farm Plaza Corp. HQ C-4 Bloomington, IL,  
 60701 Colley Kitson 309-766-9493.  
 Tuley Park Chess Club holds frequent Saturday  
 tournaments at Tuley Park Field House, 501 E  
 90th Pl, Chicago. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South  
 Shore Dr, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979,  
[www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57).

**Twin City Chess Club** meets Tuesdays 7-10 pm,  
 Lincoln Leisure Center, 1206 S Lee St,  
 Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgerie, PO Box  
 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842,  
[schoolstreeter@msn.com](mailto:schoolstreeter@msn.com).

**West Middle School Chess Club**, 1900 N  
 Rocktoon Av, Rockford 61103. Ralph Sullons,  
 815-966-3220.

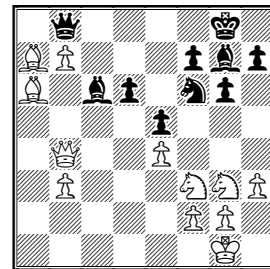
**Wicker Park Chess Club** meets Wednesdays 7  
 pm to 1 am, Myopic Books, 1468 N Milwaukee  
 Av, Chicago. Pat Jones, 773-772-1369,  
[pjones@artic.edu](mailto:pjones@artic.edu).

**Woodfield Country Chess Club**, Carl Troyer,  
 723 N Main, Eureka 62530. 309-467-6055.

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**[B08]**

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1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bd3  
 Bg4 6.Be3 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.h3 Bd7  
 10.Ne2 c6 11.c4 Qc7 12.b3 cxd5 13.cxd5  
 Qd8 14.Re1 0-0 15.Rc1 a6 16.Ng3 Rc8  
 17.a4 Rxc1 18.Qxc1 Qc8 19.Qd2 Qd8  
 20.Qb4 Qb8 21.Bg5 Rd8 22.Rc1 Rc8  
 23.Rxc8+ Nxc8 24.Bxa6 b5 25.axb5 Na7  
 26.b6 Nc8 27.b7 Na7 28.Be3 Nc6 29.dxc6  
 Bxc6 30.Ba7 Diagram



30...Qxa7 31.b8Q+ Qxb8 32.Qxb8+ Ne8  
 33.Bb5 Bf8 34.Bxc6 f5 35.Bd5+ 1-0

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**Blair Machaj -- USCF Master -- Rating 2258**

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To sign up for the Schaumburg Scholastic Chess Camp 2004, fill out the form below and **send with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. The balance of \$200 will be due by May 31st.**

Please make checks payable to: **St. Peter Lutheran School.**

Send money and registration form to:

**(See Page 50 for Registration Form)**

## ICA 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. Most 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, or check the web at [www.illinoischess.org](http://www.illinoischess.org).

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. Calendar coordinator is Howard Fried, 2635 N. New England, Chicago, IL 60707, [hfried1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hfried1@sbcglobal.net). 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:

Event starting date:	Deadline:	To appear in:
Jan 15 - Mar 14	Dec 10	Jan-Feb issue
Mar 15 - May 14	Feb 10	Mar-Apr issue
May 15 - Jul 14	Apr 10	May-Jun issue
Jul 15 - Sep 14	Jun 10	Jul-Aug issue
Sep 15 - Nov 14	Aug 10	Sep-Oct issue
Nov 15 - Jan 14	Oct 10	Nov-Dec issue

### March 20, 2004 Springfield Spring Equinox Quick Open

**March 20, 2004, Tuley Park Quick #4** (Tiny). 6-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3-6 game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$10, u19 \$5, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 210: \$50-35-25, 1500-1799: \$25. 1200-1499: \$25 900-1199: \$20. 100-899: \$15, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57).

**March 26-28 or 27-28, 2004. Elmhurst Amateur Class Maxi-Tour.** Elmhurst College in Frick Center. 190 Prospect, Elmhurst, IL 5-SS, G120. 2-day option, rds 1&2 G45. 4 sections:

A,B,C,D/below. 2 day EF: \$42 ECC mem. & jrs. If postmarked by March 22. \$47 others. 3 day EF: \$43 ECC mem. & jrs. if postmarked by March 22. \$48 others. All \$60 on site. Prizes: \$2000 b/76, A: \$250, \$150, \$100. B: \$250, \$150, \$100. C: \$250, \$150, \$100. D/below: \$250, \$150, \$100. Trophies to top 5 jrs. In classes C & D/below. Metals to all jrs. who do not win trophies! \$10 to play up one class. ½ point bye in any round if requested with reg. Unr. may play in any class but may not win more than \$100. Reg. 5:45-6:30 Fri., 11:45-12:30 Sat. 3-day schedule: rds. Fri. 7, Sat. 1 & 5:30, Sun. 1 & 5:30. 2-day schedule: rds. Sat. 1,3 & 5:30, Sun. 1 & 5:30. An ICA Maxi-Tour event. ICA membership required- \$18, \$10 jrs. Free drinks and snacks! Info and entries: Blair Machaj, 3N050 Springvale, West Chicago, IL. 60185. (630) 204-6245. Email: [elmhurstchess@aol.com](mailto:elmhurstchess@aol.com).

**April 3-4, 2004 William Sandbothe Memorial** {IL tour event} 5-SS, G/130. Sicily Sax Hall, four points by Sheraton Hotel, 3rd Ave & 17th St., Rock Island, IL. EF: \$40 by 4/1, \$50 on site. ICA membership required ICA adult \$18/yr, jrs \$14/yr. \$1690 b/40, top two guaranteed. 1st \$500 + trophy, 2nd \$250 + trophy. Class A \$150-\$100, Class B \$140-\$90, Class C \$130-\$80, Class D \$120-\$70, U1000/unr \$60. Note: Unrateds eligible only for open and U1000/unr prizes. Reg: by 9am Sat. Rds: Sat 9:30-2:15-7, Sun 10-3. Send entry fee to: Matt Nemmers, 100A Patton Circle, Rock Island, IL. 61201. Info: [www.quadcitychess.com/sandbothe.html](http://www.quadcitychess.com/sandbothe.html) or contact Matt Nemmers at {309}786-4838, email [qcchess@mchsi.com](mailto:qcchess@mchsi.com). NS,NC,W.

**April 10, 2004, Tuley Park Quick #5** (Medium). 6-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3-6 game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$14, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 300: \$70-45-30, u1900 \$35, u1700 \$30, u1500 \$25, u1300 \$20, u1100 \$15, u900 \$15, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57).

**April 17, 2004, 4th Annual April Open** . 4-SS, game/70, Joliet Junior College, Bldg. J, 1215 Houbolt Rd. Joliet 60431, Exit 127 (Houbolt) off I-80, Maps to college: [www.jjc.edu/maps/maincampus.html](http://www.jjc.edu/maps/maincampus.html), EF \$16 by April 11, \$20 at



site, \$\$ based on 35 & four per class: \$120-70, A \$50, B \$50, C \$50, D \$50, E/F \$50, UNR. \$50, Top Junior: Chess book, More prizes as entries allow. Reg: 9:30-10 am. Rds: 10:30-1:30-4-7. Stephen Decman 1418 Devonshire Drive Joliet, IL 60435 Info:(815) 744-5272 or (815) 280-1513 or website: [www.jjc.edu/clubs/chess](http://www.jjc.edu/clubs/chess)

**April 17, 2004, James Ruth Birthday Open.** An ICA mini-tour and ex-urban event. 4SS, G/80. Signature Inn, corner of Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr. (immed. W of I-55 Stevenson exit). Springfield, IL. 62703 \$\$ (b/40) \$300: \$100-55; 1999-1600 \$50; 1599-1200 \$40; U1200 \$30; Unr. \$25. ICA membership req'd, OSA, EF: \$17 if rec'd by 4/12, \$20 at site, Reg: 7:30-8:30am. Rds: 9-12-3-6. TD reserves right to accelerate pairings if conditions warrant. Ent: Thomas B. Knoedler, 2104 S. 4th, Springfield, IL. 62703. Info: 217-206-6056, M-F 9-5; 217-523-7265 after 6:30, exc. Wed. NS,NC,W

**April 24, 2004, Peoria Spring Tornado.** 4-SS, G/80, Lakeview Museum, 1125 W. Lake Ave., Peoria, IL 61614. Sections: open to all. EF: \$14 by April 22, \$17 at the site, free to players rated 2200 or over. 75% of EF's distributed as follows: 25% first, 15% second, 10% each to A/B, C/D, under 1200, 5% to biggest upset. Reg: 8:00-8:45 am, Rds: 9,12,2:45, 5:30. Note: A limit of one "1/2 point" bye is available in any rd., but rds. 3 or 4 must be elected by the end of rd. 2. An ICA mini-tour and ex-urban event. USCF & ICA (other states honored) memberships required. No smoking. Bring sets, boards & clocks. Advance entries: Fred Malcome, 810 W. Progress, Metamora, IL. 61548. (309) 367-4833, email: [filmalcome@bwsys.net](mailto:filmalcome@bwsys.net).

**April 24-25, 2004, Tim Just's Spring Championship/Reserve,** 160 player limit. 5-SS, 40/90, SD/30. College of Lake County, Rt. 45 & Washington, main building, Grayslake, IL. 60030, \$\$ (4,000 b/70 paid entries per section). 2 sections: Championship (\$2000), open to players 1800 and above, below 1800 may play up into this section for \$5. \$\$ 500-250-200-180; X, 170-160-150; A & below 140-130-120; Unr. Can win top three only. Reserve (\$2000), open to U1800. \$\$ 500-250-200-180; C=170-160; D 150-140; E & under=130; unr=120 max. Both, EF: \$45 early, to current/renewing USCF members if rec'd by 4/17, \$5 more 8-8:30 am; \$10 more 8:30-8:45 am; \$5 to

play up a section. Re-entry \$35 with 1/2 pt. bye round 1. 1/2 pt. bye available rds. 1-4, unretractable rd. 5 bye at registration. Reg: 8-8:45 am. Rds. 9-1:30-6; 10-2:30. Bring sets, boards and clocks, none provided. Ent; Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee, IL. 60036 (847)244-7954 (before 6 pm). Email: [timjustspringchampionshipreserve@yahoo.com](mailto:timjustspringchampionshipreserve@yahoo.com). Checks payable to Chess For Life LLC,NS,NC,W.

**May 1, 2004, Tuley Park Quick #6** (Bigger). 6-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3-6 game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$18, u19 \$9, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 435: \$125-80-40, u1900 \$40, u1700 \$35, u1500 \$30, u1300 \$25, u1100 \$25, u900 \$20, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57).

**May 29, 2004, Tuley Park Quick #7** (Medium). 6-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3-6 game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$14, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 300: \$70-45-30, u1900 \$35, u1700 \$30, u1500 \$25, u1300 \$20, u1100 \$15, u900 \$15, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57).

#### June 12, 2004 Springfield Summer Open

**June 19, 2004, Tuley Park Quick #8** (Tiny). 6-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3-6 game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$10, u19 \$5, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 210: \$40-30-25, u1800 \$25, u1550 \$25, u1300 \$20, u1050 \$15, u800 \$15, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57).

**July 1-5, 2004, 32nd Annual World Open.** Philadelphia PA.

**July 17, 2004, Tuley Park Quick #9** (Medium). 6-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3-6 game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$14, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G

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300: \$70-45-30, u1900 \$35, u1700 \$30, u1500 \$25, u1300 \$20, u1100 \$15, u900 \$15, unr \$15.  
Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979,  
www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

**August 1, 2004 Summer Open.** 4/SS. Robert Loncarevic 773-510-2162

**August 21, 2004** Springfield August Open

**September 4-6, 2004,** Illinois Open. An ICA Tour MAXI-event. ICA membership required.

**September 18,2004** Springfield IL Chess Club Championship

**October 9, 2004** Springfield Autumn Open  
December 4-5, 2004, Winter Open. Robert Loncarevic, 773-510-2162  
December 11, 2004 Springfield Holiday Open  
April 7-10, 2005, SuperNationals III Nash,TN.

**September 3-5, 2005,** Illinois Open. An ICA Tour MAXI-event. ICA membership required.

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Last Modified 2/10/2004

### Registration for the Schaumburg Scholastic Chess Camp

**Chrissy Tighe, 485 Audubon Street, Hoffman Estates, IL 60194.**

Registration will be accepted up to **May 21** or until the capacity has been reached.  
*For further information or questions call Chrissy Tighe at 847-882-4497*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City,State,Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Chess Experience \_\_\_\_\_  
USCF rating \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail (optional) for registration confirm \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt size (circle one) small medium large x-large

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
<a href="#">1</a> IL	<a href="#">MIOMIR STEVANOVIC</a> 10352371 / R: 2030 ->2048	4.5	W 15	W 6	H	W 14	W 2
<a href="#">2</a> IL	<a href="#">MICHAEL LEALI</a> 12534271 / R: 1948 ->1957	4.0	W 30	W 10	W 7	W 13	L 1
<a href="#">3</a> IL	<a href="#">DAVID LONG</a> 12640682 / R: 1949 ->1948	4.0	W 20	L 7	W 18	W 10	W 13
<a href="#">4</a> IL	<a href="#">BENJAMIN G BRONNER</a> 12649578 / R: 1643 ->1708	4.0	W 31	L 14	W 23	W 9	W 12
<a href="#">5</a> IL	<a href="#">ANGELO YOUNG</a> 12559845 / R: 2411 ->2413	3.5	W 17	W 11	W 9	H	U
<a href="#">6</a> IL	<a href="#">JAMES R BARTHEL</a> 12522703 / R: 1798 ->1804	3.5	W 26	L 1	H	W 19	W 15
<a href="#">7</a> IL	<a href="#">JORDAN M MC DONALD</a> 12830987 / R: 1756 ->1767	3.5	W 27	W 3	L 2	D 15	W 16
<a href="#">8</a> IL	<a href="#">WILLIAM A NAFF</a> 10031231 / R: 2000 ->2000	3.0	D 19	L 13	H	W 24	W 17
<a href="#">9</a> IL	<a href="#">LAWRENCE S COHEN</a> 10341841 / R: 2000 ->2000	3.0	W 22	W 12	L 5	L 4	W 18
<a href="#">10</a> TX	<a href="#">JOSITO CLAMOR DONDON</a> 12899598 / R: 1864 ->1851	3.0	W 32	L 2	W 24	L 3	W 21
<a href="#">11</a> IL	<a href="#">HOWARD COHEN</a> 11022359 / R: 1838 ->1830	3.0	W 28	L 5	W 21	L 12	W 20
<a href="#">12</a> IL	<a href="#">CHRISTOPHER BAUMGARTNER</a> 12560532 / R: 1780 ->1778	3.0	W 29	L 9	W 20	W 11	L 4
<a href="#">13</a> IL	<a href="#">MATTHEW A LEALI</a> 20107837 / R: 1616 ->1661	3.0	W 25	W 8	W 19	L 2	L 3
<a href="#">14</a> IL	<a href="#">HECTOR R HERNANDEZ</a> 10344875 / R: 1927 ->1925	2.5	W 24	W 4	H	L 1	U
<a href="#">15</a> IL	<a href="#">MATTHEW CREMEENS</a> 12485573 / R: 1557 ->1569	2.5	L 1	W 26	W 25	D 7	L 6
<a href="#">16</a> IL	<a href="#">TERRY W PATTON</a> 12531658 / R: 1329 ->1361	2.5	H	L 19	W 26	W 22	L 7
<a href="#">17</a> IL	<a href="#">ANDY S VOSS</a> 12790380 / R: 1603 ->1593	2.0	L 5	D 28	H	W 27	L 8
<a href="#">18</a> IL	<a href="#">RONALD J SUAREZ</a> 12483626 / R: 1549 ->1543	2.0	H	D 21	L 3	W 28	L 9

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<a href="#">19</a>		<a href="#">R WAYNE ZIMMERLE</a>		2.0		D		8 W		16 L		13 L		6 D		22
IL		11315844 / R: 1534		->1536												
<a href="#">20</a>		<a href="#">JASON CHIEN</a>		2.0		L		3 W		27 L		12 W		29 L		11
IL		12823448 / R: 1518		->1516												
<a href="#">21</a>		<a href="#">ROMAN BONZON</a>		2.0		H		D		18 L		11 W		25 L		10
IL		12879406 / R: 1408		->1425												
<a href="#">22</a>		<a href="#">ROBERT DREESSEN</a>		2.0		L		9 W		29 H		L		16 D		19
IL		10356482 / R: 1433		->1419												
<a href="#">23</a>		<a href="#">FREDDIE L MALCOMÉ</a>		2.0		U		W		32 L		4 U		W		31
IL		11339158 / R: 1402		->1400												
<a href="#">24</a>		<a href="#">DANNY L GRIFFIN</a>		2.0		L		14 W		31 L		10 L		8 W		27
IL		12797020 / R: 1375		->1389												
<a href="#">25</a>		<a href="#">LINWOOD MASON</a>		2.0		L		13 W		30 L		15 L		21 W		28
IL		12853269 / R: 1392P6		->1372P11												
<a href="#">26</a>		<a href="#">NICOLAU DOS SANTOS</a>		2.0		L		6 L		15 L		16 W		31 W		29
IL		12908183 / R: 1226P10		->1222P15												
<a href="#">27</a>		<a href="#">DOMINICK LEALI</a>		1.0		L		7 L		20 W		31 L		17 L		24
IL		12775960 / R: 1391		->1352												
<a href="#">28</a>		<a href="#">JAMES R KELLY</a>		1.0		L		11 D		17 H		L		18 L		25
IL		12574393 / R: 1242		->1236												
<a href="#">29</a>		<a href="#">PRASHANT S GUHA</a>		1.0		L		12 L		22 W		32 L		20 L		26
IL		12878025 / R: 1108		->1087												
<a href="#">30</a>		<a href="#">ANTHONY C GASUNAS</a>		0.0		L		2 L		25 U		U		U		
IL		12590508 / R: 1261		->1244												
<a href="#">31</a>		<a href="#">BRIAN J HOUSKA</a>		0.0		L		4 L		24 L		27 L		26 L		23
IL		12930538 / R: Unrated->		828P5												
<a href="#">32</a>		<a href="#">RACHEL E HOUSKA</a>		0.0		L		10 L		23 L		29 U		U		
IL		12930539 / R: Unrated->		688P3												

Hello to Chess Players!

I wanted to use this opportunity to introduce myself and the new virtual faces of the ICA and CoChess. My name is Sevan Muradian and I am the webmaster for the Illinois Chess Association and Illinois CoChess. After many years of service Kevin Bachler has turned the virtual reins over to me, which I happily accept.

As you will see we have given a virtual face-life to both organizations' websites. We have expanded upon what we were previously offering online and have also created a new logos for each organization. If you have a website that had the old logos on it and you want the new logos please email me and I will send them to you.

Some of the new features that we have added to the ICA site includes the drop down menus for easier navigation and a discussion forum so the chess community can communicate online. We have also listed current ICA members along with expiration dates. ICA and Ex-Urban Tour point standings are also available online.

Some features that are upcoming to the ICA site will include: FIDE information for those of you that have an interest in FIDE, Tournament Results, and a JavaScript engine for playback of games from both ICA tournaments, large national tournaments, and select international tournaments such as Linares, Aeroflot, and Corus.

Some features that will be added down the road (long term) to the ICA site includes a members only section that will have many features, the ability to join the ICA online, downloading the ICB in case you did not receive it, being able to search the tour standings instead of scrolling through them, and so forth. I welcome all ideas that you may have so please provide me with your valued and constructive feedback.

The CoChess website also includes drop down menus for easier navigation and a discussion forum so the chess community can communicate online. We will also have Tournament Results and a JavaScript engine for playback of games from ICA tournaments. CoChess/K-8 tournaments, large national tournaments, and select international tournaments such as Linares, Aeroflot, and Corus.

One thing that I ask you is to be patient. Properly developing, editing content, and testing takes time if it is to be done properly. Updates are done generally on every other weekend and available the following Monday morning assuming I have the content by Friday evening at 6pm CST.

Thanks much.

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April 24-25, 2004

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Based on 70 paid entries/section

Players Limited To First 160 Total Registered

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Unrated can win top 4 only	E & Under: \$\$130
	Unrated: \$\$120 Max

**EF:** \$45 by 4/17/04 to current/renewing USCF; \$50 at site by 8:30 AM., \$55 at site after 8:30 AM, **\$5 to play up a section**, Re-entry \$35 with ½ pt. Bye round 1; **BYES:** ½ Pt. Rnds. 1-4, unretractable rnd 5 at Registration; **TIME:** 40/90, G/30; **ROUNDS:** Saturday: 9-1:30-6, Sunday 10-2:30 **REGISTRATION:** 4/24/04, 8-8:45 AM **BRING SETS, BOARDS, CLOCKS—NONE PROVIDED**

**SITE:** COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY, GRAYSLAKE  
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