



Steve Smith

Steven Barry Smith died on June 18 after he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle.

Steve Smith won the Wyoming chess championship many times. He was a regular participant in Colorado tournaments in the period 1975 - 1985. He promoted and directed chess events, edited the publication *Wyoming Chess*, and developed software and computerized fonts for chess diagrams. He was a professor of mathematics and physics at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming. In 1991 he designed, programmed, and built a device that allowed a blind friend to write, communicate, and play a musical instrument. This project won a regional award in the Johns Hopkins National Search for Computing to Assist Persons with Disabilities. He also enjoyed poetry, art, and playing his guitar. He is survived by his wife Janell and their children Adrian and Kirsten.

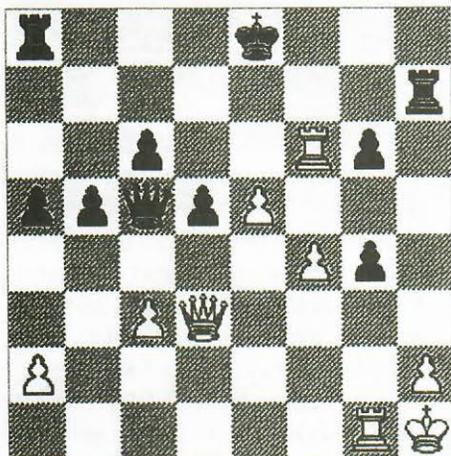
Elsewhere in this issue [page 38] I have a collection of Steve's games compiled from different publications.

In Memoriam

Steve Smith, 1955 - 1999

1977 Colorado Open: Jerry Kearns - Steve Smith, RUY LOPEZ

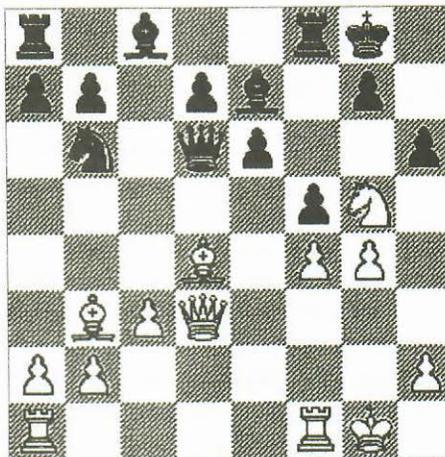
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33...Rxh2+! 0:1

1977 Wyoming Open: Steve Smith - Judson Temple, SICILIAN Smith-Morra Gambit. Notes by Steve Smith

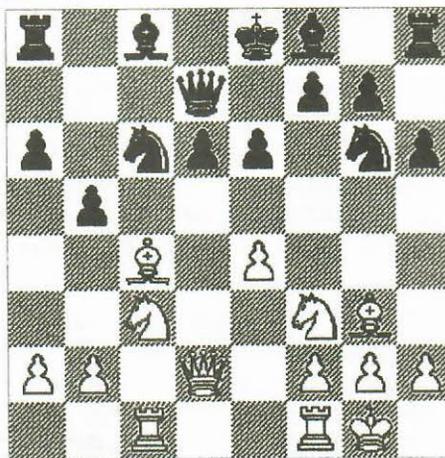
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Bc4 Qc7 6.Qe2 Nb6 7.Bb3 d3?! 8.Qxd3 Qxe5+ 9.Be3 e6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.Ne4 f5 14.Neg5 Nc6 15.g4! Ne5! 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.f4 Qd6 18.Bd4 h6?



19.gxf5! hxg5 20.fxe6 dxe6 21.Bc2 Bf6? (21...Rf5) 22.Qh7+ Kf7 23.fxg5 Ke8 24.gxf6 gxf6 25.Rxf6 Rxf6 26.Bxf6 Qc5+ 27.Kh1 Qc6+ 28.Be4 Qd7 29.Bg6+ Kf8 30.Qh8# 1:0

1978 Al Wallace Memorial: Steve Smith - Jeff Maguire, SICILIAN Smith-Morra

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 a6 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 Qd7 11.Qd2 Ng6 12.Bg3 b5



13.Nxb5 axb5 14.Bxb5 Bb7 15.Nd4 Rc8

16.Rfd1 e5 17.Nf5 f6 18.Qd5 Rc7 19.f3 Kd8 20.Qd2 Qc8 21.Bf2 Nd4 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Bxd4 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Qb8 25.Bb6+ Ke7 26.Rc7+ Ke6 27.Bc4+ d5 28.Bxd5+ Ke5 29.Rxb7 1:0

1978 Denver Open: Marc Lynn - Steve Smith, DUTCH

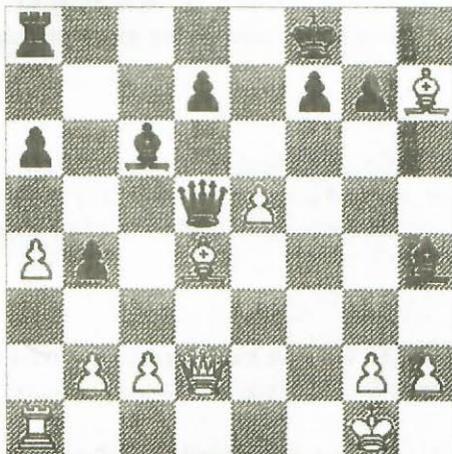
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1981 Winter Park Open: Steve Smith - Alexander Fishbein, VIENNA

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Nd4 7.Bc4 Bg4 8.fxe5 Bxf3 9.gxf3 dxe5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.f4 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Rxf4 0-0 15.Qf1 Qd6 16.Kh1 Nxc2 17.Rxf7 Rxf7 18.Qxf7+ Kh8 19.Rg1 Bf6 20.Nb5 Qc5 21.Qxc7 Qxc7 22.Nxc7 Rc8 23.Nb5 Bxb2 24.Nxa7 Rf8 25.Rb1 Ne3 26.Be6 Rf2 27.Re1 Nc2 28.Rb1 Nd4 29.Bg4 g6 30.Kg1 Rd2 31.a4 h5 32.Bd1 Ne6 33.Nb5 Ng5 34.d4 Nh3+ 35.Kf1 Bxd4 36.Nxd4 Rxd4 37.Kg2 Ng5 38.e5 Rd2+ 39.Kg3 Ne4+ 40.Kf4 Nc3 41.Rxb7 Rxd1 42.Kg5 Rg1+ 43.Kh6 Kg8 44.a5 Ra1 45.Kxg6 Kf8 46.Rh7 Rxa5 47.Rxh5 Ne2 48.Kf6 Kg8 49.Rg5+ Kf8 50.h4 Nf4 51.h5 Ra6+ 52.Kf5 Ne6 53.Rg6 1/2:1/2

Correspondence 1988: Steve Smith - David Burris, SICILIAN

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 Nge7 5. d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 a6 8.Bd3 b5 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a4! Nc6 11.Qf2 b4 12. Nd5! exd5 13.exd5 Be7 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15. Be3 0-0 16.Bb6 Qb8 17.Bd4 Qd6 18. Rfe1 Rfe8 19.Re5 Bh4 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21. Qd2 Rxe5 22.fxe5 Qd5



23.Rf1! Ke8 24.Bg8 Qe4 25.Bxf7+ 1:0

1991 Wyoming Open: Bob Butler - Steve Smith, DUTCH

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Be7 5. Nbd2 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.c3 0-0 8.Qc2 c5 9. h3 Na6 10.0-0-0 d5 11.g4 c4 12.Be2 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Rdf1 b5 15.Ne5 b4 16. gxf5 exf5 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Kb1 bxc3 19. Qxc3 Nc7 20.Bd1 Rf6 21.Ba4 Rb6 22. Rh2 Nb5 23.Bxb5 Rxb5 24.Rc1 Rb8 25. Rg2 a5 26.Rcg1 g6 27.Rg5 a4 28.Nxc4 Rc8 29.Qa3 Qxa3 30.Nxa3 Rb6 31.h4 Ba6 32.Rxd5 Bd3+ 33.Ka1 Rcb8 34.h5 Rxb2 35.hxg6 hxg6 36.Rxg6+ Kf7 37. Rg1 Rxf2 38.Nb1 Bc4 39.Nc3 Bxd5 40. Nxd5 Rbb2 41.Nc3 a3 42.Rc1 Rbc2 43. Kb1 Rb2+ 44.Ka1 Rfc2 45.Rf1+ Ke7 46. Na4 Rxa2+ 47.Kb1 Rf2 48.Rc1 Kf6 49. Rg1 Kf5 50.Rg8 Rae2 51.Rf8+ Kg4 52. Rxf2 Rxf2 53.Nc3 Kf3 54.Kc1 a2 0:1

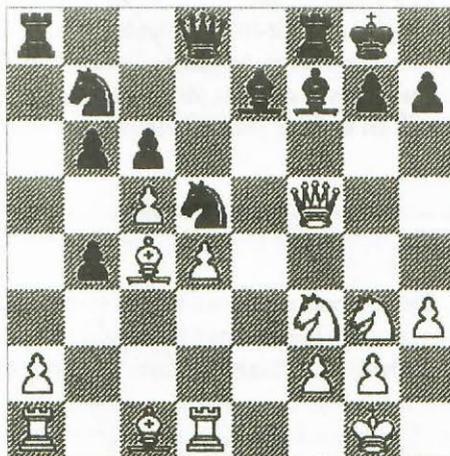
1991 Tri-State Match (Idaho vs Wyoming): Bill Gosvenor - Steve Smith, CENTER COUNTER

1.e4 d5 2.e5 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5. Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.c3 e6 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Bh7 12.

Nbd2 Nf5 13.Qa4 Qd7 14.Bf4 g5 15.Bg3 Be7 16.Nd4 c5 17.Qxd7+ Kxd7 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.f4 Rhb8 20.b3 a5 21.fxg5 hxg5 22.Bf2 a4 23.h3 Ra5 24.g4 Bg6 25.Be3 Kc6 26.Rac1 axb3 27.axb3 Ra2 28.b4 cxb4 29.cxb4+ Kd7 30.Nf3 Rxb4 31. Bxg5 Bxg5 32.Nxg5 Rbb2 33.Rf6 Rg2+ 34.Kf1 Bd3+ 35.Ke1 Rg1+ 0:1

Pikes Peak Open, round 6, continued from page 23

Josh Bloomer-Philipp Ponomarev SCANDINAVIAN 1.e4 d5 2.ed5 Nf6 3. d4 Nd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 Nb6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.c5?! Nd5 11.Qb3 b6 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.Qa4 Na5 14.Ne4 f5 15.Ng3 Be8 16.Qc2 Nb7 17. Be4 Na5 18.Be2 Nb7 19.Bc4 c6! 20.b4 a5 21.Qe2 ab4? (Philipp correctly points out that Nc3 was better.) 22.Qe6+ Bf7 23. Qf5

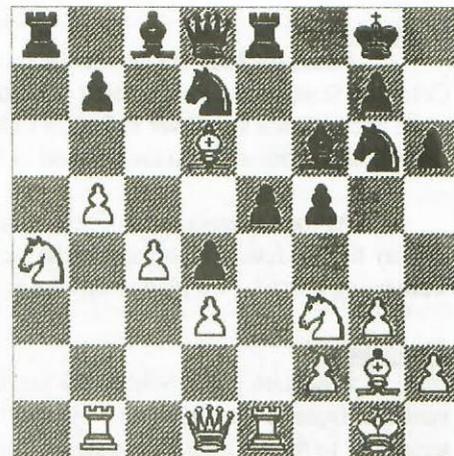


Nc3! (Phil gives this an exclamation. This may be better than 23...Ne3 because White may choose to play 24.Bf7+ Rf7?! 25.Qf7+!) 24.Bf7+ Rf7 25.Qe6 Nd1 26.Ne5 Qd5! 27.Qd5 cd5 28.Nf7 Kf7 29.Nf5 Nc3 30. Ne7 Ke7 31.Bg5+ Kf7 32.Re1 Re8 and 0-1.

Colorado Open Games (preview): Round 3

Sepp Hochreiter - James McCarty 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.g3 d4 4.Na4 e6 5. c4 Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.a3 e5 10.Rb1 Nd7 11.Bd2 a5 12.e3 f5 13.

exd4 cxd4 14.Re1 Bf6 15.b4 axb4 16. axb4 h6 17.b5 Ne7 18.Bb4 Re8 19.Bd6 Ng6



20.b6 e4 21.Bc7 Qe7 22.dxe4 fxe4 23. Nxd4 Bxd4 24.Rxe4 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qf6+ 26.Kg1 Rxe4 27.Bxe4 Nde5 28.Nc5 [28.Qd5+] 28...Bh3 29.Bd5+ Kh8 30.Ne4 Nf3+ 31.Kf2 Ra2+ 32.Ke3 Qf5 33.Ra1 Rxa1 34.Qxa1 Nxh2 35.Qa8+ Nf8 36. Bd6 When I first saw this position (I had been checking out the game from the start), I thought Jim must have something up his sleeve, because it looked awfully good for White. 36...Qf3+ 37.Kd4 Qd1+ 38.Kc5 Qg1+ 39.Kb4 Qb1+ 40.Kc3 Qc1+ 41.Kd3 Qb1+ 42.Ke3 Qc1+ [42... Qb3+] 43.Kd3 Qb1+ 44.Kc3 Qc1+ 45. Kb4 Qb1+ 46.Kc5 Qg1+ 47.Kb5 Bd7+ 48.Kb4 Qb1+ A wrong move by either player will end the game. Jim will lose on f8 in a hurry if he runs out of checks, and Sepp must be very, very careful not to get mated or allow a draw by repetition. [48... Qxb6+ 49.Ka3] 49.Kc3 Qc1+ 50.Kd3 Qb1+ 51.Ke2 White may have escaped! Black must find checks or a mate! 51... Bg4+ 52.Kf2 Qb2+ 53.Ke3 Qc1+ 54. Kd3 Qb1+ 55.Kd4 Qg1+? Ouch! Jim finally makes a mistake. Will Sepp find the right square? Yep - 56.Ke5 Kh7 [56...Bc8] 57.Bxf8 Qxb6 58.Qxb7 Qxb7 59.Bxb7 Kg8 60.Bd6 Kf7 61.Bd5+ Ke8 62.c5 Bc8 63.Be6 Bb7 64.Nd2 g5 65.Kf5 g4 66.Kf4 h5 67.Bf5 Kd8 68.Be4 Ba6 69. Kg5 Be2 70.c6 Nf3+ 71.Nxf3 gxf3 72.c7+ Kd7 73.Bf5+ Kxd6 74.c8Q Kd5 75.Qc3 Kd6 76.Qd4+ Kc6 77.Kf6 1-0