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1987 COLORADO CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

by Sean Scott, Director

The 1987 Colorado Closed Championship was held the last two weekends in March. The round-robin tournament was won by Alex Fishbein with the outstanding score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 7. Bob Fordon was second with 6-1.

The idea for this tournament was first raised by Mark Wood. A closed championship had not been held in Colorado since the John Watson days. The format and selection process were designed both to reward high Tour finishers and to ensure the strongest field possible. In this I believe we succeeded: the average rating was 2252.

The field was made up of the top two Tour finishers, the present State Champion, and the highest-rated players who accepted invitations. Once the field was assembled, the players were seeded at random. The pairings were done pursuant to the international table of rounds.

The tournament was held at the home of Debbie and Sean Scott. I believe conditions were excellent. Food and coffee were provided, and the home atmosphere made the tournament relaxed and informal. Add two cats and a dog running around, and you had a most interesting site.

Rather than go through the tournament round by round, I will let the games speak for themselves. I would like to make the following observations:

Alex's victory came as no surprise. He showed great skill in managing the format. All of his games were decided in the endgame, with his game against Dave Jellison being particularly fine.

Bob Fordon was the tournament surprise. He wriggled out of a few bad positions to win and played strongly in the other games. His game against Jim Hamblin is a good illustration of his play.

Dave Jellison was the hard-luck player. The luck of the draw stuck him with Black in the first two rounds against Alex and Randy. He never recovered. Brian Lankey showed his State Championship victory was no fluke. He played consistently all through the tournament. Joe Abbott showed great intestinal fortitude by playing through the whole grueling affair. I don't know how many players in his situation would have stuck it out to the end.

With the exception of Alex, nobody seemed to get the hang of the round-robin format. White won eleven games, as did Black. There were only six draws, and only one of the "grandmaster" variety. It was Swiss System chess in a round-robin format. Bob Fordon undoubtedly profited from this.

It has always been a mystery to organizers in Colorado why strong players participate in one event and not another. In this event, they played out of pride, the challenge of facing other strong players, and the format. Prize money was not much of a factor (\$160 1st, \$80 2nd). Next year I hope to increase the prize fund.

I enjoyed running the tournament very much. There was not a single disagreement or dispute. Thanks are certainly due to the players who made it possible. Mark Wood gets my special thanks for raising the idea and helping formulate the selection procedure. I owe special thanks to my dear wife Debbie, who helped in organizing sandwich making and cleaning up. She tolerated a horde of chess players in her house not one but two weekends. My thanks to her.

1987 COLORADO CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

March 21-22 and 28-29, Denver

Sean Scott, Director

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 Alexander Fishbein	2445	X	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	$6\frac{1}{2}$
2 Robert Fordon	2219	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
3 Randy Canney	2344	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
4 Brian Lankey	2185	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
5 John Siddeek	2231	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
6 Jim Hamblin	2226	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2
7 David Jellison	2323	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	2
8 Joe Abbott	2206	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

edited and typed by Mark Wood

ROUND 1

FORDON-LANKEY

1. c4, Nf6; 2. g3, g6; 3. Bg2, Bg7; 4. Nc3, O-O; 5. e3, e5; 6. Nge2, d6; 7. O-O, c6; 8. b3, d5; 9. f4, ef; 10. Nf4, d4; 11. ed, Qd4+; 12. Kh1, Bg4; 13. Bf3, Bf3; 14. Qf3, Re8; 15. Nfe2, Qg4; 16. d4, Qf3+; 17. Rf3, Na6; 18. Ba3, c5; 19. dc, Ne4; 20. Rd1, Nc3; 21. Nc3, Bc3; 22. Rc3, Re2; 23. b4, Ra2; 24. Re3, Rc8; 25. Rde1, b6; 26. cb, ab; 27. b5, Rc4; 28. ba, Rcc2; 29. Rf3, Rh2+; 30. Kg1, Kg7; 31. a7. 1-0

CANNEY-JELLISON

1. d4, d5; 2. Nf3, e6; 3. c4, c5; 4. cxd5, exd5; 5. Nc3, Nc6; 6. Bf4, Nf6; 7. e3, a6; 8. Bd3, Be7; 9. O-O, O-O; 10. dxc5, Bxc5; 11. Rc1, Ba7; 12. Ne5, Qe7; 13. Nxc6, dxc6; 14. Na4, Bb7; 15. Qc2, Rfd8; 16. Nc5, Bxc5; 17. Qxc5, Qxc5; 18. Rxc5, d4; 19. Bc4, Ne4; 20. Rf5, Rd7; 21. exd4, g6; 22. Re5, Rxd4; 23. Bb3, Rad8; 24. Be3, Rb4; 25. Re7, Nf6; 26. Bxf7+, Kf8; 27. Rc7, Nd7; 28. Be6, Ke8; 29. Bg5, Bc8; 30. Re1, Ne5; 31. Bf7+. 1-0

HAMBLIN-ABBOTT

1. e4, c5; 2. c3, d5; 3. ed, Qxd5; 4. d4, Nf6; 5. Nf3, Bg4; 6. Be2, e6; 7. O-O, Be7; 8. Be3, O-O; 9. dc, Qxd1; 10. Rxd1, Nd5; 11. Bd4, Rd8; 12. h3, Nf4; 13. hxg4, Nxe2+; 14. Kf1, Nxd4; 15. Rxd4, Nc6; 16. Rxd8+, Rxd8; 17. b4, Bf6; 18. g5, Rd1+; 19. Ke2, Bxc3; 20. Kxd1; Bxa1; 21. a3, Kf8; 22. Nbd2, Ne5; 23. Kc2, Ke7; 24. Ne1, Bd4; 25. Ne4, f5; 26. gf+, gf; 27. f4, Nf7; 28. Kd3, Bb2; 29. Nc2, f5; 30. Ng3, Kf6; 31. Ne2, e5; 32. g3, Ke6; 33. Kc4, e4; 34. Ncd4+, Kf6; 35. a4, h5; 36. b5, Nd8; 37. Kd5, Ba3; 38. c6, bc+; 39. bc, Nf7; 40. c7, Nd6; 41. Nb5. 1-0

SIDDEEK-FISHBEIN

1. e4, e5; 2. Nf3, Nc6; 3. Bb5, a6; 4. Ba4, Nf6; 5. d4, ed; 6. O-O, Be7; 7. Re1, O-O; 8. e5, Ne8; 9. c3, dc; 10. Nc3, d6; 11. ed, Nd6; 12. Nd5, Be6; 13. Bc6, bc; 14. Ne7+, Qe7; 15. Ng5, h6; 16. Ne6, fe; 17. Qe2, Rf6; 18. b3, Raf8; 19. f3, Nf5; 20. Bb2, Rg6; 21. Rf1, Qc5+; 22. Kh1, Rd8; 23. Rac1, Qb6; 24. Rfel, Rd5; 25. Rc4, Qa5; 26. Bc3, Qb5; 27. Re4, Qe2; 28. R4e2, Kf7; 29. Kg1, Rd3; 30. Ba5, Rf3; 31. Re6, Re6; 32. gf, Re1+; 33. Be1, Ke6; 34. Kf2, c5; 35. Bc3, Kd5; 36. Ke2, c4; 37. Kd2, g6; 38. Bf6, cb; 39. ab, Nd4; 40. Bg7, h5; 41. Bh6, Nf3+; 42. Kd3, Nh2; 43. Bf4, Ng4; 44. Bc7, h4; 45. Ke2, Ke4; 46. Kf1, Kf3; 47. Kg1, h3; 48. Bd8, Ne3; 49. Kh2, Kg4; 50. Bc7, Nf5; 51. Be5, Nh4; 52. Bc7, Nf3+; 53. Kh1, g4; 54. Bd8, Nd4; 55. b4, Nc6; 56. b5, ab. 0-1

ROUND 2

ABBOTT-CANNEY

1. e4, e5; 2. Nf3, Nc6; 3. Bb5, a6; 4. Ba4, Nf6; 5. O-O, Be7; 6. Re1, b5; 7. Bb3, O-O; 8. a4, Bb7; 9. c3, d5; 10. exd5, Nxd5; 11. d4, exd4; 12. cxd4, Na5; 13. Bc2, Nb4; 14. Be4, Bxe4; 15. Rxe4, Bf6; 16. axb5, axb5; 17. Nc3, Nc4; 18. Rb1, Qd7; 19. Bg5, Bxg5; 20. Nxg5, Qf5; 21. Nh3, Rfe8; 22. Rf4, Qd3; 23. Nxb5, Nd2; 24. Rc1, Nc2; 25. Qh5, Ne1. 0-1

SIDDEEK-FORDON

1. Nf3, c5; 2. c4, Nc6; 3. d4, cxd; 4. Nd4, e6; 5. Nc3, a6; 6. g3, Nf6; 7. Bg2, Qc7; 8. b3, Be7; 9. Bb2, O-O; 10. O-O, d6; 11. Rc1, Bd7; 12. Nd5, ed; 13. cd, Nd5; 14. Bd5, Qb6; 15. Nf3, Be6; 16. Be4, Rac8; 17. Qd2, Qb5; 18. Rfd1, Qh5; 19. Qe3, Rfd8; 20. Ba3, Qa5; 21. b4, Qh5; 22. Bc6, Rc6; 23. Rc6, bc; 24. Bb2, c5; 25. bc, Qc5; 26. Bd4, Qd5; 27. Rc1, Rb8; 28. h4, h6; 29. Qd3, Qa2; 30. Ra1, Qd5; 31. Ra6, Bf5; 32. Qe3, Rb1+; 33. Kg2, Be4; 34. Ra1, Rb3; 35. Qd2, Bf6; 36. Rd1, Rf3; 37. ef, Bf3+; 38. Kg1, Bd1; 39. Qd1, Bd4. 0-1

FISHBEIN-JELLISON

1. d4, d5; 2. c4, e6; 3. Nc3, c5; 4. cxd5, exd5; 5. Nf3, Nc6; 6. g3, Nf6; 7. Bg2, Be7; 8. 0-0, 0-0; 9. Bg5, Be6; 10. dxc5, Bxc5; 11. Bxf6, Qxf6; 12. Nxd5, Qxb2; 13. Nc7, Rad8; 14. Qc1, Qxc1; 15. Raxc1, b6; 16. Nxe6, fxe6; 17. Bh3, Rfe8; 18. Ng5, Nd4; 19. Bg4, Rd5; 20. h4, h6; 21. Ne4, h5; 22. Bf3, Nxf3+; 23. exf3, Kf8; 24. Rfe1, Ke7; 25. Rc2, Kd7; 26. Rce2, a5; 27. Ng5, Bb4; 28. Rb1, b5; 29. Rc2, Rb8; 30. R1c1, Rb7; 31. f4, Ba3; 32. Re1, Rb6; 33. Re3, b4; 34. Nf3, Rc6; 35. R3e2, Rxc2; 36. Rxc2, Rd1+; 37. Kg2, Rc1; 38. Ne5+, Kd6; 39. Nc4+, Kd5; 40. Nxa3, Rxc2; 41. Nxc2, Kc4; 42. Kf1, Kc3; 43. Ne3, a4; 44. Ke2, Kb2; 45. Kd1, Kxa2; 46. Kc1, b3; 47. Nc4, Ka1; 48. Nd2, Ka2; 49. Nb1, Ka1; 50. f3, Ka2; 51. Nc3+, Ka3; 52. Kb1, Kb4; 53. Ne4, a3; 54. g4, Kc4; 55. Ng5, Kd5; 56. gxh5, Kd6; 57. Ne4+, Kd5; 58. Nd2, Kd4; 59. Nxb3+, Ke3; 60. Nc5, Kxf4. 1-0

LANKEY-HAMBLIN

1. d4, d5; 2. Nf3, Nf6; 3. e3, Bf5; 4. c4, c6; 5. Nc3, e6; 6. cd, ed; 7. Qb3, Qc8; 8. Bd2, Nbd7; 9. Rc1, Bd6; 10. Nb5, Bb8; 11. Bb4, Nb6; 12. Nd6+, Bd6; 13. Bd6, Ne4; 14. Ba3, f6; 15. Nh4, Be6; 16. f3, Ng5; 17. Qb4, Qd7; 18. b3, Kf7; 19. Bd3, Rhe8; 20. 0-0, Kg8; 21. Qd6, Qd6; 22. Bd6, Nf7; 23. Bc7, g5; 24. Nf5, Bf5; 25. Bf5, Re3; 26. Rfe1, Rae8; 27. Kf2, R3e7; 28. Re7, Re7; 29. Bb8, a6; 30. Re1, Re1; 31. Ke1, h6; 32. Ba7, Na8; 33. Bc5, Nc7; 34. Be7, Ne8; 35. Kd2, Kg7; 36. g4, Nfd6; 37. Be6, Kg6; 38. a4, f5; 39. h3, h5; 40. Kc3, fxg4; 41. fxg; h4; 42. Kb4, Ne4; 43. Ka5, Nf2; 44. Bf5, Kh6; 45. Bc2, Nh3; 46. Bf8, Ng7; 47. Bd1, Nf4; 48. Kb6, Ne6; 49. Bd6, Nd4; 50. Kb7, Nfe6; 51. Bh2, Nc5+; 52. Kb6, Ncb3; 53. Ka6, c5; 54. Kb6, c4; 55. Be5, h3; 56. a5, Na5; 57. Bd4, h2; 58. Bf3, Nb3; 59. Be5, d4; 60. Bh2, Nd2; 61. Bd1, Nf1; 62. Kc5, Nh2; 63. Kc4. 1/2-1/2

ROUND 3

HAMBLIN-SIDDEEK

1. e4, e6; 2. d4, d5; 3. Nc3, Bb4; 4. a3, Bxc3+; 5. bxc, dxe; 6. Qg4, Nf6; 7. Qxg7, Rg8; 8. Qh6, Rg6; 9. Qe3, Nc6; 10. Ne2, Ne7; 11. Ng3, Nf5; 12. Nxf5, exf; 13. c4, Ng4; 14. Qc3, Qd6; 15. d5, f6; 16. Be2, f4; 17. h3, Nxf2; 18. Kxf2, f3; 19. Bxf3, Qg3; 20. Kf1, Bf5; 21. Qe1, Qxe1+; 22. Kxe1, exf; 23. g4, Bxc2; 24. Kd2, Ba4; 25. Re1+, Kf7; 26. Kc3, h5; 27. gxh, Rg2; 28. Rf1, Re8; 29. Rxf3, Re1; 30. Bb2, Ree2; 31. Kb4, Rb2+; 32. Ka4, Rgc2; 33. Rf4, Rc3; 34. Raf1, Rb6; 35. R1f3, Rc2; 36. h6, Rcb2. 0-1 ?????? (37 Rf6+, R:f6; 38 h7!)

FORDON-FISHBEIN

1. c4, Nf6; 2. g3, g6; 3. Bg2, Bg7; 4. Nc3, 0-0; 5. e4, e5; 6. d3, d6; 7. Nge2, c6; 8. 0-0, Na6; 9. h3, Be6; 10. f4, Qd7; 11. Kh2, Ne8; 12. Be3, f5; 13. exf, gxf; 14. Qd2, Qe7; 15. Rad1, Nf6; 16. fe, de; 17. d4, Rad8; 18. Qc1, Bxc4; 19. Rxf5, Nd5; 20. Nxd5, Bxd5; 21. Bxd5, Rxd5; 22. Rxf8, Qxf8; 23. Rf1, Qe7; 24. Nc3, Rd7; 25. dxe, Qxe5; 26. Bf4, Qd4; 27. Qe1, Rf7; 28. Qe8+, Rf8; 29. Qe6+, Kh8; 30. Qe7, Qb4; 31. Qxb4, Nxb4; 32. Rd1, Bxc3; 33. bxc, Nd5; 34. Be5+, Kg8; 35. Kg1, Rf3; 36. Kg2, Re3; 37. Bd4, Re2+; 38. Kf3, Rxa2; 39. g4, Rc2; 40. h4, Kf7; 41. Bxa7, Rxc3+. 0-1

CANNEY-LANKEY

1. e4, c5; 2. Nf3, Nc6; 3. Bb5, g6; 4. 0-0, Bg7; 5. c3, Qb6; 6. Na3, d6; 7. d4, cxd4; 8. cxd4, Bd7; 9. Be3, Qd8; 10. Re1, Nf6; 11. e5, dxe5; 12. dxe5, Ng4; 13. Bf4, h5; 14. Qe2, a6; 15. Ba4, Nce5; 16. Nxe5, Bxa4; 17. Qc4, Nxe5; 18. Bxe5, b5; 19. Qc6, Kf8; 20. b3, Bxe5; 21. Rxe5, b4; 22. Qxa4, bxa3; 23. Qxa3, Qd6; 24. Qxd6, exd6; 25. Rd5, Rad8; 26. Rad1, Ke7; 27. Kf1, Rd7; 28. Ke2, Rc8; 29. R1d2, Rc6; 30. Kf3, f6; 31. h3, Rd8; 32. R5d3, Rd7; 33. b4, Ke6; 34. Re2, Kf7; 35. R2d2, Ke6; 36. Re3, Kf7; 37. Rd5, Rb7; 38. Rd4, Rb5; 39. g4, hxg4; 40. hxg4, a5; 41. bxa5, Rxa5; 42. a4, R6a6; 43. Rb4, Ra7; 44. R3e4, f5; 45. Red4, fxg4; 46. Kxg4, Ke6; 47. f4, Ke7; 48. Re4+, Kf7; 49. Red4, R7a6; 50. Kf3, g5; 51. Rb7, Kf6; 52. fxg5, Rxc5; 53. Kf4, R5a5; 54. R7b4. 1/2-1/2 !

JELLISON-ABBOTT

1. d4, Nf6; 2. c4, g6; 3. Nc3, Bg7; 4. e4, d6; 5. Nf3, O-O; 6. Be2, e5; 7. O-O, Nc6; 8. d5, Ne7; 9. Ne1, Ne8; 10. Nd3, f5; 11. Bd2, Nf6; 12. f3, f4; 13. e5, g5
14. cd, cd; 15. Nf2, Kh8; 16. Qc2, h5; 17. h3, Neg8; 18. Nb5, Ne8; 19. Rfc1, Bd7;
20. a4, Rf6; 21. Ra3, Nh6; 22. Nc7, g4; 23. Nxa8, ggh3; 24. ggh3, Rg6+; 25. Kf1, Qg5;
26. Bb5, Bxh3+; 27. Nkh3, Qg2+; 28. Ke1, Qah3; 29. Ke2, Rg2+; 30. Nd3, Qxf3+;
31. Kc4, Qf2; 32. Bxe8, Qd4+; 33. Kb5, Rnd2; 34. Qc3, Rwb2+; 35. Rb3, Rxb3+;
36. Qxb3, Qxe4; 37. Qc4, Qe3; 38. Bbn5, e4; 39. Ege, a6+; 40. Ka5, Qd2+;
41. Kb6, Qb2+; 42. Ka7, Bd4+; 43. Kb8, b5; 44. Qc7, bxa+; 45. Kc8, Bg7; 46. Qd8+,
Ng8; 47. Rh1+, Bh6; 48. Rxb6+, Kg7; 49. Rh7+, 1-0

ROUND 4

FORDON-HAMBLIN

1. c4, e5; 2. Nc3, Nf6; 3. g3, d6; 4. Bg2, c6; 5. d4, Nbd7; 6. Nf3, Be7; 7. O-O
O-O; 8. e4, Qc7; 9. b3, Re8; 10. Re1, Nf8; 11. Bb2, Bg4; 12. h3, Bh5; 13. g4, Bg6;
14. d5, N6d7; 15. h4, h6; 16. Qd2, Bh7; 17. h5, Nf6; 18. Bh3, Qd7; 19. Kg2, Nkg4;
20. Nh2, f5; 21. Qe2, Nf6; 22. Rg1, g5; 23. hg, Bxg6; 24. Kh1, Kh7; 25. Rg2, Nh5;
26. ef, Bf7; 27. Qg4, Bg5; 28. Ne4, cxd; 29. cxd, Qe7; 30. Nf3, Bf4; 31. f6, Qc7;
32. Rag1, Bg6; 33. Nh4, Bf7; 34. Qf5, Kh8; 35. Bg4, 1-0

FISHBEIN-ABBOTT

1. e4, c5; 2. Nf3, Nc6; 3. d4, cd; 4. Nxd4, Nf6; 5. Nc3, d6; 6. Be2, e6; 7. O-O
a6; 8. Be3, Qc7; 9. f4, Nxd4; 10. Qxd4, e5; 11. Qd2, 'ef; 12. Bxf4, Be6; 13. Kh1, Be7;
14. Rad1, Rd8; 15. Qe3, Nd7; 16. Qg3, O-O; 17. Bxd6, Bxd6; 18. Qxd6, Qa5;
19. Qf4, Qb4; 20. Rb1, Nb6; 21. a3, Qc5; 22. Rbd1, Nc4; 23. Bxc4, Bxc4; 24. Rfe1, b5;
25. e5, Be6; 26. Rd6, a5; 27. Qd2, Rc8; 28. Re2, Bc4; 29. Ne4, Qc7; 30. Re3, Rfe8;
31. Qd4, b4; 32. axb, axb; 33. Rg3, Re6; 34. Nf6+, Kh8; 35. Qg4, g6; 36. Qh4, Rxf6;
37. Qxf6+, Kg8; 38. h3, 1-0

LANKEY-JELLISON

1. e4, c5; 2. d4, cxd4; 3. c3, dxc3; 4. Nxc3, Nc6; 5. Nf3, e6; 6. Bc4, a6; 7. O-O,
Qc7; 8. Qe2, Bd6; 9. Be3, Nge7; 10. Rac1, O-O; 11. g3, Ng6; 12. a3, b5; 13. Ba2, Qb8;
14. b4, Bb7; 15. Nd2, Be5; 16. Nb3, d6; 17. f4, Bf6; 18. g4, Re8; 19. g5, Bxc3;
20. Rxc3, e5; 21. f5, Nf4; 22. Qg4, Qd8; 23. g6, hxg6; 24. fxg6, Re7; 25. Na5, Bc8;
26. Bxf7+, Rxf7; 27. gxf7+, Kf8; 28. Qf3, Qg5; 29. Kf2, Nd4; 30. Bxf4, exf4;
31. Qd3, Qh4+; 32. Kg1, Qg4+; 33. Kh1, Ne2; 34. Qxd6+, Kxf7; 35. R3f3, Qe6;
36. Qxe6+, Kxe6; 37. R3f2, Nd4; 38. Rxf4, Bd7; 39. Rf8, Be8; 40. Rd1, Ke5;
41. Rg1, Ne6; 42. R8f1, g5; 43. Kg2, Rc8; 44. Rc1, Rd8; 45. Nc6+, Bxc6; 46. Rxc6, Rd3;
47. Rxa6, Nd4; 48. Rf1, Ne6; 49. Rxe6+, Kxe6; 50. Rf5, g4; 51. Rxb5, Rxa3;
52. Rg5, Rb3; 53. b5, Kf6; 54. Rxc4, Rxb5; 55. Rf4+, Ke6; 56. Kg3, Rb3+; 57. Rf3, Rb1;
58. Kf4, Rh1; 59. h3, Re1; 60. h4, Rh1, 1/2-1/2

SIDDEEK-CANNEY

1. Nf3, d5; 2. g3, Nf6; 3. Bg2, c5; 4. O-O, Nc6; 5. d3, e6; 6. Nbd2, Be7; 7. e4
O-O; 8. Re1, b5; 9. e5, Nd7; 10. c3, a5; 11. d4, b4; 12. dxc5, bxc3; 13. bxc3, Qc7;
14. Nb3, a4; 15. Nbd4, Ncxe5; 16. Nxe5, Nxe5; 17. Bf4, f6; 18. c4, Bxc5; 19. cxd5,
Qa7; 20. Be3, Nc4; 21. Nc6, Ne3; 22. Rxe3, Qb6; 23. Rb1, Bxe3; 24. Rxb6; Bxb6;
25. d6, Bd7; 26. Ne7+, Kh8; 27. Bxa8, Rxa8; 28. h4, Bc5; 29. Qh5, Bxd6;
30. Ng6+, Kg8; 31. Qd1, Ra6; 32. Qd3, Rb6; 33. Nf4, f5; 34. Qd4, Rb1+; 35. Kh2,
Bc6; 36. Ng2, Bd5; 37. Qxa4, Kf8; 38. Qd7, Be5; 39. Qd8+, Kf7; 40. Qd7+, Kf8;
41. Qd8+, 1/2-1/2



ROUND 5

HAMBLIN-FISHBEIN

1. e4, c5; 2. c3, d5; 3. ed, Qd5; 4. d4, Nf6; 5. Nf3, Bg4; 6. Be2, e6; 7. O-O, Nc6; 8. h3, Bh5; 9. Be3, cd; 10. cd, Be7; 11. Nc3, Qd8; 12. Qb3, a6; 13. Ne5, Be2; 14. Nc6, bc; 15. Ne2, O-O; 16. Rac1, Rb8; 17. Qc2, Qa5; 18. a3, Nd5; 19. Bf4, Nf4; 20. Nf4, Bg5; 21. Qe4, Bf4; 22. Qf4, Rb2; 23. Rc6, Qa3; 24. Rfc1, Rbb8; 25. R6c3, Qb2; 26. R3c2, Qb4; 27. Rc4, Qe7; 28. Rc7, Qd8; 29. Ra7, Ra8; 30. Rb7, Rc8; 31. Rc5, h6; 32. Qc1, Rb8; 33. Rb8, Qb8; 34. Qc4, Qb1+; 35. Kh2, Qb7; 36. Rc7, Qb2; 37. Kg1, Qb1; 38. Kh2, Qe1; 39. f3, Qd2; 40. Rc8, Qa5; 41. Rc6, Ra8; 42. Rc5, Qb6; 43. d5, ed; 44. Rc8, Rc8; 45. Qc8, Kh7; 46. Qf5, Qg6; 47. Qd5, Qe6; 48. Qc5, Qa2; 49. h4, g6; 50. h5, a5; 51. hg, Kg6; 52. Qe5, Qa4; 53. g4, Qc2; 54. Kg3, a4; 55. Qh5+, Kg7; 56. Qe5, Kh7; 57. Qf4, Qb3; 58. Qe4, Kg7; 59. Qd4, Kg8; 60. Qf6, Qe3; 61. Qa6, a3; 62. Qa5, Kg7; 63. Qd5, Qe1+; 64. Kh3, Qc3; 65. g5, h5; 66. Kh4, Qb2. 0-1

CANNEY-FORDON

1. d4, Nf6; 2. Nf3, c5; 3. d5, g6; 4. Nc3, d6; 5. e4, Bg7; 6. Bb5+, Bd7; 7. a4, O-O; 8. O-O, Na6; 9. Re1, Nc7; 10. Bf1, a6; 11. Bg5, b5; 12. e5, dxe5; 13. d6, exd6; 14. Qxd6, b4; 15. Ne4, Nxe4; 16. Bxd8, Nxd6; 17. Bxc7, Nf5; 18. Nxe5, Be6; 19. Rad1, Rfc8; 20. Bb6, Nd4; 21. Bd3, Bf5; 22. c3, bxc3; 23. bxc3, Bxd3; 24. Rxd3, Ne6; 25. Rd7, Nf8; 26. Re7, Bf6; 27. Rb7, Rab8; 28. Rxb8, Rxb8; 29. a5, Re8; 30. f4, Nd7; 31. Nxd7, Rxe1+; 32. Kf2, Bxc3; 33. Nxc5, Ra1; 34. Nxa6, Bxa5; 35. Bxa5, Rxa5; 36. Nb4, Kf8; 37. Nd3, Ke7; 38. Ne1, Ke6; 39. Nf3, f6; 40. Kg3, Kf5; 41. Nh4+, Ke4; 42. Kg4, Ra3; 43. g3, Ra2; 44. f5, g5; 45. Ng6, Rxh2. 0-1

JELLISON-SIDDEEK

1. d4, e6; 2. c4, d5; 3. Nc3, c5; 4. cxd5, exd5; 5. Nf3, Nc6; 6. g3, Nf6; 7. Bg2, Be7; 8. O-O, O-O; 9. Bf4, Bg4; 10. dxc5, Bxc5; 11. Rc1, Bb6; 12. Rc2, Re8; 13. Rd2, Qe7; 14. e3, Be6; 15. Bg5, h6; 16. Bxf6, Qxf6; 17. Nxd5, Bxd5; 18. Rxd5, Qxb2; 19. Rd7, Qxa2; 20. Ng5, Rad8; 21. Qd3, hxg5; 22. Qf5, Qe6; 23. Rxd8, Rxd8; 24. Qxg5, Rd2; 25. Rc1, Qd7; 26. Qh5, Bxe3; 27. Rf1, g6; 28. Qh4, Bb6; 29. g4, Ne5; 30. Qg5, Rxf2; 31. Qh4, Qxg4. 0-1

ABBOTT-LANKEY

1. e4, e6; 2. d4, a6; 3. Nc3, b5; 4. Nf3, Bb7; 5. Bd3, c5; 6. O-O, Qc7; 7. Re1, c4; 8. Bf1, Nf6; 9. e5, Nd5; 10. Ne4, d6; 11. ed, Bxd6; 12. Nxd6+, Qxd6; 13. Ng5, Nf6; 14. Re3, Nbd7; 15. a4, Nb6; 16. b3, Nbd5; 17. Rg3, cb; 18. ab, bc; 19. Qxc2, Rc8; 20. Qb3, a5; 21. Bd2, h6; 22. Nxe6, fxe6; 23. Rxc7, Ne4; 24. Bxa5, Qf8; 25. Rxb7, Qxf2; 26. Kh1, Qxd4; 27. Qf3, Nf2+; 28. Kg1, Nh3+; 29. Kh1, Qg1 checkmate.

ROUND 6

FORDON-JELLISON

1. c4, e6; 2. Nf3, d5; 3. d3, Nf6; 4. g3, Be7; 5. Bg2, O-O; 6. O-O, c5; 7. Nc3, d4; 8. Ne4, Ne8; 9. Ne1, f5; 10. Nd2, g5; 11. f4, g4; 12. Nb3, h5; 13. e4, Ng7; 14. Bd2, a5; 15. e5, Ra7; 16. Nc2, b6; 17. Na3, h4; 18. Nb5, Rd7; 19. Rb1, Kf7; 20. Na1, Rh8; 21. Nc2, Qg8; 22. Kf2, Nh5; 23. Rh1, Rd8; 24. Qe2, Qg6; 25. N2a3, hxg3+; 26. hxg3, Nxc3; 27. Kxc3, Bh4+; 28. Rxh4, Rxh4; 29. Nd6+, Rxd6; 30. Kxh4, Rd8; 31. Kg3, Bd7; 32. Rh1, Na6; 33. Nb5, Bxb5; 34. cxb5, Nb4; 35. Bxb4, axb4; 36. b3, Rd7; 37. Bc6, Ra7; 38. Rh4, Re7; 39. Qh2, Kg7; 40. Rh5, Kf8; 41. Qh4, c4; 42. Rh6. 1-0

SIDDEEK-ABBOTT

1. c4, e5; 2. Nc3, Nf6; 3. Nf3, Nc6; 4. g3, d5; 5. cd, Nd5; 6. Bg2, Be6; 7. O-O, f6; 8. d4, Nc3; 9. bc, ed; 10. cd, Be7; 11. Qa4, O-O; 12. Bb2, Qe8; 13. Rfd1, Bd5; 14. Ne1, Bg2; 15. Ng2, Bd6; 16. Rd2, Kh8; 17. a3, f5; 18. d5, Ne5; 19. Qd4, Rf6; 20. Nf4, Ng4; 21. h3, Be5; 22. Qb4, a5; 23. Qb3, Bf4; 24. gf, Rg6; 25. hg, Rg4+; 26. Kf1, Qg6; 27. e3, Qh5; 28. Ke2, Rf4; 29. Kd3, Qf3; 30. Kc2, Qe4+; 31. Qd3, Qa4; 32. Kb1, Rh4; 33. Ka2, Ra6; 34. Rg1, Rg4; 35. Rg4, Qg4; 36. Qc3, h5; 37. Qc7, h4; 38. Rd4. 1-0

HAMBLIN-CANNEY

1. e4, e6; 2. d4, d5; 3. Nc3, Nf6; 4. Bg5, Be7; 5. e5, Nfd7; 6. h4, a6; 7. Qg4, Bxg5; 8. hxg5, c5; 9. g6, f5; 10. Qg3, h6; 11. Nf3, O-O; 12. dxc5, Nc6; 13. O-O-O, Nxc5; 14. Bc4, Ne4; 15. Qf4, Nxc3; 16. bxc3, Qe7; 17. Bb3, b5; 18. Rh3, a5; 19. a4, bxa4; 20. Bxa4, Bd7; 21. Bxc6, Bxc6; 22. Nd4, Be8; 23. Rg3, a4; 24. Rh1, a3; 25. Kd2, Bd7; 26. Rgh3, a2; 27. Ra1, Rfb8; 28. Nb3, Ra4; 29. Qe3, Bb5; 30. Rhh1, Re4. O-1

FISHBEIN-LANKEY

1. e4, e5; 2. Nf3, Nf6; 3. Ne5, d6; 4. Nf3, Ne4; 5. d4, d5; 6. Bd3, Nc6; 7. O-O, Be7; 8. c4, Bg4; 9. Re1, Nf6; 10. cd, Qd5; 11. Nc3, Bf3; 12. Nd5, Bd1; 13. Nf6, gf; 14. d5, Nb4; 15. Rd1, O-O-O; 16. Be4, Kb8; 17. Bf4, Bd6; 18. Bd6, Rd6; 19. a3, Na6; 20. b4, Rhd8; 21. Rdc1, b6; 22. Kf1, h6; 23. Rc3, f5; 24. Bf3, Re8; 25. Rc4, Kc8; 26. Rac1, Re7; 27. Rc6, Kd8; 28. Ric4, Nb8; 29. Rd6, cd; 30. Rh4. 1-0

ROUND 7**CANNEY-FISHBEIN**

1. e4, c5; 2. Nf3, e6; 3. Nc3, a6; 4. g3, Nc6; 5. Bg2, Nge7; 6. O-O, d6; 7. d3, g6; 8. Bg5, Bg7; 9. Qd2, O-O; 10. Bh6, e5; 11. Bxg7, Kxg7; 12. Ne1, Be6; 13. f4, f5; 14. fxe5, Nxe5; 15. Nf3, Nxf3+; 16. Bxf3, Nc6; 17. exf5, Rxf5; 18. Qg2, Qd7; 19. g4, Rf7; 20. h3, Nd4; 21. Be4, Raf8; 22. Rxf7, Qxf7; 23. Re1, b5; 24. a3, a5; 25. Nd5, Nxc2; 26. Qxc2, Bxd5; 27. Qc3+, Kg8; 28. Bxd5, Qxd5; 29. Re7, Qd4+; 30. Qxd4, cxd4; 31. Kg2, Rc8; 32. Kf3, Rc2; 33. b4, a4; 34. Rb7, Rc3; 35. Ke4, Rxa3; 36. g5, Rb3; 37. Kd5, Rxd3; 38. Rb8+, Kg7; 39. Rb7+, Kg8; 40. Rb8+, Kf7; 41. Rxb5, Rd1; 42. Rb7+, Kf8; 43. Ra7, d3; 44. Rxa4, Rb1; 45. Kxd6. 1/2-1/2

LANKEY-SIDDEEK

1. d4, Nf6; 2. Nf3, g6; 3. c4, Bg7; 4. Nc3, O-O; 5. e4, d6; 6. Be2, Nbd7; 7. O-O, e5; 8. d5, Ne8; 9. Ne1, f5; 10. f3, Nef6; 11. Be3, f4; 12. Bf2, g5; 13. b4, a5; 14. a3, ab; 15. ab, Ra1; 16. Qa1, h5; 17. c5, Rf7; 18. cd, cd; 19. Qa8, Bf8; 20. Nb5, g4; 21. Kh1, Be7; 22. Nd3, Rf8; 23. Na7, g3; 24. Bg1, gh; 25. Bf2, Ng4; 26. fg, hg; 27. Bg4, Bh4; 28. Qc8, Bg3; 29. Qd7, Qd7; 30. Bd7, Ra8; 31. Nb5, Ra2; 32. Bg3, fg; 33. Nd6, Re2; 34. Be+, Kh7; 35. Nf5, Re4; 36. d6, Rf4; 37. Nf4, ef; 38. d7, b5; 39. d8=Q, Kg6; 40. Qg8+, Kf6; 41. Re1, f3; 42. Qg7 checkmate.

ABBOTT-FORDON

1. e4, c5; 2. Nf3, e6; 3. d4, cd; 4. Nd4, a6; 5. c4, Nf6; 6. Nc3, Qc7; 7. Bd3, b6; 8. O-O, Bb7; 9. Kh1, Bb4; 10. Qe2, Nc6; 11. Nc6, Qc6; 12. Nd5, Nd5; 13. ed, Qc7; 14. Bg5, O-O; 15. Qh5, g6; 16. Qh4, Rfe8; 17. f4, Bf8; 18. Rf3, Bg7; 19. Rh3, h5; 20. Rg3, Qc5; 21. f5, ef; 22. Bf5, Qf2; 23. Be4, f5; 24. Be3, Re4; 25. Qg5, Qb2; 26. Re1, Qf6; 27. Qg6, Qg6; 28. Rg6, Rae8. O-1

JELLISON-HAMBLIN

1. d4, d5; 2. c4, c6; 3. Nf3, Nf6; 4. Nc3, e6; 5. cd, ed; 6. g3, Bd6; 7. Bg2, O-O; 8. O-O, Nbd7; 9. Re1, Re8; 10. Qd3, Nf8. 1/2-1/2
(Grandmaster's Draw!!!!!!)





SCHOLASTIC CHESS

by Mark Wood

This year's Scholastic Chess Program has been one of the best in C.S.C.A. history! We sponsored more tournaments, visited more schools, and had more fun than we did in any other year in which I've been involved in scholastic chess. Countless hours of hard work by many people have gone into making the program the success it has been. It is only through programs like this one that we can...and will insure a stronger future in our chess community.

On March 9th, the Colorado State Scholastic Individual Championship was the first tournament in the program. A record-breaking 139 students participated in the three sections (Elementary, Junior High/Middle School, and High School). This meant that there were more kids playing in the first scholastic even than players in the Colorado Open last September! Ricky Bucher won first place in the Elementary section; second place was a four-way tie by Ryan Betram, Tina Blea, Ariel Cohen, and Nich Nielson. In the Middle School section, Rod Carter swept the field for first. Second was shared by Johnathan MacDonald and Joe Scognamillo, and Tish Gance won the trophy for the Best Girl. The High School section saw a three-way tie which was settled by a double round robin blitz playoff. When the smoke cleared, Mark Waite finished first, Dayrl Genz second, and Danny Leroy third. Susan Gago was just a half point behind the three winners and received the trophy as the best high school girl.

The Colorado State Scholastic Team Championship, held on May 9th, was attended by 82 students forming 21 teams. First place in the Elementary section was captured by the Fort Lupton Elementary School "A" team, comprised of Ricky Bucher, Rodrigo Chavez, Lorenzo Camacho and Eloy Rodriguez. Second place went to the University Hills Elementary "A" team of Ari Cohen, Celine Liu, Nathan Butters, and Natalie Butters. Fort Lupton Elementary "B" (Ryan Betram, Matt Sparks, Mike Stadler, and Daniel Stites) claimed the third place trophy. Turnout for the Junior High/Middle School section was small---four entrants---so that group was pooled with the High School teams. Horace Mann took first place as the top Middle School team by finishing third over all; the team was manned by Amos England, Robert Hudson, Edy Randall, and Quincy Taylor. The second place trophy went to Fort Lupton Middle School's "A" team; members of that team were Ruben Rivera, Jason Renouf, Donald Dority, and Doug Peters. Third place was taken by Fort Lupton Middle School "B", with Ignacio Alvarado, James Hoover, Jeremish Tucker, and Freddy Gallegos playing the four boards. The Northglenn High School "A" team took first among the High school teams; the players were Mark Waite, Russ Watterson, Curtis Michlitsch, and Richard Doak. Second place went to Cherry Creek High School's "A" team (Ilya Kleir, Steve Gubser, Sabre Mayhugh, and John Castle). The third place trophy was earned by "The Fish," a conglomerate team made up of students from three different schools (Chris Herring, Richard Tolmie, Mike Morel, and Meri Morris).

I want to thank the many volunteers who made the Scholastic Program successful this year. First of all, the C.S.C.A. President Sean Scott and Board of Directors; without their time and efforts, and most especially, without the necessary funds, nothing could have happened. USCF provided an incredible amount of materials and support; the USCF staff deserves a commendation for their assistance in making the Colorado Scholastic Program a success.

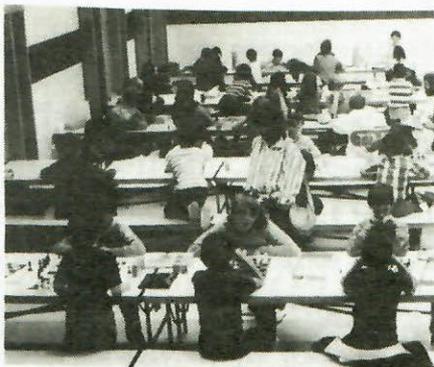
Scholastic tournaments are a unique experience, and the Tournament Directors must be special people who can draw organization and order from chaos. The Scholastic TDs, all of whom deserve a big "Thank You," were Gary Bagstad, John Siddeek, Rich DeLong, Randy Siebert, Andrew Rea, Mark Kriseler, Debbie Scott, Buck Buchanan, Liz Wood, and Tom Barber.

The Program was initially kicked off by volunteers who went out to the schools to lecture, to play in simulcs, and to be club sponsors; Jim Brunette, Charlie Darrah, Paul Cornielson, Alex Fishbien, John Siddeek, and Randy Siebert. Another core group of people helped with tournament registration, mailings, transportation, and the million and one details which form the foundation of a good scholastic program. Thanks go to the following for their efforts: Cindy DeLong, Joe Chandler, Paul Goodness, Joe Aragon, Tim Holman, John Cohen, Daoud Zupa, Meri Morris, and of course the different school sponsors and parents. A special thanks to my wife, Liz, who not only helped field the multitudes of phone calls, worked at almost all of the events and (probably the worst job of all!) put up with me as well.

A successful program needs great volunteers such as we have had this year. We are already looking forward to the next school year, and developing plans for a kick-off tournament sometime around National Chess Week in October. We plan to produce a scholastic magazine. There has been some work done already with the school districts towards setting up actual chess classes within the school curriculums. Research is proceeding to develop some chess college scholarships. And, of course, we want to enlarge the program with more tournaments, sponsored by a increasing number of individual schools. One idea which has been discussed is the development of scholastic leagues.

The Colorado Scholastic Chess Program for 1986-1987 was far more successful than any of us had originally anticipated. We want to have an even more successful program this next year. Many more volunteers will be needed. If you would like more information about the Program, or if you would be interested in working in or for the Scholastic Program, please contact Mark or Liz Wood at 239-8452. Become involved in creating the future of Chess!





THE 1987 NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL

by Alexander Fishbein

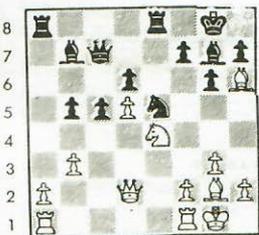
This year's version of the International was the strongest ever. Ninety-two players participated, about half of them grandmasters. There were no players without a FIDE rating, and only about 15 had not reached an IM title.

U.S. Champion Yasser Seirawan and Hungarian GM Andras Adorjan tied for first, and Seirawan won the subsequent playoff. Both scored 8 out of 11.

My own score was somewhat below expectations - $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11. My play, however, was much better than in previous New York Internationals. I had many good positions but destroyed them in time pressure. This was in part due to my not very good playing form, but, more significantly, also to my inability to find the clearest path and to determine what kind of counterplay to allow and what kind to prevent - the skill they call "technique."

In general, however, I was not disappointed about my play. In the first round I was Black against IM Michael Rohde.

Rohde-Fishbein, BENONI: 1 Nf3, Nf6; 2 c4, c5; 3 Nc3, b6; 4 e3 (4 d4, cd; 5 N:d4, Bb7 leads to the Hedgehog.) 6; 5 d4, Bg7; 6 g3 (A somewhat unusual move. White wants to force ...Bb7 before playing d5.) 0-0; 7 Bg2, Bb7; 8 d5, d6; 9 0-0, e6 (An interesting point. This move looks simple and would normally be left without comment. However, before playing it, I had to evaluate the variation 10 Ng5, ed; 11 N:d5 N:d5; 12 B:d5, B:d5; 13 Q:d5, Na6 and now if 14 Ne4, then 14...Qe7! and Black is ok. Watch out for moves which are "clear without explanation." Usually the explanation is omitted to save space. Fortunately, we have the ability to process information, which would take many pages to explain, all in a two-hour period.) 10 e4, ed; 11 ed, Re8; 12 Bf4 a6; 13 Qd2, Qc7 (Black's development is comfortable enough.) 14 Ng5 (White clearly overestimates his chances.) Nbd7; 15 Nge4, N:e4; 16 N:e4 Ne5; 17 b3, b5! (Attacking the base of the pawn chain) 18 cb (If 18 Rcl, then 18...bc; 19 bc, a5! and ...Ba6.) ab; 19 Bh6? * f5! (White did not see this move. Now the d5 pawn falls after 20 B:g7, fe; 21 B:e5, R:e5; and 20...fe; 21 Bh6, Nf3+ leaves White with problems. In the game I win an exchange.) 20 Nc3, b4; 21 Na4 (There is nothing better.) Nc4 22 bc, B:a1; 23 R:a1, R:a4 (White's compensation is control of the a1-h8 diagonal. However, it should prove insufficient.) 24 Qc2, Ra3 (Why not 24...Rea8) 25 Bf1, Qd7 (This is very bad. 25...Rea8 should win.) 26 Bcl, Ra7 (Better is 26...Raa8.) 27 h4 (Now it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for Black to win.) Qe7; 28 h5, Qe4; 29 Bd3, Qel+; 30 ...2, Qc3; 31 hg, hg 32 Q:c3, bc; 33 Bf4, Ra6?!; 34 Rcl, Rd8; 35 R:c3, R:a2; 36 Rb3, Rd7; 37 g4, fg (37...Ra4!) 38 B:g6, Kg7; 39 Be8, Re7; 40 B:d6, B:d5+; 41 cd, R:e8; 42 B:c5, Rd2; 43 Rb4, 1/2-1/2. The position was a "matter of technique," but, in time pressure, I made mistakes. This game was typical of my missed opportunities.

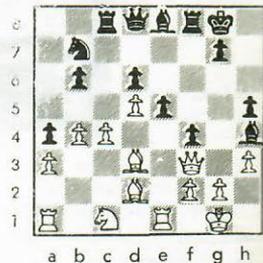


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* R-F after W19

The following game was played in round 10. It was far from my best game in the tournament, but it was interesting.

Fishbein-IM Beat Zueger (Switzerland), SICILIAN: 1 e4, c5; 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 d4, cd; 4 N:d4 Nf6; 5 Nc3, d6; 6 Be2, e5; 7 Nf3, h6; 8 0-0, Be7; 9 Re1, 0-0; 10 h3, a6 (In the 1986 U.S. Junior Championship, John Litvinchuk played 10...Be6 against me. After 11 Bf1 he continued with 11...Qa5?, a move recommended by G. Sax in 1983. After 12 Bd2, Qb6 I played 13 b3? instead of 13 Na4!, Qc7; 14 c4! with a big advantage, as played in Smivin-Ronin in October 1985 somewhere in the Soviet Union. The delivery time of the issue of SHAKHMATNY BULLETIN in which this game was published was such that I did not get the information in time. I saw 13.Na4! very soon after playing 13 b3.) 11 Bf1, Qc7 (This entire opening variation is extremely subtle. White wants to play Nd5, but not until a certain moment.) 12 Be3, Bd7 (12...b5 was an alternative.) 13 Nd5, N:d5 14 ed, Nd8; 15 c4, b6; 16 b4, Nb7; 17 Nd2, f5; 18 Nb3, f4?! (A risky move. Black permanently weakens e4.) 19 Bd2, Bh4; 20 Qh5, Qd8; 21 Bd3 (White now has an advantage: better pawn structure, control of the b1-h7 diagonal, and Black's bad knight on b7. However, Black has some K-side attacking chances and White has to be careful. My objective had to be to contain the attack. If this can be accomplished, Black's position will be strategically lost.) Be8; 22 Qg4 (giving him a tempo) h5; 23 Qf3, a5; 24 a3, a4; 25 Nc1, Rc8* 26 Ne2?? (Common sense suggests 26 Qe4, g6; 27 Ne2 and 28 g3. Now Black wins yet another tempo.) g5!; 27 Qe4, Rc7; 28 g3, Rg7; 29 gh, g4!! (The attack begins. White is in serious time pressure.) 30 Kf1!, Q:h4; 31 Ngl!, Bg6; 32 Q:g6 (An interesting line is 32 Qe2, f3 33 Qe3, B:d3+; 34 Q:d3, Q:h3+!!; 35 N:h3, gh and White must play 36 Q:f3.) R:g6; 33 B:g6 f3 (Having defended well, I now should have played 34 Be4. Instead, I played a losing move which blunders a piece.) 34 Re4??, Kg7!; 35 B:h5, Q:h5; 36 R:g4+, Kh8!; 37 Re1, Rg8 38 R:g8+, K:g8; 39 Re3, Qh4!; 40 N:f3, Q:h3+?? (Of course, 40...Q:c4+ wins.) 41 Ke1! (Now the position is apparently drawn.) Qh1+; 42 Ke2, Qh5; 43 Re4, Nd8; 44 Be3, Nf7; 45 Rh4, Qf5 46 Nd2, Ng5; 47 B:b6, Nh3; 48 Be3, Nf4+; 49 B:f4, ef; 50 c5, Qe5+; 51 Kd1, Qa1+; 52 Ke2 Qe5+; 53 Kd1, Qa1+; 54 Ke2, Qe5+; 55 Kd1, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.



* F-Z after B25

My other games were as follows: I lost to GM B. Ivkov (Yugoslavia), GM I Csom (Hungary), IM F. Hellers (Sweden), and GM J. L. Fernandez (Spain); drew with GM I Morovich (Chile), GM P. Benko, and IM K. Burger; and defeated L. Schorr (Venezuela) and A. Sherzer.

My final result was not as important as the experience that I gained in this tournament. Unfortunately, this tournament is not accessible to players with a FIDE rating below 2400 - they have to pay at least \$500 to enter. But 2400 is not such a high figure * (even for a FIDE rating), and hopefully the Colorado contingent in the New York International will increase in the near future.

* That's easy for YOU to say! - Ed.

THE AURARIA AFTER TAX SPECIAL
by Mike Zak

This year's tournament was again a great success, with 56 players in 3 sections. Many of the prizes (based on 45) had to be increased accordingly.

The Auditors Section had a tie for first between Randy Canney and Joe Abbott at 3 points, with Sean Scott taking 3rd with 2½. The Taxpayers section saw Keith Oxman and Eli Lucero claiming top honors and William Riley taking third. The Tax Evaders section was won by Robert Orosz and Gregg Steadman.

I would like to thank Thea Hutcheson for all her help, and I hope to see all the participants again next year when the tournament returns to its original 2-day, 4-round format.

TAXPAYERS (UNDER 1900)

AUDITORS (OPEN)		1	2	3	TOTAL	
1	RANDY CANNEY	2361	W13	W18	W5	3.0
2	JOE ABBOTT	2161	W14	W7	W8	3.0
3	SCOTT LETT	2053	W23	D16	W17	2.5
4	RICHARD BUCHANAN	2133	D15	D9	W16	2.0
5	RON NICHOLS	2132	W21	W11	L1	2.0
6	RICHARD GARCIA	2044	L16	W21	W18	2.0
7	CHARLES MARTINEZ	1973	WF	L2	W19	2.0
8	DAVID BOWERS	1907	W9	W10	L2	2.0
9	ROBERT KARNISKY	2115	L8	D4	W23	1.5
10	SEAN SCOTT	2036	W22	L8	D13	1.5
11	IVAN OCHOA	2005	W19	L5	D14	1.5
12	MICHAEL SHEDD	1974	L17	W23	D15	1.5
13	CHRIS CLEVENGER	1945	L1	W22	D10	1.5
14	JEFF NOHRDEN	1916	L2	W20	D11	1.5
15	ERIC BECKMAN	1915	D4	D17	D12	1.5
16	DEBRA SCOTT	1823	W6	D3	L4	1.5
17	GENE STRANDBERG	1761	W12	D15	L3	1.5
18	VANCE AANDAHL	1947	W20	L1	L6	1.0
19	GEOFFREY GENZ	1771	L11	BYE	L7	1.0
20	EFFLEY BROOKS	UNR	L18	L14	W24	1.0
21	JOHN PRICE	1909	L5	L6	D22	0.5
22	PETE MILLETT	1821	L10	L13	D21	0.5
23	IAN MACLELLAN	1906	L3	L12	L9	0.0
24	CARY KIIKUNI	UNR	--	--	L20	0.0

TAX EVADERS (UNDER 1500)

TAX EVADERS (UNDER 1500)		1	2	3	TOTAL	
1	ROBERT OROSZ	1397	W10	W5	W3	3.0
2	GREGG STEADMAN	1396	W13	W8	W6	3.0
3	SCHUYLAR MARSHALL	1367	W11	W9	L1	2.0
4	VERNON PRICE	1317	L6	BYE	W9	2.0
5	BRIAN SCHEUFELE	1103	W7	L1	W12	2.0
6	MARK SAIKI	UNR	W4	W10	L2	2.0
7	ROBERT WHITCOMB	UNR	L5	W11	W8	2.0
8	MICHAEL ENGLS	1230	W12	L2	L7	1.0
9	FRANK CANNEY	1034	BYE	L3	L4	1.0
10	GUY HADLEY	UNR	L1	L6	W13	1.0
11	CARY KIIKUNI	UNR	L3	L7	BYE	1.0
12	GREG MILLER	UNR	L8	W13	L5	1.0
13	T. DALE REED	UNR	L2	L12	L10	0.0

GAMES

selection & comments by Randy Canney

Letl-MacLellan, TORRE: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c3, b6; 3 Nf3, Bb7; 4 Bg5, e6; 5 Nbd2, Be7; 6 e3, c5
7 Bd3, h6; 8 Bh4, Nc6; 9 0-0, g5; 10 Bg3, Nh5; 11 Ne5, Ng3; 12 fg1, N:e5; 13 de, d5; 14 Bb5+
Rf8; 15 Qh5, Rh7; 16 Bd3, Rg7; 17 Qh6, Kg8; 18 Rf2, g4; 19 Rf6!, Qc7; 20 Qh5, Rf8 and 1-0.

D. Scott-Garcia, QGD: 1 d4, d5; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nc3, Nf6; 4 Bg5, Nbd7; 5 e3, c6; 6 cd, cd; 7 Bd3
Qa5; 8 Rcl, Bb4; 9 a3, B:c3+; 10 R:c3, 0-0; 11 b4, Qb6; 12 Bf4, Ne4; 13 Rcl, Qd8; 14 Nf3, Qe7
15 h4? (White's edge is on the Q-side, not here. Better is 15 0-0 followed by taking over the
c-file.) a5; 16 Ng5, ab; 17 B:e4, de; 18 N:e4, e5; 19 de, ba; 20 Qd4, b5; 21 Bg5, Q:e5; 22 Q:e5
N:e5; 23 Ke2, f6; 24 Bf4, Bb7; 25 Nd6, B:g2; 26 Rg1, Bf3+; 27 Kf1, a2 (You say it's White that's
going to win this one?!) 28 Ral, Rfd8; 29 Nf5, Rd1+!; 30 R:dl, alQ; 31 R:g7+, Kf8; 32 Re1, Nd3??
33 Bd6+, Ke8; 34 Re7+, Kd8; 35 Bc7+, 1-0. It's 36 Nd6 mate next.

Nichols-Price, ENGLISH: 1 Nf3, c5; 2 c4, Nf6; 3 Nc3, e6; 4 d4, cd; 5 N:d4, Be7; 6 g3, Nc6
7 Bg2, 0-0; 8 0-0, a6; 9 e4, Qc7; 10 Nc2 (Avoiding exchanges: a good plan when one has the
freer position.) d6; 11 Be3, b6; 12 Qe2, Rb8; 13 Rad1, Ne5; 14 b3, Bb7; 15 f4, Neg4; 16 Bc1, h5
17 h3, Nh6; 18 Kh1, g6; 19 Ne3, Kg7; 20 Bb2, e5; 21 Ncd5, N:d5; 22 ed, f6; 23 f5, g5; 24 Bf3
g4; 25 hg, hg; 26 B:g4, N:g4; 27 Q:g4+, Kh8; 28 Kg2, 1-0. A nice squeeze.

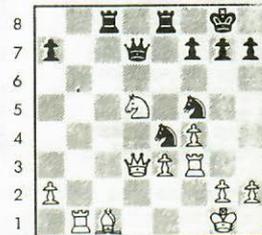
Ochoa-Nichols, SLAV: 1 c4, c6; 2 Nc3, d5; 3 cd, cd; 4 d4, Nf6; 5 Nf3, Nc6; 6 Bf4, Bg4; 7 Ne5
Qb6; 8 N:g4, N:g4; 9 N:d5, Qa5+; 10 Nc3, e5!; 11 de, Qb6; 12 e3, Q:b2; 13 Ne4 and 0-1.

Beckman-Buchanan, KING'S GAMBIT: 1 e4, e5; 2 f4, ef; 3 Nf3, g5; 4 h4, g4; 5 Ne5, Nf6; 6 d4
d6; 7 Nd3, N:e4; 8 Qe2, Qe7; 9 B:f4, Nc6; 10 c3, Bf5; 11 Nd2, N:d2; 12 K:d2, Q:e2+; 13 B:e2
h5; 14 Rael, 0-0-0; 15 Bg5, Bh6; 16 g3, B:g5+; 17 hg, Rdg8; 18 Nf4, R:g5; 19 Bc4, Bg6; 20 Rh2
Na5; 21 Bd3, B:d3; 22 K:d3, Rf5; 23 Reh1, Kd7; 24 Ke4, Rf6; 25 R:h5, R:h5; 26 R:h5, Nc6;
27 Rf5, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

R. Canney-Aandahl, PETROV: 1 e4, e5; 2 Nf3, Nf6; 3 N:e5, d6; 4 Nf3, N:e4; 5 Nc3, Nf6; 6 d4 Be7; 7 Bg5, h6? (This creates a weakness that White will exploit to open lines. Better is 7...Bf5.) 8 Bf4, Bf5; 9 Bd3, B:d3; 10 Q:d3, 0-0; 11 0-0-0, Re8; 12 h3, Nbd7; 13 g4, Nf8; 14 g5 Nh5; 15 Be3, hg; 16 Rdl, Ne6; 17 Ne4, g6; 18 h4, Nef4; 19 Qd2, Nd5; 20 hg, N:e3; 21 fe, Kg7 22 d5, Qd7; 23 Qd4+, Kg8; 24 R:h5, gh; 25 Nf6+, B:f6; 26 gf+, Kh8; 27 Qf4, 1-0.

Nichols-R. Canney, DUTCH: 1 Nf3, e6; 2 c4, f5; 3 g3, Nf6; 4 Bg2, Be7; 5 0-0, 0-0; 6 d4, Ne4 (An idea of Alekhin's that Bronstein has also played frequently: two good recommendations for aggressive chess.) 7 Nbd2, Bf6; 8 N:e4, fe; 9 Ne1 (9 Ne5 is less passive.) d5; 10 e3, c5 11 Nc2, cd; 12 ed, Nc6; 13 Be3, b6; 14 Re1, Ba6; 15 cd, ed; 16 Bf1 (This is a mistake, as it leaves the white squares around White's king weak. Safer is 16 a3.) B:f1; 17 R:f1, Rac3 18 Rac1, Qd7; 19 Kg2, Qf5; 20 Qe2, h5; 21 h3, Rf7; 22 a3, Rcf8; 23 Rfd1, Ne7; 24 Ne1, Bg5 25 Rc2, Qg6; 26 Rdd2, B:e3; 27 Q:e3, Nf5; 28 Qc3, e3; 29 Re2, Nh4+; 30 Kgl, ef+; 31 R:f2, Nf5 32 Kh2, Qd6; 33 Kg2, Qf6; 34 Rcd2, Qg5; 35 Rde2, Ne3+; 36 Kgl, Q:g3+; 37 Rg2, Rf1 mate.

Price-Millett, SLAV: 1 d4, c6; 2 c4, d5; 3 b3 (There's no need for this. The pawn on c4 doesn't need protection and the move weakens the e1-a5 diagonal.) Nf6; 4 Nc3, Bf5; 5 Bd2, Nbd7; 6 Nf3, e6; 7 e3, Bd6 c5, Bc7; 9 b4 (An instructive position. White will try to advance b5 and Black e5. But Black's lead in development means he'll come first.) 0-0 10 Be2, e5; 11 de, N:e5; 12 Nd4, Bd3; 13 0-0, B:e2; 14 Nc:e2, b6; 15 f4 (This creates weaknesses, and the win of a pawn is only temporary.) Nc4 16 N:c6, Qd7; 17 Ned4, Ne4; 18 Bc1, Rfe8; 19 Rf3, bc; 20 bc, N:c5 21 Rb1, Bb6; 22 Qc2, Rac8; 23 Nb4, Ne4; 24 Qd3, Ncd6; 25 N:d5, B:d4 26 Q:d4, Nf5; 27 Qd3 * Rc3 (Better is 17...Rad8; 28 Rb5, Nc3) 28 Nf6+! N:f6; 29 Q:c3, Qd1+; 30 Rf1, Qd5; 31 Bd2?, Ne4; 32 Qa5, Q:d2; 33 Q:f5 Q:e3+; 34 Kh1, Nf2+; 35 R:f2, Q:f2; 36 h3, Q:a2; 37 Rb7, a5; 38 Qb5, Kf8 39 Qc5+, Kg8; 40 Qb5, Kf8; 41 Qc5+, Kg8; 42 Qb5, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.



* P-M after W27

Grubel-Cunningham, QGD: 1 d4, d5; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nf3, Be7; 4 Nc3, Nf6; 5 Bg5, h6; 6 B:f6, B:f6 7 e4, de; 8 N:e4, Nc6; 9 N:f6+, Q:f6; 10 Be2, 0-0; 11 Rb1, b6; 12 0-0, Bb7; 13 Qd2, Rfd8 14 Rfd1, e5; 15 d5, e4; 16 Ne1, Qg6; 17 Qf4, Nb4; 18 Q:c7, Ba6; 19 a3, N:d5; 20 R:d5, R:d5 21 cd, B:e2; 22 d6, Qf6; 23 d7, e3; 24 f3, Qh4; 25 g3, Qh3?1?; 26 d8Q+, R:d8; 27 Q:d8, Kh7 28 Ng2, B:f3; 29 Qd3+, g6; 30 Nf4, Qf5; 31 Q:f5, gf; 32 Re1, 1-0.

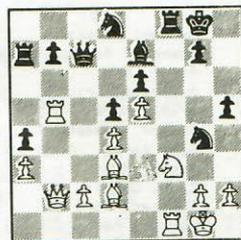
Lucero-Kriseler, QUEEN'S INDIAN: 1 d4, e6; 2 c4, b6; 3 Nc3, Bb7; 4 e4, Bb4; 5 f3, B:c3+; 6 bc Qh4+; 7 g3, Qe7; 8 Bg2, Nc6; 9 Nh3, 0-0-0; 10 Rb1, h5; 11 Qa4, h4; 12 g4, d5; 13 Ba3, Qe8; 14 c5 e5! (Give the center to Black's advantage) 15 cb, ab; 16 0-0, ed; 17 Rfel, de; 18 R:e4, Qd7 19 Rdl, Nf6; 20 Re2, Nd5; 21 Bb2, Rhe8; 22 R:e8, R:e8; 23 cd, Ne3; 24 Rd2, N:g2; 25 K:g2, Qd5 26 Ng1, f5 (26...Re3 - RB) 27 h3, fg; 28 hg, Qd6; 29 Ne2, h3+; 30 Kh1, R:e2 (But here Black gives away his advantage. Correct is 30...Qf6, threatening Q:f3+ and Qh4.) 31 R:e2, Qg3; 32 Qb3 Nd8; 33 d5, Ba6 (33...Ne6 also fails to 34 Be5. - RB) 34 Be5, Qh4; 35 Qc2, Qe7; 36 d6, Qd7 37 Re3, c5; 38 Bg3, Qb5; 39 Qf5+, Qd7; 40 Qf8, 1-0.

Ellison-Russell, BENONI: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nf3, c5; 4 d5, ed; 5 cd, d6; 6 Nc3, a6; 7 a4 g6; 8 e4, Bg7; 9 Bd3, 0-0; 10 0-0, Re8; 11 Bg5, Nbd7; 12 Re1, Qc7; 13 Qb3, b6; 14 Rac1, Ng4 15 h3, Nge5; 16 N:e5, N:e5; 17 Be2, f5; 18 f3, h6; 19 Bh4, g5; 20 Bf2, f4; 21 Kh2, Rf8; 22 Qd1 Qf7; 23 Rg1, h5; 24 g4, fg+; 25 R:g3, Qf4; 26 Kh1, h4; 27 Rg2, B:h3; 28 Rh2, Bd7; 29 Bg1, Rf6 30 Rf2, Rh6; 31 Bh2, Qf6; 32 Qg1, Rf8; 33 f4, gf; 34 R:f4, Rg6; 35 Qf2, Qe7; 36 Rf1, R:f4 37 B:f4, Qf7; 38 Q:h4, Qf6; 39 Q:f6, R:f6; 40 Kgl, Bh3; 41 Rf2, Rg6+; 42 Kh1, Nf7; 43 Rh2, Bc8 44 Rg2, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Oxman-Norkus, FRENCH: 1 e4, e6; 2 d4, d5; 3 Nc3, Nf6; 4 Bg5, Be7; 5 B:f6, B:f6; 6 e5, Be7 7 Qg4, 0-0; 8 Bd3, c5; 9 Nf3, cd; 10 N:d4, Nc6; 11 0-0-0, Bg5+; 12 f4, N:d4; 13 fg, Nc6 14 Rdel, a6; 15 Bh7+, K:h7; 16 Qh5+, Kg8; 17 Re3, N:e5; 18 R:e5, Qd6; 19 Rhel, Rd8; 20 N:d5 b5; 21 Rle3, Q:d5; 22 R:d5, R:d5; 23 Rh3, Kf8; 24 Qh8+, Ke7; 25 Q:g7, Rf5; 26 Rf3, R:f3; 27 gf Bb7; 28 Qf6+, Ke8; 29 g6; fg; 30 Q:e6+, Kd8; 31 Q:g6, Kc7; 32 Qf7+, Kb6; 33 Qf6+, Ka7; 34 Qd4+ Kb8; 35 f4, Ra7; 36 f5, Bh1; 37 Qd8+, Kb7; 38 f6, Kc6; 39 Qe8+, Rd7; 40 f7, 1-0.

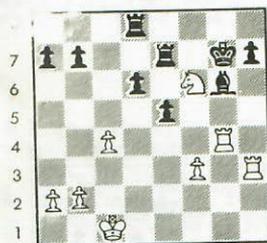
S. Scott-Millett, GIUOCO PIANO: 1 e4, e5; 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 Bc4, Bc5; 4 0-0, Nf6; 5 d4, ed; 6 e5 d5; 7 ef, dc; 8 Rel+, Be6; 9 Ng5, Qd5; 10 Nc3, Qf5; 11 Nce4, 0-0-0; 12 g4, Qd5?; 13 fg, Rhg8 14 Nf6, Qd6; 15 Nge4, Qe7; 16 N:g8, R:g8; 17 Bg5, Qd7; 18 N:c5, B:g4; 19 N:d7, B:d1; 20 Ra:d1 R:g7; 21 Nf6, R:g5+; 22 Kf1 and White won (1-0).

Bowers-Karnisky, POLISH OPENING: 1 b4, Nh6; 2 e4, e6; 3 a3, a5; 4 b5 c6; 5 Bb2, d5; 6 e5, Qb6; 7 Nc3, a4; 8 d4, Bd7; 9 Rb1, cb; 10 N:b5, B:b5 11 Bc3, Nc6 (After an original start, the position looks like it came from a French.) 12 R:b5, Qc7; 13 Qb1, Ra7; 14 Qb2, Be7; 15 Bd3, f6 16 f4, 0-0; 17 Nf3, fe; 18 fe, Ng4; 19 Bd2, h5; 20 0-0, Nd8 * 21 c4! dc; 22 Rc1, Qd7; 23 B:c4, Kh8; 24 d5, ed; 25 R:d5, Qe8; 26 h3, Nh6 27 Bd3, Nf5; 28 e6, Ng3; 29 Qe5 (White's pieces are actively centralized while Black's sit on the edge.) h4; 30 Bel, Nc6; 31 Qe3, Ra8 32 B:g3, hg; 33 Qe4, g6; 34 Nh4, Rf6; 35 N:g6+, R:g6; 36 Q:g6, Q:g6 37 B:g6, B:a3; 38 Rc4, Bb2; 39 Rg5, Bd4+; 40 Kf1, a3; 41 Bb1, Rf8+ 42 Ke1, Rf4; 43 Kd1, Rf1+; 44 Kc2, Rf2+; 45 Kd3, a2; 46 B:a2, R:a2 47 R:c6, bc; 48 Kd4, R:g2; 49 e7, Re2; 50 Re5, 1-0.



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* B-K after B20

Buchanan-D. Scott, FRENCH: 1 e4, e6; 2 d4, d5; 3 Nd2, c5; 4 ed, Q:d5; 5 Ngf3, cd; 6 Bc4, Qd8 7 Nb3, a6; 8 Nb:d4, b5 (Black has moved only her queen and pawns and is dangerously behind in development.) 9 Bb3, Bb7; 10 0-0, Bd6; 11 Rel, Ne7; 12 Ng5! (There were a lot of sacrificial possibilities around here, some of which may have worked. But I felt that as long as I was maintaining the pressure and improving my position, there was no need to rush into anything risky. - RB) Qb6; 13 Be3, Qc7; 14 N:f7!, B:h2+; 15 Kh1, Rf8 (15...K:f7; 16 N:e6. But the move played is no better.) 16 N:e6, Qc6; 17 N:g7 mate.



Shedd-Beckman, ENGLISH: 1 c4, c5; 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 d4, cd; 4 N:d4, g6 5 e4, Bg7; 6 Be3, Nf6; 7 Nc3, Qa5; 8 Nb3, Qd8; 9 Be2, 0-0; 10 Qd2, d6 11 f3, Be6; 12 Bh6, Ne8; 13 h4, f5; 14 h5, Bf7; 15 ef, gf; 16 Nd5, e6 17 B:g7, N:g7; 18 Nf4, Qg5; 19 0-0-0, e5; 20 Nd5, Q:d2+; 21 R:d2, N:h5 22 g4, Ng3; 23 Rh3, N:e2; 24 R:e2, fg; 25 Rg2, Bg6; 26 R:g4, Rf7; 27 Nd2 Ne7; 28 N:e7, R:e7; 29 Ne4, Rd8; 30 Nf6+, Kg7 * 31 R:h7+, K:f6; 32 R:e7 (32 R:g6+ looks better: 32...K:g6; 33 R:e7, Rb8; 34 Re6+ or 33...Rc8 34 b3, b5; 35 Re6+, Kf5; 36 R:d6, bc; 37 b4 with some chances. - RB) K:e7; 33 R:g6, Rf8; 34 Rg3, Ke6; 35 Kd2, Rf7; 36 Ke3, d5; 37 cd+, 1/2-1/2.

a b c d e f g h

* S-B after B30

Garcia-Price, SICILIAN: 1 e4, c5; 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 Bc4, e5?!; 4 d3, Be7 5 Nc3, d6; 6 h3, Be6; 7 Nd5, Nf6; 8 c3, a6; 9 a4, Na5; 10 Ba2, h6 11 0-0, B:d5; 12 ed, b5; 13 Rel, b4; 14 d4, bc; 15 de, cb; 16 B:b2, de 17 B:e5, Kd7; 18 d6, Bf8; 19 B:f7, Kc8; 20 B:f6, Q:f6; 21 Re8+, Kd7 22 Ne5+, 1-0.

Cunningham-Johnson, ENGLISH: 1 c4, e5; 2 Nc3, d6; 3 g3, f5; 4 Bg2, Nf6; 5 d3, Be7; 6 Bg5 c6; 7 e3, 0-0; 8 Nge2, Na6; 9 0-0, Qe8; 10 d4, e4; 11 Rb1, Nc7; 12 b4, Ne6; 13 B:f6, B:f6 14 d5, Nc7; 15 Qb3, Kh8; 16 Rfd1, cd; 17 N:d5, N:d5; 18 cd, b6; 19 Rbc1, Ba6; 20 Nf4, Rc8 21 a4, Qf7; 22 Ne6, R:c1; 23 R:c1, Rc8; 24 R:c8, B:c8; 25 Qc4, B:e6; 26 de, Qb7; 27 Qb5, g6 28 Bf1, d5; 29 Qe8+, Kg7; 30 Bb5, Qe7; 31 Qd7, Q:d7; 32 ed, Be7; 33 Bc6, Kf6; 34 B:d5, Ke5 35 Bc6, a6; 36 b5, a5; 37 Kf1, Kd6; 38 Ke1, Kc5; 39 Kd1, Kb4; 40 Kc2, K:a4? (The king now gets cut off from the action. The safe 40 Ke5 should draw.) 41 Kc3, Ka3; 42 Kc4, Kb2; 43 Kd5 a4; 44 Ke6, Bd8; 45 Kf7, a3; 46 Bd5, a2; 47 B:a2, K:a2; 48 Ke8, Bc7; 49 d8Q, B:d8; 50 K:d8 Kb3; 51 Kc7, Kc4; 52 K:b6, Kd5; 53 Kc7, 1-0.

Steadman-Reed, GIUOCO PIANO: 1 e4, e5; 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 Bc4, Bc5; 4 c3, Nf6; 5 d4, ed; 6 cd Bb6? (This loses too much time. 6...Bb4+ is best.) 7 e5, Qe7; 8 0-0, Ne4?; 9 Rel, f5; 10 ef gf; 11 Nc3, f5; 12 Ng5 (The loss of time has cost Black. He now gets murdered on the open e-file and the weakened diagonals.) Qb4; 13 Qh5+, Ke7; 14 Nd5+, 1-0.

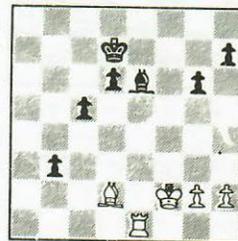
Whitcomb-Engles, SICILIAN: 1 e4, c5; 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 Bc4, e6; 4 d4, cd; 5 N:d4, d6; 6 0-0, Nf6 7 Rel, Be7; 8 a3, 0-0; 9 b4, N:d4; 10 Q:d4, e5; 11 Qd1, b6; 12 Bb3, Bb7; 13 Nd2, Rc8; 14 c4 Qd7; 15 h3, Rc7; 16 Bb2, Rfc8; 17 Rac1, Ne8; 18 Qe2, Bg5; 19 Red1, B:d2; 20 R:d2, Nf6; 21 Qf3 N:e4; 22 R:e4, f5; 23 c5+, Kh8; 24 R:d6, fe; 25 Qg3, Qe8; 26 B:e5, Re7; 27 Be6!, Rcc7; 28 Qg4 Rc6?; 29 Bd7, Bc8; 30 B:e8, B:g4; 31 B:c6 and White won (1-0).

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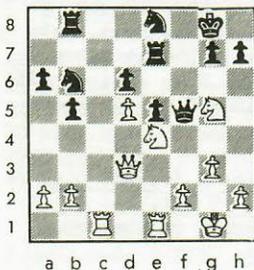
NATIONAL OPEN: LAS VEGAS, MARCH 1987

Dr. J splits the point in an exciting game against a former U.S. Open Champion. Jellison-Joe Bradford (2430), **BENKO GAMBIT**: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, e5; 3 d5, b5; 4 cb a6; 5 Nc3, ab; 6 e4, b4; 7 Nb5, d6; 8 Bf4, Nbd7; 9 Nf3, Nb6; 10 Bd3 g6; 11 e5, Nf:d5; 12 ed, ed; 13 Qe2+, Be6; 14 Bg5, Be7; 15 Bh6, b3 16 0-0, R:a2; 17 Rad1, Kd7; 18 Bc4, N:c4; 19 Q:c4, Qa8; 20 Nc3, N:c3 21 Q:c3, Rc8; 22 Rfel, Qa5; 23 Qg7, Qd8; 24 Ne5+, Kc7; 25 N:f7, Qd7 26 Ne5, Bf8; 27 Q:f8, R:f8; 28 N:d7, R:f2; 29 K:f2, R:b2+; 30 Rd2 R:d2+; 31 B:d2, K:d7 * 32 Bc3, d5; 33 Ral, d4; 34 Bb2, Kc6; 35 Ra6+ Kd5; 36 Kf3, Bf5; 37 g4, Bc2; 38 Ra8, g5; 39 Rd8+, Kc4; 40 Rc8, Bd1+ 41 Kg3, Kb4; 42 Rb8+, Kc4; 43 Rc8, d3; 44 Rd8, Be2; 45 h3, Kb4 46 Kf2, c4; 47 Rd5, h5; 48 gh, B:h5; 49 Ke3, Bf7; 50 Rd4, Be6; 51 h4 g4; 52 Kf4, d2; 53 R:d2, c3; 54 Rf2, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.



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* J-B after B31



T-A after B31

Anthony Thomason of Pueblo scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Reserve Section. But even this fine score was not enough to win a top prize. Here is his last round game. Thomason (1839)-Arndt (1895), **CATALAN** (notes by Anthony Thomason): 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, e6; 3 g3, b6 4 Bg2, d5; 5 Nf3, Bb7; 6 0-0, Be7; 7 Bf4, 0-0; 8 Nbd2, Nbd7; 9 Rcl dc?! (This only helps White. He should have tried 9...c5.) 10 Nc4, Rb8 11 Ne3, Bd6; 12 B:d6, cd; 13 Qc2, Qe7; 14 Qa4, a6; 15 Qa3, b5 16 Qb4! (Better is 16 Rc7.) Nb6; 17 Qa5, Qd7; 18 Rfel (18 Q:b6, B:f3 19 Qa5, B:e2 loses a pawn.) Na8; 19 Nd2! (Black's bishop is holding the Q-side and center together; it must be disposed of.) B:g2; 20 N:g2, Rb6 21 Qc3, Nd5; 22 Qf3, f5?; 23 Nf4, Nf6; 24 d5, e5; 25 Ne6, Rf7; 26 Qc3 Rb8; 27 Ng5, Re7; 28 Qb3, Nb6; 29 e4, fe; 30 Nd:e4, Ne8; 31 Qd3!, Qf5 * 32 Re3 (Immediately decisive is 32 Nf6+!) Qg6; 33 Rf3, Nd7; 34 Rc6 Nc5?? (Black cracks in a lost position. He now loses the exchange and with it the game.) 35 N:c5, Q:g5; 36 Ne6, R:e6 (What else?) 37 de, Rd8; 38 Qd5, Qe7 (forced) 39 Rf7, Nf6; 40 Qb3, Qe8; 41 Rcc7 (A dream position: doubled rooks on the 7th) d5; 42 e7!!, 1-0.

Eight Pueblo players attended the National, assisted by the generous financial contributions of Richard Vidmar.

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OPEN SECTION

ELITE SECTION

1 Andy Rea	2173	W4	W6	W3	D2	3½	1 Daoud Zupa	1689	W11	W9	W3	D2	3½
2 J. Van Buskirk	2198	W10	D7	W8	D1	3	2 Larry Swartwood	1817	W15	W5	W8	D1	
3 R. Buchanan	2120	W17	W5	L1	W8		3 Louis DeFiore	1820	W16	W10	L1	W6	3
4 Eric Beckman	1914	L1	W12	W16	W9		4 Charles Grubel	1807	W14	L8	W13	W10	
5 Joe Abbott	2198	W18	L3	W7	D6	2½	5 Jim Vaughn	1613	WF	L2	W12	W8	
6 Mark Wood	2033	W12	L1	W13	D5		6 R. Laventure	1807	W12	D13	W7	L3	2½
7 R. Karnisky	2130	W11	D2	L5	WF		7 Rod Carter	1552	D9	W16	L6	W14	
8 Debra Scott	1820	W16	W9	L2	L3	2	8 Bob Holland	1591	W19	W4	L2	L5	2
9 Mark Scheidies	2148	W13	L8	W10	L4		9 Jerome Grosz	1695	D7	L1	D14	W13	
10 C. Clevenger	1945	L2	W17	L9	W15		10 Daryl Johnson	1611	W17	L3	W15	L4	
11 Michael Plett	1881	L7	D14	W15	D12		11 Don Thompson	1546	L1	L12	W18	W16	
12 Bob Van de Hey	1665	L6	L4	BYE	D11	1½	12 Derald Jones	1554	L6	W11	L5	D15	1½
13 Jim Nelson	1900	L9	W18	L6	D17		13 Les Ward	1594	W18	D6	L4	L9	
14 Brian Combs	2012	L15	D11	W17	---		14 Jay Schaeffer	1554	L4	W18	D9	L7	
15 James Brunette	1533	W14	L16	L11	L10	1	15 Tom Roode	1568	L2	W17	L10	D12	
16 Tim Holman	2073	L8	W15	L4	---		16 V. Fairchild	1590	L3	L7	W17	L11	1
17 Eli Lucero	1854	L3	L10	L14	D13	½	17 Brad Culp	1475	L10	L15	L16	BYE	
18 Ed Schreiber	2010	L5	L13	---	---	0	18 Clifford Bailey	1462	L13	L14	L11	---	0
							19 Pete Millett	1847	L8	---	---	---	

RESERVE SECTION

1 Fran McGrail	1518	W6	W7	D3	W2	3½	8 Michael Lurie	1300	L2	W14	D11	D10	
2 Donald Larson	Unr	W8	W9	W5	L1	3	9 Carl Johns	1538	L4	L5	BYE	W12	
3 Herbert Conley	1334	W13	W10	D1	D4		10 Bob Grosz	1439	W11	L3	L4	D8	1½
4 Mike Torrez	1280	W9	D5	W10	D3		11 Ricky Bucher	1074	L10	W13	D8	L7	
5 Michael Engles	1396	W14	D4	L2	W6	2½	12 Chris Blehm	Unr	L7	L6	W13	L9	1
6 Mike Grosz	1222	L1	W12	W7	L5	2	13 Jonah Perl	Unr	L3	L11	L12	BYE	
7 S. Marshall	1364	W12	L1	L6	W11		14 R. Chapman	Unr	L5	L8	---	---	0

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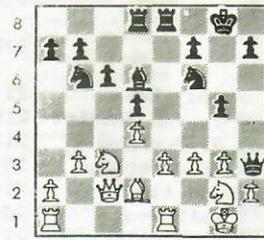
by Andy Rea

I managed to take clear first place in a tournament that has been very good to me; I also tied first in 1985. I didn't get to defend my share in 1986 because of army duty. Anyway, I'd like to congratulate Messrs. Swartwood, Zupa, and DeFiore for winning the Elite Section and to Fran McGrail for taking the Reserve.

I won't be able to make any more in-state contributions after this issue, so I'm going out in a ball of flames and analyzing games from all sections of the tournament.

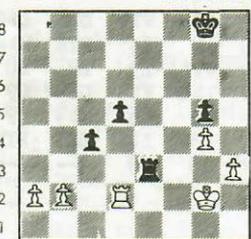
Marshall-McGrail, ENGLISH: 1 g3, Nf6; 2 Bg2, e5; 3 c4, Bc5; 4 e3, Nc6; 5 Ne2, d6; 6 0-0, Be6 (Black is playing with a definite plan of development without conceding any weaknesses.) 7 b3 Qd7; 8 Bb2, Bh3; 9 d4, B:g2; 10 K:g2, ed; 11 N:e4? (White's cramp would have been eased by opening the e-file with tempo by 11 ed, and then a later d5 would breathe life into the QB and serve as a strongpoint.) 0-0-0; 12 Nc2, d5!; 13 B:f6, gf (The open file is stronger than the pawns are weak.) 14 Nba3, d4; 15 ed, N:d4 (But now Black owns the square.) 16 Nb5?!; Qc6+ 17 f3, N:b5; 18 cb, Q:b5 (Or 18...R:d1; 19 bc, Re2+ - Ed.) 19 Qc1?, Qe2+; 20 Kh1, Rd2; 0-1.

In the Elite Section we see a big upset in Rd. 1. Holland-Millett, SLAV: 1 d4, c6; 2 c4, d5 3 e3, Nf6; 4 Nc3, Bf5; 5 Nf3, e6; 6 Ne5, Nbd7; 7 cd, ed; 8 Bb3, Bb3; 9 N:d3, Bb6; 10 0-0, 0-0 11 Re1, Qc7; 12 g3, Rfe8; 13 Nf4, Rad8 (Curiously, this is uncalled for. Better seems 13...Re7 and then ...Rae8, or an immediate ...Nb6, ...Qd7, ...g5, and ...Qh3; perhaps even ...g5 and then ...Re6 and ...Bf8 with a pawn storm in mind.) 14 Bd2, Nb6; 15 Qc2, Qd7; 16 b3, g5!; 17 Ng2, Qh3; 18 f3 * (White's last is forced. How, then, ought Black to carry out the assault? One promising idea is ...h5 to ...h4, since White is weak at g3 and h2. White can hold for a while with Ne2, though. What of aiming straight at h2, i.e., ...Re6, ...Nh5, ...Rh6, and ...N:g3 (or even just ...Nf6). But 18...Nh5; 19 Ne2, Re6; 20 f4! stalls this plan. 18...Kg7 with the idea of ...Rh8 and ...h5-h4 looks strongest. It'll provoke a White e4 for sure - but Black can hedge just a bit: 18...h5; 19 Ne2, h4 20 e4, hg; 21 e5, Q:h2+; 22 Kf1, Nh7; 23 ed, R:e2!; 24 K:e2, Q:g2+ 25 Kd1, Q:f3+; 26 Kc1, R:d6; 27 Kb2. Black's attack is over, but the pawns are strong and after 27...Rh6 and ...Rh2 White will be hard pressed. I'm sure there are other lines!) g4?; 19 Qf5, Re6; 20 Nf4 B:i4; 21 ef, Rde8; 22 Re5!, Nbd7; 23 R:e6 (23 Rael1?, N:e5; 24 fe, Nd7; 25 Ne2! with Nf4 to come, or even Khl and Ng1!) R:e6; 24 Re1, Qh5; 25 Q:h5, N:h5; 26 fg, Nhf6; 27 g5, Ne4 (Otherwise the ending is totally lost.) 28 N:e4, de; 29 f5, Re8; 30 Kf2 (Another plan would be f6, Bb4, and Be7.) f6; 31 h4, Kf7; 32 Ke3, Nb6; 33 g4, Nd5+; 34 Kf2, Re7; 35 gf (35 h5 and 36 g6 is quite strong, since 35...fg; 36 B:g5 is also bothersome. Here Black gets to make time control.) N:f6; 36 Kg3, Nd5; 37 Be3, Nb4; 38 Re2, a5; 39 g5, b5; 40 h5, Nd5; 41 Kg4, Nc3 42 Rh2, a4; 43 g6+, hg; 44 hg+, Kg8; 45 f6, Ra7; 46 f7+, Kg7; 47 Bh6+, 1-0.



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* H-M after W18

Zupa-J. Orosz, BENKO GAMBIT: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, c5; 3 d5, b5; 4 cb, a6; 5 Bc3, d6; 7 Nf3, g6 8 Nd2, Bg7; 9 e4 (By the way, if you can plow thru German Algebraic, this line is covered by Rolf Schwarz.) B:f1; 10 N:f1, 0-0; 11 Ne3, Nbd7; 12 Nc4, Nh5; 13 Bb2, Ne5; 14 Qe2, Re8; 15 0-0 e6; 16 de, R:e6; 17 f4, N:c4; 18 Q:c4 (Black doesn't have anything for his pawn.) Qh4; 19 Be1, Bd4+; 20 Khl, Qg4; 21 h3, Ng3+; 22 B:g3, Q:g3 23 Rf3 (What attack?) Qh4; 24 Kh2!, Rae8; 25 g3, Qh5; 26 g4, Qh4; 27 f5 R6e7; 28 fg, hg; 29 Raf1, Qh7! 30 Nb5, R:e4; 31 N:d6 (31 N:d6, Be5+) R:d4; 32 Q:f7+, Q:f7; 33 R:f7, Re2+; 34 Kg3, g5? (34...R:b2 probably draws; Black is trying for more.) 35 Rf8+, Kg7; 36 R8f7+, Kg8; 37 Rf2 R4d2; 38 Rf8+, Kg7; 39 R8f7+, Kg8; 40 R:e2, R:e2; 41 Rf2, Re3+; 42 Kg2 d5; 43 Rc2, c4; 44 Rd2* Rd3?? (Horrid miscalculation; 44...c3; 45 bc R:c3; 46 Rd5, Rc2+; 47 Kf3, Rc3+; 48 Ke4, R:h3; 49 R:g5+, Kf7; 50 Ra5 loses, too. The only chance is 44...Re5; 45 a4, Kf7; 46 a5, Ke6; 47 a6 Kd6; 48 a7, Re8 holds the pawn and 49 Rf2 is met by 49...d4; or 45 Rf2 d4; 46 Rf5, Re2+; or 45 Kf3, Kf7; 46 Re2, Ke6; 47 a4, R:e2; 48 K:e2, d4 49 Kf3, Kd5; 50 a5, Kc5; 51 Ke4, d3; 52 Ke3, Kb5; 53 Kd2 (53 b3 doesn't work.) K:a5; 54 Kc3, Kb5; 55 b3 (It still fails.) d2; 56 b+, Kc5; 57 K:d2, K:c4; 58 Ke3, Kd5 draws!) 45 R:d3 (Of course!) cd; 46 Kf2, d4; 47 Ke1, Kf7; 48 Kd2, Ke6; 49 K:d3, Ke5; 50 b4, 1-0.

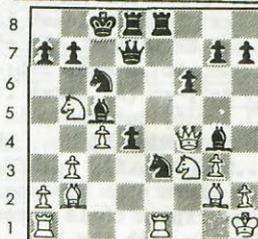


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* Z-0 after W44

Jones-Thompson, COLLE: 1 d4, d5; 2 Nf3, Nf6; 3 e3, g6; 4 Bb3, Bg7; 5 Nbd2, c5; 6 c3, c4 (This often leads to Black's getting hurt by e4; if de, c4 is weakened.) 7 Bc2, 0-0; 8 Qe2 Nbd7; 9 e4, de; 10 N:e4, Nb6; 11 Bg5 (So?) Re8; 12 0-0-0, Qc7; 13 N:f6+, B:f6; 14 B:f6, Qf4+ (No, the pawns aren't doubled!) 15 Kbl, Q:f6; 16 Rdel, Be6; 17 Ne5, Rac8; 18 h4, Nd5; 19 g3 h5; 20 Qd2 (20 N:c4 is refuted by 20...N:c3+.) Kh7 (20...Kg7 is safer, to permit the ...Rh8 option and keep f7 protected.) 21 Re2, Bg4? (Suicidal) 22 N:g4, hg; 23 h5, Kg7; 24 hg, Rh8 25 Reel (25 Rh7+, and if 25...Kg8, then 26 Qh6 is curtains, so 25...R:h7; 26 gh is painful.) fg! (Ugly, but it keeps material equality and some key squares - like h7!) 26 Be4, e6; 27 Qe2! Qg5; 28 R:h8, K:h8; 29 Rh1+, Kg7; 30 Rh4, Nf6; 31 B:b7 (At last - a pawn!) Rc7; 32 Bg2, Qf5+ 33 Qc2, g5; 34 Rh1, Qb5; 35 Re1, Kf7; 36 Re5, Nd5; 37 B:d5, ed; 38 Qh7+, 1-0.

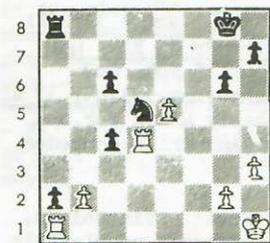
DeFiore-Fairchild, SICILIAN: 1 e4, c5; 2 Nc3, e6; 3 g3, Nc6; 4 Bg2, g6; 5 d3, Bg7; 6 Be3, b6 7 Qd2, Bb7; 8 f4, a6; 9 Nf3, Nd4; 10 0-0, Qc7; 11 f5!?, ef; 12 ef, N:f5; 13 Bf4, Qd8; 14 Rael+ Nge7; 15 g4, Nd4; 16 Bd6, Ne6; 17 Ng5, Bh6; 18 Qf2!, N:g5; 19 R:e7+, Q:e7; 20 B:e7, B:g2 21 K:g2, K:e7; 22 Qf6+, Ke8; 23 Re1+, Ne6; 24 Q:h8+, Bf8; 25 Nd5, 1-0.

DeFiore-Zupa, LARSEN: 1 Nf3, d5; 2 g3, c5; 3 Bg2, Nc6; 4 d3, e5; 5 0-0, f6; 6 b3, Be6; 7 c4 d4; 8 e3, de; 9 fe, Qd7 (White's on the wrong end of the Maroczy Bind!) 10 Bb2, 0-0-0; 11 d4 cd; 12 ed, ed; 13 Na3, Bc5; 14 Kh1, Nge7; 15 Qe2, Rhe8; 16 Nb5, Bg4 17 Qd2, Nf5 (This is going to hurt.) 18 Qf4, Ne3; 19 Rfel* g5! 20 Q:f6!, Rf8 (It's doubtful White can survive, but he had a bad position anyway - so may as well have a pawn for his sufferings.) 21 Q:g5, N:g2; 22 Q:c5, B:f3! (Ah - sees everything - so no material for White after all.) 23 B:d4, N:e1+; 24 Kg1, b6; 25 Qa3, Qh3 (Most mortals would settle for 25...Nd4, but Black sees he has a forced mate after the checks run out.) 26 Qa6+, Kd7; 27 Qb7+, Ke6; 28 R:e1+ Kf5 (Hard to believe, but true: safe!) 29 Kf2, Qg2+; 30 Ke3, Rfe8+ 0-1. Not mate, but 31 Kd3, Nb4+ is a bit cruel.



Laventure-Carter, COLLE: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, d5; 3 e3, g6; 4 Bd3, Bg7 5 Nbd2, Nbd7; 6 0-0, 0-0; 7 c3, Re8; 8 e4, e5; 9 de, N:e5; 10 N:e5 R:e5; 11 Nf3, dg4; 12 Bf4, Re7; 13 e5, Nh5; 14 Bg5, f6; 15 ef, Bf6; 16 B:f6, N:f6; 17 h3 B:f3; 18 Q:f3 (As Black I'd start here with 18...c6, but on surface his plan doesn't seem

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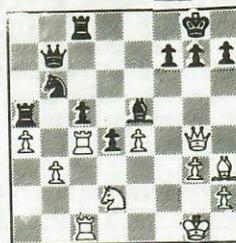
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awful at all - but making d5 a strong point makes White's task difficult.) Qd6; 19 Rad1, Rae8; 20 c4!, c6; 21 cd, N:d5 (I don't like the d-pawn isolani, but here it seems to work better than the game line.) 22 Bc4, Re5; 23 Rd2, b5; 24 Bb3, a5; 25 Qd1, a4; 26 f4! (The rook leaves the rank and a pawn hangs at d5.) Qc5+; 27 Kh1, abl (The only chance) 28 fe, ba; 29 Qb3, Ra8; 30 Ra1, Qc4 (Fine play - the e-pawn isn't a queening threat.) 31 Q:c4, bc; 32 Rd4 * Ne3 (32...Ra4 is met by 33 b3! and 33...Rb4; 34 R:c4 or 33...cb; 34 R:a4, b2; 35 R4:a2.) 33 Rd2, c5; 34 e6, Kf8 (Now was the time for 34...Nf5! 35 e7, N:e7 36 Rc2, Ra4 and White still can't stop ...Nb3. Best may be 35 Kh2 (35 Re2, Nd4; 36 Re1, Nc2) Nd4; 37 Kg3, N:e6!; 38 Kf3, Nd4+; 39 Ke4 Nb3; 40 Rdb1, Kf7! The rook at a1 is stuck, and 41 Kd5?, Rd8+ wins the house. No progress can be made by either side.) 35 e7+, Ke8; 36 Rd8+! R:d8; 37 edq+, K:d8; 38 R:a2, Nd1; 39 b4!, c3!; 40 bc (This seems like time trouble.) Ne3 (40...Nb2!) 41 Ra3, Nd1; 42 Ra2, Ne3 (42...Nb2!) 43 Ra1 (At last White reaches the win.) Nd5; 44 Kg1, Nb4; 45 Kf1, c2; 46 Rcl, Kc7; 47 Ke2, Kc6; 48 Kd2, K:c5 49 Ra1, Kc4; 50 Ra3, g5 (This leaves Black too weak on the K-side, but the technical best, 50...Kd4, is defeated by 51 Ra7, h6 (51...Kc4; 52 R:h7, Kb3; 53 Rb7) 52 Rg7, g5; 53 Rg6, Kc4 54 R:h6, Kb3; 55 Rb6.) 51 Rf3, h5; 52 Rc3+, Kb5; 53 g3, Ka4; 54 R:c2, h4; 55 g4, Kb3; 56 Rc5 (I guess - The manuscript becomes incomprehensible at this point. - Ed.) and White won (1-0).

A well played attack by White: J. Grosz-Ward, QGD: 1 d4, d5; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nc3, Nf6; 4 Nf3 c6; 5 e3, Nbd7; 6 Bd3, dc; 7 B:c4, Nd5; 8 e4, Nb6; 9 Bb3, Nf6; 10 Bg5, Be7; 11 0-0, 0-0 12 Re1, a5; 13 Qd3, a4; 14 Bc2, g6; 15 Ne2, Re8; 16 Nf4, Kg7; 17 e5, Nd5; 18 Nh5+! (Not because of the unplayable ...gh but because of the repositioning in store) Kg8; 19 B:e7, Q:e7 20 a3, Nd7; 21 Ng3, b5; 22 Ne4, Ba6 (Still a glorified pawn - an occupational hazard of the QGD.) 23 Qd2, Kg7; 24 Nd6, Reb8; 25 Ng5, f6; 26 Ngf7 (Turn out the lights.) Rf8; 27 Qh6+, Kg8 28 B:gg6!, R:f7 (Forced to avoid mate) 29 B:f7+, Kh8; 30 Bg6 (Let's count the ways: 30 ef N7:f6 (30...Q:d6; 31 Qg7 mate or 30...Q:f6; 31 Q:f6+ is simply won.) 31 R:e6, Qd8; 32 Nf5, Qf8 33 R:f6! and the rich get richer.) Rf8; 31 Re4, Qg7; 32 Q:g7+, h:g7; 33 Bh5 and White won (1-0).

DeFiore-Laventure, K'S. IND. REV.: 1 Nf3, d5; 2 g3, Nf6; 3 Bg2, Bf5; 4 0-0, e6; 5 d3, Nbd7 6 Nbd2, c6; 7 Re1, Bd6; 8 e4!, Bg4; 9 h3, B:f3; 10 N:f3, de; 11 de, Bc5; 12 e5, Nd5; 13 c4, Ne7 14 Ng5, Ng6; 15 Ne4 (Black has done well not to have gotten pushed back into the Stone Age.) Bb4; 16 Nd6+, Ke7? (A mistake in judgement. 16...B:d6; 17 ed, 0-0 is tenable for Black, since position is otherwise sound and it'll take a while for the d6 weakness to show. 17 Q:d6? Nd:e5! steals a pawn.) 17 Bd2, Bd2; 18 Q:d2, Nd:e5; 19 Rad1, Qc7 (Here, too, Black's a pawn up - but only temporarily.) 20 R:e5!, Rhd8; 21 c5! (I suppose Black counted on ...R:d8 to bail him out, but...) N:e5; 22 Qg5+, Kf8 (22...f6??; 23 Q:g7+) 23 Q:e5 (White is a piece up, as his Superknight is worth a rook at least. - Ed.) Qa5; 24 Qh5, Rd7; 25 Q:h7, Rad8; 26 Qh8+ Ke7; 27 Q:g7, R:d6 (The bone in the throat is eliminated only at great cost.) 28 cd+, R:d6 29 R:d6, K:d6; 30 Qd4+, Ke7; 31 a3, c5; 32 Qe4 and White won (1-0).

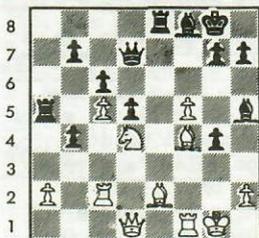
Last but not least in the Elite Section, the game that would settle first place: Swartwood-Zupa, ENGLISH: 1 c4, e6; 2 Nf3, c5; 3 g3, Nc6; 4 Bg2, d5; 5 b3, Nf6; 6 e3, Be7; 7 d4, 0-0 8 0-0, b6; 9 Nc3, Ba6; 10 Nb5, B:b5!?!; 11 cb, Na5; 12 Bd2?! (More active is 12 Ba3.) Nb7 13 Rcl, a6 (At first it seems Black does well with 13...Rc8 or 13...Qd6, but the pain of 14 Ne5-c6 isn't appetizing; 13...Qd6 14 Ne5, Nd8; 15 Nc4, Qb8!?!; 16 Ne5, Re8 with the idea of ...Re7-c7, ...Ne8 & ...f6, ...Nf7, ...Qe8, and ...Rac8 may be an alternative but given such mundane items as a clock, 13...a6 to loosen quickly the grip on c6 is a good idea.) 14 dc, bc; 15 ba, R:a6 (I didn't like White's 14th. He has a clear passer now but he gave up the center.) 16 Rc2, Qb6; 17 Qe2, Rfa8; 18 Bc3, Na5; 19 Nd2, Nc6; 20 Ral, Nb4 21 B:b4, Q:b4 (You can feel the pressure.) 22 Bf1, Ra5; 23 Bg2, Nd7 24 a4 (At least it isn't two rooks tied to the b3 weakie!) Bf6 25 Racl, Rc8; 26 e4 (This slows down the c5-c4 express.) d4 (By a lot! But there are other problems to tend to, like ...Ne5 and ...d3.) 27 Rc4 (27 Nc4, Ra7; 28 e5, Be7; 29 Qd3 is more enterprising.) Qb8! (No second chance) 28 f4, e5; 29 Bh3, Qb7; 30 fe, B:e5; 31 Qg4! (White's turn) Nb6 * 32 Rf1! (32...N:c4?; 33 N:c4, Raa8; 34 N:e5 is vicious.) g6; 33 Qg5, Re8; 34 Bg2, Bg7; 35 Rb4, Qa7 36 Rb5 (Black has defended coolly. Worth a last gasp would be 36 R:b6, Q:b6; 37 Nc4, Qc7 38 N:a5, Q:a5; 39 Qd5, Re6; 40 Rcl, Bf8; 41 Bf1. It isn't winning, just annoying.) R:b5; 37 ab Bf8; 38 Nc4, N:c4 (Obviously going for the draw; 38...Na8; 39 Qf6 is probably a win for one side or the other.) 39 bc, Qb6 (39...Qa2?!; 40 Qd5) 40 Rf6, Re6; 41 R:e6 (And White concedes, rather than pursue 41 e5!?) fe; 42 Qd2, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.



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* S-Z after B31

There was also a significant upset in Rd. 1 in the Open section. Debra Scott - Tim Holman, KING'S INDIAN: (By the way, does anyone know if Sean and Debbie are the strongest couple this side of Boris and Anna?) 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, c5; 3 d5, g6; 4 Nc3, d6; 5 Bg5, Bg7; 6 Qd2, h6 (This looks like a lemon, since now Black can't castle on the K-side unless he plays ...g5 - but that would at least be consistent.) 7 Bf4, Nbd7; 8 e4, Nh5; 9 Be3, Ne5; 10 h3, g5 (As recognized by Black. But what of the king?) 11 Be2, Nf6; 12 f4!, gf; 13 B:f4, Ng6; 14 Be3, Nh4; 15 Kf2!, Bd7 16 g3, Ng6; 17 Nf3, Qc8; 18 Racl (Tricky - now Black has no choice.) B:h3; 19 Nh4, Ne5; 20 Bf4 Ng6 (20...Bd7 may have been rejected on account of 21 B:e5, de; 22 Nf3, but ...Nh7 seems to hold the fort.) 21 N:g6, fg; 22 g4, N:g4+!?!; 23 Kg3 (More than a pawn bites here.) 0-0; 24 R:h3 25 R:f4 (It shouldn't work, but it's a good try to confuse the issue.) 25 K:f4, Be5; 26 Kf3, h5 27 Kg2, Nf2; 28 K:f2, Q:h3; 29 R:g6+ (Crunch!) Kf7; 30 Qh6, Rf8 (This is a no-hoper; 30...Bd4+ 31 Ke1, B:c3+ or 30...Qh2+; 31 Ke3 (31 Rg2 is muddled by 31...Bd4+.) Bd4+ remains unclear, as does 31 Ke1, Rh8; 32 Qg5, Qh1+ - but, heck, 31 Ke3, Bf4+ creates a lot of work in the ending!) 31 B:h5, Bd4+; 32 Ke2, 1-0. Rg7+ is just a bit devastating.

I had a difficult game in Rd. 1. Beckman-Rea, ALEKHIN: 1 e4, Nf6; 2 e5, Nd5; 3 d4, d6; 4 Nf3 Bg4; 5 Be2, Nc6; 6 c4, Nb6; 7 ed (7 e6!?! is playable.) ed; 8 0-0, Be7; 9 Be3, 0-0; 10 Nbd2 (White now threatens d5, meeting ...B:f3 with N:f3, so...) d5; 11 Ne5!?, N:e5; 12 de (12 B:g4 Ne:c4) Be6; 13 Rcl, c6; 14 c5, Nd7; 15 f4, f5; 16 Nf3, Re8; 17 b4! (Nipping ...Qa5 in the bud) a5; 18 Nd4, Bf8; 19 g4!, fg!; 20 f5, Bf7; 21 e6, Bh5; 22 Bf4, ab; 23 ed, Q:d7; 24 Rc2, Ra5 *

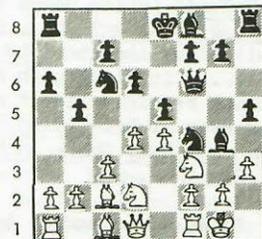


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25 Ne6 (White can hardly be faulted for saving the c-pawn in this manner, creating the threats of h3 and N:f8 and working over the dark squares. But 25 Nb3! is best, when Black has only 2 pawns for a piece - instead... R:e6! (...he gets 4 pawns for a rook, with alms for more. Unfair as it seems, Black, down a rook, has a safer king, too.) 26 fe, Q:e6; 27 Qd4 (27 Qc1, Bg6 snares the c-pawn with check, greatly endangering White's king. White gives up some material to better place his pieces, a good plan.) Bg6; 28 Bc7, B:c2; 29 B:a5, Q:e2; 30 B:b4, Bd3 (Black's pawns rule the ending; hence White stays in the middlegame.) 31 Rf4, Be4 32 Rf2, Qd3; 33 Qe5, Bf3; 34 Qe6+, Kh8; 35 Rd2? (I expected 35 Qf7, Qd1+ 36 Rf1, Qd4+; 37 Rf2, Qf6; 38 Q:b7, Qa1+; 39 Rf1, Q:a2; 40 Rf2, Qb1+ 41 Rf1, B:c5+! Darn!) Qb1+; 36 Kf2, Q:b4; 37 Qf7, Q:c5+; 38 Kg3, Qd6+ 39 Kf2, Q:h2+; 40 Ke3, Qe5+; 0-1. 41...Bc5+ mates.

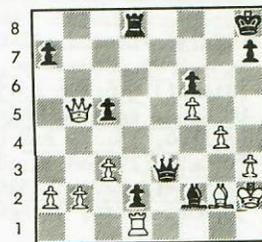
Sometimes being an Expert is being able to hide the traps better. Plett-Karnisky, QUEEN'S INDIAN: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, b6; 3 c4, e6; 4 a3, Bb7; 5 Nc3, Be7; 6 Qc2, d5; 7 cd, ed; 8 b4, O-O 9 Bf4, Nbd7; 10 e3, c5; 11 bc, bc; 12 Rb1, Bc6; 13 B b5, B:b5; 14 N:b5, Qa5+; 15 Qd2, Q:d2+ 16 K:d2?, Ne4+ (Hello!) 17 Ke2 (17 Ke1, a6; 18 Nc7, Rb8 is no picnic, either, but it doesn't lose outright.) a6; 18 Nc7, Nc3+; 19 Kd3, N:b1; 20 N:a8, c4+ (The move White missed, I imagine.) 21 Ke2, Nc3+; O-1.

Your humble Editor had a good game in Rd. 2. Abbott-Buchanan, RUY LOPEZ (Additional notes by the Editor): 1 e4, e5; 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 Bb5, a6; 4 Ba4, d6; 5 O-O, Bg4; 6 h3, h5! (Yes, it's "book.") 7 d3, Qf6; 8 Nbd2, Ne7 (8...O-O-0?; 9 hg, hg; 10 Nh2, Qh4; 11 Q:g4+) 9 c3 (I'm no expert on this line, but 9 Re1 threatens 10 hg because of Nd2-f1.) (9 Re1 is the "book" move, threatening to capture and hold the piece. Henderson-Buchanan, 1984 Colorado Open, continued 9...Ng6!?!; 10 hg, hg; 11 Nh2 (intending 11...Qh4; 12 Ndf1) R:h2!?! TN(?), which Steve wisely declined by 12 Q:g4. Joe's 9 c3 is weak because I can keep his pieces tied up on the Q-side while having my own way on the other wing. If he must play c3, he should exchange B:c6 first. - RB) b5; 10 Bc2 (10 Bb3 is a little better, but the damage has been done. - RB) Ng6; 11 d4 (White is already in trouble. This tries to sac a pawn for freedom, but I have other plans. - RB) Nf4 * 12 Re1 (12 Kh2! - AR. After which I would probably play 12...ed. - RB) B:h3!; 13 de, de; 14 N:e5 (A desperation piece sac. - RB) N:e5; 15 Nf3, Rd8! (Now everything is over. There are many easy ways to win after 16, Bd2, the only move that saves the queen. - RB) 16 B:f4, R:d1; 17 B:e5, R:e1+; 18 R:e1, Qg6; 19 Nh4, Qg5; 20 Bg3 Bc5; 21 Kh2, Qd2; O-1. Note that Black's QB has been en prise since move 6.

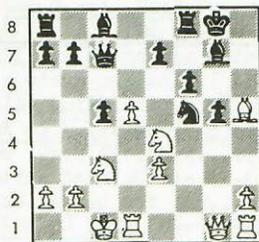


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Brunette-Plett, SICILIAN: 1 e4, c5; 2 d3, Nc6; 3 f4, d6; 4 Nf3, g6 5 g3, Bg7; 6 Bg2, Nf6; 7 O-O, O-O; 8 c3, Bg4; 9 Nbd2, Qd7; 10 Nc4, b5 11 Ne3, e5! (White hasn't done anything terrible, yet has more problems than Black. Chess is tough!) 12 N:g4, N:g4; 13 h3, Nf6; 14 f5 gf; 15 ef, e4 (15...Q:f5?; 16 Nd4) 16 Ng5, ed; 17 Q:d3, Ne5; 18 Qe3 Rad8 (Vroom!Vroom!) 19 Ne4, N:e4; 20 B:e4, d5; 21 Bg2, d4; 22 Qg5, f6 23 Qf4, Nd3 (23...d3 has a lot going for it, too.) 24 Qg4, Kh8 25 Qe2, N:c1 (It seems a shame to trade a good knight for such a lazy bishop. - RB) 26 Ra:c1, d3; 27 Qf2, Bh6; 28 Rcd1, Rfe8; 29 Kh1, Qd6 (Somewhere Black should play ...c4 to have a protected passed pawn.) 30 Qf3, Re3; 31 Qh5, Qf8; 32 Rf3, Qg7; 33 R:e3, B:e3; 34 Qf3, Qe7 35 Qc6 (Better a bad position with a pawn plus than one with material equality) d2; 36 Q:b5, Bf2; 37 Kh2, Qe3; 38 g4 * Bg3+ (Wrong way: 38...Qg3+; 39 Kh1, Be3; 40 Qe2, Bf4; 41 Bf1, Kg7! (The threat is ...Re8) 42 Qg2, Qe1; 43 Qe2 Re8; 44 Qf3, Q:d1; 45 Q:d1, Re1 does the trick by force. Still, ...) 39 Kh1, Qe1+; 40 Qf1, Re8 41 Kg1? (41 Bf3 is the difference - before it allowed ...Q:h3+; here it makes an ironclad blockade.) Bf2+; 42 Kh1, Q:d1; 43 Q:d1, Re1+; 44 Kh2, R:d1; 45 b4, cb; 46 cb, Ra1; 47 a4, d1Q 48 a5, Qg1 mate.



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* B-P after W38



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Abbott-Karnisky, KING'S INDIAN (!): 1 e4, Nf6; 2 e5, Nd5; 3 d4, d6 4 Nf3, de; 5 N:e5, g6; 6 c4, Nf6; 7 Nc3, Bg7 (Black seems down a tempo from the normal lines, and not controlling e5 hurts, too.) 8 Bg5, O-O 9 Be2, Nbd7; 10 Nf3 (10 Nd3 controls more squares; White has other ideas, though.) c5; 11 d5, h6; 12 Bf4, Nh5; 13 Bd2, Qc7; 14 Qc1, Kh7 15 g4! ("Castle not when you can but only when you must." - Pillsbury) Nh6; 16 g5, hg; 17 N:g5+, Kg8; 18 Bf4, Ne5; 19 Qe3, Nfg4; 20 Qg3, f6 (A sign of problems - but White's king is exposed, too.) 21 Nge4, g5! (Can't leave the pin just sit there.) 22 Bd2, Nh6; 23 O-O-0, Nf5 24 Qg1, Nd4; 25 Bg5! (White's attack is faster.) N:c4; 26 Be3, N:e3 27 fe, Nf5 * 28 h4!, N:h4; 29 d6, ed; 30 R:d6, Bf5; 31 Nd5, Qa5 32 Ne:f6+, R:f6; 33 N:f6+, Kf8; 34 Q:g5, Q:a2; 35 Q:h4, Qb1+; 36 Kd2 Q:b2+; 37 Ke1, Qa1+; 38 Kf2, Qb2+; 39 Kf3, Qe5; 40 Nh7, Kg8; 41 Rd8+ R:d8; 42 Q:d8+, K:h7; 43 Bf7+, 1-0.

* A-K after B27

Action in Rd. 3: Your humble (?) Writer vs. Editor: Buchanan-Rea, BENKO GAMBIT: 1 d4, Nf6 2 c4, e6; 3 g3, c5; 4 d5, b5!? (You expected a normal sequence?) 5 de, fe; 6 Bg2, d5; 7 cb (7 cd, ed; 8 Nc3 looks even stronger.) Be7; 8 Nc3, 0-0; 9 Bg5, Nbd7; 10 N:d5?! (Whoa! - off the wall!) N:d5; 11 B:d5 (Here I rejected 11...B:g5; 12 B:a8, Qa5+; 13 Kf1, Q:b5, which is fair, as I saw better.) ed; 12 Q:d5+, Kh8; 13 B:e7, Q:e7; 14 Q:a8, Ne5! (White lives after 14...Nb6; 15 Qg2, Bb7; 16 f3. Now he can't touch his K-side, and there are other threats.) 15 0-0-0, Bb7; 16 Q:a7, Ra8; 17 Qb6, Nc4! (Hey, that works, doesn't it? - RB) 18 Q:b7, Q:b7 19 Nf3, Q:b5; 20 b3, Nb6 (20...R:a2??; 21 Rd8+) 21 Rd2, h6 (Oh, shucks! - RB) 22 Rhd1, c4 23 Nd4, Qc5; 24 Ne6, Qa3+; 25 Kbl, cb; 26 Rd8+, Kh7; 27 Nf8+, Kg8 (27...Q:f8 wins, too, but much longer.) 28 Ng6+, Rd8; 29 Rd8+, Kf7; 30 Ne5+, Kf6; 31 Ng4+, Ke7; 32 Rd2, Nc4; 0-1.

Beckman-Holman, FRENCH: 1 e4, e6; 2 Nc3, d5; 3 d4, Nf6; 4 Bg5, Be7; 5 e5, Ng8; 6 h4, B:g5 7 hg, Q:g5; 8 Nh3, Qe7; 9 Bd3, f5; 10 Qe2, Nc6; 11 Qe3, Nh6; 12 0-0-0, Bd7; 13 Nf4, 0-0-0 14 R:h6? (White needs to play on the Q-side, not give away exchanges when already a pawn down.) gh; 15 Rh1, Qg7 (15...Qg5 is better.) 16 Nh5, Qg5? (Here there's no reason not to grab the pawn with many threats.) 17 f4, Q:g2; 18 Rg1, Qh2; 19 Nf6, Ne7; 20 Rg7, Ng6; 21 Ne2, Qh1+ (Off track: 21...h5 is fine, with heat on f4 still.) 22 Ng1, Qh2; 23 Nh3, Nh4; 24 b4! (May as well while Black remains without a plan.) Qh1+; 25 Ng1, Be8; 26 c4, dc; 27 B:c4, Qc6; 28 Qc3, Bd7 (28...b5! or even ...Ng6) 29 b5, Qb6; 30 a4 (The kitchen sink!) c6; 31 bc, Q:c6; 32 N:d7, R:d7; 33 R:d7 Rg8; 34 Ne2, Qh1+; 35 Kb2, K:d7; 36 Qb4! (36...Qc6; 37 Bb5, so this is the end.) Kc7; 37 Qd6+ 1-0.

Round 4 was marred by the withdrawal of some players who refused to accept a third Black. It so happens that more often than not colors do not completely balance in a 4-rd. event - or even in the 12-rd. U.S. Open. Some get extra Whites, too; there's no way for the TD to avoid it or know in advance who is affected. We've gotten along without Bobby, so back to the games:

Nelson-Lucero, BENONI: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, g6; 3 g3, Bg7; 4 Bg2, 0-0; 5 0-0, d6; 6 c4, c5; 7 Nc3 Na6; 8,d5, Nc7; 9 e4, e6; 10 Nh4, ed; 11 cd, b5; 12 e5, Ng4; 13 ed, Q:d6; 14 Bf4, Be5; 15 Ne4 (Sting!) Qb6; 16 B:e5, N:e5; 17 d6, Rd8; 18 Qc2 (18 Nf6+, Kg7; 19 dc, R:d1; 20 Rf:d1, Bb7!) Ne6 19 Nf6+, Kg7; 20 Nh5+, gh; 21 B:a8, Nd4; 22 Qe4, Q:d6; 23 Rf:e1, Re8; 24 f4, Nef3+; 25 N:f3, R:e4 26 B:e4, f5; 27 Ba8 (It's 2 rooks vs. Q & P. The rooks have better chances.) Nc2; 28 Rad1, Qb8 29 Re7+ (29 Re8, Q:a8; 30 Rdd8, Q:f3 Oops!) Kf6 (29...Kg6; 30 Bc6!) 30 R:h7, Kg6; 31 Rh8, Q:a8 32 Ne5+, Kg7; 33 Rdd8, Ne3!; 34 Rhg8+, Kh7; 35 Rh8+, Kg7; 36 Rhg8+?, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Wait a minute! 36 Rdg8+, Kf6; 37 Rg6+, Ke7; 38 Rh7+, Kf8; 39 Rf7+, Ke8; 40 Rg8 mate. Yes - another clock victim.

Beckman-Scheidies, CARO-KANN: A rough return to OTB for the Postmaster. 1 e4, c6; 2 Nc3, d5 3 Nf3, de; 4 N:e4, Nf6; 5 Nf6+, ef; 6 d4, Bd6; 7 Be2, 0-0; 8 0-0, Bg4; 9 Re1, Re8; 10 Be3, Nd7 11 Qd2, Qc7; 12 h3, Bh5; 13 c4, c5; 14 Rad1, Rad8; 15 b4!, B:f3; 16 B:f3, cd; 17 B:d4, R:e1+ 18 Q:e1, Q:c4; 19 B:a7, Ne5; 20 Bc5, Bc7; 21 Rd8+, B:d8; 22 B:b7 (A complete success) Qb5 23 Be4, g6; 24 Qe3, Qd7; 25 Qd4, Q:d4; 26 B:d4 (It's Wipeout City.) Kf8; 27 a4, Ke7; 28 a5, Nd7 29 a6, f5; 30 a7, 1-0.

Rea-Van Buskirk, KING'S INDIAN: (Andy went into this game needing only a draw to win the tournament. - Ed.) 1 c4, Nf6; 2 Nc3, g6; 3 d4, Bg7; 4 e4, 0-0; 5 f3 (5 e5, Ne8! followed by ...d6 as played by Bobby over Letelier in 1960.) d6; 6 Be3, e5; 7 d5, Nh5; 8 Nge2, f5; 9 Qd2 f4; 10 Bf2, Nd7; 11 Nc1, Rf7; 12 Be2, Bf8; 13 Nb3, Nc5; 14 N:c5, dc; 15 0-0-0, Bd7; 16 g4, Ng7 17 h4, h6; 18 h5, g5 (Now all I need to do is stop the Q-side and prevent a sac on g4 and I'll not lose!) 19 Kc2, Ne8; 20 Rhg1, Nf6; 21 b3, Bd6; 22 a4, a6 (...c6 is off limits for quite a while.) 23 Ral, b6; 24 Ra2, Qe8; 25 Rgal (I was aiming for a5 with max effect, including Qd1-g1. 25 a5 is OK, but open.) a5 (25...N:Ng4! is the only try for a win, but is quite risky.) 26 Rg1 Kh8; 27 Qd1, Qe7; 28 Kbl, Raf8; 29 Rd2, Qe8; 30 Qf1, Qc8; 31 Qh3, Rg7 (31...N:g4; 32 R:g4, B:g4 33 Q:g4, Q:g4; 34 fg, f3; 35 Bf1, Rf4; 36 Bh3 followed by Kc2-d3, Nd1-e3-f5 and Bg3 and White wins.) 32 Be1, Kg8; 33 Bd1, Rgf7; 34 R2g2 (Holy overprotection!) Qa8 (34...c6, for better or worse) 35 Rd2, Qa7; 36 Nb5, Qa6; 37 Rd3, Re8; 38 Bc3, Qc8; 39 Qg2 (39 Na7, even) Kh7; 40 Rd2 Kg7; 41 Kc2, Qa8; 42 Kd3, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. One exchange - that was all! My opponent conceded the draw graciously, remarking, "I don't see the mate!" A strange game to end a weird tournament. (Anytime I take first I think it's weird - or at least definitely unusual.)

Dr. J has been concerned lately with "Style." And because Style concerns many I will discuss it here.

A chessplayer's Style is a nebulous, often elusive thing. Many players have problems pin-pointing their individual style, and therefore lose many games wherein they find themselves in stylistically unfavorable positions.

First, we need a workable definition for the two main elements of Chess Style: Strategy and Tactics:

Strategy - Coordination of a plan or plans, the overall concept of which is of a positional nature. Strategy suggests slow maneuvering, endgame considerations, Capablanca, long-range planning to obtain the Bishop Pair or to force doubled pawns on the opponent, MY SYSTEM by Nimzovich, "keeping the balance," Karpov, steadily increasing pressure on the opponent's pawn center, etc.

Tactics - Combinational play, usually involving one sector of the board for a few moves. Tactical play suggests mating attacks, pins, forks, sacrificing material, Tal, Kasparov, gambit lines.

One important point: don't confuse Strategy with Defensive play, not Tactics with attack. They're similar, but not exactly the same. Tigran Petrosian was a pretty sharp tactician, although he chose with Black to always be defending vs. opponents' tactics. Benko's Gambit is basically a positional gambit, often with a lasting initiative for Black, and he who aims impatiently for a quick crush in the Benko may find White crushing him. Neither should you confuse "Classical-Hypermodern" nor "Open-Closed" with what we're discussing here.

We all (hopefully) have elements of both Strategy and Tactics in our game. Most of us favor one or the other, but we should strive towards a balance of the two. In my opinion, Boris Spassky is the most balanced player in terms of chess style. Spassky defeats tacticians positionally and strategians tactically, in many cases.

To determine your style, study your games using these guidelines:

If you're mainly a Strategian

- you often win by maneuvering, working on opponents' small weaknesses, slowly increasing pressure;
- you often win in the ending or due to endgame threats;
- you identify strongly with the games of Capablanca, Nimzovich, Reshevsky, Karpov;
- you're comfortable in the English or other positional openings.

If you're mainly a tactician

- you often win with a quick combination;
- you often win in the opening or middlegame;
- you identify strongly with the games of Tal, Polugaevski, Korchnoi, Kasparov;
- you feel at home in gambits and most e-pawn openings.

Some may argue that Style encompasses more than just Strategy-Tactics and stretch the definition to include a player's handling of Closed or Open positions, relative strength in openings, middlegames, and endings, etc. But I prefer words like "ability" and "strength" to cover the whole scheme of things.

NOTES:

Alexander Fishbein, at age 19, is beginning to pull away from other local masters. In the recent Colorado Closed Championship, Alex scored six wins and a draw vs. the state's best. Most of his wins were with the knight in N vs. B endings.

Thanks to "Scotts' Petting Zoo" for our free site for the Closed.

See you at the Denver Open, where I'll try to defend my title.

Chess Colorado Chess

DENVER CHESS LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS 1987

The Lakewood Chess Club won first place in the top section of the Denver Chess League, with Martin Marietta I, just 1/2 match point behind, taking second. In the lower section, the Wood Checks took first, and the second-place trophy was claimed by the Grapes of Wrath.

The Denver Chess League meets every other Tuesday between October and May. Anyone wishing to form or play on a team, or needing further information may call Rich Delong at 424-5179.

	<u>TOP SECTION</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>MATCH</u>	<u>GAME</u>
1. LAKEWOOD CHESS CLUB		5		14 1/2
2. MARTIN MARIETTA I		4	1/2	15 1/2
3. NORTH JEFFCO KNIGHTS		2		9 1/2
4. NORTH JEFFCO BISHOPS		1/2		7 1/2
	<u>LOWER SECTION</u>			
1. THE WOOD CHECKS		5		16
2. GRAPES OF WRATH		3	1/2	14 1/2
3. COLORADO HIGHWAY		2	1/2	10 1/2
4. MARTIN MARIETTA II		1		7

Denver Chess League, 3/17/87; Covell-Abbott, SICILIAN (notes by Steve Covell): 1 e4, c5 2 Nf3, Nc6; 3 d4, cd; 4 N:d4, Nf6; 5 Nc3, d6; 6 Be2, e6; 7 Be3, a6; 8 a4, Qc7; 9 0-0 (9 Nb3 would be more accurate.) Na5 (A sharp move which leads to interesting play) 10 Kh1?! (10 Qd3 would still repel the invader.) Nc4; 11 Bc1 (A concession) b6; 12 f4, Bb7; 13 Qd3 (slightly out of sync) Rc8; 14 Bf3, e5 (This gains the minor exchange, but Black is opening lines while lagging in development. Will there be retribution?) 15 Nde2 (Correct and strong) ef; 16 N:f4, Ne5; 17 Qe2, Be7 (Now taking the bishop would be unpleasant, though better than the game.) 18 Be3, 0-0; 19 Nfd5 (d5 is a key square in many Sicilians, and this is no exception.) B:d5 (Better is 19...N:d5; 20 ed (The knight is pinned to White's c-pawn.) N:f3 21 Q:f3, Bf6; 22 Ra3 where White's pull is less.) 20 ed, Nc4 (20...N:f3; 21 Q:f3 is an alternative.) 21 Bd4! (A good pawn sac. This centralized bishop dominates the board.) Rfe8 22 Qf2, N:b2 (Calling the bluff) 23 Be2 (Another small move. My favorite player, A. Karpov, would be pleased. The bishop will join its powerful brother in the center.) Nc4; 24 Bd3, Bd8 (Black has time trouble to go with his bleak position. The finish is swift and merciful.) 25 Qg3, Nh5; 26 Qh3, g6; 27 g4, Ng7; 28 Ne4, Ne5; 29 Qh6, f5; 30 gf, N:f5; 31 R:f5!, N:d3 32 cd, Qb7; 33 Ra1, Bh4; 34 Rf7!, Q:f7; 35 R:f7, K:f7; 36 Qg7 mate. For students of the game who would like more information on this style of play, I recommend CHESS PRAXIS by A Nimzovich and ZURICH 1953 by D. Bronstein, two books well worth the effort of reading for any aspiring player. Don't worry if it takes more than a day or two to get through them.



The Pueblo Chess Club is now publishing the state's most recent chess journal under the editorship of Scott Nichols. Their first issue is a nice-looking one featuring annotated games by Joe Eversole and Anthony Thomason. Players may subscribe by paying the \$6 annual dues to the Pueblo Chess Club; contact Scott Nichols, 2107 Driftwood Lane, Pueblo 81005.

The Newsletter reports that Rick Mattoon is the new Pueblo City Champion because of his first-place tie in the following tournament.

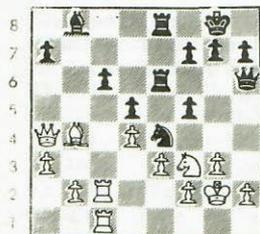
FUEBLO SPRING BLOWOUT

Pueblo Chess Club

March 21-22, 1987

1 Francis Toften	2054	D12	W10	W8	W3	3½	12 Gregg Steadman	1426	D1	D20	L11	W17	
2 Rick Mattoon	1694	W21	½B	W15	W6		13 Scott Benton	Unr	L7	W19	I4	W18	
3 Scott Nichols	1861	W16	W17	W7	L1	3	14 Vernon Price	1317	W22	D15	L6	D16	
4 Daryl Johnson	1616	L11	W18	W13	W10		15 Warren Harnos	1849	W9	D14	L2	L8	1½
5 Sage Mo	1678	L10	W16	W17	W11		16 John Morrone	1389	L3	L5	W21	D14	
6 Joe Eversole	2030	W19	D8	W14	L2	2½	17 Richard Vidmar	1109	BYE	L3	L5	L12	1
7 Joe Golob	1771	W13	W11	L3	D9		18 Chris Holmes	1118	L8	I4	BYE	W13	
8 L. Swartwood	1829	W18	D6	L1	W15		19 Doug Barnhill	1399	L6	L13	L10	W21	
9 Michael Engles	1396	L15	W21	WF	D7		20 Max Holl	1719	½B	D12	---	---	
10 Michael Lee	Unr	W5	L1	W19	I4	2	21 Cary Kiikuny	Unr	L2	L9	L16	L19	0
11 R. Karnisky	2115	W4	L7	W12	L5		22 A. Thomason	1839	L14	---	---	---	

Karnisky-Steadman (from position at right): 40 c5+, bc; 41 bc+, Ke7 42 Rc7, Kd8; 43 R:c6, N:h3+; 44 B:h3, R:h3; 45 Nd5, Rh2+; 46 Kf3, Rc2 47 Rd6, R:c5; 48 N:f6, Ke7; 49 Re6+, Kd8; 50 N:d7, K:d7; 51 Kg4, Rc6 52 R:c6, K:c6; 53 K:h4, Kd6; 54 Kg5, Ke7; 55 f6+, Kf7; 56 Kf5, Kf8 57 K:e5, Kf7; 58 Kf5, 1-0.

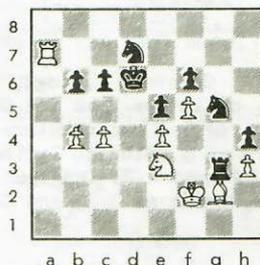


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* S-T after W22

11 c3, cd; 12 cd, de; 13 N:e4, Qd8; 14 Qa4, a6; 15 Rac1, Be7; 16 Ne5, b5; 17 Qd1, Rc8; 18 Qf3 0-0; 19 Nf6+, B:f6; 20 Q:b7, R:c1; 21 R:c1, N:e5; 22 de, B:e5; 23 Qe4, g6; 24 Q:e5, Q:d3 25 g4, Rd8; 26 Qf4, Qd4; 27 Qf3, Q:b2; 28 Rc7, Rf8 and Black won (0-1).

If you go to the Colorado Renaissance Festival in Larkspur, be sure to stop by the Gaming Monks booth and take them on in chess, checkers, or backgammon. Beat a monk and win a prize! There is also a choreographed "human chess game" each day at 4 PM.



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Steadman-Toften, COLLE: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, d5 3 e3, Bf5; 4 Nbd2, e6; 5 Nh4, Bd6; 6 N:f5, ef 7 Bf3, Qd7; 8 0-0, 0-0; 9 c4, c6; 10 cd, cd 11 Nf3, Nc6; 12 a3, Rfe8; 13 Bd2, Ne4; 14 Rc1 Qe7; 15 Bb5, Rac8; 16 Qa4, Qf6; 17 B:c6, bc 18 g3, Bb8; 19 Rc2, Qh6; 20 Kg2, Re6; 21 Bb4 Rce8; 22 Rfcl * f4; 23 R:c6, N:f2; 24 Rc8, Qh3+; 25 Kg1, h6; 26 R:e8+ Kh7; 27 R:e6, fg; 28 R:h6+, Q:h6; 29 Qc2+, g6; 30 hg, B:g3; 31 Kf1, Qh1+ 32 Ke2, Qh5; 33 Be1, Ne4; 34 B:g3, N:g3+; 35 Kf2, Ne4+; 36 Ke2, Ng3+ ½-½.

Harnos-Mattoon, TORRE: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, e6; 3 Bg5, h6; 4 B:f6, Q:f6 5 e4, d5; 6 Nbd2, b6; 7 Bb5+, c6; 8 Bd3, Nd7; 9 0-0, Bb7; 10 Re1, c5 11 c3, cd; 12 cd, de; 13 N:e4, Qd8; 14 Qa4, a6; 15 Rac1, Be7; 16 Ne5, b5; 17 Qd1, Rc8; 18 Qf3 0-0; 19 Nf6+, B:f6; 20 Q:b7, R:c1; 21 R:c1, N:e5; 22 de, B:e5; 23 Qe4, g6; 24 Q:e5, Q:d3 25 g4, Rd8; 26 Qf4, Qd4; 27 Qf3, Q:b2; 28 Rc7, Rf8 and Black won (0-1).

NORTHERN COLORADO CHESS LEAGUE

This year the N. Colorado Chess League had a team from each of the major cities in the region. The teams completed a double round robin, home and home play, with matches played Sunday afternoons from November thru April. The Ft. Collins team represented Bakes Back Alley Lounge, while the other teams were affiliated with the cities' clubs.

Final Standings:

Ft. Collins 15
Loveland 12-1/2
Greeley 10-1/2
Longmont 10

Best individual scores:

Board 1: Dan Hooper(FC) 4-1/2 of 5
Board 2: Mark Ludwig(LL) 4-1/2 of 5
Board 2-4: Bob van de Hey(LM) 3 of 4
Board 1-3: George Voorhis(FC) 3-1/2 of 5

Sterling, Colorado, up in the state's northeast corner, now has some chess activity going thanks to the efforts of Paul Cornelison. Paul reports that the Sterling Chess Club meets Thursday evenings at Wendy's Restaurant. To promote the club, he has appeared in local schools and given a simultaneous exhibition. For more information about the club, call 522-1272.

Colorado Springs, alas, is losing two of its top players. Tom Unger and Andy Rea are moving on to New York and California respectively. Both were not only top-rated players but also regular contributors to the INFORMANT. They will be missed.

The Colorado Springs club will be sponsoring its first open tournament in some time on August 1-2. Originally planned for the Air Force Academy, the site has been moved to the Ramada at I-25 and Garden of the Gods Rd. Everyone come - this should be a good one!



PARIS OPEN

by Mark Wood, T.D.

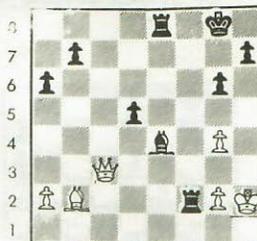
The first annual Paris Open was held on May 16th and 17th at the Paris on the Platte Cafe located at 1553 Platte in Denver. The playing site is a lovely old style coffee shop and used book store which added to the casual atmosphere of the tournament. Long time chess expert Jeff McGuire is the owner and operator of the cafe and feels there is a need for more tournaments with low entry fees and larger prizes based on low cost playing sites. With the exception of the T.D. fee and expenses all entry fees were given back in prizes. Among the 38 participants were a few new players as well as some favorite experts who hadn't played in years. Debbie Scott defeated experts Lett and Sherbring and then faced F.I.D.E. master James Mann de Toledo in the final round. Despite the towering 555 rating point difference she came out slugging and won with a pretty combination to tie for first with master Jim Hamblin. Although many more tournaments are being planned at the Paris Cafe you are all invited to come down anytime and explore this unique coffee shop. Don't forget to check out their extensive collection of used chess books which are all for sale!

1	Jim Hamblin	2226	W18	W9	W5	W3	4	20	M. Riahi	1740	L11	L23	WF	W30
2	Debra Scott	1820	W33	W6	W11	W12		21	Daoud Zupa	1689	L6	W38	L15	W29
3	Joe Abbott	2198	W19	W10	W7	L1	3	22	V. Kreiman	1658	L7	W36	W29	L8
4	Ron Nichols	2121	W31	D16	W25	D11		23	R. Helfant	1317	L5	W20	W28	L10
5	Tim Holman	2073	W23	W29	L1	W15		24	Vernon Price	1506	W35	L7	W26	L9
6	Scott Lett	2053	W21	L2	W27	W16		25	A. Thomason	1838	½B	W34	L4	L13 ½
7	Joe Eversole	2017	W22	W24	L3	W17		26	Walter Gerash	1751	D13	L14	L24	W34
8	Ray Doherty	2005	W30	D12	D16	W22		27	Sage Mo	1734	½B	W13	L6	L14
9	Ken Doykos	1959	W28	L1	W14	W24		28	Gregg Steadman	1537	L9	D35	L23	W36
10	Vance Aandahl	1951	W37	L3	W18	W23		29	Tom Gallegos	1834	W36	L5	L22	L21 1
11	M. Sherbring	2123	W20	W15	L2	D4	2½	30	Jose Ruiz	1610	L8	W33	L17	L20
12	J. Mann de T.	2375	W17	D8	W14	L2		31	James Scowden	1465	L4	L19	L33	BYE
13	Ray Haskins	2134	D26	L27	W34	W25		32	Liz Wood	1321	L15	L18	WF	L19
14	Scott Nichols	1861	½B	W26	L12	W27		33	Chris Neilson	Unr	L2	L30	W31	L18
15	Scott Massey	1839	W32	L11	W21	L5	2	34	Jon Eoyang	1712	½B	L25	L13	L26 ½
16	Wm. Riley	1836	W38	D4	D8	L6		35	Jim Nelson	1900	L24	D28	---	---
17	Keith Oxman	1836	L12	W37	W30	L7		36	Mike Glaze	Unr	L29	L22	---	L28 0
18	Gary Bagstad	1785	L1	W32	L10	W33		37	Jim Brunette	1553	L10	L17	---	---
19	John Howell	1773	L3	W31	L9	W32		38	Greg Gause	Unr	L16	L21	---	---

Mann de Toledo-Deb Scott, RETI (notes by the Editor): 1 Nf3, d5; 2 c4, d4; 3 g3, c5; 4 d3 Nc6; 5 Bg2, e5; 6 0-0, Be7; 7 e3, Nf6; 8 ed, ed; 9 Re1, 0-0; 10 Bf4, Bg4; 11 h3, Bh5; 12 a3 Bd6; 13 B:d6, Q:d6; 14 Nbd2, Bg6; 15 Qb3, Na5; 16 Qc2, Rae8; 17 Nh4, Nh5; 18 N:g6, fg; 19 Ne4 Qe5; 20 b4, cb; 21 ab, Nc6; 22 b5, Nd8; 23 R:a7, Nf7; 24 R:b7, Ng5; 25 f4, N:f4; 26 gf, Q:f4 27 c5, R:e4; 28 R:e4, Qg3 (The main threat is 29...Nf3+; 30 Kf1, Nh2+; 31 Kg1, Rf1 mate.) 29 Kh1, N:h3; 30 Re2? (White wins with 30 Qa2+, Kh8; 31 Rf7.) Rf1+!; 0-1.

From this pair we expect exciting chess, and we certainly get it! Abbott-Hamblin, FRENCH:

1 e4, e6; 2 d4, d5; 3 Nc3, Nf6; 4 e5, Nfd7 5 f4, c5; 6 Nf3, Nc6; 7 Be3 f6; 8 ef, Q:f6; 9 f5, cd; 10 Bg5, Qf7; 11 Nb5, Nb6; 12 fe, B:e6 13 Bd3, Bb4+; 14 c3, dc; 15 0-0, cb; 16 Rb1, 0-0; 17 Ne5, N:e5 18 R:f7, R:f7; 19 Be2, Nbc4; 20 Nd4, Bc5; 21 Kh1, B:d4; 22 Q:d4, Bf5 23 R:b2, Nc6; 24 Qc3, N:b2; 25 Q:b2, Re8; 26 h3, Be4; 27 Bh5, g6 28 Bg4, Ne5; 29 Bh6, a6; 30 Qc3, Rf1+; 31 Kh2, N:g4+; 32 hg, Rf7 33 Bc1, Rf2; 34 Bb2 * Re7; 35 Qh8+, Kf7; 36 Ba3, Re8; 37 Q:h7+, Ke6 38 Kh3, R:g2; 39 Qg7, Rf2; 40 Kh4, Rf7; 41 Qd4, Rc8; 42 Kg5, Rc6 43 Qh8, Kd7; 44 Qb8, Rc7; 45 Bb4, d4; 46 Qg8, Ke6; 47 Qd8, Rcd7 48 Qb6+, Bc6; 49 K:g6?, Ke5; 50 Qc5+, Bd5; 51 g5, Rh7; 52 Qf8, Be4+ 0-1.



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Riley-Lett, FRENCH: 1 e4, e6; 2 d4, d5; 3 Nc3, Bb4; 4 a3, B:c3+; 5 bc de; 6 Qg4, Nf6; 7 Q:g7, Rg8; 8 Qh6, Nbd7; 9 Nh3, b6; 10 Be2, Bb7; 11 0-0, Rg6; 12 Qh4, Qe7 13 a4, 0-0-0; 14 Bh5, Rgg8; 15 Ba3, c5; 16 a5, Qf8; 17 ab, ab; 18 Rfb1, Qh6; 19 dc, Rg4 20 Q:g4, N:g4; 21 B:g4, Rg8; 0-1.



AIR ACADEMY SPRING OPEN

April 11-12, Air Force Academy

Dean Brown, T.D.

OPEN SECTION

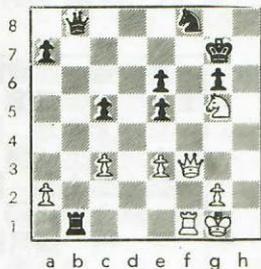
RESERVE SECTION

1 Francis Toften	2049	W11	W18	W8	W3	4	1 James Rubush	1637	W21	W22	W10	D4	3½
2 Joe Abbott	2161	W15	D5	W10	W8	3½	2 Milorad Spasev	1581	W24	W16	D7	W6	
3 R. Karnisky	2115	W17	W12	W9	L1	3	3 Melvin Davis	1677	W15	D9	D13	W7	3
4 S. MacMillan	1986	W19	L8	W18	W9		4 John Marshall	1605	½B	W20	W9	D1	
5 Mark Wood	2005	W22	D2	D6	D7	2½	5 Don Thompson	1599	L22	W21	W17	W15	
6 Joe Eversole	2030	L18	W11	D5	W12		6 Jeff Woessner	1700	W19	D13	W11	L2	2½
7 Michael Plett	1836	W10	L9	W20	D5		7 Gregg Steadman	1396	W30	W8	D2	L3	
8 Ron Nichols	2132	W21	W4	L1	L2	2	8 Jim Vaughn	1666	W14	L7	W16	D13	
9 Tim Holman	2056	W23	W7	L3	L4		9 Doug Barnhill	1406	W26	D3	L4	W18	
10 Andy Rea	2170	L7	W23	L2	W15		10 Brad Culp	1473	W25	W17	L1	D11	
11 P. Detellis	1794	L1	L6	W19	W20		11 Michael Engles	1396	W29	W12	L6	D10	
12 Tom Berndt	1886	W20	L3	W13	L6		12 G. Kessler	1671	W18	L11	D14	W22	
13 Sage Mo	1519	BYE	L14	L12	W18		13 Bill Jeavons	1398	W28	D6	D3	D8	
14 Sean Scott	2036	W16	W13	---	---		14 Vernon Price	1317	L8	W29	D12	W23	
15 L. Swartwood	1829	L2	D16	W22	L10	1½	15 Steve Willis	1373	L3	W30	W26	L5	2
16 Earl Carr	1770	L14	D15	L17	W22		16 Robert Merrell	1281	W31	L2	L8	W26	
17 Pete Millett	1821	L3	D22	W16	---		17 John Mayes	1100	W23	L10	L5	W27	
18 R. Laventure	1760	W6	L1	L4	L13	1	18 Liz Wood	1348	L12	W28	W25	L9	
19 S. Teichmann	1714	L4	L21	L11	W24		19 John Gibson	1374	L6	L25	W28	W24	
20 Daoud Zupa	1629	L12	BYE	L7	L11		20 Robert Sloan	Unr	W27	L4	L24	W28	
21 Debra Scott	1823	L8	W19	---	---		21 Cary Kiikuni	1299	L1	L5	WF	W25	
22 M. Riahi	1740	L5	D17	L15	L16	½	22 Chris Holmes	1118	W5	L1	D23	L12	1½
23 Scott Massey	1808	L9	L10	---	---	0	23 Ron Smits	1560	L17	W24	D22	L14	
24 Steven Steiner	1807	---	---	---	L19		24 Richard Vidmar	1109	L2	L23	W20	L19	1
							25 Baily Hughes	991	L10	W19	L18	L21	
							26 Eric Benton	Unr	L9	W27	L15	L16	
							27 Ed Cronin	1383	L20	L26	WF	L17	
							28 Cindy Hyde	Unr	L13	L18	L19	L20	0
							29 Steve Pritchett	Unr	L11	L14	---	---	
							30 Michael Lee	Unr	L7	L15	---	---	
							31 Dean Brown	1595	L16	---	---	---	

Holman-Karnisky, ENGLISH: 1 c4, Nf6; 2 Nc3, e6; 3 e4, d5; 4 e5, d4; 5 ef, dc; 6 bc, Q:f6 7 Nf3, e5; 8 d4, e4; 9 Ne5, Bd6; 10 Ng4, Qg6; 11 Be2, 0-0; 12 c5, Be7; 13 0-0, Nc6; 14 Bf4 f5; 15 Ne3, Bg5; 16 Bc4+, Kh8; 17 Bg5, Qg5; 18 f4, ef; 19 Q:f3, f4; 20 Qd5!, Qe7; 21 Qf3 Qg5; 22 Rael, h5; 23 Qd5, Qh6; 24 Be2?! ,Be6; 25 Qf3, fe; 26 Q:f8+, R:f8; 27 R:f8+, Kh7; 28 Re8 Bf5; 29 Rf1, Qe5; 30 d5, Ne7; 31 d6, cd; 32 cd, Bh3; 33 Bd3+, Ng6; 34 g3, B:f1; 35 d7, e2 36 B:e2, Qc5+; 37 K:f1, Qf5+; 38 Ke1, Q:d7; 39 Re3, Kh6; 40 Bd3, Ne5; 41 Bc2, Ng4; 42 Re2 Qc7; 43 Re6+, Nf6; 44 Re3, b5; 45 Kd2, a5; 46 Bb1, Qc5; 47 Bc2, Qd5+; 0-1.

Rea-Abbott, ENGLISH (notes by Tom Unger): 1 c4, e5; 2 Nc3, Nf6; 3 g3, c6; 4 Bg2 (Theory considers 4 Nf3 to be White's best. Taimanov then gives 4...e4; 5 Nd4, d5; 6 cd, Qb6 leading to complex but balanced play.) d5; 5 cd, cd; 6 d3 (On 6 Nf3, d4 would be strong. Also known is the sequence 6 Qb3, Nc6; 7 N:d5, Nd4, which is supposed to be good for Black.) Nc6; 7 Nf3 Be7; 8 0-0, 0-0; 9 d4, e4; 10 Ne5, Re8; 11 e3 (Not a good move! It shuts in the dark-squared bishop and weakens f3. Much better was 11 N:c6, bc; 12 Bg5. White could then exchange off his QB for a Black minor piece, reducing the power of a K-side attack and intending to play on the Q-side with moves like Rcl-Na4-Nc5. After the text move White stands worse.) Bd6; 12 N:c6 bc; 13 Bd2, Ng4 (Black is threatening to mass his forces for a K-side attack with moves like ...Qg5, ...Re6, and ...Ba6. Also Black's h-pawn may suddenly decide to dash forward. If White tries 14 h3, one idea is 14...Qg5; 15 hg, Bg4, when it is not easy for White to defend. Black can swing his rook to the h-file and put his bishop on f3. So perhaps at this point, White should play 14 f4. Even so, after 14 f4, ef; 15 Q:f3 Black plays 15...Nf6 (or maybe 15...f5) with the better position. What White does play loses by force to a simple but attractive combination.) 14 f3, N:h2; 15 K:h2, Qh4+; 16 Kgl, B:g3; 17 Re1, Qh2+; 18 Kf1, Bh3; 19 Qe2 Qh1 mate.

Berndt-Mo, QP: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, g6; 3 Nc3, d5; 4 Bf4, c6; 5 Qd2, Nbd7; 6 g3, Nb6; 7 Bg2 Nc4; 8 Qc1, Qb6; 9 b3, Qb4; 10 Bd2, N:d2; 11 Q:d2, Bh6; 12 e3, Qd6; 13 0-0, Bf5; 14 Ne5, Ne4 15 N:e4, de; 16 Nc4, Qd7; 17 a4, Bg7; 18 Rad1, Rd8; 19 Qe2, Bg4; 20 f3, e4; 21 B:f3, Bf5 22 d5, cd; 23 R:d5, Qc7; 24 R:d8+, K:d8; 25 Bg4, B:g4; 26 Q:g4, f5; 27 Rd1+, Ke8; 28 Qf3, Kf7 29 Qd5+, Ke8; 30 Qe6, Bf6; 31 Na6+, 1-0.

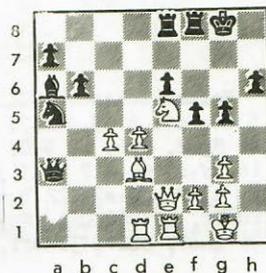


*Z-P after B27

Zupa-Plett, NIMZOINDIAN: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nc3, Bb4; 4 Qc2, d5 5 cd, N:d5; 6 e4, Nf6; 7 e5 (This seems premature, giving the knight back his good square.) Nd5; 8 Nf3, c5; 9 Be3, B:c3+ (And these exchanges only help White. 9...Nc6 looks better.) 10 bc, N:e3; 11 fe, 0-0; 12 Bd3 g6; 13 Be4, Nd7; 14 Rb1, Rb8; 15 0-0, b6; 16 h4, Bb7; 17 B:b7, R:b7 18 Qf2, f6; 19 h5, fe; 20 hg, hg; 21 Qg3, Qe8; 22 Nh4, R:f1+; 23 R:f1 Kg7; 24 dc, bc; 25 Nf3, Qh8; 26 Ng5, Nf8; 27 Qf3, Rb1 * 28 Q:f8+ (White could now force a draw with 28 Qf6+. But playing for a win is dangerous: 28...Kg8; 29 N:e6?, R:f1+; 30 K:f1, Qb1+; 31 Kf2, Q:a2+) Q:f8; 29 N:e6+ Kg8; 30 N:f8; R:f1+; 31 K:f1, K:f8 (A curious position) 32 c4, Ke7 33 e4, Kf6; 34 Kf2, Kg5; 35 Kf3? (35 Kg3 takes the opposition and draws.) Kh4; 36 a3, a6; 37 a4, a5; 38 Kf2, Kg4; 39 g3, Kh3; 40 Kf3, g5; 41 Kf2 g4; 0-1.

Holman-Massey, ENGLISH: 1 c4, e5; 2 Nc3, c6; 3 Nf3, Bd6?! (A Kopec Sicilian Reversed probably not a good idea) 4 d4 (White's extra tempo over the Sicilian (1 e4, c5; 2 c3, Nc6 3 Bd3) lets him get this in favorably.) ed; 5 Q:d4, Qf6; 6 Bg5, Q:d4; 7 N:d4, Ne7; 8 g3, Na6 9 Bg2, 0-0; 10 e4 (10 0-0 threatening 11 Ne4 looks stronger.) Re8; 11 0-0, Bc7 (Now Black starts to free his game.) 12 Rad1, d6; 13 a3, Nc5; 14 Bc1 (preparing f4) Bd7; 15 f4, Nc8 16 b4, Ne6; 17 Nf3, Nb6; 18 Nd2, a5; 19 f5, Nf8; 20 b5, a4; 21 Rfel, Ra5?! (The threat to b5 is not worth the problems caused by the misplaced rook.) 22 Bf1, Bc8; 23 Nf3, Nfd7; 24 Be3 Nf6; 25 Bf4!, Rd8; 26 c5 (Taking advantage of the loose pieces) Nbd7; 27 cd, Bb6+; 28 Be3 Ng4; 29 B:b6, N:b6; 30 h3, Nf6; 31 g4, Bd7; 32 e5 (Now the pawns roll in.) Nfd5; 33 N:d5, N:d5 34 e6, Be8 (34...fe is no better: 35 fe, Be8; 36 d7, Bg6; 37 e7) 35 d7, B:d7; 36 ed, f6? 37 Re8+, 1-0.

Toften-Lavature, NIMZOINDIAN (notes by Tom Unger): 1 d4, e6; 2 c4 Nf6; 3 Nc3, Bb4; 4 a3, B:c3+; 5 bc, Nc6 (An unusual move. Book lines include ...0-0, ...d6, ...d5, ...c5, and ...Ne4. Perhaps White should now play 6 Qc2, and if 6...d5, then 7 cd, ed; 8 Bg5. Probably White's next move is a small mistake, as the N rarely stands well on f3 in the Saemisch Variation.) 6 Nf3, b6; 7 Bg5, h6; 8 Bh4, 0-0 (Not the best choice. Black would be very happy after 8...g5; 9 Bg3, Ne4 followed by ...f5. Also, back on move 6, he might have played 6...Ne4 followed by ...f5 transposing into a good variation of the Dutch.) 9 e3, Ba6 10 Bd3, Na5; 11 Qe2, d6; 12 0-0, c5; 13 e4, Rc8 (Black has been too single-minded in his plan to exploit the c-pawns. White can easily meet Black's threats while making gains in the center. In fact, White could now win a piece with 14 e5, as 14...g5; 15 ef, gh; 16 Qe4 is not a solution to Black's problems.) 14 Racl, g5; 15 Bg3, Nh5; 16 e5, N:g3

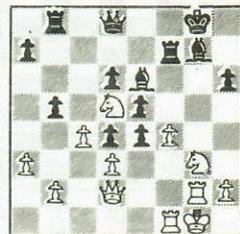


* T-L after W22

17 hg, f5 (White was threatening Qe4, but better than the weakening text is 17...d5. If White still tried to mate along the diagonal, play might go 18 Bb1, Kg7; 19 Qc2, Rh8.) 18 ed, Q:d6 19 Rfel, Rce8; 20 Rcd1, cd (Since he can't win one of the c-pawns, Black decides to take the a-pawn. Instead it was time to be thinking of defense. 20...Nc6 looks like the right idea.) 21 cd, Q:a3; 22 Ne5 * Qd6 (He can't yet go to e7 because of the fork. Maybe he should have tried the awkward-looking 22...Rf6; 23 Qh5, Qe7. Even then White would have a very strong attack. One idea is 24 d5 and 24...ed is not "on" due to 25 Nf3.) 23 Qh5, Qe7; 24 Ng6, Qf7 25 Q:h6, Qf6; 26 Qh5, Rf7; 27 Ne5, Rfe7; 28 g4, Kg7; 29 f4 (White plays the final phase very well. If now 29...Rh8, 30 fg wins.) gf; 30 g5, Qf8; 31 Kf2, Qh8; 32 Qg6+, Kf8; 33 Rh1, Qg7 34 Rh6, Rc7 (34...Kg8; 35 Qh5 wins.) 35 Qf6+, Q:f6; 36 gf, 1-0. Even the trade of queens does not stop the mating attack.

Abbott-Nichols. CARO-KANN: 1 e4, c6 · 2 d4, d5; 3 Nc3, de; 4 N:e4, Nf6; 5 Ng5, h6: 6 N5f3 Bg4; 7 Bf3, e6: 8 h3, B:f3; 9 N:f3, Nbd7; 10 0-0, Qc7; 11 c4, Rad8; 12 Qe2, Be7; 13 Bd2, 0-0 14 Kh1, Rfe8: 15 Ne5, c5: 16 Rael, Bf8: 17 Bc3, cd; 18 B:d4, Nc5; 19 B:c5, B:c5; 20 Bb1, Bd4 21 Ng4, N:g4: 22 hg, Bf6: 23 Rd1, Qe5; 24 Q:e5, B:e5: 25 b3, Bd4; 26 Be4, b6: 27 Bc6, Rf8 28 Be4, e5: 29 Kh2, Rd6: 30 Rd3, g6: 31 Kg3, Kg7: 32 Bd5, f5: 33 gf, gf: 34 f4, ef+; 35 K:f4 Bf6: 36 Re1, Bg5+: 37 Kf3, Rdd8; 38 Re6, Rfe8; 39 Rc6, Re7: 40 a4, Rde8; 41 c5, bc: 42 R:c5 f4; 43 Bc4, Kg6; 44 Rd6+, Kh5; 45 g4+, Kh4; 46 R:h6+, 1-0.

MacMillan-Holman, ENGLISH: 1 c4, c5; 2 g3, Nc6; 3 Bg2, g6; 4 Nc3, Bg7 8 5 d3, d6; 6 Bg5, h6; 7 Bd2, Rb8; 8 a3, e5; 9 e4, Nge7; 10 Rb1, 0-0 11 Nge2, f5; 12 0-0, g5; 13 f4, Ng6; 14 Be3, Nd4; 15 B:d4, cd; 16 Nd5 Be6; 17 Qd2, Rf7; 18 Rf2, b5; 19 Rbfl, gf; 20 gf, Nh4; 21 Ng3, N:g2 22 R:ig2, fe* 23 f5, e3; 24 Qe2, B:d5; 25 cd, Kf8; 26 Ne4, Ke8; 27 Qh5 Bf8; 28 Rg8, Rbb7; 29 Qg6, Qe7; 30 N:d6+, Q:d6; 31 Q:d6, Rg7+: 32 R:ig7 R:ig7+: 33 Qg6+, Kd7; 34 Rf3, e4; 35 de, d3; 36 R:e3, R:g6+: 37 fg, Bc5 38 Kf1, 1-0.



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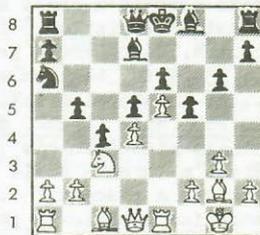
*Mac-M-H after B22

Steadman-Davis, PIRC: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, g6; 3 g3, Bg7; 4 Bg2, c6 5 0-0, 0-0; 6 c3, d6; 7 Re1, Nbd7; 8 e4, e5; 9 de, N:e5; 10 N:e5, de 11 Q:d8, R:d8; 12 Bg5, h6; 13 Be3, Be6; 14 h3, Ne8; 15 Nd2, h5; 16 h4 c5; 17 Nf3, b6; 18 Bg5, Rd7; 19 a3, f6; 20 Be3, Rad8; 21 Bf1, Nc7 22 b4, c4; 23 a4, Bg4; 24 B:c4+, Kh7; 25 Nh2, Bd1; 26 f3, Bh6; 27 B:h6, K:h6; 28 Be2, B:e2 29 R:e2, Rd1+; 30 Re1, Rld3; 31 Rac1, Ne6; 32 Kf2, a5; 33 Nf1, ab; 34 cb, Rb3; 35 Rc6? R:f3+; 36 Kg2, Nd4; 37 R:b6, Rb3; 38 Rcl, Rb2+; 39 Kh3, Nf3; 40 R:f6, Ng1 mate.

Cronin-Mayes, ENGLISH: 1 c4, e5; 2 Nc3, Nc6; 3 g3, Bc5; 4 Bg2, Nge7; 5 Nf3, d6; 6 0-0, Be6 7 d3, Qd7; 8 Ng5, Bg4; 9 Be3, B:e3; 10 fe, f6; 11 Nge4, Bh3; 12 R:f6!?, B:g2; 13 K:ig2, Nf5! 14 Nd5, 0-0-0; 15 R:f5, Q:f5; 16 b4, Rde8; 17 b5, Ne7; 18 b6!?, ab; 19 N:b6+! (Try again with another fork!) Kd8; 20 Qa4, h5; 21 Rfl, Qg4; 22 Rf2? (22 h3!, Qe6 (22...Q:e2+; 23 Rf2) 23 Ng5) cb; 23 N:d6, Ref8; 24 R:f8+, R:f8; 25 Qa8+, Nc8; 26 N:b7+, Kc7; 27 Nd6, Q:e2+ 28 Kh3, Qf1+; 29 Kh4, g5+; 30 K:h5, N:d6 and Black won (0-1).

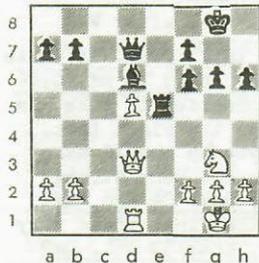
RION GAMES
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Holman-Gollub, ENGLISH: 1 c4, e6; 2 Nc3, Bb4; 3 g3, Nf6; 4 Bg2, c6 5 e4, d5; 6 e5, Nfd7; 7 d4, f5; 8 Qh5+, g6; 9 Qh6, Bf8; 10 Qd2, dc 11 Nge2, Nb6; 12 0-0, Nd5; 13 Qd1, b5; 14 Nf4, Bd7; 15 Re1, Na6 16 Nf:d5, cd *17 N:d5!?, ed; 18 e6, Bc6; 19 e7, B:e7; 20 Bg5, Kf7 21 R:e7+, Q:e7; 22 B:e7, K:e7; 23 Qe2+, Kd7; 24 b3, Rhe8; 25 Qd2, Re7 26 bc, bc; 27 Qa5, Nc7; 28 Re1, R:e1+; 29 Q:e1, Rb8; 30 Qc1, Ne6 31 Qh6?, Rb1+; 32 Bf1, c3; 33 Q:h7+, Kd6; 34 Q:a7, c2; 35 Qa3+, Kd7; 0-1 3



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H-G after B16



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Beckman-R. Scott, SICILIAN: 1 e4, c5; 2 Nf3 Nc6; 3 d4, cd; 4 c3, d5; 5 ed, Q:d5; 6 cd, Bg4 7 Be2, B:f3; 8 B:f3, Qd7; 9 d5, Ne5; 10 Nc3 N:f3+; 11 Q:f3, Nf6; 12 Bg5, h6; 13 B:f6, ef 14 0-0, Be7; 15 Rfel, 0-0; 16 Rad1, Bd6; 17 Re3 Rfe8; 18 Ne4, Re5; 19 Ng3, Rae8; 20 R:e5, R:e5; 21 Qd3, g6 * 22 f4 Bc5+; 23 Kf1, Re3; 24 Qc4, Qg4; 25 Rcl, Bd6; 26 Qc8+, Q:c8; 27 R:c8+ Kg7; 28 Rd8, B:f4; 29 Rd7, Rd3; 30 Ne4, f5; 31 Nc5, Rd1+; 32 Ke2, Rd2+ 33 Kel, Kf6; 34 g3, Be3; 35 N:b7, R:b2; 36 d6, f4; 37 Re7, fg; 38 hg Bf2+; 39 Kf1, B:g3; 0-1.

Steadman-J. Orosz, COLLE: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 Nf3, d5; 3 e3, Nc6; 4 Nbd2 Bg4; 5 c3, e5; 6 de, N:e5; 7 Qa4+, Nc6; 8 Ne5, Bd7; 9 N:d7, N:d7 10 Be2, Bd6; 11 0-0, 0-0; 12 e4, Nc5; 13 Qc2, de; 14 N:e4, N:e4; 15 Q:e4 Re8; 16 Qc2, Qe7; 17 Bf3, Rad8; 18 g3, Ne5!; 19 B:b7?, c6; 20 Ba6, Qe6; 21 Be2, Qh3; 22 Be3 Ng6; 23 Rfd1, Nh4!; 24 Bf1, Nf3+; 0-1.

Boulder, March 28

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MONTE CRISTO

1	Ivan Cochoa	2005	W11	W3	W2	3					
2	Dan Gollub	2184	W7	W8	L1	2					
3	Rob Karnisky	2059	W12	L1	W6						
4	Mark Wood	2045	W10	L6	W9						
5	Vance Aandahl	1951	D6	D7	W8						
6	Ron Nichols	2121	D5	W4	L3	1½					
7	Alan Bardwick	1994	L2	D5	W11						
8	Tim Holman	2098	W9	L2	L5	1					
9	Jim Nelson	1930	L8	W12	L4						
10	Paul Cornellison	1814	L4	L11	W12						
11	Robert Helfant	1465	L1	W10	L7						
12	Daoud Zupa	1665	L3	L9	L10	0					

REUBEN

1	Dave Landers	1953	W9	W8	W3	3					
2	Gerald Blazek	1820	D6	W7	W8	2½					
3	R. Laventure	1838	W11	W4	L1	2					
4	Rich Scott	1822	W5	L3	W6						
5	Louis DeFiore	1820	L4	W13	W9						
6	Eric Beckman	1953	D2	W10	L4	1½					
7	David Quint	1832	½B	L2	W10						
8	Daniel Ferry	1881	W12	L1	L2	1					
9	Tony Wilson	1709	L1	W11	L5						
10	Karl Kistner	1659	W13	L6	L7						
11	Ron Akin	1600	L3	L9	BYE						
12	Charles Grubel	1828	L8	---	---	0					
13	Steve Flaniken	1777	L10	L5	---						

PASTRAMI

1	N. Martinez	1473	WF	W7	W4	3					
2	Vernon Price	1542	W16	D3	D7	2					
3	Brad Culp	1475	W6	D2	D5						
4	Ron Smits	1384	W14	W12	L1						
5	Mike Torrez	1205	D10	W14	D3						
6	Robert Sloane	Unr	L3	W16	W12						
7	Michael Engles	1411	W9	L1	D2	1½					
8	Roger Newberry	1135	W15	L10	D9						
9	Bailey Hughes	991	L7	BYE	D8	L11					
10	Vic Sparks	Unr	D5	W8	---						
11	Liz Wood	1301	---	---	---	W9	1				
12	Jan Zalevsky	1206	W13	L4	L6						
13	Steve Good	Unr	L12	W15	---						
14	Brian Rice	Unr	L4	L5	---	0					
15	Ron Stites	718	L8	L13	---						
16	Salvador Mena	Unr	L2	L6							

BLT

1	John Ellison	1547	W10	W14	W4	3					
2	Jerome Grosz	1695	W15	D3	W5	2½					
3	A. Cunningham	1494	W9	D2	W12						
4	Nathan Solov	1613	W13	W6	L1	2					
5	Gregg Steadman	1560	WF	W11	L2						
6	Fran McGrail	1518	W8	L4	W13						
7	Scott Benton	1405	L11	W8	W9						
8	Mark Galvin	1641	L6	L7	W15	1					
9	James Vaughn	1613	L3	W15	L7						
10	Steve Butcher	1609	L1	L12	W14						
11	Carey Marker	1589	W7	L5	---						
12	Carl Johns	1538	L14	W10	L3						
13	Liz Wood	1313	L4	BYE	L6						
14	Richard Chapman	Unr	W12	L1	L10						
15	James Scowden	1465	L2	L9	L8	0					

MORE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Here is a further selection of games, none of which have appeared in CHESS LIFE, from the U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship tournaments played last fall in Estes Park.

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Shirazi-Kudrin, ENGLISH: 1 c4, c5; 2 g3, Nc6; 3 Bg2, g6; 4 Nc3, Bg7; 5 Nf3, e6; 6 d3, Nge7
7 h4, h6; 8 Bf4, d6; 9 Qc1, a6; 10 Ne4, e5; 11 Bd2, b5; 12 h5, g5; 13 Nf:g5, b4; 14 Nf3, f5
15 Nh4, fe; 16 B:e4, Bd7; 17 g4, Nd4; 18 e3, Ne6; 19 B:a8, Q:a8; 20 e4, Nf4; 21 Qc2, Bf6
22 B:f4, ef; 23 f3, a5; 24 0-0-0, Nc6; 25 Nf5, Be5; 26 Qg2, Qd8; 27 Kbl, a4; 28 Nh4, Rg8
29 Qf2, Qf6; 30 Nf5, Kf7; 31 Rh2, a3; 32 b3, B:f5; 33 ef, Bd4; 34 Qe1, Re8; 35 Re2, R:e2
36 Q:e2, Be3; 37 d4, N:d4; 38 Qd3, d5; 39 Rh1, Kf8; 40 cd, Nb5; 41 Rh2, Nc3+; 42 Kc2, N:a2
43 Kbl, Nc3+; 44 Kc2, Ne2; 45 Qc4, a2; 46 Rh1, Ng1; 0-1.

Kogan-Dlugy, ENGLISH: 1 c4, c5; 2 g3, Nc6; 3 Bg2, g6; 4 Nc3, Bg7; 5 a3, e6; 6 b4, cb; 7 ab
d5; 8 cd, ed; 9 b5, Nce7; 10 d4, Nh6; 11 e3, 0-0; 12 Ba3, Nhf5; 13 Nge2, Be6; 14 0-0, Re8
15 Nf4, Qd7; 16 Qb3, Red8; 17 Ra2, a6; 18 Bc5, g5; 19 N:e6, fe; 20 Rfal, Kh8; 21 ba, ba
22 R:a6, R:a6; 23 R:a6, e5; 24 Ra7, Qe6; 25 B:e7, N:e7; 26 Qb7, ed; 27 N:d5, Bf8; 28 e4, d3
29 N:e7, d2; 30 Bf3, d1Q+; 31 B:d1, R:d1+; 32 Kg2, Rd4; 33 Ra8, Q:e4+; 34 Q:e4, R:e4
35 R:f8+, Kg7; 36 Rg8+, 1-0.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Mark Wood

There are tournaments scheduled for every other weekend this coming year, according to Randy Siebert, the C.S.C.A. Tournament Clearing House Chairman. The major reason for this expansion in the tournament schedule has been an increase in the activities of the local chess clubs. With the exceptions of the Colorado Open, the Colorado Team Championship, and the Scholastic Championship tournaments, all other tournaments are sponsored by individual chess clubs. In addition, the Lakewood Chess Club and the Paris-on-the-Platte Cafe are trying to plan tournaments between those already scheduled. A controversy has started about how many tournaments should be held each year.

In the past, just a few tournaments were held each year, generally on weekend holidays. These tournaments would be either two- or three-day events, spaced roughly every other month. Attendance tended to be heavy, with large prizes guaranteed. Most were sponsored by the C.S.C.A., or by a select few of the larger clubs. For the most part, these same tournaments are still being held today. However, some of the organizers are worried that the increase in the number of tournaments will draw players away from their events. Within the past few years, indeed, there has been a slight drop in attendance at these individual tournaments.

The small community chess clubs are trying to create more activity among their members and within the state as a whole. They have found that many players can't attend the more traditional events due to family commitments or job conflicts; still other players object to slower time controls, or prefer NOT to have their entire weekend tied up playing chess. In response, these clubs are now sponsoring many one-day events with time controls as fast as 30 minutes for the game. Instead of dragging home at all hours of the night because their last round took 100 moves and three time controls, players can now enjoy a family activity after a day's worth of chess. There are sometimes even one-day tournaments scheduled on Sundays for those who work on Saturday.

I believe that the expansion of the tournament schedule is the best thing that could happen to chess! I do not believe that the more established tournaments will be hurt that much. The older tournaments have had the advantage of better advertising through both C.S.C.A. and Chess Life, as well as through the development of a traditional time period or date when they are held. Most are on the Colorado Chess Tour, and can offer more numerous and larger dollar prizes than the smaller club tournaments. The organizers of these tournaments may wish to consider not guaranteeing prizes, and possibly lowering some of the less important prizes.

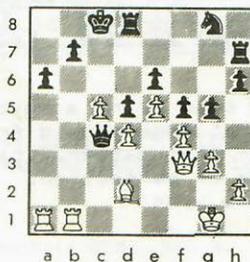
By offering an attractive selection of tournaments from which they may choose, the total number of chess players who are actively involved in tournament chess will increase. Although the number of people who attend a single specified event may not number in the hundreds, many more tournament games will be played in the course of a year. Chess clubs will be thereby encouraged to develop programs and activities which will entice more beginners into the club where they can be developed to tournament strength without subjecting them to the discouragement of playing in tournaments before they are ready. In the end, we can...and we will all benefit!

Dlugy-Lein, BOGO-INDIAN; 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nf3, Bb4+; 4 Nbd2, d5; 5 e3, 0-0; 6 Bd3 dc; 7 Bc4, b6; 8 a3, Be7; 9 e4, Bb7; 10 e5, Ne4; 11 Nb3, c5; 12 0-0, cd; 13 Nb:d4, Nc6 14 N:c6, B:c6; 15 Qe2, Ng5; 16 N:g5, B:g5; 17 Rd1, Qe7; 18 f4, Bh6; 19 Rd6, Rac8; 20 g4, Ba8 21 Ba6, R:c1+; 22 R:c1, B:f4; 23 Rc8, R:c8; 24 B:c8, g6; 25 Ba6, Qg5; 26 Rd3, B:e5; 27 h4 Qc1+; 28 Kf2, Qf4; 29 Ke1, Bd4; 30 Bc4, Kg7; 31 B:e6, fe; 32 Q:e6, Bf2+; 33 Ke2, B:h4; 0-1.

Did you ever wonder why experts win their games? It's not always due to their innovative analysis, deep thought variations, or even well studied end game technique. Sometimes they win with what seems to be wizardry. Let's look at a few examples from some of my recent games.



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In diagram 1 above, I was Black, and playing my pet Tarrasch. My opponent, Michael Plett, a strong "A" player, is simply crushing me. After 18. Be4, Ne7; 19. f4..., White has an easy win. However, he chose to play 18. Qg5..and take a draw by perpetual check, stating that he doesn't trust experts?!

In diagram 2, I was again playing black, this time against a Class C player, John Cohen. For White's pawn, he has all of his pieces established for an assault on my King. John then makes a great move with 25.Qa3! If 25...Qd4; 26. Be3, Qe4; 27. c6! with a winning attack. I was desperately seeking any reasonable move to balance things, and seeing only loss every way I looked. I glanced up at John, who resigned and thanked me for the game, feeling that the second pawn loss was too much for him to continue. Thank God! Another 32 rating points saved!!

Being an expert for the past few months, I've come to realize that hard work is not all that goes into being an expert. Having the psychological edge is as important as any aspect in the game. It surprises me how often a lower rated player will think the worst about his position and give up, simply because I have a title. The fact is we all have the ability within us to play that perfect game against any opponent. Never allow yourself to think you can't create winning chances even in the worst of positions.

Psychological edge is, moreover, a two-edged sword. Sometimes the edge needed to win IS the confidence that somewhere there is a win, and the audacity to go for it. Jim Nelson is a very strong class A player whom I have played on four occasions. The first two games, played last year, ended in quick draws. However, the results have been quite different in the last two games, which were played in recent tournaments. While Jim played with no outright blunders, I felt that, as an expert, I should be able to win. I, therefore, played more aggressively and ultimately won. As you go over the games below, notice how White looks for ways to pry open the game, leaving Black's king exposed.

Rion Swiss, Wood-Nelson, GRUENFELD: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, g6; 3 Nc3, d5; 4 cd, Nd5; 5 e4, Nc3; 6 bc, Bg7; 7 Ba3!?, Nd7; 8 Bc4, c5; 9 Qb3, 0-0; 10 e5, e6; 11 Nf3, b6; 12 Rd1, Qc7; 13 0-0, Rd8; 14 Nq5 (Eyeing the sac on f7) : Nf8; 15 Ne4, Bb7; 16 Nd6, Bc6; 17 f4, a6; 18 dc, bc; 19 Qc2, Qa5?! (Although this looks to free Black's game a bit, danger awaits!) 20 Bc1, Nd7; 21 Nf7! (I would not have played this as an A player.) Kf7; 22 f5, Ne5; 23 Re6, Ke8 (If 23...Ke7; 24 Bg5, Bf6; 25 Bf6, Kf6; 26 fg! leads to a win.) 24 Rde1, Rd3; 25 f6, Bf6; 26 Rf6, c4; 27 Bc4, Qc5; 28 Kh1, Qc4; 29 Re5, Kd7; 30 Qe2, Qc3; 31 Re7, Kc8, 32 Rf8, Rd8; 33 Qe6 and wins.

Northern Colorado Open, Wood-Nelson, QUEEN'S INDIAN: 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nc3 b6!?: 4 e4, Bb4; 5 Qc2, Bb7; 6 Bd3, d5?! (Jim had no luck with 6...c5 against Mark Scheidies the day before) 7 cd, ed; 8 e5, Ne4; 9 Nf3, Nc3; 10 bc, Be7; 11 Q-O, Qd7; 12 Re1, q6; 13 e6! (This one move destroys blacks game at once) Qd6 (On 13...fe, then 14 Ne5, Qc8; 16 Bg6, h6; 17 Qg6, Kd8; 18 Nf7 wins) 14 Ne5, Qe6; 15 Bg5!, Bg5; 16 Nf3, Qe1? (16...Be7 saves a piece but it's still lost) 17 Re1, Be7; 18 Qe2, Nc6; 19 Bb5, 0-0-0; 20 Bc6, Bc6; 21 Qe7, f5; 22 Qf6, Kb7; 23 Ne5, Bb5; 24 Nf7, Rde8 (On 24... Rhf8 25 Qd8 ends all resistance) 25 Re7, Re7; 26 Qe7, Rq8; 27 Nd6, Ka6; 28 Nb5, Kb5; 29 Qc7, a5; 30 Qh7, Rc8; 31 Qd7, Rc6; 32 a4 1-0

Any chess title does bring a psychological edge to the game. Acknowledging and understanding that edge should free you from some of the effects. Experts... and Masters, for that matter...cannot cast magic spells to ensure that all their games are models of perfection. Never allow a mere title to discourage you from looking for those wins!

Where Credit is Due...
by De Waterman

Attention chess widows! (You players may as well read this too.) Here comes the tournament to make up for all those others. You know the ones I mean...the ones "that'd only bore you"...the ones that take up the only sunny weekend all month, when you're left alone with the kids and a lawn that needs mowing, with nothing to look forward to but ordering a pizza and watching *Dynasty*... This is a tournament with you in mind, too.

Coming this October 10, the Flatirons Class will be held in Boulder (in conjunction with the Flatirons Masters') ~~during Nat'l Chess Week.~~ More information on the specifics of the tournament will be available at the Colorado Open and in *Chess Life*. But, the tournament itself aside, how does a weekend at the Boulder Broker Inn (one of Boulder's finest hotels, with a redwood jacuzzi, heated pool, brass beds in every room, room service, valet service, and free movies) sound? How about a night out dancing at The Coast, Boulder's hottest night spot (right next door)? A good workout while the tournament's in session at Boulder's Pulse (also next door), only \$4 to Broker guests? Dinner at the famous Broker restaurant? Champagne Sunday brunch at the hotel (only \$13.95 for our guests)? With the special rates offered for this event by the Broker (\$49 a night, single or double room), you can even afford a babysitter if Mom's not available.

Players, you can even get something out of this tournament besides your wife or girlfriend's good graces. WIM Anna Gulko (2500+) will be playing in the Masters' tournament, and there is the possibility that GM Boris Gulko and/or GM Dmitry Gurevich will play as well. Anna will be giving a simul at \$10 a board, and Boris will be lecturing to the campus, as well as giving a (closed) class to CU's best players. Randy Siebert will be at Saturday's tournament selling books. There's also an opportunity to support the Boulder Broker and (if you fly in) United Airlines, who are responsible for allowing TD Paul Cornelison to bring the Gulkos to Colorado. (Broker reservations should be made as soon as your plans are certain, and not later than 9/25, since space is limited.) So come to watch or play the masters, update your library, and most of all show that special someone how much you appreciate all she puts up with all year long.

After all, don't we deserve it?

Aug. 24 and 31, Denver: LAKEWOOD KWICK OPEN

6-SS, Game/30, Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow, EF \$8 (\$6, LCC members), \$\$ (b/15)
25, 15, U1600 18, U1300/unr \$12. Reg. 6:30-6:55 on 8/24, rds. 7,8,9;7,8,9. Mark Kriseler,
963 Logan St. # 9, Denver 80203.

September 5-7, Boulder: COLORADO OPEN

6-SS, 40/2 and 20/1. Holiday Inn, 800 28th St. OPEN (State Championship, EF \$30, \$\$ 375,
250, 125, U 2100 100, 50, U 1900 50) RESERVE (under 1750, EF \$20, \$\$ 170, 120, 90, U 1550 60,
U 1350 60, Unr 50) MINI-SWISS (Saturday only, 3-SS, 30/1. EF \$15, \$\$ 50, 25, bottom $\frac{1}{2}$ 25,
rds. 10, 2, 6:30) All EF's \$5 more at site. Reg. 8-9, Rds 10:30, 4:30; 9:00, 5:00; 9:30, 3:30.
CSCA membership meeting Sunday 3 PM. Sean Scott, 7187 S. Spruce St., Englewood, Co. 80112.
TOUR EVENT. Everybody play in this one! (Please)

Sept 14, Denver: LAKEWOOD KILLEW KWAD

2-SS in 4-player sections, game/45. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St. EF \$3
(LCC members \$2) \$\$ 5. Reg 6:30-6:55 PM, rds 7, 8:30. Mark Kriseler, 963 Logan St. # 9,
Denver 80203.

Sep 19, ALLEGRO SEMI-CLASSICO II, 3SS, TC:30/1,6/1, Community Bldg, 545 N.
Cleveland, Loveland, 5 sec: A SHARP: 1800/above; B MAJOR: 1600-1999; C:
1400-1799; D MINOR: 1200-1599; E FLAT: 1399/below. EF: \$10 by 9/10, \$12
at site, Jr./unr. \$2 off. CSCA membership req. Prizes in ea. sect: (b/8)
\$30-15. Reg. 8:30-9, Rds. 9:30-1:45-6. ENT: Loveland Chess Club, c/o Mark
Ludwig, 1307 36th St SW, Loveland, CO 80537. 1987-88 COLORADO TOUR event.

Sept 26 (CO): CUCC Beginners'. 4-SS, G/45. Econ 119, Univ.
of Colo, Boulder campus. EF: \$10. Trophy to 1st. USCF mem.
to 3/more pts. Reg: 12:00-12:30, 1st rd 12:30. TD: Paul
Cornelison. Ent. at site. NS, W. Not rated.

Sept. 28, Denver: LAKEWOOD KWICK SWISS.

3-SS, game/30. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St. EF \$4 (LCC members \$3). 1 or 2
sections per entries. \$\$ 9, lower $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 in each section. Reg. 6:30-6:50 PM, Rds 7,8,9.
Mark Kriseler, 963 Logan St # 9, Denver 80203.

Oct 10-11

Colorado

Flatirons Masters'. 4-SS Accel pairings. 45/2, 25/1, Univ.
Memorial Center rm 158, (Euclid & Broadway) Boulder, CO.
Open to 2000+ or ratings followed by a 20. EF: \$36 if rec'd
by 10/6, \$45 at site. \$\$\$G 1400: 500-300-200-100, U2200 150,
U2100 150. Reg. 8:30-9:45 AM, Rds. 10-4 daily. 1/2 pt bye
avail. rds 1-4 if notified w/entry. HR; \$49 s/d, 1 mi. from
site at Boulder Broker Inn, 800-441-3330, (in CO, collect @
444-3330) room cutoff is 9/25. Air trans. United Airlines;
800-241-6522. Stapleton Airport-Boulder Broker trans. avail.
if adv. notice. Ent: CU Chess Club, C/O Paul Cornelison,
2985 E. Aurora Ave. #113, Boulder, CO 80303.

Oct 10

Flatirons Class. 3-SS 40/90, 25/1. Univ. Memorial Center rm
158, (Euclid & Broadway) Boulder, CO. EF: \$8 if rec'd by
10/6, \$12 at site. 4 secs: Class A, 1800-1999; Class B,
1600-1799; Class C, 1400-1599; Class D, under 1400. Players
must play in their class, unr. play any class. 1st prize
(each section) either 4 hrs lessons from FM Alex Fishbein or
(by mail) 1 lesson and 3 games annotated from NM Dave
Jellison. Reg. 8:30-9:45 AM, 1st rd 10:00. 1/2 pt bye avail.
rds 1-3 if notified w/entry. HR; \$49 s/d, 1 mi. from site at
Boulder Broker Inn, 800-441-3330, (in CO, collect @
444-3330) room cutoff is 9/27. Ent: CU Chess Club, C/O Paul
Cornelison, 2985 E. Aurora Ave. #113, Boulder, CO 80303.

Tournaments

June 20-21, Denver: THE PARIS A+ TOURNAMENT

4-SS, 40/90 & 20/1: Paris on the Flatte, 1553 Flatte; Tournament limited to players rated 1800 or above. EF \$15, prizes 200,100, 50, U2000 50. Send entries to Queen's Gambit, c/o Liz Wood, 6005 W. 28th Ave. # 27-106, Edgewater, Col. 80214. Rds 9, 1:30 both days.

July 4-5, Denver: DENVER OPEN

4-SS, 40/2, Capitol Hill Community Center, 1290 Williams. 3 sections: OPEN (EF \$22, \$\$ 150-75-50-25 (b/30)), PREMIER (open to 1950 & below, EF \$18, \$\$ 100-50-25 (b/30)), RESERVE (open to 1650 & below, EF \$14, \$\$ 75-35-15 (b/30)). All EFs \$5 more at site. CSCA membership reqd. Reg. 8-9 AM, rds 10, 4:30; 9, 3:30. Denver Chess Club, 1290 Williams St., Denver 80218. TOUR EVENT.

July 18, Boulder: BOULDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

4-SS, 40/1 & 20/30. Holiday Inn, 800 28th St. NOTE NEW LOCATION. 4 sections: OPEN (EF \$22, \$\$ 200-150-50-U2050 50-25 (b/30)), BOOSTER (under 1850, EF \$19, \$\$ 120-60-40- U1700 40-25 (b/30)), RESERVE (under 1550 or Unr, EF \$16, \$\$ 100-50-30, U1400, U1200, Unr each 35-20 (b/30)), SCHOLASTIC (G/45, open to HS/below. EF \$5. Trophy/prize to top 3, best girl in HS, JHS, Elem., Prim. if entries permit.) All but Scholastic \$4 more at site. Youth, Unr pay $\frac{1}{2}$. CSCA required. Reg. 8-9, Rds 9:30, 12:30, 3:30, 6:30. Accel. pairings possible. $\frac{1}{2}$ -pt bye available in rd. 1 or 2. Boulder CC, c/o Randy Siebert, 402 Owl Dr., Louisville, Col. 80027. TOUR EVENT.

August 1-2, Colorado Springs: PIKES PEAK SUMMER GRAND PRIX

4-SS, 40/2 and 20/1, Ramada Inn at I-25 and Garden of the Gods Rd. 3 sections: OPEN (EF \$20, \$\$ 250, 150), RESERVE (under 1850, EF \$15, \$\$ 150, U 1650 \$50), BOOSTER (under 1450, EF \$10, \$\$ 100, U 1300 \$50.) Above prizes all guaranteed; more will be added if entries permit. All EFs \$5 more at site. CSCA reqd. Reg. 8:30-9:30, Rds 10, 4; 9, 3. CSCC, c/o Bill Jeavons, 3805 Somerset Dr., Colorado Springs, Col. 80907. TOUR EVENT.

August 8 (CO): Sterling Championship. 4-SS, G/45. Community

Rm., Logan Cty Library, Sterling, CO. EF: \$10, \$7 youth/sr. Trophies for 1st, best youth (donated by United Bank of Sterling). USCF mem. to 3/more pts. Reg: 12:00-12:30, 1st rd 12:30. TD: Paul Cornelison, (303) 522-1272. Ent. at site. NS, W. Not rated.

August 15-16, Denver: SECOND ANNUAL LAKEWOOD CHESS CLASSIC

4-SS, 40/2 and 25/1. Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow. OPEN (EF \$18 \$\$ (b/25) 135, 75, 40, U1950 35), RESERVE (under 1750, EF \$16, \$\$ (b/25) 90, 45, 30, U1500 25, U 1350 25, Unr 20 (if 4 or more per category). All EFs \$4 more after 8/13. Reg. 8-9, Rds 9:30, 3:30; 9, 3. Lakewood Chess Club, c/o Jay Salam 1852 S. Pierson Ct., Lakewood, Col. 80226. TOUR EVENT.

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