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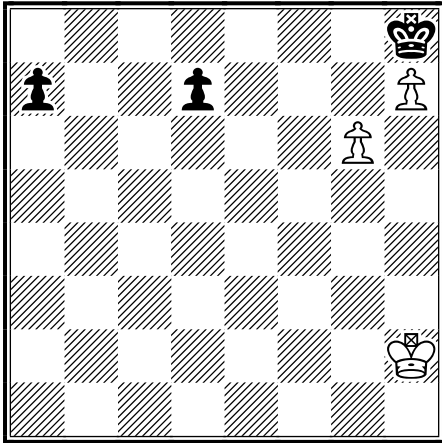
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President's Podium

Here's a beautiful study, one that my friend Scott Silverman would have enjoyed:



Zinar and Archakov, *Kliborob Ukrain*, 1986
White to play and win

I last ran into Scott on April 17; he was a fellow kibitzer at the Spring 2005 FIDE Invitational. Scott died yesterday, April 22, shortly after an upset win in the first round of the Illinois Classic. He loved the game with a passion—an amateur in the highest sense of the word—and this kind, good-natured man was a dear friend to many of us.

Today we push pawns; someday we'll all be pushing daisies. How we treat other people in the time given to us determines our legacy.

Congratulations to Kayin Barclay of Whitney Young High School for his convincing win of the 2005 Illinois High School Individual Championship and Denker Qualifier. While pre-tournament favorites Jason Duncan and Chris Nienart were not in top form, my impression was that there were another half dozen players in this year's field who were strong enough to stay with the top seeds throughout the tournament. Patrick Lacey of Mundelein's Carmel High School proved that a tie for second in the Denker Qualifier is not chopped liver. Despite being paired up five times, Pat scored an undefeated 5.5/7.0 in the top section of Supernationals. Had he won his last round game, Pat may well have won the national title on tiebreaks.

As strong as our teenagers are, we have even more potential in the elementary schools... Look for more on the Supernationals next issue.

Speaking of impressive juniors, I enjoyed Josh's Dubin's notes to his game from the Illinois State Scholastic Championships elsewhere in this issue. Adults would do well to emulate Josh's thinking technique: don't worry so much about variations, just look for good squares for your pieces!

Because of unforeseen personal circumstances, Mike Maloney has resigned as ICA Treasurer. We thank Mike for his service and hope to have the position filled by the time this issue is in your hands. Even so, we still need volunteer help in several areas. If you have the time and the inclination, please don't hesitate to contact Downstate VP Chris Merli or me.

Last issue, I promised a rollout of chess content on the ICA website. This rollout has been delayed—but it is coming. Please bear with us!

As always, ICA members are encouraged to send their feedback (both complaints and compliments) to me at billbrock@billbrock.net. We don't know what we're doing wrong unless you let us know!

News Flash! The Chicago Open (with \$100,000 in guaranteed prizes!) will *not* be held at the Hyatt Regency Oak Brook! It will be held at the *former* Hyatt Regency Oak Brook, now known as the "**Doubletree Hotel Chicago Oak Brook**." The hotel has a new local phone number: **(630) 472-6000**. Bill Goichberg tells us that if you call the Hyatt national number and ask for help, they won't. **See you there May 27-30!!**

Our good neighbors at State Farm's corporate headquarters are providing the facilities for our next board meeting, Sunday, June 5, 2005. Officers will discuss top-secret (yawn) matters from 1:00 until 1:30 p.m., then the general board meeting (open to all ICA members) begins at 1:30 p.m. As always, we'll adjourn no later than 4:00 p.m.

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Please join us—I could use your advice!

Solution:

1.Kg3! a5 2. Kf4! a4 3. Ke5! Réti's famous discovery in a new setting. **3... Kg7** (3... a3 4. Kf6 a2 5. g7+ Kxh7 6. Kf7 a1=Q 7. g8=Q+ Kh6 8. Qg6#) **4. Kd4 d5 5. Kc3!** and gobbles the pawns.

Rest in Peace: Scott Silverman

Silverman, Scott A., of Des Plaines, age 51. Beloved son of the late Robert and Rita Silverman. Best friend of Les and Patty Bale. Active member of Golf Road Baptist Church and bass guitar player on the worship team. Member of Illinois Chess Association and active chess tournament player for many years. Cost accountant for several years with GTE. Scott loved the Lord and helping people. He was a friend to many and will be truly missed. Visitation Wednesday [April 27, 2005] 4-9 pm at the Christian Funeral Home, 3100 West Irving Park Road, Chicago. Funeral service Thursday [April 28, 2005] 7 p.m. friend and Pastor Gary Houdek officiating at Golf Road Baptist Church, 501 West Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Visitation at the Church Thursday 5-7 p.m. prior to funeral service. Interment private [...]

Scott died April 22, 2005; these comments were captured from the ICA website the weekend of April 23-24:

Scott Silverman upset a 1700 player in the first round of the Illinois Classic last night. He was so happy that he called a friend (and fellow ICA member) to meet for coffee and to analyze the game. When Scott didn't show up, his friend got worried. Lincolnwood police found him dead in his car. He was a mensch, and he loved chess.—*Bill Brock*

Scott Silverman was a member of Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club, he was a very decent man and a wonderful supporter of chess.—*Sheila Heiser*

I am and am sure all of us are saddened in our hearts to hear of the death of Scott Silverman over this weekend. Scott was and still is a good chess player who always had a nice word to say about everyone and anything[...] I am sure he touched a lot of people's lives in many ways, taught a lot of kids chess and made the world a better place. Scott will be missed by all of us. Scott was part of our family, the Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club and the Illinois Chess Community. And I know wherever Scott is now, he is in peace and still playing chess.—*Jon Burgess*

Scott Silverman made the chess world a better place. He did it with dignity and passion. He went out a winner because that is what he was. He supported the ICA by becoming a Century Club member. He supported chess by always being at tournaments as either a player or enthusiastic spectator. He got a chance in life to combine his passion with his business when he ran a chess club/chess bookstore many years ago. I will miss his passion, his conversation and most of all I will miss Scott.—*Tim Just*

Scott played a lot of chess. According to the USCF's MSA ratings, Scott played in 183 events since 1991 where his rating ranged between 1450 and 1650. Being in that area of the ratings spectrum, Scott played many up-and-coming junior players over the years. Sometimes he won and sometimes he lost. But whatever the result, Scott had a reputation for being a gentleman at all times. Unlike some of the adult players who would rather the kids just not show up, Scott encouraged kids to play the game of chess, the game he loved. He was involved teaching kids the game, helping out at chess camps and organizing library drop-ins for kids.—*Brad Rosen*

Wow, this is tremendously sad news. I played against Scott in my very first tournament ever, 11 years ago, and ever since he always came up to me at tournaments over the years and asked how I was doing, what's my score, etc. We became "chess friends" simply because we played against one another once, spent those few hours together in battle. I've come home from tournaments on numerous occasions and told my wife about my games, good, bad or otherwise but always with "and I've met some really great people", and Scott exemplified that. I'll miss him.—*Drew G.*

Scott was my friend. I knew him because of chess. He loved chess, but I think he played and observed and helped others with chess because he liked people. He was one of the nicest individuals and had the kindest soul of anyone you could ever hope to meet. When playing in a tournament you like to have lunch and good conversation between games with a friend. Scott and I had lunch many times with wonderful, pleasant conversation about anything and everything, even chess. I wished now those conversations had told me more about him. He knew more about my wife and kids than I knew about him. That was the way it was with our conversations. He had a disarming manner and method of getting you to tell him all about yourself and family and turn the talk away from him. Lunches between games will be lonelier now. For a while he ran a small chess store called "Chess and More". I never asked him what the "more" was. I'm sure he didn't mean it to be, but the more was Scott himself. His life touched a lot of people in our chess world, including kids. While walking around a tournament with him, it seemed like everyone knew him and wanted to say hello. He was always upbeat and positive about chess, the players and organizers. A good game was exciting to him, win or lose, play or watch it didn't matter. He never flaunted it, but I know he helped out organizers and the ICA whenever and with whatever he could. He leaves us with not so much what he did on the board, but what he did around it. We have lost the kind of person our chess fraternity, and indeed our society in general, need more of, not less. The chess community will miss him. I will miss my friend.—*Joe Delay*

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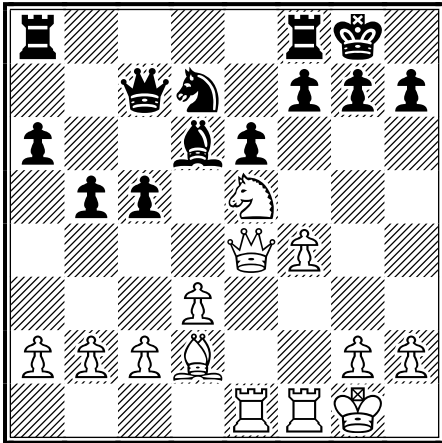
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(1) Kogan,I - O'Donnell,R [B52]

Midwest Class (5), 12.2004

[A.C.]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.e5 dxe5 7.Nxe5 Qc7 8.Qe2 e6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.f4 Be7 11.d3 0-0 12.Bd2 a6 13.Rae1 Bd6 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 b5?



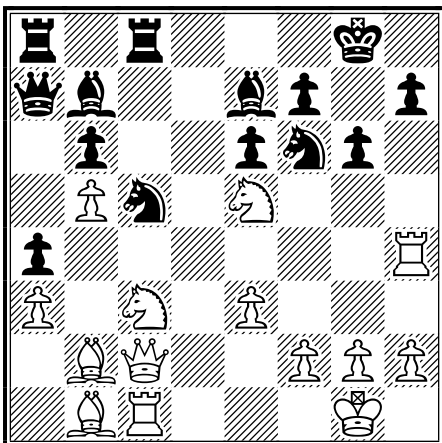
16.Nxf7!? Nf6 [16...Kxf7? 17.Qxe6#; 16...Rxf7 17.Qxa8+-] 17.Nh6+ gxh6 18.Qxe6+ Rf7 19.Bc3 Re8 20.Qf5 Qd7?? 21.Qxd7 White wins. 1-0

(2) Doss,J - Wygle,S [E51]

Midwest Class (5), 2005

[Al Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 d5 5.a3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Qc2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 Be7 10.Bb2 a5 11.b5 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Qc7 13.Ba2 a4 14.Rc1 Nbd7 15.0-0 b6 16.Rfd1 Qa7 17.Rd4 Nc5 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.Bb1 g6 20.Rh4 Rfc8? Another example of the Fried Liver attack.



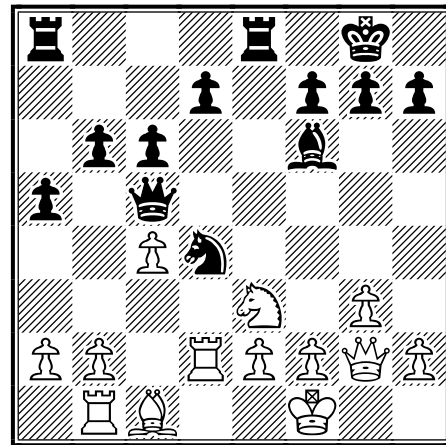
21.Nxf7! Nce4 [21...Kxf7 22.Rxh7+! Nxh7 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.Nd5! Bxd5 25.Bg7+ Kg8 26.Bh6+ Kh8 27.Qg7#] 22.Nh6+ Kf8 23.Qe2 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Rxc3 25.Bxc3 Rc8 26.Rc4 Rxc4 27.Qxc4 Bd5 28.Qf4 Black resigned. 1-0

(3) Wygle,S - Win,M [E18]

Midwest Class (1), 08.10.2004

[A.C.]


1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.d4 0-0 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Nh4 Bxg2 10.Nxg2 Bf6 11.d5 exd5 12.Qxd5 Nc6 13.Rd1 Re8 14.Ne3 Nd4 15.Rd2 a5 16.Kf1 c6 17.Qg2 Qe7 18.Rb1 Qc5



19.b3 Rxe3! 20. fxe3 Qf5+ so white resigned. 0-1

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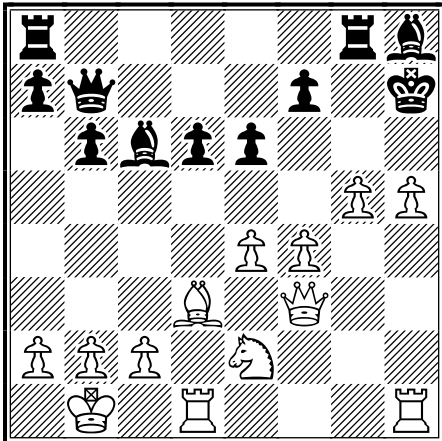
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(4) Nogulich,N - Lang,R [B70]

Midwest Class (1), 08.10.2005

[Albert C.]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6
6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.h4
Ng4 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 h5 14.f3 Ne5
15.Bb3 Re8 16.Bxe5!? Bxe5 17.Qh6! Bg7 18.Qxg6!
e6 19.Qxh5 Qe7 20.Qg4 Kh7 21.h5 Bh6+ 22.Kb1
Rg8 23.Qh3 Bf4 24.Ne2 Be5 25.f4 Bf6 26.Qf3 b6
27.Bc4 Qb7 28.Bd3 Kh6 29.g4 Kh7 30.g5 Bh8 White
now fails to take best advantage of a good attack.



31.h6 Rg6 32.f5 Rxg5 33.fxe6 fxe6 34.Rdg1 Rxg1+
35.Rxg1 Be5 36.Qg4 Qf7 37.Nf4? Bxf4 38.e5+ Kh8
39.h7 Bxe5 40.Rf1 Qe7 41.Rg1 Bg7 42.Qg6 Qf6
43.Qxf6 Bxf6 44.Rf1 Rf8 45.c3 Bg7 46.Rg1 Bd7
47.Kc2 e5 48.Rh1 Bf5 49.Bxf5 Rxf5 50.Rh2 Rf6
51.Kb3 Rh6 52.Rxh6 Bxh6 53.Kc4 e4 Black is ahead
material in the end. 0-1

(5) Cole,J - Loncarevic,R [C88]

Midwest Class (1), 08.10.2005

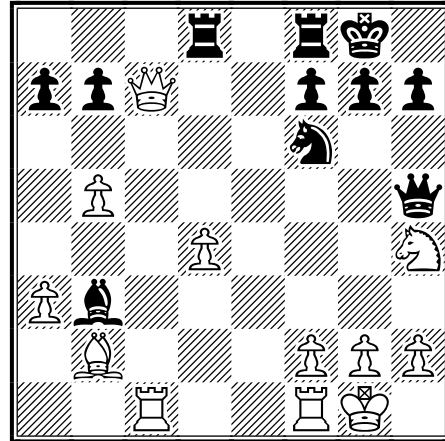
[A. Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7
6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 h6 10.Nc3 Re8
11.a3 Bf8 12.Bd2 Nd4 13.Ba2 Nh7?! 14.Nxd4 exd4
15.Nd5 Bxd5?! 16.Bxd5 c6 17.Bb3 d5 18.exd5
Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 c5 20.Qe4 Nf6 21.Qf3 Ra7 22.a4 Rd7
23.axb5 axb5 24.d6 Rxd6 25.Qb7 Qd7 26.Qxd7
Rxd7 27.Ra8! Rb7 28.Bf4! c4 29.dxc4 bxc4 30.Bxc4
Rxb2 31.Bd6 Nh7 32.Bd3! g6 33.g4 Kg7 34.Be5+
Kg8 35.h4 Rb4 36.h5! Rb5? 37.Bxb5 Black resigns.
1-0

(6) Gregory,J - Grewood [C21]

Midwest Class (1), 08.10.2005

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.cxd4 Nf6
The Declined Danish gambit. 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Nf3 0-0
8.Be2 Qa5 9.Bd2 Bf5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Qd5 12.0-0
Nc6 13.b4 Rad8 14.b5 Ne4 15.Bb2 Na5 16.Rc1
Qd6 17.Nh4 Be6 18.Qc2 Qd5 19.Bd3 Nf6 20.Qxc7
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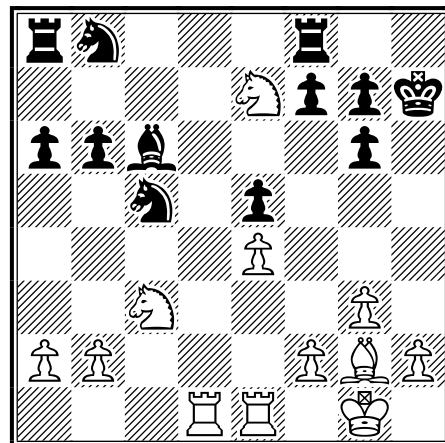


23.Rc3? Nd5! 24.Qc5 b6 25.Qc6 Nxc3 26.Qxc3 Bd5
27.Qg3 Rfe8 28.Bc3 Re4 29.f4 Rde8 30.Bb4 Re2
31.Bd6 Qxh4! White resigns. 0-1

(7) Young,A - Gandhi,R [A45]

Illinois Class (1), 18.12.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Bb4+
6.Bd2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Re1
c5 11.e4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nf6 13.Bf4 Nfd7 14.Ndb5 e5
15.Be3 a6 16.Nd6 Bc6 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Qg4 Qf6
19.Rad1 Qg6 20.Qxg6 hxg6 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Ne7+
Kh7



23.Rd6! Bb5 24.Rxb6 Nbd7 25.Rd6 Nf6 26.Ned5 Ne8 27.Rb6 Nd7 28.Rb7 Bc6 29.Rb3 Nc5 30.Rb6 Bxd5 31.Nxd5 Ne6 32.Bf1 Nd4 33.Kg2 a5 34.Rc1 f5 35.exf5 gxf5 36.Re1 e4 37.Rd1 Nf3 38.Be2 Ne5 39.R6 Nd7 40.Ne3 Nc5 41.Re5 Na4 42.Nxf5 Nxb2 43.Rd7 a4 44.g4 Kh8 45.Rb7 Nd3 46.Bxd3 exd3 47.Rd5 Nf6 48.Rxd3 Nxc4 49.Rh3+ Nh6 50.Nxh6 gxh6 51.Rxh6+ Kg8 52.Rhh7 Rf4 53.Kg3 Rc4 54.Rbg7+ Kf8 55.h4 Rc2 56.h5 Rxa2 57.h6 forces mate so black resigned. 1-0

(8) Brock,W - Young,A [A10]

Illinois Class, 18.12.2004

[Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.e4 Bb4 5.Bd3 Na6 6.Qe2 Be7 7.0-0 d6 8.a3 Nf6 9.Bc2 Nd7 10.b4 c5 11.b5 Nc7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.a4 a5 14.d3 Bf6 15.Bb3 Re8 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rae1 Rad8 18.Bc1 Qf8 19.Bd1 g6 20.Ne2 Qg7 21.Qh6 d5 22.Ng3 Bc3 23.Re2 Qxh6 24.Bxh6 dxc4 25.dxc4 e5 26.Rc2 Bb4 27.Be2 Ne6 28.Rd1 Nd4 29.Nxd4 cxd4 30.Ra2 Nc5 31.Bd3 Rc8 32.Bc2 f6 33.h4 Red8 34.Rd3 Nxe4 Black is ahead in both material and position so white resigned. 0-1

(9) Young,A - Tsyganov [A00]

Illinois Class (5), 19.12.2004

1.Nc3 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d5 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e4 dxe4 7.Ndb5 e5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.0-0-0+ Bd7 10.Bg5 a6 11.Nd6 Bxd6 12.Rxd6 Kc7 13.Rd2 Be6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nxe4 f5 16.Nf6 Rad8 17.Rxd8 Kxd8 18.Nh5 Ke7 19.Ng7 Rg8 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.g3 e4 22.Be2 Ne5 23.Rd1 Ng4 24.Bxg4 Rxc4 25.Rd4 Kf6 26.Rd7 h5 27.Rxb7 h4 28.Rh7 hxg3 29.hxg3 e3 30.fxe3 Rxc3 31.Kd2 Ke5 32.Rh2 Kd5 33.Rf2 Rg5 34.Kd3 e5 35.Rxf5! Black resigned since if 35...Rxf5 36. e4+ Ke6 37. exf5+ Kxf5 38. c4 wins the pawn race. 1-0

(10) Smetankin,S - Tsyganov [B32]

Illinois Class (4), 19.12.2004

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Be7 7.b3 Nf6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Bg4 10.f3 Be6 11.N1c3 a6 12.Na3 Nh5 13.g3 g6 14.Nc2 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 Ng7 17.Be2 Rf7 18.Nd5 Bf8 19.Be3 Rc8 20.Qd2 Ne7 21.Nb6 Rc6 22.c5 Qc7 23.Nc4 Bxc4 24.bxc4 [24.Bxc4 d5 25.Bxd5 Nxd5 26.Qxd5 Bxc5] 24...dxc5 25.fxe5 Qxe5 26.Bf4 Qf6 27.Bf3 Rb6 28.Rfe1 Ne6 29.Be5 Qh6 30.Qa5 Ng5 31.Bg2 Rg6 32.Bf4 Nh3+ 33.Bxh3 Qxf4 Black offered a draw from a position of strength and white accepted. ½-½

(11) Tsyganov,I - Lung,R [E91]

Illinois Class (1), 18.12.2004

[Al Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Na6 8.d5 Nc7 9.h3 a6 10.a4 Rb8 11.a5 b5 12.axb6 Rxb6 13.Ne1 Bd7 14.Nd3 Qb8 15.Re1 Rb3 16.e5 Nfe8 17.Bg4 Bxc4 18.hxg4 Rb6 19.Na4 Rb7 20.Naxc5 dxc5 21.Nxc5 Rb4 22.b3 Qd8 23.Bd2 Rb8 24.Ba5 Qc8 25.b4 h5 26.gxh5 Qf5 27.Rc1 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Qxe5 29.Nd7 Qf4 30.Nxb8 Nf6 31.Bxc7 Qxc7 32.Nxa6 Qf4 33.b5 Ng4 34.Rc2 Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qh1+ 36.Ke2 Qxg2 37.Qd4 e5 38.Qc5 e4 39.Kd2 Qf1 40.Kc3 Qd3+ 41.Kb2 e3 42.fxe3 Nxe3 43.Nb4 the remaining moves were not recorded due to time pressure; the game ended in an exciting draw in sudden death. ½-½

(12) Gandhi,R - Reddivavi,D [C02]

Illinois Class (2), 18.12.2004

[A.C.]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 [6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 is a better move order.] 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 f5 9.b4 Be7 10.a4 Qc7 11.Qe2 Nh6 12.a5 Nf7 13.Re1 g5 14.Bxf5! h5 15.b5 Nxa5 16.Nd4 Nc4 17.Bxe6 Bxe6 18.Nxe6 Qd7 19.Ng7+ Kf8 20.e6 Qc7 21.exf7 down a piece, black resigned. 1-0

(13) Robledo,M (2031) - Gandhi,R (2018) [C42]

Illinois Class (4), 19.12.2004

[F.M. Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nbd2 d6 6.g3 Bg4 7.Bg2 h6 8.h3 hxg5 9.hxg4 Rxh1+ 10.Bxh1 Nxc4 11.Qe2 Qa5 12.c3 Qa4 13.Nxc4 Nxf2 14.Qxf2 Bxc4 15.Qf5 Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nd7 17.Qg5 Qb5 18.b3 Nc5 19.Qe3 0-0-0 20.b4 a5! 21.Rb1 Qa4!! 22.bxc5 Qxa2+ 23.Kc1 Rh8! 24.Qf3 Rh2 25.Qf5+ Kb8 white is unable to avoid being checkmated. 0-1

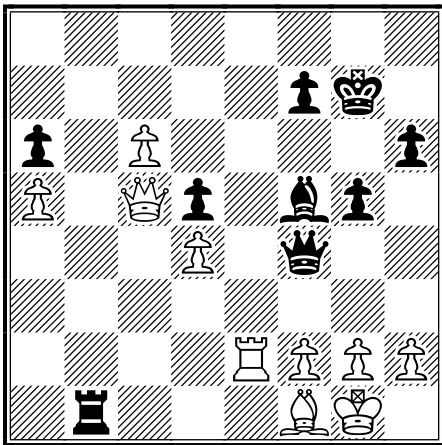
(14) Henderson,S - Gurevich,D [E29]

Tim Just Spring open (2), 24.04.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nf3 [8.Ne2 is normal in this Saemisch system.] 8...d6 9.0-0 e5 Black has a good Hubner variation. 10.Ng5 Qe7 11.Qc2 h6 12.Ne4 cxd4 13.cxd4 exd4 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Bb2! Be6 16.exd4 d5 [16...Nxd4 17.Qc3 and white regains his gambit.] 17.c5! Rfe8 18.Qd2 Bf5 19.Bb5 Re6 20.Rfe1 Ne7 21.Rxe6 Bxe6 22.a4 Ng6 23.a5 Nf4 24.Bf1 a6 25.Bc1 g5 26.Rb1! Qe7 Pressure down the b file is good for white. 27.Qb4 Qf6 28.Bxf4?! Qxf4 29.Qxb7 Re8 30.Qc6 Rf8 31.Qb6 [31.Qxa6 was good.] 31...Bf5

32.Re1 Kg7 33.c6 Rb8! 34.Qc5 Rb2! suddenly the grandmaster has dangerous counterplay. 35.Re2 Rb1



36.Re8?? [36.Re3 had to be played, stopping Bd3.]
36...Bd3! 37.Qf8+ Kg6 38.Qg8+ Kh5 White has no defence to checkmate. 0-1

(15) Maharaj,S - Blackman,W [B17]

Amateur Team Midwest championship. (1), 19.02.2005
[ChowMasterAI@Yahoo.com]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Qe2 Ndf6
6.c3 Bg4 7.f3 Bh5 8.Bf4 Nxe4 9.Qxe4 Nf6 10.Qc2
Nd5 11.Bd2 e6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Bd3 Bg6 14.Ne2 a6
15.Rhe1 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 0-0 17.h4 b5 18.h5 c5
19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.h6 g6 21.Nd4 Rc8 22.Kb1 Qb6
23.Nb3 Bf2 24.Rf1 Rfd8 25.Qe2 Be3 26.Kb1 Bxd2
27.Rxd2 Qc7 28.Qe4 Qh2 29.Rc2 Qf4 30.Nd4 Qxe4
31.Rxe4 Kf8 32.Kc1 Nf6 33.Nxe6+!? fxe6 34.Rxe6
Ng8 35.Rxa6 Nxe6 36.Rd2 Rxd2 37.Kxd2 Rd8+
38.Ke2 Re8+ 39.Kd3 Rd8+ 40.Kc2 Nf5 41.g4 Ne3+
42.Kb3 Nc4 43.a4 Nd2+ 44.Kb4 bxa4 45.Kxa4 Rd3
46.f4 Nc4 47.Kb3 Ne3 48.g5 Rd7 49.c4 Rf7 50.Ra8+
Kg7 51.Re8 Nxc4!? 52.Kxc4 Rxf4+ a draw was
agreed. 1/2-1/2

(16) Rasmussen,R - Young,A [A13]

Amateur Team Midwest championship. (5), 20.02.2005
[A.C.]

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 b6 3.d4 Bb7 4.Nbd2 f5 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bb2
Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 a5 9.0-0 a4 10.Qc2 Nc6 11.Bc3
Nb4 12.Bxb4 Bxb4 13.e4 Bxd2 14.Nxd2 fxe4
15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Qe7 18.Rfd1
Ra5 19.Qe1 Qf6 20.b4 Rf5 21.Rd2 c6 22.Rc1 h5
23.Rcc2 Rg5 24.Qe3 Qf4 25.Rc3 Qxe3 26.Rxe3 Kf7
27.Rde2 Ke7 28.g3 Rg4 29.Rd2 Rf5 30.h3 Rgg5
31.Rde2 Rg6 32.Kg2 Kd6 33.Re5 Rgf6 34.h4 Rf8

35.f4 Kc7 36.a3 g6 37.Kf3 Kd6 38.R2e3 Rc8 39.Rd3
Ke7 40.Rde3 Kf7 41.c5 Rb8 42.Ke2 Ke7 43.Kd3 Kd8
44.Kc4 Kc7 45.Kc3 Rbf8 46.Kd3 Ra8 47.Kc3 Rb8
48.Kd3 Rbf8 49.Kc3 b5 50.Kd3 Kd8 51.Kc3 Total
blockade draw. 1/2-1/2

(17) Szpisjak,S - Young,A [A40]

Amateur Team Midwest championship. (1), 19.02.2005
[AI Chow]

1.c4 e6 2.d4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.e4 Bb4 5.Qc2 Qh4
6.Bd3 f5 7.g3 Qh5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nf6 10.f3 fxe4
11.fxe4 d6 12.Ne2 e5 13.c5 Nbd7 14.cxd6 cxd6
15.0-0 0-0 16.Bd2 Qg4 17.d5 Nc5 18.c4 Nxd3
19.Qxd3 Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Nxe4 21.Bb4 a5 22.Rxf8+
Rxf8 23.Be1 Ba6 White also loses his c pawn after 24.
Rc1 Rc8 so he resigned the lost endgame. 0-1

(18) Upart,B - Kassin,D [B79]

Amateur Team Midwest championship. (5), 20.02.2005
[AI Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6
6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0
Ne5 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.h4 Rfc8 The old main line of the
Yugoslav attack vs. the Dragon Sicilian. 13.Kb1 Nc4
14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3 Qa6 16.g4 Rac8 17.Rc1 Rxc3
18.bxc3 Bxc3! 19.Qd3 Qa3 [19...Bxf3] 20.Rcf1 Be6
21.Qb5 Rxc3 22.Bc1 Qa6 23.Qxa6 bxa6 24.Bb2 a
draw was agreed in this unclear ending. 1/2-1/2

(19) Upart,B - Fishman,J [B78]

Amateur Team Midwest championship. (4), 20.02.2005
[AI Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6
6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0
Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 h5 13.Bh6 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4
15.Bxc7 Kxc7 16.Kb1 Qb6 17.Nce2 Rfc8 18.Rc1 a5
19.Rhd1 a4 20.a3 Qc5 21.c3 b5 22.Nc2 Qb6 23.Ned4
R4c7 24.Qe3 Qc5 25.Ne2 Qxe3 26.Nxe3 Rc5 27.Nf4
R5c6 28.Nfd5 Nxd5 29.Nxd5 Kf8 30.Rd4 Be6
31.Rcd1 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 Rc5 a draw was agreed in an
equal rook ending. 1/2-1/2

(20) Heiser,E - Gratz,G [A36]

Amateur Team Midwest championship. (1), 19.02.2005
[AI Chow]

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.Nge2
Bg4 7.0-0 Qd7 8.d3 h5 9.f3 Bh3 10.Nd5 0-0-0 11.a3
Bxc2 12.Kxc2 h4 13.g4 g6 14.b4 h3+ 15.Kh1 f5
16.b5 Nd4 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Bd2 Rf8 19.g5? f4
20.Ba5 Bd8 21.Qa4 Kb8 22.Bb4 Bxc5 23.c5 Rc8
24.Nb6! Qd8 25.Nxc8 Qxc8 26.b6 a6 27.cxd6 Nf6
28.Rac1 Qd7 29.Qa5 Qe6 30.Qc5 Nd7 31.Qc7+ Ka8
32.Rf2 Rb8 33.Rg1 Bd8 34.Rxc6 Qxc6 35.Qxd7
Bxb6 36.Qxh3 a5 37.Rg2 Qf6 38.Bd2 Qxd6 39.a4
Qa3 40.Qe6 Qa1+ 41.Rg1 Qb2 42.Bc1 Qb4 43.Qxe5

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Qxa4 44.Bxf4 Rc8 black won when white ran out of clock time. 0-1

(21) Kujoth,R - Renze,J [D40]

Springfield open (2), 19.02.2005

[Al Chow]

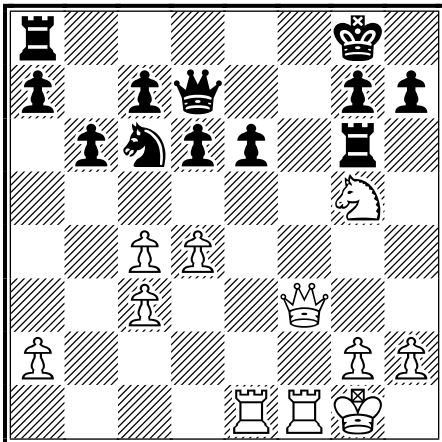
1.d4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Be7 7.dxc5! Bxc5 8.b4 Be7 A Queen's gambit accepted with colors reversed, and thus a tempo for white. 9.c5 0-0 10.Be2 a6 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Bb2 Bd7 13.Na4 Na7? [13...Rad8 was better.] 14.Nb6 Rab8 15.Be5 Qc6?? [15...Qd8 was forced.] 16.Nd4 His queen was trapped, so black resigned. 1-0

(22) Renze,J (1605) - Heller,J (1225) [A40]

Springfield open (4), 19.02.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 e6 2.e4 b6 3.c4 Bb7 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd3 f5 6.f3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 fxe4 8.fxe4 Bxe4 9.Nf3! Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg5 d6 13.Rae1 Qd7 14.Bxf6 Rxf6 15.Ng5 Rg6 16.Qf3! Nc6



17.d5 Ne5?? [17...Rvg5 18.dxc6 Qe7 was better.] 18.Rxe5! dxe5 19.dxe6 Qe8 20.Qf7+ Kh8 21.e7 Qxf7 22.Nxf7+ Kg8 23.Nd8 black had to resign. 1-0

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Colene Hoose Chess Club

By Charlie Bates



The Chess Club

The Hoose Chess Club has been around for more than seven years (that is as far back as we have records). We are fortunate to live in a community where chess is promoted in the community as well as the schools and is kept alive by a host of volunteers. We have nine local Scholastic tournaments in the Bloomington-Normal area each year, occupying nearly every Saturday from January through March. These events are primarily hosted by the school clubs and managed by volunteers. The Hoose Club is no exception with four primary parents planning and managing the club and a dozen others helping to make it run smoothly on a week to week basis. The tournament season culminates with the State Tournament followed by the National Scholastic Chess Championships, both well attended by the Bloomington-Normal area.



Membership in the Hoose Chess Club has doubled over the past two years leaving us scrounging for classroom space and volunteers. We meet on Wednesdays after school offering open play and lessons. Colley Kitson teaches two half-hour classes each week with approximately 20 kids in each session. Our very beginners get lessons in another room. We average about 75 members attending each week at Chess Club and this year 57 played in at least one tournament.

Some of our kids also play chess in USCF rated games on Tuesday nights at the B/N Chess Association for experience against a range of competition. They can arrive early and get a lesson from Dennis Bourgerie for little cost. Many of our tournament players get private lessons from a variety teachers in town. Some get individual lessons, while others work in small groups of equal skill levels. Our chess community also offers a variety of chess camps ranging from one-day events to tune up for a big tournament to week long camps in the summer to help our youth stay sharp in the off season and also learn new skills. These are inexpensive camps and the instruction level is excellent. The Hoose Club supports these events and encourage our kids to attend.



Each year is different for our tournament teams, as our kids move through the grades and various divisions in chess play. The Hoose Club had its largest number of players grouped in the Upper Primary Division this year and we had some strong players in the mix. Three players from the UP team played up in our short-staffed Elementary Division through most of the year to experience play against higher rated players in preparation for the State and National meets. In the MLK tournament, five of our kids, ranging from 2nd to 5th grade, formed a team to play in the Junior High division – and tied for fifth.

Colene Hoose Chess Club



At Supernationals, our K3 Championship team took 19th place with just three players.

Here are some numbers from this year's 9 local Scholastic tournaments and State:

The 2005 Hoose Team won:

A total of 142 trophies and medals.

26 team trophies

7 first place team trophies

had 43 members play in two or more tournaments

had 18 members play in tournaments for the first time



Our K3U800 team took 4th.

In the Illinois CoChess Grand Prix, the Hoose Chess Club won 1st place in the Primary Division.

Our final chess club meeting for the year was March 16. We had a banquet during which we recognized all of our tournament players for their accomplishments and the volunteers for all of their help. We closed the books on another year, but have already started planning for the '05 – '06 season.



This year's Upper Primary team also won first place at state – Hoose's first state champion team.

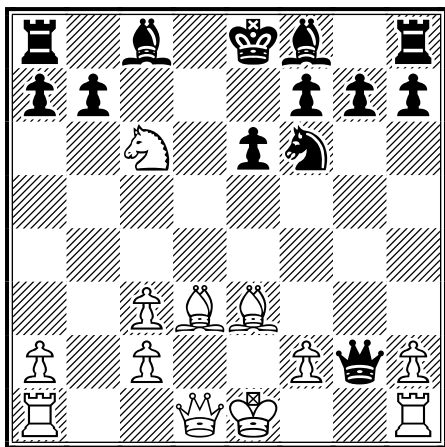


Clearance.

By Ilya Korzhenevich

In this issue, we'll take a look at two closely related tactical themes: line clearance and square clearance.

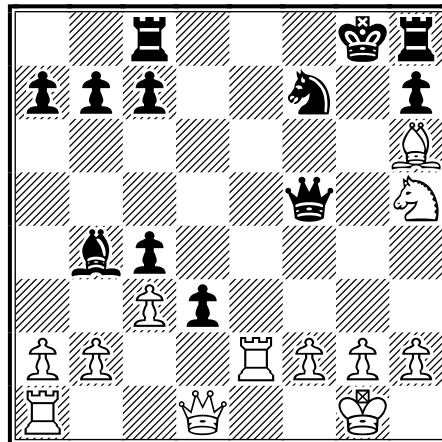
The idea of line clearance is to open a line by getting rid of one's own piece. The following elementary example should make this definition clear:



White to move.

In this position, White would be able to checkmate Black in one move, if it were not for his own Bishop on d3 which is blocking the way. What is the solution? Get rid of one's own Bishop! By now, you have probably noticed the move **1.Be4!**, giving Black the unpleasant choice between getting checkmated and losing the Queen.

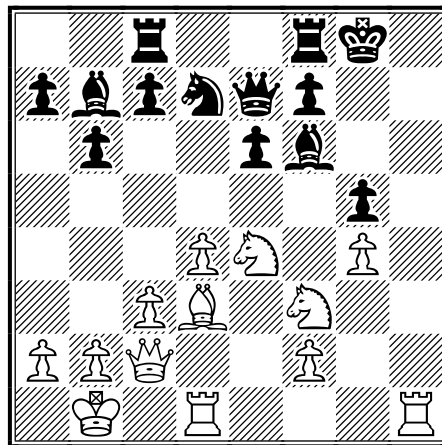
Line clearance is often used in conjunction with other tactical themes. In the next example, line clearance is followed by deflection:



White to move.

If you have read my article on deflection, it should immediately jump to your attention that White would be able to play **1.Nf6#** if it were not for the Black Queen. However, there is no immediate way to make the Queen abandon the defense of f6. If only White's Queen could jump over the Rook on e2 – then White would deliver a mortal blow with **Qg4+!** Thus, we need to get rid of the Rook first or, in our language, to clear the diagonal d1-h5. Indeed, **1.Re8+! Rxe8 2. Qg4+!** gives White a decisive material advantage and a continuing attack after Black's best move **2...Ng5**.

Sometimes, it is necessary to get rid of several of one's own pieces blocking an important file or a diagonal:

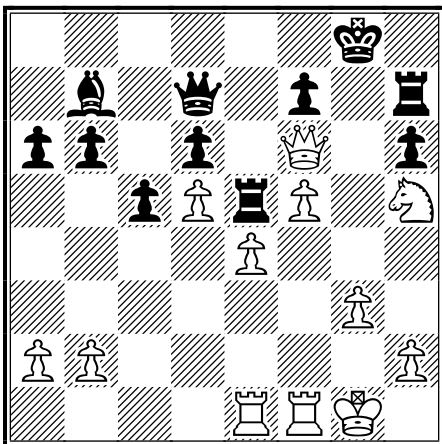


White to move.

Tactics

You have probably noticed the White Queen in an ambush on c2 – it would be mate in one if it were not for the Bishop and the Knight blocking the b1-h7 diagonal. Which one of them should White get rid of first? Since the Knight has the better chances of participating in the attack, it should be the last piece to be removed. Thus, we need to move the Bishop away first – **1.Ba6!** Black has nothing better than **1...Bxa6**. Now, where should White move the Knight? Since the obvious **2.Nxf6+** does not work, let's try **2.Nexg5**. The only way to stop the mate now is to move the f8 Rook, for example, **2...Rfd8**. Do you see White's final blow now? It is the decoy **3.Rh8+!!**, with mate in at most two moves to follow.

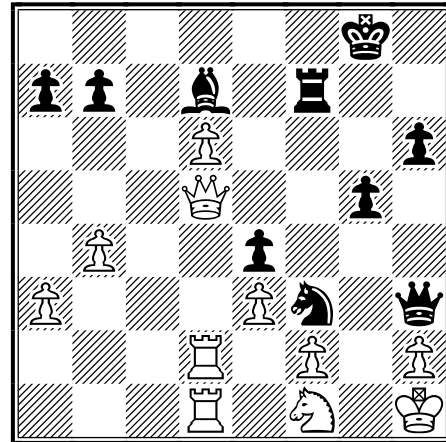
The idea of square clearance is similar to that of line clearance – the only difference being that one's own piece is removed in order to free a square rather than to clear a line. Here is an example of a square clearance combination:



White to move.

The awkward position of Black's pieces, the Queen and the King in particular, invites a Knight fork on f6. The only obstacle is that this square is occupied by White's Queen. What would be a tempo move that would free f6? It turns out that **1.Qxe5+!** does the job, as White is a Rook up after **1...dxe5 2.Nf6+**.

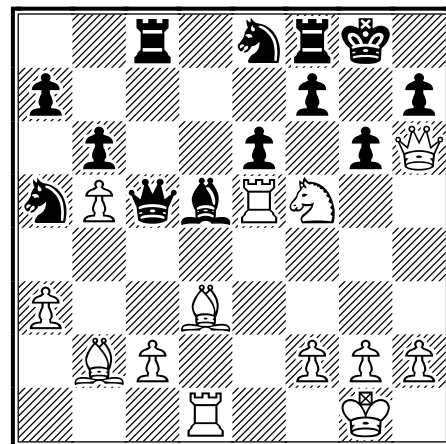
Square clearance is also frequently used in checkmating combinations:



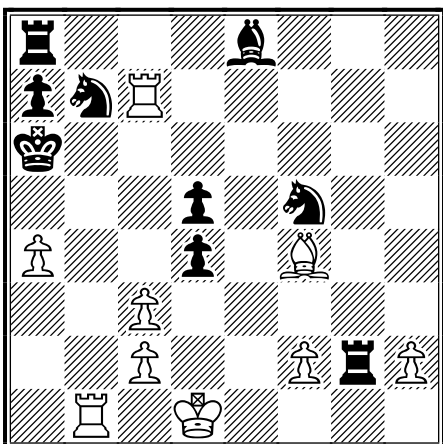
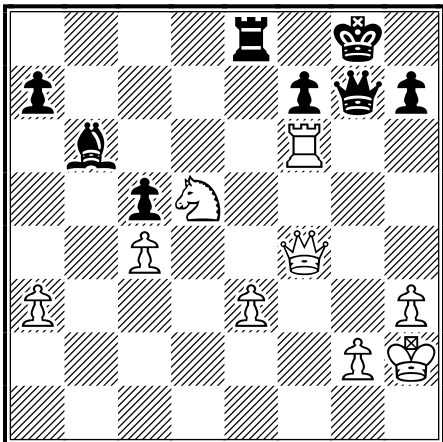
Salve-Speier, 1910. Black to move.

In this position, White's King is in danger, with the square g2 being especially weak. However, the straightforward **1...Nh4** is not decisive due to **2.f4**. The right way is to clear the f3 square for Black Queen without letting White move the f-pawn. It turns out that the best way to achieve this is **1...Ne1!** Even though the Knight is lost, the Bishop can now help the Queen: **2.Rxe1 Qf3+ 3.Kg1 Bh3**, and mate is inevitable.

Now it's your turn to advantageously free some squares and unblock lines. In the positions below, White is to move and either to checkmate or to gain a decisive material advantage.



If you have any questions or comments about this article, or if you would like to see a specific tactical theme covered in future issues, please feel free to email me at ilya@ChessScholars.com.



Solutions to the problems in the last issue:

Problem 1: 1.Rxb2! Qxb2 2. Qxc8+!! Nxc8 3.d7

Problem 2: 1.Qxh6+!! gxh6 2.g7+ Kh7
3.gxf8N+! (3.gxf8Q?? Qh3#) Kh8 4.Rg8#

Problem 3: 1.Rc8!! Rxc8 2.Re8+!! Nxe8 3.d7
Nd6 4.dxc8Q Nxc8 5.axb7, and White queens.

Problem 4: 1.Qxe7! Rxe7 2.Rxd8+ Re8 3.e7+
Kh8 4.Be6 Qxb5 5.Bf7 Qb1+ 6.Ke2 Qb5+ 7.Kf3
Qf5+ 8.Kg2 and White King escapes from checks.

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Road Warrior

by Pete Karagianis

Hello again, faithful adventurers. My monthly wanderings have taken me deep into the lower pits of the Purple Hotel in Lincolnwood, Illinois, where I am entrenched in primal warfare, or, as the signs on the wall erroneously state, playing in the Chicago Spring Futurity (a GM/IM norm event!). Before leaving for this prestigious event, from my exiled abode in northern Iowa, I was often asked, "What is it like to play in a tournament like that?" Naturally, this being only the second event of this nature I have been privileged enough to play in, I was not completely certain how to answer. Therefore, at this point, in an attempt to answer that strange yet somehow important question, I would like to do things a little differently- to "change gears", as the announcers on ESPN's *World Series of Poker* so lovingly and frequently quip. "How?" you might ask... well, I will write this article *live and at the scene of the crime!*

I am tired. In the four days before today, Wednesday, I played eight games of chess versus opponents with an average rating somewhere in the neighborhood of 2490. I have been on one side or the other of the last game playing in three of the eight rounds. Also, all of my games so far have been decisive, and usually not in my favor. I am playing against people whose games I found in databases labeled with dates from before I even knew what "Caro-Kann" meant.

So, I sit in a green chair in the Executive Room, flicking paint off of the cracked walls and contemplating how I could have possibly missed a simple drawing idea (62. ...Rf5!) in my game with GM Nikola Mitkov in the ninth round, which has

just concluded. I am eating a stale donut from this morning's batch, which organizer Sevan Muradian brought in some six hours ago (in other words, around the start of my game), and the answer should seem obvious. I missed it because I am exhausted. For four straight days I have played between nine and ten hours each day- add the six from today and that totals almost two full days of nothing but serious tournament chess. My opponent, on the other hand, has played perhaps one third of that- much like the rest of the upper half of the invite list- contenting himself with several quick draws.

I slump in my chair and try to remind myself that I am still playing well- I had a decent position, didn't get rolled, was equal in the ending, and besides, I've beaten one 2500 already this tournament, there is no need to get greedy.

In the hallway outside I hear fellow organizer Glenn Panner on his cell phone reporting on the day's affairs. Sevan is updating the ICA website. The room is quiet, and the international flags are arranged neatly on the edge of the table. There is only myself, and the silence.

This is what playing in a tournament like this is like. It is tough, it grinds you down.

Between rounds, I grab food with IM Benjamin Finegold, of Detroit. We have eaten Chinese, Greek, Ethiopian, Mexican, and Wendy's. He has been on a hot streak of late. Already, he has a nine-round norm (his second GM norm), and with a +1 score in the next two rounds, he will have an eleven-round norm as well. He is a half point behind the leader, Varuzhan Akobian. At the Happy Chef, we swap stories about concerts we've been to, and discuss *Adult Swim*—in other words, nothing chess-related.

Shiva, a spectator, catches me in the hallway when we get back.

"You look tired, man."

"I am."

"You should lift some weights or something. Just do exercise."

"Sure, OK."

Instead, I give in. I play some blitz with Glenn. I have been trying to stay focused all tournament long, but I need to unwind, and blitz is like medicine. I can play my king to g6 in the opening and win by flag... none of these grueling eighty-move grinds. Maybe I will sac a bishop for a couple pawns, maybe I will nod off in a French defense with three minutes on my clock.

This is what playing in a tournament like this is like. I have had three cups of coffee in the last hour.

But, don't get me wrong, there are many positives. Let's count them.

- 1) This is a category 9 event. Average rating 2436. Sure, there are some people still alive in this state who remember the last time one of these was held. These people also remember when Reagan was in office.
- 2) The event received sponsors. It's great to see the community getting involved in our sport. I only hope next time there will be more "sporting" games and fewer "sporting" draws. (One round I arrived four minutes late to find two games already finished. This became a regular occurrence.)
- 3) As of right now, two people are set to get norms. Jan Van De Mortel will receive his third and final IM norm, and Ben Finegold will achieve his second GM norm.
- 4) Cutting out the ridiculous 6-movers, there have been some excellent games for the spectators. Chow-Kraai (just concluded!), Finegold-Georgiev, and Goletiani-Burnett were all very entertaining to watch.

Already, I have found weaknesses in my own game. But I have found strengths, too. I have overcome fatigue and psychological factors, and succumbed to both on occasion. I have analyzed games with some of the top players in the country, then asked Fritz what He thought, then given up entirely and sworn to never play such complicated positions again only to do so in the next round.

This is what playing in a tournament like this is like. It eats you alive, spits you out, confuses you, and frustrates you.

But it makes you better.

In the fifth round I was paired with IM Andranik Matikozian. At this point I was 1-3, my only win coming versus FM Albert Chow in round 3. Matikozian had played three quick draws, with one loss to Kraai.

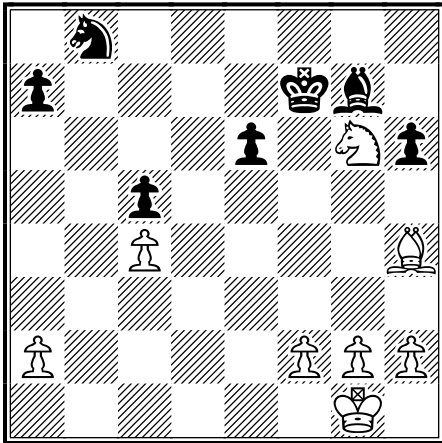
Karagianis, P. (2259) – Matikozian, A. (2515)

Chicago Spring Futurity. The Purple Hotel, Lincolnwood, 18.04.2005

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bg5 I rotate the Smyslov System in and out of my repertoire. Normally, I prefer the Ng1–e2-g3 setup, and on a rare occasion I will play mainline. I chose this system against Matikozian for two reasons: first, it is just slightly off the beaten path, and against a higher-rated player, I'd rather be comfortable in a sideline than debate theory. Second, I saw Matikozian play a King's Indian setup vs. the French as white in the National Open, so in my preparation, I was hoping to get into something like that, with colors reversed, and a tempo up, and the problem bishop developed or traded. **5...0–0 6.e3 c5 7.Be2 cxd4 8.exd4** Capturing with the knight is one of my own home variations, but is said to give an equal game. **8...h6 9.Bh4 Bf5 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Re1 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Re8 13.Qb3** Here, I give White a slight edge, though Fritz gives equality. Let's examine why I like White: 1) my rooks are connected-black is underdeveloped. 2) I have light-square pressure, and the doubled c-pawn is not yet a liability. 3) all my pieces seem coordinated, while Black still needs to find an idea for his. **13...Qc7 14.c5** The whole point of 13.Qb3. I would play c5 no matter where black defended the pawn from. (13...Qb6 14.c5!?, or 13. ...Qc8 or Qd7, also 14.c5). Fritz did not notice my idea when we reviewed the game in the tournament hall. **14...dxc5 15.Bc4** Fritz recommends 15.Bb5, but the whole point of c5, to me, was to take advantage of the 7th-rank weaknesses... namely, e7 and f7. Strange that an idea of dominating the 7th will appear so early in a game... but that's part of what I love about the Smyslov, it seems like I never play the same idea twice. After the game, Chow said to me, "I am surprised you play the Smyslov, it seems slow for your style." To which I responded, "Well, you should see HOW I play the Smyslov!" Once, last year in Lindsborg, I put my king on f1 and threw the h-pawn, sacrificing all my queenside pawns and winning with a nice attack. This is not quite as radical, but entertaining nonetheless. **15...e6 16.d5** taking advantage of the unconnected rooks. **16...Qb6** the best move. if 16...e5 then 17. d6 Qc7 18. Be7! should be enough. **17.Qa4 Na6 18.dxe6 Bxe6** Not best. fxe6 affords more chances, but after 18. ...fxe6 19. Ne5 should be quite strong. **19.Rab1 Qc7 20.Bxe6 Rxe6 21.Rxe6 fxe6**

Road Warrior

22.Qe4 the culmination of the plan. Note the light square issues. The idea of Bc4 instead of Bb5 now seems justified. **22...Qc6 23.Qxg6 Rf8 24.Ne5 Qe8** Black puts up the stiffest defense possible, but as Smyslov himself said, "Never miss a chance to exchange into a favorable ending." **25.Rxb7 Qg3** was also strong. **25...Qxg6 26.Nxg6 Rb8 27.Rxb8+ Nxb8 28.c4 Kf7**



29.Nf4 29.Ne7 was much stronger... I saw the basic idea of Ne7 over the board- to bring both my knight and bishop behind his pawns, and attack them from the rear. That kind of coordination behind enemy lines was hard to calculate in time pressure, however, and so I played Nf4, seemingly safer. **29...Bd4 30. Bg3 Nd7 31.Nd3 e5 32.Kf1 e4 33.Nc1** Black is now, strangely, equal. White has played inaccurately in mutual time pressure. My thought process was to allow the c4 pawn to leave the board, but to trade my knight for black's bishop, thus having my own bishop versus black's knight, in an ending with pawns spread all over the board. also, I should be able to bust up e4 and d4 with p-f3, thus giving white good chances. **33...a5 Nb6** was best. **34.Nb3 a4 35.Nxd4 cxd4 36.f3 exf3 37.gxf3 Nb6 38.Ke2** objectively, 38.c5 may be the best continuation. However, Ke2-d3 seems simple enough. **38...Nxc4 39.Kd3 Nb6 40.Kxd4 Ke6 41.Kc5 Nd5 42.a3 Nc3 43.Kc4 Ne2 44.Kb4 Nd4** certainly, White could try to save the f-pawn with f3-f4, but winning the a-pawn should win easily. **45.Kxa4 Nxf3 46.Ka5 Kd7 47.a4** Short on time, the remaining notation is illegible. White went on to queen by setting the king on b6, keeping black's king away, and playing pawn to a6 at the proper moment. **1-0.**

I do not know how the rest of the tournament will turn out, but this much is true: I am glad to have played, but more importantly, I am glad to have fought. Today, I played almost 100 moves, and I hung with a Grandmaster until the end. Tomorrow, I play the U.S. Women's champion. Next week, it will be over. It would be nice to editorialize, to make some kind of moral commentary like, "I left it all on the board..." and, in some sense, it would also be true. I played each round to win, to get into a street fight, as my good friend Len put it. But in another sense it would be false- I took the games with me. I will remember, and learn, and improve, and the next time I take a century of moves to the bare bones, I will not fold.

And that's why they call it No Limit Hold'em!

Oh, wait...

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Kayin Barclay (*thechessdrum.net*)

Kayin Barclay (1843), a freshman at Chicago's Whitney Young High School, scored an undefeated 4.0/5.0 and was the upset winner of the 2005 Illinois Chess Association Invitational High School Championship and Denker Qualifier, held March 19-20 at The Purple Hotel in Lincolnwood. Barclay had arguably the toughest pairings in the tournament: in rounds four and five, he had to face the top two seeds, Jason Duncan (2201) and Chris Nienart (2110), with the Black pieces. Barclay won both games handily.

Andrew Hubbard (1972) of Glenbard West High School drew Nienart and won three games to go into the last round with a shot at clear first, but Patrick Lacey (1937) of Carmel beat Hubbard in a wild finish. Nienart, Hubbard, and Lacey tied for second with 3.5 points each. A selection of games follows.

**2005 Illinois Chess Association
Invitational High School Championship and Denker Qualifier
March 19-20, 2005, Lincolnwood, IL**

Pair Num	Player Name	Rating	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5					
1	KAYIN BARCLAY	1843	4.0	D	5	D	8	W	7	W	10	W	2
2	CHRISTOPHER NIENART	2110	3.5	W	13	W	11	D	3	W	4	L	1
3	ANDREW D HUBBARD	1972	3.5	W	12	W	7	D	2	W	5	L	4
4	PATRICK M LACEY	1959	3.5	W	9	D	10	W	11	L	2	W	3
5	ERIC A HEISER	1971	3.0	D	1	W	6	D	10	L	3	W	8
6	DANIEL Y LEUNG	1896	3.0	L	7	L	5	W	13	W	12	W	10
7	DAVID B OHLHAUSEN	1779	3.0	W	6	L	3	L	1	W	11	W	13
8	KEVIN J VELAZQUEZ	1832	2.5	L	10	D	1	W	14	W	9	L	5
9	JOSE A RODRIGUEZ	1838	2.5	L	4	W	13	D	12	L	8	W	14
10	JASON T DUNCAN	2201	2.0	W	8	D	4	D	5	L	1	L	6
11	STEVEN NAPOLI	1877	1.5	W	14	L	2	L	4	L	7	D	12
12	JESSE D FREIDEL	1763	1.5	L	3	D	14	D	9	L	6	D	11
13	BENNETT JOSEPH	1875	1.0	L	2	L	9	L	6	W	14	L	7
14	GWAYNE LAMBERT JR	1720	0.5	L	11	D	12	L	8	L	13	L	9

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Selected Games

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José Rodriguez – Patrick Lacey [D02]

ICA Denker Qualifier (1), 19.03.2005

Like Capablanca, Patrick Lacey is very good at making something out of nothing....

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3
6.Qxd3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Ne5 0–0 9.Nd2 Nc6
10.f4 Nd7 11.c3 f6 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.e4 Rae8
14.e5 fxe5 15.fxe5 Na5 16.Nf3 Nc4 17.b3 Na3
18.c4!?

After the natural 18.0–0, White retains a slight pull (and just what is that knight doing on a3?).

18...dxc4 19.bxc4 Qa4 20.Rc1 Qa5+ 21.Ke2 b5!
22.cxb5 Nxb5 23.a4?

Fritz thinks White is just fine, even somewhat better, after 23.Qc4!

23...Qxa4! 24.Ra1 Qb4 25.Rhc1 Qb2+! 26.Qd2
Nxd4+! 27.Kd3

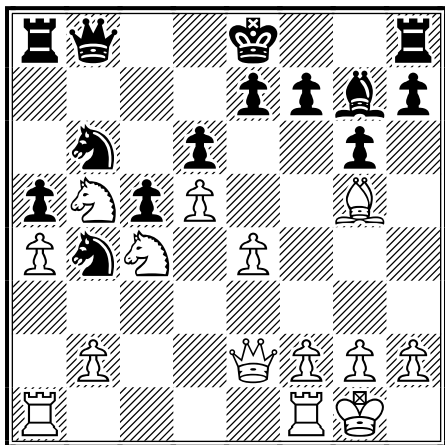
27.Nxd4? Rf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxd2+

27...Qb5+ 28.Ke3 Nxf3 29.gxf3 Qxe5+ 30.Kf2
Qxh2+ 31.Ke3 Rxf3+ 0–1

Andrew Hubbard – Jesse Freidel [A57]

ICA Denker Qualifier (1), 19.03.2005

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 Qxb6
6.Nc3 g6 7.a4 a5 8.e4 d6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Qe2
Bg7 11.Nf3 Na6 12.0–0 Nb4 13.Bg5 Bxb5
14.Nxb5 Nd7 15.Nd2 Qb8 16.Nc4 Nb6



17.e5!

Speculative sacs are fun!

17...Nxc4 18.exd6 Ne5 19.Bxe7

Fritz suggests that White should cash in some chips here: 19.Nc7+!? Kd8 20.Nxa8 Qxa8 21.dxe7+

19...Nxd5

Another possibility is 19...Kd7!? and it's a game.

20.f4 Nxe7

20...Nc6!? 21.Bf6+ Kf8 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 is unclear.

21.fxe5 0–0 22.dxe7 Re8 23.e6 f5 24.Rad1 Rxe7
25.Rd7 Rxd7?

Why give White a pawn on the 7th? 25...Qf8!

26.exd7 Kf8 27.Re1 Bf6 28.Qc4 Be7 29.Qe6
Qd8 30.Nd6 Bxd6 31.Qxd6+ Kg7 32.Re8 1–0

Kayin Barclay- Eric Heiser [B20]

ICA Denker Qualifier (1), 2005

Both sides miss wins, and the result is an exciting draw.

1.e4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Nc3 Nge7
6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Nge2 h6 8.Be3 Nd4 9.Qd2 0–0
10.0–0–0 Kh7 11.h4 Nec6 12.g4?! b5

12...Nb4 13.Bxd4 cxd4

13.f4 Qa5 14.e5 b4 15.Nb1 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Bb7
17.h5 d6 18.g5 dxe5 19.gxh6 Bh8 20.Be4 Rg8
21.hxg6+

Black threatens counterplay against b2 in the game continuation; maybe 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Qf3 instead?

21...fxg6 22.Rdg1 exf4 23.Bxf4 Nd4 24.Qg2
Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Qa6 26.Rxg6 Rxg6 27.Qxa8
Ne2+ 28.Kd1 Nxf4 29.Qf8 Qb7 30.Rf1 e5
31.Nd2 Rxh6 32.Ne4 Qg7 33.Qf5+ Rg6 34.Rh1+
Kg8 35.Qc8+ Kf7 36.Qd7+ Kf8 37.Qd8+ Kf7
38.Qd7+ ½–½

Jason Duncan - Patrick Lacey [B19]

ICA Denker Qualifier (2), 19.03.2005

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3
Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3
10.Qxd3 e6 11.c4 Ngf6 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.0–0–0
Bd6 14.Ne4 Bf4 15.g3 Bxd2+ 16.Rxd2 Nxe4
17.Qxe4 0–0–0 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Qxe5
20.dxe5 Rxd2 21.Kxd2 Rd8+ 22.Ke3 Kd7
23.Rh4 Ke7 24.Rg4 Kf8 25.Rd4 Ke7 26.Rxd8
Kxd8 27.Kd4 Kd7 28.b4
28.g4 Ke7 (28...g6?? 29.g5) 29.b4 g6 30.a4 gxh5
31.gxh5 f6 32.a5 f5 33.b5 cxb5 34.cxb5 b6 sets
up an impenetrable blockade.

28...g6 29.g4 gxh5 ½–½

Steven Napoli - Chris Nienart [A03]
ICA Denker Qualifier (2), 19.03.2005

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 d5 3.e3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0
6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Nxc6 Qxc6
10.Bf3 Qb6 11.d4 Bf5 12.Na3 Be4 13.c4 Rfd8
14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 cxd4
17.Bxd4 Qb4 18.Nc2 Qa5 19.c5 Ne4 20.b4 Qa4
21.Rdc1 b6 22.f5 bxc5 23.bxc5 Nxc5 24.fxg6
hxg6 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Nd4 Ne4 27.Rf1 Rf8
28.Qg4 e6 29.h4 Qe8 30.Qf4 e5 31.Nf5+ gxf5
32.Qxf5 Qe6 33.Qh5 Rh8 34.Rxf7+ Qxf7
35.Qg4+ Kh6 36.Rf1 Qg6 37.Qd7 0-1

David Ohlhausen- Andrew Hubbard [A46]
ICA Denker Qualifier (2), 19.03.2005

Hubbard skillfully outplays his opponent from a seemingly drawish ending.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6 4.e3 Be7 5.c4 Nh5
6.Bg3 Nxc3 7.hxg3 Bb7 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qc2 h6
10.e4 Nd7 11.Be2 c5 12.d5 e5 13.Nh4 Bxh4
14.gxh4 Nf8 15.g3

15.Bg4!?

15...Ng6 16.h5 Nf8 17.g4 Nh7 18.0-0-0 Qg5+
19.Qd2 Bc8 20.f3 Bd7 21.Rdf1 a6 22.a4 Qxd2+
23.Kxd2 Ke7

White has a space advantage; Black has the better bishop.

24.Rb1 Rhb8 25.b4 Nf6 26.Rb2 Kd8 27.Rhb1
Kc8 28.Ke3 Ne8 29.bxc5 bxc5 30.a5 Rxb2
31.Rxb2 Rb8 32.Rxb8+ Kxb8 33.Bd1 g6
34.hxg6

34.g5!? is thematic, but I don't see more than equality for White after 34...hxg5 35.h6 Nf6.

34...fxg6 35.f4 exf4+ 36.Kxf4 g5+! 37.Kg3 Nf6

Black has gained space and exposed targets for attack.

38.Bf3 Kc7 39.Nd1 Ba4 40.Ne3 Bb3 41.Kf2 Ba2
42.Ke1 Nd7 43.Kd2 Ne5 44.Be2 Bb1 45.Nc2
Kd7 46.Kc1 Bxc2 47.Kxc2

Good knight vs. bad bishop!

47...Nf7 48.Kd3 Nd8 49.e5!

Good idea....

49...dxe5 50.Ke4 Kd6 51.Kf5 Nb7 52.Kg6 Ke7!

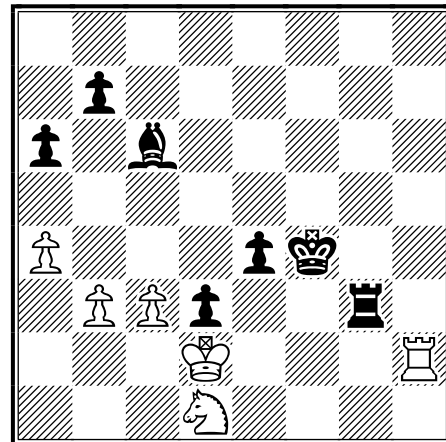
...but unfortunately insufficient against best play.

53.Kxh6 Kf6 54.Bd3 Nd6 55.Kh7 e4 56.Be2 Nb7
57.Kg8 Nxa5 58.Kf8 Nb7 59.Ke8 a5 60.Kd7 a4
0-1

Chris Nienart- Andrew Hubbard [C13]
ICA Denker Qualifier (3), 19.03.2005

Nienart has a gift for defending inferior endings...and a little luck.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7
6.h4 Bxg5 7.hxg5 Qxg5 8.Nh3 Qe7 9.Nf4 Nc6
10.Qg4 g6 11.0-0-0 h5 12.Qf3 Nb6 13.Bb5 Bd7
14.g4 h4 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Rdg1 g5 17.Nh5 Nd7
18.Nf6+ Nxf6 19.Qxf6 Qxf6 20.exf6 Rh6 21.f4
gxf4 22.g5 Rh5 23.Rg4 0-0-0 24.Rhxh4 Rxh4
25.Rxh4 Rg8 26.Rh5 Be8 27.Kd2 Kd7 28.Ke2
Kd6 29.Kf3 c5 30.dxc5+ Kxc5 31.Kxf4 Kd6
32.Rh7 e5+ 33.Kg4 Bd7+ 34.Kh4 Be6 35.Rg7
Rh8+ 36.Kg3 Rh3+ 37.Kg2 Rh4 38.Rg8 a6
39.Kg3 Rg4+ 40.Kf3 Rf4+ 41.Ke2 d4 42.Nd1
Bc4+ 43.Kd2 e4 44.b3 Bb5 45.a4 Bc6 46.c3 d3
47.g6 fxg6 48.Rxg6 Ke5 49.Rh6 Rf3 50.Ne3
Rf2+ 51.Kd1 Kf4 52.f7 Kg5 53.f8Q Rxf8 54.Rh2
Rf3 55.Kd2 Kf4 56.Nd1 Rg3



Can the blockade be broken? This was Hubbard's chance to take the sole lead in the tournament.... 1/2-1/2

Kayin Barclay- David Ohlhausen [B10]
ICA Denker Qualifier (3), 19.03.2005

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bb5+ Bd7
5.Bxd7+ Qxd7 6.f3

Objectively not so good, but a Caro-Kann player is unlikely to react energetically. (Send hate mail to me, not the editor.)

6...e6 7.d4 Nc6 8.Ne2 dxe4 9.fxe4 Nf6

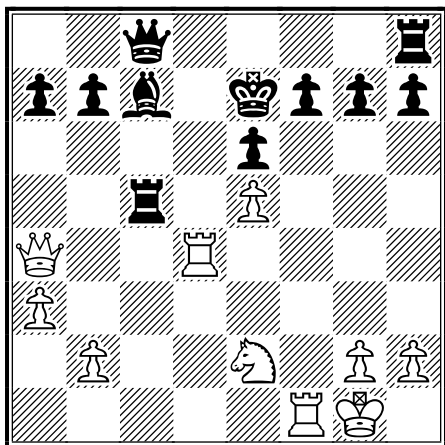
9...Rd8!

10.Nbc3 Bb4 11.e5 Nd5 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Bg5
Nde7 14.a3 Ba5 15.Ne4 Bc7 16.Nc5 Qc8 17.Qa4
Rd5 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Rad1 Nxd4

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19...Rhd8 and Black may survive this opening adventure.

20.Rxd4 Rxc5

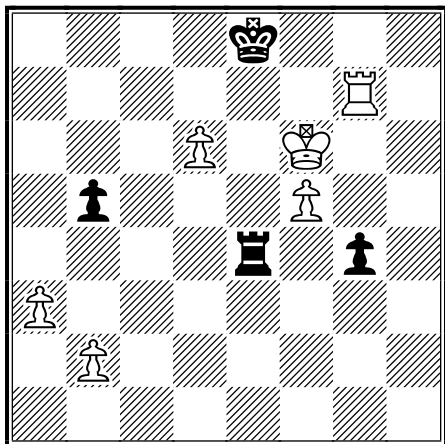


21.Rd7+! Qxd7 22.Rxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qxd7+ Kg6
24.Qxe6+ Kg5 25.h4+ Kxh4 26.Qf5 1-0

Patrick Lacey - Steven Napoli [A10]

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1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nf3 0-0
6.0-0 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Nd7 9.Nxd5 cxd5
10.Bf4 Re8 11.Rc1 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5
Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Rxe5 15.e4 b6 16.f4 Re7 17.Qxd5
Qxd5 18.exd5 Bb7 19.d6 Rd7 20.Rfd1 Bxg2
21.Kxg2 Rad8 22.Rc6 Kg7 23.g4 Kf6 24.Rd5 h6
25.h4 Kg7 26.Kf3 f6 27.f5 g5 28.hxg5 hxg5
29.Rc7 Kf8 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Ke4 Ke8 32.Rd4
Rh7 33.Kd5 Kd7 34.Rc4 Rh4 35.Rc7+ Kd8
36.Rxa7 Rxg4 37.Ke6 Re4+ 38.Kxf6 g4 39.Rg7
b5 40.a3 Ke8



41.Re7+! Rxe7 42.dxe7 g3 43.Ke6 1-0

Jason Duncan - Kayin Barclay [B30]

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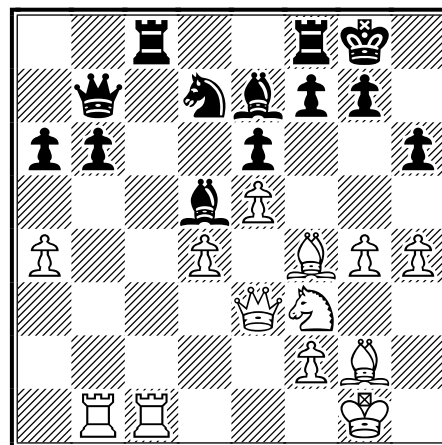
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 Nge7 5.Bg2 d5
6.Nbd2 a6 7.0-0 Ng6 8.Re1 Be7 9.h4 d4 10.e5
Qc7 11.Qe2 h6 12.c3 dxc3 13.bxc3 b6 14.a4
Bb7 15.Rb1 Na5 16.d4 Nf8 17.Nc4 Nxc4
18.Qxc4 Bd5 19.Qe2 cxd4 20.cxd4 Nd7 21.Bf4
Qb7

Black wants to exchange white-square bishops on the long diagonal and win the ending. Should White look to a kingside attack for counterplay?

22.g4

This move is defensive as well as offensive: the immediate threat was ...g5 followed by ...g4. If instead 22.Rec1 to make room for the knight on e1 22...g5 23.Be3 gxh4!

22...Rc8 23.Rec1 0-0 24.Qe3



24...Be4! 25.Ra1 b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.h5

27.g5 h5 28.Re1 Bd5

27...b4 28.Ne1 Bxg2 29.Nxg2 Nb6 30.Qb3
30.Bxh6 gxh6 (30...Nd5 31.Qd2 gxh6 (31...Rxc1+
32.Rxc1 gxh6 33.Qxh6 Rc8) 32.Qxh6 b3 33.Re1
b2 34.Rab1 Rfd8 35.Nf4 Nxf4 36.Qxf4) 31.Qxh6
b3 32.Rcb1 Nd7 33.g5 Rfd8 34.g6 Nf8 35.Qf4

30...Qd5 31.Qxd5 Nxd5 32.Bd2

32.Kf1 b3 (32...Rxc1+ 33.Bxc1 f5) 33.Rcb1 Rc3
34.Ra7 Rb8 35.Bc1 b2 36.Bxb2 Rcb3 37.Ne3
Nxe3+ 38.fxe3 Bg5 39.Ra2 Bxe3 40.Re1 R8b4
41.Ra8+ Kh7 42.Ba1 Bxd4 43.Bxd4 Rxd4

32...b3 33.Rxc8 Rxc8 34.Rb1 Rc2 35.Be3 b2
36.Ne1 Nc3 0-1

Steven Napoli - David Ohlhausen [A03]

ICA Denker Qualifier (4), 20.03.2005

Ohlhausen takes the concept of learning from one's defeats rather literally; his loss against Andrew Hubbard becomes the blueprint for his win against Steven Napoli.

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 d5 3.e3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Qxd7 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.d3 Nd7 11.d4 e6 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Ndf3 Rac8 14.c3 Nf6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Rc1 b5 18.Qe2 c4

Good bishop vs. bad bishop; further, Black can trade the Bg7 for the Ne5 at an opportune time, and play for the clearer advantage of good knight vs. bad bishop.

19.b4 Ne4 20.Ra1 a5 21.a3 Ra8 22.Qc2 Ra7 23.bxa5 Rxa5 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rxa4 Rfa8 26.Rfa1 Bxe5 27.fxe5 Qb6 28.Rxa5 Rxa5 29.Rxa5 Qxa5 30.h3 Qa2 31.Qc1 h5 32.Qa1 Qxa1+ 33.Bxa1 g5 34.Kf1 g4 35.hxg4 hxg4 36.Ke2 Kg7 37.Bb2 Kg6 38.Kf1 Kf5 39.Kg1 f6 40.exf6 Nxf6 41.Kf1 Ke4 42.Ke2 Nd7?!

White loses material after 42...Nh5!

43.Ba3! Nb6 44.Bd6 Na4 45.Kd2 Nb2 46.Bc7 Na4 47.Bf4 Nb6 48.Bd6 Nd7 49.Ke2 Nf6 50.Bg3 Ng8 51.Bf4 Ne7 52.Bd6 Nf5 53.Bf4 Nh4 54.Bg5 Nxc2! 55.Kf2 Kd3! 56.Kxc2 Kxc3 57.Kg3 Kd3 58.Kxc4 c3 59.Be7 Kxe3 60.Bf6 c2 61.Kg3 Kd3 62.Bg5 Kxd4 63.Kf2 Kd3 64.Bc1 e5 65.Kf3 Kc3 66.Ke3 e4 67.Ke2 d4 68.Ke1 Kd3 69.Bd2 Kc4 70.Ke2 Kb3 71.Bc1 Ka2 72.Kd2 Kb1 73.Ba3 e3+ 74.Kd3 c1Q 75.Bxc1 Kxc1 76.Ke2 Kc2 77.Ke1 d3 78.Kf1 d2 79.Kg2 d1Q 80.Kh2 Qg4 81.Kh1 Kd2 0-1

Eric Heiser - Kevin Velazquez [A18]

ICA Denker Qualifier (5), 20.03.2005

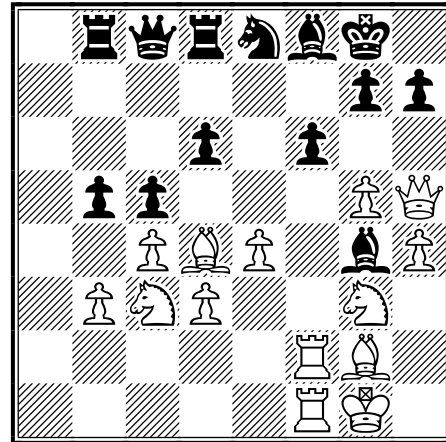
Another battle royal that does credit to both players.

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 Be7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c5 6.Nge2 d6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Rb8 9.f4 Bd7 10.h3 a6 11.a4 Qc7 12.Be3 Rfd8 13.g4 b6 14.b3 Bc8 15.g5 Ne8 16.f5 Bd7 17.Ra2 Qc8 18.Ng3 Nd4 19.Raf2 f6 20.h4 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Qh5 Bf8 23.fxe6

The silicon oracle suggests 23.g6 h6 24.fxe6 may lead to a White plus, but human attackers don't want to help the defender close the position.

23...Bxe6 24.Bxd4 Bg4

Fire on board.



25.Bh3! Bxh3!

25...Bxh5? 26.Bxc8 Rbxc8 27.Nxh5 cxd4 28.Nxb5+-

26.gxf6 cxd4 27.Nd5 gxf6?

27...g6 28.f7+ Kh8 29.fxe8Q Rxe8 30.Qg5 Bxf1 31.Rxf1 and Fritz thinks Black is better.

28.Rxf6! Ng7 29.Qf7+ Kh8 30.Nf4?

30.Rh6!+- Qg4 31.Rxh7+ Kxh7 32.Nf6+

30...Bxf1?

30...Rb7! is not the most natural move on the board, so it's understandable that both players overlooked or underestimated it....

31.Rh6! Qg4 32.Ng6+ Qxg6 33.Qxg6 Kg8 34.Qxh7+ Kf7 35.Qg6+ Ke7 36.Kxf1 bxc4 37.Nf5+ Nxf5 38.Qe6# 1-0

Andrew Hubbard- Patrick Lacey [D46]

ICA Denker Qualifier (5), 20.03.2005

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Re1 Rd8 12.Ng5 Rf8 13.Bb3 h6 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.Nh4 Nf8 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.exf5 exd4 18.Bxd4 Qc7 19.g3 Bc5 20.Bxc5 Rxd1 21.Raxd1 Re8 22.Be3 Qa5 23.Bc2 N8d7 24.Bf4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Qb4 26.Rb1 Nb6 27.a3 Qe7 28.Rd1 Nbd5 29.Bd2 Nxc3 30.Bxc3 Nd5 31.Bd4 Qe2-+ 32.Bb3 Qf3

White takes the opportunity to grab the e-file and create counterplay.

33.Bc2 a6 34.Re1 f6 35.Re8+ Kf7 36.Rb8 b6 37.Bxb6 Nxb6 38.Rxb6 a5 39.b4 Qxa3 40.bxa5 Qxa5

Assuming White has no fortress, it looks like Black wins fairly easily after something like

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40...Qc1+ 41.Kg2 Qxc2 42.Rb7+ Kg8 43.a6 Kh7 44.a7 Qa4 But this is not an easy decision to make on move 40.

41.Rxc6 Ke7 42.Be4??

42.Re6+ Kd7 43.Kg2 is a dead draw.

42...Qe1+ 0-1

Chris Nienart- Kayin Barclay [B45]

ICA Denker Qualifier (5), 20.03.2005

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Nxd5 cxd5 9.Qg4 Qc7 10.Qe2 a5 11.a3?

Better 11.c3.

11...Ba6 12.Qe3 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qxc2 14.Qe2 Qxe2+

In the post mortem, Patrick Lacey advocated 14...Rc8 as even more effective: why help White get organized?

15.Kxe2 d6 16.Bf4 dxe5 17.Bxe5 f6 18.Bc3 Kd7 19.Rhd1 Bd6 20.Rd4 Be5 21.Rg4 g6 22.Kd3 Bxc3 23.bxc3

The c-pawn is weak, but Black's d-pawn is no longer passed....

23...g5?!

23...Rhb8.

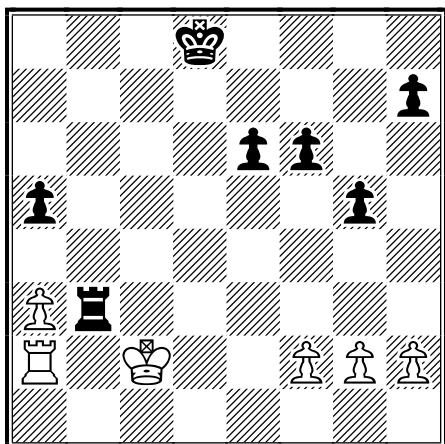
24.c4

...and White is able to trade the weakling.

24...dxc4+ 25.Kxc4?

25.Rxc4 seems more natural: the king on d3 is well placed as long as both sets of rooks are on the board, and the rook on g4 needs to be activated.

25...Rab8 26.Rd4+ Ke7 27.Ra2 Rhc8+ 28.Kd3 Rb3+ 29.Kd2 Rd8 30.Rxd8 Kxd8 31.Kc2



31...a4!

Akiba would be proud.

32.Ra1 Ke7 33.Ra2 h5 34.Kd2 h4 35.Ke2 g4 36.Ra1 h3 37.g3 f5 38.Kd2 e5 39.Ke2 Ke6 40.Ra2 e4 41.Ra1 Ke5 42.Kf1 f4 43.gxf4+ Kxf4 44.Rc1 Rxa3 45.Rc8 Rb3 46.Rf8+ Ke5 47.Ke2 a3 48.Ra8 Rb2+ 49.Ke3 a2 50.Ra5+ Kd6 51.Ra6+ Kc5 52.Ra8 Kb4 53.Kxe4 Rxf2 54.Kd3 Rxh2 55.Rb8+ Ka5 56.Ke3 Rg2 57.Ra8+ Kb6 58.Kf4 h2 0-1

PEORIA SUMMER TORNADO

AN ICA MINI-TOUR & EX-URBAN EVENT

WHEN: Saturday, June 25, 2005

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

ENTRY FEE: \$14 by June 23, \$17 at the site, free if rated 2200 or over

WHAT: 4 round Swiss

TIME CONTROL: Game/80 (5 second time delay allowed)

SECTIONS: One--open to all

MEMBERSHIPS REQUIRED: USCF & ICA (other states honored)

PRIZES: 75% of EF's distributed as follows:
25% First, 15% Second,
10% each to A/B, C/D, under 1200
5% to biggest upset

REGISTRATION: 8:00-8:45 AM

ROUND TIMES: 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

NO SMOKING. BRING SETS, BOARDS & CLOCKS

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2005 Illinois Chess Association Polgar Qualifier
March 19-20, 2005, Lincolnwood, IL

Pair Num	Player Name	Rating	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	ELINA CHERTOK	1375	4.0	W	4 W	3 L	2 W	6 W 5
2	VERONICA METZ	1323	4.0	W	5 W	6 W	1 L	3 W 7
3	CHERYL D LIU	1223	4.0	W	7 L	1 W	5 W	2 W 6
4	KATHY E QIU	840	2.5	L	1 H	0 L	6 W	7 B 0
5	ADELE PADGETT	979	2.0	L	2 W	7 L	3 B	0 L 1
6	SONYA VOHRA	906	2.0	B	0 L	2 W	4 L	1 L 3
7	ENKHNASAN BAATARJAV	Unr	1.0	L	3 L	5 B	0 L	4 L 2

The 2005 Illinois Chess Association Polgar Qualifier, held to choose the Illinois representative to the 2005 Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls, ended in a three-way tie. Veronica Metz (1375) of Evanston, Elina Chertok (1323) of Vernon Hills, and 10-year-old (!) Cheryl Liu (1223) of Buffalo Grove are scheduled to meet in a playoff on Saturday, May 7. Please check www.ilchess.org for the playoff results, and look for games from this event in our next issue.

The winner of this event will receive a \$500 expense reimbursement for representing Illinois at the Polgar Qualifier.

Larry Cohen directed the Polgar and Denker Qualifiers simultaneously; Tamara Golovey generously donated her time. Thanks to Sevan Muradian for donating the playing space for this event, and thanks to Vince Hart and an anonymous donor for financial support.

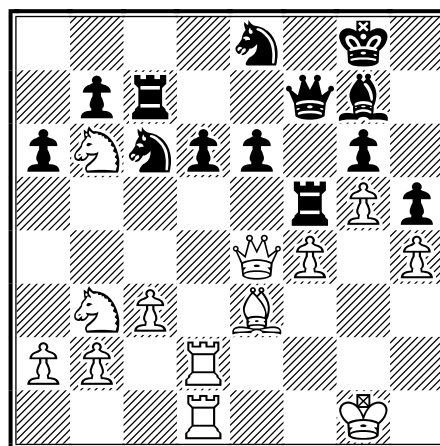
ICA fell far short of its fundraising goals for the Polgar and Denker Qualifiers; we are seeking corporate financial support for 2006 and future years. If you're interested in helping, please call Bill Brock at (312) 252-1300.

Here's a sample of the play of one of the winners:

GM Boris Gelfand (2696) – Elina Chertok (1352) [B70]

Simul, Bernard Horwich JCC, Chicago, 24.02.2005

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nb3 Bd7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.f4 Rc8 11.g4 Ne8 12.g5 f5 13.Bf3 a6 14.Nd5 Be6 15.c3 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Bh3 17.Rf2 e6 18.Qf3 Bf5 19.Nb6 Rc7 20.Rd1 Qe7 21.h4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Rf5 23.Rh2 h5 24.Rhd2 Qf7



The Grandmaster offered a draw, and Elina accepted. As Jan Van De Mortel pointed out in the post mortem, Black has the strong positional plan of ...d5 followed by ...Nd6 and ...Ne4. ½-½

Illinois State Scholastic Championships 2005 The Battles in Peoria

Brad Rosen

Over 650 young chess players (along with parents, coaches, and siblings) from across the state converged on the Pere Marquette hotel in downtown Peoria over the weekend of March 5th and 6th, 2005 to compete in the Illinois Scholastic State Scholastic Championships.

The event itself was a well-organized smoothly-run affair. Chief Tournament Director Chris Merli did an admirable job at keeping disputes and distractions in the chess halls to a minimum, while Mike Leali and the Bloomington Normal Area Chess Association and community of volunteers assured that all visitors were welcome and that kids had ample chess opportunities. National Master Pete Karagianis held a ongoing marathon simultaneous exhibition taking on a steady stream of competitors. There were also no shortage of non-chess activities for participants and siblings alike such as storytelling, basketball, YuGiOh cards, and the old standby—chocolate—with a full time dedicated Hershey's booth!

Of course, it was a memorable weekend for chess as a number of individuals and teams made their mark in Illinois Chess history. The players competed across four sections --- Lower Primary (K-1), Upper Primary (2-3), Elementary (4-5), and Junior High (6-8) for the honors. Additionally the festivities also included Blitz and Bug-house competitions. Here is a recap of the action:

Lower Primary (K-1)

There were 6 Co-Champions, each with 6.0 points in this section. This was one of the hottest sections -- literally. The 1st and 2nd place trophy recipients, Gurveer Singh and Bryce McClanahan were fighting off 101 + fevers during the course of the weekend but neither let it interfere with play-

ing superb chess (see the annotated game between them as part of this coverage). These up and coming superstars (in order of tiebreaks) are: 1) Gurveer Singh, 2) Bryce McClanahan, 3) Zach Holecek, 4) Niresh Kugeneswaren, 5) Jyotsna Bitra, and 6) Austin Redington.

In the team action, 1st place honors went to the Peoria Academy, 2nd place honors to Latin School of Chicago, and 3rd place to Sprague School of Lincolnshire.

Upper Primary (2-3)

Gavin McClanahan, the top seed in the Upper Primary section, successfully defended Board 1 with a perfect 7.0/7.0 points over the course of a long and grueling weekend. Gavin has emerged as one of the top second grade chess players in the nation. Saying it is one thing. Proving it is another. Gavin proved it in Peoria. As part of this coverage, see the annotated game between Gavin and 2nd place finisher Alexander Su, who scored 6 points. Other top performers in the Upper Primary Section scoring 6 points included Steven Medina (3rd place), Jonathan Kogen (4th place), George Ruan (5th place), Anthony Volchek (6th place), Hunter Summers (7th place) and Eddie McDougal (8th place).

In team action in the Upper Primary section, Colene Hoose of Normal finished in 1st place, Sprague School of Lincolnshire came in 2nd, while Peoria Academy came in 3rd place and Dewey Elementary of Evanston finished in 4th place.

Elementary (4-5)

In the Elementary section, standout player Jason Chien from Bloomington emerged as the Champion with a perfect 7.0/7.0 score in this extremely competitive section which included a number of the players the top players in the US for their age. In the exciting final round finish, Jason held on with his clock ticking down in a nail biting battle against the talented top junior Josh Dubin. Josh received the second place honors, finishing with 6 points. Other 6 point finishers included Kent Cen (3rd place), Eric Rosen (4th place), Alex Malecki (5th place), Sameer Datla (6th place), Michael Jacus (7th place) and Matthew Wilber (8th place).

Deserving of special mention is the play of Alexander Malecki. Alex entered the competition with a respectable 1287 rating but well below the top rated players in the section. In round 5, Alex upset Eric Rosen and in round 6, he gave the mighty Josh Dubin a run for the money but came up short. The game between Alex and Josh is included as part of this coverage. Alex may appear to be a sweet unassuming kid before the match begins, but he is a force to be reckoned with once the pieces start moving.

Alex led his Highcrest School of Wilmette to 1st place honors. Meanwhile Eric Rosen led an emerging Middleton School of Skokie team to second place. Sprague School of Lincolnshire finished in 3rd, followed by Latin School, Glenn School of Norman and Bernard Zell School of Chicago.

Junior High (6-8)

Top seeded Ilan Meerovich of Skokie scored 6.5/7.0 to become the Junior High Champion. Winning the State Championship was the cherry on the sundae of a chess year for Ilan, where the Illinois chess community has witnessed Ilan's 700 point rating surge. Ilan is now rated in the 1900 area. Ilan's game against Frankie Swindell Jr. is included as part of this coverage.

Second-place honors went to Gordon Ruan who drew Ilan and scored 6 points. Other 6-point scorers included Daniel McNally (3rd place), Michael Auger (4th place), Tyler Lerner (5th place) and Max Gora (6th place).

In the team action St. Gilbert School of Grayslake finished in 1st place, Bloomington Junior High in 2nd place and Latin School in 3rd place.

Side Events

In the Blitz competition, Kent Cen and Eric Rosen shared co-champion honors each, each scoring 4.5/5.0. In the Bughouse competition, the team of Ilan Meerovich and Daniel McNally won the championship.

For full results from this year's event, see <http://www.gpcf.net/state/state05pair.htm>. Next year's Illinois Scholastic State Championships are scheduled to be held at Navy Pier and will be or-

ganized by Zack Fishman.

And that's the way it was from Peoria, Illinois.

Singh,G - McClanahan,B [D02]

Ill State Scholastic Championships (6), 06.03.2005

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bg5 3.c4 transposes into Chigorin's Defense, which promises White more than the text move. **3...Bf5 4.e3 a6 5.Be2 Nb4 6.Na3 Nf6 7.0-0 h6 8.Bxf6 exf6 9.c3 Nc6 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.Qe2 Bxa3 12.bxa3 Qd6 13.Rab1 0-0-0?** This is not a good move, since Black castles into an attack. In particular, the "b" file is already open, and the pawn on a6 is a target for possible sacrifices, while Black is miles away from being able to start an attack on White's king. It would have been much safer to play 13...Rb8 instead, planning on castling short on the next move, with a roughly even position. **14.Rb3 Na5 15.Rb4 Qc6 16.Rfb1 Qxc3?** After this mistake, White gets a large advantage. Eager to grab the pawn, Black must have missed White's combination on the next move. Instead, Black should have played 16...Rd6 with a defensible position. **17.Bxa6!** A simple but very effective combination, winning two pawns and making Black's king go for a walk. **17...bxa6 18.Qxa6+ Kd7 19.Qxa5 Rb8?** This move sets up a back rank mate trap (attempting to win the rook with 20.Qa4+ Ke7 21.Rxb8 Rxb8 22.Rxb8 leads to a mate in two after 22...Qc1+). However, the move is not good, since Black now loses a very important pawn on d5. It would have been better to defend the pawn with 19...Ke7. **20.Qxd5+ Ke7 21.Rxb8** The attempt to win the Bishop with 21.Qe4+ Be6 22.d5 fails due to 22...f5! **21...Rxb8 22.Rf1 c6 23.Qe4+ Be6 24.Qf4 Qb2 25.h3 Bxa2 26.Qc7+ Kf8 27.Qxc6 Qb5?** This is a very typical mistake -- being down in material (two pawns), Black offers a queen trade. 27...Qxa3 would have been far better. **28.Qxb5 Rxb5 29.Rc1 Rb1?** Another mistake of the same kind -- being two pawns down with only a rook and a minor piece left for each side, Black should have avoided trades like a plague. **30.Rxb1 Bxb1 31.a4 Ke7 32.Nd2 Bc2 33.a5 Kd7 34.Kh2 Kc6 35.Kg3 Kb5 36.Kf4 Kxa5 37.Ne4 Bxe4?** The final trading mistake -- Black is apparently not aware of the fact that 99% of king and pawn endgames a pawn down are lost

and, therefore, one should not trade the last piece being down a pawn. While Black's position is objectively hopeless in any case, Black should have played 37...Kb6 38.Nd6 Kc6 **38.Kxe4 Kb6 39.Kd5 Kc7 40.e4 Kd7 41.f4 g5 42.f5 h5 43.g3 Ke7 44.e5** 44.Kc6! would have provided White with an easier win, as White would have queened the "d" pawn after 44...Kd8 45.Kd6 Kc8 Ke7. **44...fxe5 45.dxe5 f6 46.e6 Ke8 47.Kd6 Kd8 48.e7+ Ke8 49.Ke6 g4 50.hxg4!** It's never too late to blow the win with a move like 50. h4?? -- stalemate! **50...h4 51.g5!** White avoids the stalemate again and forces a checkmate in a few moves. **51...fxg5 52.f6 hxg3 53.f7#** A pretty finish! **1-0**

Su,A - McClanahan,G [B78]

Ill State Scholastic Championships, 06.03.2005

[Korzhenovich,Ilya]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Be3 The move order chosen by White is not the best. Black could have used this by playing 7...Ng4! **7...0-0 8.f3** Now, the game transposes into a main line. **8...Nc6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0** The stage is now set--this is a typical position with opposite-side castling. Both sides should be trying to attack the opponent's king. **10...Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.g4** White is employing a typical technique--a pawn storm. The idea is to open up files against the Black king. **12...Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.h4 Re8?!** Even though this move has a point--to avoid the forced trade of the Dragon bishop after Bh6--it's losing too much time, which is of essence in most positions with the kings castled on opposite sides. It would be better to play 14...Qa5 instead, and if 15.Bh6, then 15...Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Rxc3!. This standard exchange sacrifice, which should be known to every Dragon player, gives Black a counterattack against the White king. **15.h5 a6?** This move prepares 16..b5, but it's too slow. Better would be 15...Qc7 or 15...Qa5. **16.h6?** This move shows the lack of understanding of the ideas behind a pawn storm. Instead of opening up the position with 16.hxg6!, White locks up the Kingside, making the Black king virtually impregnable. Now that White's attack is over, Black has a free hand on the Queenside, where he starts his own pawn storm. **16...Bh8 17.Qd3 b5 18.Kb1 Qc7 19.Nce2**

b4 20.g5 Nh5 21.f4 Rc8 22.f5 a5 23.fxg6 fxg6 24.Rhg1 a4 25.b3?! This move helps Black open up the files against White king -- which was exactly the objective of Black's pawn storm. **25...axb3?!** This natural move is not the best. It would be better to play 25...Rc5, since Black would keep the option of capturing b3 at the right moment, for example, after doubling or tripling his heavy pieces on the "a" file. Naturally, Black should welcome White's move bxa4, since that would go a long way towards uncovering White's King. **26.Qxb3?** A serious mistake, stripping White's King of his pawn protection (see annotation to the last move). Far better is 26.cxb3! Rc5 27.Rc1!, and White has a defensible position (White is contesting the "c" file and opening up the second rank for the defense of the pawn a2). **26...e6 27.Rc1 Ra8 28.Qd3 Ra3 29.Nb3 Rc6 30.c4?!** This move would be logical, if it were not for the "en passant" rule. Better is 30.Bd4, trading one of Black's main attacking pieces and reminding the opponent that his King is also weak. **30...Rca6?!** 30...bxc3 is simple and strong, opening up White's King even more. **31.Rc2 Qc6** At this moment, Black missed a combination: 31...Rxb3+ 32.Qxb3 (32.cxb3?? Ra1#) Ra3 33.Qxb4 Rxe3, which, although does not win much material, increases Black's positional advantage by eliminating the Bishop on e3 -- the only piece capable of opposing Black's killer Bishop on h8. **32.Bc1 R3a4 33.Nbd4?** Better is 33.Rf1! followed by 34.Qf3 with counter threats. **33...Qa8 34.Qd2 Qxe4 35.Qe3 Qxe3 36.Bxe3 Ra8 37.Nf4??** The final blunder in a worse position. **37...Nxf4 38.Bxf4 Bxd4 39.Rd1 e5 40.Bc1 Bf5 41.Rdd2 Rxa2 42.Bb2 Ra1+ 43.Bxa1 Rxa1# 0-1**

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The 2005 Illinois Amateur Championships: A Youth Perspective

In recent years, there has been a marked increase in the number of young people playing at the various open chess tournaments across the State of Illinois. They range in age from 7 years old all the way through high school kids. They bring a vitality, enthusiasm, and love for the game of chess that is infectious. This year's Illinois Amateur Championships held at the Purple Hotel in Lincolnwood was no exception. The tournament's organizer Sevan Muradian welcomes young people participating at these tournaments, and has quickly become of favorite among chess parents and young chess players alike for his well organized and efficient approach to bringing about and executing tournaments in then Northern Illinois area.

This year's Class A section (1800-1999) at the Illinois Amateur was especially tough. Four adults finished with 3.5/5.0 and 8th grader Sam Edelstein scored a very respectable 3 points.

In the Class B section (1600-1799), Michael Auger, an extremely talented 6th grader, a frequent face on the Illinois chess scene scored 3.5/5.0. Brian Luo, an amazing 7 year old from Madison Wisconsin scored 3 points who is currently carries a 1745 rating. Brian comes down to Illinois frequently with his father Shen to sharpen his elbows and to get top quality chess competition that is hard to come by north of the cheddar curtain.

Other 3 point scorers in the Class B section included Brian Andy Appelbaum and 5th grader Eric Rosen. 3rd grader Sam Schmakel also had a strong tournament scoring 2.5 points with draws against Eric Rosen and Aakash Meduri, who also scored 2.5 points.

In the Class C section, (1400-1599), 8th grader Teme Sejko tied for 1st place scoring 4.0/5.0. 3 point scores included Paras Modi, Jimmy Yu and Matt Barbian.

In the Class D section (1200-1399), High schooler Michael Rockford scored 4.0/5.0 while 6th grader James Medina scored 3 points.

In the Class E /Unrated section, Marek Kapica scored 2.5 points.

And from Lincolnwood, Illinois --and from a youth perspective-- that's the way it was at the Illinois Amateur Championships.....

Swindel,F (1685) - Meerovich,I (1897) [A48]
Illinois Elementry Championships (7), 06.03.2005
[Ilan Meerovich]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.c3 d6
Before the game even began I knew that Frankie usually castles queenside as white so I attempted a Kings Indian Type of set up. In this position I was aiming for c5, open the C file, and breakthrough sometime with e5 which I did in the game. **6.Bd3 c5 7.Nbd2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Qc2 Bd7 10.h4 Rc8 11.a3 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.Nxd4** [13.Qd1 Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 (14.Qxf3 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qe3 b6=) 14...e4 15.Bxe4 Qe8] **13...exd4 14.c4 Re8+ 15.Kf1 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.h5 g5 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Re1 f5 20.Ng3** He played this move so he can trade off a knight for a bishop and also weaken my d pawn. **20...Bxg3 21.fxg3 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Qe7+ 23.Qe2 Qf7** [23...Qe3 24.Qxe3 dxe3; 23...Qxe2+ 24.Bxe2 (24.Kxe2 Re8+ 25.Kd2 Re3 26.Re1 Rxd3 27.Re7 Rxd2+ 28.Ke1 Ba4 29.Rxb7 about equal) 24...b5 25.b3 Re8 Black has active play here with rg3 coming up.] **24.Qf2 Re8+ 25.Kd2 Qf6 26.Re1 Re3 27.Rxe3 dxe3+ 28.Qxe3 Qxb2+ 29.Bc2 Kf7 30.Qd3** [30.Qxa7 f4 31.gxf4 Bf5 32.Qa4 Qd4+ This leads to good chances for black.] **30...b5!** This move looks like it loses a pawn, but the endgame is won for black because of white's horrible pawn structure. **31.cxb5 Qxb5 32.Qxb5 Bxb5 33.Bxf5 Kf6 34.Bd3 Be8 35.Kc3 Ke5 36.Kc4 Bf7 37.Kb5 Kd4** [37...Kxd5 38.Bc4+; 37...Bxd5 38.Ka6 This also wins for black as he can just sac his light squared bishop for the A pawn after he chops off all the pawns with the king.] **38.Bf1** This move was just useless, because after Bxd5 Ka6 Bc4+ wins for black **38...Bxd5 39.a4 Kc3 40.a5 Bb7 41.a6 Ba8 42.Be2 Bxg2 43.Bg4 Bf1+ 44.Kc6 Bxa6 45.Kxd6 Bb5 46.Be6 a5 47.Kc5 Be2 48.Bd7 Bd1 49.Kd5 a4 50.Bxa4 Bxa4 51.Ke4 Be8 52.g4 Bd7 53.Kf3 Kd3 54.Kg3 Ke3 55.Kh3 Kf3 56.Kh2 Bxg4 57.Kh1 Bxh5 58.Kh2 Be8 59.Kh1 h5 60.Kh2 g4 61.Kh1 g3 62.Kg1 Bb5 63.Kh1 h4 64.Kg1 h3 65.Kh1 Bd3 66.Kg1 Be4 67.Kf1 h2 68.Ke1 Ke3** He resigned here because after any move he makes he will get

A Youth Perspective

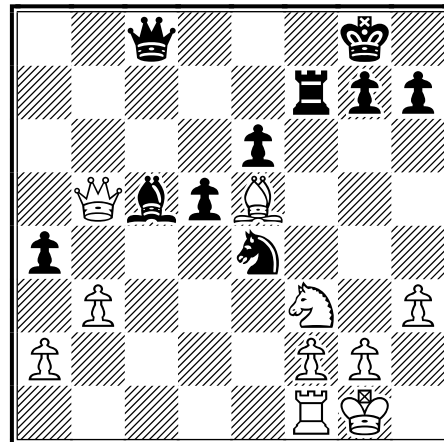
mated. I was proud of this win as I thought it would of been drawish at one point. 0-1

Malecki,A - Dubin,J [C05]

Ill State Scholastic Championships (6),
06.03.2005

[Josh Dubin]


1.e4 e6 The French Defence is a good solid opening for Black. **2.d4 d5 3.Nd2** The Tarrash variation. **3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Ndf3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bb5** Why would White want to get rid of his lovely light-squared bishop for the knight on c6? A better move would be 7.Bd3, taking aim at the pawn on h7, which would be a target if Black castles kingside. **7...a6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Ne2** Black is better now indeed; the light-squared Bishop belongs on a6 so Black should play 9...a5 10.0-0 Ba6. **9...cxd4** This may not be the best move by Black. Why release some tension in the middle of the board? Better to play 9...Qb6. **10.cxd4 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nexd4** Now White is starting to look better. Black has released all of the tension in the middle of the board. White has a lovely knight on d4 supported by the knight on f3 and queen on d1. Also White may get to play Rc1 and control the c-file at some point. The Black bishop still needs to get to a6. **12...Qc7 13.Re1 Bc5 14.Bf4 0-0 15.Rc1 Qb6 16.b3** Better moves are available for White. 16.Re2 Bb7 17.Rec2 Rac8 Notice Black's lack of mobility: the knight on d7 has no squares to go to right now, and the bishop on c5 is hitting a brick wall on d4. **16...Bb4 17.Re2 Nc5 18.Rec2 Bd7 19.Ng5** Why move the Knight on f3 when it is supporting e5 and d4? I prefer 19.Be3 because it creates the threat of playing 20.Nxe6, winning the knight on c5. **19...f6 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Bg3** [21.Be5 Rg6 (21...Rff8 22.Qh5 h6 23.Qg6!!) 22.Qh5!] **21...Raf8 22.Ngf3** So the White Knight has hobbled home after its adventure on g5!. Again, 22.Be5 Rg6 (22...Rh6 23.Qg4!) 23.Qh5! was critical. **22...Ne4 23.Bc7 Qa7 24.Be5 R6f7 25.Rc7 Qa8** If we look at the position now. Black has a great Knight on e4. White wants its Knight on f3 to be on e5. The Bishop on e5 is doing very little. The Black queen on a8 is not doing much. Black has good control of the f-file with his two rooks and White has good control of the c-file with his two rooks. I think Black is better because he has the two bishops. **26.R7c2 Qa7 27.Rc7 Qa8 28.R7c2 Ba3** A good move, making the rook move from the c-file. **29.Ra1 Rc8 30.Rxc8+ Qxc8 31.Qe2 a5 32.h3 a4 33.Nb5 Bxb5 34.Qxb5 Bc5 35.Rf1**



35...Rxf3 A crashing move that leaves White in a mess. **36.gxf3 Nd2** Now White needs damage control. Pawns are equal. So how about 37.Kg2 Nxf1 38.Kxf1 axb3 39.axb3? White would have a great bishop on e5 plus a passed b-pawn; Black would have a passed d-pawn. **37.Rd1 37...Nxf3+ 38.Kg2 Nxe5 39.Rc1 Qf8 39...Nd7 40.b4** This is a sneaky move winning back the bishop for White. **40.Qxc5 Qf3+ 41.Kg1 Qxh3 42.Qc8+ Kf7** White has to be careful because Black threatens Nf3 mate! **43.Qc7+ Kf6 44.Qd8+ Kg6 45.f4 Qg3+ 46.Kf1 Qxf4+ 47.Kg2 Qxc1** This should now be a very easy win for Black. **48.Qe8+ Kf5 49.Qxa4 Qd2+ 50.Kf1 Qd3+ 50...Nd3** would be very good here. **51.Kg1 Qe3+ 52.Kg2 Qe4+ 53.Qxe4+ Kxe4 54.a4 Nc6 55.b4 Nxb4 56.a5 d4 57.Kf2 Kd3 58.Ke1 Kc2 59.a6 Nxa6 60.Ke2 d3+. 0-1**

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ILLINOS TOUR RULES

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Originally by Bill Smythe

The Illinois Chess Association Tour is an annual, twelve month long series of USCF-rated tournaments offering Tour points to participants and season-end cash prizes to the top performers in each of several rating classes. The Tour runs from April 1 through March 31 of the following year.

There are three types of events on the Tour. Maxi-, Mini-, & Micro- events. Major tournaments such as the Tim Just Winter Open, Greater Peoria Open, Chicago Open, Illinois Open, Midwest Class, and Illinois Class are generally Maxi-events, while smaller events (including all one-day tournaments) are Mini-events. Quick-rated [G/29 and faster] are Micro-events. The ICA executive board has the right to deny or confer Tour status and size/type [Maxi, Mini, Micro] on all events.

Tour points are awarded in nine rating classes: Master (2200 and up), Expert (2000-2199), Class A (1800-1999), Class B (1600-1799), Class C (1400-1599), Class D (1200-1399), Class E (1000-1199), Class F (800-999), and Class G (below 800). There are "Regular Tour Prizes" and "Ex-Urban Tour Prizes", with cash prizes for the top seven rating classes.

A player must have played in at least three Tour events (Metro, Ex-Urban, or a combination) during the Tour season in order to be eligible for regular Tour prizes. A player must have played in at least three Ex-Urban Tour events to be eligible for Ex-Urban prizes. No player may win more than one prize. A player eligible for both a regular and an Ex-Urban prize will win only the one awarding the higher dollar amount.

Note that the Ex-Urban is event-based, not player-based. Players win Ex-Urban Tour points by playing in Ex-Urban events. It does not matter what a player's home address is. Players playing in an Ex-Urban event also win regular [Metro] Tour points.

An Ex-Urban Tour event is defined as an ICA Tour event held south of I-80 or west of Route 59. The officers reserve the right to modify these definitions slightly, case by case. The Ex-Urban area includes Peoria, Rockford, Champaign-Urbana, Bloomington, Normal, Joliet, Springfield, and Oglesby. Other areas, such as Elmhurst, Niles, Grayslake, Oakbrook, Lincolnwood, and Chicago are regarded as Metro.

Players earn Tour points according to score. Mini-events award half as many points, and Micro-events one quarter as many, as Maxi-events. For a perfect score in a Maxi the award varies from 28 in a four-round tournament to 48 in a nine-rounder. For each half-point below a perfect score, the award is cut by a factor which varies from .50 to .83 depending on the number of rounds/games. When this cutting would result in the Tour award being too low, points are awarded in direct proportion to the score. No Tour points are awarded for a score of zero.

Players must be members of the Illinois Chess Association to be able to earn Tour points. If you join later you will still not receive points from previous tournaments. So for someone who moves in from out of state in May and plays in the Chicago Open without being an ICA member [they are not yet an Illinois resident] no Tour points are awarded for their score. This remains true when they join ICA for the Illinois Open. They will receive Tour points for their score in the Illinois Open, but will not receive any Tour points for their score in the Chicago Open. They will however receive credit for having played in 2 Tour events.

ICA has compiled tables for awarding Tour points in Maxi-, Mini-, and Micro- events of three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine rounds. These tables will be published on the web site shortly.

ICA Tour Points

By Mark Engelen ICA Statistician

These standings reflect the following 2004-2005 Tour Events:

April 17, 2004	Mini	James Ruth Birthday Open, Springfield (XU)
April 24, 2004	Mini	Peoria Spring Tornado (XU)
May 31, 2004	MAXI	13th Annual Chicago Open, Oakbrook
June 12, 2004	Mini	Springfield Summer (XU)
June 26, 2004	Mini	Peoria Summer Tornado (XU)
August 21, 2004	Mini	Springfield August Open (XU)
September 5, 2004	MAXI	2004 Illinois Open State Championship, Lake Villa
October 9, 2004	Mini	First Annual David Mote Memorial Open, Springfield (XU)
October 10, 2004	MAXI	13th Annual Midwest Class Championship, Oak Brook
October 23, 2004	Mini	Northbridge Baptist Church October Open, Normal (XU)
October 30, 2004	Mini	Peoria Fall Tornado(XU)
December 11, 2004	Mini	Springfield Holiday Open (XU)
December 19, 2004	MAXI	Illinois Class Championships
January 8, 2005	Mini	Northbridge Baptist Church January Open, Normal (XU)
January 9, 2005	MAXI	Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XIX
January 29, 2005	Mini	Peoria Winter Tornado (XU)
February 19, 2005	Mini	Almost President's Day Open, Springfield (XU)
February 27, 2005	Mini	Greater Peoria Open (XU)
March 20, 2005	MAXI	Illinois Amateur Championship

Please note the following:

(1) This listing reflects all the events for the 2004-2005 Tour, which ended March 30, 2005.

(2) The points listed in the March-April 2005 listing were incorrect for "Urban" Classes D - F Sections. This was because the points for the 10 round Illinois Class event were incorrectly tabulated. This has been corrected in the point totals that follow.

MASTER TOUR POINTS:

1 SMETANKIN, STANISLAV	55.0
2 BURGESS, JON L	48.5
3 YOUNG, ANGELO	45.5
4 GUREVICH, DMITRY	40.0
5 PASALIC, MEHMED	32.0
6 STAMNOV, ALEKSANDAR	31.0
7 CHOW, ALBERT C	29.0
8 ELEZAJ, ESAO	28.0
9 COHEN, LAWRENCE S	26.5
10 DUNCAN, JASON T	21.0

MASTER EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

1 BURGESS, JON L	21.5
2 DONDON, JOSITO C	10.0
3 NAFF, WILLIAM A	9.0
4 COHEN, LAWRENCE S	7.5
5 LONG, DAVID	7.5
6 WATTS, BRADLEY S	6.5
7 BARTON, AARON	(2) 5.0
8 CHILES, SETH D	5.0
9 RUAN, GORDON J	5.0
10 BARTON, WILLIAM J	(2) 4.0

**EXPERT TOUR
POINTS:**

1 COHEN, LAWRENCE S	47.5
2 LEALI, MICHAEL E	42.0
3 LONG, DAVID	37.5
4 CAVENEY, GEOFFREY	30.0
5 DONDON, JOSITO C	28.0
6 NAFF, WILLIAM A	27.0
7 NIENART, CHRISTOPHER	27.0
8 MILES, KYLE J	26.0
9 STEVANOVIC, MIOMIR	24.0
10 DUNCAN, JASON T	21.0

**CLASS A TOUR
POINTS:**

1 LEALI, MICHAEL E	42.0
2 LONG, DAVID	37.5
3 PEKOVIC, JUSUF	36.0
4 CAVITT, DEXTER	33.0
5 MALONEY, MICHAEL A	28.0
6 MILES, KYLE J	26.0
7 KASIURAK, ZACHARY	23.0
8 HERNANDEZ, HECTOR R	22.5
9 EDELSTEIN, SAM	21.0
10 HILL, ROBERT N	(2) 21.0

**CLASS B TOUR
POINTS:**

1 MEEROVICH, ILAN	53.0
2 MC NALLY, DANIEL M	42.0
3 MEISTER, MARK	(2) 41.0
4 BARBIN, JOSEPH	40.0
5 LAGUMBAY, CHARLES P	35.0
6 DZANANOVIC, MUHAMED	32.0
7 GANNON, DAN I	31.0
8 BONWELL, JONATHAN J	30.0
9 KASIURAK, ZACHARY	30.0
10 CHIEN, JASON W	29.0

**CLASS C TOUR
POINTS:**

1 DZANANOVIC, MUHAMED	31.0
2 MC NALLY, DANIEL M	31.0
3 AUGER, MICHAEL W	30.0
4 DJORDJEVIC, VLADIMIR	30.0
5 PADILLA, RUDY R	29.5
6 CHIEN, JASON W	29.0
7 LAUGER, JUDD E	29.0
8 MEDURI, AAKAASH	28.0
9 FENG, JUSTIN L	26.0
10 DOS SANTOS, NICOLAU	25.0

**EXPERT EX-URBAN
TOUR POINTS:**

1 LEALI, MICHAEL E	42.0
2 LONG, DAVID	37.5
3 COHEN, LAWRENCE S	28.5
4 DONDON, JOSITO C	28.0
5 NAFF, WILLIAM A	27.0
6 MILES, KYLE J	26.0
7 ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE	15.5
8 KNOEDLER, THOMAS B	15.0
9 RENZE, JOHN D	15.0
10 SCHMIDT, SCOTT	(1) 14.0

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

1 LEALI, MICHAEL E	42.0
2 LONG, DAVID	37.5
3 MILES, KYLE J	26.0
4 ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE	19.5
5 BOURGERIE, DENNIS A	18.0
6 KNOEDLER, THOMAS B	18.0
7 RENZE, JOHN D	16.0
8 MCGOWAN, ANDREW	(1) 14.0
9 SCHMIDT, SCOTT	(1) 14.0
10 AYLER, PETER W	13.5

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

1 MILES, KYLE J	26.0
2 ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE	19.5
3 BOURGERIE, DENNIS A	18.0
4 KNOEDLER, THOMAS B	18.0
5 RENZE, JOHN D	16.0
6 SCHMIDT, SCOTT	(1) 14.0
7 AYLER, PETER W	13.5
8 RUAN, GORDON J	13.5
9 CREMEENS, MATTHEW K	12.0
10 BLICKHAN, GARY L	11.0

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

1 KNOEDLER, THOMAS B	18.0
2 SCHMIDT, SCOTT	(1) 13.5
3 AYLER, PETER W	12.0
4 CREMEENS, MATTHEW K	11.0
5 KRISHNAMOORTHY, SABAREESH	9.5
6 HELM, BRET	9.0
7 CHILES, SETH D	9.0
8 NASZODI, LASZLO	8.5
9 RENZE, JOHN D	8.0
10 BENNETT, BRAD	(2) 8.0

**CLASS D TOUR
POINTS:**

1 GIRARDO, CHRISTOPHER		33.0
2 DOYLE, DENNIS R	(1)	32.0
3 PHIPPS, BOBBY V	(1)	32.0
4 BARBIAN, MATTHEW R		27.0
5 KIRSCH, LEO E		27.0
6 BIBAT, SEBASTIAN C		26.0
7 WISHNER, MICHAEL		26.0
8 KASHYAP, AMRIT		23.0
9 HELLER, MICHAEL L		22.0
10 JAYAKUMAR, ADARSH		22.0

**CLASS E TOUR
POINTS:**

1 SOUKAL, ANDY P	(2)	38.0
2 GAUDINO, STEVEN J	(1)	28.0
3 HARVEY, FRANK J		28.0
4 BRONFELD, JORDAN	(1)	27.0
5 MEDINA, STEVEN A		23.0
6 GARIVALTIS, ALEXA	(1)	20.0
7 KWAN, RANDY G	(1)	20.0
8 LANGE, RICHARD C		20.0
9 METZ, VERONICA		20.0
10 MUSIC, ADEM		20.0

**CLASS F TOUR
POINTS:**

1 SOUKAL, ANDY P	(2)	38.0
2 GAUDINO, STEVEN J	(1)	28.0
3 BRONFELD, JORDAN	(1)	27.0
4 DICKINSON, TRAVIS		16.0
5 KUMAR, PREVIN	(2)	16.0
6 MEDURI, VISHAAL		16.0
7 ABAUNZA, ADRIAN	(1)	10.0
8 LAURILA, DANIEL J	(1)	10.0
9 HU, YAODI	(2)	9.0
10 PANN, CARTER	(1)	9.0

**CLASS G TOUR
POINTS:**

1 BRONFELD, JORDAN	(1)	27.0
2 KUMAR, PREVIN	(2)	16.0
3 HU, YAODI	(2)	9.0
4 KUDARAVALLI, THEJA	(2)	8.0
5 MC CALL, KYLE M	(1)	7.0
6 TRIPURANENI, PRANEETH	(2)	6.0
7 STEINBERG, ROSS	(1)	5.0
8 FAIRBANK, TOM	(1)	4.0
9 LEBOW, THOMAS IRWI	(1)	4.0
10 MC DOUGAL, EDDIE	(1)	4.0

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

1 DOROSHEFF, EVAN JAMES		8.0
2 LEALI, DOMINICK CHRISTIAN		8.0
3 NASZODI, LASZLO		8.0
4 KELLY, JAMES R		7.5
5 AYLER, PETER W		6.0
6 KRISHNAMOORTHY, SABAREESH		5.5
7 TERLIZZI, CALVIN J		5.5
8 BARTON, AARON	(2)	5.0
9 RUTH, JAMES		5.0
10 CHILES, SETH D		4.5

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

1 DOROSHEFF, EVAN JAMES		7.0
2 AYLER, PETER W		6.0
3 RUTH, JAMES		5.0
4 GUHA, PRASHANT S	(2)	4.0
5 SCARLETT, TODD M	(1)	4.0
6 KRISHNAMOORTHY, SABAREESH		3.5
7 KIBLER, MICHAEL E	(2)	2.5
8 TERLIZZI, CALVIN J		2.5
9 CANAVAN, DYLAN P	(2)	2.0
10 KOPULA, SURYAPRAKASH S		2.0

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

1 SCARLETT, TODD M	(1)	4.0
2 CODDING, DOUG L	(2)	1.0
3 GAYAM, SAJJAN	(1)	1.0
4 GUHA, PRASHANT S	(2)	1.0
5 KIBLER, MICHAEL E	(2)	1.0
6 PARUPALLI, ASHWIN N	(1)	1.0
7 SCHUCK, JASON	(1)	1.0
8 STRICKLAND, WILLIAM A	(1)	1.0
9 KITSON, MICHAELA M	(1)	0.5
10 NOOKALA, PARTHA R	(1)	0.5

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

1 KITSON, MICHAELA M	(1)	1.0
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Twin City Chess Club News

By Dennis Bourgerie

The Twin City Chess Club of Bloomington-Normal held its 2005 Championship in January and February of this year. The format was 6 games, with the top 5 scores counting towards the final results.

1st place was taken by Jason Chien with 5 wins, 0 losses and 1 draw. Score = 5.0.

2nd place was a tie between Colley Kitson and Matt Vail with each scoring 4 wins 1 loss and 1 draw. Score = 4.5.

4th place was a tie between John Renze and Brett Helm. John had 4 wins and 2 losses, scoring 4.0, and Brett had 3 wins, 1 loss and 2 draws for a score of 4.0.

Krishna Kallakuri was the top scorer for players rated under 1400 with 3 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw. Score = 3.5 and Landon Alvey had the best score for a player rated under 1200 with 3 wins and 3 losses. Score = 3.0.

We also conducted a Junior Championship with Aarish Wadia taking 1st place with 5 wins and 0 losses.

Mitchell Pauley and Cole Frank tied for 2nd in the junior division with 2.5 points.

I directed the 30 player adult tournament and the junior tournament with help from Garrett Scott and Seth Chiles.

Some of the winners of the TCCC Championship in past years are as follows:

2004-Peter Stroyan and Dale Elder;

2003-Dale Elder and Jason Chien;

2002-Bill Barton, Suresh Kanniah and Colley Kitson;

2001-Dennis Bourgerie and Jason Shive

ICA Board meeting

Sunday, June 5, 2005

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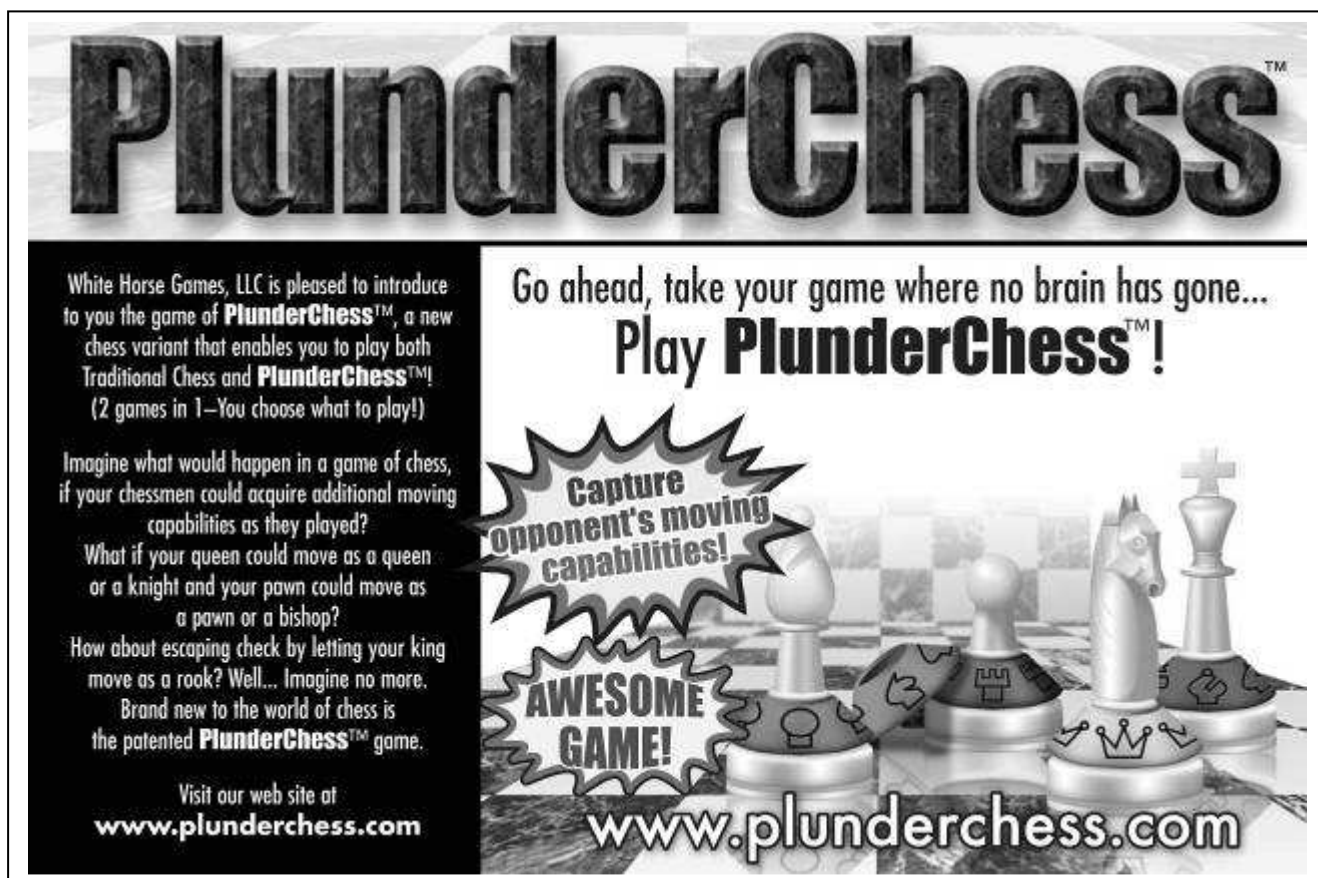
St. Charles Chess Club News

by Dan Pradt

The club championship concluded on March 14. Club members showed their usual lack of respect for higher rated players, and after three rounds no-one had a perfect score. Eight people were tied at the top with 2.5 points apiece. After 5 rounds, Jim Marshall(2116) and Matt Pivovitz(1345) were alone at the top. Jim had 4.5 points, drawing with Clive Hutchby(1641) in the third round, while Matt had 4.0 drawing with Wally Alberts(1717) and Paul Friedel(1889).

Jim won an intensely contested game playing the white side of a Maroczy Bind, and finished clear first with 5.5. Marcus Stinson and Jeremiah Freidel shared second with 4.5. Jeff Weiwel, Paul Freidel, Jesse Freidel, Walter Alberts, Clive Hutchby, and Matt Pivovitz had 4.0.

Upsets? Almost too many to mention. Dennis Freidel(1340) over Marcus Stinson(1765), Mauricio Guterrez(1453) over Dan Pradt(1654), Clive Hutchby over Jeff Weiwel(2008) and also scored the only half-point over Marshall. Pivovitz, a junior we will hear more of, besides his draws with Alberts and Paul Freidel, scored wins over Dan Pradt and Jesse Freidel(1813).



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Potzering away in Peoria

by Larry Cohen

The Greater Peoria Open [or GPO to those of us who have played in it for a number of years] has been an annual event in Illinois for over 25 years. This year it was held over the final weekend in February, and it was the final Ex-Urban event in the Illinois Tour "year".

The event ended in a three-way tie for first at 4 points. Miomir Stevanovic (the second highest rated player at the event), David Long (who drew with Stevanovic), and Kyle Miles (who was perfect, except for a loss to Stevanovic). Right behind at 3.5 points was Michael Leali (the other draw with Stevanovic) who won the Class A prize. Those finishing with 3 points included Lawrence Cohen [I was actually listed as the highest rated at 2020 for the tournament] with the top expert prize, Bradley Bennett (winner of the cumulative upset prize) and Rodney Fett who tied for first and second class B, and Brad Bennett & Brett Helm tied for class C prize with 3 points. The winner of first class D James Kelly. Tying for second class D & below were Sabareesh Krishnamoorthy, Dominick Leali (winner of the biggest individual game upset prize), and Terry Patton. Winning the unrated prize was Samuel Bennett.

Usually in any tournament you expect the top rated players to vie for the top spots. Based on this expectation there were 3 experts and 2 class A players vying for First and Second place. Yet there was also prizes for first and second in class X and class A. This meant that you should have had 5 player vying for six prizes! A result of this was that Bill Naff won the second expert prize, Since Stevanovic won First overall. It also meant that the second place for class A had nobody to win it. As a result the second A prize was divided up among all the other prize winners.

As for myself, I had a really lousy tournament. That can happen to anyone at anytime. I am sure you have heard of the "Swiss Gambit". This is where a player supposedly draws their first round game in order to get easier pairings in the next few rounds. For this tournament I claim to have player the "Double Accelerated Swiss Gambit". This is just a fancy way to state that I screwed up and loss both of my first 2 round games. I did

manage to win the rest of my games, but it was tough going all the way.

What really surprised me about this tournament is the low turnout. There were only 24 players at the event, yet it use to be one of the major events in Illinois. The museum site is very nice and easy to find. There are plenty of eateries in the area, and if you really feel the need snacks are available at a cheap price. You will probably see games in this or the next ICB issue. I probably shouldn't say this [as a similar turnout next year would guarantee me money], but why don't you think about playing in next year's event. Please excuse any errors in reporting of results by me. Thank you.

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On Opening Preparation:

By Igor Khmel'nitsky

In my opinion Opening preparation is one of the most complex aspects of the chess training. It is very time consuming, puts a lot of demand on your memory and overall requires a serious commitment of financial and physical resources. To reflect my thoughts on the process, I have devoted a chapter in my new book **Chess Exam and Training Guide** on the subject of openings. A little while ago I had written a detailed memo for my students (not-published anywhere else) on how to prepare openings.

Beginners can get away with some very simplistic preparation, while professionals need to spend hours and hours to be adequately prepared.

You, the reader must determine your niche, develop a plan and get your hands on available resources. Remember, that if you do your preliminary research well, pick the right opening (solid and well-suited) and prepare thoroughly, you will have an opening you can use for many years.

I view database management program (ChessBase or ChessAssistant) as a staple that should be used by everyone who is even remotely serious in their attempts. After that come chess books, of which are 100s available.

If you are seriously interested in a certain opening, I think buying 3-4 of the recent books by renown authorities in those openings is a reasonable investment. The main reason - author already did a big part of the manual work for you. Just think about it in a different light - can you pay a very strong titled player \$15-20 and have him do an extensive research for you personally? Impossible! Yet, when you purchase a book, you get just

that - research by a chess authority who invested a lot of effort and is not afraid to put his credibility on the line.

Today I have express comments about two new books - "**Starting Out: Alekhine Defense**" and "**Beating Petroff**"



[Starting Out: Alekhine De-](#)

[fense](#) by John Cox

Paperback: 192 pages

Publisher: Everyman Chess;
(January 1, 2005)

I've seen a few books from the "Starting out" series by Everyman and it was my impression that the prime target audience was experienced beginners who are ready to venture into the complexity of opening preparation. This particular book, however seems more suited to the experienced player. I found a lot of analysis, nice display of recent trends and some original ideas. The inexperienced player (<1300) will probably get only minimal benefit. All major lines were presented and well annotated 42 illustrative games range from older ones that explain some common principles to more recent ones that show recent trends (games from 1967-2004). Overall, there are too few books written on this exciting opening and this book - "Starting Out: Alekhine Defense" while not sufficient to be a standalone reference, can be a good complement in you research for good lines for White as well as for Black.

Recommended.

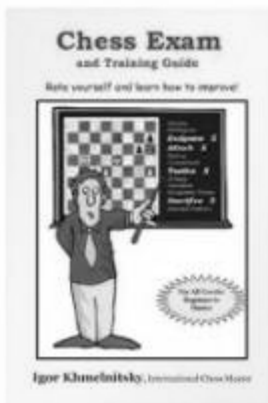


Beating the Petroff by Vasilias Kotronias and Andreas Tzermiadianos
Paperback: 224 pages
Publisher: Batsford (March 28, 2005)

"Beating the Petroff" is another interesting book I have checked recently. While acknowledging that it is not possible to give the reader an real way to beat this very popular opening, authors attempting to provide a set of clear-cut lines that should help White to get a good positions against virtually every Black's play. The book is written solely about 3.Nxe5 line and you are only advised to buy it if this is the variation you want to play. You won't find another main line, like 3.d4 or side-

lines 3.d3, 3.Nc3 etc... Moreover, after 3.Nxe5 d6, only 4.Nf3 is given. I suggest you do your preliminary research using a database program (ChessBase / ChessAssistant), Chess Informants, New In Chess and other recently published books on Petroff. Once again, the authors cover all recent trends. Also, I found really attractive how authors present relevant Middlegame (25 pages) and Endgame (3 pages) ideas. I would suggest using Fritz/or another chess playing program to practice some of those Middlegame set-ups, to see if you like the positions. 38 well annotated games with numerous sub-variations will provide a lot of information to absorb even for experienced players. Overall, if you want to try 3.Nxe5, this books is

Recommended



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May 21, 2005. Lakeview Cuyler Chess Club 3901 N. Marshfield (1634 west) Chicago 60613. 4ss g/60 ef. 25.00 at dr. 20.00 if mailed to above address by 5/1/05 (make checks payable to Lakeview Cuyler Chess Club) prizes by score; 4-0 \$100 3-5\$50 3-1 \$25 reg. ends 11.00 rd.1 at 12.00 information [Charles Whipple](#) or [Larry Cohen](#) (T.D.) phone# for day of; 773-525-2803. Clocks and boards provided but you can bring your own.

May 28, 2005. McHenry Area Chess Holiday Inn Hotel, 495 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (By I-90 and Rt 31). Four round Swiss. G/60 Reg 8:30 AM. Rds 9:30, 11:35, 2:15, 4:20. Prizes: Based on entries. Typical for a thirty player event is \$70 first, \$55 second, \$40 third, \$30 Under 1500, \$10 biggest upset Win. EF: only \$10. For more info, call Bob at 815-459-4856 or visit our website at www.McHenryAreaChess.org.

June 4, 2005. Tuley Park Quick #7 (Huge). 7-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3,4,5 G/15 rds 6,7 G/20 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$22 u19 \$11 \$\$G 555 1st \$150 2nd \$100 3rd \$60, 1700-1899: \$50, 1500-1699 \$45, 1300-1499 \$40, 1100-1299 \$35, 900-1099 \$30, 100-899 \$25, unrated \$20. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [Tuley Chess Website](#).

June 5, 2005. ICA Board of Directors Meeting State Farm Corporate HQ Conference Room SA 413, 1 State Farm Plaza, Bloomington, IL On the corner of Oakland and Veterans Parkway. Enter through the South Entrance.

June 11, 2005. Springfield Summer Open. An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Tour Event. 4SS, G/80. Signature Inn, corner of Dirksen Pkwy & 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 mbrship req'd, OSA. EF: \$17 if rec'd by 06/05, \$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. knoedler.thomas@uis.edu or tknoe1@uis.edu

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June 25, 2005 TTCCOM June Quick Open contact [Bradley Watts](#)

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June 25, 2005 Peoria Summer Tornado An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Tour Event Lakeview Museum, 1125 W. Lake Ave., Peoria, IL 61614 4 round SS. EF \$14 by June 23, \$17 at the site, free if rated 2200 or over TC Game/80 USCF and ICA membership required. Prizes: 75% of EF's distributed as follows: 25% First, 15% Second, 10% each to A/B, C/D, under 1200 5% to biggest upset. Registration: 8:00-8:45 AM Round times: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30. 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. No smoking. Entries: [Fred Malcome](#), 1200 E. Partridge St., Unit 56A, Metamora, IL 61548, (309) 367-4833

July 16, 2005 Tuley Park Quick (Bigger) 6-SS, rds 1-6 G/18 (or G/16+3sec). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$14, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 330: \$80-50-35, 1899-1650 \$40, 1649-1400 \$35, 1399-1150 \$30, 1149-900 \$25, 899-100 \$20, Unrated \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [Tuley Chess Website](#)

July 16, 2005. McHenry Area Chess Holiday Inn Hotel, 495 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (By I-90 and Rt 31). Four round Swiss. G/60 Reg 8:30 AM. Rds 9:30, 11:35, 2:15, 4:20. Prizes: Based on entries. Typical for a thirty player event is \$70 first, \$55 second, \$40 third, \$30 Under 1500, \$10 biggest upset Win. EF: only \$10. For more info, call Bob at 815-459-4856 or visit our website at www.McHenryAreaChess.org.

Club Affiliates

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Include a short paragraph, similar to those below, listing your club's activities.

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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>.

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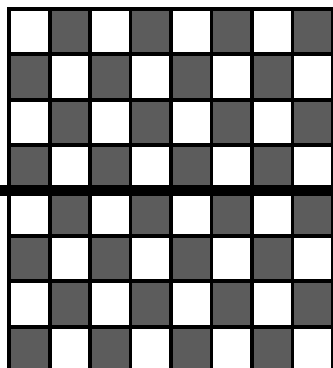
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Mailed entry fee: 4-day \$189, 3-day \$188, 2-day \$187 mailed by 3/16; 4-day \$219, 3-day \$218, 2-day \$217 mailed by 5/18; all \$250 at site. No checks at site, credit cards OK.

ONLINE entry fee at chesstour.com: \$185 by 3/16, \$215 by 5/24, \$250 after 5/24 until 2 hours before round one.

Phoned entry fee at 406-896-2038: \$195 by 3/16, \$225 by 5/24 (entry only, no questions). No phone entry after 5/24.

ICA membership (\$18, under 18 \$14) req. for Illinois residents.

No free entries: GMs \$150, WGMs after 3/16 \$200. **Special entry fee:** \$30 less to rated juniors under 18 or rated seniors over 65. Re-entry \$100; not available in Open Section. **Unrated Section entry fee:** 4-day \$49, 3-day \$48, 2-day \$47 mailed by 5/19; all \$45 online at chesstour.com by 5/24, \$50 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/24 (entry only, no questions), \$60 at site. **Advance entry fee** \$10 less if paid with \$49 USCF dues. **Advance EF minus \$5 service charge** refunded for withdrawals who give notice at least 1 hour before first round (no service charge if fee applied to future CCA tmts). **\$20 fee for switching** section or schedule after 5/24.

4-day schedule: Reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm, Rds. Fri 7:30 pm, Sat 12 &7, Sun 12 &7, Mon 10 &4:30.

3-day schedule: Reg. ends Sat 11 am, Rds. Sat 12, 3, &7, Sun 12 &7, Mon 10 &4:30.

2-day schedule: Reg. ends Sun 9 am, Rds. Sun 10-12-2-4-7, Mon 10 &4:30. All schedules merge & compete for same prizes. Half point byes OK: all, limit 2; rds 5-7 byes must commit before rd 4.

Hotel rates: \$85-85-85-85, 800-528-0444, 630-573-1234. Reserve by 5/8 or rate may increase.

Car rentals: Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com.

Foreign player ratings: 100 points added to FIDE, 100 to FQE, 200/more to most other foreign, no pts added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings used.

US player ratings: April list used. If otherwise unrated, June list used.

Entries: Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: 845-496-9658, www.chesstour.com. Invitation requests: go@chess.us. You may request "lowest possible section" if April rating unknown. Advance entries will be posted at chesstour.com 5/26.

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