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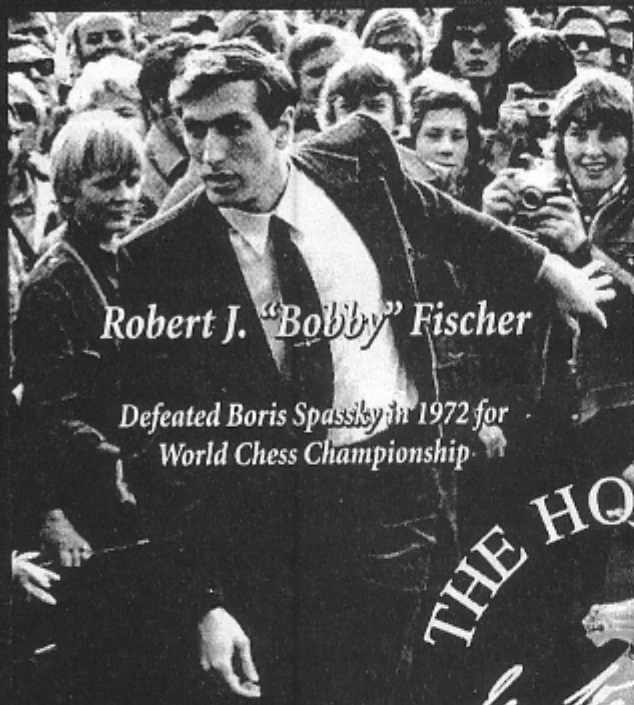
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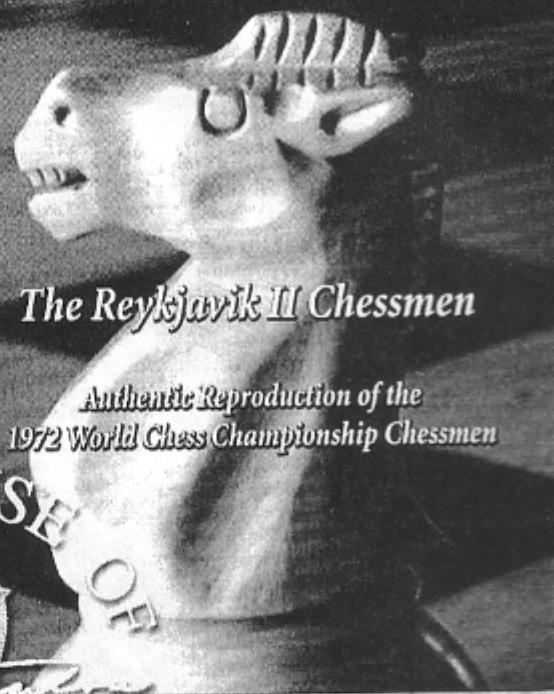
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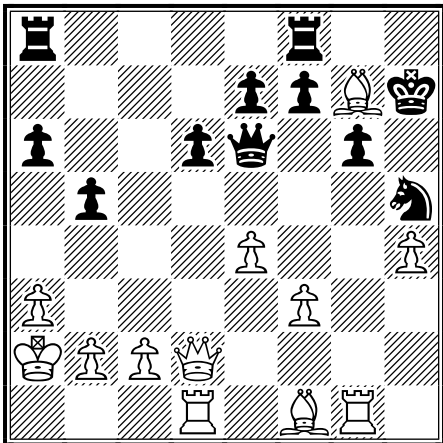
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President Podium

Bill Brock

Not every great chess book belongs on the nightstand. A book of tactics is ideal: like a good mystery novel, it offers the insomniac excitement (but not too much) and a satisfying sense of closure. I've been rereading the Golz & Keres collection of Kurt Richter's best columns, *Chess Combination as a Fine Art* (Crowood Press, 1989). Richter had a genius for presenting unusual tactics in an easy-to-understand manner. Here's a sample:



Lapiken-Reshevsky, Long Beach 1955
An ill-considered interpolated check

Richter writes, "Black has given an interpolated check on e6, White replied 1.Kb1? and consequently lost. What should he have played instead?" If you find the right move today, then tonight you have license to dream that you beat Reshevsky.

The election for the four vacant seats on the USCF Executive Board has been completed: our congratulations to the landslide winners, Greg Shahade, Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, and Robert Tanner. Our thanks to outgoing USCF President Beatriz Marinello, who made the unpopular choices that turned USCF's finances around, and to outgoing Board members Steve Shutt, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, and Randy Bauer for their service. Let's hope the new Board members set aside the self-interest and petty vendettas of the past and earn our respect by showing respect to their political opponents. May they restore community, advance the USCF mission, and create a less dysfunctional, less embarrassing USCF culture.

All politics is local. On several (!) recent occasions, I've been asked to intercede in disputes between organizers and players. The proper venue is really the USCF Rules Committee. Our Rules guru, Tim Just, will be happy to advise you if you need to file a complaint. But a sense of proportion is useful. We want more tournaments, and we want our organizers to have fun, too.

Organizers and TDs should bear in mind that it's their responsibility to follow announced conditions. Even when TDs make changes intended to be in the best interest of the players, some players may see these changes as a breach of contract.

So, I would ask organizers to be conscientious in fulfilling conditions to the letter (unless unanimous consent is obtained), and players to be more tolerant of *de minimis* irregularities. Again, mutual respect is a good thing.

Mutual respect does not exclude a little tongue-in-cheek trash-talking. The Rockford Chess Association is willing to host a revival of the Illinois-Wisconsin match. Is the Wisconsin Chess Association afraid of us? (Would the Bears like to borrow Brett Favre?) Check out www.ilchess.org for updates.

In international postal play, the traditional greeting is *Lieber Schachfreund*, "Dear Chessfriend." One of ICA's dearest chessfriends, Ray Satterlee, recently underwent surgery for a brain tumor, and is now at the Alexian Brothers Medical Center hospice in Elk Grove Village. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray.

Also, by the time you read this, two of ICA's most important volunteers will be recovering from surgery. Dennis Bourgerie is slated for a triple bypass, while our esteemed editor, Colley Kitson, is up for gastric bypass surgery. We wish our Downstate chessfriends a speedy recovery.

Want to make a difference? Please come to our next Board meeting, open to all, on Sunday, October 30, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. (There will be a closed officers' meeting from 1 to 1:30 p.m.) Our gracious hosts are the Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club, Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook. Stick around for a Fischer Random tournament! (What next, no-limit poker?)

Sevan Muradian, who typically has twenty balls in the air—including organizing the 2005 Illinois Open: if by some miracle you are reading this before Labor Day weekend, come play in a *great* event with \$10,000 in *guaranteed prizes!*—will be stepping down as ICA Webmaster in the near future. Thanks for a job well done, Sevan! Please drop me a line if you're interested in picking up the ball.

Congratulations to 2005 National Open winner Dmitry Gurevich! We hope to have a story next issue....

Reminder: we're looking for sponsors for the 2006 Denker Qualifier and Polgar Qualifier. (I expect to have good news on the Polgar next issue.) We had a budget shortfall of more than \$800 for the 2005 junior events.... until our friend Sevan Muradian donated the costs.

Thank you once again, Sevan!

Solution: Richter—"Instead of 1.Kb1? White should have made the very elegant move **1.Bc4!!** (because of the threatened mate by 2.Qh6+, etc., Black had no time) **1...Qxc4+ 2.b3** which would have captured the queen, as can now be easily seen. However, even the grandmaster hadn't thought of this, otherwise he would not have made the interpolated check on e6."



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Ray Doyle Satterlee (1936 - 2005).

Illinois chess stalwart Ray Doyle Satterlee died on August 12, 2005. Satterlee, who was 68, participated in 27 U.S. Opens, 10 Senior Opens, and hundreds of local events during his 53 years of tournament play. The long time Wheaton resident maintained an Expert level rating for much his chess career.

His over-the-board accomplishments included equal first at three U.S. Senior Opens, two Illinois Senior Open championships, dozens of top prizes in local tournaments, and victories over six Grandmasters in simultaneous exhibitions. He also coached scholastic chess teams to several Illinois state titles in the 1980s and 1990s. Satterlee received the Natalie Broughton Life Achievement in Chess Award in 1998. [A lengthy article on Ray Doyle Satterlee's chess career will appear in the next ICB.]

Gilruth,P - Georgiev,V [D11]

Chicago open (5), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Nbd7
6.c4 c6 7.b3 Bd6 8.Bb2 Qb8! 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 e5
11.cxd5 cxd5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5
Qxe5 15.Nf3 Bxf3! 16.Bxf3 Rac8 17.Rc1 b6 18.e3
Rxc1 19.Qxc1 Qf5 20.Kg2 g5 21.Qb1 Qxb1 22.Rxb1
g4 23.Be2 Rc8 24.Rb2 Kf8 25.Bd3 Ke7 26.Rc2 Rxc2
27.Bxc2 Kd6 The GM has no problem winning this
minor piece ending! 28.Kf1 Ke5 29.Ke2 h6 30.f4+
gxf3+ 31.Kxf3 a5 32.Bd3 Ne8 33.Bh7 f5 34.Bg6 Nf6
35.h4 b5 36.a4 b4 37.Bf7 Ne4 38.g4 Nd2+ 39.Ke2
Nxb3 40.gxf5 Nc5 41.Be8 Kxf5 42.Bc6 Ke5 43.Kd2
Ne4+ 44.Kd3 Nd6 45.Bd7 Nf5 46.h5 Ng3 47.Be8 Nf5
48.Bg6 Nd6 49.Ke2 Nc4 50.Be8 d4 51.exd4+ Kxd4
52.Kd1 Kc3 53.Kc1 Nd2 54.Bg6 b3 55.Bc2 b2+ white
resigned. 0-1

(2) Elvest,J - Gurevich,D [A31]

Chicago open (7), 08.2005

[A.C.]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 b6 4.e4 d6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4
Bb7 7.f3 e6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Be2 a6 11.0-0
Qc7 12.Rac1 Nbd7 13.Rfd1 Rac8 14.b4 Qb8 15.Nb3
h6 16.a3 Rfe8 17.Bf1 Ba8 18.Kh1 Ne5 19.Na4 Nfd7
20.Bf4 Red8 21.Qf2 Ng6 22.Bg3 Rc6 23.c5 bxc5
24.Na5 Rc7 25.bxc5 Nde5 26.Rb1 Qa7 27.cxd6 Rxd6
28.Qxa7 Rxa7 29.Nb6 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Bf6 31.Rc1 Ne7
32.Nc8 Nxc8 33.Rxc8+ Kh7 34.Bf2 Rd7 35.Rxa8 Rd1
36.Kg1 Nd3 37.Nc4 Rc1 38.e5 Be7 39.Be3 Re1
40.Ra7 black resigned 1-0

(3) Hanken,J - Gurevich,D [A40]

Chicago open (1), 08.2005

[A.C.]

1.c4 b6 2.d4 e6 3.e4 Bb7 4.d5 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7
6.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 7.Qd2 Qxd2+ 8.Kxd2 Ne7 9.Nc3 0-0
10.Nh3 f5 11.Bd3 fxe4 12.Bxe4 exd5 13.cxd5 Nf5
14.Rad1 Na6 15.g3 Nc5 16.Bg2 a5 17.Kc1 Nd6
18.Rhe1 b5 19.Bf1 Ba6 20.b3 Rf3 21.Re3 Rxe3
22.fxe3 Re8 23.Re1 b4 24.Bxa6 bxc3 25.Bf1 Nf5
26.Bc4 Kh8 27.e4 Nd4 28.Nf4 g5 29.Nh5 Rxe4
30.Rf1 Re8 31.d6 cxd6 32.g4 d5 33.Nf6 dxc4
34.Nxe8 Nd3+ 35.Kd1 c2+ 36.Kd2 c1Q+ 37.Rxc1
Nxc1 38.Kxc1 cxb3 39.axb3 Nxb3+ 40.Kb2 Nc5
41.Nd6 Kg7 42.Kc3 Kf6 43.Kc4 Ne6 44.Kb5 Ke5
45.Nf5 Nd4+ white resigns. 0-1

(4) Najer - Ardaman [A40]

Chicago open (2), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bd3 a6 4.Nf3 d6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.a4
c6 7.Bf4! g6 8.Nbd2 Bg7 9.e5! dxe5 10.dxe5 Nc5
11.Ne4! Ne6 12.Qc1 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Nh6 14.Nc5 Qb6
15.Nxb7 Qxb7 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8+ Qxa8 18.Be4
f5 19.Nd4! 0-0 [19...fxe4 20.Ne6! wins by attack.]
20.Bxc6 Qb8 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Ne6 Rc8 23.Nxg7
Kxg7 24.c3 Rf8 25.Bf3 Nf7 26.Re1 e6 27.h4 Rc8
28.Qd4 Rc4 29.Qd7 Qb6 30.Qe7 b4 31.Qf6+ Kg8
32.h5 remaining score unclear, but black resigned on
move 39. 1-0

(5) Szpisjak,S - Ardaman,M [A40]

Chicago open (4), 08.2005

[A.C.]

1.d4 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Ngf3 a6 6.g3
e6 7.Bg2 Nb6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1 d6 10.b3 b4 11.Ne4
h6 12.Qd2 a5 13.Bb2 Nd5 14.a3 Nd7 15.axb4 axb4
16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.Ra1 Qb8 18.Ne1 Bc6 19.Nd3 Qb7
20.f4 g6 21.g4 h5 22.g5 h4 23.h3 N7b6 24.Nf6+ Bxf6
25.exf6 Kd7 26.Qf2 Nc8 27.Rf1 Na7 28.Bf3 Nc3
29.Bg4 Ne4 30.Qe3 Ng3 31.Re1 Bd5 32.Kh2 Ra8
33.Ra1 Nc6 34.Rxa8?? Nf1+! 35.Kg1 Nxe3 36.Rf8
Nd8 37.Bc1 Nxc2 38.Bd2 Nxd4 39.Bxb4 Nxb3 40.f5
exf5 white resigned. 0-1

(6) Ardaman,M - Wright [A00]

Chicago open (3), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Bf5 3.e3 Nf6 4.f4 e6 5.a3 c5 6.b5
Nbd7 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.a4 0-0 9.Be2 Bg4 10.0-0 Qe7
11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 c4 13.d3 cxd3 14.cxd3 Rfc8
15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.dxe4 Nb6 18.Ra2 Qc7
19.Qg4 Bf8 20.Ba1 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Qc4! 22.Re2 Nxa4
23.Nd2 Qxb5 24.f5 e5 25.f6 g6 26.h4 Rc2 27.Rb1
Qd3 28.Rb3 Qd6 29.Rxb7 Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Qxd2
31.Bxe5 Nc5 white resigned. 0-1

(7) Gurevich,D - Dougerty,M [A40]

Chicago open (2), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

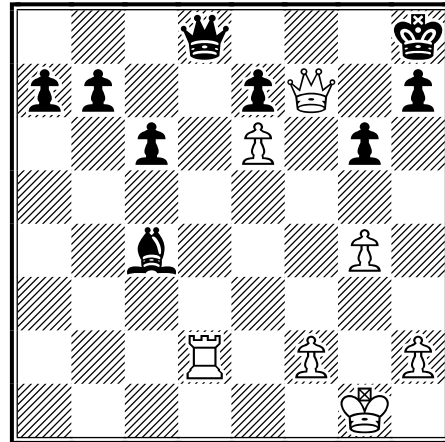
1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4 Nc6 4.Nf3 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5
6.Nxe5 Bxe5 7.Nc3 d6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Bg5
h6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.f3 Be6 14.Rfd1 Nd7
15.Rac1 a6 16.b4 Ne5 17.Nd5 f5 18.Nf4 Bf7 19.exf5
gxf5 20.Qc2 Qf6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Rf7 23.f4 Ng6
24.g3 Re8 25.Bf2 Re4 26.a3 Re8 27.Bd3 h5 28.Re1
Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Ne7 30.Qxc7 Nxd5 31.Qc8 Bf8
32.Qe6 Qxe6 33.Rxe6 b5 34.Be2 h4 35.Bh5 Re7
36.Bg6+ Kg8 37.Bxf5 hxg3 38.hxg3 Nc7 39.Rxd6
Re2 40.Rd7 black resigned. 1-0

(8) Filipovich - Epishin,V [A40]

Chicago open (3), 05.2005

[A.C.]

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6
6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.c4 Qb6 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.e4 d6
11.h3 Be6 12.Qe2 Rab8 13.Re1 Nd7 14.Rb1 Ne5
15.b3 f5! 16.Bb2 f4! 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.g4 a5 19.Nf3
Qc5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rb2?? f3! white resigned. 0-1

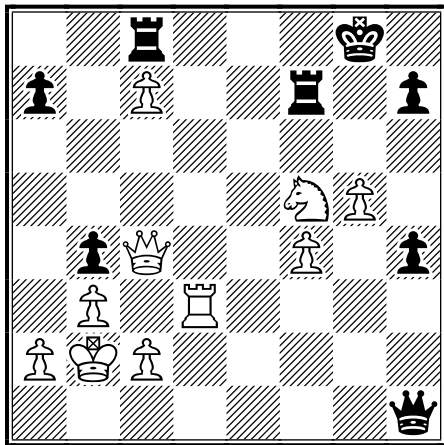


(9) Fernandez,D - Aramil,W [B07]

Chicago open (7), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.f3 0-0 6.Qd2
c6 7.g4 b5 8.0-0-0 Nbd7 9.h4 Qa5 10.Kb1 b4
11.Nce2 Ba6 12.h5 Rab8 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Bc4
15.b3 Bxe2 16.Bxe2 e5 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.g5 Nh5
19.Rxh5 gxh5 20.Qe6+ Rf7 21.Bc4 d5 22.exd5 Nb6
23.dxc6 Nxc4 24.Qxc4 exd4 25.Ne2 Rd8 26.Nxd4
Qe5 27.Rd3 h4 28.f4 Qd5 29.c7 Qh1+ 30.Kb2 Rc8
31.Nf5 Diagram



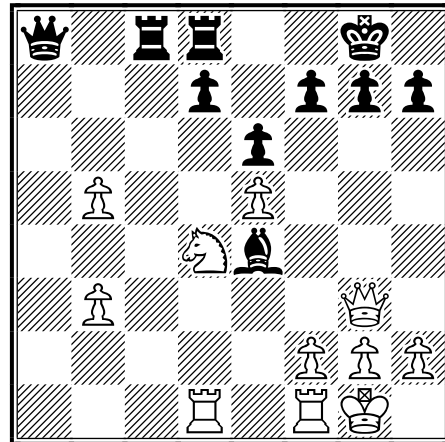
28...Bd5 29.Rd3 g5 30.Re3 b5 31.Re5 h6 32.Qg6
black resigned. 1-0

(11) Novikov,I - Gurevich,D [A57]

Chicago open (3), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5
Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Nge2 Nxd5 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.Nxc3
e6 11.e4 Be7 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Qd3 Rd8 14.Rad1 Nc6
Black has regained the Benko gambit pawn. 15.Qg3
Rac8 16.a4 Qb6 17.Bd6 Bxd6 18.Qxd6 Qa7 19.Ne2
Qb8!? 20.Qxc5 Na7! 21.Qe3 Nxb5 22.axb5 Rc2
23.Nd4 Rc4 24.b3 Rcc8 25.e5 Qa8 26.Qg3 Be4



black resigned. 1-0

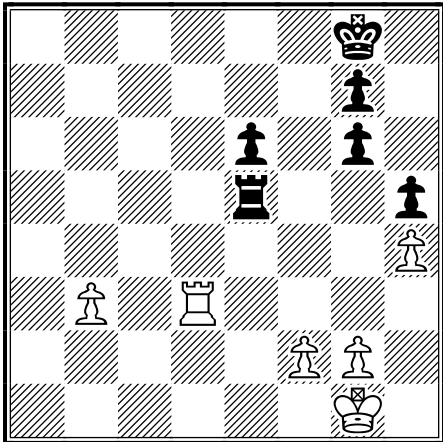
(10) Georgiev,V (2542) - Formanek,E [A87]

Chicago open (6), 05.2005

[A.C.]

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0
d6 7.b3 Ne4 8.Bb2 c6 9.Nbd2 d5 10.Ne5 Nxd2
11.Qxd2 Bxe5 12.dxe5 dxc4 13.Qh6 Be6 14.e4 cxb3
15.Rfd1 Nd7 16.Bh3 bxa2 17.exf5 Rxf5 18.Bxf5 Bxf5
19.e6 Qf8 20.Qe3 Nb6 21.Rxa2 Nc4 22.Qe2 Nxb2
23.Rxb2 Rd8 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 25.g4 Bd3 26.Qf3 Bc4
27.Qf7+ Kh8 28.Rd2 Diagram

27.Rfe1 Bg6 28.h4 Rc5 29.Qg4 h5 30.Qg5 Rd5
31.Ne2 Rb8 32.Nf4 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Qe4 34.Nxg6
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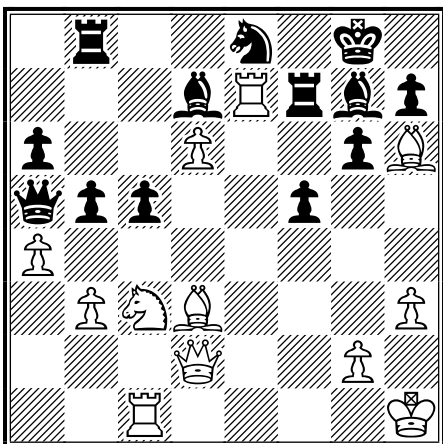


An even rook ending. 38.Re3 Rb5 39.f4 Kf7 40.Kf2 Rb4 41.g3 e5 42.fxe5 Ke6 43.Kf3 g5 44.hxg5 Rg4 45.g6 Rxc6 46.b4 Kf5 47.Re4 Re6 48.b5 g5 49.Re3 Rb6 50.e6 Rxe6 51.Rc3 h4 52.Rc5+ Re5 53.Rxe5+ Kxe5 drawn pawn ending agreed. 1/2-1/2

(12) Kiriakov - Fridman [A70]

Chicago open (7), 05.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Re1 Ne8 13.Be3 Rb8 14.Rc1 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qd2 f5 18.Kh1 Bd7 19.b3 Qa5 20.e5!? dxe5 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Bh6 Bg7 23.d6! b5 [23...Nxd6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Bc4! Nxc4 26.Re7+!+-] 24.Re7 Rf7



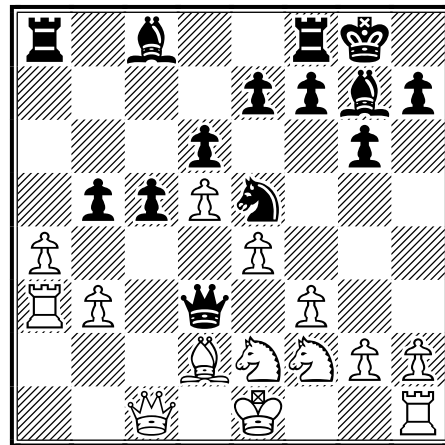
25.Bc4! bxc4 26.Qd5! Nxd6 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Qxd6 Qd8 29.Rce1 Rb6 30.Qxc5 Rbf6 31.Nd5 Rxe7 32.Rxe7+ Rf7 33.Qd4+ Kg8 34.Nf6+ Kf8 35.Rxf7+

Kxf7 36.Nxd7 Ke7 37.Qg7+ Ke6 38.Nf8+ Kd5 39.Qf7+ Ke5 40.bxc4 Qd1+ 41.Kh2 Qxa4 42.Qd5+ Kf6 43.Nxh7+ black resigned. 1-0

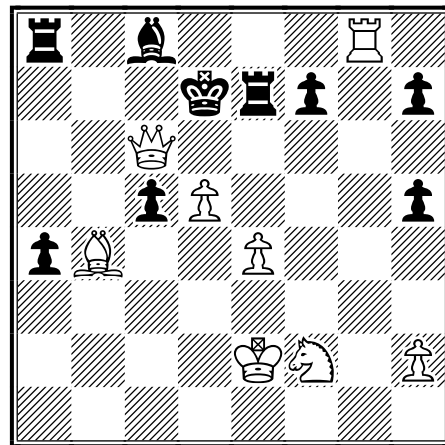
(13) Novikov, I (2670) - Sharavdorj, D (2526) [E81]

Chicago open (3), 05.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 a6 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 b5?! 9.cxb5 Qa5 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Ra3 Qb4?! 12.Qc1 Ne5 13.Bd2 The over active black queen is on her way to jail. 13...Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Nge2 Nd7 16.b3! Qd3 17.Nd1! Ne5 18.Nf2 axb5 Diagram



19.Bf4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qxf3 21.b4 Qh5 22.Ng3 Qh4 23.Bg5 Bb2 24.Qe3 Qxg5 25.Qxg5 Bxa3 26.Qxe7 Bxb4+ 27.Ke2 bxa4 28.Qf6 Re8 29.Nh5 gxh5 30.Rg1+ Kf8 31.Qxd6+ Re7 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Rg8+ Kd7 34.Qc6# Diagram



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(14) Bereolos,P - Pasalic,M [A69]

Chicago open (6), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

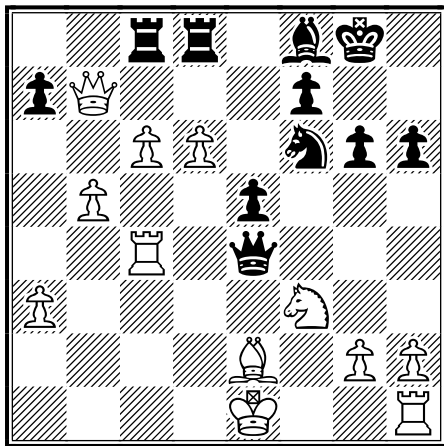
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 c5 6.d5 0-0
7.Nf3 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Nbd7 10.0-0 Re8
11.Nd2 a6 12.a4 Qc7 13.Kh1 Rb8 Black finds counter-
play in the Four pawns attack Benoni Indian. 14.a5
b5! 15.axb6 Nxb6 16.Ra3 [16.Bxa6? Ra8! the poison
pawn pin wins.] 16...c4 17.Re1 Bb7 18.Bf3 Nfd7 Per-
haps white could not find a solid plan: he sacs his cen-
ter pawns without clear logic. 19.e5? dxe5 20.d6 Qxd6
21.Bxb7 Rxb7 22.Qf3 Rbb8 23.Nce4 Qe6 24.Ng5
Qd5 25.Qxd5 Nxd5 26.Nxc4 exf4 27.Rd1 N7f6
28.Nd6 Re2 29.h3 Ne3 30.Bxe3 fxe3 31.Rxa6 Rxb2
32.Nc4 Rb1 33.Nxe3 Nd5! white resigned. 0-1

(15) Bereolos,P - Finegold,B [E76]

Chicago open (4), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3
Na6 7.Be2 e5 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.d5 Nc5 10.Bg5 h6
11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.b4 Na6 13.a3 c5 14.Rb1 Bd7 A critical
variation in the Four Pawns attack vs. Kings Indian.
15.d6 Rfd8 16.b5 Nb8 17.Qd5 Bc8 18.Qxc5 Be6
19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Nd7 21.c5 Rac8 22.Rc1 Qf4
23.Rc3 Nf6 24.Qxb7 Qxe4 25.c6 Qb1+ 26.Bd1 Qe4+
27.Be2 Bf8 28.Rc4 Diagram



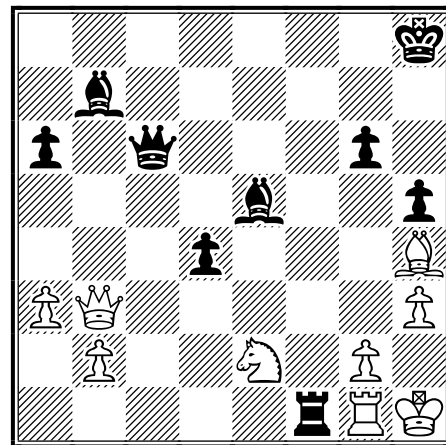
28...Qe3 29.c7 Re8 30.Qc6 Bxd6 31.Qxd6 Ne4
32.Qc6 Qf2+ 33.Kd1 Ng5 34.Qxe8+ Rxe8 35.c8Q
Rxc8 36.Rxc8+ Kg7 37.Nxg5 hxg5 38.Rf1 Qd4+
39.Kc2 f5 40.Rc7+ Kh6 41.Rc4 Qe3 42.Kd1 Qxa3
43.Rf3 Qa1+ 44.Rc1 Qd4+ 45.Kc2 g4 46.Rg3 e4
47.Kb3 f4 48.Rgc3 f3 49.gxf3 gxf3 50.Bxf3 exf3
51.Rf1 f2 52.Kc2 Qd5 53.Rh3+ Kg7 54.Rd3 Qg2
55.Rdd1 Qxh2 56.Rd2 Qf4 57.Rdxf2 Qc4+ 58.Kd2 g5
59.Rg1 Qd4+ 60.Ke2 Qe4+ the game ended a draw
by perpetual check on move 76. 1/2-1/2

(16) Bereolos,P - Fishbein,A [E76]

Chicago open (2), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 a6
7.a3 b6 8.Bd3 c5 9.d5 b5!? 10.0-0 [10.cxb5 axb5
11.Bxb5 Nxe4! 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ counterplay.] 10...bxc4
11.Bxc4 Nbd7 White's center pawns look good now,
but after advancing become over extended and weak.
12.e5?! dxe5 13.fxe5 Ng4 14.e6 fxe6 15.h3 Nde5
16.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 17.Qxf1 Nxe5 18.Ba2 c4! 19.Bxc4
Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Bb7 22.Bg5 Rc8 23.Qg4
Rf8 24.Bxe7 Rf5 25.Rd1 exd5 26.Bh4 d4 27.Ne2 h5
28.Qg3 Be5 29.Qd3 Qc6 30.Rg1 Rf1! 31.Qb3+ Kh8
Diagram



white resigned. 0-1

(17) Yusupov,A (2710) - Burgess,J [E61]

Chicago open (2), 05.2005

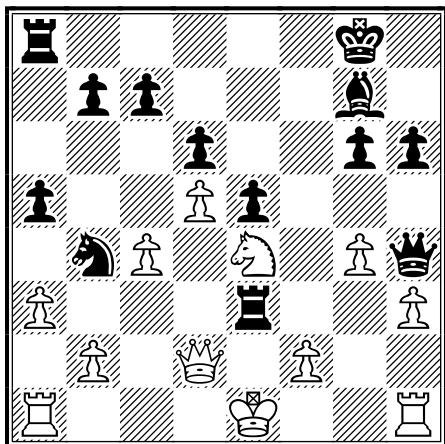
[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bg5 d6 6.e3
c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Nd2 Qb4 9.Qc1 a6 10.Be2 b5 11.0-0
bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nbd7 13.e4 Re8 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.f4
Qb8 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Ne3! Bd7 18.a4 Ra7 19.Qc2 Qc8
20.a5 Na8 21.e5 Ng4 22.Bxg4 Bxg4 23.Rae1 Bd7
24.Nc4 Bb5 25.b3 Bxc4 26.bxc4 Qd8 27.e6 fxe6
28.Rxe6 Bd4+ 29.Kh1 Qxa5 30.Rxg6+! Kh8 31.Rg3
Qb4 32.Ne4 e6 33.Nxd6 Rd8 34.Rb3 Qa4 35.Rb8!
Qa5 36.Nb7 black resigned. 1-0

(18) Watson,J - Burgess,J [E90]

Chicago open (4), 05.2005 [Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3
e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Na6 10.Nd2 Nxe4!?
11.Ndxe4 f5 12.Bd3 fxe4 13.Bxe4 Bf5 14.g4 [14.0-0
was safe and solid.] 14...Bxe4 15.Nxe4 Qh4 16.Qd3?
[16.Qe2 guarding f3 was better.] 16...Nb4 17.Qd2?
Rf3 18.a3??? Rxe3+! Diagram

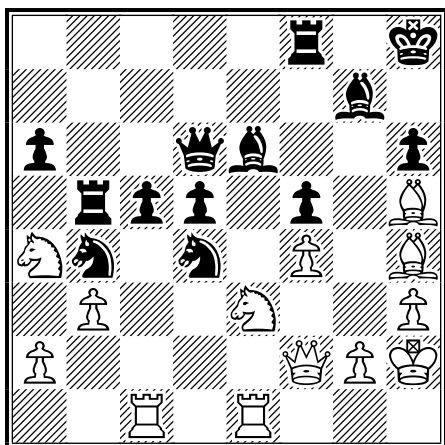


white resigned. 0-1

(19) Ehlvest, J (2693) - Milov, V (2695) [E94]

Chicago open (6), 05.2005 [Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Na6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 Qe8 Another complex Classical King's Indian. 10.Re1!? exd4 11.Nxd4 Qe5 12.Nf3 Qc5 13.Bh4 Be6 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Rc1 Qb6 16.b3 Nb4 17.Nf1 Qa5 18.Qd2 Nec6 19.Na4 Nd4 20.Ne3 a6 21.Bd1 c5! 22.f4 b5! 23.Nc3 Nbc6 24.Bg4 f5 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Bh5 Rab8 27.h3 Kh8 28.Kh2 bxc4 29.Nxc4 Qc7 30.Ne3 d5! 31.Qf2 [Qd6 32.Na4 Rb5 33.Bg5 h6 34.Bh4 Nb4!



35.Red1? the wrong rook! [35.Rcd1! was solid and equal.] 35...Nxa2! 36.Qxa2 Qxf4+ 37.Bg3 Qxe3 38.Nxc5 Nxb3! 39.Nxe6 Nxc1 40.Qxa6 Rb6! 41.Qxb6!? Qxb6 42.Nxf8 Bxf8 43.Rxc1 Bd6! 44.Bf3?? [44.Bxd6 Qxd6+ 45.Kh1 was correct, followed by Rd1 and Bf3, with a fortress draw.] 44...Kg7?? [44...Bxg3+! 45.Kxg3 Qb8+! wins the rook: 46.Kf2 (46.Kh4 Qf4+) 46...Qb2+] 45.Rd1 d4 46.Rd3

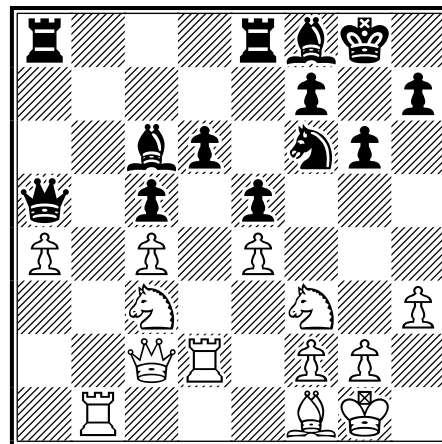
Bxg3+ 47.Kxg3 Qb2 48.Bd1 Kf6 49.Kf3 Qc1 50.Kf2 Qf4+ 51.Rf3 Qh4+ 52.Kf1 Ke5 53.Bc2 f4 54.Bd3 Kd5 55.Be2 Qg5 56.Kf2 Qe5 57.Kf1 Qb8 58.Kf2 h5 59.Kf1 Draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

(20) Epishin, V - Finegold, B [E97]

Chicago open (6), 30.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 b6 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.Bb4 Ra8 13.a4 Re8 14.Re1 Bf8 15.h3 Bb7 16.Bf1 c5 17.dxc6 Nxc6 18.Ba3 Nd4!? American born GM elect Ben Finegold shows his hard work pays off with deep preparation in the Bayonet King's Indian. 19.Ra2 [19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Qxd4 Bg7! was logical, yet black has counterplay.] 19...Ne6 20.Rd2 Nc5 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Qc2 Bc6 23.Rb1 Qa5



24.Rb5? [24.Qd3 was solid. It is hard to understand why Epishin decided to give away all his rooks, since the compensation is not clear.] 24...Bxb5 25.cxb5 d5!? 26.Rxd5? exd5 e4 27.Nh2 Bh6 was a better defence, still in black's favor.] 26...Nxd5 27.Nxd5 Kg7 28.Nc3 c4 29.Nd2 Bc5 30.Nxc4 Qb4 31.a5 Bd4 32.Nd5 Qxb5 33.Nc7 Qc5 34.Nxa8 Rxa8 35.Qd2 Rb8 36.Qa2 Qc6 37.Bd3 Rb4 38.g3 Ra4 39.Qe2 h5 40.Kh2 Qf6 41.Kg2 h4 42.gxh4 Qxh4 43.Qd2 Qf6 44.Kg3 Ra1 45.Kg2 Kh7 46.Bf1 Rd1! 47.Qe2 [47.Qxd1 Qxf2+ 48.Kh1 Qg1#] 47...Qf4 48.a6 Ra1 49.h4 Rxa6 50.Nxe5 Qxh4 51.Qd2 Rd6 52.Nc4 Qg4+ 53.Kh1 Qxe4+ 54.Kg1 Rf6 white resigned. 0-1

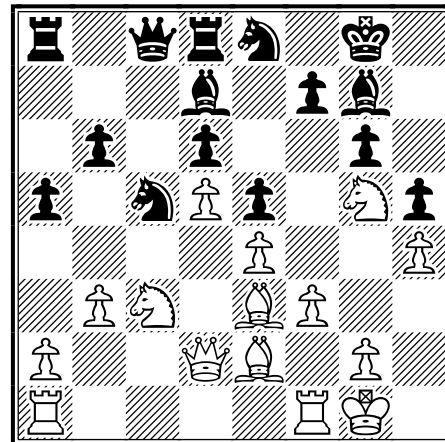
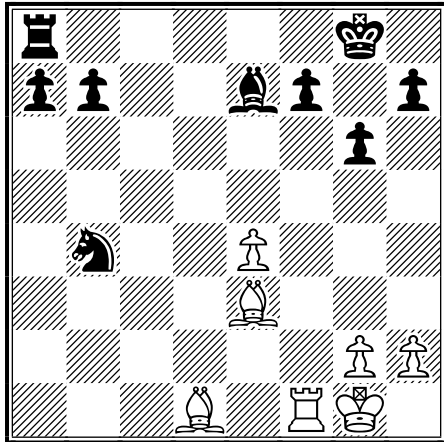
(21) Finegold, B - Aramil, W [E92]

Chicago open (3), 28.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Qc2 c6 10.Rd1 Qe7 11.f3 d5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Nb5 Na6 15.0-0 Be6 [15...dxe4 16.fxe4 Qxe4?? 17.Qxe4 Rxe4

18.Rd8+ Bf8 19.Bh6+-] 16.b3 dxe4 17.fxe4 Nb4
 18.Qd2 Red8 19.Qc1 [19.Nd4 Rac8 was better.]
 19...Nxa2 20.Qc2 Nb4 21.Qc7! Bf8 22.Qxe7 Bxe7
 23.Nc7 Bxb3! 24.Nxa8 Bxd1 25.Bxd1 Rxa8



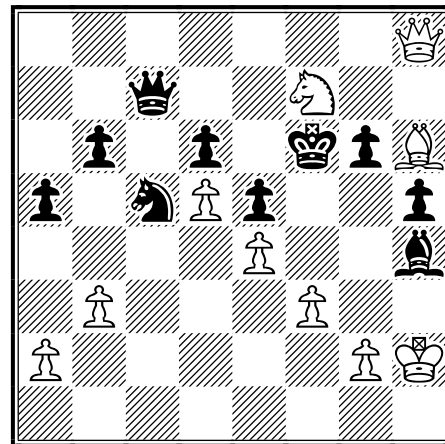
26.Bb3 Rf8? [26...Rd8! 27.Rxf7 (27.Bxf7+ Kg7
 28.Bxa7 Nc6 29.Bb6 Rf8 30.Bd5 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1=)
 27...Rd3! 28.Bc4 Rxe3 29.Rxe7+ Kh8 30.Rxb7 a5
 should hold a draw.] 27.Bh6! Bc5+ 28.Kh1 Nd3
 29.Bxf8 Nf2+ 30.Rxf2 Bxf2 31.Bb4 b5 32.Bd5 Bb6
 33.Bc3 a5 34.Bf6 b4 35.Bb3! h6 36.g3 g5 37.g4 Kf8
 38.Kg2 Ke8 39.Ba4+ Kf8 40.Kf3 Kg8 Black could re-
 sign anytime, but plays on. 41.e5 Kh7 42.Bc2+ Kg8
 43.Ke4 Kf8 44.Kd5 Kg8 45.h3 Kf8 46.Kc4 Bf2
 47.Kb5 Be1 48.Bb3 Bc3 49.Kxa5 Kg8 50.Kb5 Kf8
 51.Kc6 Bd4 52.Kd5 Bf2 53.Ke4 Be1 54.e6 fxe6
 55.Bxe6 Bd2 56.Kf5 h5 57.gxh5 Be3 58.h6 Black
 gave up. 1-0

(22) Van de Mortel,J - Hajenius,W [E92]

Chicago open (4), 29.05.2005
 [Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2
 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Nd2!? Nbd7 [8...Na6! seems more flexi-
 ble.] 9.h4!? h5 [9...Nc5 10.h5 c6 was double edged.]
 10.Nf3!? Nc5 11.Ng5! Bd7 12.f3 Qc8?! 13.Be3 c6
 14.Qd2 Rd8 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 b6 17.0-0! Ne8 Van
 de Mortel displays ideal technique with the exchange
 of light squared bishops, as black's weakness in the
 structure becomes clear.

18.Bb5! Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Qd7 20.Qe2 Rdc8 21.Rfc1
 Nc7 22.Nxc7 Rxc7 23.Rc2 Rac8 24.Rac1 Bf6 [24...f6
 25.Ne6! Nxe6 26.dxe6 Qe7 (26...Rxc2 27.exd7!+-)
 27.Rxc7 Rxc7 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qb5! White has the
 better bishop ending.] 25.Kh2 Bd8 26.Bd2 Nb7
 27.Rxc7 Rxc7 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qb5! Nc5? [29...Kg7
 was more solid.] 30.Qe8+ Kg7 31.Nxf7! Bxh4
 32.Bh6+ Kf6 33.Qh8+ Diagram

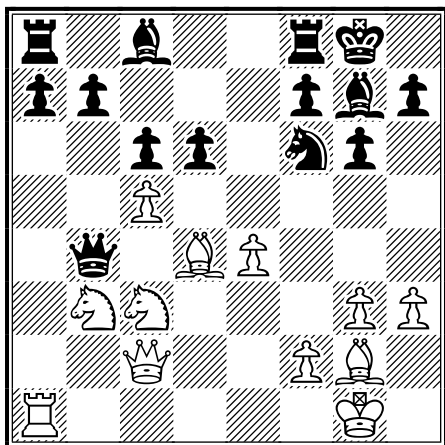


Black loses first queen, then king, and so resigned.
 1-0

(23) Filippov - Van de mortel,J [E69]

Chicago open, 05.2005 [Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nc3 c6 7.0-0 Qa5 8.e4 e5 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Be3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Nb3 Qb4? [12...Qc7! was more solid.] 13.c5! Nc4 14.Bd4! Nxb2 15.Qc2 Nc4 16.a3! Nxa3 17.Rxa3! Qxa3 18.Ra1 Qb4 An over developed queen eating poison pawns is punished again.

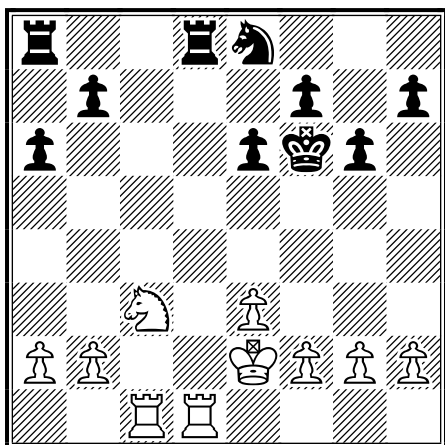


19.Ra4! dxc5 20.Bxc5 Qxa4 21.Nxa4 Re8 22.Nc3 Be6 23.f4 Nd7 24.Bf2 a5 25.Nd4 Ra6 26.e5 a4 27.Nxe6 fxe6 28.Nxa4 Rea8 29.Nc3 Ra1+ 30.Kh2 Bf8 31.Qb3 Nc5 32.Bxc5 Bxc5 33.Qxe6+ Kg7 34.h4 Bg1+ 35.Kh3 Black resigned. 1-0

(24) Tsyganov,I - Szpisjak,S [D92]

Chicago open (7), 30.05.2005 [Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Bf4 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.e3 Qxc5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qxc4 Qxc4 11.Bxc4 Nc6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 0-0 14.0-0 Bc6 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 [15...a6!?] 16.Bb5! Bxb5 17.Nxb5 a6 18.Nc3 Ne8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Kf1 e6 21.Ke2 Kf6.



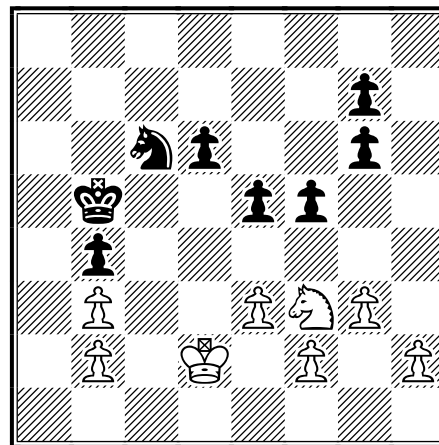
22.e4 Ke7 23.f4 h5 24.g3 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 f5 26.e5! Nc7? [26...Rd8 could black hold the knight and pawn ending !?] 27.Rd6! b5 28.Ke3 h4 29.Ne2 hxg3 30.hxg3 Rh8 31.Nd4! Nd5+ 32.Kf3 Rh2 33.Rxe6+ Kf7 34.Rxa6 Rxb2 35.Ra7+ Ke8 36.e6 Rd2 37.Nc6 Rd3+ 38.Kf2 Kf8 39.e7+ Kf7 40.Ne5+ Black resigned. 1-0

(25) Szpisjak,S (2207) - Karklins,A (2298) [E11]

Chicago open, 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.g3 Ne4 6.Bxb4 axb4 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nbd2 Qf6!? 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Rfd1 Qg6!? 13.Qxg6 hxg6 14.Nb3 Nxb3 [14...Ke7!?] 15.axb3 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 Rh5!? 17.e3 Ra5 18.Rxa5 Nxa5 This seems like it should be equal, but the knight can exploit any tactical weakness. 19.Nd2 f5 20.Bf1 Kd8 21.Bd3 e5 22.Kf1 Kc7 23.Ke1 Kb6 24.Kd1 Kc5 25.Kc2 b6 26.Be2 Ba6 27.Nf3 Nc6 28.Kd2 b5 29.cxb5 Bxb5 30.Bxb5 Kxb5 Szpisjak shows his strong understanding of the winning zugswang technique in this knight and pawn endgame.



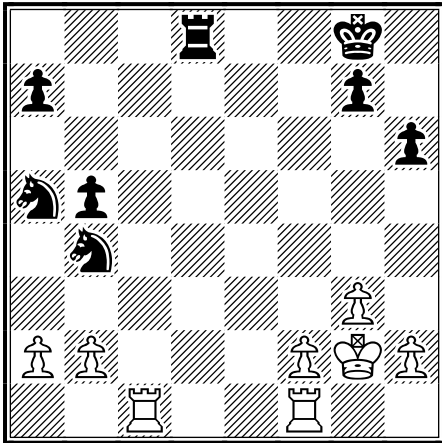
31.Ng5! Nd8 32.f3 Kc5 33.Kd3 d5 34.e4! Kd6 35.g4! dxe4+ 36.fxe4 f4 37.Kc4 Nc6 38.Nf3 Zugswang! 38...g5 39.Nxg5 Nd4 40.Kxb4 f3 41.Nh3 Ne6 42.Kc4 Kc6 43.Nf2 g5 44.b4 Nf4 45.b5+ Kb6 46.b3 Ng6 47.Kd5 Kxb5 48.Ke6 Kc5 49.b4+ Kxb4 50.Kf5 Nf4 51.Kxg5 Kc4 52.h4 Kd4 53.h5 Ke3 54.Nh1 Kxe4 55.h6 Ne6+ 56.Kf6 Nf8 57.g5 Nh7+ 58.Kg6 Nf8+ 59.Kf7 Kf5 60.Kxf8 Black resigned. Line

(26) Novikov,I - Finegold,B [E11]

Chicago open (2), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 c5 5.Bxb4! cxb4
6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 d5 [7...d6 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nbd2 e5 is the
other central formation.] 8.Nbd2 Nc6 9.0-0 b6 10.Rc1
Bb7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 [11...exd5!? 12.e3 white has better
pawn structure.] 12.e4 Nde7 13.Nc4 b5 14.Ne3 Na5
15.Qd3 Qb6 16.Nc2 Rad8!? 17.Nxb4 f5! 18.d5 h6?!
[18...exd5! regains a pawn.] 19.Nd4 fxe4 20.Qxe4
Nxd5 21.Qxe6+ Qxe6 22.Nxe6 Nxb4 23.Nxd8 Bxg2
24.Kxg2 Rxd8 Rook and pawn for two knights.



25.Rc7 a6 26.Re1 Nd5 27.Ra7 Nc4 [27...Rd6 was
solid.] 28.b3 Nb2 29.Rxa6 Nd3 30.Re2 b4 31.Ra7
Rf8?? 32.Rd2!+- Ne1+ 33.Kf1 Nc2 34.Kg1 Nde3
35.Re2! Re8 36.Rd7 Rc8 37.fxe3 Na3 38.Rb7 Nb1
39.Rxb4 Rc1+ 40.Kg2 Nc3 41.Rd2 Re1 42.Kf3 Rf1+
43.Rf2 Re1 44.Rd4 Nd1 45.Re2 Black resigned a lost
ending. 1-0

(27) Najer,E - Shabalov,A [D45]

Chicago open (4), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2
Bd6 7.g4!? h6 8.Bd2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 Bb7 A
sharp Semi Slav Bayonet Meran. 11.e4 c5!? 12.e5
[12.Bxb5 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxc4 is active for black.;
12.Nxb5 Nxe4 13.Nxd6+ Nxd6 14.dxc5 Rc8! 15.b4
Bxf3! 16.Bxf3 Qf6! counterplay.] 12...cxd4 13.exf6
dxc3 14.fxg7 cxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Rg8 16.Qxd6 Qe7
17.Qf4 Qf6 18.Qxf6 Nxf6 19.Rc1 a6 20.Rg1 Rxc7
21.Rc7 Rb8 22.Ne5 Nd5 23.Rc1 f6 24.Nd3 h5 25.Rg3
hxg4 26.Bxg4 Ke7 27.Nc5 f5 28.Bf3 Rxc3 29.hxg3
Kd6 draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

(28) Yusupov,A - Fernandez,D [D47]

Chicago open (4), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

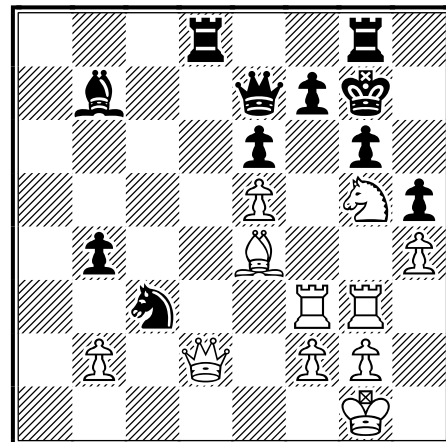
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Nd5 A Meran Semi Slav Queen's gambit. 12.0-0 cxd4
13.Re1 Be7 14.Nxd4 Qc7 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh3 0-0
17.Qg3 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Nf3 Rfd8 20.Be4 Ne7
21.Bxb7 Nf5 22.Qf4 Qxb7 23.Be3 Bf8 Black is slightly
better after the opening. 24.Nh4 Bh6 25.Qf3 Qxf3
26.Nxf3 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Rd3 28.Kf2 Rc8 29.Re2 Rc4
30.e4 Rc5 31.b3 a5 32.Ne1 Rdc3 33.Rd1 Rxe5
34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Nd3 Bg5 36.Rd7 Rb5 37.g3 Kf8
38.Nb2 Rbc5 39.Ra7 Bf6 40.Ra8+ Rc8 41.Rxc8+
Rxc8 42.e5 Bd8 43.Nc4 Rc5 44.Kf3 Bc7 45.Ke4 Rd5
46.Rd2 Rxd2 Black is up a pawn and could play on
with little risk, but a draw was agreed. 1/2-1/2

(29) Milov,V (2695) - Fridman,D [D47]

Chicago open (4), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3
dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.e4 b4 10.Na4 c5 11.e5
Nd5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0 [14.Bb5+
Ke7 is not bad for black.] 14...Qc7? 15.Qe2 h6 16.Bd2
Qb6 17.Rac1 Rd8 18.Rc2 Be7 19.Rfc1 Kf8?! [19...0-
0! seems more natural, and if 20. Qe4 Nf6! 20.Rc4]
20.Rc4! g6 21.h4 Kg7 22.Rg4! h5 23.Rg3 Bc5
24.Bg5 Be7 25.Qd2 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Rdg8 27.Be4 Qd8
28.Qd2 Qe7 29.Rc4 Rd8 30.Rd4 a5 31.Ng5! Rhg8
32.a3 Rc8 33.axb4 axb4 34.Kh2 Rcd8 35.Kg1 Ba8
36.Rdd3 Bb7 37.Rdf3 Nc3 Time for a winning sac
attack!



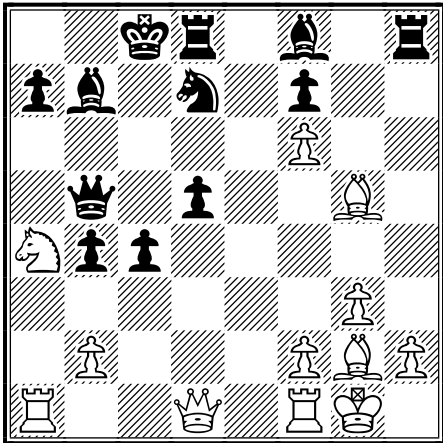
38.Nxf7! Rxd2 39.Rxg6+ Kh7 40.Rh6+ Kg7 41.Rh7+
Kf8 42.Nd6+ Mate next. 1-0

(30) Sharavdorj,D - Vasquez,R [D44]

Chicago open (7), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 11.g3 Bb7 12.Bg2 Qb6 13.exf6 0-0-0 14.0-0 c5 15.d5 b4 16.Na4 Qb5 17.a3 exd5 18.axb4 cxb4 A dangerous tactical variation.



19.Re1 Nc5 20.Re7!? Nb3 21.Qg4+ Rd7 [21...Kb8 22.Qf4+ Ka8 23.Qc7 Bxe7 24.fxe7 Rdg8 25.Nb6+ Qxb6 26.Qxb6 Nxa1 27.Qd6! is winning for white.] 22.Re8+ Kc7 23.Bf4+ Bd6 24.Rxh8 Nxa1 25.Bxd6+ Rxd6 26.Qg8! Qxa4 27.Qb8+ Kc6 28.Qe8+ Rd7 29.Bh3! Qd1+?? [29...Kc7! was forced, when black may survive.] 30.Kg2 Kb6 31.Bxd7 d4+ 32.Kh3 Qf1+ 33.Kh4 Qxf2 34.Qd8+ Ka6 35.Rh5! Qxh2+ 36.Bh3 black resigned. 1-0

(31) Tsyganov,I - Yusupov,A [D35]

Chicago open (1), 27.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Nh5 8.Bg3 Be7 9.Bd3 Nf8 10.Ne5 g6 11.Be2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 f6 13.Nd3 Be6 14.b4 Nd7 15.0-0 Bf7 16.b5 0-0 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Na4 Qa5 19.Qc2 Rfc8 20.Rfc1 Ba3 21.Rcb1 Rc7 22.Rb3 Bd6 23.Rc3 Rac8 24.Nac5 Nb6 25.Nb3 Qa3 26.Nbc5 Qa5 27.Nb3 Qa3 28.Nbc5 draw by threefold repetition. 1/2-1/2

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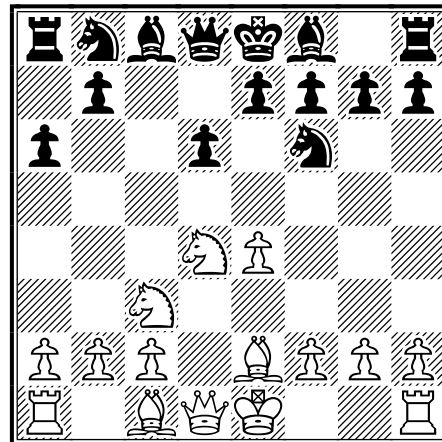
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Games By IM Young

(37) Alex Chang [B92]

Cairo

[Young, Brent]

(ED) Three of my students did well at the HB Global and the Chicago Open. One of them, Alex Chang, won Chicago Open U 1800. Here are some of his games with editor notes.

Chicago Open - U1800

The Chicago Open has always been something of a *bête noire* to me. Any semblance of a chess career started here three years ago. My first outing I was the new kid breaking his teeth with the serious players. Then two years ago, with 5.5 and playing the sole leader in the U1600 section, I collapsed horribly in the seventh round. That game that has haunted me. To round off the collection, I didn't so much stumble as fell face flat against a FIDE Master in a completely winning endgame (time trouble) and finished with 1.5 in the Open Section. I wasn't eager to return, and the fact that it was in the midst of final exams was just icing on the cake. But chess players play chess, right? I didn't encounter too much trouble early on except for a brief time control scare in the second round. I simply couldn't finish an attack anywhere near properly with a minute hanging on my clock, but it was in the third round that things got interesting. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3** What - an Illinois player with the courage to play Open Sicilian? **2...d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6** My second try at a Najdorf. The first time I had a 500 point rating advantage on my opponent and found myself having to salvage a completely lost game with stalemate. **6.Be2** Diagram

(ED) Classical Sicilian, I do not have faith on the merit of a positional play against Sicilian, if white wants to take the initiative white should play actively, Bg5 and Bc4 deserve my vote. **6...e5** Best! by test. **7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Qc7 9.0-0 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Qd3 Nbd7³ 12.f4 Rd8?!** (ED) Castling is recommended here. If black needs to put his rook on d8, it should be the h-rook. **13.Bf3** We had played a standard Najdorf lacking all the subtle points, but I prefer black in this position. Nc5 is the threat. **13...0-0 14.Qe2 Nb6 15.f5** I found f5 unappealing from white's point of view. 15. ...Nc4 will force Bc1 (Rab1 involves Nxb2 or Nxa3 tactics), and then his queenside will be completely cordoned off. Also it cedes central tension, allowing a lash out of d5 to be that much more effective **15...Nc4 16.Bc1 Rfe8 17.g4** What else? Here I spent a good deal of my remaining time on 17. ...Nxa3 18. b4 bxc3 19. Rc4. But I figured that'd just help his a1 rook find a job in these economically troubled times. I opted for the thematic breakthrough against the flank attack. The books were right ?? **17...d5 18.g5 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Bxe4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4** I spent tons of time Bc5 and stupid stuff like Rd4 in search of a devastating attack. Instead I realized I'd gotten sentimental over my king's bishop and that the bishop on c1 was not leaving any time soon. I can opt for the slower doubling of rooks. **21...Rd7 22.f6 Bf8 23.h4 Red8 24.h5** Cygan's obstinate about this. Just believe... **24...Qa7+ 25.Kh2 Rd1!** Trading off half his active pieces and a defender. **26.Qe2 Rxf1 27.Qxf1 Bd6 28.fxc7 e4+ 29.Bf4??** [29.Kh1 Qd7 30.g6 hxg6 31.hxg6 fxg6³] **29...Qc7** Blast. I thought this was so clever, but Ne3 wins outright. And the real stickler was I was planning on it after this move. It blocks Qc1, incredible! **30.Kg3 Ne3 31.Qf2 Nxc2 32.Rc1 Bxf4+ 33.Qxf4 Rd3+ 34.Kg4 Qd7+ 0-1** My opponent graciously thanked me for an exciting game.

(Two more games next issue)

Street Chess at the 2005 Decatur Celebration

By Colley Kitson



Josh Rohrscheib (Right) playing a Decatur Celebration Chess Player

Decatur Celebration Street Chess 2005 Celebrate the Memories

Decatur Celebration has made its mark in the Midwest as Illinois' largest FREE family street festival and has been dubbed by its loyal attendees as "The World's Fair of the Prairie". Celebrating its 20th year, the event had over 300,000 people visit on August 5, 6 and 7.

The 2005 festival, themed "Celebrate the Memories", had 11 show stages, 79 one-of-a-kind food vendors, 127 arts and crafts vendors, and over 100 free stage and street attractions. In addition Decatur Celebration boasts of having one of the most successful children's areas in the country.

Spreading the Good News

Every year there is an outdoor street chess event with several local chess enthusiasts pitching in to play chess simul, blitz, blindfold chess and even to offer free chess instruction.

This year, and for several years, this event has been organized and run by Josh Rohrscheib & Jeremy G, two good chess players from Decatur.

I contacted Josh through several google searches and offered to help. I brought some of my friends and family members to play all comers. Rod Fett, USCF rating 1620 from Clinton, took a place at the table, as

well as my son, Jason, age 8 USCF rating 829, and my daughter, Michaela, age 10 USCF 439.

In total there were over 610 games played with 550 wins, 20 draws and 40 losses by the chess experts...

I do a lot of chess activities. I edit the ICB, I teach chess at four schools, I am president of State Farm Chess Club, I am a local TD, and I have played in hundreds of tournaments/games over the board and online (USCF 1500). Hands down, this is my favorite type of chess event.

This is as close as it gets to being a chess ambassador. There are players of all levels that line up to play the "expert". There are strong players, such as a 2300 Master from visiting England, to the players that don't know much more than how to move the pieces, and, of course, the ones that only know the four-move checkmate and are so surprised when their plans for an easy victory don't work out so well.



Rod Fett (standing) playing a Decatur chess player. Rod's record was 50-1

The first really strong chess player I ever played was while I was in the US Navy on board the USS Robison DDG-12. He was a Supply Clerk from the Philippines. (I just looked him up at the USCF membership site. He is currently 1900.) At the time

Street Chess at the 2005 Decatur Celebration

I was a novice. I simply liked the game. I tried the four-move checkmate and he just made logical moves and picked me apart. He never explained my mistakes to me. Of course, he didn't have to, but I always wondered what I did wrong. I made a promise to myself that if I ever became a really strong chess player (I am still working on this), I would not just beat people but I would also teach them. So, using Rubin Fine's Guide to Chess Basics, I teach players that want to know about the center suite, why you should develop your knights and bishops before your queen, and so on.

It really is somewhat like being a chess evangelist going forth and spreading the "good news." Teaching about chess is still only half the lesson. The other half is explaining about organized chess. I brought dozens of Chess Life & ICB magazines to hand out. I told people about the USCF and the ICA and their roles in chess. Events like these will bring more people to organized chess than the average chess tournament. I left this 3-day event with over 40 names of people wanting to learn more about local chess.

The Fun Stuff

The great thing about this type of chess is it is FREE! The first time I met one of the best Chicago chess Masters, - I didn't know who he was at the time (I do now) - I had my board set up and asked if he wanted to play. He said he would for \$5, and I told him no thanks... But I never forgot that. So when people ask me how much to play, I eagerly say, "its free"!



What it's all about: teaching and playing all. One of the chess sharks using the old sunglasses trick to stare me down.

My son, Jason, made quite a showing with an overall record of 75-15. He was a busy 8-year-old boy stunning some adults with his rapid play and solid openings. Chess tactics passed on from the late Richard Verber via his father....



Dr. Chris Merli, a chess expert from Champaign, showed up to help. He played both chess simul and blindfold. One of my students from Bloomington came down and won a game from him during his blindfold event.



Chris Merle playing a blindfold chess game against Malcolm W. as father and brother watch.

Street Chess at the 2005 Decatur Celebration

The Decatur Vader

Another notable event was when the Decatur Vader made his appearance. If you want to make your next scholastic chess event a big hit you could do worse than hiring this guy. I have had visions of him reading the tournament rules to the kids, then parading around the tournament room with his mechanical breathing echoing throughout. I am a huge Star Wars fan, so I could not pass up an opportunity to snap a few pictures of Lord Vader at my wood boards. More information on the Decatur Vader can be found at <http://www.decaturvader.com>. May the force be with you!



The Decatur Vader using the force against the young Jedi, Jason Kitson



Decatur Vader playing chess with his Stormtrooper

Want to become a chess gypsy? I do 4 chess Simuls a year; I could always use help. Contact Colley Kitson icb@mchsi.com or 309-824-5701

My next event: Apple & Pork Festival Sept 25th - 26th Clinton IL behind the Mansion. Free to Play.

Winfield Scott

The theme of this Decatur Celebration was "Celebrate the Memories" so it would be proper for us to remember the late Winfield Scott. Although I am sure he didn't invent the idea, Winfield used to make a circuit of central Illinois fairs and festivals playing and teaching chess, and his efforts are still remembered today. I always looked forward to his events, like the Decatur Celebration, each year.

Winfield would set up his tent and arrange his tables in a rectangle, surrounding himself with vinyl chessboards and plastic pieces. He would always play the white pieces. If you were lucky enough to beat him (his last USCF rating was 1668 in 1998) he would let you sign his "winner board" and he would give you a small certificate proclaiming your victory as well as a book prize. I still have both of mine. He did this for free.

I have followed in Winfield's footsteps by holding free chess simuls at the Apple and Pork Festival in Clinton and the Sweet Corn and Blues Festival in Normal. Wherever I play chess there are seasoned players who remember Winfield and talk about him fondly. He serves as a great example for us all. CK

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Winfield Scott: Brother and Chess Player



Winfield Scott (right, about to make a move)
Apple & Pork Festival Clinton Il 1992

Winfield Scott: Brother and Chess Player

By Garrett Scott

Many early memories lose their chronology. I had two older brothers and an older sister. My early memories of them are precious to me, but I do not know what order the memories are until age 6. One of those early memories is sitting across from my brother at a sunlit chessboard in our dining room. Winfield had gotten a chess set for Christmas in '48 and had taught himself how to play from the Encyclopedia Britannica. He needed someone to play against. He taught me to play even though I was only four and a half and he was 11. Little brothers are always excited to play with an older brother, no matter what is being played. Of course, he battered me mercilessly.

We continued to play off and on for the next 15 years, but we were never in any type of organized competition. A beneficial byproduct of this for me was that when I played an age peer, I was usually better than them. I had learned something in hundreds of losses. Somewhere Winfield learned the Scholars Mate so my strategy was pretty much limited to targeting the f2 or f7 square with Queen, Bishop and sometimes the Knight. We had also discovered Knight forks. Good enough for many chess games.

He left for U of Illinois in '54. He was often home until Dad, Mom, my little brother and I moved to Alabama for a couple of years. My dad gave him a job in Alabama unloading grain from barges. He worked side by side with black men. It was considered a "Negro's job" until the bossman's son took a spot beside them. It reflected my father's respect for physical labor and

our family's political persuasions in the summer of '58.

In my collegiate sophomore year (63-64), I found the newly forming chess club at Illinois State University. I was part of a team that went to the Association of College Unions Chess Tournament that school year. Winfield was teaching at Lincoln College, 30 miles or so southwest of Normal (home of ISU). He was excited about my organized competition and formed a club at Lincoln College. By the spring semester of '65 Lincoln, ISU and Bradley (with Murrel Rhodes as the leader) had an informal league. We had home and away matches with each other. No formal name, no bylaws, no coordinator and no prizes... just bragging rights. During my college years we found USCF. I started my sustaining membership my senior year (at \$10 a year) as did Winfield.

Winfield also energized a rather moribund city club in Lincoln. After graduation, I founded the Twin City Chess Club (at the urging of the Parks and Recreation Director of Normal) in Normal. Murrell was strengthening the Kingsmen Chess Club in Peoria. Irv Rosenfeld was leading the Springfield Chess Club in Springfield. Karl Peterson was leading a club in Decatur. Central Illinois was humming with chess activity in the late 60s. The Scott brothers were part of it.

Then Win, as he began to be called at that time, (he had been called Wimp or Wimpy as a youngster, but by the late 60s that began to have negative connotations) left for the east. He got a teaching post at Rhode Island College and began working on a Doctorate in English. He was active in the Providence Chess Club and wrote a chess column in a small chess magazine in Rhode Island. He had a touch for entertaining chess players. During his years in Rhode Island we both looked forward to several dozen speed games when we got together at Christmastime.

In the mid-70s he took a post at the newly forming Richland College in Decatur. Academically, he was ABD and stayed that way for the rest of his life. His unfinished dissertation on Melville languished. I took a chess decade off. He continued his chess interest and began giving simultaneous exhibitions at local festivals. He played at the Apple and Pork Festival in Clinton, Decatur Days and an annual event in Weldon Springs Park, among other venues. In the first three mentioned, he played year after year from the late 70s into the late 90s near the time of his death. He became known in central Illinois outside of chess circles as "the chess guy."



Garrett Scott (Left), Winfield Scott (Center)

After I came back to chess in '86 as an elementary school chess coach, a number of people asked if I'd ever seen the guy playing a dozen games at once at one of the festivals. I would take pride in my answer, "He's my brother." Soon thereafter he said he would ask the elementary age kids where they were from. If they were from Bloomington or Normal, he said he would take a little more care because they might be fairly good.

During the 70s and 80s he was active in the Decatur Chess Club. He rose to Dean of Curriculum at Richland (one of two deans just below the President). He was also active in Community Theater in Decatur.

In his first USCF tournament as an Unrated he beat a high C and finished 3-2. He came out of that 1966 Greater Peoria Open with a high C rating. He was an active tournament player for more than 30 years and reached a top rating (I believe) of 1899.

Thanks brother, for introducing me to chess and sharing a lifelong love for a game that gave you, and continues to give me many enjoyable hours. Winfield, you are missed.

With love, Garrett.

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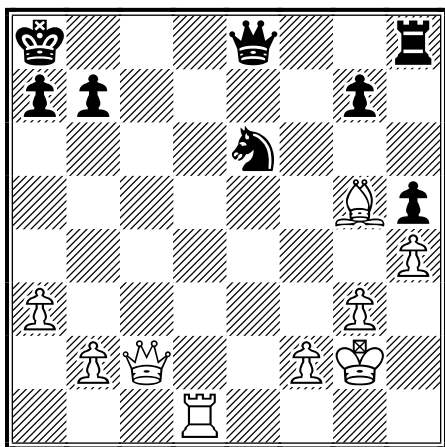
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Interference

By Ilya Korzhenevich

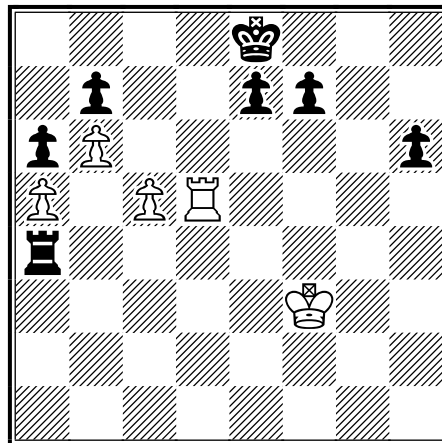
In this issue, we'll discuss a very beautiful and yet practical tactical weapon – the interference. The idea of interference is to block the line of action of an opponent's piece (or several pieces). The following elementary example should make the definition clear:



White to play.

White wins material here by playing **1.Rd8+!**, since 1...Nxd8 would block the line of action of Black's Queen and allow 2. Qc8#.

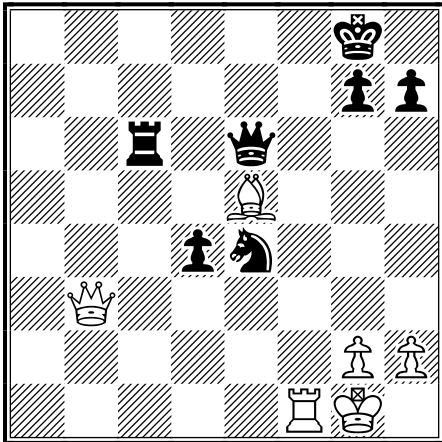
Interference is often used in conjunction with pawn promotion. Here is a typical example:



Eberle-Navarovszky, 1959. White to play.

This position seems quite hopeless for White, since he is two pawns down. The only chance seems to be in a pawn breakthrough on the Queenside. Let's try it: **1.c6 bxc6**, and if 2. b7, then 2... Rb4, and White can resign. However, Eberle found a miraculous salvation based on interference. Instead of 2.b7, White blocked the "b"-file with **2.Rb5!!** Since Black now cannot stop White's b-pawn from queening, Navarovszky had nothing better than **2...axb5 3.b7 Rxa5 4. b8Q+**, and the game ended in a draw.

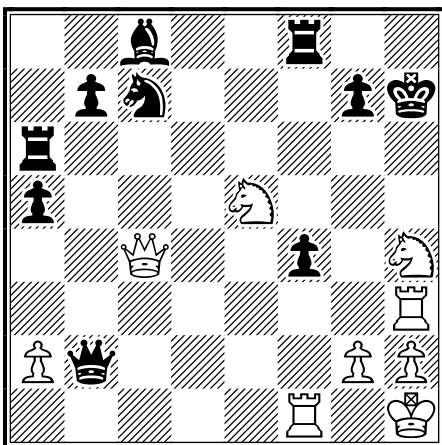
Even more beautiful are the interference combinations in which the line of action of more than one piece is blocked. In other words, the opponent has multiple ways to capture the sacrificed piece, but each capture fatally compromises his or her position. Our next example is from Fred Reinfeld's wonderful book "1001 Winning Chess Sacrifices and Combinations."



White to play.

In this seemingly peaceful position, White can force Black's immediate resignation by playing **1.Bd6!!** This stunning move breaks the coordination of Black's pieces. Indeed, both 1...Qxb3 and 1...Rxd6 lose to 2.Rf8# and 2.Rb8+, respectively, and there is no defense against the double threat of 2.Rf8# and 2.Qxe6+.

The next position is the most aesthetically striking example of interference I've ever seen. It also comes from the aforementioned Reinfeld's book.

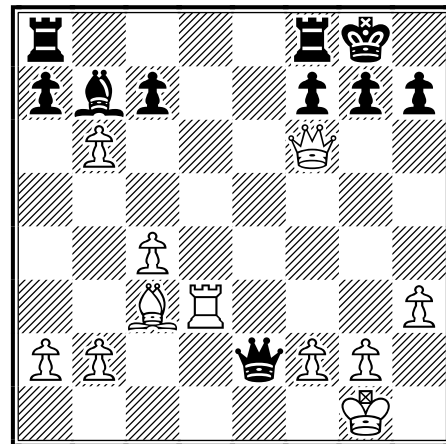


White to play.

White would like to be able to play 1. Nhg6+ Kg8 2. Kh8 #. However, this idea fails due to 1... Bxh3. Similarly, 1. Nf5+ Kg8 2. Ne7 # does not work because of 1... Rh6. Notice that the lines of action of the two pieces that save Black from mate – the Rook on a6 and the Bishop on c8 --

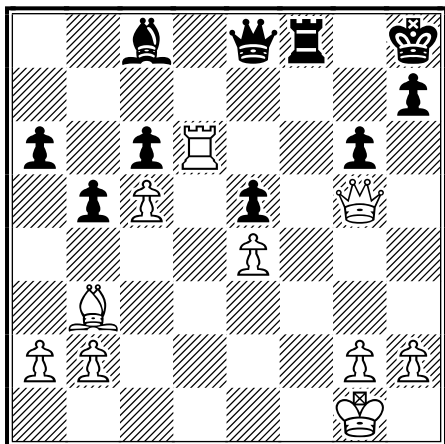
converge on the square e6. It is precisely on this square that White's Queen sacrifices herself in order to destroy the coordination of Black's pieces: **1. Qe6!!!** The three exclamation points stand for the three different ways in which Black can capture the Queen. The point of this amazing move is to make Black block either his Bishop or his Rook. Indeed, if 1... Bxe6, then the Rook on a6 can no longer reach h6, so White wins by 2. Nf5+ Kg8 3. Ne7#. If 1... Rxe6, then the Bishop on c8 is blocked, so White plays 2. Nhg6+ Kg8 3. Rh8#. If Black captures the Queen with the Knight, White can give either of the two mates. Finally, if Black does not capture the Queen, she cannot avoid the mate either.

In conclusion, let's take a look at a game in which interference was used as a defensive rather than an attacking weapon.

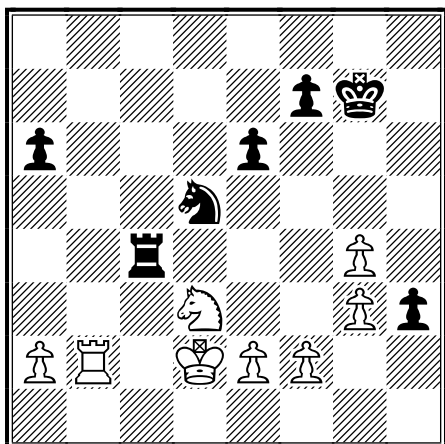


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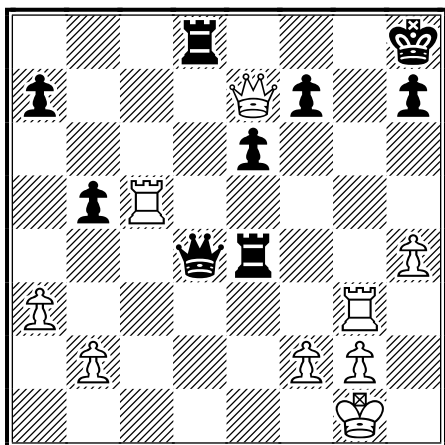
One's first impression might be that Black cannot avoid the checkmate on g7, since 1...gxh6 loses to 2.Rg3+ Kh8 3.Bxf6#. The deflection 1... Qd1+ is also ineffective, since White can ignore the offered Queen and play 2. Kh2. However, interference comes to the rescue: **1... Qg4!!** White is forced to block the g-file by playing **2.hxg4** (otherwise, White would simply be at least a Rook down), after which Black can safely capture White's Queen, ending up a Rook to the good. Now it's your turn to find the shocking and powerful interference moves:



White to play.



Black to play



White to play.

Solutions to the problems in the last issue:

Problem 1: 1.Qxe5? loses to 1...Qg4!

Problem 2: 1.Bxf6! Bxf6 2. Nd5! Qxd2 3. Nxf6+ Kf8 (3...Kg7 4. Nxe8+)

Problem 3: 1...Nxe4 2. Bxe7 Nxf2! (or 2...Nxc3!) 3.Bxd8 Nxd1, and Black wins a pawn.

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.



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Road Warrior

by Pete Karagianis

Intrepid adventurers, courageous followers, chess lovers, addicts, and beginners alike... this issue's installment of the *RW* comes from a place very close to home. And while I do speak of home in a literal, geographical sense to some degree, I mean to principally imply "from the heart."

I am sitting in Pete Stroyan's living room in Bloomington/Normal on a Friday afternoon. The BNASC summer chess camp has just concluded, and a group of tournament players (Ranging from IM Angelo Young to class E player Durga Giridharan), most of whom were instructors at the camp, have gathered to enjoy Chinese delivery, bughouse, match play, Fischer random, and blitz of all kinds.

From the kitchen, Garrett Scott, whom I have known since I played grade school chess in the late 80s, looks over at me (typing furiously into my laptop) and bellows, "What are you going to title it, Pete, 'A Normal Week?'"

The pun elicits laughter from the fatigued crowd, but I have more serious things to attend to. Suddenly, I am able to write again. Suddenly, I have something to say.

The past month has been difficult for me. I have squeezed a round robin event (The Club2k inaugural) in between two chess camps, two film festivals, one breakup, one move to a new apartment, and three days of helping my parents make the transfer to a new home of their own, which brought to me a strange loss of 'place'.

Here now, in the midst of fellow enthusiasts and close friends, I can finally for a moment relax, sit back, and enjoy my Hunan Chicken with a side of fried Wontons.

I have been having difficulty broaching the subjects I'd like to discuss, and I have been writing and re-writing an article for this month's bulletin for some time. Even now, laughing in my chair as Angelo an-

nounces our team names ("The Gas Man" in honor of Bonwell's post-General-Tsao's intestinal... issues... and "Team Pepto", in the hopes that my squad might somehow counter the horror), I still feel the weight of recent events.

For a moment, though, in our gracious host's house, I feel a long-awaited comfort, and I begin to shake the burden.

My first chess coach was my father, who died in 1996. We used to play every Monday night at the Peoria chess club. In the early '90s, it was held first at a church near Bradley University and then, in a later attempt to draw from the student body, at the Bradley Union itself. Every Monday night that I find myself in central Illinois, I make a concerted effort to get back to the club, maybe to "keep the tradition" that my father and I shared, or, perhaps, maybe just to feel at home.

There is a sense of community that comes with all chess, I believe. Perhaps this draws some players to the game; it did me. What kept me with the sport after my father's passing was a strong group of friends, all around my age, who played the game in high school and still do today. It is a fine thing to walk into Lakeview museum on the first night of the week and recognize so many faces, each one offering a match.

As many of you know, Scott Silverman passed away this April. I remember playing Scott once, but saw him walking around the tournament halls on several occasions, and cannot once remember running into him when he wore anything but a smile. Scott, I believe, was one of those who loved the chess community. I was not surprised to see, then, that the community loved him back, in the many caring posts made on the Illinois Chess discussion forum, and in Bill Brock's nice write-up in the last issue.

Another player and friend also passed away recently. Ryan Walker, of Iowa, succumbed to a long battle with Leukemia. I had met his father, and Brent over the board twice, though was never privileged enough to play with Ryan himself. Once, after a hard-fought draw, I dropped one of Brent's nice wooden pieces to the floor and it broke. Needless to say, I felt horrible. But with a smile and a shrug, he said, "Don't worry, it's just a pawn."

It would be nice if everything were so easy.

It would be nice to somehow honor their memory, to somehow make things better. But, in many ways, I can't. I can only say that they will be missed, by this patzer, at least.

In the living room, Garrett has gathered a few players near him as he tells the story of finding a lost cache of chess sets pushed away in some insurance warehouse. The sets, he explains, were en route from India when the boat sank 15 feet in the harbor.

"The best part," he says with a laugh, "was sneaking them out from under the nose of all those darn Chicagoans."

To a downstater, a Chicago woodpusher is a terrible thing. To a Chicagoan, we are "country folk." But when we are all in the same tournament hall, pouring over the same position, analyzing over the same board, we are chess players and nothing more or less. Something tells me that perhaps this would have been both more than enough and all one ever needed to say: that Scott and Ryan were one of us; that they belonged. If such can be said of me someday, then I would be truly happy.

In this room, we are doing all we can do. We are keeping on. We are gathering as friend and foe simultaneously. We are agreeing with Lasker when he says, "What man delights most in is a fight." We share stories, and then viciously smack each other around on sixty-four squares, only to repeat the process upon completion. In one room I count a teenager and a septuagenarian. We play, we learn, we continue the game.

We do all we can do - for ourselves, for our friends, for our memories - we keep on.

I will leave you all with an apology at the heavy-handedness of my article and an excerpt from my personal journal. It was a thought I had the other day while sitting in a room full of friends and preparing to play a blitz tournament:

There are moments, I have decided, that epitomize life; moments during which the requirement and thuswise seeking of an identity ceases - niches in time and space when definition, meaning, feeling... lose significance. Each spark, each neuron, each floating issue, each combined matrix of problems, agendas, concerns, fears, nightmares, screaming voices asking 'if' and 'how' and 'what for', relinquishes its hold and you exhale a slow and long expletive and glibly slide into a chair, relaxed, understanding - because for an inexplicable instant things have aligned themselves perfectly- a window has opened and you gain a supreme understanding, though you do not know why or how - you are sentient, you are an idea, you are not a soul but soul itself, you are something you cannot explain... and for these few brief seconds you know, with absolute certainty, that you are not wrong to believe in something better.

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2005 Forest City Open

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By Joe Guth

This year we revived the "old" Forest City Open. Many area players have fond memories of that event. Rockford, along with probably ten other cities, refers to themselves as the "Forest City". Though I enjoy this event, I have yet to break into a plus score. Although I did have a great upset here in 1975 of greater than 540 points.

This year, I was content to get a draw with one of our area stronger young players, Jordan McDonald. Jordan did get a shot at the eventual champion, IM Smetankin. He pulled out a draw. The IM said of the position that Jordan, playing the White pieces, held a slight advantage. The Rockford Area Tourist and Visitor's Bureau donated \$500 to our event. This helped to cover the guaranteed first prize of \$500. We also were given use of the Rockford College Rope Center located in the Burpee Building. Even with all of the gifts, we needed help to break even this year.

We had a based on event of 32 in the Open and Reserved Sections. There were 10 in the Open section and 14 in the Reserve Section. Of those 14 in the Reserve section, seven were a group from Minnesota. We will run the event next year. Unfortunately, I do not see us getting another \$500 gift. Poor turnout turned into no more support. Hopefully, next year's event can be used by area players to prepare for the U.S. Open. It is already on the ICA Calendar.

2005 Forest City Champion
S. Smetankin

2nd Place, Expert
Shared, Glen Gratz and Roger Allison

A Prize

The Reserve section cross table is as follows:

Jordan McDonald

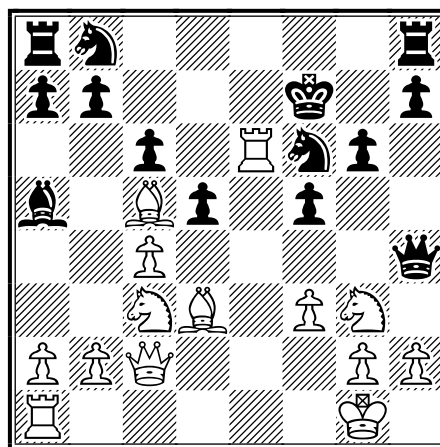
B Prize
Joe Guth

Tournament Director - Gary Sargent

(1) McDonald, J - Fambro, P [C01]

Forest City Open (2), 30.07.2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4
6.Bd3 Ne4 7.Nge2 c6 8.0-0 f5 9.f3 Nf6 10.Ng3 g6
11.Re1+ Kf7 12.Qb3 Ba5 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Qc2 Qxd4+
15.Be3 Qh4 16.Bc5 Be6 17.Rxe6 Diagram



17...Kxe6 18.Qe2+ Kd7 19.Qe7+ Kc8 20.Bxf5+ Nbd7
21.Bxd7+ Kb8 22.Qe5+ Bc7 23.Bd6 a6 24.Bxc7+
Ka7 25.Bg4 Nd7 26.Bxd7 Qxc4 27.Nge2 Rhf8
28.Qe3+ d4 29.Nxd4 c5 30.Ne6 Rf7 31.Nxc5 b6
32.Nb5+ axb5 33.Qa3+ Qa4 34.Nxa4 1-0

The Reserve Section was won by Tom Vanden Boom with a perfect 5-0 score. Leonard Jones, an Unrated got the Unrated prize with four out of five. This section only let Unrateds win just the Unrated prize.

Ilan Meerovich Goes Long at the Green Bay Open

14-year-old Ilan Meerovich was one of a number of Illinois players that headed up to Green Bay, Wisconsin this past July to compete in the 29th Annual Green Bay. Ilan scored 4.0/5.0 and captured the honors in the 1900 and under rating group, and for the 14-year-old and under age category. Ilan also tied for 4th place overall in this field of 82 competitors.

In Round 3 Ilan had a big win against 2093 rated Ashish Vaja, one of the leading figures on the Milwaukee chess scene. An annotated commentary on that game is provided below.

Back in March of this year, Ilan won the Illinois Scholastic Junior High Championship in Peoria. As of press time, Ilan is rated 1978. In the fall, Ilan will be a freshman at Niles North High School in Skokie where he plans on being active with the school chess team.

Game analysis by William Aramil and John P. Buky - with the help of Fritz software.

(1) Vaja,A (2093) - Meerovich,I (1868) [B23]

Green Bay Open (3), 24.07.2005

[Meerovich,Ilan]

[1] Vaja,A (2093) - Meerovich,I (1868) [B23]

Green Bay Open (3), 24.07.2005

[Meerovich,Ilan]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 The closed sicilian. **2...Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 e6** Bg7 is the normal move here. **5.Bb5 Bg7 6.Bxc6 dxc6** Ilan is out of book here, as bxc6 is normal. [6...bxc6 7.e5 d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.d3 Nf6] **7.e5 Ne7 8.Ne4 0-0** Black had to castle (and lose the pawn), or else the knight would parachute to d6 - eliminating the option to castle and ruining the kingside. [8...b6 9.Nd6+ Kf8 10.Ng5] **9.Nxc5 Qd5 10.d4** [10.Nb3 Qe4+ 11.Qe2 Qxf4 [11...Qxc2 Loses the queen to Nfd4.] 12.d4 Qg4 13.Bg5 Nf5 14.0-0-0 An interesting variation where white gives back the pawn and gets attacking chances. The black queen also looks a bit misplaced here.] **10...b6** The bishop now has a way out via a6. **11.Nd3 a5 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Nf2** Guards the d4 pawn and prepares c3. **13...Ba6 14.Re1** Move or pay rent! **14...Rfd8 15.c3 h5 16.Bd2 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5** Ng5 with the idea of traveling to e4 might be better. **18.Qc1** Relinquishing the pin. **18...Bb7 19.Be3 Qc6 20.Qc2 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Bh6 22.Nh3** [22.g3 g5 23.fxc5 Bxc5 24.Re4 Bh6 25.Qe2 Qc5 26.Rh4 Be3 27.Kf1 Ba6 28.c4 Bxf2 29.Qxf2 Bxc4+ 30.Kg2 Rac8 The position remains unclear] **22...Bf8 23.Kh1** White had to move his king before he gets pinned by the bishop at c5. **23...Bc5 24.Rd3** With

accurate play by white, he might be able to hold onto a slight edge here. **24...Ba6 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.Rd1 Rd5 27.Rxd5** [27.b3 This move looks better with the idea of c4 and closing off the light-squared diagonal.] **27...Qxd5 28.a3 Qa2 29.Qc1** White's edge is disappearing. **29...a4 30.Nhg5 Qd5 31.Qe1 Bb7 32.Qe2** [32.h4 This move might be better as it gives the white king some air to breathe.] **32...Ba6 33.Qe1** If white takes the bishop at a6, then he will be mated on the back rank. [33.Qxa6 Qd1+ 34.Ng1 Qxg1#] **33...Bb7 34.h3 Qd3 35.Nd4** White concedes as the bishops prove dominant over the knights. [35.Kh2 Is better for white, but black still has an advantage. 35...Qc2] **35...Bxd4 36.cxd4 Qxd4 37.Qb4 Qf2** [37...Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Qe2 Finishes quickly as white cannot prevent mate.] **38.Nf3 Bxf3 39.gxf3** The game is essentially over at this position. White is lost. **39...Qxf3+ 40.Kh2 h4 41.Qxb6 Qg3+ 42.Kh1 Qxh3+ 43.Kg1 Qg3+ 44.Kh1 Qxf4 45.Qc6 g5 46.Qg2 g4 47.Qg1 Qf3+ 0-1**

About John Buky

John Buky is a Chicago schoolteacher, chess coach, and chess instructor. He is passionate about bringing the game of chess to young people and is one of the leading Chess Educators in the state of Illinois. John recently accompanied Grand Master Alex Onischuk on a chess mission to the orphanage in Leon, Mexico. John is frequently an instructor at area chess camps and workshops, and has worked extensively with Grand Masters Onischuk, Yury Shulman and other leading figures on the US chess scene.

John also is the recent recipient of a Fund for Teachers Grant for his project: Integrating Chess Into the Elementary Mathematics School Curriculum. John is hopeful this will pave the way towards bringing chess instruction in every elementary Chicago Public School Class Room.

John is also the founder of The Chess Academy. Its website is at <http://www.thechessacademy.org>

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***Peoria Club 2k Inaugural
Event a Success!***

By Club2k Secretary Paul Smith

National Master Len Weber and Candidate Master Geoff Caveney tied for first with scores of 4-1 in the First Peoria Club 2K Closed. The event, a six player round robin with a 40/2 SD 1 time control, was held over the weekend of July 16-17 at the Hardees restaurant in Peoria. NM Pete Karagianis came in third with a 3.5/5 score.

Rounding out the field were NM F. Scott Allsbrook at 2.5-2.5, CM Mike Leali at 1-4, and NM Bill Naff at 0-5.

The event was unusually combative, with only 2 of the 15 individual games ending in draws.

The Players (In Rating Order):

NM Pete Karagianis	2218
NM Len Weber	2200
NM Scott Allsbrook	2150
CM Jeff Caveney	2132
NM Bill Naff	2000
Mike Leali	1963

[White "**Caveney, Jeff**"]

[Black "**Weber, Len**"]

[Result "0-1"]

[ECO "D26"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 e6 5. Bxc4 c5 6. Qe2 a6 7. dxc5 Bxc5 8. O-O O-O 9. Nc3 b5 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. Rd1 Nbd7 12. Ng5 h6 13. Nge4 Qc7 14. a3 Ba7 15. Bd2 Qe5 16. Ng3 Rfd8 17. Be1 h5 18. Nf1 h4 19. f3 Qg5 20. Kh1 h3 21. e4 Qc5 22. Ne3 Qxe3 23. Qf1 Ne5 24. Bc2 hxg2+ 25. Kxg2 Nh5 26. Bg3 Nf4+ 27. Kh1 Nxf3 28. Rxd8+ Rxd8 29. Nd1 Rxd1 30. Rxd1 Bxe4 31. Rd8+ Kh7 32. Bf2 Nd2+ 33. Qg2 Qxf2 34. Bxe4+ Nxe4 35. Qxe4+ f5 **0-1**

[Event "Peoria Club 2k"]

[Date "2005.07.16"]

[Round "1"]

[White "**Naff, William**"]

[Black "**Leali, Michael**"]

[Result "0-1"]

[ECO "B88"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Bc4 Nc6 6. Nc3 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Be3 O-O 9. Qe2 a6 10. a4 Qc7 11. f3 Re8 12. Ba2 Bd7 13. Rad1 d5 14. exd5 exd5 15. Bxd5 Bb4 16. Bxc6 Bxc6 17. Nxc6 Bxc3 18. bxc3 Qxc6 19. Qd2 Qxa4 20. Bd4 Qc6 21. Qg5 a5 22. Rb1 h6 23. Qf5 Nd5 24. Qg4 f6 25. Rfe1 b5 26. Qh5 a4 27. Rxe8+ Rxe8 28. c4 bxc4 29. Rb7 Re1+ 30. Kf2 Re2+ 31. Kf1 Qxb7 **0-1**

[Event "Club2k Peoria"]

[Date "2005.07.16"]

[Round "1"]

[White "**Allsbrook, Scott**"]

[Black "**Caveney, Jeff**"]

[Result "0-1"]

[ECO "A34"]

1. g3 c5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Bg2 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. Nc3 Nc7 6. d3 e5 7. Nf3 Nc6 8. Nd2 Bd7 9. O-O Be7 10. Nc4 O-O 11. a4 f6 12. f4 Ne6 13. Nd5 Ned4 14. e3 Ne6 15. Qb3 Kh8 16. Bd2 exf4 17. Nxf4 Nxf4 18. Rxf4 Qc7 19. Raf1 Rad8 20. Be4 Be6 21. Qd1 f5 22. Bxf5 Bxf5 23. Rxf5 Rxf5 24. Rxf5 Qd7 25. Rf7 Qd5 26. Qf1 Kg8 27. Rf4 Qxd3 28. Qxd3 Rxd3 29. Kf1 Bf6 30. Ke2 Rb3 31. Kd1 Nb4 32. Kc1 b6 33. e4 Nd3+ 34. Kc2 Nxf4 35. Kxb3 Nd3 36. Bf4 Kf7 37. Bb8 a6 38. e5 Bd8 39. Kc3 Nb4 40. Kd2 Ke6 41. Ke3 Kd5 42. b3 Nc6 43. Bd6 Nd4 44. Kd3 Nxb3 45. Ne3+ Ke6 46. h4 g6 47. Ng2 Nd4 48. Ke4 Ne2 49. Kf3 Nc3 50. Nf4+ Kd7 51. a5 b5 52. Bxc5 Bxa5 53. e6+ Ke8 54. h5 b4 55. hxg6 hxg6 56. e7 Nb5 57. Ke4 b3 58. Nd5 Nc3+ 59. Nxc3 Bxc3 60. Kd3 Bf6 61. Ba3 Bxe7 62. Bb2 a5 63. Kc4 a4 64. Bd4 Ba3 **0-1**

Some notes and a .pgn from CM Caveney on his last-round encounter:

"After an incredibly complicated tactical middle-game, Pete got the upper hand, and after 35...Ng1+ if he plays 36.Qxg1 Rxe5 37.Qd4 in all probability he has a won endgame (for example 37...Ref5 38.d7 Rd8 39.Qc4! Rff8 40.Qc7 b5 41.Qxa5 Rxd7 42.Qxb5). But after 36.Kg2??, Pete's only decisive mistake of the entire tournament, the tables are turned and it is Black who has

the extra pawn and a probably won rooks vs. queen endgame after move 39.

I was proud of the way I played the endgame: very precise technique was required to deal with Pete's kingside king and pawn advance. The critical moment was the prophylactic maneuver 46...Rbf4 47.h4 R8f6!!, and some aesthetically pleasing tactics followed, each one based on the move ...g6+! at the right moment (for example 52.Qe4+ g6+! 53.Kg4 Rf4+). 50.Qb7 was the best try to prolong the game. When 54.Kf4 was impossible due to 54...Rdf5+ 55.Ke4 Re5+, the White king was stuck on the h-file, and one last cute tactic, ...Rh1+ Qxh1 Rh6+, ended the game."

[Event "Peoria Club 2K Closed"]

[Site "Peoria, IL"]

[Date "2005.07.17"]

[Round "5"]

[White "Karagianis, Pete"]

[Black "Caveney, Geoffrey"]

[WhiteElo "2218"]

[BlackElo "2111"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Bd2 Qe7 5. g3 Nc6 6. Bg2 Bxd2+ 7. Nbx2 d6 8. O-O a5 9. e4 e5 10. d5 Nb8 11. c5 O-O 12. cxd6 cxd6 13. Qc2 Na6 14. Rac1 Bd7 15. Nc4 Bb5 16. Nfd2 Nc5 17. Rfe1 Nfd7 18. Qc3 f5 19. exf5 Rxf5 20. f4 Qf6 21. Bh3 Rh5 22. Bg4 Rh6 23. fxe5 dxe5 24. Nxe5 Rf8 25. Ndf3 Nxe5 26. Rxe5 Nd3 27. Be6+ Kh8 28. Rf5 Nxc1 29. Rxf6 Ne2+ 30. Kg2 Rhxf6 31. Qc5 Bd3 32. Ne5 Be4+ 33. Kh3 Bf5+ 34. Bxf5 Rxf5 35. d6 Ng1+ 36. Kg2 Nf3 37. d7 Nxe5 38. Qc8 Nxd7 39. Qxd7 Rf2+ 40. Kh3 Rxb2 41. Qe7 Ra8 42. a4 Rb4 43. Qd7 h6 44. g4 Rf8 45. Kh4 b6 46. Kh5 Rbf4 47. h4 R8f6 48. Qe8+ Kh7 49. Qd7 Rd4 50. Qe7 Rd5+ 51. g5 hxg5 52. hxg5 Rg6 53. Kg4 Rgxg5+ 54. Kh4 Rg6 55. Qe4 Rd1 56. Kh5 Rh1+ {White resigns} 0-1

Information about Club 2k can be obtained by e-mailing our officers at ChessClub2k@aol.com. Memberships are available. Upcoming events can be found by e-mailing the above address (the club publishes a monthly newsletter) or by visiting <http://www.coliasinvite.blogspot.com/>

Springfield CC News Pete Karigianis Wins June Tournament

The June 11 tournament drew 16 chess players to town. Pete Karigianis, of Ankeny, Iowa, swept the field with a perfect score of 4-0. He won first place. His first opponent, Cesar Nunez, of Bloomington, won the rest of his games to take second place with a score of 3 points.

There was a five-way tie for the A-B prize. Tom Knoedler, and Matt Cremeens, both of Springfield; Gary Blickhan, of Quincy; Dennis Bourgerie, of Normal; and Jason Chien, of Bloomington, each scored 2½ points. Jeremy Vollmer, of St. Louis; and Brad Schlosser, of Chesterfield, Mo. each scored 1½ points, which split the C-D prize.

Evan Dorosheff, of Springfield, also scored 1½ points and took the E-and-under prize. Carl Dolson, hometown unavailable, scored 2 points and won the unrated prize.

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Special thanks to David Heiser for getting the room for ICA free of charge!

Pete Karagianis Sweeps Hopedale



5-0 Pete Karagianis

The First Annual Land of Lincoln Open, organized by the SCC in Hopedale, proved moderately successful as 26 chess players arrived in this small Tazewell County town in August. Pete Karagianis, of Ankeny, Iowa, swept his second SCC-sponsored tournament in a row by going 5-0 and winning first place.

There was a four-way tie for second and third place, which also involved portions of the Class X, A, and C prizes. Calvin Terlizzi, of Salem; Gordon Ruan, of Champaign; Michael Maloney, hometown unavailable; and Josito Dondon, of Bloomington, each scored 3½ points.

Three Class B players scored 3 points and tied for first in that class. They were Peter Stroyan, of Bloomington, and Wayne Zimmerle and Peter Michlik, both of Peoria. Meanwhile, the remainder of the Class C prize was split between Nicolau Dos Santos, of Lagrange Park, and Eric Wildman, of Williamsville. They each scored 2½ points.

Evan Dorosheff, of Greenview, scored 2 points to win Class D outright. Two points was also the score attained by George Ruan, of Champaign, and Geoffrey Beck, of Urbana. They shared the prize for Class E and under. Beck also received the Biggest Upset prize, by toppling Carl

Dolson, who was rated 558 points higher, in the third round.

No unrateds participated. That prize, and parts of the Class X and A prizes that had no qualified recipients, were kept by the club, enabling it to *almost* break even on this tournament and make it likely that the same or a similar event will be held next year.



Josito Dondon



Calvin Terlizzi

Tour Standings as of June 6, 2005. The following tournaments are included in the calculations: Tax Relief Open 16-Apr-05; 1st Annual Illinois Classic April 23-24; Des Plaines Open 30-Apr-05; Peoria Spring Tornado 30-Apr-05; Rockford Second Saturday Open 14-May-05; Chicago Open 30-May-2005. In order to be eligible for Tour prizes, players must be ICA members and must compete in three or more ICA Tour events. Players competing in less than three events are indicated by parentheses.

MASTER TOUR POINTS:

21.0 BURGESS, JON L
 17.0 GUREVICH, DMITRY (2)
 14.0 KARAGIANIS, PETE D (1)
 13.5 SZPISJAK, STEVEN J
 10.0 YOUNG, ANGELO (2)
 8.0 PASALIC, MEHMED (1)
 8.0 TSYGANOV, IGOR M (1)
 7.5 JARRETTE, PHIL (1)
 7.5 ROSEN, ERIC S (2)
 7.5 STAMNOV, ALEKSANDAR (1)
 7.5 ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE (2)

EXPERT TOUR POINTS :

17.0 PEKOVIC, JUSUF (2)
 16.0 NIENART, CHRISTOPH (2)
 14.5 ALLSBROOK, FRED S
 14.0 FLAGA, KRZYSZTOF (2)
 14.0 KARAGIANIS, PETE D (1)
 11.5 KOPULA, SURYAPRAKA
 10.0 STEIN, KURT W (2)
 10.0 ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE (2)
 9.0 BENESA, ARNULFO (2)
 8.0 KARKLINS, ERIK (1)
 8.0 LONG, DAVID
 8.0 VELAZQUEZ, KEVIN J (1)

CLASS A TOUR POINTS:

28.0 LONG, DAVID
 22.0 CAVITT, DEXTER (2)
 22.0 MEEROVICH, ILAN
 18.0 BUKY, JOHN P
 18.0 KANNIAH, SURESH
 18.0 MALONEY, MICHAEL A (2)
 17.0 RUAN, GORDON J (2)
 14.0 TUMS, VALDIS M (1)
 13.0 KASIURAK, ZACH (2)
 11.5 KOPULA, SURYAPRAKA

CLASS B TOUR POINTS:

31.0 KANNIAH, SURESH
 28.0 CHANG, ALEX (1)
 25.0 APPLEBAUM, ANDY F
 22.0 CEN, KENT Y (2)
 22.0 EASTON, RICHARD DW (2)
 21.0 DUBIN, JOSHUA
 20.0 IZAK-DAMIECKI, ART (1)
 18.5 MC NALLY, DANIEL M
 17.5 KOPULA, SURYAPRAKA
 17.0 MAGNESS, TREVOR S (2)
 17.0 RUAN, GORDON J (2)

CLASS C TOUR POINTS:

25.0 BARBIAN, MATTHEW R (2)
 25.0 SEJKO, TEME (2)
 20.0 RANGE, JOHNNY (1)
 20.0 SUMMERS, TODD M
 18.0 CEN, YUEQIN (2)
 15.5 HU SR, YAODI
 15.0 GALLIFORD, CHRIS (2)
 14.0 MEDURI, AAKAASH (2)
 14.0 PLOTT JR, DENNIS C (2)
 14.0 SCHMAKEL, SAM A

CLASS D TOUR POINTS:

18.0 DATLA, SIDDARTH S (2)
 16.0 CHARLESTON, NEAL J (2)
 16.0 FULLER, RAY
 15.5 MEDINA, JAMES M
 15.0 ERICKSON, DAVID R (1)
 15.0 MUSIC, ADEM
 14.0 JOHNSEN, ALECK C (1)
 14.0 MEDINA, STEVEN A
 14.0 WANG, YIMING (1)
 13.0 DELAMORA, SALVADOR

CLASS E TOUR POINTS:

28.0 CONNELLY, BRYAN (1)
 20.0 WANG, ROGER R (1)
 16.0 DICKINSON, TRAVIS (2)
 15.5 MEDINA, JAMES M
 14.0 AVALOS, JUAN P (1)
 14.0 KAEHLER, DAVID (1)
 10.0 ATKINSON, THEODORE (1)
 10.0 GATTO, CHRISTOPHER (2)
 10.0 KELLY, PATRICK N (1)
 10.0 LIU, CHERYL D (2)

MASTER EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

28.0 KARAGIANIS, PETE D (1)
 15.0 JARRETTE, PHIL (1)
 15.0 ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE (2)
 8.0 BONWELL, JONATHAN
 8.0 KANNIAH, SURESH
 8.0 KOPULA, SURYAPRAKA
 8.0 LONG, DAVID (2)
 5.0 BURGESS, JON L
 5.0 GIERTZ, CHARLES E (1)
 5.0 PADILLA, RUDY R (1)

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Master Section (2200/up): \$3000-1500-700-500-300, top 2300-2449 \$1000, top U2300 \$1000.

Expert Section (2000-2199): \$2000-1000-500-300-200.

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Class C Section (1400-1599): \$2000-1000-500-300-200.

Class D Section (1200-1399): \$1600-900-500-300-200.

Class E Section (Under 1200): \$1000-600-400-300-200.

Rated players may play up one class. Unrated may enter Class A or below, with prize limit \$600 A, \$500 B, \$400 C, \$250 D, \$150 E.

Top 6 sections entry fee: 3-day \$118, 2-day \$117 mailed by 10/6, all \$116 **ONLINE** at chesstour.com by 10/11, \$125 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/11 (entry only, no questions), \$140 at site. No checks at site, credit cards OK. ICA memb. (\$18, jrs \$14) required for IL residents. IL maxi-tour event. **Class E Section entry fee:** All \$40 less. **All:** Re-entry \$90; not available in Master Section. GMs \$100 from prize. Advance EF \$10 less if paid with \$49 USCF dues.

3-day schedule: Reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7:30, Sat 11-6, Sun 9-3:15.

2-day schedule: Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11-2:30-6, Sun 9-3:15.

Half point byes OK all (limit 2), Master Section must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3.

Hotel rates: \$89-89, 800-528-0444, 630-472-6000, reserve by 9/23 or rate may increase.

Info: chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com 10/13.

Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied!

Refunds: Advance EF minus \$5 service charge refunded if you withdraw and inform TD at least an hour before rd 1, no charge if fee applied to future CCA tmts.

Mailed entry: Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577.

Advance entries will be posted at www.chesstour.com with final post 10/13.

September 10, 2005. Tuley Park Quick (Medium). 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, 1899-1700 \$40, 1649-1400 \$35, 1399-1150 \$30, 1199-900 \$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](#)

September 10, 2005 Bradley Summer Open An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Event. A USCF Heritage Event. Robert Michel Student Center, 915 N. Elmwood Ave., Peoria, IL 61625. Entry fee: \$14 by September 8, \$17 at the site, free if rated 2200 or over, 4 round Swiss Game/80 (5 second time delay allowed) 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 Rounds: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30. A limit of one "1/2 point" bye is available in any Rd., but a bye in Rds. 3 or 4 must be elected by the end of Rd. 2 Advance entries: [Fred Malcome](#), 1200 E. Partridge St., Unit 56A, Metamora, IL 61548, (309) 367-4833

September 10, 2005 Rockford 2nd Saturday Open An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Tour Event EF \$20 by Sept 3, \$25 at site. 4SS, G/80, Sweden House Lodge, 4605 E State Street, Rockford 61108. Free parking in Parking Lot. Prizes: 70% of EF's distributed as follows: 20% First, 15% Second, 7% each to A, B, C, D, under 1200. No Smoking. ICA Memb Required. Schedule: Reg. 8:30-9:30am. ANY reg. after 9:50am must take 1/2 point bye in 1st rd. Rds. 10:00, 1, 3:30, 6:30 Bye: 1/2 pt avail in rds 1-3, max 1 bye. Ent: (Check Payable to) Rockford Chess Association 2764 Panorama Drive, Rockford, IL 61109. [Rockford Website](#). Questions: 815-397-9186. ChessXpert_2000@Yahoo.Com

September 11, 2005 - Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. 60062. 4:30 - 10 PM Open Chess Night (Skittles) - Join us for some fun chess. USCF not required. EF: free to members, \$5 nonmembers. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Group Lesson "Tactics" (1200-1600) by CM Ilya Korzhenevich. Lesson: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info: [www.RKnights.org](#) or [email](#)

September 17, 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. Organizer may divide the event into two sections. 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](#).

September 18, 2005 - Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. 60062. 5SS, G/29. Registration 4:00 - 4:45 PM. Round 1 at 5:00 PM. EF: \$15. \$5 late fee after 4:45 pm. \$5 fee for nonmembers. 80% of EF returned as prizes. USCF membership required. 3:00 - 4:30 PM Tournament Director Workshop Club Level I, by Larry Cohen. Workshop: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info: [www.RKnights.org](#) or [email](#)

September 24, 2005 TTCCOM September Quick Open. 5SS, Game/15. Reg: 2:30 to 3:00pm, Round 1 at 3:15. Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. See front desk clerk or doorman for directions to tournament. EF: \$20 at site. Prizes: 80% of EFs distributed based on entries. Prizes will be posted before round 1 is paired. Any player may elect to take a refund and withdraw before round 1 is paired. Info: 815-467-2775 or contact [Bradley Watts](#)

September 25, 2005 - Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. 60062. 6SS, G/20. Registration 4:00 - 4:45 PM. Round 1 at 5:00 PM. EF: \$15. \$5 late fee after 4:45 pm. \$5 fee for nonmembers. 80% of EF returned as prizes. USCF membership required. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Free Beginners Chess Lesson. FREE to ALL. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Chess Training Workshop for Teachers Level I, by Jon Buky. Workshop: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info: [www.RKnights.org](#) or [email](#)

October 1, 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, 1899-1700 \$40, 1649-1400 \$35, 1399-1150 \$30, 1199-900 \$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](#)

October 2 & 9, 2005 - Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. 60062. Midwest Class Warm-up - Unrated 5SS, G/60. EF: \$25. USCF not required. Registration 4:00 - 4:45 PM. Rd 1 at 5:00 PM, Rd 3 on Oct. 9 at 4:00 PM. 80% of EF returned as prizes. Oct. 2: 3:30 - 4:30 PM "Openings" (1400-1800) Group Lesson by Master Jon Burgess. Lesson: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Oct. 9: 3:00 - 4:00 PM "Game Analy-

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sis" (1800-2200) by IM Stan Smetankin. Lesson: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info: www.RKnights.org or [email](#)

October 8, 2005 October Open An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Tour Event. Bloomington, IL, sponsored with the State Farm Employees Activities Association. 4SS, G/70. State Farm Headquarters, 1 State Farm Plaza, Bloomington, IL 61701. Located on the east side of Bloomington, northwest from the intersection of Oakland Ave. and Veteran's Parkway. Enter the building from the south. Check through Security and go to the food court area. EF \$14 if rec'd by 10/5, \$18 at site. Free entry to 2020+, must register in advance. \$480 b/30: 1st \$150, 2nd \$90, U2000 \$90, U1600 \$80, U1200 \$70. Bye 1-4. ICA mbrship req'd. Adults \$18, Jrs. \$14. OSA. Reg: 8:30-9:30, Rds: 10-12:45-3:30-6:00. Ent: Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal, IL 61761. 309-454-3842. Cell: 309-531-1723. Schoolstreeter@msn.com

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October 9, 2005 Simul and Lecture with NM Pete Karagianis. Bloomington, IL, sponsored by State Farm Employees Activities Association Chess Club. State Farm Headquarters, 1 State Farm Plaza, Bloomington, IL 61701. Located on the east side of Bloomington, northwest from the intersection of Oakland Ave. and Veteran's Parkway. Enter the building from the south. Check through Security and go to the food court area. Simul / Lecture EF is \$20 (Simul is limited to the first 25 people that sign up & prepay !!!). Lecture only EF \$5 no limit, must register in advance. Lecture 1:00 - 2:30, Simul 3:00. Ent: Make checks payable to Colley Kitson, 1 State Farm Plaza C-4, Bloomington, IL, 61701 Cell: 309-824-5701 Colley.kitson.giak@statefarm.com

October 15, 2005. Second Annual David Mote Memorial Open. Thomas B Knoedler 2104 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703-5407 217 206-6056 knoedler.thomas@uis.edu or tknoe1@uis.edu

October 15,2005. McHenry Area Chess Holiday Inn Hotel, 495 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (By I-90 and Rt 31). Three round Quad. G/80 Reg 8:30 AM. Rds 9:30, 12:50, 3:35. EF: Only \$10. USCF membership required. No other fees or memberships necessary. Prizes: \$20 for first, \$10 for second in each Quad. For more info, call Bob at 815-459-4856 or visit our website at www.McHenryAreaChess.org.

October 16, 2005 - Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. 60062. 7SS, G/15. Registration 4:00 – 4:45 PM. Round 1 at 5:00 PM. EF: \$15. \$5 late fee after 4:45 pm. \$5 fee for nonmembers. 80% of EF returned as prizes. USCF membership required. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Free Beginners Chess Lesson. FREE to ALL. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Chess Training Workshop for Teachers Level II, by Jon Buky. Workshop: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info: www.RKnights.org or [email](#)

October 22, 2005. Tuley Park Quick (Medium). 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, 1899-1700 \$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

October 22, 2005. Peoria Fall Tornado An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Tour Event. Lakeview Museum, 1125 W. Lake Ave., Peoria, IL 61614. Entry fee: \$14 by October 20, \$17 at the site, free if rated 2200 or over 4 round Swiss Game/80 (5 second time delay allowed) 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 Rounds: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30. A limit of one "1/2 point" bye is available in any Rd., but a bye in Rds. 3 or 4 must be elected by the end of Rd. 2 Advance entries: Fred Malcome, 1200 E. Partridge St., Unit 56A, Metamora, IL 61548, (309) 367-4833

October 30, 2005 - Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. 60062. Haunted Chess Night – Fischer-Random Chess 5SS, G/25. Registration 4:00 – 4:45 PM. Round 1 at 5:00 PM. EF: \$15. \$5 late fee after 4:45 pm. \$5 fee for nonmembers. 80% of EF returned as prizes. USCF membership not required. FREE RAFFLE! Rules for Bobby Fischer's chess variation are at WWW.RKNIGHTS.ORG. 3:00 – 4:30 PM Free Group Lesson with TBA, Lesson: Info: www.RKnights.org or [email](#)

Club Affiliates

Organizations wishing to be listed here should mail an affiliation fee of \$25.00 for one year (check payable to Illinois Chess Association) to the ICA membership secretary, Jeff Smith: **19439 Lakeside Lane Bloomington, IL 61704 , 309-378-2078** ICAMembership@msn.com
Include a short paragraph, similar to those below, listing your club's activities.

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

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

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

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Chess in Chicago is dedicated to developing and promoting chess in Chicago, and scholastic players are the priority. Zack Fishman. www.chessinchicago.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highland Park High School Chess Team, 433 Vine Av, Highland Park 60035. Tesc Schultz, tschultz@d113.lake.k12.il.us.

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

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

Chicago Industrial Chess League (CICL) organizes team competition among companies, chess clubs, colleges, government agencies, and other organizations in the greater Chicago-area (downtown and suburban) with awards, ratings, and special events. Brian Smith, 630-983-9316, publicity@chicagochessleague.org website: www.chicagochessleague.org

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Illinois Chess Coaches Association is open to scholastic chess coaches in Illinois. Mike Zacate, 708-479-9380, mezacate@aol.com.

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

Illowa Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6:30-10 pm, St Ambrose University, Davenport IA. Matt Nemmers, qcchess@mchsi.com, www.quadcitychess.com.

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

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

Mahomet-Seymour High School Chess Club, Dan Pirtle, 302 W State, Mahomet 61853. 217-586-4962, dpirt@ms.k12.il.us.

Metcalf School Chess Club, Meeting in Metcalf School Library, Illinios State University, Tuesday's 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Mid-America Chess Association sponsors the popular website at www.64.com, and brings national tournaments to the Chicago area. midam@64.com

Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638, whizline@home.com.

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

New Lenox Chess Club, c/o Vince Berry & Cindy Misiak, 815-463-9975, leave message. VWBerry@aol.com.

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

Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club meets Sundays 3:30 to 11 pm at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook. Weekly rated tournaments. The club mission is to promote, stimulate and encourage the study and play of the game of chess as a means of intellectual and social development. Visit our web

site www.RenaissanceKnights.org. Sheila Heiser 847-526-9025.

Rudy Lozano Library Chess Club, 1805 S Loomis, Chicago 60608. Hector Hernandez, 312-746-4329, hernande@chipublib.org.

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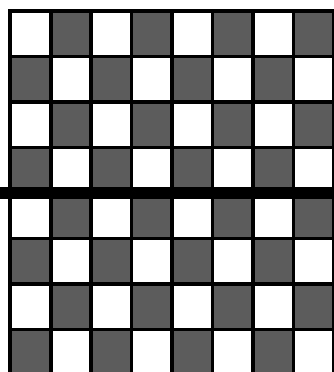
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