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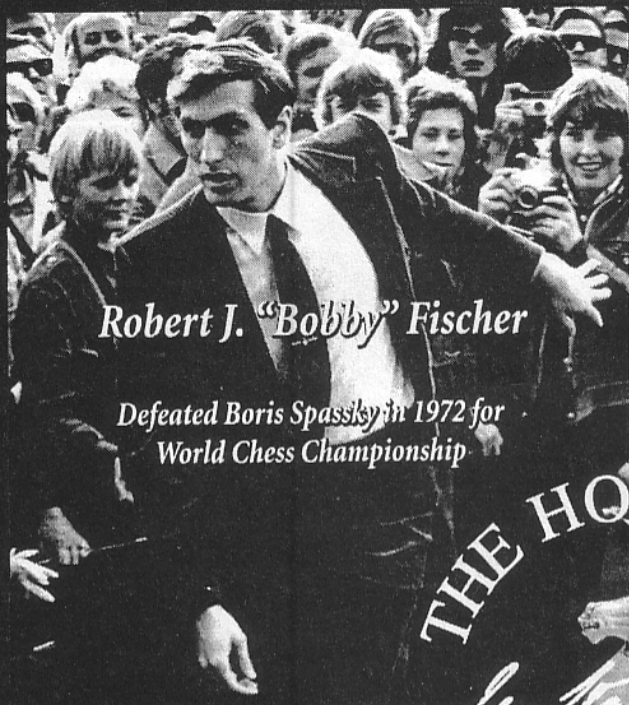
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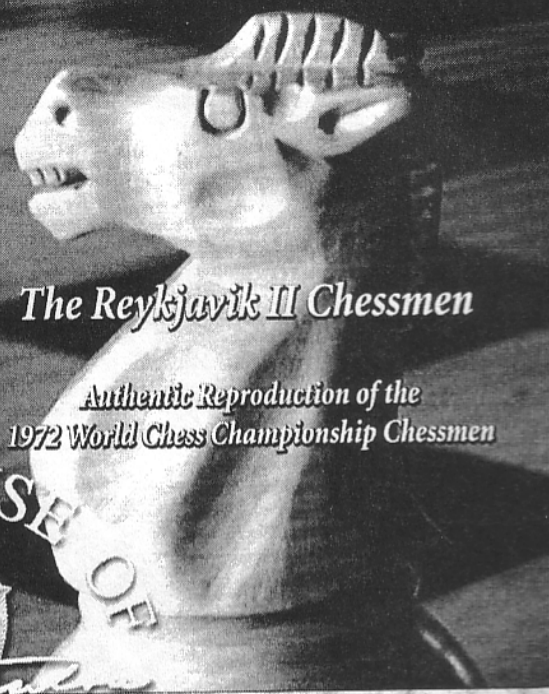
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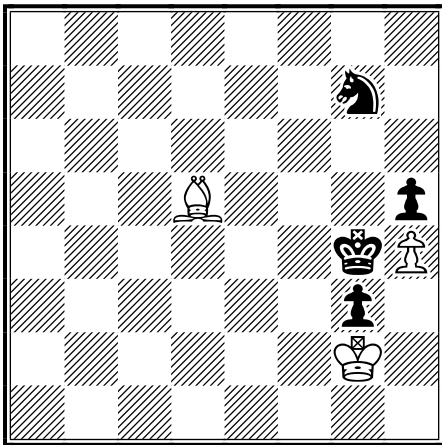
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President's Podium

Bill Brock

Boris Gelfand's **My Most Memorable Games** (Edition Olms, 2005) is a delightful read, not least because it sings the praises of 12-year-old Boris's chess teacher, our own Tamara Golovey. If Tamara was good enough to teach the future number three player in the world, as well as our newest Illinois State Co-Champion, GM Yury Shulman, she's probably good enough to teach your children! Her number is (847) 657-9686....

I hope this problem from the Gelfand biography doesn't dominate your brain (unsubtle hint):



Gelfand-Movsesian, Batumi 1999

White to Play and Draw

For the past two decades, FIDE, the World Chess Federation, has been consistently corrupt and incompetent. But credit where credit is due: the 2005 World Championships in San Luis, Argentina was a simply spectacular event, and **Veselin Topalov** won in brilliant and convincing fashion. Hail to the Champion and congratulations to the Argentine organizers and to FIDE (!)—now let's figure out what ICA can do with our newest domain name, *topalov.net*.

For the past eighteen years, **Todd Barre**—who is one year older me, but looks twenty years younger—has been volunteering his time and his resources to ICA's **ChessPhone**. Once upon a time, boys and girls, there was no such thing as the World Wide Web. When you wanted to know what happened in Game 16 of Karpov-Kasparov, and you couldn't bear to wait for Robert Byrne's column in the **New York Times**, you called Todd. It was beautiful from the perspective of ICA affiliates, as Todd always plugged the upcoming Tuley Park swiss before giving us the news update! The

Internet has usurped that function, and Todd had decided to use his golden voice a bit less often. (Of course, ChessPhone is only a small part of the volunteer work that Todd has performed for USCF and ICA over the decades, and continues to perform.) To honor Todd Barre, we've named him our third **Life Patron Member**.

Right around the time this issue lands in your mailbox, November 12, the Illinois Chess Association will be holding the **2005 Illinois All-Grade** at Joliet Junior College. This event was originally to be held in Bloomington/Normal under CoChess auspices, but site availability problems in Bloomington led ICA to step into the breach. We're delighted that we received three strong bids for the event on such short notice. Any proceeds ICA may make from this event will be plowed right back into scholastic and junior chess.

Assuming the ICA Board blessed our plan at the October 30 Board meeting, the **Warren Junior Program** is back in action! Reshevsky graduated from the University of Chicago in 1931; Fischer was born at Billings Hospital in 1943. Unfortunately, Hyde Park has not produced another World Championship candidate in the past 62 years. Nor has any other Illinois neighborhood. Your generous donation can help us change that; we help make it possible for our top young students to get master and even grandmaster instruction. Just a few years ago, the WJP helped Zhe Quan become one of the top juniors in the world.

Bill Brock said it couldn't be done, but **Larry Cohen** did it! The 2005 Martinovsky Memorial was a smashing success in that **Ben Finegold** earned his third and final **Grandmaster** norm. Ben had earned his second GM norm (and Dutch Chicagoan Jan van de Mortel, his final IM norm) in the Spring 2005 event organized by Sevan Muradian and Glenn Panner, with the assistance of ICA. Let's continue to dream big. Maybe we could organize the Topalov-Kasparov match in Chicago? No? Topalov-Kramnik?

Post-Katrina reflection: while Morphy played many brilliancies in his hometown, and Zukertort and Steinitz played part of their 1886 title match in New Orleans, it's hard to argue with **Adams-Torre, 1920**, as the greatest chess game ever played in the Crescent City. To date, that is.... Next year in New Orleans!

See you at the **Illinois Class Championships**, December 10-11, 2005, at Joliet Junior College!

Solution:

91.Bc6!! Kxh4 [91...Nf5 92.Bd7] **92.Bd7** Gelfand: "[A] mutual zugzwang position saves White. If it were him to move, he would be in trouble after 1.Kf3 Ne8!, and if 2.Bxe8? Kh3." **92...Kg5** ½-½

Another Nine-Year-Old (Barely) Vanquished

Sam Schmakel (1666) – Bill Brock (2013) [C55]

Illinois Open (3), 04.09.2005
[Brock,Bill]

Nine-year-old Sam Schmakel mishandles the opening. I relax after getting a slight pull, and Sam outplays me completely. But then I got lucky.

I have this suspicion that Sam's future victories will be slightly more impressive than mine.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.h3 Be6 8.Bb3 Qd7

I looked at 8...g5! 9.Nxg5? hxg5 10.Bxg5 Bxf2+ (I didn't consider 10...Nd4 ; it looks fine, too.; I rejected 10...Rg8 as too messy) 11.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 12.dxe4 Qxg5 but didn't realize that this position was simply wonderful for Black.

9.Nc3 g5

Mr. Bishop is going to take a nap.

10.Bg3 a6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.Bxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.c4 Nf5

After 14...Bb4+ 15.Kf1, the king just heads to h2, while the bishop looks silly, as it must lose two tempi retreating from b4.

15.a3

15.0-0?? Nxg3--+

15...a5 16.Nd2!

Aiming for my weakness on f6.

16...Bd4

When I showed this game to Steve Szpisjak, he immediately suggested the natural 16...Nxg3 17.fxg3 f5, to deny e4 to the White knight. But I loved my knight too much.

17.Ne4 Ke7

I rejected 17...Nxg3 18.Nf6+ Ke7 19.Nxd7 Nxh1 as obviously insane. But Fritz thinks it's better than what I played! E.g., 20.Qf3 Kxd7 21.Qxf7+ Kc8 22.Qf6 Re8 23.Ke2 Nxf2. The loose kingside pawns are an issue; how many humans make such moves?

18.Rb1 a4 19.Qf3

White is at least equal here—he still has a bishop buried alive, and a queenside majority that needs to be

untangled, but Black has weak squares around Mr. King.

19...f6 20.Bh2 Raf8?!

I wanted to keep rooks connected while preparing a retreat for the king.

21.Qh5 Qe8 22.Qg4 Qg6 23.b3

Giving me cause to regret my choice of rooks to move to f8.

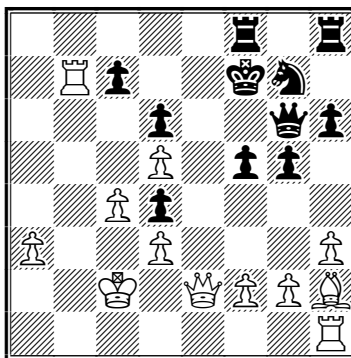
23...Ng7 24.Qe2 f5 25.Nd2 axb3 26.Nxb3! Bc3+ 27.Kd1!

Oops. Because of the pin on the e-file, one threat is 28.Kc2.

27...Kf7?

27...b6 and White is slightly better.

28.Kc2! Bd4 29.Nxd4 exd4 30.Rxb7



I wasn't originally worried about losing the pawn because of the inactive Bh2, but then I realized that the simple plan of Re1, f3, and Bg1 (picking off the stray on d4) looks overwhelming. Maybe Black can win the a-pawn in return and leave White with an extra doubled pawn; its realization might be problematic. But objectively, I'm busted.

30...Rc8 31.Re1 Rhe8 32.Qd2 f4 33.Rxe8 Nxe8 34.g3?!

34.f3 Ra8±

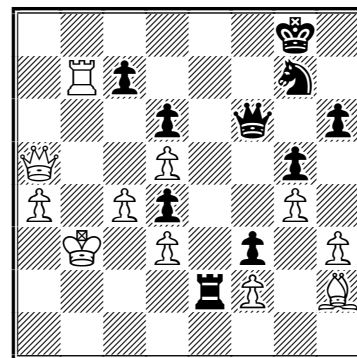
34...f3 Trying to nail zombie bishop's coffin.

35.g4 Kg8 36.Qe1 Qf7 37.Qe4 Qf6 38.a4? 38.c5! [Fritz] 38...Ng7 39.cxd6 cxd6+ 40.Kb2±

38...Ng7! 39.Qe1 Re8 40.Qa5?!

40.Qf1!? (to babysit the f-pawn; the bishop can take over this job in a couple moves) 40...Re2+ 41.Kb3 Qe7 and Black has a pull.

40...Re2+ 41.Kb3



41...Qg6!?

41...Rxf2 might be objectively best. Here's a sample line found while noodling around with Fritz: 42.Bg3 Rg2 43.Rb8+ Kh7 44.Qe1 Re2 45.Qf1 f2! 46.Qxe2 f1Q 47.Qe4+ Nf5 48.Rc8 Qb1+ 49.Ka3 Qc1+ 50.Ka2 Qc2+ 51.Ka3 Qe7 52.Qxf5+ Kg7 53.Qf1 and White retains practical chances.

42.Qxc7 Qxd3+ 43.Kb4 Qc3+ 44.Kb5 Rb2+ 45.Ka6

45.Kc6?? Qxc4+ 46.Kxd6 Ne8+

45...Rxb7 46.Kxb7?

This natural move appears to lose; White's best try is probably 46.Qxb7!? Qxc4+ 47.Qb5. Even here, White might be lost after 47...Qc8+ 48.Kb6 Qc2 49.Bxd6 d3. If so, it's possible that White's losing move was missing the likely win on move 38.

46...d3! 47.Bxd6

Return of the living dead: Be5, hitting the Queen and threatening mate, is an issue.

47...Qb3+ But I could've pushed anyway: 47...d2! 48.Be5 Qb4+! 49.Kc8 Qf8+

48.Kc8 Qxa4 49.Be5 Qa8+ 50.Kd7 d2 51.Bxg7 d1Q 52.Ke6 Qe8+ 53.Kd6 Qg6+

White played on for a few more moves....0-1

Illinois Youth Chess: Michael Auger Takes on GM Yury Shulman at the Illinois Open

Brad Rosen, with game analysis by Yury Shulman

In Round 1 at the Illinois Open in September, 12 year old Chicagoan Michael Auger found himself at Board 1 facing Grandmaster Yury Shulman who recently relocated to Barrington, Illinois. The rating differential between the two was just short of 1000 points. In a valiant effort, Michael played a tough game against his Grandmaster opponent. At various points in the game, GM Shulman took a considerable amount of time before moving as a crowd gathered around a board that appeared riddled with complications and peril. In the end, Grandmaster Shulman emerged victorious showing us once again why Grandmasters are so grand. The Illinois Chess Bulletin is privileged to have Grandmaster Shulman share his analysis and thought processes about this game which appears below.

Before that, here is some biographical information about the competitors:

Grandmaster Yuri Shulman was born in Belarus (former USSR) in 1975. In 1994 he became an International Master and Belarus Champion. One year later he earned the Grandmaster title and became European Junior Champion. With the Belarus team GM Shulman participated in three Chess Olympiads, Moscow '94, Erevan '96, and Elista '98 as well as European Team Championship, Pula, '97. GM Shulman helped to prepare Susan Polgar for her World Championship against Xie Jun.

During the last few years, GM Shulman won the U.S. National Open in Las Vegas (1-13 places), the Governor's Cup in Sioux Falls (SD) '00 and '01; World Open '01, the Koltanowski Memorial in San Francisco '00, and American Open '02. As a Captain of the UTD team he won the Pan American Games. In December, 2004 GM Shulman tied for 3rd at the US Championships in San Diego. In October, 2005 GM Shulman was ranked #27 among all chess players in the US with a USCF rating of 2613.

Michael Auger was born in Guelph, Ontario in 1993. He is a 7th grader at Farnsworth Elementary School. He also serves as the commissioner of an internet Atomic Chess League on US Chess Live (in Atomic Chess, when you capture an opponent's piece, the capturing piece and all pieces in the surrounding squares blow up). In October, 2005 Michael was ranked #50 among 12-year-olds in the US with a USCF rating of 1636.

Michael Auger – Yury Shulman [B22]

Illinois Open, Arlington Heights (1), 03.09.2005

This game was played in the first round of the Illinois Open. I just played two tough tournaments in August. One was the Continental Championship in Buenos Aires, where I played several good games, but a last round blunder in the game vs. GM Vescovi pushed me back in the crosstable. The second one was the Martynovsky Memorial in Chicago. In both of those tournaments my opponents average rating was around 2500 FIDE. That's why I thought that the game against Michael would be an easy walk. But as you will see from the game, although our rating difference is almost 1000 USCF points, the game was very tense and I have to admit that my opponent deserves a lot of praise in this game.

1.e4 c5 2.c3

The Alapin variation is an unpleasant weapon against sharp players - as in a lot of cases White can achieve a very equal endgame or position with an isolated pawn, which requires good positional understanding.

2...Nf6

One of the most principled continuations - by attacking a pawn on e4 Black tries to exploit the fact that White cannot bring his Knight to c3.

3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4

The more common move is 5.Nf3. The idea is to see which plan Black is going to choose and then to decide with which piece to recapture on d4.

5.cxd4 d6

Black tries to exploit White's pawn advance. If White would be forced to trade the e5-pawn for d6, then his "blitzing" strategy would fail.

6.Nf3

6.exd6 e6!? with the idea Bd6.

6...Nc6 7.Nc3 Nxc3

I would say that 7...dxe5 8.dxe5 Nxc3 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 (9...Kxd8 10.bxc3 Bg4 11.Rb1 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Kc7 13.e6! is not as promising) 10.bxc3 Bd7 11.Be3 is a "real" main line in this variation. It was constantly played by GM Evgeny Sveshnikov, although his results were not very impressive. I thought that although the resulting position gives me a good chance to outplay my opponent, but I wanted to see more "blood" in the game.

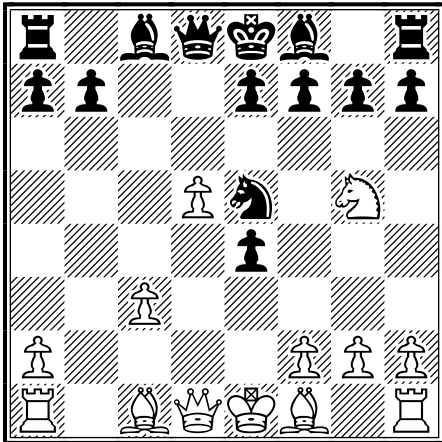
8.bxc3 dxe5

Another line begins with 8...Bg4

9.d5!

Both 9.de5 and 9.Ne5 would give Black a better version of 7...de5 line: 9.dxe5 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Bg4; 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Bg4+ 12.f3 0-0-0+

9...e4 10.Ng5 Ne5



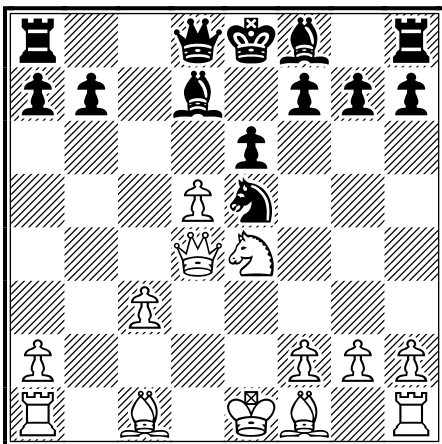
11.Nxe4

Mike plays the best move. 11.Qa4+ was another possibility 11...Bd7 12.Qxe4 Qc7 13.Qd4 g6 14.f4 Bg7! and because of the Nf3 threat White has to lose his right to castle: 15.Kd1 f6 16.Ne4 Nf7 with better play for Black.

11...e6 12.Qa4+

Although the position looks very scary for Black, White has no more than an equal position and has to play carefully himself. I think White should have tried 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bg5 Qc8 and although all his pieces look nicely developed, Black has a better pawn structure and promising endgame.(13...Bxb5 is too risky: 14.Bxd8 Nd3+ 15.Kd2 Rxd8 16.Qb3 Rxd5 17.c4 (17.Kc2 and the White Queen is more valuable than the Black pieces) 17...Bxc4! (17...Nc5+ 18.cxd5 Nxb3+ 19.axb3 exd5 20.Nc3 gave White an advantage in the game Troschchenko-Sinzhuk UKR-championship 2000.) 18.Qxc4 Ne5+ 19.Qxd5 exd5 and Black should be close to equality)

12...Bd7 13.Qd4



13...f6!

Only this move is the novelty. Black only tried Ng6 before.

14.dxe6

White relieves the pawn tension too early. It was more precise to try 14.f4! Ng6 (14...exd5 15.Qxd5) 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.Bb5+ Kf7 although position remains equal

14...Bxe6 15.Bb5+ Kf7

15...Bd7!?

16.Ng5+!?

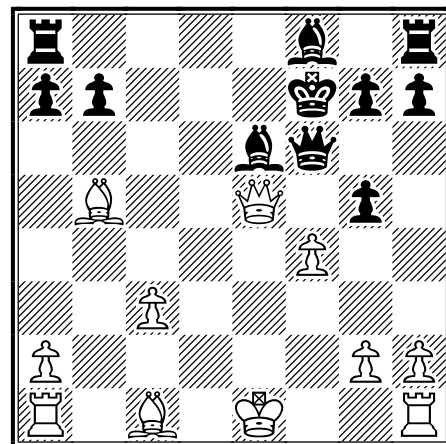
16.0-0 was an interesting attempt to exploit exposed position of Black King in the center. 16...Qxd4 17.cxd4 Nc6=

16...fxg5 17.Qxe5 Qf6

The most interesting—17...Be7 18.0-0 Bf6 19.Qe3=; 17...Bd6 18.Qxg5 Qxg5 19.Bxg5 Rac8 with compensation.

18.f4

The best; 18.Qc7+ Qe7 19.Qxe7+ Bxe7 would give Black the better game.



18...Qxe5+

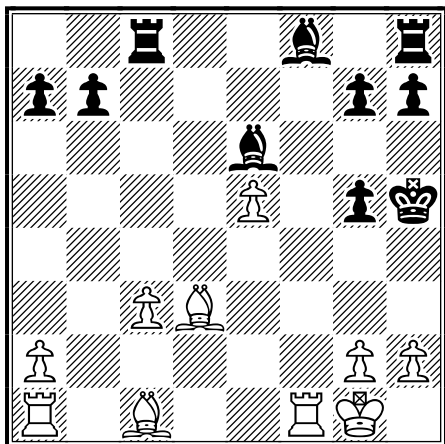
I spent a good chunk of time on this position. The alternatives were weaker. 18...Bd6 19.Qxf6+ gxf6 20.fxg5 Be5 21.Bd2=; 18...Rc8 19.0-0 and White is totally fine.

19.fxe5 Rc8!

Here I made a decision to run with my King to h5 - hoping that the resulting position has more qualities of an endgame rather than a middlegame. 19...Be7 20.0-0+

20.0-0+ Kg6 21.Bd3+ Kh5

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22.Rf3?

This is a big mistake. White should have continued bothering the Black King: 22.Be2+ g4 23.h3 Rxc3 24.hxg4+ Kg6 with approximately equal chances.

22...g4 23.Rg3 Bc5+ 24.Be3 Rhd8 25.Bxc5?!

25.Be4 b6 would have given Black just a little better position.

25...Rxc5 26.h3?

This loses. It was better to try 26.Re1 where I would have still had the advantage because of White pawn weaknesses

26...Kh4

The King continues his victorious march!

27.Re3 Rxc3 28.g3+ Kg5 29.h4+ Kh6 30.Rd1 Bf5

It was much simpler to play 30...Bc4 31.Bxc4 (31.Bf1 Rxd1) 31...Rxd1+ 32.Kf2 Rxc4 , but I just saw that Bf5 wins as well.

31.Bf1 Rxe3 32.Rxd8 Rxe5

Black has two extra pawns, so the game is practically over. 32...Rxc3+ was another good move.

33.Rb8 b6 34.a4 Re3 35.Kh2 Ra3 36.Bb5 Be4 37.Re8 Bf3 38.Rh8 Ra1

Michael put up really good resistance in this game, although his endgame and positional play require some further improvement. **0-1**

From 1994 to 2005, **Duif Calvin** published the **International Directory of Chess Teachers** at *jaderiver.com* as a memorial to her friend, IM Boris Kogan. Unfortunately, Duiif's illness has made it impossible for her to maintain the directory. The Illinois Chess Association has offered to take over this important work. Please contact Bill Brock if you'd like to help.

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Cole, J - Filipovich, D [B12]

Chicago open, 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Ne7 An Advanced variation vs. Caro Kann. 7.h4?! Bg4 8.c3 c5 9.Ng5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 h6 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Be3 Be7 13.g3 0-0 14.Nbd2 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb6 16.Rab1 Nb4 17.a3 Nc2! 18.Qd3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 f6! 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Kg2 Rad8 Solid play equalized after the opening. 22.b4 Kh8 23.e4 e5 24.exd5 exd4 25.Ne4 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rf1 Rxf1 29.Qxf1 Qc7 30.Qf8+ Kh7 31.Qf5+ Kh8 32.h5 d3 33.Qf8+ Kh7 34.d6 Bxd6 35.Nxd6 d2 36.Qf5+ Kh8 37.Nf7+ Qxf7 38.Qxf7 d1Q 39.Qe8+ Kh7 40.Qe4+ Kh8 41.Qxb7 Qe2+ 42.Kg1 Qe1+ draw agreed. ½-½

Shabalov, A - Murthy, P [C02]

Chicago open (1), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3!? Nh6 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Bb2 Bd7 The Advanced variation vs. the French. 10.g4!? Nfe7 [10...Nh6!? was more active.] 11.Nc3 h5 12.Na4! Qd8 13.Nc5! Bc8 14.g5! g6?! 15.Rc1 b6 16.Na6! Bg7 17.Qa4! 0-0? 18.Rxc6 Nxc6 19.Qxc6 Bd7 20.Qc2 Rc8 21.Qb3 Bc6 22.Be2 Qd7 23.b5 Bb7 24.Nb4 Rc7 25.0-0 Rfc8 26.Nd3! Bf8 27.Nf4! Be7 28.Bd3! Kg7 29.Re1 Qd8 30.h4 Qf8? 31.Bxg6! black resigned. 1-0

Pasalic, M - Yussupov, A [C05]

Chicago open (5), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 b6!? 7.Ne2 Ba6! 8.Bb1?! Nc6 9.Nf3 b5! 10.a3 cxd4 11.cxd4 b4! 12.0-0 Qb6 Thematic French counterplay. Now white should stay solid with 13.Be3, 13.Bd3, or 13.Re1. 13.a4? Bxe2! 14.Qxe2 Nxd4! 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Re1 Bc5! 17.b3 Qxe5! [17...Qxa1? 18.Bb2 traps the queen.] 18.Qxe5 Nxe5 19.Bb2 [19.Rxe5 Bd4!-+] 19...Ng4 down two pawns against a super GM, white resigned. 0-1

Howell, D - Jussupov, A [C09]

Chicago open (3), 28.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nb3 Nge7 9.Nbxd4 0-0 10.c3 Bg4 11.Qa4 Bd7 Active pieces compensate for an isolated d pawn in this Tarrasch variation of French. 12.Bg5 f6! 13.Bh4 a6! 14.Bd3 Ne5 15.Qc2 g6 16.Rfe1 Rf7 17.Bg3 Qc7 18.Bf1 Nf5 19.Nxf5 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 gxf5!? [20...Bxf5 21.Bd3 is solid.] 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qd2 Kh8 23.Kh1 f4 24.Bc4 Bc6 25.Qd4 Rg7 26.Bb3 Rag8 27.Rg1 Qe5! 28.Rxg7 Rg7 29.Rg1 Rxg1+ a drawn ending was agreed. ½-½

Karklins, A - Kiriakov, P (2619) [C11]

Chicago open (3), 25.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nxf6+ [7.Nf3 is good.] 7...Qxf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 [9.c3!? and if ...c5 then dxc5.] 9...c5! 10.c3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 e5! 12.Nc2 Qb6! 13.Rb1 [13.b3 Qc6! forking 2 pawns.] 13...Be6! 14.a3 Nd7 15.Ne3 Nc5 16.Bc2 e4! 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Qe2 f5 19.Rfe1?! a5 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Nd3 22.Red1 f4! 23.Nf1 Bg4! 24.Bb3+ Kh8 25.Qc2 Nxf2! 26. Qxf2 e3! white loses material and resigned. 0-1

Sadvakasov, D (2609) - Formanek, E [C16]

Chicago open (2), 28.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

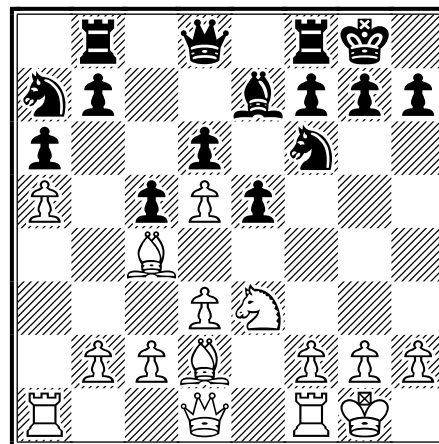
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qd7!? 7.h4!? b6 8.h5 Qa4 [8...h6!? may be better.] 9.h6! g6 10.Bg5! Nd7 11.Qd3!? c6?! 12.Nf3 a5 13.Qd2 Ba6 14.Bd3! Bxd3 15.cxd3 Nc8?! 16.0-0 c5 17.Qf4 Ne7 18.Bxe7! Kxe7 19.c4 dxc4 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.dxc4 Qc2 22.Qg5+ Ke8 23.Rfd1 Qf5 24.Qe3 Rc8 25.Rab1 Ke7? 26.Rb7! Rhd8 27.Qd2! Pinning and winning the Nd7 so black resigned. 1-0

Tate, E - Tsyganov, I [B30]

Chicago open (4), 29.05.2005

[A. Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.d3 d6 6.Nd2 Nf6 7.Nf1 0-0 8.Ne3 Be6 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Nb4 11.Qe2 Rb8 12.Bd2! Nc6 13.Qd1 Nd4 14.a5! Nc6 15.Ncd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Na7



17.b4! Nb5 18.Kh1 g6 19.Qb1! Nc7 20.Qb2 b5 21.axb6 Rxb6 22.Qa3! Qb8 23.bxc5 dxc5 24.Ba5 Nb5 25.Bxb5 Rxb5 26.Bc3 Rd8 27.Qxa6 Nxd5 28.Bxe5! Nb4 29.Qa4 Qb7 30.Rfb1 Rb6 31.Nc4 Ra6 32.Rxb4! down a piece, black resigned. 1-0

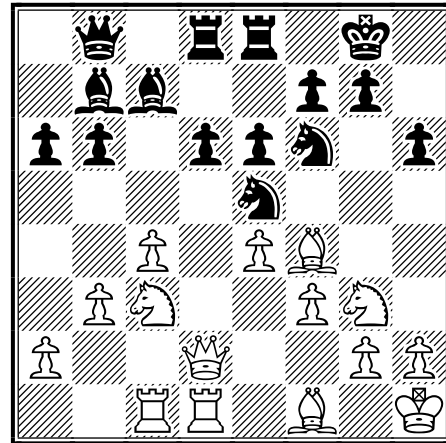
Cole,J - Fishbein,A [B56]

Chicago open (4), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6
6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 a5! 10.Bb5 Na7
11.Bd3 Be6 12.0-0-0 [12.0-0 may be more solid.]
12...Nc8 13.Kb1 a4 14.Nc1 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4
Bxc4 17.Nd3 a3 18.b3 Qa5 19.Qd2 Be6 20.Bg5 Rfc8
21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Ne2 Qb5 23.Nc3 Qb6 24.Nc1 Rc5
25.N1e2 Qc7 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27.exd5 Rc8 28.Rc1 Qe7
29.Qe3 Qd8 30.h4 b5 [30...Bxh4? 31.Qe4!] 31.Qe4
Qb6 32.g4 Qb7! 33.g5 Be7 34.Rhd1 Rc4! 35.Qd3
Rxb4 36.Rh1 Rxb1 37.Rxb1 g6 38.Nc3 Bxg5
39.Nxb5 Qa6 40.c4 Rd8 41.Nc3 Be7 42.Qd2 h5
43.Ne4 Kg7 44.f4 Qc8 45.fxe5 Qf5 46.Qd4 Qxe5
47.Qxe5+ dxe5 48.d6 Bxd6 49.Nxd6 Rxd6 50.c5 Rd8
white resigned. 0-1

edged. 18.Kh1 Bd8 19.Nde2 Rc6 20.Nd4 Rc8
21.Nde2 Bc7 22.Bf4 Ne5 23.Ng3 Rcd8



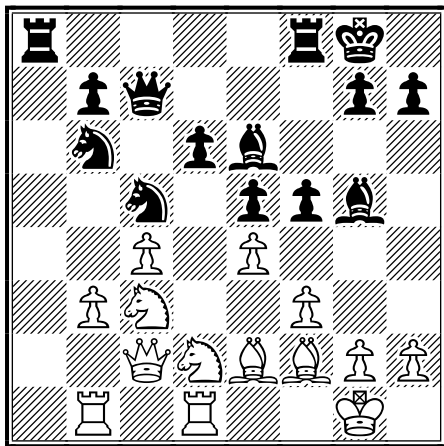
Sadvakasov - Sarkar,J [B54]

Chicago open (3), 28.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3! e5
6.Nb3 Be6 7.c4! Nbd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be2
a5 11.Nd2 Nb6 12.0-0 Nfd7 White has obtained the
Maroczy Bind. 13.b3 Bg5 14.Bf2! Nc5 15.Qc2 a4?!
[15...g6 was better.] 16.Rab1 axb3 17.axb3 f5
18.Rfd1 Qc7

24.Bxh6!? d5!? [24...gxh6 25.Qxh6 Ng6 seems better
for black.] 25.cxd5 gxh6! 26.Qxh6 Ng6! 27.dxe6 Bf4?
[27...Rxe6! 28.Nf5 Ne8 was solid with a piece for three
pawns.] 28.exf7+ Kxf7 29.Bc4+ Rd5!? 30.Rxd5!
Bxd5 31.Bxd5+ Nxd5 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Nxd5 Bxc1
34.Qxg6 Qe5!? 35.Qf5+ [35.Nf6! forces the win.]
35...Qxf5 36.Nxf5 Rc8 37.h4 Rc2 38.Kh2 Rxa2
39.Nxb6 Ra3 40.Nd7+ Kf7 41.Nc5 Bf4+ 42.Kh3 Bb8
The four connected passed pawns should win despite
black's counterplay. 43.g3 Ba7 44.Nd6+ Kf6 45.Nc4
Ra1 46.e5+ Kf5 47.Nd3 Rh1+ 48.Kg2 Rg1+ 49.Kh3?
[49.Kh2! seems to be winning for white.] 49...Rh1+
50.Kg2 draw by repetition agreed?! 1/2-1/2



19.b4! Ncd7 20.c5! dxc5 21.bxc5 Rac8 22.Nb5! Qb8
23.exf5! Bxf5 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.fxe4 Nxc5 [25...Rxf2
26.Kxf2 Nxc5 27.Nd6!+] 26.Nd6! Rc6 27.Rxb6! black
resigned. 1-0

Burgess,J - Wojtkiewicz,A (2610) [B23]

Chicago open (5), 28.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0
Nge7 7.Qe1 0-0 8.d3 d5 9.Bb3 Na5 10.Bd2 b6
11.f5?! Nxb3 12.axb3 exf5! 13.Qh4 fxe4 14.dxe4 d4
15.Na4 Bb7 16.Bh6 f6! 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.c3 g5 19.Qe1
Nc6 20.Rd1 Rae8 21.Bc1 f5 22.Nxg5 h6 23.Nh3 fxe4
24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qxe4 Ne5! 26.Qe2 d3 27.Qh5 Qd5!
white resigned. 0-1

Pasalic,M - Epishin,V [B42]

Chicago open (7), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5
6.Nb3 Be7 7.c4 d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Be3 0-0
11.Rc1 b6 12.Nd4 Bb7 13.f3 Re8 14.Qd2 Qc7
15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Bf1 Qb8 17.b3 h6!? A risky provo-
cative invitation for an unclear bishop sac is double

Davis,L (2202) - Cole,J (2338) [B95]

Chicago open (3), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6
6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd3?! Nbd7 8.f4 b5 9.a3 Bb7 10.Be2 Be7
11.Bf3 Nc5 12.Qe3 0-0 13.0-0-0 Nfd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7
15.h4 Nb6! 16.g4 Nc4 17.Qf2 Qc7 18.g5 Na4!
19.Nxa4 bxa4 20.Rh2?! Rab8! 21.g6 Ba8 22.gxh7+
Kh8 23.Rg2 Rxb2 24.Qg3 g6 25.h5 Qb6 white re-
signed. 0-1

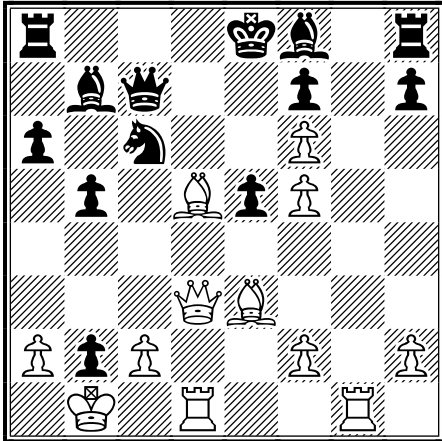
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Cole, J (2338) - Szpisjak, S [B81]

Chicago open (2), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6
6.Be3 e6 7.g4 e5 8.Nf5 g6 9.g5! gxf5 10.exf5 d5
11.gxf6 d4 12.Bc4 Qc7 13.Qd3 dxc3 [13...dxe3!
14.0-0-0 exf2 may be better.] 14.0-0-0 cxb2+
15.Kb1 Nc6 16.Rhg1 b5 17.Bd5 Bb7



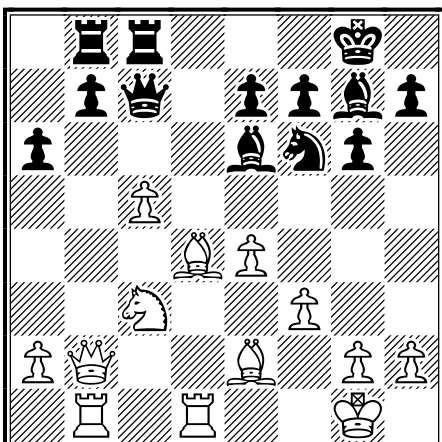
[17...Nb4!? 18.Qe4 Rb8! 19.f4©] 18.Bb6! Qxb6??
[18...Qd7 19.Rge1! Bd6! 20.Bxc6! Bxc6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6
22.Rxd6 Bf3 23.Rxe5+ Kf8 24.Bc5 Kg8 25.Rd3 is also
winning for white.] 19.Bxf7+! Kxf7 20.Qd5+ Mate next
black resigned. 1-0

Flippov, V - Cole, J [B38]

Chicago open (1), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7
6.e4 d6 7.Be2 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Qd2
Nxd4 11.Bxd4 a6 12.f3 Qa5 White enjoys a space
advantage in the Maroczy Bind. 13.Rab1! Rfc8 14.b4
Qd8 15.Rfd1 Be6 16.c5! dxc5 17.bxc5 Qc7 18.Qb2!
Rab8



19.Nd5! Bxd5 20.exd5 Ne8 21.Rbc1 Qf4 22.g3 Qf5
23.f4 Rd8 24.Bf3 Bxd4+ 25.Qxd4 Rbc8 26.Qe5 Qd7
27.c6 Qc7 28.Qxc7 Rxc7 29.d6! Nxd6 30.cxb7 Rxc1
31.Rxc1 Kf8 32.Rc7 Rb8 33.Kf2 Ke8 34.Bc6+ black
resigned, since 34...Kf8 35.Ke3 wins by marching the
King to a7. 1-0

Ghate, S - Fishbein, A [C78]

Chicago open (7), 05.2005

[Albert Chow]

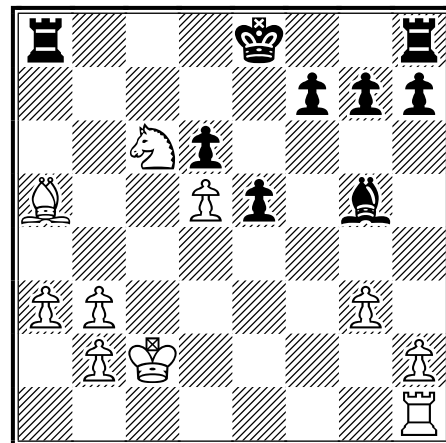
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6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 h6 8.a4 Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.c3 d6
11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Be6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.d4 Bb6
15.dxe5 Nxe4 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Nxe3 d5 18.Ra6 Qd7
19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.cxd4 c5 21.f3 Ng5 22.f4 Ne4 23.f5!?
exf5 24.Qh5 Qe8 25.Qh3 Ng5 26.Qh4 cxd4 27.Qxd4
f4 28.Rxf4 Rxf4 29.Qxf4 Qc8 30.Ra1 Qc5 31.b4 Ne6
32.bxc5 Nxf4 33.c6 Rc8 34.Nf5 Kf8 35.Rf1 Ne2+
36.Kh1 black resigns. 1-0

Karklins, A - Sharovdorj (2526) [B91]

Chicago open (2), 28.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3
e5 7.Nb3 b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.Bd2!? Nbd7 10.Nd5 Nxd5
11.exd5 a5? [11...Nf6 12.0-0 Be7 is solid.] 12.Qe2! b4
13.Nd4! Be7 14.Nc6 Qc7 15.a3! b3 [15...bxa3
16.Rxa3 Bxc6 17.dxc6 Nf6 18.Qb5! the a5 pawn is
weak.] 16.cxb3 Nc5 17.Qe3 [17.Bxa5! looks strong for
example 17...Rxa5 18.Nxa5 Qxa5+ 19.b4+-] 17...Ba6
18.Bf1 [18.Bxa5! Qb7 19.Rd1! Nxb3 20.Bb4+-]
18...Qb7 19.Bxa6 Qxa6 20.0-0-0 [20.Bxa5! again.]
20...Qd3! 21.Qxd3! Nxd3+ 22.Kc2 Nxf2 23.Bxa5
Nxb1 24.Rxb1 Bg5 An outpost knight and passed
queenside pawns are more than compensation for the
Rh8.



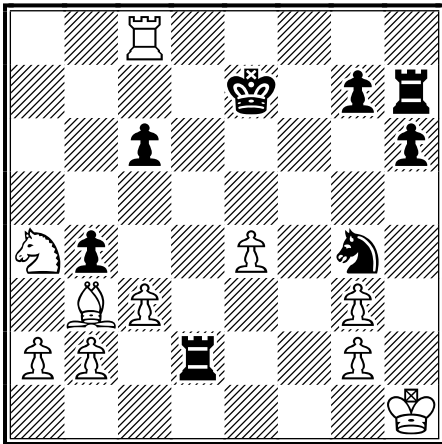
25.Rf1 h5 26.b4! h4 27.g4 Bf4 28.h3 f5 29.gxf5 Rf8
30.b5! Rxf5 31.Bb4 Rf7 32.Kb3! e4 33.a4! g5 34.a5
e3 35.b6 Rb7 36.Kc4!+- Bg3 37.Rf3 Bf4 38.Rf1 Bg3

39.Kb5! e2 40.Rf3 Bf4 41.a6 the connected passed pawns power up, so black resigned. 1-0

Rodriguez,A - Karklins,A [C55]

Chicago open (4), 05.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Qe7!? 5.0-0 Na5 6.Bb5!? a6 7.Ba4 b5 8.Bd2! Nb7 9.Bb3 Nc5 10.Bb4!? d6 11.Bxc5 dxc5 Now white is provoked into eating Fried Liver. 12.Ng5!? h6! 13.Nxf7 Rh7 14.f4! c4! 15.dxc4 [15.Nxe5 cxb3 16.axb3 with 3 pawns for a bishop.] 15...Kxf7 [15...bxc4!? 16.Bxc4 Qc5+ 17.Kh1 Qxc4 18.Nxe5 Qxe4 19.Nc3©] 16.cxb5+ Ke8 17.Kh1 axb5 18.Qd3 Qc5 19.Nc3 c6 20.Qg3 Ng4 21.Rad1 Ra7? [21...g5! is better for black.] 22.Qh4 Nf6 23.Qg3 Ng4 24.fxe5! Qxe5 25.Rxf8+! Kxf8 26.Rd8+ Ke7 27.Rxc8 [27.Qxe5+ Nxe5 28.Rxc8 was better.] 27...Qxg3 28.hxg3 b4 29.Na4 Rd7 30.c3 Rd2



31.Kg1 h5 [31...Re2! 32.Kf1 Rf2+ repeats for a draw.] 32.Rxc6 h4? 33.Rg6! Ne3 34.gxh4 Rxh4 35.Rxg7+ Kd6 36.cxb4 Re2 With five more pawns, now white is winning. 37.Nc5 Ng4 38.Rd7+ Ke5 39.Nd3+ Kf6 40.Rf7+ Kg5 41.Rg7+ Kh6 42.Rg6+ Kh7 43.g3 Kxg6 44.Nf4+ Kf6 45.Nxe2 Rh2 46.Bd1 Rh3 47.b5 Ke5 48.a4 Ne3 49.Bb3 Kxe4 50.b6 Kf3 51.b7 Rh8 52.Nd4+ Kg4 53.Be6+ Kg5 54.Bc8 Rf8 55.Ne6+ black resigned. 1-0

Ghate,S - Davis,L [C67]

Chicago open (3), 05.2005
[Albert Chow]

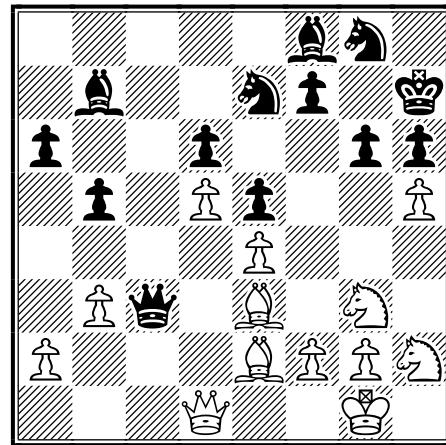
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22.Qg5+ Ke8 23.Rf4 Qc5 24.Rfd4 Bd5 25.Ne4 Qe7 26.Qg7 Qf8 27.Nf6+ Kd8 28.Qg3! b6 29.Qh3! Qe7 30.Rxd5+! black resigned. 1-0

Airapetian,C - Bereolos,P [C93]

Chicago open (7), 05.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Ng5 Rf8 12.Nf3 h6 13.Nbd2 Re8 14.Nf1 Bf8 15.Ng3 Qd7 16.Nh4 Na5 17.Bc2 g6 18.b3 Nc6 19.d5 Ne7 20.c4 c6 21.Be3 Qc7?! 22.Qd2 cxd5 23.cxd5 Kh7 24.Rac1 Qd8 25.Nf3 Nd7 26.Bb1 Rc8 27.h4!? Nf6 28.Nh2 Qd7 29.Bd3 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Rc8 31.Be2 Nfg8 32.h5! Rxc1+ 33.Qxc1 Qc8 34.Qd1 Qc3



35.Ng4 gxh5? [35...Bg7 seems solid.] 36.Nxh5 f5 Perhaps black was trying to create counterplay, but opening lines on the kingside helps white attack. 37.exf5 Nxd5 38.f6! Qc7 39.Qb1+ Kh8 40.Qg6! Nxe3 41.Nxe3 d5 42.Qe8 d4 43.Qxf8 dxe3 44.f7 exf2+ 45.Kh2 e4+ 46.g3 f1N+ 47.Bxf1 Qc2+ 48.Bg2 black resigns. 1-0

Becerra,J - Bereolos,P [C91]

Chicago open (5), 05.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.d4 Bg4 10.d5 Na5 11.Bc2 Qc8 12.Nbd2 c6 13.b4 Nc4 14.Nxc4 bxc4 15.dxc6 Qxc6 16.a4 h6 17.a5 Rfd8 18.h3 Be6 19.Qe2 Nd7 20.Bd2 Qb7 21.Rad1 Bf8 22.Bc1 Rac8 23.Nh4 g6 24.Nf5! d5 25.Nxh6+ Kh7 26.exd5 Bxd5 27.Qh5! Nf6 28.Qh4 Bxg2 [28...Kg7 29.Nf5+! gxf5 30.Bh6+ Kg8 31.Qg5+ wins.] 29.Ng4+ black resigns. 1-0

Friedel,J (2481) - Ibragimov,I (2670) [C92]

Chicago open (4), 29.05.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 The

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Zaitsev variation of the Closed Spanish. 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.d5 Ne7 13.Nf1 g6 14.Ng3 Bg7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6?! Bxf6 17.Qd2 Bg7 18.Rad1 Kh8 19.Nh2 Ng8 20.Rf1 h5! 21.Qd3 Bh6 22.Ne2 Nf6 23.Rde1 Qe7 24.f4? c5 25.Bc2 exf4! 26.Nxf4 Bxf4! 27.Rxf4 Nxd5! 28.Rf2 Nb6 29.Nf3 Nc4 30.Bb3 Bxe4 31.Qf1 d5 32.h4 f6 33.Bxc4 bxc4 34.Nd2 f5 35.Nf3 Qf6 36.Rfe2 Re7 37.Ng5 Kg7 38.Qf2 Qd6 39.g3 Rae8 40.Qf4 Qxf4 41.gxf4 Kf6 42.Kf2 Rb8 43.Nf3 Reb7 44.Ne5 Bd3 45.Nc6 Bxe2 46.Nxb8 Rxb8 47.Rxe2 d4 48.cxd4 cxd4 49.Rc2 Ke6 White resigned the losing rook ending.. 0-1

Dondon,J - Karagianis,P [D10]

Land of Lincoln open. (4), 13.08.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 dxc4! 5.a4 Nd5! 6.Bxb8 Rxb8 7.e4 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Qc1 e5 10.Bxc4 exd4 11.Ne2 Bd6 [11...dxc3 is met by 12.Bxf7+! Kxf7 13.Qf4+ and Qxb8.] 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Bd3 Qh5 14.Ra2 Re8 15.Kf1?! Bd7 16.h3 Rbd8 17.Be2 Qe5 18.Bf3 a6 19.g4 g6 20.Kg2 c5 21.Ne2 Qe6 22.Rd2? [22.Qc2 guarding a4 was solid.] 22...Bxa4 23.Re1 Bc6 24.Kg1 Qe5 25.Ng3 Qf6 26.Kg2 Bf4! 27.Rxd8 Bxc1 28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.Rxc1 a5 30.Nf1 Bc6 31.Ne3 Qf4 32.Rd1 Bxe4 white resigned. 0-1

Karagianis,P - Stamnov,A [D45]

Land of Lincoln open. (5), 13.08.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qc2 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.b3 Qe7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf6 13.Bd3 b6 14.Re1! Bb7 15.Bb2 Rad8 If black pushes ...c5 it is met by d5! thanks to the pin on the e file. 16.Rad1 Ba3 17.Ba1 a5 18.Re3! Bd6 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.Rg3 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Bc5 All white pieces attack kingside when black bad bishop b7 is no help. 22.Qe2! Kh8 23.Qe4 g6 24.Rh3! Qg5? [24...Kg7 was more solid.] 25.Bb2! h5 26.Bc1! Qf5 [26...Qe7 27.Rxh5+!] 27.Qe2! winning material and the game. 27...Bxf2+ 28.Qxf2 c5 29.Qe2 Be4 30.Bxe4 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 Qxe4 32.Re3 Qb1 33.Qd2 a4 34.Rd3 Kh7 35.h3 axb3 36.Rxb3 Qe4 37.Qf4 Qe1+ 38.Kh2 Kg8 39.Rf3 Qe2 40.Rf2 Qe1 41.Bd2 Qa1 42.Qf6 Kh7 43.Bg5 Qe1 44.Qf4 f5 45.exf6 Rf7 46.Qe3 Qa5 47.Qxe6 Qa7 48.Re2 Qb8+ 49.g3 black resigned. 1-0

Karagianis,P - Maloney,M [E70]

Land of Lincoln open. (3), 13.08.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.Ng3 c6 7.Be2 e5 8.d5 cxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 b6?! 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.h4!?! h5? Risky since it invites a sacrifice. 13.Bg5! Nc5 14.Bxh5! gxh5 15.Nxh5 Ncd7 16.Qf3 Bb7 17.Rh3! b5 18.Qf5 b4 19.Ne2 Bc8 20.Nxg7 Kxg7 21.Rg3 Kh8 22.Rf3 Kg7 23.h5! Rh8

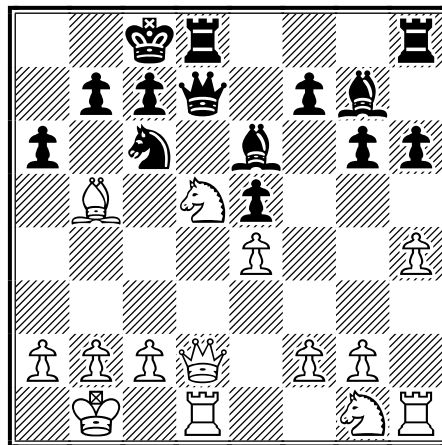
24.h6+ Kg8 [24...Rxh6 25.Bxh6+ Kxh6 26.Rh3+ Kg7 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.Rh8+ Ke7 29.Rxd8 fails to defend.] 25.Bxf6 two pawns down, black resigned. 1-0

Stamnov,A - Michlik [B07]

Land of Lincoln open. (2), 13.08.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Qd2 h6 Sharp Pirc counterplay. 6.Be3 [6.Bh4 is !?] 6...Ng4! 7.Bf4 e5! 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.0-0-0 Nbc6 10.h4 Be6! 11.Nd5 Qd7! 12.Kb1 0-0-0 Black has at least equalized, with an idea to advance ...f5. 13.Bb5 a6 14.Bxe5 dxe5 Now white miscalculates, with an incorrect sacrifice.



15.Bxc6?? bxc6! 16.Qa5 Kb7! 17.Rd3 cxd5! 18.c4 d4 19.Rb3+ Ka7 20.Qc5+ Ka8 21.Ra3 Qd6! 22.Qb5 Ka7 23.c5 Bd7 24.Qa5 Qc6 25.Nf3 Rb8 26.Rc1 Rb5 27.Qd2 Rxc5 28.Rxc5 Qxc5 29.Ra5 Bb5 30.Ne1 Qc4 31.Ra3 Qe2 32.Qc1 Qxe4+ 33.Ka1 Qc6 34.Qd2 Bf8 35.Rb3 Ba4 36.Rf3 Bb4! White can not guard both his queen and c1, so he resigned. 0-1

Karagianis,P - Knoedler,T [A58]

Land of Lincoln open. (1), 13.08.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 [5...g6 may be a better move order.] 6.b3 d6 7.g3 g6 8.Bb2 Bg7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.Nh3 Qa5+?! 11.Bc3! Qb5 12.a4! Qb7 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Re1! Rab8?! [14...Rfb8 seems better.] 15.Ra3 Nb6 16.e4 Nfd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.f4 f6 19.Nd2 Positions like this show the bad side of Benko's gambit. Black lacks compensation for a pawn, as white gains space for a tactical initiative. 19...Na8 20.Nf3 Qb4 21.Qa1 c4? 22.bxc4 Bxc4 23.Nhg5! Kg8 24.Ne6 Rfc8 25.Nfd4 Qb2 26.Nc6! Rxc6 27.dxc6 Bxe6 28.cxd7 Bxd7 29.Qxb2 Rxb2 30.a5 Bc6 31.Rc1 Bd7 32.e5 Rb8 33.exd6 exd6 34.a6 Rd8 35.a7 Bf5 36.Bd5+ Kg7 37.Bxa8 Rxa8 38.Rc7+ Kh6 39.Rb7 Be4 40.Rb8 Kh5 41.Rxa8 Bxa8 42.h3 f5 43.Rb3 Bd5

44.Rb8 g5 45.fxg5 Kxg5 46.a8Q Bxa8 47.Rxa8 f4
48.Ra5+ Kf6 49.gxf4 black resigned. 1-0

Young,A - Gurevich,D [A00]

Illinois classic. (6), 23.04.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 Now 5.e4
transposes to a Sicilian Gurevich knows very well. In-
stead Angelo tries some unorthodox ideas that are
risky. 5.h3!? e5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.g4!? h6 8.e4 Be7 9.Be3
Be6 10.g5 [10.Qd2!? intending 11.000] 10...hxg5
11.Nxg5 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Rg1 Qa5 14.Bd2 Rd8
15.Nb5 Qb6 16.c4 Be4 17.Qb3 Rxd2! 18.c5 Qa5
19.Qxf7+ Kd8 20.Nc3 Rd7 21.Bc4 Bd5 22.Bxd5
Nxd5 23.Qxg7 Bf6 24.Qg6 Bxg5 25.Qxg5+ Kc8
26.0-0-0 Qxc5 27.Qf5 Ncb4 28.Kb1 Nxc3+ 29.bxc3
Nd5 30.Rd3 Rf8 white resigned. 0-1

Burnett,R - Wojtkiewicz,A (2610) [B08]

Illinois classic. (4), 23.04.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d6 5.h3 Nf6 6.a4 0-
0 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.a5 Qc7 9.Qd2 Rb8 10.d5 Nc5 11.Bd3
b5 12.axb6 Rxb6?! [12...axb6! seems solid.] 13.dxc6
Rxb2? [13...Qxc6 is better.] 14.Bxc5! dxc5 15.e5!
Rd8 [15...Ne8 16.Nd5! Qd8 17.Qc3! favors white.]
16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Ne4 Bg7 18.Qe2 Qxc6 19.0-0 Bf5
20.Ned2 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Qd7 22.Qe3 Qxd3 23.Qxd3
Rxd3 24.Rxa7 Rbxd2 25.Nxd2 Rxd2 26.Ra8+ Bf8
27.Rb1 c4 28.Rbb8 c3 29.Rxf8+ Kg7 30.Rfc8 c2
31.Kh2 Rxf2 32.Ra7 black resigned. 1-0

Georgiev,V - Mitkov,N [D31]

Illinois classic. (5), 23.04.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Ne7 5.Bg5 h6
6.Bh4 c5 7.e3 Qa5 8.Qb3 Nf5 9.Bg3 cxd4 10.exd4
Nc6 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Be2 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qb6 14.a3
Na5 15.Qxb4 Qxb4 16.axb4 Nxc4 17.b3 Nb6 18.0-0
Bd7 19.Ne5 Rfc8 20.Nxd7 Rxc3 21.Nc5 Nd5 22.Nxb7
Rxb3 23.Nd6 Nxc3 24.hxc3 Rxb4 25.Rd3 a5 26.Ra1
a4 27.Ne4 Rd8 28.Nc5 Nb6 29.Rad1 Nc4 30.Ra1 Nb2
31.Rd2 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Rxd4 33.Ra2 Rb4 34.Na6
Rb5 35.Nc7 Rb7 36.Na6 Ra7 white resigned. 0-1

Mitkov,N - Burnett,R [B07]

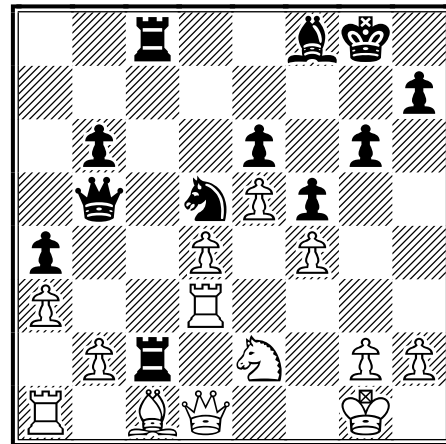
Illinois classic. (6), 23.04.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Bg5 Nf6 5.f4 h6 6.Bh4
c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Bd3 Qxc5 9.h3 g5 10.Bf2 Qc7
11.Nge2 a6 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Na5
15.Qb4 b5 16.Bd4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Rg8 18.a4 Rb8
19.axb5 axb5 20.b4 Nc4 21.0-0 Qb6 22.Qxb6 Rxb6
23.Ra8 Kd7 24.fxg5 Ne3 25.Rf3 Nxd5 26.gxh6 Nf6
27.Rxf6! exf6 28.h7 Rh8 29.Bf5+ Kc7 30.Rxc8+
Rxc8 31.Bxc8 black resigned. 1-0

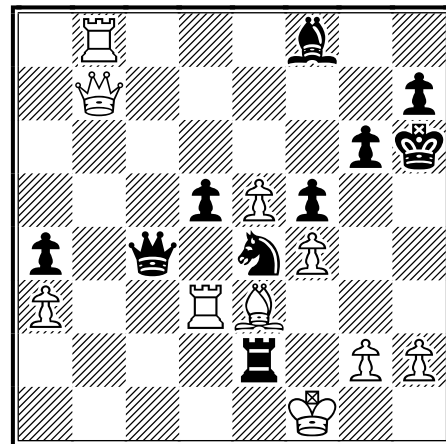
Burgess,J - Finegold,B [B23]

Illinois classic. (1), 23.04.2005
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0
Nge7 7.Qe1 0-0 8.d3 d5 9.Bb3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 cxd4
11.Ne2 a5 12.a3 dxe4 13.dxe4 b6 14.Bc4 Ba6
15.Bd3 Qd7 16.Rf3 f5 17.e5 Rfc8 18.Qf2 Bxd3
19.cxd3 Rc2 20.Qxd4 Nd5 21.Qf2 Rac8 22.Qe1 Bf8
23.Qd1 Qa4 24.d4 Qc4 25.Rd3 a4 26.Nc3 Qb3
27.Ne2 Qb5 Black has compensation for a pawn, but
the new GM Finegold shows guts by declining the
repetition draw and going for more.



28.Nc3 R2xc3!? 29.bxc3 Nxc3 30.Qf1 Ne4 31.Be3
Rc2 32.Rb1 Qc6 33.d5 exd5 34.Rxb6 Qc4 35.Rb8
Kg7 36.Rb7+ Kg8 37.Rd4 Qc3 38.Rd3 Qc6 39.Rb8
Kg7 40.Qb1 Re2! 41.Kf1 Qc4! 42.Qb7+ Kh6!



43.Qxd5?? [43.Kxe2! Nc3+ 44.Kd2 Ne4+ 45.Ke2 The
draw would have been the most logical result.]
43...Qc2! Now the white king can not escape black's
attack. 44.Rd2 [44.Rxf8 Rf2+! soon mates.] 44...Rxd2
45.Bxd2 Qd1+ 46.Be1 Qxd5 47.Rxf8 Qd3+ 48.Kg1
Qe3+ 49.Kf1 Qd3+ 50.Kg1 Qe2 51.h3 Qxe1+ 52.Kh2

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Qg3+ 53.Kg1 Qf2+ 54.Kh2 Qxf4+ 55.Kg1 Qxe5 black won. 0–1

Finegold,B - Caveney,G [E39]

Illinois classic. (4), 23.04.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0–0 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Na6 7.g3 Nxc5 8.Bg2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.0–0 Nce4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Be3 Re8 13.Rfd1 Be6 14.Nd4 Nf6 15.Qb3 Qe7 16.Rac1 a6 White gains the better pawn structure. 17.Bg5 Rad8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qe3 Bd6 20.Qh6 Qf8? 21.Qxf6 Qg7 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.f4 Bb8 24.Rc3 Kf6 25.Bf3 Re7 26.Kg2 Rg8 27.e3 Rge8 28.Kf2 Ba7 29.g4 h6 30.h4 Rh8 31.f5 Bc8 32.Bxd5 Rd8 33.Bf3 Red7 34.Kg2 Rd6 35.Rc7 Bb6 36.Rc4 Bd7 37.a4 Bc6 38.Bxc6 bxc6 39.b4 a5 40.bxa5 Ba7 41.Kf3! c5 42.g5+! hxg5 43.hxg5+ Kg7 44.Rh1! cxd4 45.f6+ Kg8 [45...Kg6 46.Kg4! wins.] 46.Rc2! Bb8 47.Rch2 Rxf6+ 48.gxf6 Bxh2 49.Rxh2 d3 50.Rd2 Rd6 51.Ke4 Rxf6 52.Rxd3 Rh6 53.Kd5 Rh5+ 54.Kc6 Rxa5 55.Ra3 black lost the ending...on time forfeit. 1–0

Nienart,C - Burnett,R [B06]

Illinois classic. (1), 23.04.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 a6 5.Be2 b5 6.Bf4 Bb7 7.Qd2 b4 8.Nd5 a5 9.0–0–0 e6 10.Ne3 Bxe4 11.Bb5+ Bc6 12.Bxc6+ Nxc6 13.d5 Qf6 14.Nc4 exd5 15.Bg5 Qf5 16.Rhe1+ Kf8 17.Ne3 Qd7 18.Nxd5 f6 19.Bf4 Ne5 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Bg5 h6 22.Be3 Nf6 23.Nxf6 Bxf6 24.Bxh6+ Kf7 25.Bg5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Qf5 27.Qd2 Kg7 28.h3 Rh4 29.Qd5 Rf8 30.Qxa5 Rc4 31.Rd2 Qg5 32.f3 Rff4 33.Kb1 Rxf3! 34.Rxd6 Re3 35.Rd7+ Kh6 36.Rxe3 Qxe3 37.Rd1 Qe2 38.Rc1 Kg5 39.Qd5 Rd4 40.Qe6 Rd1 41.Qe7+ Kf4 42.Qf6+ Kg3 43.Qxg6+ Kh2 44.Qg4 Qxg4 45.hxg4 Rd7 46.Re1 Kxg2 47.a3 Re7 48.g5 Kf2 49.Re4 bxa3 50.bxa3 Kf3 51.Re1 e4 52.Kc1 e3 53.g6 Kf2 54.Rh1 e2 white lost on time. 0–1

Nordahl,D - Gurevich,D [B88]

Illinois classic. (1), 23.04.2005

[Albert Chow]

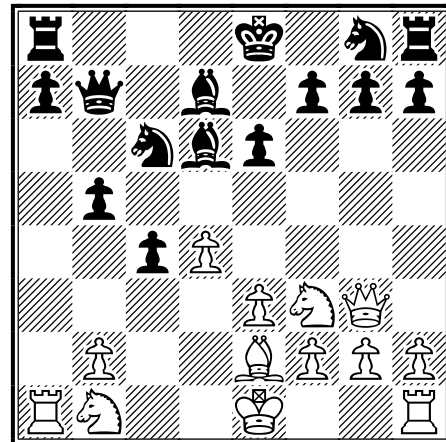
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Dmitry Gurevich – Jake Kleiman [D10]

Illinois Open, Rd.4, 2005

This game won the \$150 Best Game Prize at the Illinois Open.

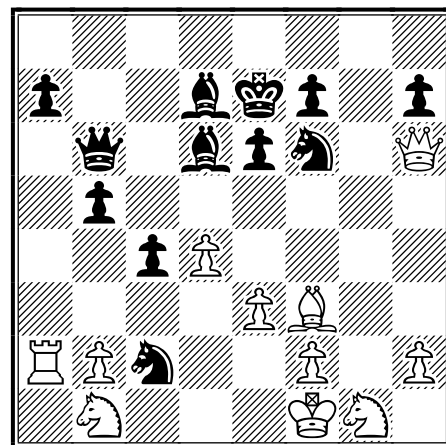
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12.Qxg7

12.Qxd6 Nf6 13.Nc3 Ne7 Gurevich

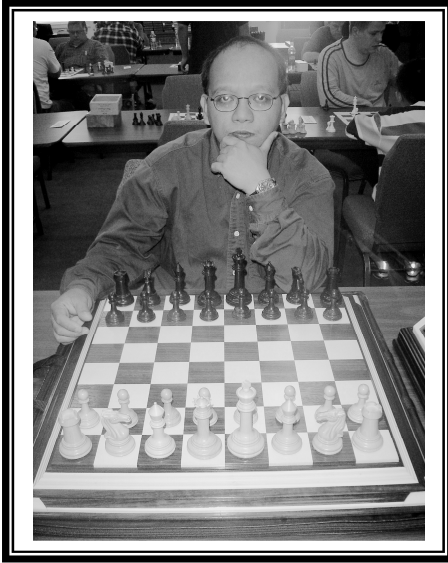
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20...b4–+ 21.Nd2

21.b3 cxb3 22.Rb2 Qa6+ 23.Ne2 Qa2; 21.e4 Qxd4 22.Qd2 b3 23.Qxd4 bxa2 Gurevich

21...b3 22.Ra1 Nxa1 23.Qh4 c3 24.Ne4 Qb5+ 25.Kg2 Qf5 26.Nxd6 Kxd6 27.Qg3+ Ke7 28.Qb8 Qb5 29.Qxa7 cxb2 30.Qa3+ Kd8 31.Qxb2 Nc2 32.Be2 Bc6+ 33.Kf1 Qb4 34.Nf3 Bxf3 35.Bxf3 Qa3 0–1

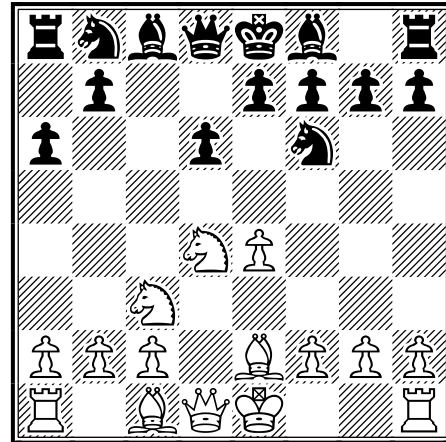


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37) Joseph Cygan - Alex Chang [B92]

Cairo, 05.2005 [Young,Brent]

(ED)Three of my students did well at the HB Global and Chicago Open. One of them Alex Chang won Chicago Open U 1800 submitted some of his games and analysis. Here are some 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 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. It was a 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 that it was in the midst of final exams was 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 it 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



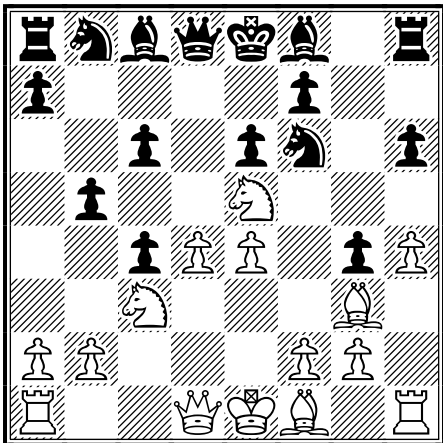
(ED) Classical Sicilian , I dont have faith on the merit of a positional play against Sicilian; if white wants to take the initiative white should play actively , Bg5 and Bc4 deserve a my vote. **6...e5** Best! by test. **7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Qc7 9.0-0 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Qd3 Nbd7³ 12.f4 Rd8?!** (ED) Castling 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.fxg7 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. **0-1**

ICB Games by IM Young

(38) Chang,A - Easton,R [D43]

Cairo (4), 2005 [Young,Brent]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 My ever-reliable memory of the line ended here, while my opponent struggled with the same problems. Correct is 9. Be2 Bb7. **9.h4 g4 10.Ne5** Diagram



Seemingly lost by move ten, I lapsed into a forty minute think, the calling card of my despair. Nd2 and I drop the queen pawn. But any other move and I lose the king pawn to b4. I burned up my time considering 10. Ne5 b4 11. Nxc4... If bxc3 then 12. Nxf6 Qxf6 Be5 or Nxc4 12. Qxc4 bxc3 13. Be5 f6 (Rh7 14. Qg8 cxb2 15. Rb1 Qa5) 14. Qg6 Kd7 15. 0-0-0!? Finally, I realized I **10...h5?** (Missing his chance!) **11.f3 gxf3 12.Qxf3** This move was elation. I was confident in the full return of my position's chances. **12...Bb7 13.0-0-0** Drawing fully on inspiration from Kramnik's thrashing of Ehlvest at Riga (1995). **13...Bh6+ 14.Kb1 Nbd7 15.d5!!** (Thanks, Volodya!) **15...Qb6** Maybe exd5 16. exd5 Qb6, but this is still losing. But everything looks better in comparison to Fritz 7's top recommendation: Nxd5... I didn't trust Fritz even before I knew about its suicidal tendencies; perhaps therapy would help. **16.dxe6 Nxe5** [16...fxe6 17.Rxd7 Nxd7 18.Qf7+ Kd8 19.Qxd7#] **17.Qxf6 Rh7 18.Bxe5 Rd8 19.Be2 Bf8 20.exf7+ Rxf7 21.Bxh5 1-0.**

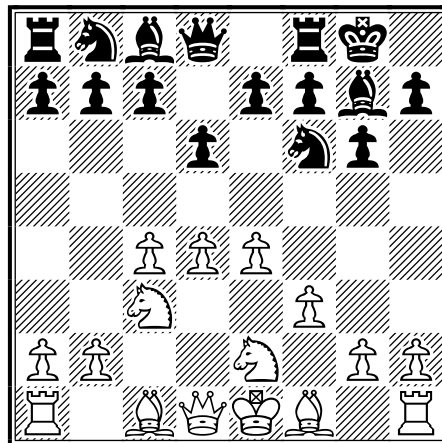
(39) Chang,A - Yuan Ling,Y [E81]

Cairo (6), 05.2005

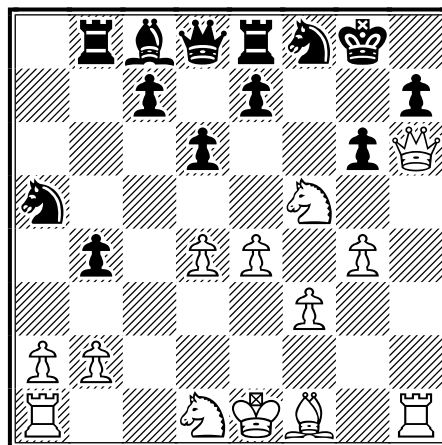
[Young,Brent]

I broke away from the pack with 5. It was the last day, and I knew they'd be thirsting for my blood. And who would I find but a little Chinese girl from Canada sitting across from me ... **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3** The Sämisch. Not the best decision. It was my first time testing it out, and I was unfamiliar with its

subtleties. But hey- who doesn't experiment with openings in such a critical tournament position? All my other games were inventing theory. **5...0-0 6.Nge2** Diagram



[6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 (7.d5 Ne5 8.h3 Nh5 9.Nge2 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5+) 7...a6 8.Qd2 Rb8 (8...e5 9.d5 Na5 10.Nc1 c5) 9.h4 all book (ED.)] **6...Nc6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Qd2 Rb8 9.g4?!** (Ed) if you're lucky & going on hot streak nobody could stop you! (Alex) I wanted to be able to play my queen's knight to e2 in answer to Na5 and defend c4, but I didn't want to block the g-pawn. And h5 was another worry. **9...b5 10.cxb5 axb5 11.h4 Na5 12.Ng3 b4 13.Nd1** Yuan Ling had played aggressively, and I felt more than uncomfortable in the position. With c5 I would've preferred black, but earlier I saw her play with some passivity in a Yugoslav attack. Now she wastes time on a faulty plan. **13...Nd7 14.h5 Re8 15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Nf8 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Nf5!** Diagram



A move I borrowed from Nunn's manhandling of Chris Ward's Dragon (British League (4NCL) 1997/8). **18...Bxf5 19.gxf5 e6 20.fxg6 hxg6** She is resilient! I thought my attack had run out of steam until I noticed

the small resource of 21. Ne3 Qf6 22. Ng4 Qg7 23. Qg5! ... hitting a5 and f6. So Nimzovich was right about knight's on the rim... **21.Ne3 Qf6 22.Ng4 Qxd4 23.Rh2** I spent a lot of time trying to find a way for my attack to crash through while sacrificing the queenside. I knew I needed e5 later on, but I was still possessed by the idea of Qg5 first. I was very proud of Rh2, an idea used to great effect in Bu Xiangzhi - Ye Jiangchuan (Shenyang 1999), a quiet move in the midst of an attack to protect my king's position from Qxb2. Instead, 23. e5! can be played instantly with Qxb2 24. Qh8 or Kf7 24. Qh4! threatening Qf6 and the discovered check on Kg8. This is the move I missed. **23...Nb7 24.Qg5 Kg7 25.e5 Nd7 26.Rh6 Kf7 27.Rh7+ Kf8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Qg7#** My eleven year-old opponent is from Canada, and she's had a lot of success prowling American Swisses. She is scraping on 2000, and she'll surely make master someday. She'll be unstoppable in no time. Art Izak-Damiecki was the only player with 5.5, and I remained the sole leader. Inventing more theory in an Open Sicilian, I eventually forced a drawish endgame out of a complicated and somewhat bad position. I offered the olive branch and after prolonged thought, Art congratulated me. Congratulation Alex !! Keep up the good works. **1-0**

(1) IM Young,A - IM Smetankin,S [A48]

Survey (6), 05.09.2005

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 g6 4.c3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nbd2 d5 7.Ne5 [7.Qa4+ Nbd7 8.Ne5 Bg7 9.Bb5 a6 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 Black has a slight edge due to his pair Bishop] **7...Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4** Double fianchetto Versus white Stonewall formation . **9...Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bc4!** I was hoping for some lines like Nxf7 & f5 with attack . **11...Nc6 12.Nxc6** [12.Qa4 Qc7 13.Bd2 Rad8 14.Rad1 Nxe5 15.fxe5 e6 still unclear to me!] **12...Bxc6 13.b3** I opt for a solid approached. **13...Qd7** Another try [13...b5 14.Be2 b4 15.Bb2 bxc3 16.Bxc3 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.exd4 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 Rac8 21.Kf2 Kg7 22.Ke3 equal] **14.Bb2 cxd4 15.cxd4 b5 16.Be2 a5!** This is a do or die situation for both of us, if we drew we just get a small portion of the pie + Goodbye to the Illinois State Title. **17.Rc1 Rfc8 18.Qd2 e6 19.Rfd1?** I was trying to set up a trap but I knew he won't bite it. **19...b4!** [19...Bf8?? 20.d5 Qxd5 (20...exd5 21.Qd4 f6 22.Qxf6; 20...Bxd5 21.Qd4 f6 22.Qxf6 Bg7 23.Qxg7+ Qxg7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Bxb5+-) 21.Qc3+-] **20.Bc4 Bd5 21.Qe2 Rcb8 22.Rc2 Bf8 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bd2 Rb6 25.Rdc1 h6 26.Qg4! Qb7 27.Be1** I was down to 10 minutes and my opponent had 1 hour and 5 minutes on his clock. I don't know what to do here I was asking myself should I gamble and attack or should I wait and see what he does. **27...Kg7 28.Qe2 a4 29.g4!?** A sign of fighting spirit . I'm not just going to give up the title without a fight. **29...axb3 30.axb3 Ra3 31.Rb1?** I'm beginning to sweat here. I'm down to 5

minutes . **31...Rc6-- 32.Kf1** My thought was saying" concentrate & play solid moves ". **32...Rc8 33.h3** Another solid move. **33...Rca8 34.Rcb2 g5 35.fxg5 hxg5 36.Kg2 f5? 37.gxf5** Down to two minutes but I'm seeing some hope both our king are now exposed. **37...exf5 38.Qh5!!** I am back in business ! but its hard to calculate everything in time pressure. **38...Rg8 39.Bg3!! f4** Here is how he used almost all of his remaining time. [39...Bxg3 40.Qxg5+ Kh8 (40...Kf8?? 41.Qd8+ Kg7 42.Qxd5 Qxd5 43.Bxd5 Rd8 44.Kxg3 Rxd5 45.Kf4+-) 41.Qh6+ Qh7 42.Qxh7+ Kxh7 43.Bxd5 Rg5 44.Kf1 Bh4 45.Be6 Kg6 46.Rc1?] **40.Qxg5+** I missed [40.Bxf4! Bxc4 (40...Bxf4 41.exf4 Bxc4 42.bxc4 gxf4 43.Kh1 Qf7 44.Rg2+ Rg3 45.Rxg3+ fxg3 46.Qxf7+ Kxf7 47.Rxb4 and white should win this endgame.) 41.Bxd6 Bf7 42.Be5+ Kf8 43.Rf1 Ke8 44.Qh7+-; 40.Bxd5 f3+ 41.Kh1 Qxd5 42.Bxd6 Qxd6 43.Qxg5+ Qg6 44.Rg1 Qxg5 45.Rxg5+ Kf7 46.Rxg8 Kxg8 47.Kh2 Ra6 48.Rb1 Kg7 49.Kg3 Rf6 50.Kf2 Rc6 51.Rd1+-] **40...Kf8??** CAISSA "The god of chess smile at me" !! [40...Kh8 41.Qh6+ Qh7 42.Qf6+ Qg7 43.Qh4+=] **41.Qd8+ Kf7 42.Qxd6 Rxg3+ 43.Kh2 Rg5** [43...Bxc4 44.Qxf4+ Ke7 45.Qxg3] **44.Qxf4+ Kg6 45.Rg1** [45.h4 Rh5 46.Rg1+ Kh7 47.Bxd5 Rxd5 48.Qxe4+-] **45...Rxg1 46.Kxg1 Bxc4 47.Rg2+** What a wonderful game and tournament for me !.Thanks! to the organizer & the TD's of this event.Congrats to all the winners! **1-0**

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Road Warrior

by Pete Karagianis

I woke up in a Kansas City hotel room with murderous intent.

The shades were open to the east, the T.V. was playing a B-movie at full-blast, and Mike was singing "Purple Mountain" on the twin next to mine.

The alarm clock read six-thirty.

Dizzy, I mumbled some form of interrogation.

"Hey man, easy, easy. We've got to get to Tulsa by seven tonight," Mike replied. Angered and half-asleep, I tried to explain that we were less than four hours away but all that came out was a garbled, "I could use some coffee."

And so once again, I found myself at a Waffle House- there were plenty of them between Des Moines and Tulsa- each as indistinguishable as the next.

Yet I have decided there is something entirely satisfying about the combined taste of margarine, syrup, and bitter java with powdered creamer, green peppers, eggs, cheese, jelly, and all manner of breakfast condiments, sides, and entrees, most especially when one enjoys them after a long night of enjoying the amenities of downtown K.C.

Mike agreed. "Aw man, hittin' the spot, it's hittin' the spot."

The conversation did not improve during the jaunt down RR-59 and US-169 through the back regions of Kansas and Oklahoma. Mike decided to sleep, in fact, a fortuitous option that I was unable to enjoy. Instead, I was left with the only radio station which we were able to pick up, which played classic hits from the '50s that I'm sure you all will remember, including but not limited to "The Peanut Butter Song" and "Dance, Roll, and Rock."

The journey itself, however, began to remind me more and more of the two-plus hour, off-end route from Minneapolis to Franklin, Minnesota. Though each mile felt increasingly like an excerpt from Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness, it further validated my thesis

regarding America in general. The further one strays from the main road, either metaphorically or literally, the more evident it becomes that our country is a beautiful one.

The two-lane highways wound us through carved out rock, rolling, green hills, and quaint, rural towns with leering and rusted post offices, rail stations, empty factories, and water towers.

Once again, we were en route to see the Berry brothers, this time at an event sponsored primarily by another wonderful Oklahoma organizer, Tom Braunlich.

On a personal basis, I was in the middle of a grueling gauntlet- three master invitational events, twenty-four total games, in only four weeks. I recalled, half-asleep at the wheel somewhere in the heartland, an excerpt from a ChessBase interview with Kramnik, which I was able to find and will thus not have to paraphrase:

"Soviet scientists had shown that the excessive stress on human mind and the loss of energy which chess produces are comparable to the hardest physical work. In football, where the players take care of their physical condition, as a rule, one match is played in a week. Two is already hard. And what happens here? We play ten games in eleven days – each of them going on for between five and seven hours."

To quip that I was tired might be a tinge of an understatement. However, I was equally enthused to be playing in one of my favorite states again (chess-wise, anyway). I showed my last column about Berry's FIDE N.A.O. to him and he was quite enthused at my "shot-out" to the Okies. That aside, every event I have ever attended in Oklahoma has a great atmosphere and even greater prize fund. This was no different. Braunlich had secured sponsors for his event, which was separated into three sections: The Okie Masters (8-player RR), the Okie Challengers (8-player RR, winner plays in Master Section), and the Open. Each player in the top section was also guaranteed compensation for their travel expenses, and the prize funds for the lower two sections were also rather juicy when compared to the entry fee.

The event was held at the Great Western Hotel in downtown Tulsa, and the top section was co-championed by Tom Gossell, an amazing young scholastic master from Missouri, and Michael Langer, of Texas. I managed to win the Challengers section by a slim half point, but was more encouraged by the result of the Open, where two scholastic players (now A-players) from Iowa had a superb result and tied for first overall, and will qualify for next year's Challengers. I have included below my first round game, which was a

nightmare match-up against Sergey Galant, who demolished me at the last Chicago Open I played. I have also included some annotated games from the Colias event for the games portion of the ICB.

(1) Galant,Sergei (2137) - Karagianis,Pete (2236)

[C24]

OCFChallengers Tulsa (1), 03.09.2005

[Karagianis]

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 A favorite opening of one of Iowa's stronger players. I'd prepared variations against the Bishop's opening for two State Championships (2002 and 2003). **2...Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Bg5** An interesting move and one I've not seen before, but I think it is also too early. The bishop does not need to commit itself so quickly. **4...Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0** 6. Nxe5? Qa5+, of course. **6...d6 7.Nbd2 h6 8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.c3 b5 10.Bb3 Re8** at some point I may want to break with d5, in which case the rook will need to support the e5 pawn. Nc5 followed by Bg4 and Ne6, playing for activity, was probably more spirited. **11.d4 Qc7 12.Bg3** Bg3! is a good move- it pins the d7 knight to defense of e5, and now developing a plan is annoying for black. I decide to play on the q-side. **12...Rb8 13.Rc1 c5** second best. Fritz recommends a5 here, but I could not find anything concrete. **14.Re1 Bf8** The bishop wants to find the long diagonal. **15.Bc2 Qb6** A critical moment- white can change the nature of the game y closing things with p-d5, or continue perhaps with Nf1, keeping the tension. I think the following text move is inaccurate, though I was unable to prove it. **16.d5 g6** A lazy move, but time was becoming a mild factor. p-c4 was best, to allow black's pieces to flow through the queenside. **17.b3 Nh5 18.c4 b4 19.Nf1** fritz gives black over half a pawn advantage. If this is the case, what is the right plan? Maybe I should play for an f5 break as soon as possible. **19...a5 20.Qd2 Qc7 21.h3 Nxc3** of course it is imperative to remove the bishop before its safe retreat to h2. The next move surprised me, until I realized its strength. **22.fxc3!** opens the f-file and prepares to lock down the kingside for white's benefit. **22...Bg7 23.g4 Nb6** strangely, black is still playing Fritz-best moves... **24.Ng3 Qd8** stops further knight sorties and continues to hold the dark squares. **25.Rf1 a4 26.Rf2 Ra8 27.Rcf1** white now has a powerful battery on the f-file, while black's activity on the other half of the board is inconclusive. **27...Rf8 28.Bd1 axb3 29.axb3 Ra3 30.g5!** Another move I had underestimated. I thought the simple hg5 Ng5 Bh6 would be sufficient... of course this fails to Nxf7! forking the q on d8 and the B on h6, while simultaneously (and the worst part) opening the f-file. **30...Kh7 31.h4 Qe7** oddly enough, fritz still gives black the slightest of edges in this position, even suggesting the text Qe7. However, I think white has solid play. **32.h5** this may have been played too hastily. Now Bg4 activates my late defender from c8. **32...Bg4 33.Nh4?!** probably slightly too ambitious... however I did not find the right

defensive plan. Qxg5! gives black a significant edge on the spot. I went in for a tactical combination that fails in two ways. It turned out successfully, however, because of the time on the clocks, partially, as well as the initial shock value of the move. My opponent, upon viewing my play, adopted a "He can't really get away with that, can he?" look. He was right, but did not notice why. **33...Nxc4** the "refutation" I saw over the board was bxc4 Rxg3 hg6+ fg6 rf8 Bf8 Qf2! It may be possible for black to include Bxd1, however, for example bxc4 Bxd1 and a piece will have to either leave the f-file, or the Q will not be given the f2 square. It's a tactical mess from here on out, however, after white misses the strong plan of taking the knight. After the game, Sergey explained that he did not want to allow my rook to invade on the third rank. **34.Qc1 Bxd1 35.hxg6+** here white missed 35. Rxf7! with unclear play. [35.Rxf7 Rxf7 36.hxg6+ Kh8 37.gxf7 Qxg5! 38.Qxg5 hxg5 39.Ngf5! Bh5 40.Nxg7 Bxf7 41.Rxf7 Kg8 42.Rc7 gxh4 43.bxc4 b3 A fun variation, though who knows WHAT is going on here, or if this position was even reachable!] **35...fxg6 36.Rxf8 Bxf8 37.Qxc4** perhaps frazzled by the tactical opportunities, white plays inaccurately. **37...Bxb3 38.Qe2 Bc4** an unnecessary shot, but I wanted to exchange while ahead. The simple Bg7 was more than enough **39.Qxc4 Rxg3 40.Nf3 hxg5 41.Kf2 Rg4 42.Rh1+ Kg7 43.Qc2 Qf7 44.Rh3 Rh4 45.Rg3 g4 0-1**

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Karklins,A (2295) - McEntee,T (2163) [C15]

Billy Colias Memorial 2005 (5) [Karagianis]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nge2 Karklins' games are almost always entertaining because of his opening choices. Here we see an excellent example of his home preparation and willingness to play off-beat variations paying off. McEntee confided in me later that he expected this line from Karklins, and, also, feared it to some degree. This goes to show once again that it is always better to play into one's own hands, and achieve positions geared towards a personal comfort zone. **4...Nc6** an ugly move, but a well-reputed one **5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 Bb6 7.Bb2** this non-standard deployment of the dark bishop is both simple and effective. White aims at d4 and beyond. **7...Nf6** Probably not best. The black bishop and knight are out of play on the queenside and need to re-enter the game. Scary but spirited was 7. ...dxe4, opening things up. Of course, black would then have to be careful of a c4-c5 plan, but any advancement to c5 would allow black access to d5, with dynamic equality. **8.e5** now white correctly closes the game and blocks off the black queenside forces. **8...Nd7 9.Na4 Ne7 10.Ng3 Ng6 11.h4!**? more novel opening play by Karklins. The pawn sacrifice looks quite strong, but black has no choice other than to accept. **11...Nxb4 12.Qg4** also worth consideration was Nh5! **12...Ng6 13.Bd3 Ndf8 14.Nh5 Rg8** marvelous play by karklins. all his pieces are developed and involved. compare his activity to that of blacks! **15.Bc1 f5** risky, but white is winning already. Qd7 or f6 could have been minor improvements. **16.exf6 gxf6 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.Qf3 Nd7 19.c4** also strong was Nf4, but white's desire to open the center is understandable. **19...c6** naturally, black wants to keep things close, but Qe7 may have been the last chance to save the game. After Qe7, black temporarily controls the e-file and makes an escape square for his king on d8. **20.Ra2!** no need to rush. This is the most accurate way to bring the final white piece into the action. now Re2 appears lethal. **20...Ngf8 21.Re2 Kf7** this could be "the" losing move, but it's hard to say black wasn't in dire straights already. Now the king will never escape to the queenside and *possible* safety. White can now choose from a number of aggressive continuations- either trying to pile up forces on the e-pawn or continuing to pressure both the f-file and open kingside. Karklins decides to go with the former, opening the h-file and repositioning the knight in the process. **22.Nf4 Rg7 23.Qh5+** not the most accurate, but still effective. Whit could go in for the sac cxd5 cxd5 Nxd5! if he wanted, but I suppose with such a strong position, there is no need to take risks. **23...Rg6 Kg8**

held on a bit longer. **24.Bxg6+ hxg6 25.Nxg6 Qe8 26.Nxf8+ Kxf8 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Rxe6+ 1-0**

McEntee,T (2163) - Loncarevic,R (2000) [D17]

Billy Colias Memorial 2005 (6)

[Karagianis]

1.d4 It may seem strange that I have chosen to include a game from the two lowest rated players at the event, however aside from the fact that both players scored some nice victories, this game itself also has specific theoretical importance. The novelty knight sacrifice Nb5! was first introduced sometime in 2004, and also was played earlier in this event in the game McEntee-Stamnov, where Tim did not play the best and most spirited continuation. Here, after reviewing his own game, he does! Has this line been refuted? Later in the event I myself attempted to play the same variation against Stamnov and he intentionally avoided it. **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4 Nfd7** All Leningrad theory to this point. **11.Bg2 g5 12.Ne3 gxf4 13.Nxf5 0-0-0 14.Qc2 Nc5 15.0-0 Ne6 16.Qe4 fxc3 17.hxg3 a5 18.Nb5** The stunning sacrifice! The ideas behind this move are very deep, however, as we will soon see, I will claim that this move most probably refutes the entire variation. Black can no longer casually play his pawn to a5 to stop white's advance... and if he cannot, then perhaps the entire system is suspect. **18...cxb5 19.axb5 Nc5** this position was reached in McEntee-Stamnov, where McEntee continued with 20. b6. After Tim and I both analyzed the variation, we decided Qe3! Was sufficiently strong to gain white a significant advantage. **20.Qe3 Nc4** also worth investigating for black is Ng4, however that allows white either the free Qf3 or Qc3 maneuver. [20...Ng4 21.Qc3 Qe5 22.Qf3 Nf6 23.Rxa5 Rd5 24.Ra8+ Kd7 25.Ne3 One example variation where white maintains his advantage. Again- the ideas here are VERY deep. The combinations are not on the surface, but instead buried beneath the features of the position. As the moves play out, the strength of white's placement shows.] **21.Qc3 Qe5 22.Qxc4 Qxf5 23.Rxa5** And now there are simply too many threats to be dealt with. **23...Kd7 24.b4 Rg8 25.b6 Rc8 26.Bxb7 Nxb7 27.Qd4+ Ke6 28.Rxf5 Kxf5 29.Qd7+ 1-0**

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And so it began: Saturday morning, August 20th, 2005. 10 AM. The players arrived, and there were a few opening announcements. Peter Bereolos graciously provided material to add to the organizers' display tables of memorabilia regarding Billy and his chess career. So a three table set in the lobby leading to the playing room included vintage photos of Billy's (and Peter's) youth, scrap books, new articles, old publications, USCF crosstables, and some original score-sheets. And, of course, the trophy, The Colias Cup.

This trophy was originated by Mr. and Mrs. Colias, Billy's parents, in 1980. It was intended to be a traveling trophy awarded to the winner of a planned series of youth events to be organized by Ed Vano. However, only one such event was held, won by Peter Bereolos, and Peter has retained the trophy and its fond memories for the last 25 years. Peter graciously donated this trophy to this event, and from this point the winner(s) name(s) will be inscribed on it, and it will be retained by the tournament organizers. The trophy is on display at Panner Sales, in Frankfort, Illinois, the location of this year's event.

There was some shuffling about as the players clocks were inspected by Chief TD Glenn Panner. Then, the room fell into a hushed silence and the wars began.

The player biographies:

Aleksandar Stannov, 49, Macedonia. National Master, Life Master, FIDE Master. Current USCF rating 2341. Peak USCF 2357. FIDE 2303.

Dr. Peter J. Bereolos, 39, United States. National Master, Life Master, Senior Master, FIDE Master. Current USCF rating 2317. Peak USCF 2407. FIDE 2323. Former Tennessee Champion.

Andrew Karklins, 58, United States. National Master, Life Master, Senior Master, FIDE Master. Current USCF rating 2295. Peak USCF 2459. FIDE 2257. Twice competed in the US Championship.

Jon L. Burgess, 28, England. National Master. Current USCF rating 2254. Peak USCF 2316. FIDE 2196.

Albert Chow, 40, United States. National Master, Life Master, Senior Master, FIDE Master. Current USCF rating 2222. Peak USCF 2456. FIDE 2239. Former Illinois Champion.

Pete Karagianis, 21, United States. National Master. Current USCF rating 2219. Peak USCF 2219. FIDE 2259. Former Iowa Champion.

Dr. Steven Tennant, 57, United States. National Master, Life Master, International Correspondence Chess Master. Current USCF rating 2217. Peak USCF 2386. FIDE 2215. Former Illinois Champion.

Kenneth Wallach, 40, United States. National Master, Life Master. Current USCF rating 2203. Peak USCF 2300+. FIDE 2172. Former Illinois High School Champion.

Tim McEntee, 39, United States. National Master. Current USCF rating 2153. Peak USCF 2255. FIDE 2175. Former Indiana Champion.

Robert Loncarevic, 34, United States. Candidate Master. Current USCF rating 1953. Peak USCF 2053. FIDE 2076.

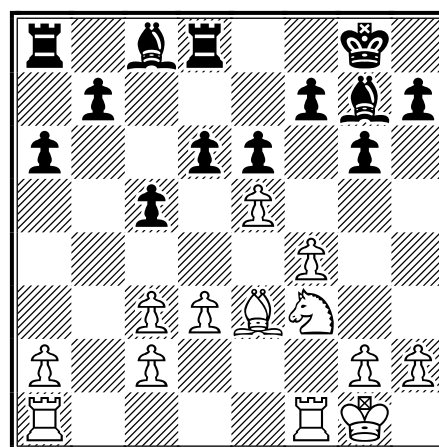
The pairings were and results of round 1 were:

NM McEntee-FM Stannov	½ - ½
FM Bereolos-NM Karagianis	1 - 0
NM Burgess-NM Tennant	½ - ½
FM Chow-NM Wallach	1 - 0
FM Karklins-CM Loncarevic	½ - ½

The prediction of the pairing of Burgess-Tennant was a difficult one, as these two don't appear to have previously played. Jon Burgess is a recent addition to master chess on the Illinois scene, and has been terrorizing some of the swiss events in the past year or so. Burgess was, however, is fairly new to strong round robin play, his only previous experience with it being in Ames last year, where he finished .500. Steve erred with his placement of queenside pawns, allowing Jon to use them for target practice. But Steve hung in there and the game was eventually drawn.

NM Jon Burgess--NM Dr. Steven Tennant [B23]

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bb5 Nd4 6. O-O Nxb5 7. Nxb5 Nf6 8. d3 O-O 9. Qe1 d6 10. e5 Nd5 11. Qh4 a6 12. Nc3 Nxc3 13. bxc3 e6 14. Qxd8 Rxd8 15. Be3 Bf8



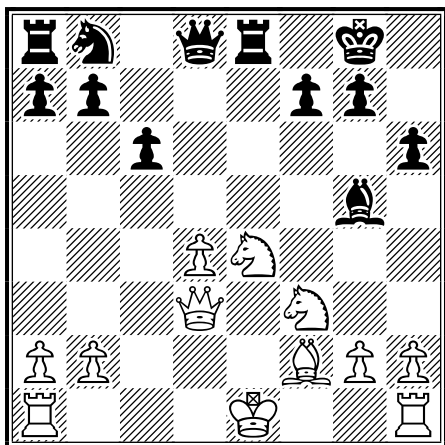
16. exd6 Bxd6 17. Ng5 Be7 18. Ne4 b6 19. Rab1 f5 20. Nd2 b5 21. Nb3 Bf6 22. c4 bxc4 23. dxc4 Bd4 24. Rfe1 Ra7 25. Nxc5 Rc7 26. Bxd4 Rxd4 27. Nxe6 Bxe6 28. Rxe6 Rxf4 29. Rxa6 Rfxc4 30. Rb2 Kg7 31. a4 Rxc2 32. Rxc2 Rxc2 33. Ra8 Ra2 34. a5 Kf6 35. a6 Kg5 36. a7 h5 37. Kf1 1/2-1/2

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FM Peter Bereolos came in from Tennessee to play in this event which honors his late friend Billy Colias. For years one of the Midwest's strongest native competitors, some regarded him as a popular favorite in the event. His first round pairing was against the other defending event co-champion, Pete Karagianis ("Kid K"). Pete came into last year's event as one of two expert wildcards and wound up winning the event. Now, master size, he returns to the event which started him off on a monster tear. The Battle of the Petes was a rough one, with young Kid K taking advantage of some less than ideal opening play from Pete B. to create some interesting aggressive play. However, Kid K fails to find the best line, and the veteran Peter slowly took over the board and scored the full point. The defending co-champ has started this event playing brilliantly but scoring a zero, a pattern that unexpectedly repeated itself several times during the event.

FM Peter Bereolos—NM Pete Karagianis [D35]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Bg5 Be7 6. Qc2 O-O 7. e3 c6 8. Bd3 h6 9. Bh4 Re8 10. f3 Nh5 11. Bf2 Bg5 12. e4 Nf4 13. Bf1 dxe4 14. fxe4 Nd5 15. Nf3 Bf5 16. Bd3 Nb4 17. Qe2 Nxd3+ 18. Qxd3 Bxe4 19. Nxe4

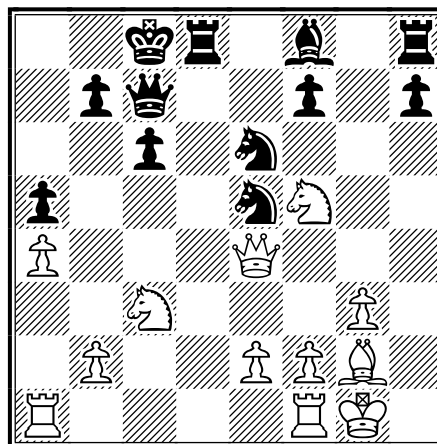


19...f5 20. Ne5 fxe4 21. Qb3+ Qd5 22. Qxb7 e3 23. Bg3 Rf8 24. Qb3 Rd8 25. Qxd5+ Rxd5 26. Nf3 Bf6 27. Ke2 Bxd4 28. Nxd4 Rxd4 29. Rhd1 c5 30. Kxe3 Nc6 31. Rxd4 Nxd4 32. Kd3 Nf5 33. Bf2 Rd8+ 34. Kc3 Rd5 35. Re1 Kf7 36. Re4 Nd6 37. Ra4 Ke6 38. Bg3 Nf5 39. Ra6+ Kd7 40. Rxa7+ Kc6 41. Ra6+ Kb5 42. Rg6 Ne3 43. Bf4 Nd1+ 44. Kc2 Rd4 45. Bd2 Nf2 46. b3 1-0

This next game featured one of the many rematches from last year's event. Last year, Aleksandar had white and things did not go well for Tim. This year, Tim wheels out a prepared sacrificial line that appeared in several games in this event. In a back and forth game, Aleksandar, the defending event co-champion, tries for the advantage but Tim shows some nice endgame skills to hold things level.

NM Tim McEntee—FM Aleksandar Stannov [D17]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. Nxc4 Qc7 8. g3 e5 9. dxe5 Nxe5 10. Bf4 Nfd7 11. Bg2 g5 12. Ne3 gxf4 13. Nxf5 O-O-O 14. Qc2 Nc5 15. O-O Ne6 16. Qe4 fxxg3 17. hxg3 a5



18. Nb5 cxb5 19. axb5 Nc5 20. b6 Nxe4 21. bxc7 Kxc7 22. Bxe4 Bb4 23. Rfd1 b5 24. Ne3 Rxd1+ 25. Rxd1 Kb6 26. Nd5+ Kc5 27. Nc7 Nc4 28. Na6+ Kb6 29. Nxb4 axb4 30. b3 Na5 31. Rd6+ Kc7 32. Rd4 Nxb3 33. Rxb4 Nc5 34. Bd5 Rb8 35. Bxf7 Rb6 36. Be8 Nd7 37. e4 Rb8 38. Bh5 Kc6 39. f4 Kc5 40. Rb1 Nf6 41. Bf3 b4 42. e5 Nd5 43. Bxd5 Kxd5 44. Kf2 b3 45. Kf3 h5 46. Rb2 Rb6 47. Ke3 Ke6 48. Kd4 h4 49. Kc5 Rb8 50. gxh4 Rf8 51. Rxb3 Rxf4 1/2-1/2

Robert returns to the Colias memorial after getting his baptism to round robin master play the previous year. In the first edition of this event Robert finished one spot above last place. Robert has been working hard at his game in the interim, despite the fall of his USCF rating by 100 points since the last event. His reward: playing black against a Chicago area chess legend in round one.

Andrew, who is at home in round robins and slow time controls, was obviously heavily favored. But Robert surprises all onlookers by holding his venerable opponent to a solid draw.

FM Andrew Karklins—CM Robert Loncarevic [C21]

1. e4 e5 2. d4 d6 3. dxe5 dxe5 4. Qxd8+ Kxd8 5. f4 Nd7 6. Nf3 f6 7. Nc3 c6 8. g3 Bd6 9. Be3 Ne7 10. O-O-O Kc7 11. Bh3 h6 12. Rd2 Nb6 13. Bf1 g5 14. f5 Bb4 15. Rd3 Nc4 16. Bf2 b6 17. a3 Bxc3 18. Rxc3 Nd6 19. Nd2 a5 20. Rd3 c5 (20...Ba6 21. Bxb6+ Kd7 22. Rxd6+ Kxd6 23. Bxa6 Rxa6 24. Nc4+ Kd7 25. Rd1+ - Loncarevic) 21. Be2 Bb7 22. Rd1 Rad8 1/2-1/2

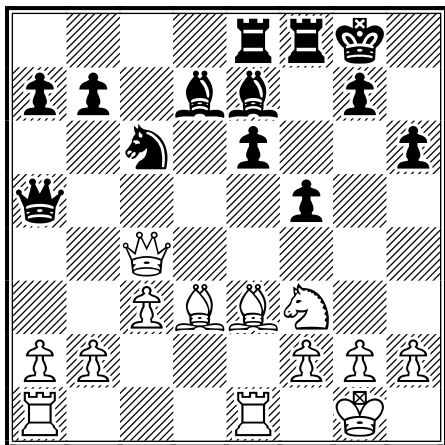
Interestingly, this game was a rematch, with colors reversed, of round one in last year's event. In the previous

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encounter, Ken sensationally defeated Chow when the latter overstepped on move 24. With the new game 3 time control, speculation was wild on what effect it would have on Albert, who had been tending to get into time trouble with 40/2 very often in recent years. Ken didn't play well, and although Albert found himself short of time at the end, he handles the situation efficiently.

FM Albert Chow—NM Kenneth Wallach [C03]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Be7 4. Bd3 c5 5. dxc5 Nf6 6. exd5 Qxd5 7. Ngf3 Qxc5 8. O-O Bd7 9. Qe2 Nc6 10. c3 O-O 11. Ne4 Nxe4 12. Qxe4 f5 13. Qc4 h6 14. Re1 Rae8 15. Be3 Qa5



16. b4 Qd8 17. Rad1 a6 18. a4 Qc8 19. b5 Nb8 20. Ne5 axb5 21. axb5 Bd6 22. Qxc8 Bxc8 23. Nc4 Be7 24. Bf4 Nd7 25. Rxe6 Nc5 26. Rxe7 Nxd3 27. Rxe8 Rxe8 28. Be3 f4 29. Rxd3 fxe3 30. Nxe3 Be6 31. h4 Rc8 32. Rd6 Kf7 33. c4 Kf6 34. Rb6 g5 35. hxg5+ hxg5 36. Rxb7 Bxc4 37. b6 Be6 38. Rc7 Rxc7 39. bxc7 Ke7 40. Nc2 Kd7 41. Nd4 Bd5 42. Kh2 Kxc7 43. Kg3 Kd6 44. Nf3 Bxf3 45. Kxf3 Ke5 46. Kg4 Kf6 47. f3 Kg6 48. g3 Kf6 49. Kh5 Kf5 50. g4+ Kf4 51. Kg6 1-0

The pairings for round 2:

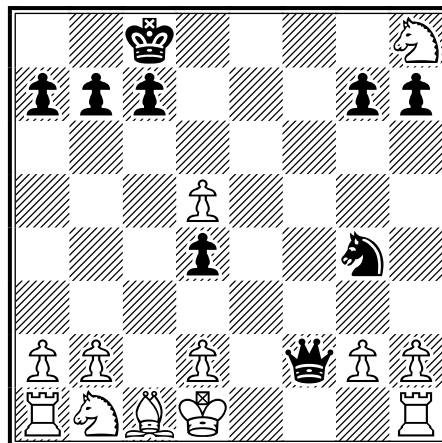
NM McEntee (0.5) – FM Bereolos (1.0) ½ - ½
 NM Karagianis (0.0) – NM Burgess (0.5) 0 - 1
 NM Tennant (0.5) – FM Chow (1.0) adjourned, Draw
 NM Wallach (0.0) – FM Karklins (0.5) 0 - 1
 FM Stannov (0.5) – CM Loncarevic (0.5) 0 - 1

The round began sensationally when Stannov and Loncarevic began slamming out an ugly tactical encounter almost at blitz chess pace. Robert is a former student of Aleksandar's, and the strange nature of the game may be explained by the effects of the teacher-student relationship at the board. Last year these two played to a messy but forced draw, and this year it was messy and forced, too. Only this time it was mate. One of the pre-event favorites and defending co-champions goes down in a blaze of glory to one of last

year's tail-enders. What a difference a year makes!

FM Aleksandar Stannov—CM Robert Loncarevic [C57]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 Bc5 5. Nxf7 Bxf2+ 6. Kf1 Qe7 7. Nxe8 d5 8. exd5 Bg4 9. Be2 Bxe2+ 10. Qxe2 Nd4 11. Qxf2 O-O-O 12. c3 Rf8 13. cxd4 Ng4 14. Qxf8+ Qxf8+ 15. Ke1 Qf2+ 16. Kd1 exd4!



17. Re1?? (17. d3 box - Loncarevic) 17... d3 18. h3 Qf3+ 19. gxf3 Nf2# 0-1

After this loss, Aleks declared "I can't play like North Avenue beach! Tomorrow I play chess!"

Tim and Peter have in years past played almost a dozen times, having both been top Indiana players before Tim moved to Iowa and Peter moved to Tennessee. The two played hard before splitting the point, possibly having been disturbed by the one and only rules dispute in the event, which we will discuss shortly.

NM Tim McEntee—FM Peter Bereolos [A65]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nge2 O-O 6. Ng3 c5 7. d5 e6 8. Be2 exd5 9. cxd5 a6 10. a4 Nbd7 11. Bf4 Qc7 12. O-O Re8 13. Qc2 Rb8 14. Rfd1 Ne5 15. Nf1 Bd7 16. a5 c4 17. Nd2 Bb5 18. Be3 Qe7 19. f3 Rbc8 20. Ndb1 Nfd7 21. Na3 Nd3 22. Naxb5 axb5 23. Bxd3 cxd3 24. Qxd3 b4 25. Na4 f5 26. Qb3 fxe4 27. f4 Nf6 28. h3 Rf8 29. Qxb4 Nh5 30. Rf1 Ng3 31. Rfe1 Nf5 32. Nc3 Nxe3 1/2-1/2

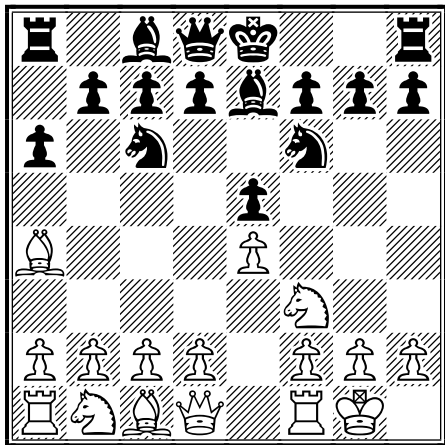
In last year's event, Ken Wallach started out 2-0, then proceeded to not win another game. This year he started 0-2, and then did not LOSE another game. Here Ken fails to protect his e-pawn in a standard opening, not taking into account the initiative this gives black. Andrew handles it smoothly, and secures the point with a demonstration of how to win a superior ending.

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NM Kenneth Wallach—FM Andrew Karklins [C84]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7



6. c3 Nxe4 7. Re1 Nc5 8. Bxc6 dxc6 9. Nxe5 Nd3 10. Qf3 Nxe5 11. Rxe5 O-O 12. d4 Bd6 13. Re1 Be6 14. Bf4 Qf6 15. Be5 Qxf3 16. gxf3 Rad8 17. Nd2 c5 18. Bxd6 Rxd6 19. Ne4 Rb6 20. Nxc5 Bh3 21. Kh1 Rxb2 22. Nd3 Rc2 23. Rec1 Rxc1+ 24. Rxc1 Re8 25. Re1 Rxe1+ 26. Nxe1 Kf8 27. Nd3 Bf1 28. Nb2 Ke7 29. h4 Be2 30. Kg2 Ke6 31. Kg3 Kf5 32. c4 c5 33. dxc5 Ke5 34. Na4 Bxc4 35. a3 Kd4 36. Kf4 Bb3 37. Nb6 Kxc5 38. Nd7+ Kd4 39. h5 Be6 40. h6 g5+ 0-1

The playing history between Steve and Al go back a quarter century. The game proceeded with the same colors as last year, but we did not see a further discussion on the Saemisch Gambit, as Albert varied his opening. However, a rules dispute arose between the players and the director ordered the game adjourned until it could be resolved. Although the recorded result, a draw, was actually settled later, we will include it in the standings as of this round to prevent confusion.

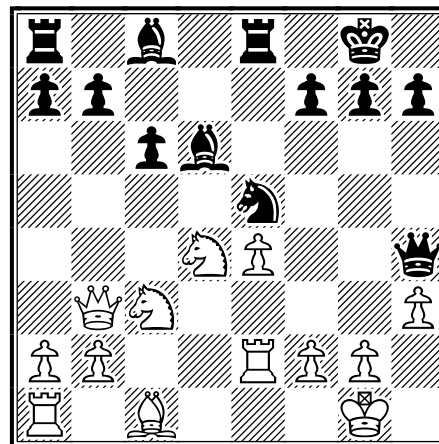
NM Steven Tennant—FM Albert Chow [A50]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nf3 e6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 d5 7. e3 O-O 8. a3 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 Na5 10. Ne5 g5 11. Bg3 Ne4 12. Qc2 Kg7 13. Bd3 Nxc3 14. hxg3 f6 15. Nf3 dxc4 16. Be2 Bd7 17. Nd2 b5 18. O-O Qe7 19. a4 a6 20. f4 c5 21. Bf3 Nc6 22. Ne4 cxd4 23. exd4 Rac8 24. Nc5 Qd6 25. Bxc6 Bxc6 26. Rfe1 Bd5 27. axb5 axb5 28. Ra7+ Rc7 29. Rxe6 Qd8 30. Rxc7+ Qxc7 31. Qf5 Qd8 32. Ra6 Rf7 33. Ne6+ Bxe6 34. Qxe6 Qe7 35. f5 b4 36. Qxe7 Rxe7 37. cxb4 Rb7 38. Rc6 Rxb4 39. Rc7+ Kf8 40. Kf2 Rb2+ 41. Kf3 h5 42. Rxc4 g4+ 43. Ke4 Rxc4 44. Kd5 Rxc3 45. Ke6 Kg7 46. Rc7+ Kh6 47. Kxf6 Ra3 48. d5 g3 49. d6 Ra6 50. Ke7 g2 51. Rc1 Kg5 52. Rg1 Kxf5 53. Rxc2 h4 54. d7 Ra8 55. d8=Q ... (adjourned) 55. ... Rxd8 56. Kxd8 Kf4 57. Ke7 h3 58. Ra2 Kg3 59. Kf6 h2 60. Ra3+ Kg2 61. Ra2+ Kg3 62. Ra3+ Kg2 63. Ra2+ 1/2-1/2

Kid K stated he didn't feel well before this game. Indeed, Jon offers him a draw early in the game, which Pete declines for no other reason than he felt like he was in a combative mood. Pete has a lifetime plus 2 score against Jon, having never lost, but this time he would soon regret his decision.

NM Pete Karagianis—NM Jon Burgess [D46]

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. Nc3 e6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 Bd6 7. Bd3 O-O 8. O-O dxc4 9. Bxc4 e5 10. e4 exd4 11. Nxd4 Nb6 12. Qd3 Nxc4 13. Qxc4 Re8 14. Re1 Ng4 15. h3 Qh4 16. Re2 Ne5 17. Qb3



17...Bxh3 18. gxh3 Bc5 19. Ncb5 cxb5 20. Nf5 Qh5 21. Qg3 Bf8 22. Kf1 Rad8 23. Be3 Rd3 24. Rc1 Nc4 25. b3 Nd6 26. Nxd6 Bxd6 27. Qg2 Ba3 28. Rce1 Bb4 29. Rc1 Red8 30. Qg4 Qe5 31. Kg2 Bd6 32. Rh1 Bb8 33. Bg5 f6 34. f4 Qe7 35. Bh4 b6 36. e5 Qb7+ 37. Kh2 g5 38. Rg1 Kh8 39. Qf5 Qe7 40. Rgg2 gxh4 41. exf6 Qd6 42. Rg4 Rd2 43. Qe4 Qxf6 44. Rgg2 Qxf4+ 0-1

After just two rounds, the event is abounding with surprises. Both defending champions are at or near the bottom, no one is 2-0. The event, anticipated by many for months, is living up to expectations as a dogfight.

As day 2 began, Sunday, August 21... the atmosphere was very serious. Everyone realized everyone else here was a threat and the realization set in that anyone could beat anyone. No one was turning out to be the doormat, last year's bottom guys were turning out to be this year's heroes, and vice versa. There was very little casual chess, almost no blitz whatsoever between rounds. All business.

There was, however, some renewing of old acquaintances, and the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Colias, the late Billy's parents, was a genuinely nice touch to add to this event which honored the memory of a Midwest original who left us all too soon in 1993.

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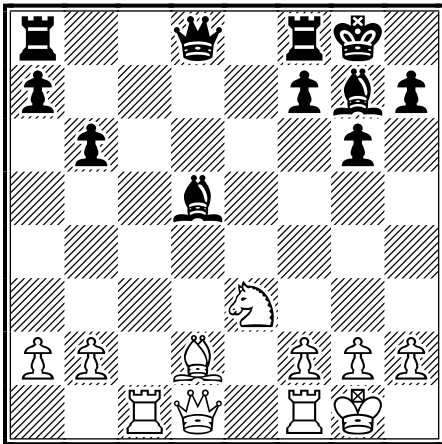
The round 3 pairings were as follows:

NM Burgess (1.5-.5) – NM McEntee (1-1) ½ - ½
 FM Stannov (.5-1.5) – FM Bereolos (1.5-.5) 1 - 0
 FM Chow (1.5-.5) – NM Karagianis (0-2) 1 - 0
 FM Karklins (1.5-.5) – NM Tennant (1-1) 0 - 1
 CM Loncarevic (1.5-.5) – NM Wallach (0-2) ½ - ½

This battle between the two senior players in the event was expected to be ferocious. Steve tried to take advantage of the position of Andrew's bishops to break the 'bind' with a early d5, but got tangled up at the end and was forced to lose the exchange. The damage was not severe, however, and Steve was able to gain more than sufficient compensation and it was Andrew who was in trouble. Steve demonstrated fine technique and wrapped up the point.

FM Andrew Karklins—NM Steven Tennant [B37]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. c4 Nf6 6. Nc3 d6 7. Nc2 Bg7 8. Ne3 O-O 9. Bd2 b6 10. Rc1 Bb7 11. Bd3 e6 12. O-O d5 13. cxd5 exd5 14. exd5 Nb4 15. Bc4 Nbx5 16. Ncx5 Nxd5 17. Bxd5 Bxd5



18. Bb4 Bxa2 19. Bxf8 Qxd1 20. Rfxd1 Kxf8 21. b4 a5 22. b5 a4 23. Rd6 Bb2 24. Re1 a3 25. Rxb6 Bb3 26. Ra6 Rb8 27. b6 a2 28. g4 Bd4 29. g5 Rxb6 30. Ra8+ Kg7 31. Ng4 Bd5 0-1

Tim and Jon faced each other at the Ames Futurity last year, and Jon came away with the point. Jon tried mightily to repeat that result here, but Tim was tough in defense and the point was split.

NM Jon Burgess—NM Tim McEntee [C03]

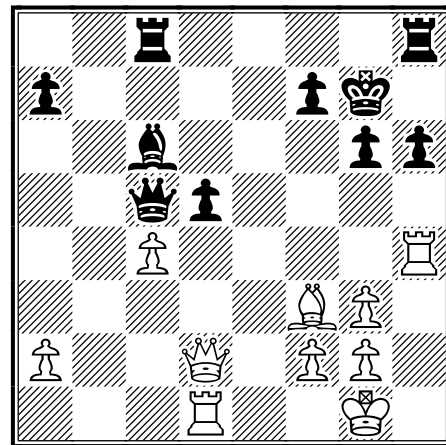
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nc6 4. c3 e5 5. dxe5 Nxe5 6. Ngf3 Nxf3+ 7. Nxf3 Nf6 8. e5 Ne4 9. Bd3 Nc5 10. Be2 Bf5 11. Nd4 Bg6 12. O-O Qe7 13. f4 Be4 14. b4 Ne6 15. Qa4+ Kd8 16. Be3 g6 17. Rad1 Kc8 18. Bg4 h5 19. Bh3 Bh6 20. Nb5 a6 21. Na3 Kb8 22. Qb3 Qh4 23.

c4 d4 24. Bf2 Qxf4 25. Bxe6 fxe6 26. Rxd4 Qg4 27. g3 Qf3 28. Qxf3 Bxf3 29. Rd7 Kc8 30. Rf7 Bg4 31. c5 Rf8 32. Bd4 Bf5 33. Rf6 Rd8 34. Bf2 Bg7 35. Rf7 Bxe5 36. Nc4 Bd4 37. Nd6+ cxd6 38. Bxd4 Rd7 39. Rf8+ Rd8 40. Rxd8+ Kxd8 41. cxd6 Kd7 42. Be5 Rc8 43. a3 Rc2 44. Re1 Bh3 1/2-1/2

The next game was a long awaited matchup between two of the pre-event favorites. Apparently, Aleks beat Peter once a couple years ago, otherwise they have no previous encounters. The game is hard fought until Peter finds himself in the type of situation Aleks likes best – open board, and lots of queen and piece play. It only took one mistake after that. One of the leaders falls.

FM Aleksandar Stannov—FM Peter Bereolos [C47]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. Bd3 d5 8. exd5 cxd5 9. O-O O-O 10. Bg5 c6 11. Na4 h6 12. Bh4 Re8 13. c4 Bd6 14. cxd5 cxd5 15. Nc3 Be5 16. Re1 Bb7 17. Qa4 Qd6 18. Bg3 Bxg3 19. hxg3 Qb6 20. Qc2 Rac8 21. Bf5 Rcd8 22. Na4 Qa5 23. Red1 Ne4 24. Rd4 Qa6 25. Rad1 Qf6 26. Bg4 Qg6 27. Bf3 Rc8 28. Qb3 Ba8 29. Nc3 Nxc3 30. bxc3 Qf6 31. Qa4 Qb6 32. Bg4 Rb8 33. Bf5 g6 34. Bg4 Qc5 35. Qc2 Bc6 36. Qd2 Kg7 37. Bf3 Rbc8 38. Rh4 Rh8 39. c4



39...Ba4 40. Qb2+ d4 41. Rdx4 Qe5 42. Rhe4 Qf6 43. Rf4 Qe5 44. Rxf7+ Kxf7 45. Rf4+ Ke6 46. Bd5+ Kd6 47. Rf6+ Qxf6 48. Qxf6+ Kc5 49. Qe7+ Kb6 50. Qb4+ 1-0

Robert, who enters this year's event the lowest rated by over 200 points, goes into this game tied for first place after 2 rounds. How long can he keep this up?!? Robert continues to impress by drawing against Ken, whom he lost to last year, and staying undefeated.

CM Robert Loncarevic—NM Kenneth Wallach [C03]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Be7 4. Bd3 c5 5. dxc5 Nf6 6.

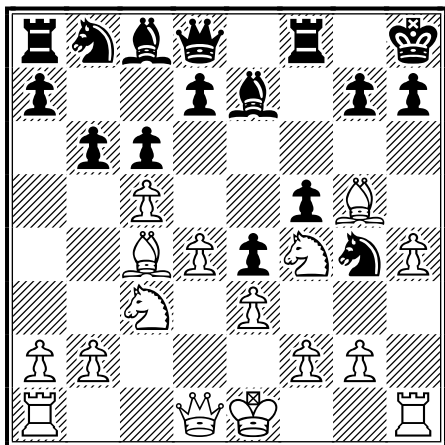
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Qe2 O-O 7. Ngf3 a5 8. a4 Na6 9. Nb3 Nd7 10. Bxa6 Rxa6 11. exd5 exd5 12. Be3 Re8 13. Qb5 Nf6 14. O-O Qc7 15. Nfd4 Bd7 16. c6 Bxc6 17. Nxc6 Rxc6 18. Nxa5 Re6 19. h3 Bd6 20. c3 Nh5 21. Rfd1 Rxe3 22. fxe3 Rxe3 23. Qxd5 Bc5 24. Rd4 Bxd4 25. Qxd4 Qe7 1/2-1/2

Pete Karagianis continues his poor form, a very uncharacteristic slump, in this game vs. Al Chow. Meanwhile, Chow survives yet another time pressure episode, and is now in the solo lead. Perhaps game 3 is the solution to Al's recent time issues. Last year Al had white and Pete engaged him in a Schliemann debate. Al got a great position, but faltered and Pete mated him. The fans were expecting a rematch of this opening, but Al again switched up and played 1. c4. Fans of the Schliemann will have to wait for another time.

FM Albert Chow—NM Pete Karagianis [A21]

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 f5 3. d4 e4 4. Nh3 c6 5. Bg5 Nf6 6. e3 Be7 7. Nf4 O-O 8. c5 b6 9. Bc4+ Kh8 10. h4 Ng4



11. Nxe4 fxe4 12. Bxe7 Qxe7 13. Qxg4 bxc5 14. Qg5 Qxg5 15. hxg5 Rxf4 16. exf4 d5 17. Bb3 cxd4 18. O-O-O d3 19. Kd2 Nd7 20. Rc1 Bb7 21. Bd1 Re8 22. Bg4 Nb6 23. Bf5 Rf8 24. Bxh7 Rxf4 25. Ke3 Rf7 26. Bf5+ Kg8 27. Be6 Kf8 28. Rh8+ Ke7 29. Bxf7 Kxf7 30. Rb8 Ba6 31. Rxb6 1-0

Going into the 4th round, Sunday evening the 21st, it almost started to look like someone might pull away. Al Chow was in the solo lead, and defending co-champ Pete Karagianis was in the solo cellar. But then, things started to get confusing again. Three games were decisive with the player with fewer points winning.

Individually, Robert Loncarevic continued his Cinderella story with yet another draw, to remain one of the four undefeated players. The two tail enders from the first 3 rounds both won, Wallach and Karagianis. So after 4 rounds, in a ten player round robin, and with

few draws, first and last place were just 2 points apart.

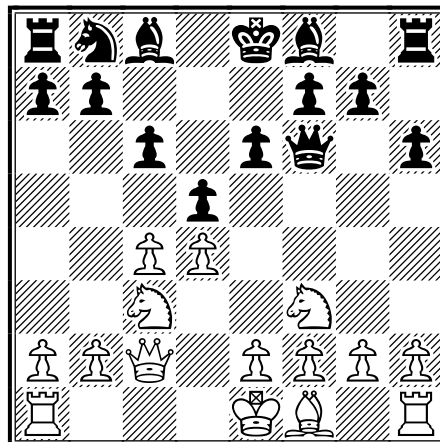
The 4th round pairings and results:

NM McEntee (1.5-1.5) – FM Chow (2.5-.5)	½ - ½
FM Bereolos (1.5-1.5) – NM Burgess (2-1)	1 - 0
NM Karagianis (0-3) – FM Karklins (1.5-1.5)	1 - 0
NM Tennant (2-1) – CM Loncarevic (2-1)	½ - ½
NM Wallach (.5-2.5) – FM Stannov (1.5-1.5)	1 - 0

The game below needs few comments. Hitherto undefeated, perhaps fatigued, Jon Burgess is a no-show against Peter Bereolos, simply hanging a pawn.

FM Peter Bereolos—NM Jon Burgess [D43]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bxf6 Qxf6 7. Qc2



7...g6 (7... Nd7 - Burgess) 8. cxd5 exd5 9. Nxd5 Qd6 10. Nc3 Bg7 11. e3 O-O 12. Be2 Nd7 13. O-O Re8 14. Bc4 1-0

Last year, Tim lost badly against Al. But it seems Tim also came prepared to play this year. Sometimes being solid earns you points in more ways than just playing. Al husbands his strength and calls it a night, still in solo first place.

NM Tim McEntee—FM Albert Chow [A50]

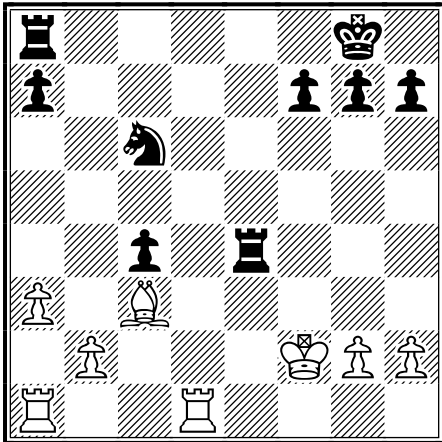
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nc3 e5 4. d5 Ne7 5. e4 Ng6 6. h4 h5 7. Bg5 Be7 8. Be2 d6 9. g3 Ng4 1/2-1/2

Robert lost in about 5 minutes after a superficial blunder in the opening against Steve last year. But it seems it's still the new Robert at the board this year. Robert looked like he was starting to take advantage of some inaccuracies by Steve when suddenly the players were shaking hands. Steve later conceded he had been fortunate to get the draw offer.

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NM Steven Tennant—CM Robert Loncarevic [E20]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. f3 c5 5. d5 b5 6. e4 bxc4 7. Bxc4 Nxd5 8. Bxd5 exd5 9. Qxd5 Nc6 10. Bd2 O-O 11. Nge2 Ba6 12. a3 Bxc3 13. Bxc3 Qb6 14. Qd2 Bxe2 15. Qxe2 d5 16. O-O Rfe8 17. Rfd1 c4+ 18. Qf2 dxe4 19. fxe4 Qxf2+ 20. Kxf2 Rxe4



1/2-1/2

Ken Wallach may have been out for some revenge after the way he lost in last year's event to Aleksandar. So, even though he was in next to last place, he quietly waited for his moment, and when it came, he took it. Ken prepared his opening and middle game style, and Aleks found himself in uncomfortable territory. The game went downhill for Aleks after that. Ken was on the board.

NM Kenneth Wallach--FM Aleks Stannov [D00]

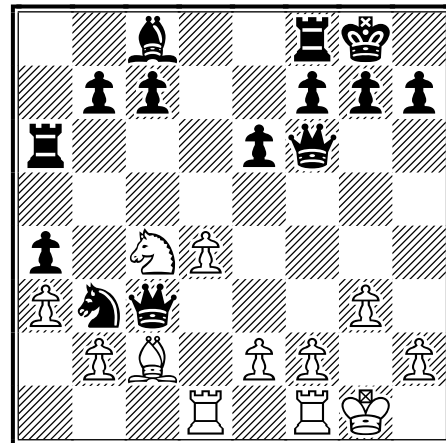
1. d4 d5 2. e3 Nf6 3. f4 Bg4 4. Nf3 e6 5. Bd3 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. O-O c4 8. Bc2 b5 9. Nbd2 Be7 10. e4 dxe4 11. Nxe4 Nd5 12. Qe1 Bxf3 13. Rxf3 g6 14. Ng5 Qd7 15. Rh3 h6 16. Nf3 O-O-O 17. Ne5 Nxe5 18. fxe5 Bg5 19. Rf3 Kb8 20. Qf2 Rh7 21. Be4 Qe7 22. Bxd5 Rxd5 23. Bxg5 hxg5 24. Rf1 Rd7 25. Rf6 Qe8 26. Qg3 Qc8 27. Qxg5 Rh5 28. Qc1 Qh8 29. Rxf7 Rxf7 30. Rxf7 Rxh2 31. Qf4 Rh1+ 32. Kf2 Qh5 33. Qe4 Qh4+ 34. Qxh4 Rxh4 35. Re7 Rh1 36. Rxe6 Rb1 37. d5 Rxb2+ 38. Ke3 Rb1 39. Kd4 Kc7 40. Kc5 b4 41. d6+ Kd7 42. Re7+ Kd8 43. e6 bxc3 44. Rxa7 Kc8 45. d7+ Kb8 46. d8=Q+ Kxa7 47. Qa5+ 1-0

In an obvious slump, Pete had not been looking forward to this pairing. But as the game progressed, Pete simply gets a leg up on one of Andrew's opening ideas. Andrew later said that Pete simply refuted his idea over the board. This is the Pete we recognized during the year, and now it's Andrew who is looking a little out of sorts.

NM Pete Karagianis—FM Andrew Karklins [E11]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Bd2 a5 5. g3 Ne4 6.

Bg2 Nxd2 7. Nbx2 d5 8. O-O Nc6 9. a3 Bxd2 10. Qxd2 a4 11. Qc3 Na5 12. Nd2 Ra6 13. Rac1 dxc4 14. Nxc4 Nb3 15. Rcd1 O-O 16. Be4 Qf6 17. Bc2



17...c5 18. Qd3 g6 19. Bxb3 axb3 20. dxc5 e5 21. Qxb3 Bh3 22. Qxb7 Bxf1 23. Kxf1 Re6 24. Qf3 Qe7 25. Rd6 e4 26. Qe3 Rxd6 27. Nxd6 Qe5 28. b4 f5 29. Kg2 Qd5 30. f3 exf3+ 31. Qxf3 Qe5 32. Nc4 Qe6 33. Nb6 Rd8 34. c6 Rd2 35. Kf2 Rd4 36. c7 Qxb6 37. c8=Q+ Rd8+ 38. Qc5 1-0

Thus concluded the first weekend of this event. Play would resume the following Friday, August 26th, at 5PM.

The standings after the first half looked like this:

1st FM Chow 3-1
 2nd-4th FM Bereolos, NM Tennant, CM Loncarevic, 2.5-1.5
 5th-6th NM Burgess, NM McEntee, 2-2
 7th-8th FM Karklins, FM Stannov, 1.5-2.5
 9th NM Wallach, 1.5-2.5
 10th NM Karagianis 1-3

There were still 4 undefeated players, Chow, Tennant, Loncarevic, and McEntee.

The tournament resumes...

Friday, August 26th, 2005.

With a week of "halftime", the players had a chance to review games of prospective opponents, their own games, and to take stock in what they needed to do to complete the event as well as possible. The tournament had become a dogfight, and no one was assured of a prize and no one was assured of the cellar. It was wide open.

This seems natural if you consider that generally, 8 of the 10 players are rated in a narrow range of about 140 rating points. But also in the mix are the two

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whose current ratings are comparatively depressed. NM Tim McEntee was floating about 50 points below the crowd, and yet had not suffered a loss, and Robert Loncarevic, an absolute revelation, at plus one undefeated despite being outrated at LEAST 250 points in each game played thus far.

The pairings and results of round 5:

FM Karklins (1.5) – NM McEntee (2)	1 – 0
FM Chow (3) – FM Bereolos (2.5)	½ - ½
NM Burgess (2) – FM Stannov (1.5)	0 – 1
CM Loncarevic (2.5) – NM Karagianis (1)	½ - ½
NM Wallach (1.5) – NM Tennant (2.5)	½ - ½

Andrew Karklins must always be regarded as a threat. Tim knew that going in, but was given a not so gentle reminder in this game. Tim had some difficulties with the French last year and did some work on it in the off season. He later stated he needed to give this line the most severe possible test and well that's exactly what he got. Karklins takes over on the kingside and explodes through for the win. One of the 4 remaining undefeated players goes down. (See *Road Warrior elsewhere in this issue for Karklins-McEntee.*)

Tournament leader Al Chow started the second half against equal second place Peter Bereolos. The game reached a point of approximate equal chances when Albert offered a draw against his dangerous opponent. It was accepted. It appeared white had the more aggressive position, but in a lengthy post mortem no immediate and obvious path showed itself, and so the draw appeared justified.

FM Albert Chow—FM Peter Bereolos [C67]

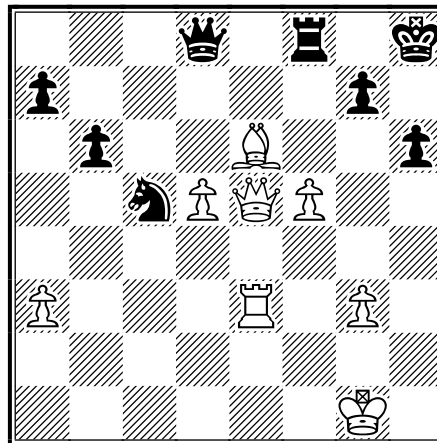
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. O-O Nxe4 5. d4 Nd6 6. Bxc6 dxc6 7. dxe5 Nf5 8. Qxd8+ Kxd8 9. Nc3 h6 10. b3 a5 11. Bb2 Bb4 12. Rad1+ Ke8 13. h3 Bxc3 14. Bxc3 h5 15. Rfe1 1/2-1/2

Jon Burgess had a week to refresh his mind before this game, but that doesn't mean he still didn't have to face hours of Stannov-style water torture. Jon, who has previously done quite well against Aleks, actually got into a great position but then faltered in the execution, allowing Aleks to get an open Queen and Rook type position complete with checks. These positions are why Aleks plays chess.

NM Jon Burgess—FM Aleks Stannov [C42]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. O-O Be7 8. c4 Nb4 9. Be2 O-O 10. Nc3 Bf5 11. a3 Nxc3 12. bxc3 Nc6 13. cxd5 Qxd5 14. Re1 Be4 15. Bf4 Bd6 16. c4 Qf5 17. Bxd6 cxd6 18. d5 Bxf3 19. Bxf3 Ne5 20. Be4 Qg5 21. g3 Qh6 22. c5 f5 23. Bg2 f4 24. cxd6 fxd3 25. hxd3 Qxd6 26. Qd4 Rf5 27. f4 Nd7 28. Re3 Nc5 29. Rae1 Raf8 30. Re5 R5f6 31.

R1e3 b6 32. Bh3 h6 33. Re7 R6f7 34. Rxf7 Rxf7 35. Qe5 Qd8 36. Bf5 Rf6 37. Be6+ Kh8 38. f5 Rf8



39. g4 Qg5 40. Rg3 Rd8 41. Qe3 Qh4 42. Kg2 a5 43. Qe5 Qg5 44. Kh3 Qc1 45. Kh2 Qd2+ 46. Rg2 Qg5 47. Kg3 h5 48. Qf4 h4+ 49. Kf3 Nxe6 50. fxe6 Qxd5+ 51. Qe4 Rf8+ 52. Ke3 Qb3+ 53. Ke2 Qb2+ 54. Ke1 Qc1+ 55. Ke2 Qf1+ 56. Ke3 Qe1+ 57. Kd4 Rd8+ 58. Ke5 Qc3+ 59. f4 Rd4 60. Re2 Rxe4+ 61. Rxe4 Qg3+ 62. Kg5 Qf3 63. Rf4 Qd5+ 0-1

The history between these players is whoever has Black has won. It has gone this way for many years and as far back as 1991. Thus, Steve would theoretically be due to win! But the gods have deemed Ken untouchable from here on out, even against one of the undefeated, and Ken may even have missed a win. In an exciting endgame with both players threatening to queen multiple pawns, the players repeat to a draw.

NM Ken "the Man" Wallach"—NM Steve "Dr. Awesome" Tennant" [E84]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 Nc6 7. Qd2 a6 8. Nge2 Rb8 9. h4 h5 10. Bh6 b5 11. Bxg7 Kxg7 12. Nd5 bxc4 13. Nxf6 exf6 14. Nc3 f5 15. Bxc4 fxe4 16. fxe4 Bg4 17. d5 Ne5 18. Bxa6 Qf6 19. b3 Rfe8 20. Be2 Bxe2 21. Kxe2 Nd7 22. Rae1 Rb4 23. Rh3 Nc5 24. Qg5 Qxg5 25. hxg5 Nxe4 26. Kf1 Nd2+ 27. Kf2 Rf4+ 28. Kg3 Rg4+ 29. Kf2 Rxd2+ 30. Kxg2 Rxe1 31. Rd3 Ne4 32. Nxe4 Rxe4 33. a4 Rb4 34. Rc3 Rd4 35. Rxc7 Rxd5 36. b4 Rxd5+ 37. Kh2 Rg4 38. Rb7 g5 39. a5 Rc4 40. b5 h4 41. b6 g4 42. a6 Rc2+ 43. Kg1 h3 44. Rc7 Rg2+ 45. Kh1 g3 46. a7 Rh2+ 47. Kg1 Rg2+ 48. Kh1 Rh2+ 49. Kg1 1/2-1/2

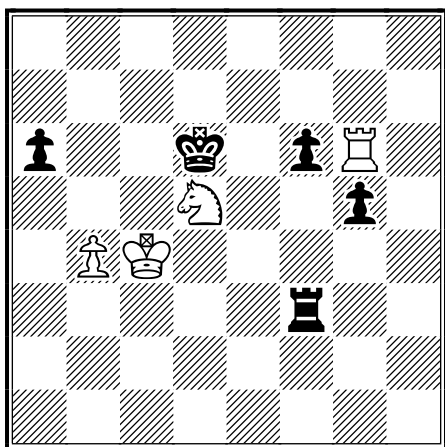
Robert, still undefeated, erred in the opening here, but then Pete, still slumping, erred in turn and soon found himself in trouble. Robert appeared to be in complete control and it started to look like the defending co-champ was going down again when Pete hit on an interesting drawing concept, as far back as move 49,

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and possibly several moves earlier. Robert tried mightily to win, but in vain.

CM Robert Loncarevic—NM Pete Karagianis [C34]

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 h6 4. Bc4 d6 5. h4 Nf6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. d4 Nh5 8. Ne2 Bg4 9. Bxf4 Bxf3 10. gxf3 Bxh4+ 11. Kf1 Nd7 12. Qd3 Qf6 13. e5 Qe7 14. exd6 cxd6 15. Bxd6 Qxd6 16. Rxh4 Nhf6 17. Kf2 g5 18. Rhh1 O-O-O 19. Rag1 Kb8 20. Ke1 Qc6 21. Bb5 Qb6 22. Qb3 Qa5+ 23. c3 Nb6 24. a3 Nbd5 25. Kd2 Qb6 26. c4 Nc7 27. Ba4 Qa5+ 28. Kc1 a6 29. Bc6 b6 30. Qb4 Qxb4 31. axb4 b5 32. b3 Ka7 33. Kb2 Rd6 34. d5 bxc4 35. bxc4 Ncxd5 36. Bxd5 Nxd5 37. cxd5 Rxd5 38. Nc3 Rd2+ 39. Kb3 Rd3 40. Rxc5 hxc5 41. Rxh8 Rxf3 42. Rg8 f6 43. Kc4 Kb6 44. Nd5+ Kc6 45. Rg6 Kd6



46. Rxf6+ Rxf6 47. Nxf6 Ke6 48. Ng4 Kf5 49. Nh2 Ke4 50. Kb3 Kd3 51. Ka4 Kc3 52. Ka5Kb3 53. Ng4 Kc3 54. Nf2 Kb3 55. Ng4 Kc3 56. Ka4 Kb2 57. Nf2 Kc2 58. Ka3 Kc1 59. Kb3 Kb1 60. Ng4 Ka1 61. Ka3 Kb1 62. Nf2 Ka1 1/2-1/2

And so after 5 rounds, it looked like this. Only 3 undefeated players remain, Chow, Tennant, and Loncarevic(!). After 5 rounds, first and last place are still only 2 points apart.

- 1st FM Chow 3.5-1.5
- 2nd-4th FM Bereolos, NM Tennant, CM Loncarevic, 3-2
- 5th-6th FM Stamnov, FM Karklins, 2.5-2.5
- 7th-9th NM Burgess, NM McEntee, NM Wallach, 2-3
- 10th NM Karagianis 1.5-3.5

Round 6 was Saturday morning, August 27th, at 10AM. The atmosphere was very tense, and the games showed it. Another undefeated, Loncarevic, goes down. The fighting spirit is in full swing and no quarter given or received. Even the only draw of the round was played to its indecisive conclusion. Again, as so often has been happening in this tournament, there is no respect for streaks, leaders, or trends, or even past histories.

The pairings, and results:

NM McEntee (2) – CM Loncarevic (3)	1 - 0
FM Bereolos (3) – FM Karklins (2.5)	1 - 0
NM Burgess (2) – FM Chow (3.5)	0 - 1
NM Karagianis (1.5) – NM Wallach (2)	0 - 1
FM Stamnov (2.5) – NM Tennant (3)	½ - ½

Tim, perhaps disappointed by the end of his undefeated score last round, takes it out on Robert. The ugly knight sack line rears its ugly head again, only Robert is not up to it. Robert's Cinderella story ends with this game, as he goes down hard and does not recover for the rest of the event. Robert has given us an impressive showing against some of the Midwest's best, regardless of how the last 2 days went. It's clear he is stronger than he was a year before. He'll be back. (*This game is annotated in Road Warrior.*)

The following game is an exciting battle between two of the pre-tournament favorites. Pete's form is better and he wraps the game up with a mating attack. Karklins' event has been thus far up and down, and it is to his credit that even after disappointing results, he simply shows up ready to play the next game. A true professional.

FM Peter Bereolos—FM Andrew Karklins [E20]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 Bb4+ 4. Nc3 c5 5. Nf3 d6 6. Bg2 Nc6 7. O-O e5 8. d5 Ne7 9. Nd2 O-O 10. e4 Nd7 11. a3 Ba5 12. Rb1 a6 13. b4 cxb4 14. axb4 Bb6 15. Nb3 Ba7 16. Ba3 f5 17. exf5 Nxf5 18. Ne4 Nf6 19. c5 Kh8 20. Bb2 Bd7 21. Re1 Qe8 22. Nxd6 Nxd6 23. Bxe5 Nb5 24. Bxf6 Qf7 25. Bd4 Rad8 26. Qd2 Bf5 27. Rbc1 Nxd4 28. Qxd4 Bd7 29. Na5 b6 30. Nc4 bxc5 31. bxc5 Bb5 32. Ne5 Qf6 33. Nf3 Qh6 34. Rc3 Rc8 35. Re7 Qg6 36. h4 Rf7 37. Rxf7 Qxf7 38. Ng5 Qf6 39. Qe4 g6 40. Rf3 Qa1+ 41. Kh2 Bxc5 42. Rf7 1-0

Last year, Steve lost to Aleks in a well played king and pawn ending, after Steve let a nice opening position slip. This game goes differently in that it is Steve who errs in the middle game. But again, the damage is not severe, and Steve outplays Aleks from that point, and even develops winning chances. But at the crucial moment, Steve plays the ending well to achieve a won game, then... doesn't win it, playing quickly and perhaps rashly, and lets Aleks off the hook with a draw.

FM Aleks Stamnov—NM Steve Tennant [B22]

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. d4 e6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Na3 Qd8 7. Bf4 Nc6 8. dxc5 Nd5 9. Bg5 f6 10. Bc1 Bxc5 11. Nc4 O-O 12. Bd3 e5 13. O-O Be6 14. Qc2 h6 15. Bh7+ Kh8 16. Nh4 Nde7 17. Ne3 Qe8 18. Ng6+ Nxc6 19. Bxc6 Bf7 20. Be4 Rb8 21. b4 Bxe3 22. Bxe3 Rc8 23. Bc5 Rg8 24. Bh7 b6 25. Bxc8 Kxc8 26. b5 Na5 27. Bb4 Qxb5 28. Bxa5 Qxa5 29. Rfc1 Qc5 30. h3 Qe7 31. Qe4 Rc4 32. Qa8+ Kh7 33. Qf3 Qc7 34. a3

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Bg6 35. Ra2 Qc5 36. Qe3 Qxe3 37. fxe3 Bd3 38. Rd2 e4 39. Rb2 Ra4 40. Rb3 Kg6 41. Kf2 Kf7 42. Ke1 Ke6 43. Ra1 Rc4 44. a4 Rc5 45. Rba3 Rf5 46. R3a2 Rf1+ 47. Kd2 Rf2+ 48. Kc1 Rf5 49. Rd2 h5 50. Kb2 h4 51. Kb3 Rc5 52. Rc1 g5 53. c4 f5 54. Rc3 Rc7 55. a5 bxa5 56. c5 f4 57. exf4 gxf4 58. c6 a6 59. Rf2 Ke5 60.

Rc5+ Kd4 61. Rc1 Ke3 62. Ra2 f3 63. gxf3 exf3 64. Rc3 f2 65. Rxd3+ Kxd3 66. Rxf2 Rxc6 67. Rf5 Rb6+ 68. Ka4 Rb4+ 69. Ka3 Ke3 70. Rxa5 Rf4 71. Rxa6 Kf2 72. Kb2 Kg3 73. Kc2 Kxh3 74. Kd2 Re4 75. Kd3 Re7 76. Rh6 Kg3 77. Rg6+ Kh2 78. Kd2 h3 79. Rg8 Ra7 80. Ke2 Ra2+ 81. Kf1 Rg2 82. Rh8 Rg4 83. Rf8 Kg3 84. Kg1 1/2-1/2

Jon Burgess faces the leader, Al Chow, and soon seems to have Al on the ropes, both on the board and on the clock. But then Jon mishandles it with an unsound sacrifice in Al's time trouble and Al achieves an easily won position. A disappointing game for Jon, who seemed to once again gain a fantastic position only to throw it away. As for Al, he continues to taunt the clock, even in this game 3 event. Soon this will catch up with him!

NM Jon Burgess—FM Albert Chow [B23]

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bc4 e6 6. O-O Nge7 7. Qe1 O-O 8. d3 d5 9. Bb3 Na5 10. Bd2 b6 11. Rd1 Bb7 12. e5 a6 13. Ne2 Nec6 14. Be3 f6 15. Qg3 fxe5 16. fxe5 Qc7 17. Qh3 Rae8 18. Nf4 Rf5 19. Nxe6 Rxe6 20. Ng5 Qxe5 21. Rxf5 gxf5 22. Qxh7+ Kf8 23. Nxe6+ Qxe6 24. Bg5 c4 25. dxc4 dxc4 26. Ba4 b5 27. b4 bxa4 28. bxa5 Nd4 29. c3 Qe2 30. Be7+ Kf7 0-1

Pete is NOT having the tournament he was hoping for. He appeared to be about to break out of the dark spell of freakish bad play when he runs into Ken "the Man" Wallach, who, as you may now realize, the gods had now deemed untouchable. Pete makes a bad decision to trade rooks and uncharacteristically go into a questionable endgame. Ken makes him pay the price. To Pete's credit, he continues to play each game full tilt despite being out of sorts in an obvious way.

NM Pete Karagianis—NM Kenneth Wallach [A84]

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. Nc3 d5 4. g3 Nf6 5. Bg2 c6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. Qd3 O-O 8. Nf3 Qe8 9. e3 b6 10. a3 Ba6 11. Nd2 Nbd7 12. Qc2 Ne4 13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. Ncxe4 fxe4 15. O-O Rac8 16. Qa4 Bxc4 17. Nxc4 b5 18. Qb4 Qxb4 19. axb4 bxc4 20. Rxa7 Rf7 21. Bh3 Nf8 22. Rfa1 Rb8 23. Ra8 Rfb7 24. Rxb8 Rxb8 25. Ra4 Kf7 26. Kf1 Ke7 27. Ke2 Kd6 28. Kd2 Nd7 29. Bg4 g5 30. Bd1 Nf6 31. Kc3 Rf8 32. Ra6 Nd7 33. Ba4 Nb8 34. Ra8 Nd7 35. Rxf8 Nxf8 36. Bd1 Nd7 37. Kd2 Nf6 38. h3 h5 39. Kc3 h4 40. Kd2 e5 41. gxh4 gxh4 42. Ba4 exd4 43. exd4 Ng4 44. Ke2 Nh2 45. Bd1 Nf3 46. Ke3 Ne1 47. Bg4 Nd3 48. f3 exf3 49. Bxf3 Nxb2 50. Be2 c3 51. Bg4 Kc7 52. Bf5 Kb6 53. Kf4 Kb5 54. Kg5 Kc4 55. Bc2 Kxd4 56. Kxh4 Ke5 57. Kg5 d4 58. h4 d3 59. Bxd3

Nxd3 60. h5 c2 61. h6 c1=Q+ 0-1

The standings after round 6 we starting to stratify, but remember folks, this is the Colias. No string of pansie draws to guarantee your place here. CHESS is still going to be played. No respect!

Round 7, Saturday, August 27th, 5PM. The pairings and results...

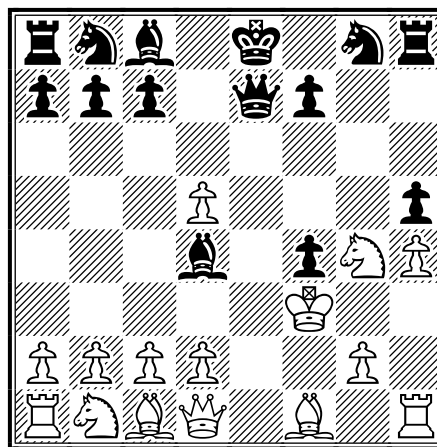
NM Wallach (3) – NM McEntee (3)	1 - 0
CM Loncarevic (3) – FM Bereolos (4)	0 - 1
FM Karklins (2.5) – NM Burgess (2)	1 - 0
FM Stannov (3) – FM Chow (4.5)	1 - 0
NM Tennant (3.5) – NM Karagianis (1.5)	0 - 1

And then there were none. The last two undefeated players fell today. The seeming logic of the crosstable is again thrown on its head, and after 7 rounds first and last place are *still* only 2 points apart! With one day, and two rounds of play, no one has secured a place prize yet and everything is up in the air. No draws this round. Blood was shed every game.

The Cinderella story starts to turn into a monster movie. Robert mishandles the white side of a King's Gambit and Peter is ruthlessly efficient in putting him away. Having stalked the leader since falling out of the first place tie after round 3, Peter is now in solo first with 2 rounds to go!

CM Robert Loncarevic—FM Peter Bereolos [C39]

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 g5 4. h4 g4 5. Ne5 Bg7 6. Nxc4 d5 7. exd5 Qe7+ 8. Kf2 Bd4+ 9. Kf3 h5



10. Bb5+ Kf8 11. Nf2 Bg4+ 12. Nxc4 hxc4+ 13. Kxc4 Nf6+ 14. Kxf4 Qe4+ 15. Kg3 Rg8+ 0-1

Up to this point, Tim has been having a decent tournament, with only a few glitches. But he runs into Ken

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“the Man” Wallach while Ken is still possessed by the spirit of the mythological Caveman Chess Club, the FM Kevin Bachler-based entity of the Lake County region. Tim fights on mightily, but Ken remains untouchable.

NM Ken Wallach—NM Tim McEntee [A45]

1. d4 Nf6 2. f4 d5 3. Nf3 g6 4. e3 Bg4 5. Nbd2 Bg7 6. Bd3 O-O 7. O-O c5 8. c3 Nc6 9. Qe1 Bxf3 10. Rxf3 e6 11. Rh3 c4 12. Bc2 b5 13. e4 dxe4 14. Nxe4 Nxe4 15. Bxe4 Rc8 16. Be3 f5 17. Bf3 Bf6 18. Rd1 Ne7 19. Bf2 Qd7 20. Bh4 Nd5 21. Bxf6 Rxf6 22. Qe5 Rff8 23. Re1 Rce8 24. Rg3 a6 25. h4 Qg7 26. Bxd5 Qxe5 27. Rxe5 exd5 28. Kf2 Rxe5 29. dxe5 a5 30. h5 Kg7 31. Ke3 b4 32. Kd4 bxc3 33. Rxc3 Rb8 34. b3 gxh5 35. Kxd5 cxb3 36. Rxb3 Rf8 37. Ke6 h4 38. Rh3 Kg6 39. Rxh4 Rb8 40. Rh3 Rb6+ 41. Kd5 Rb5+ 42. Kc6 Rb4 43. Re3 Kf7 44. g3 h5 45. Rb3 Rd4 46. Rb7+ Kg6 47. Rd7 Ra4 48. Rd6+ Kg7 49. Rf6 Rxa2 50. Rxf5 Kg6 51. Rg5+ Kf7 52. Rxh5 a4 53. Rh7+ Ke6 54. Rh6+ Ke7 55. f5 Rc2+ 56. Kd5 Rd2+ 57. Ke4 Re2+ 58. Kf4 a3 59. Rh7+ Ke8 60. Ra7 1-0

Andrew Karklins comes out aggressively against Jon Burgess, and Jon replies in kind. But John gets his Knight and b-pawn tangled up and finds himself in a hopeless endgame. Smooth performance by Andrew. Not Jon's best work. Andrew is now back to .500 territory, and Jon... relegated to the cellar after his 2-1 start.

FM Andrew Karklins—NM Jon Burgess [B91]

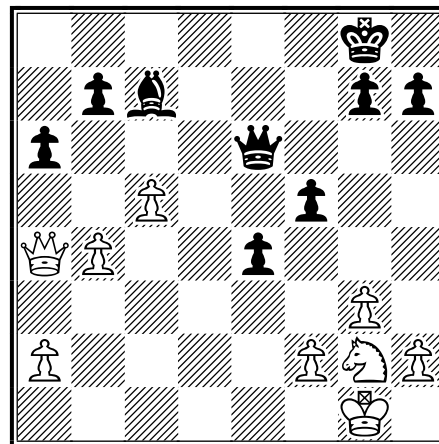
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. g3 b5 7. a4 e5 8. Nf5 Bb7 9. Bg5 b4 10. Nd5 Nbd7 11. Bc4 Qc8 12. Qe2 Nxd5 13. Bxd5 Bxd5 14. exd5 Nb6 15. Qe4 Qc5 16. O-O Qc4 17. Qxc4 Nxc4 18. a5 Rc8 19. b3 Na3 20. c4 g6 21. Nh4 Be7 22. Bd2 Nc2 23. Ra4 Kd7 24. Nf3 Rb8 25. Rc1 Nd4 26. Nxd4 exd4 27. Kf1 Rhe8 28. Ke2 h5 29. Kd3 Bf6 30. c5 Rb5 31. c6+ Kc7 32. Rxb4 Reb8 33. Rcc4 Rxd5 34. Rxb8 Kxb8 35. c7+ Kc8 36. Rc6 1-0

The leader falls! Al once again found himself in time trouble, but unlike some of the previous opponents, who seemed to try and blitz Al off the clock, Aleks simply relaxed, took his time, and played chess. Aleks has been quiet in the event up to this point, seemingly destined for a mediocre result. But with this game, Aleks announces he is no longer playing in a North Avenue Beach state of mind. He is now a threat again. Remember boys and girls, don't let Aleks get into a position with Queens and Rooks and checks on your king. He likes to check you. It's bad. Important safety tip. Thanks, Egon.

FM Aleks Stannov—FM Al Chow [B22]

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Bc4 Nb6 7. Bb3 d6 8. exd6 Qxd6 9. O-O Be6 10. Bxe6 Qxe6 11. Nxd4 Qd7 12. Nxc6 Qxc6 13. b3 e6 14. c4 Be7 15. Bb2 O-O 16. Qg4 f6 17. Nd2 Rad8 18. Rad1 e5 19. Nf3

Rxd1 20. Rxd1 Rd8 21. Re1 Bb4 22. Rc1 Bc5 23. Re1 Bb4 24. Rf1 Bc5 25. Bc3 Rd3 26. Ba5 Qd7 27. Qe4 Rd1 28. Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29. Ne1 Qd4 30. Qc2 Qd7 31. Nd3 Bd4 32. Bxb6 Bxb6 33. c5 Bc7 34. g3 Qd5 35. Ne1 e4 36. b4 a6 37. Qa4 Qe6 38. Ng2 f5



39. b5 axb5 40. Qa8+ Kf7 41. Qxb7 Qe5 42. Ne3 Kf8 43. Qc8+ Kf7 44. Qd7+ Kg6 45. Nd5 Bb8 46. Nf4+ Kh6 47. Qe6+ Kg5 48. h4+ Kg4 49. Qxe5 Bxe5 50. Kg2 1-0 TIME

Last year Pete had white and Steve erred in a middle-game, shedding some pawns. With Pete's poor form this year, this didn't look like it would go well for him, but he outplayed Steve in a Knight ending to score an impressive victory. This ends Steve's undefeated score, and gets Pete out of the cellar for the first time in the event.

NM Steven Tennant—NM Pete Karagianis [D35]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. cxd5 exd5 6. e3 O-O 7. Nf3 c6 8. Bd3 Nbd7 9. O-O Ne4 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. Qc2 f5 12. Rab1 Rf6 13. b4 Rh6 14. b5 g5 15. bxc6 bxc6 16. Rfc1 g4 17. Nd2 Nxd2 18. Qxd2 Qh4 19. h3 Nf6 20. Bf1 gxh3 21. g3 Qg5 22. Qe2 Bd7 23. Qf3 Be8 24. Qf4 Qxf4 25. exf4 Bh5 26. Bxh3 Bf3 27. Bg2 Bxg2 28. Kxg2 Ng4 29. Rh1 Rxh1 30. Rxh1 Rb8 31. Rb1 Rxb1 32. Nxb1 Kf7 33. Nc3 Ke7 34. Nd1 Ke6 35. f3 Nf6 36. Ne3 Ng8 37. g4 Ne7 38. Kf2 Kf6 39. Nf1 Ng6 40. Ke3 Nh4 41. Ng3 Ng2+ 42. Kf2 Nxf4 43. Nxf5 h5 44. Ne3 Ne6 45. Nc2 h4 46. Nb4 Nxd4 47. f4 a5 48. Nd3 Ne6 49. Ke3 c5 50. f5 c4 51. Nc1 Ng5 52. Kf4 Nh3+ 53. Ke3 Ke5 54. Ne2 Ng5 0-1

Going into the final day of play, Sunday, August 28th. All but two players are in serious contention for place prizes. The strength of the event and fatigue, are taking their tolls on some of the players, such as Loncarevic, McEntee, Burgess, and maybe Chow, while others such as Wallach, Stannov, have this second wind. Still, some, do not seem to be affected and just roll

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along. These might include Bereolos, Karklins, Tennant, and Karagianis, who do not seem to have streaks in this event, they just show up and play the next game, and instead of a local effect, they seem to be in a particular form for an entire event. This works both ways, for instance in the case of Bereolos it seems like good form, and for Karagianis, this time it seems less than good form.

There are now no undefeated players, and every player has won at least one game. It was all business and it was deadly serious as round 8 began.

The pairings and results:

NM McEntee (3) – NM Tennant (3.5)	0 – 1
FM Bereolos (5) – NM Wallach (4)	½ - ½
NM Burgess (2) – CM Loncarevic (3)	1 – 0
FM Chow (4.5) – FM Karklins (3.5)	0 – 1
NM Karagianis (2.5) – FM Stannov (4)	0 – 1

Robert is now unrecognizable from the chess monster that dominated the early half of the event. Here he simply goes into the Petroff in a manner that simply seems to lose a pawn for nothing. Is this a line? As it were, it doesn't seem to be anything that a master of Jon's caliber can't handle.

NM Jon Burgess—CM Robert Loncarevic [C42]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 Nxe4 4. Qe2 Qe7 5. Qxe4 d6 6. d4 dxe5 7. Qxe5 Qxe5+ 8. dxe5 Bf5 9. c3 Nd7 10. f4 O-O-O 11. Be3 Bc5 12. Bxc5 Nxc5 13. Nd2 Bc2 14. Nf3 Ne6 15. g3 Be4 16. Kf2 g5 17. Ke3 Bxf3 18. Kxf3 gxf4 19. gxf4 Rhg8 20. Ke3 Nc5 21. Bc4 Rg2 22. b4 Ne6 23. f5 Ng7 24. Bd3 Re8 25. Rag1 Rxa2 26. Rxc7 Rxe5+ 27. Kf4 f6 28. Rd1 Rxh2 29. Rg8+ Kd7 30. Bb5+ Ke7 31. Rd7# 1-0

Surprise! Steve plays aggressively against Tim's opening, perhaps taking a page out of Ken Wallach's notebook from last year's event. Last year the two drew. This year Steve plays imaginatively and is able to take the full point.

NM Tim McEntee—NM Steve Tennant [E70]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O 5. Nge2 c5 6. d5 b5 7. cxb5 d6 8. Ng3 a6 9. bxa6 Qa5 10. Be2 Bxa6 11. O-O Nbd7 12. f4 Ne8 13. e5 dxe5 14. f5 Nd6 15. Bg5 Nf6 16. Qd2 Qb4 17. Bxa6 Rxa6 18. Qe2 Rb6 19. Rab1 Rfb8 20. Qxe5 Nfe4 21. Qxe7 Bd4+ 22. Kh1 Bxc3 23. fxc3 hxc3 24. Bf4 Bf6 25. Qd7 R8b7 26. Qh3 Nxc3+ 27. Bxc3 Nf5 28. Rbe1 Re7 29. d6 Nxc3+ 30. Qxc3 Rxe1 31. Rxe1 Qd4 32. Qh3 Kg7 33. b3 Rxd6 34. Qf3 Qc3 35. Qxc3 Bxc3 36. Rb1 Rd2 37. a4 Kf6 38. g3 Ke6 39. Rc1 Bd4 40. Rf1 Rb2 41. Rf3 f6 42. h4 f5 43. a5 Ra2 0-1

Peter and Ken have played a few times, but this was

many years ago, perhaps in the 1980s! Ken had some concern before this game as to how Peter would respond to the Dutch weapon he has been brandishing. But he felt he was prepared for all possible options and went into it. Peter has been playing solidly and consistently, and does so again here. No need to get crazy against a guy who has just scored 3.5 out of his last 4. The game is drawn.

FM Peter Bereolos—NM Ken Wallach [D10]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 f5 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. Bf4 Nc6 6. Nf3 e6 7. e3 Bd6 8. Bb5 Bxf4 9. exf4 Nge7 10. O-O O-O 11. Bxc6 Nxc6 12. Re1 h6 13. Ne5 Nxe5 14. Rxe5 Bd7 15. Rc1 Qb6 16. Qd2 Rfc8 17. Ree1 Rc4 18. Ne2 Rb4 19. b3 a5 20. Rc5 a4 21. Nc1 axb3 22. axb3 Rc8 23. Rxc8+ Bxc8 24. Qc3 Bd7 25. Rd1 Kh7 26. h3 Be8 27. Rd3 Bh5 28. Qd2 Be8 29. Qc3 Bh5 30. Qd2 Be8 1/2-1/2

If this next game seems familiar, it is because it is kind of a rerun from Al's last game. Again Al got into dreadful time trouble, and again his veteran opponent did not try to blitz him, but instead sat back, took his time, and just played chess. Al flagged. Many thought, including Andrew, that Al was going to be mated in the final position, but it is not so simple, and is in fact quite unclear. Andrew is now in plus territory, and Al is reeling after such an impressive start.

FM Al Chow—FM Andrew Karklins [A33]

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 c5 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. O-O d6 6. d4 cxd4 7. Nxd4 Bd7 8. Nc3 a6 9. b3 Be7 10. Bb2 O-O 11. Rc1 Qb8 12. Qd2 Rc8 13. Rfd1 Ra7 14. Ne4 Nxe4 15. Bxe4 b6 16. Nxc6 Bxc6 17. Bxc6 Rxc6 18. Qd4 Bf8 19. e4 Rac7 20. Qe3 Qc8 21. e5 dxe5 22. Bxe5 Rd7 23. Rxd7 Qxd7 24. Qe2 b5 25. Rd1 Qb7 26. cxb5 axb5 27. a4 bxa4 28. bxa4 Qb3 29. Qg4 Rc4 30. Rd4 Rc1+ 31. Kg2 Qb7+ 32. Kh3 f5 33. Qf4 Rg1 34. f3 Qb1 35. Bd6 Qf1+ 36. Kh4 Rg2 37. Bxf8 Rxh2+ 38. Kg5 Rh6 0-1 TIME

Pete Karagianis has this in common with Aleks Stannov... they both come to the board to play chess, regardless of form, regardless of opponent, and regardless of situation. That's what happens here. Pete wins a pawn early, but Aleks gets piece play and Pete has to lose the exchange. He fights on at length, perhaps inspired by the fact that last year in this event Pete drew easily from an inferior position and later even missed a forced win! Just a month before this game, Pete defeated Aleks soundly to win a swiss open in Springfield. But today belongs to Aleks. Aleks is now looking for gain a prize and Pete is back in the cellar.

NM Pete Karagianis—FM Aleks Stannov

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. Nc4 Qc7 8. g3 e5 9. de5 Ne5 10. Bf4 Nfd7 11. Bg2 f6 12. O-O Nc5 13. e4 Be6 14. Be5

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fe5 15. Qh5+ g6 16. Qe5 Qe5 17. Ne5 O-O-O 18. Nf3 Bg7 19. e5 Bc4 20. Rfe1 Rhe8 21. Rab1 Bb3 22. Re3 Bh6 23. Re2 Kc7 24. Ra1 Bc4 25. R2e1 Nd3 26. Re4 Bg8 27. b4 Bc1 28. Rc1 Nc1 29. Ne1 Nd3 30. f4 Ne1 31. Re1 Rd4 32. b5 Bd5 33. bc6 Bc6 34. Rc1 Kb6 35. Rb1 Kc7 36. Rc1 Kb8 37. Bc6 bc6 38. a5 Rd2 39. Ne4 Ra2 40. Nd6 Re7 41. Rc5 Kc7 42. Nb5+ Kd8 43. Nd6 Kd7 44. Rc3 h5 45. Rc5 Rh7 46. Ne4 Rh8 47. h3 Rb8 48. Rc1 Rbb2 49. a6 Ke7 50. Kf1 Rh2 51. Kg1 Rhe2 52. Nc3 Rg2+ 53. Kf1 Raf2+ 54. Ke1 h4 55. Nd1 hg3 56. Nf2 Rg1+ 57. Ke2 Rc1 58. Nd3 g2 0-1

1st FM Bereolos, 5.5-2.5
 2nd FM Stamnov, 5-3
 3rd-6th FM Chow, NM Wallach, NM Tennant, FM Kar-
 klins, 4.5-3.5
 7th-9th NM McEntee, CM Loncarevic, NM Burgess, 3-5
 10th NM Karagianis, 2.5-5.5

Final Round.

Sunday, August 28th, 2005. 5PM.

Six of the ten players have realistic chances to gain a place prize. Before the start of this round, the real bombshell was dropped... that the previously anonymous sponsor of this Colias (and Ames) events is... Club 2K Co-founder NM Timothy McEntee!!! Tim gave a brief speech, thanking the players, organizers, and all involved in making this what it has become, a truly classic and high quality event. Tim assured us there would be a Colias 3. Tim stated he wanted to remain anonymous thus far because he didn't want his status as sponsor to affect the outcome of his games in the event, but now, he was hoping the now-prestigious event would attract sponsors to assist him in future events. The players showed their gratitude, thanking Tim as a group and some later, individually.

And now, for the climactic final round to this truly competitive event! The final round pairings and results:

NM Karagianis (2.5) – NM McEntee (3)	½ - ½
NM Tennant (4.5) – FM Bereolos (5.5)	½ - ½
NM Wallach (4.5) – NM Burgess (3)	1 - 0
CM Loncarevic (3) – FM Chow (4.5)	0 - 1
FM Karklins (4.5) – FM Stamnov (5)	0 - 1

The first game to finish was the coincidental last round pairing between the two lowans. Both were out of contention, and elected to start the trip home early.

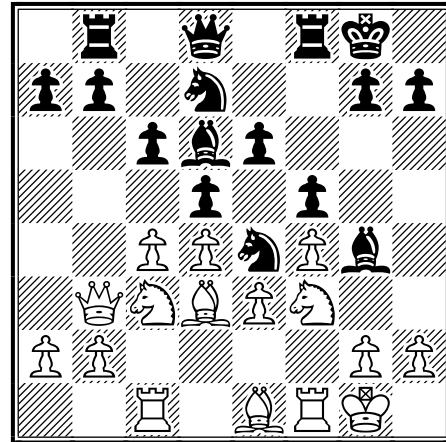
NM Pete Karagianis—NM Tim McEntee [A00]

1. b4 e5 2. b5 a6 3. Bb2 d6 4. a4 axb5 5. axb5 Rxa1 6. Bxa1 Nf6 7. e3 Be7 8. Nf3 O-O 9. Be2 Bg4 10. c4 Nbd7 1/2-1/2

Jon offers an early draw, but Ken is still in caveman mode and wants no part of it. Perhaps out of gas, Jon blunders a pawn for nothing for the second time in this event, and calls it a day. With this win, Ken gains a tie for third place after an 0-2 start.

NM Ken Wallach—NM Jon Burgess

1. d4 d5 2. e3 Nf6 3. f4 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 Nbd7 6. O-O Ne4 7. c4 c6 8. Nc3 Bd6 9. Bd2 O-O 10. Qb3 Rb8 11. Rc1 Bg4 12. Be1 f5 13. Bd3



13...Qf6 14. cd5 ed5 15. Be4 fe4 16. Ne4 1-0
 Most of the previous games between Steve Tennant and Peter Bereolos were played when Peter was a teenager. Now Steve faces him again, and this time he is FM sized. Peter secures at least a tie for first with a solid draw as black.

NM Steve Tennant—FM Peter Bereolos

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nf3 e6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 g5 7. Bg3 Ne4 8. Qc2 Ng3 9. hg3 g4 10. d5 gf3 11. dc6 fe2 12. cd7+ Bd7 13. Be2 Bc6 14. a3 Bf8 15. O-O Bg7 16. Rad1 Qf6 17. Rd3 O-O 18. Bf3 Bf3 19. Rf3 Qg5 20. Rd1 Rad8 21. Rfd3 1/2-1/2

Al, perhaps stung by his last 2 losses, and feeling his tournament hopes are on the ropes, declares his intention to play this last game to the death, win or lose. All the bravado is for naught, as his last round opponent is not mentally in the fight. Robert goes down a pawn, and seems to get some play, but blunders and Al is able to tie him up for the full point. This victory allows Al to tie for 3rd place.

CM Robert Loncarevic—FM Al Chow

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. c3 Nf6 4. e5 Nd5 5. d4 cd 6. Bc4 Nb6 7. Bb3 dc 8. Nc3 d5 9. ed Bd6 10. O-O Nc6 11. Nb5 Bb8 12. Qe2 O-O 13. Rd1 Nd5 14. Ng5 h6 15. Ne4 a6 16. Nbc3 Nc3 17. bc Qh4 18. g3 Qh3 19. Nd6 Bd6 20. Rd6 e5 21. Ba3 Rfe8 22. Qf3 Be6

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23. Rb1 e4 24. Qf4 Bb3 25. Rb3 Ne5 0-1

That just left one game. If Andrew wins, he ties for 2nd. If Aleks draws, he ties for 2nd, or if he wins, ties for 1st. No quarter was asked for or given.

Andrew went down a pawn early but got lots of play for it, and appeared to be winning. Then he failed to follow up and Aleks took over the board. For the last few moves, Andrew was down to minimal seconds and the time delay, and may have flagged.

FM Andrew Karklins—FM Aleks Stamnov

1. e5 e5 2. d4 ed4 3. Qd4 Nc6 4. Qa4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Bd2 O-O 7. O-O-O d6 8. Bb5 Bc3 9. Bc3 Ne4 10. Qe4 Qg5+ 11. Kb1 Qb5 12. Ne2 Qf5 13. Qe3 Bd7 14. Nf4 Rfe8 15. Qg3 Qg4 16. Rd3 Ne5 17. Qg4 Ng4 18. Rg3 Kf8 19. h3 Ne5 20. Nh5 g6 21. Nf6 Red8 22. f4 Nc6 23. Nh7+ Kg8 24. Nf6+ Kf8 25. h4 Bf5 26. Nd5 Ne7 27. Nf6 Nc6 28. h5 d5 29. hg6 fg6 30. Rh8+ Ke7 31. Re3+ Kd6 32. Rd8 Rd8 33. Bd2 Rf8 34. Nh7 Rh8 35. Ng5 Rh1+ 36. Bc1 Nd4 37. Nf7+ Kc5 38. g4 Bg4 39. b4+ Kb6 40. Kb2 Rh2 41. Kc3 Nc2 42. Re5 d4+ 43. Kb3 Ne1 44. Re1 d3 45. Ne5 d2 46. Nc4+ Kc6 47. b5+ Kd7 0-1

2005 Co-champion Peter Bereolos, on the other hand, was fairly consistent, rarely got into trouble, and was almost always among the leaders. Modest and personable, Peter was a complete gentleman and professional on and off the board. This victory must be a satisfying tribute from Peter to his late friend, the tournament namesake, Billy Colias.

Equal third place finisher Albert Chow seemed to thrive in this controversial G/3 time control. His chess was generally solid, and he lead most of the way, but the issue of the clock finally caught up to him when he started facing opponents who just played chess instead of trying to blitz him. Al was in time trouble in 7 of the 9 games, despite the long time control.

Equal third place finisher Ken Wallach started with 0-2, then never lost again. He became a monster and hit his stride, scoring 4 wins and three draws in the final 7 rounds. Ken started playing certain openings he decided he was comfortable with and duked it out game after game with seemingly limitless energy. A fine result.

Plus one. Fifth place finisher Steve Tennant was one of the surprises of this event, as he has not excelled in round robin play for some years now. But he played toe to toe with every player in the event. Steve believes his score should be a half point better because

FM Aleksandar Stamnov	2341	x	1	1	0	½	1	½	1	1	0	6-3	1 st -2 nd
FM Dr. Peter Bereolos	2317	0	x	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	6-3	1 st -2 nd
FM Albert Chow	2222	0	½	x	1	½	0	½	1	1	1	5½-3½	3 rd -4 th
NM Kenneth Wallach	2203	1	½	0	x	½	0	1	1	1	½	5½-3½	3 rd -4 th
NM Dr. Steven Tennant	2217	½	½	½	½	x	1	1	½	0	½	5-4	5 th
FM Andrew Karklins	2295	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	1	0	½	4½-4½	6 th
NM Timothy McEntee	2153	½	½	½	0	0	0	x	½	½	1	3½-5½	7 th
NM Jon Burgess	2254	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	x	1	1	3-6	8 th -10 th
NM Pete Karagianis	2219	0	0	0	0	1	1	½	0	x	½	3-6	8 th -10 th
CM Robert Loncarevic	2000	1	0	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	x	3-6	8 th -10 th

Congratulations to the winners, FM Peter Bereolos of Tennessee, and FM Aleksandar Stamnov of Chicago, with scores of 6-3. This is Aleks' second trip to the winner's circle, having tied for first last year with Pete Karagianis, who, ironically, finished this year tied for last place. For Peter Bereolos, this was a fitting tribute to the memory of his childhood friend and rival, the late FM Billy Colias. NM Kenneth Wallach and FM Albert Chow tied for 3rd-4th.

We are looking forward to next year's event!

2005 Co-champion Aleksandar Stamnov started slowly this year, then gained steam in the second half to tie for first. Aleks played some good chess and some bad chess, but, generally, kept his head on straight and played every game. He took his breaks and gave few back. Aleks did what he does best and just played chess.

of a TD ruling that went against him, but he also gave away a half point in an endgame that was easily won. Steve established himself as a threat in these types of events this year

.500 6th place finisher Andrew Karklins was inconsistent in this event, probably due to the fact that he is recovering from a health issue. Andrew stated he enjoyed the time control, and could not blame it for any of his results, he stated the losses were his own doing. Indeed he had superior positions in several games that got away from him, which is admittedly uncharacteristic. We hope to see Andrew back next year.

7th place was tournament sponsor Tim McEntee. Tim seems to have been playing stronger than in the previous year, but then started sliding toward the end. Although some players thrived in the environment, in this event Tim did not share this energy and seemed to

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weaken near the end. Tim is always a threat and showed it here.

Equal last place was Jon Burgess. Jon seemed ill at home in the time control and the round robin format. He got several great positions and failed to capitalize on them. Jon is one of the young rising stars of area chess and will not be down for long.

Last year's co-champion Pete Karagianis seemed unrecognizable this year for most of the event. He turned in a couple quality games, some hair raising saves, and also declined some draw offers, going on to lose. Pete is a fighter with round robin credentials, and we have no doubt this aberration of a tournament is just that.

The Cinderella story was Robert Loncarevic. Although he finished in equal last, he was among the leaders past the half way point. Robert clearly showed he learned from last year's event and came out this year going mano a mano with players he had previously only read about. Robert collapsed at the end, losing his last 4 games, but this does not take away from the general impression throughout the event that he was an equal to the other players.

Players interested in invitations to the 2006 Colias event can email us at ChessClub2K@aol.com. Generally we look for players in the 2200-2300 range, who have great personalities, interesting chess, and professional behavior. These are the types of players who we believe reflect the spirit of a tournament honoring the late Billy Colias. We will close out this report with some words by the sponsor, NM Timothy McEntee:

The anonymous sponsor speaks:

"I thought it would be a good time to let everyone know how this tournament got started. I had taken around 10 years off from playing in chess tournaments when I moved to Des Moines, Iowa. One of the first chess players I met was Pete Karagianis, an Iowa State student who was showing great promise. At the time he was getting close to making expert rating. We had several discussions on what it would take to become a master. Obviously, the biggest thing was finding competition on a consistent basis. I told him the best way was to hold a round robin event with masters and up and coming players. I was willing to put up the money for such an event, but did not have time or connections to make such an event work.

Pete had several conversations with Len Weber on the topic. Len remembered how Chicago area used to hold such events and he was very interested in starting it again. Several months passed and we had not heard anything. It turns out that Len was unaware that Pete had me lined up as a sponsor and we were really looking for an organizer. Once this was made clear, Len turned to Glenn Panner and we started to identify necessary participants to hold a round robin event.

As we were getting players lined up last year, Glenn and Len were asking me what the name of the event should

be. I really had not thought about that and left it up to them to come up with name. When they suggested to name it after Billy, I was stunned and excited. I remembered playing Billy when I was in Indiana and he was always a pleasure to have at tournaments. He gave Josh Bousum (my travel partner from Kokomo IN) and me someone to look forward to playing in tournaments. Billy was always willing to go over games and offer helpful advice. I was stunned that since Billy had been dead for many years that players in Chicago would remember him and excited since this gave me a way to thank Billy for all the lessons he gave me.

It is always difficult to start new tournaments. You spend the first year explaining the concept and finding players who want to participate in it. The second year is challenging as well, since you are still working out a lot of details. Since I was involved anonymously in the decision making progress, I want to take some time to explain why we ended up with some of the decisions.

Who gets invited? This is probably the topic that gets the most attention and will cause the most controversy. It would be simple to make this based on ratings alone. The problem is then you would lose the sponsorship (in many cases, not just me), which makes this event possible. This event is intended to give players a chance to compete against strong competition and to give up-and-comers a chance to see how they stack against the strong competition. As we have done the first two years, we will consider everyone who is interested in playing in the event and look for the most competitive field. We will also consider out of state players.

6 or 8 or 10 players round robin? My preference is 8 players, but was willing to go up to 10 players this year to test it out and since we had some good players that I wanted to add to the field. Again, this will be determined on interest. For example, if we think we have 16 players willing to play, we would strongly consider two sections of eight. This is where I put the onus on the players to let us know they are interested. Even with emails, it takes a lot of effort to put together such an event. The more interest shown by a player, the more likely they will be invited.

Time control? This is another item that I allow the players to determine. I want the time control to approximate 40/2 SD/1 since this insures that we can get quality games.

I want to thank Len Weber for all his efforts he has put into this event. He is quick to give praise to others, but does most of the work behind the scenes to make this event so successful.

I want to thank Glenn Panner for being a fair and professional director and providing an environment to have such a successful event.

I want to thank Pete Karagianis for all his enthusiasm. If he would not have been successful in finding Len and Glenn, this event would not have happened.

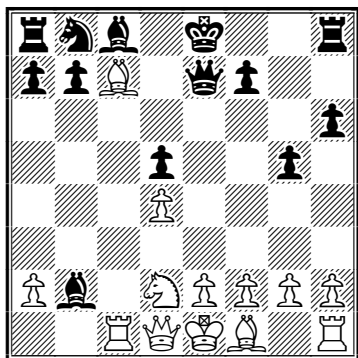
Finally, I want to thank Robert Loncarevic for the financial help that he has provided."

Martinovsky Memorial Games

Ben Finegold (2522) - Nikola Mitkov (2515) [D38]

**Martinovsky Memorial (1),
19.08.05**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Rc1 Bb2 12.Bxc7 Qe7



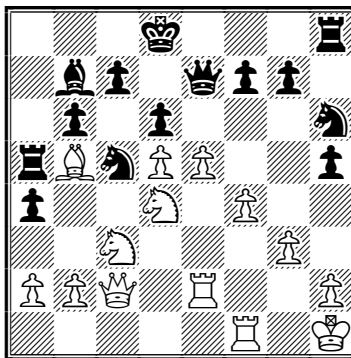
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Vladimir Georgiev (2532) - Stanislav Smetankin (2479) [A00]
**Martinovsky Memorial (1),
19.08.05**

White won by forfeit. 1-0

Yury Shulman (2550) - Angelo Young (2413) [A40]
**Martinovsky Memorial (1),
19.08.05**

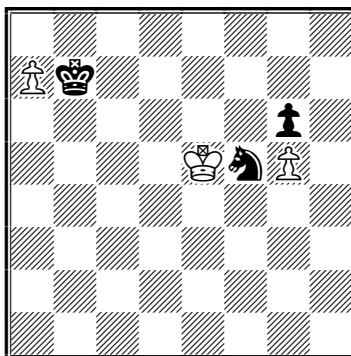
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24...Rxb5 25.Ndxb5 Qd7 26.exd6 cxd6 27.b4 axb3 28.axb3 h4 29.b4 Qh3 30.Rg2 Nf5 31.bxc5 hxg3 32.Nxd6 Ba6 33.Qxf5 1-0

Stanislav Smetankin (2479) - Yury Shulman (2550) [A13]
**Martinovsky Memorial (2),
19.08.05**

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.Be2 d4 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nbd2 e5 11.a3 a5 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bf1 Bc5 14.Ng5 Bg4 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Nge4 Bf8 17.h3 Be6 18.g4 h5 19.g5 Be7 20.Nf3 Nf8 21.Bc1 Ng6 22.Qe2 Qd7 23.Nh2 h4 24.Qf3 Rab8 25.Ng4 b5 26.Bg2 Bxg4 27.hxg4 Nd8 28.Qf5 Ne6 29.Nd2 Bxg5 30.Bd5 Bxd2 31.Bxd2 bxc4 32.Bxc4 Qb7 33.Re4 Ngf4 34.g5 Rbc8 35.Kh2 Rxc4 36.dxc4 Nc5 37.Rxf4 g6 38.Qf6 exf4 39.Re1 Rxe1 40.Bxe1 h3 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Qd5 Qxd5 43.cxd5 Kg7 44.Bxa5 d3 45.Bc3+ Kf8 46.a4 Nxb3 47.a5 d2 48.Bxd2 Nxd2 49.a6 Nc4 50.a7 Nb6 51.Kxh3 Ke7 52.Kg4 Kd6 53.Kxf4 Kxd5 54.Ke3 Na8 55.f4 Nc7 56.Kd3 Na8 57.Ke3 Nb6 58.Kd3 Kc6 59.Ke4 Kb7 60.f5 Nc4 61.fxg6 fxg6 62.Kd5 Ne3+ 63.Ke5 Nf5

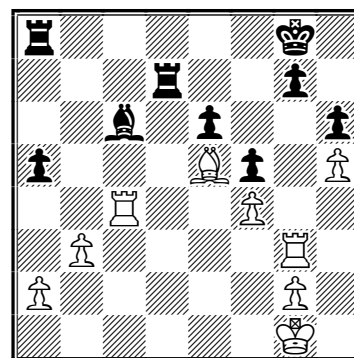


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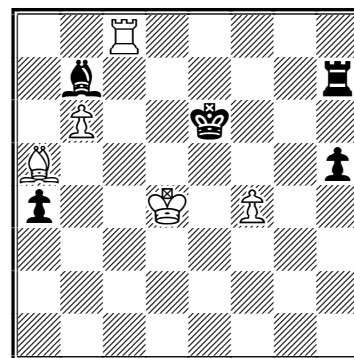
Vladimir Georgiev (2532) - Ben Finegold (2522) [A45]

**Martinovsky Memorial (2),
19.08.05**

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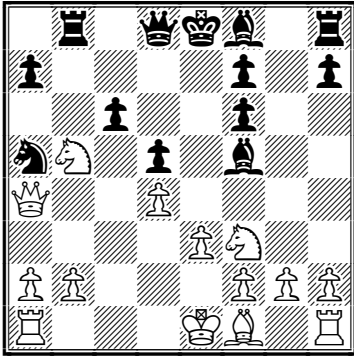
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64.Rc7 Rxc7 65.bxc7 a3 66.f5+ Kxf5 67.Kc3 h4 [67...h4 68.Bb6 h3 69.Bg1 Kg4 70.Bh2=] ½-½

Angelo Young (2413) - Nikola Mitkov (2515) [D06]
Martinovsky Memorial (2),
19.08.05

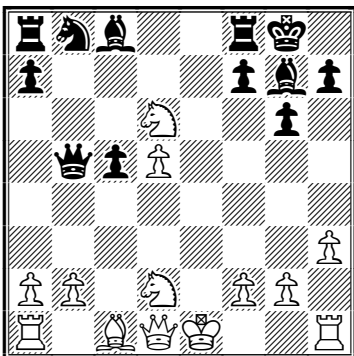
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 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qb3 Nc6 7.Bg5 Na5
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 11.Nxb5 Rb8



12.Nd2 cxb5 13.Bxb5+ Ke7 14.0-0 Qb6
 15.Be2 Qb4 16.Qd1 Bh6 17.Bf3 Be6
 18.b3 Rbc8 19.a3 Qc3 20.b4 Nc4
 21.Nxc4 Qxc4 22.Qa4 Rc7 23.Rfe1 f5
 24.g3 Qc6 25.Qa5 Rhc8 26.Kg2 Qb6
 27.Qa4 Kf6 28.Rab1 Rc2 29.Bd1 R2c3
 30.Be2 Bg5 31.Qd1 Qd6 32.Bf1 h6
 33.Qh5 Kg7 34.Red1 Qd8 35.h4 Qf6
 36.Qe2 Qg6 37.Kg1 f4 38.exf4 Bxf4
 39.Kh2 Bd6 40.b5 Qg4 41.Rd3 Rxd3 0-1

Ben Finegold (2522) - Stanislav Smetankin (2479) [A70]
Martinovsky Memorial (4),
20.08.05

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Nf3
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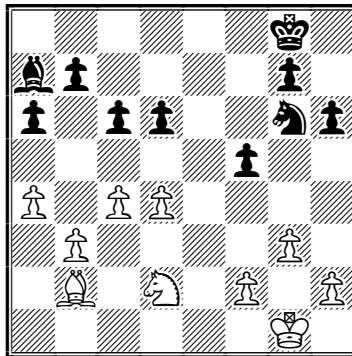


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axb6 19.Bg5 Ra7 20.a4 Rd7 21.Nb5
 Bb7 22.Nc3 Bxc3 23.Kxc3 Rxd5
 24.Rxd5 Bxd5 25.g3 Be6 26.h4 Ra8
 27.b3 Kg7 28.Be3 Ra6 29.Rd1 c4
 30.b4 Rxa4 31.Bxb6 Ra3+ 32.Kd4
 Rb3 33.Kc5 c3 34.Rc1 Kf6 35.Ba5
 Ke7 36.b5 Bd7 37.Bb4 Kd8 38.b6 Kc8
 39.Bxc3 Rb5+ 40.Kd6 Rxb6+ 41.Ke7
 Rc6 42.Kxf7 h5 43.Kg7 Bf5 44.Kh6
 Rc4 45.Kg5 Kb7 46.f3 Kc6 47.Kf6
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Stanislav Smetankin (2479) - Nikola Mitkov (2515) [A25]
Martinovsky Memorial (5),
21.08.05

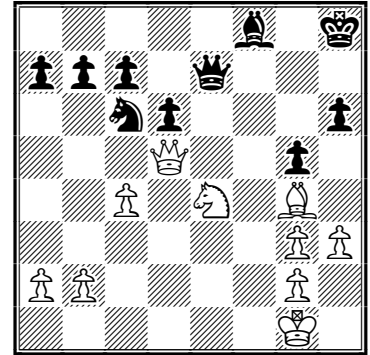
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 11.b3 Rb8 12.a4 Bf5 13.Bb2 Qd7
 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Qd2 h6 16.Re3 Bh3
 17.Bxh3 Qxh3 18.Rae1 Qd7 19.Qd3
 Ng6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Rxe8+
 Qxe8 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Nxe4 f5
 24.Nd2 c6



25.d5 cxd5 26.cxd5 Bc5 27.g4 ffg4
 28.Ne4 Nf4 29.Nxc5 dxc5 30.d6 Kf7
 31.Be5 g5 32.a5 Ke6 33.Bg7 h5
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Yury Shulman (2550) - Ben Finegold (2522) [E92]
Martinovsky Memorial (3),
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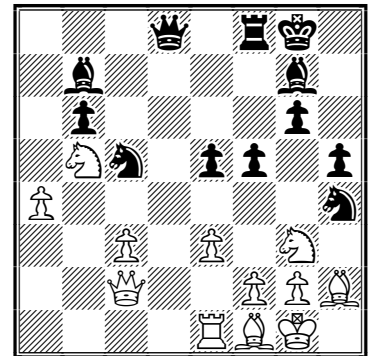
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 11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5
 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Nxf5 Nxf5 16.Bg4
 Nxc3 17.Qd5+ Kh8 18.fgg3 Qe7
 19.Rae1 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Rf8
 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Ne4 h6



23.Bc8 Bg7 24.Bxb7 Nd4 25.b4 Qf8
 26.Kh2 Be5 27.c5 ½-½

Angelo Young (2413) - Ben Finegold (2522) [A48]
Martinovsky Memorial (8),
22.08.05

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0
 5.Be2 d6 6.h3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.a4
 a5 9.Na3 Nbd7 10.c3 Ne4 11.Qc2
 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Bh2 Ng5
 14.Nd2 Qe7 15.Rad1 Nc5 16.Rfe1
 Rad8 17.Bf1 h5 18.h4 Nge4 19.Nf3
 Nd6 20.Ng5 Nf5 21.Rxd8 Qxd8
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 25.Ng3 Nc5 26.axb6 cxb6 27.Nb5



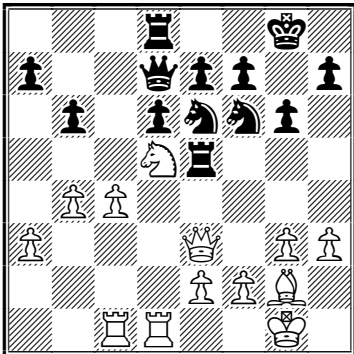
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 30.Qd2 Qg4 31.Nd6 ffg3 32.fgg3
 Nf5 33.Be2 Qxa4 34.Bb5 Qa8
 35.Bc4+ Kh7 36.Nf7 Ne4 0-1

Stanislav Smetankin (2479) - Ben Finegold (2550) [A30]
Martinovsky Memorial (9),
23.08.05

1.c4 b6 2.Nf3 Bb7 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 g6
 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4
 8.Qxd4 0-0 9.Qh4 d6 10.Bh6 Nbd7
 11.Rac1 Rc8 12.b3 Rc5 13.Bxg7

Martinovsky Memorial Games

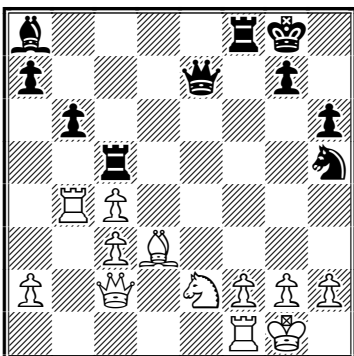
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16.Qe3 Nc5 17.h3 Ne6 18.b4 Rf5
19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.Bxb7 Ne6 21.Bg2
Qd7 22.Nd5 Rd8 23.a3 Re5



24.Qxe5 dxe5 25.Nxf6+ exf6
26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.e3 Rd3 28.Ra1
Kf8 29.Kf1 Rd2 30.Ke1 Rc2 31.Bd5
Ng5 32.h4 Nh3 33.f4 Nf2 34.fxe5
fxe5 35.Bf3 e4 36.Be2 Nd3+ 37.Kd1
Rb2 38.Bxd3 exd3 39.c5 bxc5
40.bxc5 Ke7 41.a4 Re2 42.Ra3
Rxe3 43.Kd2 Rxg3 44.Rc3 Kd7
45.a5 Kc6 0-1

**Ben Finegold (2522) - Vladimir
Georgiev (2532) [E32]
Martinovsky Memorial (10),
23.08.05**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2
0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.e3 c5
8.Bd3 Qa5 9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4
Bxc3 11.bxc3 b6 12.Rab1 Bb7
13.Rb5 Qa6 14.d5 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6
16.Nd4 Rac8 17.Rb4 Ba8 18.Nb5
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21.Nxd6 Qe6 22.Nf5 Nh5 23.Nd4
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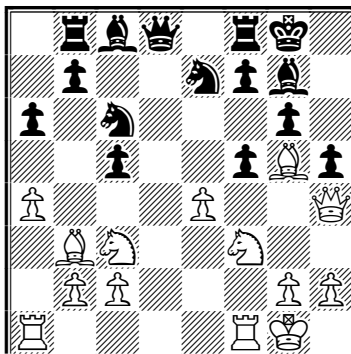


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Nd3 30.Rb5 Rf7 31.Re2 Ba4 32.Rd5

Nc5 33.Rd8+ Rf8 34.Rd6 Kf7 35.f3
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Be6 42.Rd6 Bd7 43.Re3 Rc5
44.Rd4 Ra5 45.Red3 Be6 46.Rd8
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Bd7 53.Rd4 Ra3 54.f5 gxf5 55.gxf5
Rxc3+ 56.Kh4 Ra3 57.g4 Ra1
58.Kh5 Kf6 59.Kh4 h5 60.Rd6+ Ke7
61.Rd4 hxg4 62.Kxg4 a5 63.Rf4 Kf6
64.Kg3 a4 65.Rb4 Ra3+ 66.Kh4
Rb3 67.Rd4 Bxf5 68.Kh5 Rh3+
69.Rh4 Rxh4+ 70.Kxh4 Bd7 71.Ra7
Ke5 72.Kg3 Kd4 73.Kf2 Kc3 74.Ke1
Kb2 0-1

**Nikola Mitkov (2515) - Vladimir
Georgiev (2532) [B23]
Martinovsky Memorial (3),
20.08.05**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3
Bg7 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Qe1 0-0
8.d3 d5 9.Bb3 Rb8 10.a4 a6 11.f5
dxe4 12.dxe4 exf5 13.Qh4 h5
14.Bg5

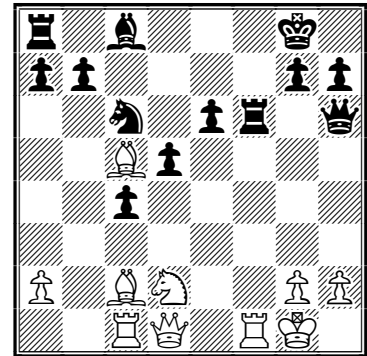


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17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Na5 19.Bd3
Bd7 20.Qe1 b6 21.Qe7 Rb7
22.Rab1 Qa2 23.Bxa6 Ra7 24.Qd6
Rxa6 25.Qxd7 Nc4 26.d6 Qxa4
27.Qxa4 Rxa4 28.Be7 Ra7 29.Rfd1
Rd7 30.Bxf8 Bxf8 31.Rd4 Nxd6
32.Rxb6 Ra7 33.Rbx6 Bxd6
34.Rxd6 Ra1+ 35.Ng1 Rc1 36.Rd2
h4 37.h3 1-0

**Nikola Mitkov (2515) - Yury Shul-
man (2550) [D02]
Martinovsky Memorial (4),
20.08.05**

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6
5.c3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0
8.Bd3 Re8 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7
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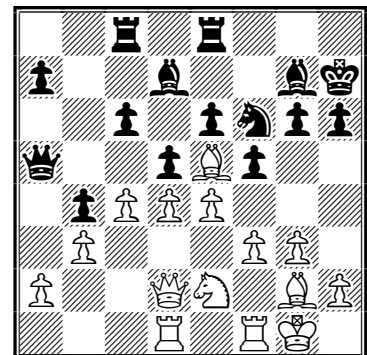
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17.e4 Qxc3 18.e5 Qd4+ 19.Bf2 Qxf4
20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Bc5 Qh6



22.Nxc4 dxc4 23.Qd6 Bd7 24.Qxd7
Qg5 25.Rxf6 Qxc5+ 26.Kh1 gxf6
27.Qxh7+ Kf8 28.Qh8+ Ke7
29.Qxa8 1-0

**Ben Finegold (2522) - Angelo
Young (2413) [A41]
Martinovsky Memorial (5),
20.08.05**

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 f5 4.g3 Nf6
5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2
e6 9.Nc3 h6 10.Qc2 d5 11.Rad1
Nbd7 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Ne5 Kh7
14.Nf7 Qa5 15.Bd6 Kg8 16.Ne5
Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bd7 18.f3 b5 19.e4
Rac8 20.Qd2 b4 21.Ne2 Kh7



22.a3 dxc4 23.axb4 Qb5 24.bxc4
Qxc4 25.Ra1 Ra8 26.Ra5 fxe4
27.fxe4 Rf8 28.Bd6 Rfc8 29.e5 Nd5
30.Be4 c5 31.Bxc5 Bb5 32.Bxg6+
Kh8 33.Rf2 a6 34.Ra3 Nc7 35.Be4
Rab8 36.Rc3 1-0

The 2005 Illinois Open Championships

By Sevan A. Muradian

The 2005 Illinois Open Championships was held once again over Labor Day weekend at the Sheraton Northwest in Arlington Heights. This year we saw effects of many events, some our own doing, and others outside of our control.

The event this year attracted only 140 players, which is low in comparison to previous years that were at or above the 200-player mark. Some of the contributing factors for the lower-than-expected turnout included the abnormally high gas prices, the psychological toll the hurricane disasters took on everyone, and the format of the event as one Open section.

This year's format was an experiment: the one Open section was a deviation from our previous years, where an Open and Reserve section were available, and also I removed the Friday night round and made it run for 3 days only with no accelerated schedules. From an organizer's perspective, the Friday night round adds significant cost to the event and the logistics for accelerated schedules also increases the costs and drives the TDs insane. To compensate I offered a \$10,000 guaranteed prize fund as an incentive for more players to come play. The net result was not what I was looking for, but I was still pleased with the turnout.

In addition to the main event, Tim Just and Wayne Clark hosted a side event each day, Cajun Chess came to us as our book seller, and Women's US Champion WGM Rusa Goletiani was onsite doing games analysis and holding a simul (9-3-0 was her score).

We saw this year a showing of numerous strong players: all 4 of our local GMs (Gurevich, Shulman, Mitkov, and Georgiev), 2 IMs (Young and Smetankin), and 4 FMs (Chow, Tate, Stamnov, and Karklins).

The championship ended up as a three-way tie between GM Shulman, GM Georgiev, and defending champion IM Young (5½ - ½). IM Young was in a must win situation against a dangerous opponent in IM Stan Smetankin and was able to capitalize on minor inaccuracies and hold on for the win. GMs Shulman and Georgiev, knowing that they had the championship locked up, agreed to an early draw.

Two interesting games in my opinion were the Round One game between GM Yury Shulman and our local scholastic player Michael Auger, annotated by Shulman for Brad Rosen's article elsewhere in this issue, and the Round Four game between Tennessee Master Jake Kleiman and our local GM Dmitry Gurevich. Jake won by taking advantage of an unfortunate opening experiment (Dmitry's words) and played an excellent game throughout.

The hotel site chosen this year was the Sheraton Northwest Hotel in Arlington Heights. Previous chess events, including several Illinois Opens, have been held here, so the familiarity was welcome. However the lighting in the main playing space was inadequate this year; the hotel will be looking into additional floor standing lighting units to help illuminate the playing room. In the fourth quarter of 2006, the hotel will be making a spectacular addition, a huge indoor water park. While this will not be available for the 2006 Open, it will be there for future Opens if the ICA and the organizers choose to have it there.

Next year's Illinois Open will revert back to the traditional two-section event with an Open and Reserve (U1800) section. The prize fund will be a minimum of \$10,000 guaranteed. The time control will again be 40/2 SD/1 with a five-second delay. While it is unlikely that we will again run a full slate of side events, I will bring in again a non-local player to do games analysis and potentially simuls for us.

I do want to take the time to apologize to the winners of various prizes of the lateness in receiving your prizes. Between a postal mishap and my being out of town for some period of time, those prizes not awarded at the tournament arrived about six weeks late.

In short this event was an interesting one, with positive and some not-so-positive aspects. Each event is a learning experience for myself and others and allows us to continually improve. I hope to see you all in the 2006 Illinois Open, and before that, during the 2006 Illinois Amateur Championships and the 2nd Annual Illinois Classic (dates and event info will be posted on the ICA website and in the January/February issue of the ICB).

Thank You!

Sevan A. Muradian

Illinois Open Championship Prize Winners

Overall

GM Yury Shulman \$1000 (Tied 1-3)
GM Vladimir Georgiev \$1000 (Tied 1-3)
IM Angelo Young \$1000 (Tied 1-3)

Master

FM Emory Tate Jr \$300 (Tied 1-4)
FM Alex Stamnov \$300 (Tied 1-4)
Andrew Karklins \$300 (Tied 1-4)
FM Igor Tsyganov \$300 (Tied 1-4)
Jake Kleiman \$300 (Tied 1-4)

Expert

Bill Brock \$450 (Tied 1-2)
Michael Amori \$450 (Tied 1-2)
Fred Allsbrook \$41.67 (Tied 3-4)
Jason Duncan \$41.67 (Tied 3-4)
Geoffrey Caveney \$41.67 (Tied 3-4)
Steven Craig Miller \$41.67 (Tied 3-4)
Erik Karklins \$41.67 (Tied 3-4)

Class A

Kayin Barclay \$450 (Tied 1-2)
Michael Troendle \$450 (Tied 1-2)
Ethelbert Gazmen \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)
Douglas Middleton \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)
Mark Robledo Jr \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)
Vinay Doma \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)
Jordan McDonald \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)
Yakov Lazebnik \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)
Jose Rodriguez \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)
Howard Cohen \$31.25 (Tied 3-4)

Class B

Ben Rothschild \$500 (Clear 1st)
Joshua Dubin \$83.33 (Tied 2-4)
William Blackman \$83.33 (Tied 2-4)
Byron Chen \$83.33 (Tied 2-4)
Dan McNally \$83.33 (Tied 2-4)
Andrew Groeger \$83.33 (Tied 2-4)
Sam Schmakel \$83.33 (Tied 2-4)

Class C

Vladimir Djordjevic \$500 (Clear 1st)
Der-Long Lin \$200 (Tied 2-3)
Yiming Wang \$200 (Tied 2-3)
Mark Parnaby \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Mario Bartocci \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Leo Krish \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Justin Feng \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Nicola Dos Santos \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Jimmy Yu \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Dylan Quercia \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Josephy Liu \$11.11 (Tied 4)
Kamil Kapica \$11.11 (Tied 4)

Class D

Gregory Peterson \$300 (Tied 1-2)
Rasesh Patel \$300 (Tied 1-2)
Gavin McClanahan \$40 (Tied 3-4)
John Broderick \$40 (Tied 3-4)
Michael Jacus \$40 (Tied 3-4)
Sameer Datla \$40 (Tied 3-4)
Amrit Kashyap \$40 (Tied 3-4)

Class E

Michael McNally \$200 (Clear 1st)
Atchut Paturi \$100 (Clear 2nd)

Unrated

Christoph Karotki (4-book Kasparov Set)

Biggest Upset

Yiming Wang \$150

Best Game

Jake Kleiman \$150

The Chigorin Defense

NM Jon L. Burgess

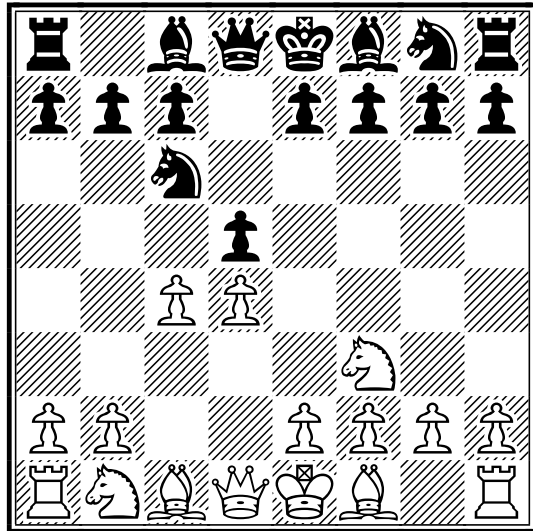


Diagram 1

- *The initial position for the Chigorin Defense. ECO - D07*
- *The idea of the Chigorin Defense is to encourage White to overextend his position in the center of the board*
- *The Black Knight and the Black Queen exert pressure on the d4 pawn.*

The first game played that I can find was an 1894 correspondence game by Schiffers, but because Chigorin had the opening named after him, I have selected a game he played against Pillsbury in 1896. Black dominated the game and efficiently demolished White's center.

Pillsbury - Chigorin

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 (Diagram 1) 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.cxd5 Bxf3

Or 4...Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qd8 6.e3: this position is good for White because he has two Knights out and also has control of the center, whereas Black has moved his Queen twice already.

5.dxc6 Bxc6

The Black Bishop is very dominant—it stops White from playing e4.

6.Nc3 e6 7.e4 Bb4

A pin on the White Knight.

8.f3

Not 8.Bc4 Bxe4, taking a advantage of the pinned White Knight. The White Knight cannot take the Black Bishop because the White King would then be in check.

8...f5 9.e5

Now Black has control of the vital d5 Square from which he will install a Knight.

9...Ne7 10.a3 Ba5 11.Bc4 Bd5

Or 11...Nd5 12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Be3 0-0-0; I cannot see anything wrong with this variation, as Black is winning the d4 pawn.

12.Qa4+ c6 13.Bd3

The threat by Black was b7-b5 forking the Queen and Bishop. [13.0-0 b5!]

13...Qb6 14.Bc2

Opening Statistics 1894-2004

Number of Games – 7,432
White Wins – 3,719
Draws – 1,746

Anyone see why White can't play b2-b4 trapping the Black Bishop on a5? 14.b4 Qxd4 15.Qxa5 Qxc3+ 16.Bd2 Qxa1+!! This line is great for Black. White has won only the Black Bishop whereas

White has won the White pawn, Knight and Rook.

14...Qa6 15.Bd1 Bc4 16.f4 0-0-0

Notice with each Black move he improves his position, whereas White has difficulty maneuvering and coordinating his pieces and can't castle at the moment!

17.Be3 Nd5

The Black Knight goes to d5 attacking the Bishop on e3 and the Knight on c3 (Diagram 2).

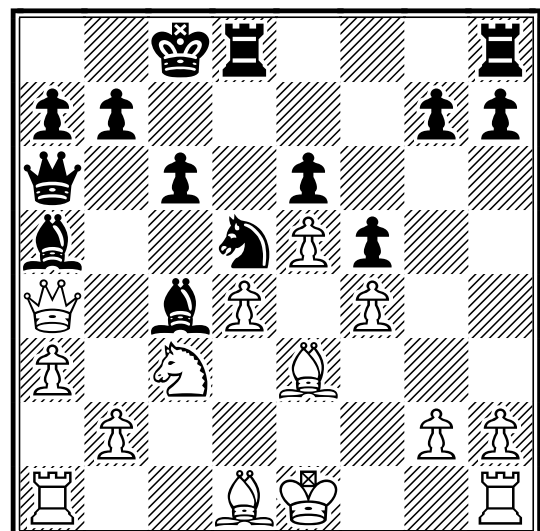


Diagram 2

The Chigorin Defense

- *The Black Knight executes a double attack from the d5 outpost on the White Bishop and Knight.*
- *The White King cannot castle.*
- *White has a weak center.*
- *Black plans to continue pressuring the White center. He can do this by doubling Rooks on the d-file or moving his Knight to b6 attacking the White Queen.*
- *If Bc1 or Bd2 then ...Nb6!, attacking the White Queen and winning the pawn on d4 because the next move Black will play is ...Rxd4!*
- *Notice that if White plays Bf2 then Black can play ...Nxf4 winning a pawn.*

18.Bd2 Nb6 19.Qc2 Rxd4

Finally the White position starts to crumble: Black has won a pawn and has a dominating position in the middle of the board!

20.Rc1 Bd3 21.Qb3 Nc4!!

This move is incredibly strong by Black.

22.Kf2

If 22.Bf3 Nxd2 23.Kxd2 Bc4+!!

22...Nxd2 23.Qxe6+ Kb8 24.Bf3 Qb6 25.Kg3

On 25.Rhe1, Black punishes White with a discovered check 25...Rd6+!!

25...Nxf3 26.gxf3 Bc4 27.Qxf5 Bxc3 28.bxc3 Rd2!

Another strong move now Black threatens Qf2+!

29.Qh3 g6 30.Kh4 h6

These quiet moves by Black are setting up a devastating combination.

31.Qg4 Qf2+ 32.Qg3 g5+ 33.Kg4

33.fxg5 hxg5+ 34.Kxg5 Rg8+! 35.Kf4 Rxc3.

33...h5+ 34.Kf5 Bd3+ 35.Ke6 Qb6

The White King is now cut off from returning home. The Black Queen is getting ready to help checkmate Black.

36.Qxg5 c5+ 37.Kf7 Bc4+ 38.Kg7 Rg8+ ! (Diagram 3, top of next column) 0-1

- *A beautiful end to the game. The White King is in check and once he moves, he will lose his Queen!*

Chigorin playing the Chigorin 1895-1905

Number of Games - 29
 White Wins - 14
 Draws - 22
 Black Wins - 11

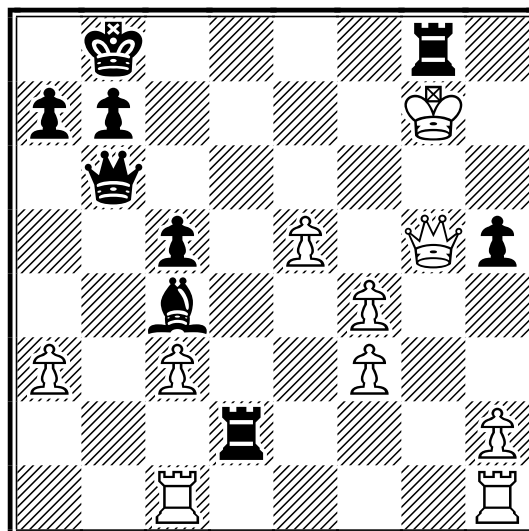


Diagram 3

The Chigorin In Modern Play

Loek Van Wely [2655] - Alexander Morozevich [2707]
 Amsterdam 1995

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 dxc4

The game is already different from Chigorin's game. Black takes on c4 and creates the threat of taking White's pawn on d4.

4.Nf3 Nf6 (Diagram 4)

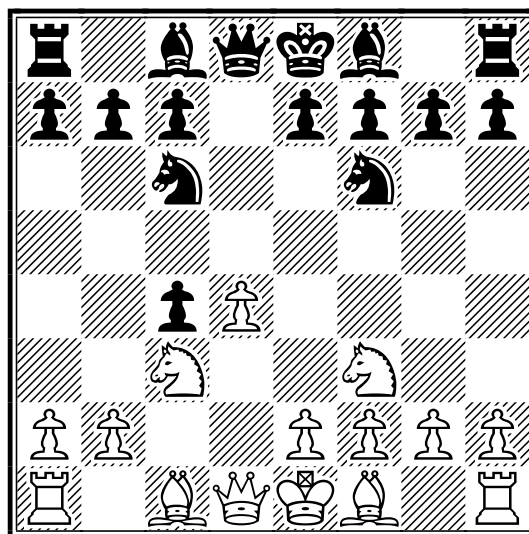


Diagram 4

- *Black has won White's c-pawn*
- *Black has two pieces attacking White's d-pawn*
- *White is getting ready to expand his center with e4*

5.e4 Bg4

Black has three pieces developed to White's two, plus Black has a pin on the White Knight. But White controls the center and Black must find a way to soften the center up

6.Be3 e6 7.Bxc4

White recaptures his pawn and develops the Bishop at the same time)

7...Bb4 (Diagram 5)

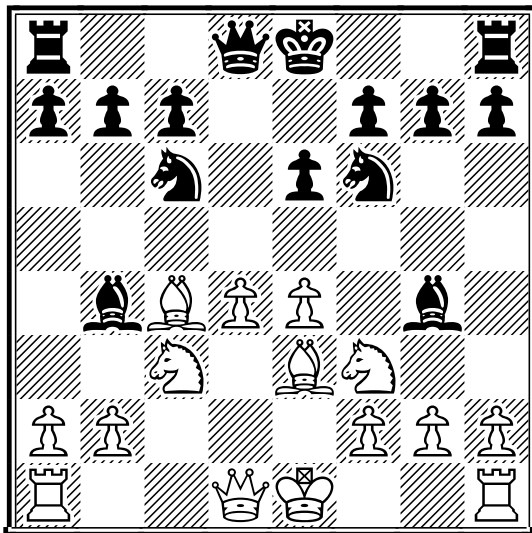


Diagram 5

- *Black pins the White Knight to the White King and threatens Nxe4 winning a pawn*
- *Both sides are ready to castle and get their Kings safe*
- *If White castles now then Black can play Bxc3 and then Nxe4 winning the pawn*
- *Tactical alerts:*
 - *Black Bishop pins White Knight on f3*
 - *Black Bishop pins White Knight on c3*

8.Qc2 0-0 9.Rd1 Ne7

This move was needed since White was threatening to play d5!, blasting the center open with the Black Queen still on d8!

10.Be2

10.d5 exd5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nxd5 13.Rxd5 Qxd5 See how Black has exploited the pinned White Knight preventing White from playing Nd5, winning the Black Queen.

10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 c5 12.0-0 Qc7

This threatens a pin if White does not respond correctly.

13.Qb1 b6 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Bg6

Another pin by Black attacking the e4 pawn twice (with Knight and Bishop) and it is only defended once by the White Queen. Plus White has overextended himself on the Kingside with h3 and g4 exposing the White King

16.Bd3 Rfd8 17.Ne5 Qb7 18.f3 18...cxd4 19.cxd4 Rac8 20.Rc1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Qb5 Qd6

Did you spot the hole on g3 where Black could give a powerful check with his Queen if White misses it?

24.Kg2 (Diagram 6)

24.Rc2 Qg3+ 25.Rg2 Qxf3 This variation is winning for Black. He has won the White pawn on f3 and will win either the h3 or e4 pawn next move.

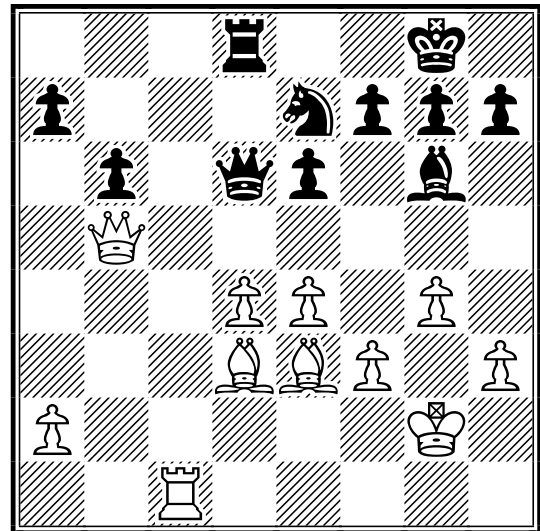


Diagram 6

- *White has two Bishops*
- *White controls the c-file*
- *White has an active Queen*
- *Black has a strong Queen but a bad Bishop, Knight and Rook*

24...h6 25.h4 f5

This is a strong move by Black. Black hopes White will create a hole on d5 by playing exf5 where Black will be able to position his Knight or Queen.

26.gxf5 exf5 27.Qc4+ Kh7 28.d5 Re8 29.Re1 (Diagram 7)

If 29.a4 Nxd5 30.Qxd5 Qxd5 31.exd5 Rxe3 Black wins a pawn and has a strong position. This was all created by the pin ...Re8 created on the White Bishop on e3

The Chigorin Defense

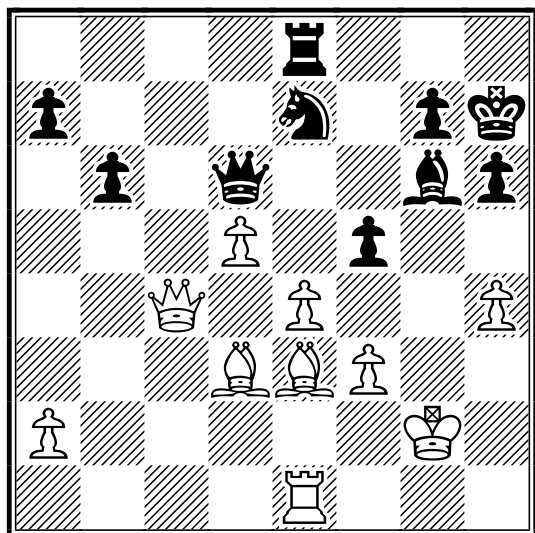


Diagram 7

- *Black is attacking the White center*
- *Black is preparing ...fxe4 undermining the White center*
- *White's pieces are not coordinated*
- *In Diagram 6 White looked better, but now Black does*

29...fxe4 30.fxe4 Qd7 31.Kg3 h5

White threatens Qg4+ and Qh4.

32.Kf2 Qh3 33.Ke2 Nf5

A strong move

34.Kd2

34.exf5 Qxe3+ 35.Kd1 Qxe1+ 36.Kc2 Bf7 Black ends up a Rook ahead and easily winning. 33...Nf5 was a cunning move!

34...Nd6 35.Qc6 Nxe4+ 36.Bxe4 Rxe4 37.d6 Qg2+ (Diagram 8, top of next column)

- *The White king is under attack*
- *White's pieces are defenders but Black's are attacking*
- *White has a passed d-pawn*
- *If Black checks White with his Rook then he will have a discovered attack on White's Queen*

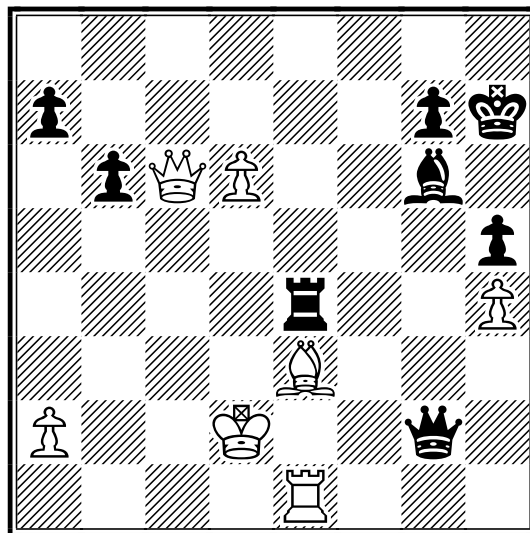


Diagram 8

38.Kc1

38.Re2?? Rd4+ A discovered check! 39.Bxd4 Qxc6 Black would be a Queen for Rook ahead with an easily won game!

38...Qxa2 39.Kd1 Rc4 0-1

...Qc2 mate is threatened and the only way to stop it is to give up the White Queen. A beautiful game by Black.

The Chigorin Defense has improved over the years, as the above games show. Black has found that by taking the White pawn on c4 early, he can then start to pressure the White center quickly.

Notice that Chigorin outplayed his opponent by taking control of the important squares in the center of the board. Morozovich relied more on pins and tactics to wear his strong opponent down. Both games show that the Chigorin Defense is very playable, but know that if you play it you should pressure the White center by means of pins and tactics.

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All game information and statistics extracted from the 2004 edition of Chessbase's MegaDatabase CD.

Tour Standings

The following tournaments are included in these Tour Standings: Tax Relief Open, 1st Annual Illinois Classic April 23-24, Des Plaines Open April 30, Rockford Second Saturday Open May 14, Chicago Open May 27-30, Springfield Summer Open June 11, Peoria June Tornado June 25, Forest City Open July 31, Land of Lincoln Open August 15, Illinois Open September 4-6 Illinois Open Side G20, Bradley Summer Open September 10, Rockford Second Saturday Open September 10, Bradley October Open, Midwest Class Championship.

Please note that only ICA members are eligible for Tour Prizes and Tour Points. Complete membership data was not available at the time these calculations were made. Any points calculated for players who were not ICA members at the time of the tournament will not be included when Prizes are awarded.

Questions may be directed to Tour Statistician Vince Hart, VinnyJH@hotmail.com.

MASTER TOUR POINTS:

60.0	KARAGIANIS,PETE D
45.5	YOUNG,ANGELO
39.0	MITKOV,NIKOLA
38.0	GEORGIEV,VLADIMIR
36.0	STAMNOV,ALEKSANDA
29.0	SHULMAN,YURY (2)
25.0	KARKLINS,ANDREW
23.0	TSYGANOV,IGOR M (2)
22.5	SZPISJAK,STEVEN J
21.0	BURGESS,JON L

EXPERT TOUR POINTS:

42.0	KARAGIANIS,PETE D
28.0	NIENART,CHRISTOPH
27.5	CHIEN,JASON W
24.5	ALLSBROOK,FRED S
22.0	KARKLINS,ERIK
22.0	PEKOVIC,JUSUF
22.0	ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE
20.0	FLAGA,KRZYSZTOF
19.0	LONG,DAVID
19.0	MARKOVIC,ARANDEL (2)

CLASS A TOUR POINTS:

45.0	MEEROVICH,ILAN
32.0	LONG,DAVID

32.0	MALONEY,MICHAEL A
27.5	CHIEN,JASON W
27.0	KASIURAK,ZACH
26.5	CAVITT,DEXTER
24.0	RUAN,GORDON J
23.0	BUKY,JOHN P
22.5	BOURGERIE,DENNIS
22.0	ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE

CLASS B TOUR POINTS:

45.5	MAGNESS,TREVOR S
40.0	CEN,KENT Y
31.0	KANNIAH,SURESH
30.0	CHEN,BYRON H
29.0	DUBIN,JOSHUA
28.0	CHANG,ALEX(1)
27.5	CHIEN,JASON W
27.0	MEDURI,AAKAASH
26.5	MC NALLY,DANIEL M
26.0	GANNON,DAN I (2)

CLASS C TOUR POINTS:

28.0	DOS SANTOS,NICOLA
25.0	BARBIAN,MATTHEW R (2)
25.0	SEJKO,TEME (2)
24.0	DJORDJEVIC,VLADIM
21.0	DIXON,JEFF S (2)
20.5	KIRSCH,LEO E
20.5	KOSTERIS,DIMITRIO
20.0	HASS,MATTHEW Y (2)
20.0	MC CLANAHAN,GAVIN
20.0	RANGE,JOHNNY (1)
20.0	SUMMERS,TODD M

CLASS D TOUR POINTS:

29.0	MCNALLY,MICHAEL N
27.0	GASUNAS,ANTHONY C
22.0	CHARLESTON,NEAL J
21.5	MEDINA,JAMES M
21.0	DATLA,SAMEER S V
21.0	MEDINA,STEVEN A
21.0	MUSIC,ADEM
20.0	MC CLANAHAN,GAVIN
18.0	DATLA,SIDDARTH S
17.0	KASHYAP,AMRIT

CLASS E TOUR POINTS:

29.0	MCNALLY,MICHAEL N
28.0	CONNELLY,BRYAN (1)

ICB Submission

20.0 WANG,ROGER R (1)
 19.0 FAIRBANK,TOM (1)
 19.0 VILLAFLO,ELIZABE(1)
 18.0 HARVEY,FRANK J
 16.0 DICKINSON,TRAVIS (2)
 15.5 MEDINA,JAMES M
 14.0 AVALOS,JUAN P (2)
 14.0 KAEHLER,DAVID (1)

MASTER EX-URBAN POINTS:

60.0 KARAGIANIS,PETE D
 15.5 ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE
 13.5 STAMNOV,ALEKSANDA
 11.0 CHIEN,JASON W
 11.0 LONG,DAVID
 8.0 BONWELL,JONATHAN
 8.0 STROYAN,PETER E (2)
 7.5 JARRETTE,PHIL (1)
 7.5 SMETANKIN,STANISL (2)
 7.5 YOUNG,ANGELO

EXPERT EX-URBAN POINTS:

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 25.5 CHIEN,JASON W
 22.0 ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE
 19.0 LONG,DAVID
 18.5 BOURGERIE,DENNIS
 11.5 CREMEENS,MATTHEW
 11.5 KOPULA,SURYAPRAKA
 9.5 LEALI,MICHAEL E (2)
 9.0 BONWELL,JONATHAN
 9.0 NASZODI,LASZLO

CLASS A EX-URBAN POINTS:

25.5 CHIEN,JASON W
 22.5 BOURGERIE,DENNIS
 22.0 ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE
 18.0 KANNIAH,SURESH
 12.0 LONG,DAVID
 11.5 CREMEENS,MATTHEW
 11.5 KOPULA,SURYAPRAKA
 11.0 NASZODI,LASZLO
 9.5 LEALI,MICHAEL E (2)
 9.0 BONWELL,JONATHAN
 9.0 KNOEDLER,THOMAS B

CLASS B EX-URBAN POINTS:

25.5 CHIEN,JASON W
 22.5 BOURGERIE,DENNIS
 22.0 ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE
 18.0 KANNIAH,SURESH
 12.0 HEALY,JAMES D
 11.5 BOWMAN,COREY
 11.5 CREMEENS,MATTHEW
 11.5 KOPULA,SURYAPRAKA
 11.0 NASZODI,LASZLO
 9.0 BONWELL,JONATHAN
 9.0 KNOEDLER,THOMAS B

CLASS C EX-URBAN POINTS:

11.0 NASZODI,LASZLO
 7.5 BLACK,DAVID E (1)
 7.5 BOWMAN,COREY
 7.5 BRIGHTUP,ROBERT C (1)
 7.5 LUTZKE,RICK W
 7.0 RUAN,GEORGE J
 7.0 TERLIZZI,CALVIN J (2)
 6.5 NUNEZ,CESAR R (2)
 6.0 BECK,GEOFFREY (2)
 5.5 DOROSHEFF,EVAN JA (2)

CLASS D EX-URBAN POINTS:

7.5 BLACK,DAVID E (1)
 7.5 BRIGHTUP,ROBERT C (1)
 7.0 RUAN,GEORGE J
 6.0 BECK,GEOFFREY (2)
 5.5 DOROSHEFF,EVAN JA (2)
 5.0 LEALI,DOMINICK CH
 4.5 HELLER,MICHAEL L
 4.0 BOSKE JR,RAYMOND (2)
 4.0 COULTER,LARRY
 4.0 MCNALLY,MICHAEL N
 4.0 WILLIS,MATTHEW J

CLASS E EX-URBAN POINTS:

7.5 BRIGHTUP,ROBERT C (1)
 6.0 BECK,GEOFFREY (2)
 6.0 RUAN,GEORGE J
 4.0 COULTER,LARRY
 4.0 MCNALLY,MICHAEL N
 4.0 WILLIS,MATTHEW J
 3.0 NIBBELIN,MARK L (2)
 2.5 WIEDMAN,DAVID C (2)

November 12, 2005 Rockford 2nd Saturday Open An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Tour Event.

EF \$20 by Nov 5, \$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.

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November 12, 2005 Illinois All-Grade Scholastic

Event Joliet Community College, 1215 Houbolt Rd. Joliet, Illinois 60431, (College entrance to end of road - turn right go to end of road). SPACE LIMITED TO FIRST 500 PRE-ENTRIES. BRING SETS,BOARDS, & CLOCKS, NONE PROVIDED. Individual and Team trophies. For detailed tournament info and entry info go to:<http://www.chessforlife.com/chess/allgrade.html>.

November 13, 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) and ICA Awareness Evening - Join us for some fun chess. USCF not required. EF: free to members, \$5 nonmembers. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Free Beginners Chess Lesson. FREE to ALL. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Chess Training Workshop for Teachers Level III, by Jon Buky. Workshop: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info:

www.RKnights.org or RKnightsCCC@aol.com

November 19, 2005. Northwestern G/60 Challenge.

See www.64squares.org/events.htm for details. Email: info@64squares.org

November 19,2005 McHenry Area Chess

Holiday Inn Hotel, 495 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (By I-90 and Rt 31). Four round Swiss.G/60 Reg 8:30 AM. Rds 9:30, 11:35, 2:15, 4:20. Prizes: Trophies for first, second, third, Under 1600, and Under 1200. EF: only \$10. For more info, call Bob at 815-459-4856 or visit our website at www.McHenryAreaChess.org.

November 19, 2005. Tuley Park Quick (Huge).

6-SS, rds 1-6 G/18 (or G/16+3sec). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$22, u19 \$11, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 570: \$160-100-65, 1899-1700 \$50, 1699-1500 \$45, 1499-1300 \$40, 1299-1100 \$35, 1099-900 \$30, 899-100 \$25, Unrated \$25. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, [Http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/)

November 20 & 27, 2005 - Renaissance Knights

Community Chess Club. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. 60062. Thanksgiving Knights Tournament - 5SS, G/60 (Half K Rated). Registration 4:00 - 4:45 PM. Round 1 at 5:00 PM. EF: \$25. \$5 late fee after 4:45 pm. \$5 fee for nonmembers. 80% of EF returned as prizes. USCF membership required. Percentage of proceeds goes for chess sets to an elderly home in Northbrook. Nov 20: 3:30 - 4:30 PM "Endgames" (1400-1800) Group Lesson, by Master Jon Burgess. Lesson: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Nov 27: 3:00 - 4:00 PM "Game Analysis" (1800-2200) by IM Stan Smetankin. Lesson: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info:

www.RKnights.org or RKnightsCCC@aol.com

December 3, 2005. Northwestern G/30 Challenge.

See www.64squares.org/events.htm for details. Email: info@64squares.org

December 3, 2005 TTCCOM December 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 BradleySWatts@sbcglobal.net

December 4, 2005. Northwestern G/15 Challenge.

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December 10-11, 2005 Illinois Class Championship

Joliet Jr. College, 1215 Houbolt Ave., Joliet, IL 60431, Bldg J, Room J-0006 EF: (cash/checks, no cr. cards). \$75 early entry by Dec. 3, \$85 after Dec. 3rd. Reg. 8:30-9:45am Dec. 10th. Rds: Sat. 10:00am, 4:00pm, Sun. 10:00am, 4:00pm. No byes for rd. 4. G: 30/90, SD1. Prize fund based on 100 entries: cash only payment on day of event, Dec. 10th. Master: 450-325-225-200-125, Expert: 375-275-175-125 Class A: 350-250-150, Class B: 275-175-125, Class C: 250-150-100, Class D: 200-125-100, Class E/F: 175-125-100 Unrated: \$50 book prize. Memb. Req'd: USCF/ICA(18)/OSA. Early entry: (make payment out to: Dennis R. Doyle) mail by Dec. 3rd to Dennis R. Doyle 536 Springwood Drive, Joliet, IL 60431. Refer to www.jic.edu/clubs/chess for G.M./Master lecture-simul information held on Fri. Dec. 9th. Bring chess sets and clocks, none provided.

December 17, 2005. Northwestern G/60 Challenge.

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December 17, 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, [Http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/)

December 17, 2005. McHenryArea 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.

January 7-8, 2006 Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XX ICA Maxi tour, a heritage event. Join Us In Celebrating 20 Years Of Serving The Illinois Chess Community. 5SS, 40/90, SD/30. Renaissance Chicago North Shore, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook 60062. Free parking. \$\$ (5,000 b/175 pd players, \$2500 guaranteed). 2 Sections: Open: open to all. \$\$ 875-400-250; U2200, 375-200; U2000 \$350-175; Unr. can win top three only. Reserve: open to U1800. \$600-325-200; U1600 = \$250-175; U1400. \$250-150; U1200, 200-125; Unr = \$100, Unr. qualify for Unr. Prize only. Open, Early EF: Adults, \$66 early, Juniors \$61 with name, ID #, e-mail, phone #, to current/renewing USCF and ICA members if rec'd by 1/4; Reserve, Early EF: Adults \$65, Juniors \$60 with name, ID #, e-mail, phone #, to current/renewing USCF and ICA members if rec'd by 1/4, All \$75, 8-8:30 AM; \$80, 8:30-8:45 AM; \$10 to play up from Reserve to Open section. NO FREE ENTRIES. ICA memb. Reqrd, other states OK. Reg: 8-8:45am. Rds: 9-1:30-6; 10-2:30. Re-Entry \$40 with ½ pt Bye round 1, Byes Rnds 1-4, unretractable rnd 5 at Registration, Bring sets, boards, clocks none provided, Book dealer scheduled to be on site. HR: \$84-\$84, 847-498-6500, <http://www.mpoint.com/psn/directlink.asp?id=16120>. Ent: Chess For Life, LLC, PO Box 789, Lake Villa, IL 60046 (847) 546-8511. e-mail info: wayne-clark@chessforlife.com, Checks payable to Chess For Life, LLC, info/pre entry list: www.chessforlife.com or timjust@chessforlife.com NS, NC, W.

January 21, 2006 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, [Http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/)

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ILLINOIS 2006 U.S. AMATEUR TEAM MIDWEST. 5-SS. G/130, Scholastic section G/60. Doubletree Oakbrook Hotel [formerly Hyatt] 1900 Spring Rd Oakbrook, IL 60523. **Amateur Section**, open to 4-player teams with one optional alternate. Average rating of 4 highest players must be under 2200. Prizes to top 4 teams and top 3 teams with an average under 2000. 4 Chronos clocks to First place team. 4 GameTimer II clocks to Second place team and First place team under 2000. 4 Bonus Timer clocks to third and fourth place teams & second and third place teams under 2000. **Reserve Section**, open to 4-player teams with one optional alternate. Average rating of 4 highest players must be under 1800. Prizes to top 3 teams, top 2 teams with an average rating 1400-1599, top team with an average under 1400. 4 Chronos clocks to First place team. 4 GameTimer II clocks to top team with an average rating 1400-1599. 4 Bonus Timer clocks to Second and Third place teams, Second team with an average rating 1400-1599, & top team with an average rating under 1400. BOTH: Board prize of GameTimer II clock for board 1-4, and for alternate. [Note: for alternate to be eligible for board prize the other 4 team members must each have played at least 2 games!] A score of 5-0 will win at least a Bonus Timer clock. EF: \$124, \$116 (for Junior teams where all players are under 18) if received by 1/31/06; \$132, \$124 (for all Junior team under 18) with credit card if by 2/12/06; All \$140 at site. Individual entries [teams formed at site, but no guarantee of section or board. Show up at 9:30 am 2/18/06] \$35, \$30 (for junior under 18) if by 1/31/06, all \$40 at site. 4 books to best team from Indiana, 4 books to best team from Wisconsin, 4 books to best multi-state or non-WI/IN/IL team. Rounds 10-2:45-8, 9:30-2:30. **Scholastic Section**, open to 4-player teams with one optional alternate all from the same school [but may be different grades]. Trophy to top 5 teams. Trophy to top 3 teams K-6. Trophy to top individual on each board. Rounds 10-12:30-2:45-5-7:45; no games Sunday. EF: \$110 if by 1/31/06, \$120 with credit card if by 2/12/06, \$140 at site. ALL SECTIONS: 4 'bad bishop' chess CDs for best team name Saturday registration 8:30-9:15am. Team captains meeting (for rules) at 9:45am. HR: 89-89 Doubletree Oakbrook (630) 472-6000. \$5 given for proof of stay [preferably room receipt] at Doubletree Oakbrook, one per room only. Surprise(?) Raffle on Saturday. NS, NC, W.

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.

Chess-Now Ltd. Is a training and development company that provides customized chess experiences for business, education and recreational clients. 551 Roosevelt Road #129 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. 630-209-5072. Information about our activities can be found at www.Chess-Now.com

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 (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

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.

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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.

Smythe Dakota Competitions encourages and offers financial support for Plus-Score Mini-Tours at sites in Chicago and adjoining suburbs. Bill Smythe, chichess@rcn.com.

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

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

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

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

State Farm Employee Activities Chess Club 1 State Farm Plaza Corp. HQ C-4 Bloomington, IL, 60701 Colley Kitson 309-766-9493.

Tuley Park Chess Club holds frequent Saturday tournaments at Tuley Park Field House, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

TTCCOM sponsors 5 Round, Game/15 tournaments frequently at the Sheraton Hotel, 3400 W. Euclid Ave., in Arlington Heights. \$20 EF, 80% returned as prizes. Check Chess Life, the ICB, USCF and/or ICA Websites for upcoming schedule. Contact BradleySWatts@sbcglobal.net or 815-467-2775 for more information.

Twin City Chess Club meets Tuesdays 7-10 pm, Lincoln Leisure Center, 1206 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgerie, PO Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842 Schoolstreater@msn.com

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

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

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St. Charles Chess Club

by Dan Pradt

August 11 We had our final theme night- The Budapest Defense- 1.d4, Nf6 2.c4, e5 3. de. I don't think this is completely sound, and expected White to come out on top. Black prevailed however by 9-8 with two draws. The higher rated players came out on top, 15-2 with two draws. I was disappointed not to see the Fajarowitz Variation (3...Nd4 instead of 3...Ng4) the few of us that wanted to try it drew white.

Sept 1 Our ladder tournament for 2005 ended. Jeff Wiewel was a mile or so in front, with 25.5 wins in 32 games. Other qualifiers for spots in the Knights' cup were Jim Marshall, 17.5/23; Paul Freidel, 17/25; Clive Hutchby, 17/27; Gary Janssen, 16.5/37; Marcus Stinsen, 16.5/24; Joshua Freidel, 16/27; Jesse Freidel, 16/27; Nathan McCoy, 15/27; and Wally Alberts, 15/27.

The next ten who may play in the squires cup, were Avrus Stoskus, 14/26; Matt Pivovitz, 14/21; Mauricio Guterrez, 14/25; John Suits, 14/19; Bo Miessen, 14/18; Jim Little 13/21; Mike McGee, 13/31; Rudy Padilla, 13/21; Robert Bales, 12.5/35; and Chris Barnett 12/19.

Sept. 8 The 5 minute tournament drew 24, including a visit from the Cohen brothers Lawrence and Howard. No amount of imported talent could slow down Jim Marshall, who had a few close calls, but basically played like a machine in end game positions, to notch an 8-0 score. Larry and Howard came in at 5.5-2.5 along with Avras Stoskus. Jeff Wiewel, Paul Freidel, Bowen Miessen, and John Suits had 5-3.

Jim Marshall has now won the 15 minute, 10 minute, and 5 minute championship, plus the G/90 Club Championship. He is too young to retire and write his memoirs, however.

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