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Looking Ahead

1998 promises to be an exciting year for Colorado chess.

by Craig Wilcox, CCI Editor

As I assumed the editorship of CCI this issue, one thing in particular struck me: the New Year should indeed be happy for Colorado chess. We have a lot to look forward to in 1998. Therefore, this issue and the others following it, will have a lot to do with "looking ahead."

Before we commence with the future, though, I want to thank **Matt De Elena** for the past two years of hard work on CCI. His efforts were to the benefit of all Colorado players, and it's a shame we will lose him to the warmer winter climes of Arizona. Matt and his new bride, Darcy (congratulations!), will move to Tucson soon to pursue degrees at the University of Arizona. Please join me in wishing them luck in their new lives together.

Congratulations also to **Josh Smith** and **Manus Smith**. In the next issue, they will assume positions as Associate Editors of CCI (that is, if they're still willing). In the rush and excitement of producing this issue, I decided to do an imitation of the contemplative hermit in order to think through my vision for CCI. Now that we have a working draft of the magazine, I'm ready to take the suggestions (and criticism) of others. I know Josh and Manus will make positive, substantial contributions to the effort, and I'm looking forward to working with them.

The Near Future of Colorado Chess

As most of you know by know, CSCA will host the 1998 Interplay U.S. Championships next fall. Word has it that we will also have the U.S. Senior Open in town at the same time. The Steering Committee will be working hard to make these tournaments the pinnacle of our near future, but just as important will be the effort to have the events serve as a springboard for other chess efforts

in the state. We want chess to get the spotlight it deserves, and to do this, we will need a lot of help from the chess community. Don't be surprised if you hear a plea to help out, and be prepared when you receive the call. As with any good chess game, the key to success will involve a quick and efficient mobilization of forces.

As big as these events will be, they are just the tip of the iceberg. In this issue, we cover some exciting chess projects currently unfolding in Colorado. First, courtesy of **Rick and Mary Nelson**, and their new company, **RAM Designs**, CSCA now has a substantial Internet presence. The website address is "www.colorado-chess.com". Here you can find (with any luck) the complete CCI, tournament results and announcements, games, stories, chess links and contact lists, as well as a viewer for playing through recent games. The site is well managed and easy to read. I highly recommend a visit.

Second, the 1998 **PCbrokers Tour** will have a guaranteed \$1,000 prize fund, making the incentive for tournament participation a little sweeter. We are excited to have more corporate sponsorship in Colorado chess. I will make more opportunities available to companies by pushing advertising spots for CCI in future issues. My personal belief is that chess is highly marketable and that companies who jump in early will have extraordinary possibilities presented to them. If you would like more information about advertising in CCI or sponsoring chess in other ways, please contact me.

Third, chess will be making a bigger splash in education this year, due mainly to the efforts of dedicated believers in the game as a learning tool. In this issue, we have a feature on the newly launched **DPS Chess Program**, which

will feature support by the New York foundation, **Chess-in-the-Schools**. We are only just beginning to learn the effect chess can have on the lives of our young citizens, but there is every indication that chess will have a positive impact if we pursue the opportunities vigorously.

The Colorado Chess Academy

With chess in education in mind, let me introduce myself and my work.

As a player, all of my significant advancements came before I turned sixteen, when I won the Oregon State HS Championship, placed fourth in the 1986 National JHS Championships, and won a section of the U.S. Open. I became a candidate master then and played at about that level through high school, but I haven't played or improved much since—that is, until I moved to Colorado.

After working at my alma mater, Whitman College, for two years, I followed my fiancé to Denver, where I reassessed my interests. I read a lot about chess in education during 1995, remembered that I knew how to play the game, and decided to devote some time to further inquiry. This eventually resulted into another year of school at CU Boulder, where I studied education and cognitive psychology and their relationship to chess. After taking a solid interest in educational psychology, I decided I wanted to get a Ph.D. in the subject. With its heavy emphasis on research and specialization, however, I knew I wanted to apply what I had learned first—while I had the chance.

As a result, I formed **The Colorado Chess Academy (CCA)** in November. This nonprofit organization will be, I hope, another thing to look forward to in 1998. We will apply some educational psychology to chess in order to promote its use as an educational tool to enhance students' academic and emotional intelligence. I will work as Executive Director under a board of directors composed of business, education, and community development leaders. You should see CCA a lot in the coming year. We will teach classes, run tournaments, train community chess facilita-

tors, and help to further organize chess efforts in the state.

Information About the Informant

Finally, what will the magazine look like in the coming year? Matt left me with some great content standards, and many things won't change much. We'll still have lots of games to play through, results from tournaments, some regular columns such as Scholastic Chess, and, of course, everything you'll need to know about upcoming events.

A few sections will be expanded. I hope to have more instructional pieces written by local experts and masters, who will also, hopefully, provide some deeper analysis into their own games. The Colorado chess news and features departments will be added to as well. We will have some interviews, some information about chess in the community, and some technological features on the Internet and computer-enhanced learning possibilities.

Although not ready for this issue, the April issue will feature a section called "Chess and Society." In the chess world, I believe it will be unique. Instead of delving deeper just into moves, we'll tackle such questions as, "What should the role of chess be in America?" I want to get some conversation started about larger chess issues, and I'll make a plea for submissions to anyone who has an opinion and a pen. Chess was once *the game* played by the elite when at the salons for intellectual conversation. While I'm glad we don't have to be the elite to play chess any longer, I do think it a game to be coupled with intelligent conversation, and perhaps we can rekindle this association in a public forum.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of CCI. Whether you do or not, I would like to hear your comments. You can reach me by telephone, mail, or email (all addresses are on page 2). Thank you to the CSCA board of directors for giving me this opportunity. I hope to serve you well.

Craig

COLORADO CHESS NEWS

Scholastic Chess

Results, News, and Upcoming Events

by Joyce Baldwin

Sept. 28th marked the first scholastic tournament for the 1997-98 school year. Approximately 130 participated. It was held at **Arapahoe Community College**, which will also be the site for the state championships in January. The results were as follows:

Unrated K-3

- 1 Alex Hursh
- 2 Taylor Jones
- 3 Chris Satar

Unrated 4-6

1. Mitesh Shridhar
2. Andrew Beard
3. Luke Golesh

Unrated 7-12

1. Corey Galligos
2. Shane Neuville
3. Teddy Doykos

(Winners in the Varsity section are included in the crosstables.)

Fountain Ft. Carson hosted their annual blitz and bughouse tournament.

Everyone enjoyed the day of "fun chess". In the blitz tournament, the results were as follows:

K-6: 1 Morgan Robb, 2 Josh Wallace, 3 Jacob Wallace.

7-12: 1 Katie Roberts-Hoffman, 2 Dan Tippie, 3 Chris Basco

In the bughouse, the results were:

K-3: Sam Galler and Asa Harrington

4-6: Josh and Jacob Wallace

7-12: Katie Roberts Hoffman and Jacob Herold

Several players have been traveling about and proving Colorado players can compete successfully out of state. Jacob and Josh Wallace went to New Jersey for the **K-12 Grade Championships**. Josh placed first in the 2nd grade division and Jacob placed 11th in the fourth grade division. Great job boys!

Fourteen students participated in the **All America Cup** in Arizona. Around 800 students participated in this two day, nine round event. David Baldwin placed 2nd in the JHS division. Morgan Robb placed 5th in the 4-6 division. Other trophy winners were: Sam Galler, Asa Harrington and Josh and Jacob Wallace. David and Morgan also placed in the blitz tournament. In addition, Colorado students formed a club and placed 3rd in the K-3 division and 4th in the 4-6 division.

We also need to mention the large number of students that have been appearing on the top 50 list each time the USCF rating book comes out. They have all worked hard and deserve to be congratulated. These students are: Jacob and Josh Wallace, Sean Cabrera, Jeff Pennington, Katie Roberts-Hoffman, Josh Bloomer, David Baldwin and Jasirko Alagic. (My apologies if I left anyone out)

On a more somber note, the scholastic organizers were saddened by the death of Horizon High School coach Ray Meester. He had a terrific club organized at his school and was always interested in furthering scholastic chess. He will be greatly missed.

Future Tournaments:

Jan 17th, St. Mary's-Littleton: Entries due Jan 9th. No on site entries. Varsity and Jr. Varsity sections. Call 841-4129, 988-3773.

Jan 31-Feb 1st, State Championships: Varsity only. No on site entries. Call 841-4129, 988-3773, 719-495-1602.

Feb 21st, Irving: Contact R Buchanan 719-685-1984.

Arapahoe Chess Challenge: Rated K-3

Name	rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot.
1 Ranney, Trevor	897	W 8	W 4	W 2	W 6	D3	4.5
2 Ranney, Robert	unr.	W 5	W 3	L 1	W 7	W6	4
3 Harrington, Asa	842	W 9	L 2	W 7	W 8	D1	3.5
4 Herold, Issac	647	W 10	L 1	L 9	B—	W8	3
5 Sherman, Evan	702	L 2	B—	L 6	W 10	X—	3
6 Walton, Burke	574	B—	D 7	W 5	L 1	L2	2.5
7 Orr, Aaron	750	W 11	D 6	L 3	L 2	W9	2.5
8 Fuerst, Ben	unr.	L 1	W 11	W 10	L 3	L4	2
9 Scheidies, Nick	unr.	L 3	L 10	W 4	W 11	L7	2
10 Janssen, Matthew	unr.	L 4	W 9	L 8	L 5	B—	2
11 Whitlock, Casey	unr.	L 7	L 8	B—	L 9	F—	1

Rated 4-6

Name	rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot.
1 Weiss, Sophie	925	W 20	W 6	W 16	D 3	W2	4.5
2 Robb, Morgan	1195	W 7	W 12	W 9	W 4	L1	4
3 Grauel, Chris	unr.	W 11	D 17	W 6	D 1	W8	4
4 Wallace, Josh	1143	W 18	W 21	W 15	L 2	W10	4
5 Cabrera, Sean	1310	X—	L 15	W 17	W 12	W9	4
6 White, Alex	1156	W 23	L 1	L 3	W 17	W16	3
7 Karras, Dillon	853	L 2	W 13	W 20	L 8	W21	3
8 Karras, Dane	1029	L24	W14	W22	W7	L3	3
9 Galler, Sam	969	W19	W26	L2	W18	L5	3
10 Caldwell, Robbie	710	L16	W25	W21	W15	L4	3
11 Florido, Amanda	860	L3	W19	W26	D16	D15	3
12 Gulley, Andrew	877	W28	L2	W24	L5	W20	3
13 Vernon, Geoff	unr.	L15	L7	W25	W22	W18	3
14 Gurevich, Vadim	unr.	W25	L8	L18	W27	W19	3
15 Herold, Matthew	947	W13	W5	L4	L10	D11	2.5
16 Wallace, Jacob	1105	W10	W24	L1	D11	L6	2.5
17 Steefel, Daniel	1095	W22	D3	L5	L6	W25	2.5
18 Rudeseal, Mike	847	L 4	W 28	W 14	L 9	L13	2
19 Fuerst, Brian	unr.	L 9	L 11	W 27	W 23	L14	2
20 Jordon, Andrew	unr.	L 1	W 23	L 7	W 26	L12	2
21 Laff, James	unr.	W 27	L 4	L 10	W 24	L7	2
22 Temple, Ben	573	L 17	W 27	L 8	L 13	W26	2
23 Hursh, Aaron	848	L 6	L 20	W 28	L 19	W24	2
24 Reims, Kevin	535	W 8	L 16	L 12	L 21	L23	1
25 Rozeboom, Daniel	909	L 14	L 10	L 13	W 28	L17	1
26 Gregory, Robert	529	B—	L 9	L 11	L 20	L22	1
27 Eliasson, Carter	889	L 21	L 22	L 19	L 14	W28	1
28 Kuehl, Max	unr.	L 12	L 18	L 23	L 25	L27	0
29 Sellon, Mark	855	F—	U—	U—	U—	U—	0

Rated 7-12

Name	rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot.
1 Ponomarev, Philipp	1664	W 14	W 12	W 13	W 2	W 3	5
2 Herold, Jacob	1320	W 9	W 17	W 4	L 1	W 6	4
3 Caldwell, Jason	1040	W 11	W 18	W 5	W 13	L 1	4
4 Bagwell, Jim	1066	X—	W 8	L 2	W 15	W 5	4
5 Kelsic, Eric	1197	W 10	W 7	L 3	W 14	L 4	3
6 Goldman, David	1109	L 8	W 10	W 7	W 12	L 2	3
7 Solarz, Scott	956	W 19	L 5	L 6	W 9	W 13	3

Player's Showcase

This game and its annotations were sent to CCI by Brad Blake. I encourage all readers to send their games for publication.

Blake, Brad- Hufnagel, David
1997 Colorado Open, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.f4 0-0 6.e5 Ne8 7.Nf3 dxe5 8.fxe5
Bg4 9.Be2 c5 10.dxc5

White believes that his queen-side majority will be more mobile than Black's king-side majority.

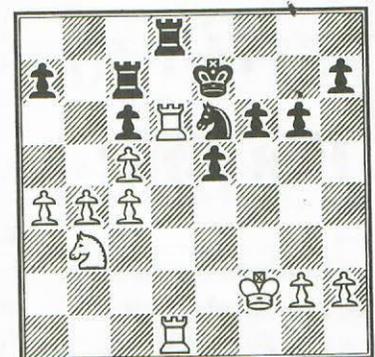
10...Qxd1+ 11.Bxd1 Nc6 12.Bf4 Nc7
13.0-0 Ne6 14.Be3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3
Bxe5 16.Rac1 Ned4 17.Bd5

White hopes to coax forward Black's e-pawn, after which he plans to exploit Black's weak dark squares.

17...e6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Bf4 Bxf4
20.Rxf4 e5 21.Rf6 Kg7 22.Rcf1 Ne6
23.Ne4 Rac8

(Ed: I believe 23...Rab8 or Rad8 would have been better. Black's defense needs to be more dynamic, defending invasions with tactical resources. For instance, 23...Rab8 24. Nd6 loses to 24...Nf4, and after 24. b3 Rbd8, Nd6 may be met, eventually, with Nf4 or Nxc5.)

24.Nd6 Rc7 25.b4 Nf4 26.Ne4 Nh5
27.Rd6 Nf4 28.Kf2 Ne6 29.Re1 Re8
30.Nd2 f6 31.Nb3 Kf7 32.Red1 Ke7
33.a4 Rd8



34.Rxc6+ 1-0

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8	Gurevich, Mark unr.	W 6	L 4	L 12	W 17	W 14	3
9	Janvrin, Mark 963	L 2	W 19	W 18	L 7	W 15	3
10	Yee, Bryan 803	L 5	L 6	W 16	W 18	W 17	3
11	Ball, Derek	..... unr.	L 3	L 14	W 19	W 20	W 12	3
12	Potter, Matthew	..... 995	W 22	L 1	W 8	L 6	L 11	2
13	Yee, Travis	..... 1148	W 16	W 20	L 1	L 3	L 7	2
14	Stewart, Ryan	..... 1032	L 1	W 11	W 20	L 5	L 8	2
15	Basco, Chris	..... 1096	L 18	W 16	W 17	L 4	L 9	2
16	Horchreder, Matt	..... unr.	L 13	L 15	L 10	W 19	W 18	2
17	Loughry, Patrick	..... 818	X—	L 2	L 15	L 8	L 10	1
18	Roberts-Hoffman, Tory	..... unr.	W 15	L 3	L 9	L 10	L 16	1
19	Simpson, Kyle	..... 1280	L 7	L 9	L 11	L 16	W 20	1
20	Kosak, Jon	..... 723	B—	L 13	L 14	L 11	L 19	1
21	Reed, Gary unr.	F—	U—	U—	U—	U—	0
22	Propper, Ryan 1330	L 12	U—	U—	U—	U—	0
23	Curtis, Brian 1247	F—	U—	U—	U—	U—	0

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Colorado Chess Informant Goes Online!

by Rick Nelson

The Colorado Chess Informant is now online at "<http://www.colorado-chess.com>". The web site features complete coverage of tournament chess in Colorado, as well as CSCA business. There is also a page about Wyoming chess activities.

An exciting recent addition to the site is the "ChessViewer". This Java Applet allows the viewer to see a chess board as they scroll back and forth through a game, rather than a simple text version of the game score. Check it out. It is now available for all of the published games for the November Madness Class Championships. The Java Applet was made available to us by the Internet Chess Club.

Tournament chess features include: results of recent tournaments, games from recent tournaments, upcoming tournaments, links to check your USCF rating, and scholastic chess. Tournament results are often posted by the Monday following an event. Some games from the event are usually up by the end of the week. Upcoming events are posted as the information becomes available. The scholastic chess page currently consists of upcoming scholastic events and results of recent scholastic tournaments. I would, however, be happy to post any games that scholastic players would like to send to me.

CSCA business features include: Buckspeak, Spotlight on Youth, the Prison chess report, Colorado Chess Tour standings, and a directory of chess clubs in Colorado.

Other features of the website are: an extensive list of links to other chess related sites, email addresses of area chess players, a page about how to join the CSCA, archives (of events more than one year old), and acknowledgment of contributors to the site.

I am currently launching a new business called RAM Designs, developing and creating web sites professionally. The reviews that I have had from this site have helped a great deal. I encourage everyone to send in suggestions for improvements and new features for the Colorado Chess Informant online.

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Player	Games	Pts.
1. Renard Anderson	14	251
2. Sage Mo	10	215
3. Phillip Ponomarev	14	173
4. Gerry Morris	13	162
5. Edwin Schreiber	12	162
6. Sean Groves	14	158
7. Bela Geczy	10	155
8. David Helt	14	155
9. Jeff Pennington	10	153
10. Joseph Bihlmeyer	13	151

EXPERT

Player	Games	Pts.
1. Sage Mo	10	215
2. Mike Shedd	13	143
3. James Hammersmith	9	124
4. Craig Wilcox	10	114
5. Mike Emerson	6	105
6. Brad Lundstrom	6	94
7. Hans Morrow	6	94
8. Mark Schlagenhauf	6	82
9. Mark Sherbring	4	73

CLASS A

Player	Games	Pts.
1. Gerry Morris	13	162
2. Edwin Schreiber	12	162
3. Bela Geczy	10	155
4. Danny Kaiser	10	119
5. Shawn Burnham	6	82
6. David Bowers	4	80
7. David Hufnagel	7	73
8. Shane Gaschler	4	73
9. Wayne Presnall	6	70
10. Kenneth Doykos	4	50

CLASS B

Player	Games	Pts.
1. Phillip Ponomarev	14	173
2. David Helt	14	155
3. Joseph Bihlmeyer	13	151

4. J. C. MacNeil	14	142
5. David Baldwin	10	132
6. Chris Wallace	10	127
7. Randy Schine	14	125
8. Albert Gardner	14	114
9. Michael Fuchs	10	111
10. David Weatherell	10	103

CLASS C

Player	Games	Pts.
1. Sean Groves	14	158
2. Jeff Pennington	10	153
3. Steven Bradley	13	119
4. Randall Moore	10	103
5. George Lombardi	10	103
6. Josh Smith	10	103
7. Louis Berman	14	96
8. K. Roberts-Hoffman	10	95
9. Dain Lewis	14	94
10. Oscar Herrman	14	87

CLASS D/E and Below

Player	Games	Pts.
1. Phil Brown	14	98
2. Joseph Aragon	14	96
3. Dan Groves	14	86
4. Bearheart Neuhaus	12	80
5. Morgan Robb	10	72
6. Thomas Moniz	10	71
7. Joshua Wallace	10	67
8. C. Vidgerman	6	64
9. Brit Whittaker	6	64
10. Doug Johnson	10	53

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Player	Games	Pts.
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David Helt	14	155
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Chess-in-the-Schools Comes to Denver

The New York foundation has brought chess into the lives of thousands of disadvantaged youth—creating champions in a place where many people had lost hope. This winter, a similar program will begin in Denver.

by Craig Wilcox

This month, Denver Public Schools' Community Partnership office will launch a local chess program with support from New York's Chess-in-the-Schools (CIS) program.

Four schools will participate in the fourteen week program, thanks in part to the efforts of **National Master Todd Bardwick**, who donated his simultaneous chess skill as part of a chess night that raised \$275.00 in November.

The program's main support came from **Ted Prior**, of Prior and Associates, who donated \$2,000 to Denver Public Schools after hearing the success stories from New York's program. Prior, a private investigator called CIS to find out about sponsoring programs in Denver.

Though no program was in existence, Prior was referred to **Tony Frank**, the Program Manager at the DPS Community Partnership office. Frank graduated from Vassar College in 1995 and came to Denver to complete a Masters in Public Administration at CU Denver.

While working for the Denver Housing Authority at the Alma Recreation Center, Frank also heard about New York's successes, learned to play the game, and started teaching it to the kids he was paid to teach soccer.

When Frank graduated from CU Denver in 1997, he accepted a position

in DPS and continued to teach for DHA, though he moved his chess operation in Curtis Park. When he and Prior spoke, Frank was already convinced about the value of chess, and the \$2,000 sponsorship offer was too good to pass up. The DPS Chess program was launched.

The Foundation

CIS has been teaching chess to inner city youth since 1986. The popularity of the program blossomed as teachers and principals started seeing drastic improvements in their students' behavior, attendance, and academic performance.

One school, PS 70 in the Bronx, was so impressed, they hired a full-time chess coach, who is responsible for teaching the game to all 1,700 students.

At another school, JHS 43 in Harlem, players took the game seriously enough to become national champions when they

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led first in the 1991 National JHS Championship.

Research Shows Positive Effects

With all the excitement about the game in the schools, researchers were attracted to test the effect chess could have on academic performance. Noted educational psychologist, **Stuart Margulies, Ph.D.**, started a two-year study funded by IBM to discover whether chess could significantly improve children's reading scores.

The first study verified what all chess players have argued for years—that chess, for whatever reason, helps students improve their academic performance. Margulies found that chess participants showed a gain of 5.37 in percentile score, compared with zero gain for non-participants.

However, in research circles, where prudence reigns supreme, an effect is usually not accepted until it can be replicated. In 1994, Margulies tried to do just that. Unfortunately, the effect disappeared.

Undaunted, the researchers postulated that chess would work effectively once again, but only under certain conditions. They wrote a short text called *Chess and General Reasoning*, which integrated reading and chess curricula in a way the researchers thought would promote the transfer of higher thinking skills across the two disciplines.

A 1996 study used the new text in addition to pure chess instruction. The effect returned, and was even more robust than in the first study. Chess participants outperformed their non-chess peers 74 to 64 percent on a post-test of reading ability. Especially significant was the fact that, by chance, the chess groups' pre-test scores were lower than the control group scores. The chess participants first caught up to the control group, then passed it up. Margulies also notes that the chess participants actually received less reading instruction than their peers during the study.

Once again, however, Margulies warns we should not jump to conclusions, for many explanations for the results are possible. Perhaps the chess

instruction helped, or maybe it was playing the game itself. Finally, it might have been the *Chess and General Reasoning* text. The factors haven't been isolated, and further research is needed.

Excitement in Denver

Part of the excitement CIS creates in inner cities is the result of its commitment to providing financially disadvantaged populations with inexpensive access to high-quality equipment. For \$900 each, Denver's Gilpin and Palmer Elementary schools will each receive fourteen weeks of instruction for twenty students, ten complete sets for the school, a demonstration board, three books for the library, T-shirts, prizes, and, perhaps most importantly, personal chess sets for each of the participants.

When Frank sent out application forms to assess which schools were interested, the response was overwhelming. It seemed that every school wanted to try the CIS program, and they were almost bidding against each other with volunteers and other school-provided support.

In the end, Frank and his collaborators chose two schools with no functioning chess programs in place. Gilpin and Palmer will receive all the CIS services, while many other schools will be staffed by volunteers. **Mike Presutti**, for example, will teach a bilingual chess class at Columbian Elementary. **David Constantino**, the University of Denver Chess Club founder and President, will teach at Palmer, and **Joe Aragon** will teach at Gilpin.

Getting Involved

Though the response for the DPS programs has been outstanding, it is important to remember that extra resources, whether it be volunteer or financial support, are always appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to the DPS Chess Program, or if you would like more information about it, you may contact Tony Frank in the Community Partnership office at 764-3359. He will send answer all your questions and send you a sponsorship form for your tax-deductible donation. Please help get chess into the heads of Denver's youth!

Rocky Mountain News Colorado Chess Column

by National Master Todd Bardwick



The Colorado Chess column appears the first Monday of every month in the Spotlight Section of the Rocky Mountain News.

If you have any brilliant piece sacrifices or instructional themes, such as outside passed pawns, controlling the center, etc., that may be useful to the novice player please contact Todd Bardwick at 364-8266. Tournament winners and local news will still be featured in the column.

Letters to the editor of the Rocky Mountain News expressing support for the column are appreciated.



Colorado's Newest Master Sage Mo ended 1997 with a surge of strong tournament showings. His top-flight play was rewarded with a year-end rating of 2217, earning the title he has been waiting for.

by Craig Wilcox

Sage Mo, 26, became Colorado's newest master when he defeated Renard Anderson in the final game at the Elk Hunt Alternative recently. Sage's last two tournaments—the other being the Colorado Open—quickly shot him over the 2200 hurdle he's been fighting to jump for years.

After the Colorado Open, where he defeated Anderson and McCarty, Mo commented that he had "been waiting for this tournament for a long time." Though always a solid 2150 player, Sage has come up short by about one game in many of his past tournaments.

This fall, however, Sage was razor sharp with his calculations, and many masters found themselves a move or two outworked—a critical difference when the play is tactically oriented.

When I say that Sage "outworks" his opponents, I mean this quite literally. His positions are nearly always double-edged, and the victor in these games is often the one with their nose closest to the grindstone.

I often sit next to Sage at tournaments, as our ratings were similar, and I'm always amazed at his effort. In the middle of complications, his head will be buried for a few minutes, then he'll sit back, mutter "Come On!" to himself, at get right back to work. (Sage can be seen on the cover of this issue in the posture I'm speaking of.) I sometimes wonder if I'm watching a weight lifter who knows just a little more effort will heave the opponent's king off the board.

This spring, Sage will net another accomplishment as he graduates from Colorado State University with a major in economics. He's unsure about his future plans, but we hope it includes more chess in the area.

Please join me in congratulating Sage on his hard work. Besides our wunderkind at Yale, Sage is, I believe, the youngest active Colorado master.

The following games should point out Sage's strengths as a tactician. Both of the games we have played (which I honestly tried to include) have had about the same result. In one, I was so confused after an early struggle that, when I counted, I was surprised to find myself down two exchanges and resigned on the spot.

Annotations are by Sage.

Renard Anderson - Sage Mo [B89]
CoOp97 Open R6, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Be7 8.Qe2 0-0 9.0-0-0 (D1)

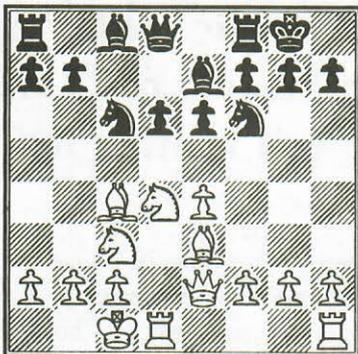


Diagram 1

White's Bc4, Be3, and 0-0-0 constitute the Velimirovic setup against the small center (pawns on e6 and d6) open Sicilian. This game was the first tournament game in which I had to face this horrible setup as black, but I have played it from the white side many times. In exchange for being a little inflexible as far as piece movement goes, white gets a strong kingside or center attack.

9...a6 10.Rhg1 Qc7 11.Bb3 Nd7

By rerouting the knight from b6 to d7 to c5 black sets up potential exchanges on white's d4 knight (the c6

knight "covers" it) and white's b3 bishop (the soon-to-be c5 knight will "cover" it) depending on how things develop.

12.g4 Nc5 13.f4 Re8

Setting up a later ...Bf8, indirectly defending the potentially weak e6 square, and even more indirectly setting up a distant opposition to white's queen on e2.

14.g5 Bd7

14...b5 is an alternative.

15.Nf5?!

In view of what follows, this move is dubious. However, the truth was near impossible to see at the time it was played. White has alternatives in 15. Rg3 (with the idea of defending the queenside via the third rank or blowing black out with a timely Rh3 or Rdg1) or 15. Kb1 or 15. f5 (with the idea that black cannot exploit the weak e5 square before being mated).

15...Nxb3+

See the note to move eleven. After black's next move the bishop on b3 would be a monster.

16.axb3 exf5 17.Nd5 Qa5

If 17...Qd8? then 18. Bb6 knocks the queen off the f6 square and any reasonable try at defending the kingside. For instance 18...Qc8 19. Qh5 and now:

A) 19...g6 20. Qh6 Nd8 21. Nf6+ Bxf6 22. gxf6 Ne6 23. exf6+-;

B) 19...Bf8 20. Nf6+ gxf6 21. gxf6+ Kh8 22. Qg6 Bh6 23. Qxh6 Rg8 24. Rg7+-;

C) if black does nothing, then 20. Nf6+ gxf6 21. gxf6+ Kh8 22. Rg7+- 18.Nf6+

This misses, but something better is hard to find. If, as in the previous note, white tries 18 Bb5, then 18...Qa1+ 19. Kd2 Qxb2 20. Rb1 (otherwise ...g6 lets black's queen into the kingside) 20...Nd4 21. Qd3 Qxc2+ 22. Qxc2 Nxc2 23. Kxc2 Bd8 gives black a much better endgame. This would have been an example of returning material to consolidate.

If 18. Qh5 fe 19. Nf6+? Bxf6 and white's g-pawn is pinned. Or 18. Qh6 fe 19. Bb6 Qa1+ 20. Kd2 Qxb2 21. Rb1 g6 defends.

If 18. Kb1 Nb4 is bad news. Maybe 18. c3 is a continuation.

18...gxf6 19.gxf6+ Kh8 20.fxe7

20. Rg7 misses, too.

20...Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Qxb2 22.Ke1 Rxe7 23.Rxd6

At this point, I was figuring out how many rating points winning this game was going to bring me. Everything is covered and one more sensible defending move like 23...Rg8 should end the game. For instance 24. Rxc5+ Kxc5 25. e5 f6! 26. Rxf6 (26. exf6 Qc3+ 27. Kf2 Rf7) 26...Nxe5 27. fxe5 Qxe5 consolidates. But my sense of danger had shut down and the idea was: "Wouldn't a passed pawn be nice?"

23...fxe4 24.Qd2! (D2)

The threat is 25. Rxc5 and 26. Bd4+. Black now must lose back the piece. I did not foresee anything following it. I got lucky.

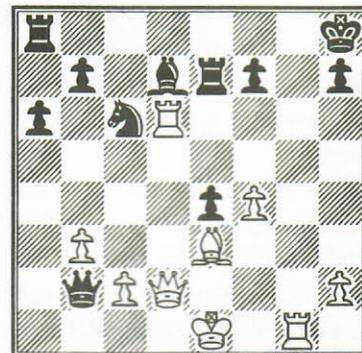


Diagram 2

24...Rg8

Tactically stopping 25. Rxc6. 25.Rxc6+ Kxc6 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Qxd7 Qc3+ 28.Bd2 (D3)

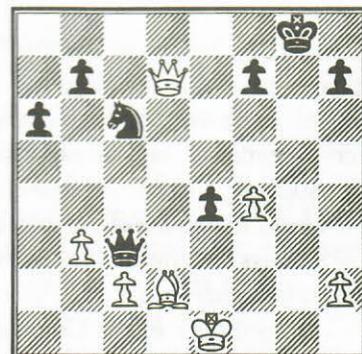


Diagram 3

28...Qf3!

This move gets an exclamation not

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for being good, but for being obnoxious. White is paralyzed and the g4 square is off limits for any attempt at a perpetual. If 29. Qc8+ Kg7 20. Qxb7, 20...e3 hurts. 29.h4 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Qg2+ 31.Kd1

If 31. Ke1 Qg1+ 32. Ke2 Nd4+ 31...Qg1+ 32.Be1 Qd4+

Simplifying into an easily won ending. 33.Qxd4 Nxd4 34.Bc3 Nf5 35.Bf6 h5 36.Kd2 Kh7 37.Kc3 Kg6 38.Bd8 f6 39.Kc4 Nxh4 40.Kc5 e3 41.Ba5 e2 42.Kb6 Nf3 0-1

Gerry Morris (1915) - Sage Mo
(2135) [E90]
CoOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Be3 Nh5 9.Nd2 a6 10.g3 Bf6 11.Be2 Ng7 12.Nf3 Be7 13.g4 Nf6 14.Bh6 c6 15.Nd2 Kh8 16.h4 Ng8 17.Bxg7+ Kxg7 18.h5 Bg5 19.Nf1 c5 20.Qd3 Bd7 21.Qh3 h6 22.Ng3 Rb8 23.Nd1 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Ne3 Ne7 26.0-0 Ng8 27.Ng2 Nf6 28.f4 exf4 29.Nxf4 Qc8 30.hxg6 fxg6 31.Rae1 Nxe4 32.Ne6+ Bxe6 33.dxe6 Be3+ 34.Kg2 Nf2 35.Nh5+ gxh5 36.Qxe3 Ng4 37.Qc3+ Ne5 38.Bxh5 Qxe6 39.Re3 Kh7 40.Rg3 Rxf1 41.Kxf1 Rf8+ 42.Kg2 Qf6 43.Qe1 c4 44.Be2 Qf4 45.Bf1 b4 46.a3 c3 47.axb4 cxb2 48.Ba6 Qf2+ 0-1

Sage Mo (2135) - James McCarty
(2380) [B01]
CoOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Be2 Nc6 9.h3 Bf5 10.g4 Bc8 11.Qd2 a5 12.0-0-0 a4 13.Bh6 Na5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.d5 f6 16.c5 Nd7 17.Qd4 Qe8 18.Qxa4 c6 19.b4 cxd5 20.Nxd5 Qf7 21.bxa5 Nxc5 22.Qb4 Be6 23.Nb6 Rac8 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.Kb2 Bd5 26.Rhe1 b6 27.axb6 Ra8 28.Qxc5 Rxa2+ 29.Kc3 Bb3 30.Bc4 Bxc4 31.Rxe7 1-0

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by Craig Wilcox

The FIDE World Championship has progressed steadily into the final stages. At the time of this publication, Viswanathan Anand seems to be in control of the tournament. He started somewhat slowly and had to survive a number of scares in the early rounds. However, Anand hit his stride in the fourth round and finished before most of the other players to advance in this knockout format, gaining much needed rest.

Kasparov and Kramnik have refused to play in the event (Kasparov for historical grievances and Kramnik due to the seeding system). FIDE World Champion Anatoly Karpov will enter the tournament in the last round. In my opinion, Karpov will not be able to retain the title, and the chess world will have its first "Non-KK" champion in over 20 years.

You can see the games and results of the finale on the Internet. The Internet Chess Club has coverage, but as a non-member, I've never been able to figure out how to make it happen. The easiest site to access, in my opinion, is at:

["http://www.chessweb.com/wcc"](http://www.chessweb.com/wcc).

New Russian Star Rising

Surprise, surprise! Russia has another emerging star; definitely one to watch in the next five years. Peter Svidler, 21, (FIDE 2660) has already won three Russian Championships, and this fall, finished ahead of Kasparov (who he beat!) and Kramnik in the strong Tilburg tournament. He is quickly becoming the most exciting player to watch at the tournaments he plays in, due mainly to his vision for creating attacks.

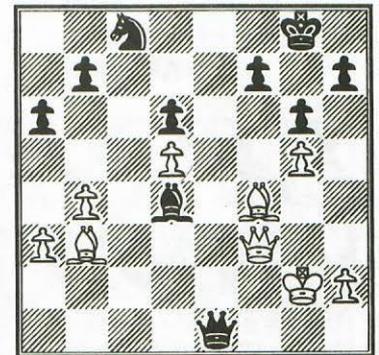
The author has a special bias for Svidler, as I played a number of tandem games with him during the 1989 Goodwill Games. Three teams, two American and one Soviet, were brought to Seattle to play against each other as part of the quarter-finals for the world championship. As the top player on my team,

I was paired for the tandem tournament with the Soviet Union's "worst player." Svidler, then 12 years old, was already far better than I was. We won our first two games, but in the third, I attacked too quickly and we only managed a draw. After the game, I sat through a lecture by Svidler, six years my junior, about the appropriate timing for an assault. Needless to say, I didn't forget the lesson. Nor did my friends, who couldn't stop laughing.

Here, Svidler delivers an attacking lesson to Alexander Onischuk, another young Russian hopeful. The win guaranteed him the tournament victory.

Onischuk, Alexander - Svidler, Peter
1997 Fontys, Tilburg, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0-0 9.Kh1 Qc7 10.g4 Be6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Nc6 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nce5 16.Nd4 g6 17.c4 Rfe8 18.Rc1 Rac8 19.b4 Qd8 20.Rg1 Bf8 21.Qb3 Bg7 22.Rge1 Nb6 23.Red1 Nexc4! 24.Bxc4 Re4 25.Qf3 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 Bxd4 27.Bb3 Rxc1+ 28.Bxc1 Qc8 29.Bf4 Qf5 30.Kg2 Nc8 31.Bd2 Qe5 32.Bf4 Qe1 33.a3 (D)



33...Ne7! 34.Bxd6 Nf5 35.Bg3 Ne3+ 36.Kh3 Qc3 37.Qe4 Qc8+ 38.Kh4 h5 0-1

The Denver Open

Grandmaster Roman Dzindzichashvili participated in this year's Denver Open, providing a sense of awe throughout the entire tournament. In the last round, however, the red hot Michael Mulyar drew with the GM. James McCarty, defeating the practically unstoppable Ponomarev at the same time, took the tournament with a perfect score. Mark Scheidies selected and annotated these games.

Gary Bagstad (1765) - Roman Dzindzichashvili (2630)
DeOp97 Open R1, 1997

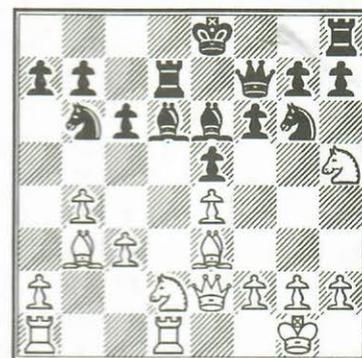
18.Ng5+! hxc5
[18...Kh8 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Rb8]
19.Bxc6 Bd7 20.Rxb7 Bxc6 21.Qxc6 Nd7
22.Qxc7 Rf7 23.Qxd6 Bf8 24.Qd5 1-0

5.Nf3 f6 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Ba4 Qa5 8.c3 dxc3
9.dxc3 Nd7 10.0-0 Rd8 11.b4 Qc7 12.Qe2
Nb6 13.Bb3 Qf7 14.Be3 Ne7 15.Nd2 Ng6
16.Nh5 Rd7 17.Rfd1 Bd6

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.f4
e6 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.e5 Rb8
10.Ne2 d4 11.g4 Nd5 12.Ng3 f5 13.gxf5
exf5 14.Qe2 Bh6 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.fxg5
Be6 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Rae1 Nc7 19.h4 Bd5
20.a3 Bxg2 21.Qxg2 Qd5 22.Rf2 Qxg2+
23.Kxg2 Rbe8 24.Bf4 Nd5 25.Kf3 Re6
26.Nf1 Rfe8 27.Rfe2 b5 28.Nd2 Ne3
29.Bxe3 Nxe5+ 30.Kf4 Ng4 31.Nf1 dxe3
32.Nxe3 h6 33.Kf3 Ne5+ 34.Kf4 Nf7
35.Rg1 c4 36.dxc4 Re4+ 37.Kf3 Ne5+
38.Kf2 Ng4+ 0-1

David Baldwin (1605) - Ed Schreiber (1995)
DeOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5 6.Nb3 Bb4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6
Qxf6 9.Qd2 Nd4 10.a3 Nxb3 11.cxb3 Ba5
12.b4 Bb6 13.Nd5 Qg6 14.Nxb6 Qxe4+
15.Qe2 Qxe2+ 16.Bxe2 axb6 17.0-0-0
Ke7 18.Bg4 d5 19.Bxc8 Raxc8+ 20.Kb1
Ke6 21.Rhe1 f5 22.Rd3 Rc6 23.f4 e4
24.Rg3 Kf6 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.b5 Rc5
27.Rc3 d4 28.Rcc1 d3 29.b4 Rxc1+
30.Kxc1 Rc8+ 31.Kb1 Rc2 0-1



Micheal Shedd (2065) - Kent Evenson (1695)
DeOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.0-0
0-0 6.Nc3 e5 7.d3 h6 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Rb1
Ng4 10.Bd2 f5 11.b4 Nf6 12.Qb3 Kh7
13.e3 Rb8 14.Qa4 a6 15.b5 Ne7 16.bxa6
Ra8 17.a7 Nc6

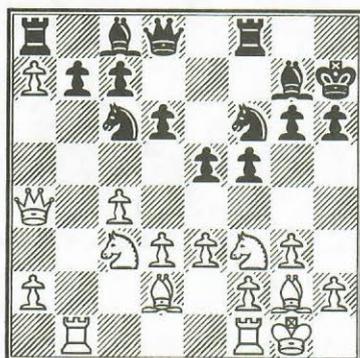
Bela Geczy (1950) - Anthea Carson (1605)
DeOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 Nf6 3.Bxf6 gxf6 4.e3 Bf5
5.c4 Nc6 6.Nc3 e6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Qb3 Bb4
9.Bb5 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Qd6 11.Rc1 Bd7
12.Ne2 0-0-0 13.Qc5 Qxc5 14.Rxc5 Nb4
15.Bxd7+ Rxd7 16.Kd2 e6 17.Nf4 Kc7
18.a3 Na6 19.Rc3 Nb8 20.b4 a6 21.Rhc1
Rd6 22.a4 f5 23.b5 Rg8 24.Rc5 Kb6
25.bxc6 bxc6 26.a5+ Ka7 27.g3 Rc8?
28.Rxd5 Rcd8 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Rc5 Nd7
31.Rxf5 f6 32.Kc3 Nf8 1-0

18.Bxb6 axb6 19.Nc4 Bc7 20.Rxd7 Kxd7
21.Qd3+ Ke7 22.Ne3 Rd8 23.Nf5+ Kf8
24.Qc2 Nf4 25.Nhxc7 Bc4 26.g3
Nd3 27.Bxc4 Qxc4 28.Ne3 Qf7 29.Ngf5 c5
30.Nd5 c4 31.Qd2 Bd6 32.Qh6+ Kg8
33.Nxf6+ 1-0

Edwin Schreiber (1995) - Michael Mulyar (2400)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4
5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nb6 8.Nc3 0-0
9.Be3 Nc6 10.exd6 cxd6 11.b3 d5 12.c5
Nc8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Bg5 15.Re1 Bxe3
16.Rxe3 Qh4 17.Rd3 N8e7 18.Ne2 Rad8
19.Kh2 e5 20.g3 Qf6 21.Bg2 e4 22.Rd2
Qxf2 23.Qg1 Qf6 24.Rf1 Qg5 25.Nf4 Nf5
26.g4 Nh4 27.a3 f5 [27...Nf3+ is also
strong.] 28.Qe3 fxg4 29.Qg3 Nf3+
30.Bxf3 Rxf4 0-1

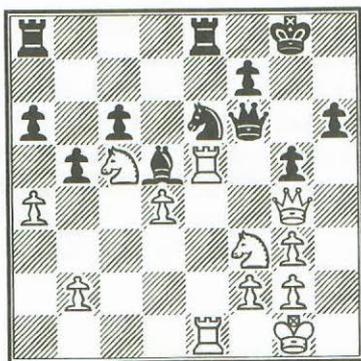


Roman Dzindzichashvili (2630) - Bela Geczy (1950)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.e4 d5 2.Nc3 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.Ng3 Be6

James McCarty (2390) - Richard Gaschler (1850)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Qa4+ Bd7
5.Qb3 exd5 6.cxd5 Bc8 7.Bc4 Bd6 8.Nf3
0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.d4 a6 11.a4 Nb6
12.Bg5 Re8 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Bh4 g5
15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.hxg3 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Nxd5
18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Nc5 Qf6
21.Re5 b5 22.Qe2 c6 23.Re1 Nc7 24.Qe4
Bd5 25.Qg4 Ne6



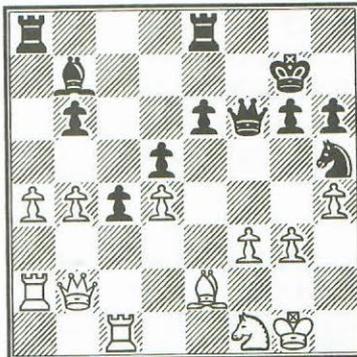
[26...Qxe5 27.Bxg6 Qf6 28.Bxf7+ Qxf7
seems good for Black.]
27.Bxg6 Raf8 28.Bxh7+ 1-0

Michael Presutti (1850) - Michael Shedd (2065)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3
0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Be2
Bf5 10.Qb3 c6 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7
13.Rc1 Qd6 14.f3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nd7
16.g4 Bh7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.c4 Rac8
19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Kd2 Kh8 21.Ba6 Rxc1
22.Rxc1 f5 23.Qb4 Qf7 24.Qxf8+ Qxf8
25.Rc8 Qxc8 26.Bxc8 fxc4 27.Be6 gxf3
28.Bxd5 Bg8 29.Bxf3 Bxa2 30.d5 Kg8
31.Kd3 Kf7 32.Kd4 a5 33.Ke5 a4 34.d6
Ke8
[34...a3 may perhaps be better. 35.Bh5+
Kf8 36.Kd4 Be6 37.Kc3 b5]
35.Bc6+ Kd8 36.Bxa4 Bc4 ½-½

Mark Krowczyk (1785) - Andres Hortillosa (1995)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.Nbd2 d5
5.h3 b6 6.e3 Bb7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7
9.c3 c5 10.Qc2 Rc8 11.Qa4 Ra8 12.Qc2
a5 13.a4 Rc8 14.Qb1 Re8 15.b4 axb4
16.cxb4 c4 17.Ra2 Nh5 18.Bh2 Nhf6
19.Rc1 h6 20.Ne5 Ra8 21.f3 Nxe5
22.Bxe5 Nd7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.e4 e6
25.e5 Qg5 26.Nf1 f6 27.exf6+ Nxf6 28.g3
Nh5 29.h4 Qf6 30.Qb2

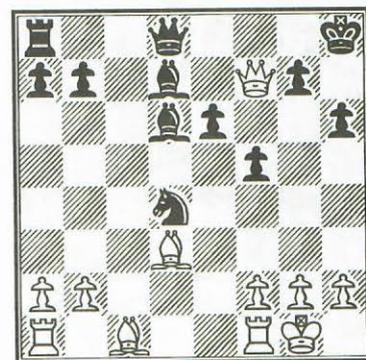


30...g5 31.f4 Nxf4 32.gxf4 gxf4 33.Bf3
Rg8 34.Qf2 Kh8+ 35.Kh1 Rg7 36.Nh2
Rag8 37.Raa1 Rg3 38.h5 Qh4 39.Rxc4
Qe7 40.Rc2 e5 41.dxe5 Qxe5 42.Re1 Qg7
43.Qxb6? Rxf3 [43...d4!] 44.Qc7?

[44.Nxf3 d4 45.Qg6 Bxf3+ 46.Kh2±]
44...Rg3 45.Qxg7+ R8xg7 46.Nf1 d4+
[46...Rh3+ 47.Nh2 d4+ is quicker.]
47.Kh2 R3g5 0-1

Andrea Carson (1605) - David Helt (1725)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.c3
Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe2 Re8
9.e4 cxd4 10.cxd4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4
12.Qxe4 f5 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.Ng5 Nxd4
15.Qh5 h6 16.Qf7+ Kh8 17.Qh5 Rf8
18.Nf7+ Rxf7 19.Qxf7



26.Nh4 h5 27.Qf5 Qxf5 28.Nxf5 Kh7
29.Nd6 Rg8 30.Nxe6 Bxe6 31.Ne4 Kh6
32.Rc5 Bd5 33.Nf6 Rgd8 34.g4 hxg4
35.Re5 Rd6 36.Nxg4+ Kg6 37.a5 Rad8
38.Ne3 f6 39.Re7 R6d7 40.Nxd5 Rxd5
41.Rxc6 Rxd4 42.Rxa6 Rd1+ 43.Kh2
Rh8+ 44.Kg3 Rd3+ 45.Re3 Rd4 46.Rb6
Rb4 47.b3 Rd8 48.Rf3 Rf4 49.Rxb5

A very nice positional win; White repeatedly passes up the chance to gain material to keep a bind on the position. 1-0

Craig Wilcox (2130) - Debra Johnson (1800)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.c4
Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qb3 Nb6
9.Re1 d5 10.cxd5 Nbx5 11.Ne5 c6 12.a3
Qb6 13.Qd1 Nd7 14.e4 Nxc3 15.bxc3
Nxe5 16.dxe5 fxe4 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Bxe4
g6

[18...Qxe5 Fritz4 seems to think Black can get by with taking this pawn, but it looks awfully risky to me.]

19.Qb3 Qxe5 20.Bh6 Rf6 21.Rad1 Qc5
22.Be3 Qxa3 23.Qc4 Qa5 24.Bd4 Rf7
25.Qd3 e5 26.Bxe5 Bh3?

19...Be8!

Black gives up material to gain time to focus all his forces on the White king.

20.Qxb7 Bc6 21.Qf7

[21.Qa6 Bxh2+ 22.Kxh2 Qh4+ 23.Kg1 Nf3+ 24.gxf3 Bxf3]

21...Qh4 22.h3

[22.f4 Qg4 23.Rf2 Qd1+ 24.Bf1 Bc5-+]

22...Nf3+ 23.Kh1 Ng5 24.Bxg5 Qxh3+ 0-1

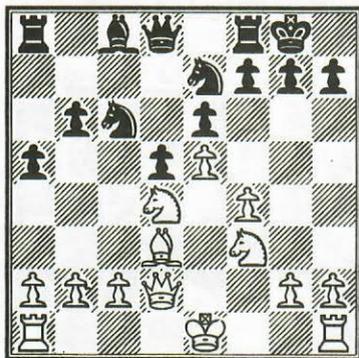
Alex Lutskiy (1725) - Lone Bottinelli
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 Qc7 4.b3 g6 5.Bb2
Bg7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.c3 cxd4 8.exd4 Nge7
9.Nbd2 d5 10.e5 Nf5 11.Bxf5 exf5 12.Ba3
Bf8 [12...Nxd4! 13.Nxd4 Qxe5+] 13.Bxf8
Kxf8 14.0-0 Be6 15.Rc1 b5 16.Rc5 Qb6
17.Nb1 b4 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.Rc1 Bd7
20.Qd2 Be6 21.Ng5 Ke7 22.Nxe6 fxe6
23.Qg5+ Kd7 24.Qf6 Qd8 25.Qxd8+
[25.Qg7+ Qe7 26.Qxh8! Rxh8 27.Rxc6 and
White is going to get the queen back, coming out a piece ahead.] 25...Rhxd8 26.Rd1
a5 27.f4 Rc7 28.Kf2 Kc8 29.Ke3 Kb7

30.a3 Rdc8 31.Rdc1 Kb6 32.a4 Na7
33.Rxc7 Rxc7 34.Rxc7 Kxc7 35.Nd2 Kd7
36.Nf3 h6 37.h3 Ke7 38.g4 fxg4 39.hxg4
Kf7 40.Ne1 Nc6 41.Nd3 Ke7 42.Nc5 Nd8
½-½

Brian Hughes - Pat Bruno (1710)
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

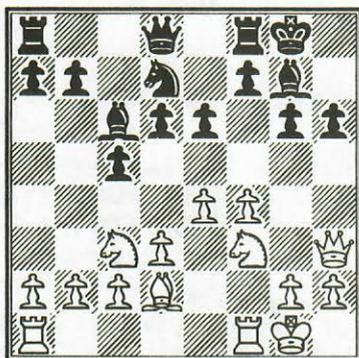
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Bd2
Ne7 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.f4 cxd4
9.Nf3 Nbc6 10.Nbxd4 b6 11.Bd3 a5



12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg8 14.Qd3 g6
[14...Nf5 is a better defence. 15.Nxc6 Qc7
16.Nd4 Ba6 17.Qh3 Nh6] 15.Qh3 1-0

**George Spentzos (1655) - Nikita
Zanichkowsky**
DeOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.f4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.e4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bb5
Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.d3 Bg7 8.0-0 Nf6
9.Qe1 Nd7 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Qh4 e6 12.Qh3
h6



13.f5 Kh7 14.fxg6+ fxg6 15.Ng5+ Kg8

16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.Nf7+ Rxf7 18.Rxf7 Ne5
19.Rf2 Qc7 20.Qh3 Kh7 21.Raf1 Bd7
22.Nd5 Bxh3 23.Nxc7 Rc8 24.Nb5 Be6
25.Nxd6 Rc7 26.Ne8 Re7 27.Nxg7 Kxg7
28.Bc3 Bg8 29.Rf8 Kh7 30.Bxe5 Rxe5
31.R8f7+ Bxf7 32.Rxf7+ 1-0

**Michael Mulyar (2400) - James
Hammersmith (2050)**
DeOp97 Open R3, 1997

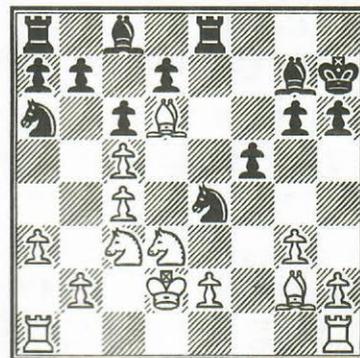
1.e4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3
Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.h3 e6 8.Nf3 Na6 9.Bg5
h6 10.Be3 e5 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.g4 Nd7
13.h4 Nb4 14.Be2 Nb6 15.Rg1 f5 16.gxf5
gxf5 17.Rxg7+ Kxg7 18.Bxh6+ Kg8
19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.0-0-0 f4 21.Rg1+ Kh8
22.a3 a5 23.Rg5 Bd7 24.Rh5+ Kg8
25.Qd1 Kf7 26.Rh7+ Ke8 27.Qg1 Kd8
28.h5 Nc8 29.h6 Ne7 30.Qg5 Bc8 31.Rg7
1-0

**Mikhail Ponomarev (2305) - Josh
Bloomer (1765)**
DeOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d5 4.f3 Nf6
5.Qd3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Nc3 e5 8.Bg5 Be6
9.Qb5 Qd7 10.e3 a6 11.Qb6 d4 12.exd4
exd4 13.Bxf6 dxc3 14.Rd1 Qc8 15.Bh4
f6 16.bxc3 Be7 17.Bd3 Ne5 18.Bf2 Nc4
19.Qb4 b5 20.Ne2 0-0 21.0-0 Qc7 22.Nd4
Bf7 23.Nf5 Rfe8 24.a4 a5 25.Qxb5 Rab8
26.Bg3 Qxc5+ 27.Qxc5 Bxc5+ 28.Kh1
and unfortunately, here both scores are ei-
ther illegible or missing moves. It appears
there was a mutual time pressure until move
40, and White finally won around move 60.
1-0

**Michael Shedd (2065) - Edwin
Schreiber (1995)**
DeOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.Nf3 e5 4.d3 f5 5.g3
Ne7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qb3 c6 8.c5+ Kh8 9.Ng5
Qe8 10.f4 h6 11.Nf3 Na6 12.Qc4 exf4
13.Bxf4 Qf7 14.Bd6 Qxc4 15.dxc4 and
now Black has to get his pieces untangled
before White can develop an attack.
15...Re8 16.Ne5 Kh7 17.Nd3 Ng8 18.Kd2
Nf6 19.a3 Ne4+



20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Nf4 Be5 22.b4 b6
23.Bxe5 Rxe5 24.cxb6 axb6 25.Ke3 g5
26.Nh5 Kg6 27.g4 d5 28.h3 Bb7 29.cxd5
cxd5 30.Kd4 Re6 31.Rhf1 Rc8 32.Nb5
Rc4+ 33.Ke3 Nc7 34.Nd4 and Black po-
sition finally starts to crumble. 34...Rd6
35.Rf8 Rc3+ 36.Kd2 Rxh3 37.Rg8+ Kf7
38.Rg7+ An interesting battle, with some
unusual positional problems for both sides
to solve. 1-0

**Debra Johnson (1800) - George
Spentzos (1655)**
DeOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 h6
5.Bh4 b6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.e3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5
9.Bd3 Be6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.h3 c5 12.Qc2
Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Rc8 14.Ba6 Rb8 15.dxc5
bxc5 16.Bd3 Qb6 17.b3 Qb4 18.Rfc1 d4
19.exd4 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Qb6 21.Nxe6 Qxe6
22.Re1 Qb6 23.Bg3 Rbc8 24.Qd2 Nc5
25.Bf5 Rcd8 26.Qc2 g6 27.Bxg6 fxg6
28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.Re7 1-0

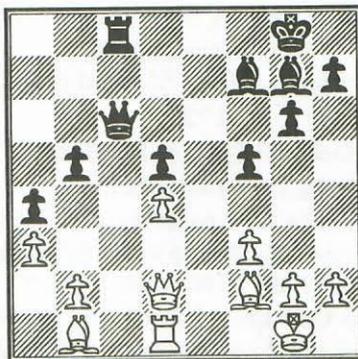
Pat Bruno (1710) - Christian Fuller
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 c5 3.Nf3 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.c3
cxd4 6.cxd4 Qb6 7.Bd3 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4
9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qb6 11.Qg4 Ne7
12.a3 Nc6 13.Re1 a6 14.Rb1 g6 15.Bg5
Bg7 16.Bf6 0-0 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxd5
exd5 19.Qxd7 Rad8 20.Qg4 Rde8 21.Qg3
Qd4 22.b4 Nxe5 23.Bf5 Nc4 24.Bd7
Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Qd2 26.Rf1 Rd8 27.Qc7
Qg5 28.Qxb7 Qe7 29.Qxd5? Qxd7
[29...Ne5!] 30.Qxc4 Qd3 31.Qxd3 Rxd3
32.Ra1 Kf6 33.Kf1 Rd2 34.a4 Rb2 35.b5
axb5 36.a5 Rc2 37.a6 Rc8 38.a7 Ra8
39.Ke2 Ke6 40.Kd3 Kd5 41.Ra5 Kc5

James Hammersmith (2050) - Debra
Johnson (1800)
DeOp97 Open R4, 1997

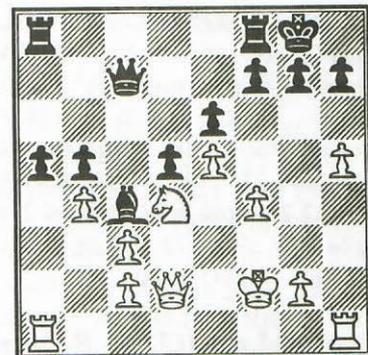
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cxd4 6.axb4 dxc3 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.bxc3 Nc6
9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Be3 Bb5
12.Qd2 b6 13.Bd4 Ne7 14.Ng5 0-0 15.f4
Nf5 16.Nf3 a5 17.Kf2 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bc4
19.h4 b5 20.h5

34.cxd4 f5 35.Bf2 Rc8



36.Bd3 Bf8 37.Be3 Qb6 38.Rc1 Re8
39.Bf2 b4 40.axb4 Bxb4 41.Qc2 Qa5
42.Qc7 f4?! 43.Qxf4 Bd2 44.Qc7 Qb4
45.Rb1 Be1 46.Qg3 Bd2 47.f4 Rc8 48.f5
Rc6 49.h4 Kf8 50.Qe5 Qe7 51.Qh8+ Bg8
52.fxg6 hxg6 53.Rf1 Rc1? 54.Be1+ Qf7
55.Rxf7+ Kxf7 56.Bxg6+ Kxg6 57.Qxg8+
Kf6 58.Qxd5 Rxe1+ 59.Kf2 Re6 60.g3
Bc1 61.Qc4 Bxb2 62.Qxa4 Rd6 63.Ke3
Re6+ 64.Kd3 Bc1 65.Kc4 Be3 66.Qa8
Re7 67.g4 Kg6 68.Qg8+ Kf6 69.Qf8+
Ke6 70.d5+ Kd7 71.Qf5+ Ke8 72.d6 1-0

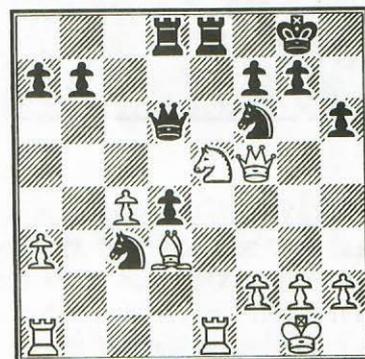
Michael Shedd (2065) - Craig
Wilcox (2130)
DeOp97 Open R4, 1997



20...axb4 21.cxb4 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Qe7
23.g3 f6 24.Re1 f5 25.Ra1 Qf7 26.Qd1
h6 27.Ra6 Re8 28.Qf3 Re7 29.g4 Ra7
30.Rxe6 Ra1 31.Kg2 Rf1 32.Qe3 fxg4
33.Rg6 Rxf4? [33...Qxf4 34.Rxg7+ Kh8=]
34.e6! 1-0

Josh Bloomer (1765) - Bela Geczy
(1950)
DeOp97 Open R4, 1997

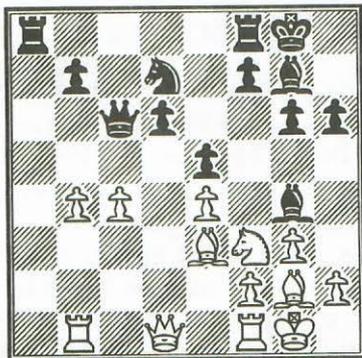
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 Bxe6
5.d4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Qc2 Qxd4 8.Be3
Qf6 9.Rc1 Nc5 10.a3 Bf5 11.Qd1 Bxc3+
12.bxc3 Nbd7 13.Nf3 0-0 14.Be2 h6
15.Bd4 Qa6 16.Ra1 Rad8 17.0-0 Ne4
18.Qc1 c5 19.Qf4 cxd4 20.Qxf5 Nxc3
21.Bd3 Nf6 22.Rfe1 Qd6 23.Ne5 Rfe8



42.Kc3 f5 43.f4 h6 44.h4 Kb6 45.Kb4
Rxa7 46.Rxa7 Kxa7 47.Kxb5 Kb7 48.Kc5
Kc7 49.Kd5 Kd7 50.Kd4? [50.h5!]
50...Kd6 51.g3 Ke6 [51...h5 is the easiest
way to draw.] 52.Kc5 Kf6 53.Kd5 g5
54.h5! g4 55.Kd6 Kf7 56.Ke5 Ke7
57.Kxf5 Kd6 58.Kg6 Kd5 59.Kxh6 Ke4
60.Kg5 Kf3 61.Kh4 1-0

Roman Dzindzichashvili (2630) -
Michael Mulyar (2400)
DeOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d3 d6 5.g3
g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.a3
Ne7 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 h6 12.e4 Be6
13.Nd5 Nd7 14.d4 Nc6 15.Nxc7 Qxc7
16.d5 Bg4 17.dxc6 Qxc6 18.Be3



18...Nf6 19.h3 Be6 20.Nd2 Bxc4 21.Nxc4
Qxc4 22.Qf3 d5 23.Rfc1 Qxe4 24.Qxe4
Nxe4 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Rc7 b5 27.Rd1
Rfd8 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Rb7 Bf8
30.Rxb5 f5 31.h4 Kf7 32.Rb7+ Ke6 33.b5
Rd7 34.Rb6+ Bd6 35.Bxh6 Kd5 36.Ra6
Rb7 37.b6 Bc5 38.Be3 Bxe3 39.fxe3 Kc6
40.Ra5 1/2-1/2

James McCarty (2390) - Mikhail
Ponomarev (2305)
DeOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bc4 Bg4
5.f3 Bc8 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.d4 Nb6 8.Bb3
Nbx d5 9.Nge2 g6 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Nf4
c6 12.c3 Bg7 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bf4 0-0
15.Qd2 Be6 16.0-0 Qb6 17.Rfe1 a5
18.Ba4 Rfd8 19.Bg5 f6 20.Bf4 Bf7 21.Bb3
e6 22.Rab1 a4 23.Bc2 Re8 24.a3 e5
25.Be3 Qc6 26.Rbd1 Be6 27.Bf2 Bf7
28.Re2 b5 29.Rde1 Re7 30.Bh4 Re6
31.Rd1 Ree8 32.Bb1 exd4 33.Rxe8+ Rxe8

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0
d6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.d3 c5 8.Rb1 a6 9.a3
Ne8 10.Be3 Nc7 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.b4 cxb4
13.axb4 Re8 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.d4 Nf6
16.Rfd1 Bf5 17.Rbc1 Qc8 18.d5 Qd7
19.Nd4 Bh3 20.e4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ng4
22.Bf4 Ne5 23.Nce2 Qg4 24.h3 Qd7
25.Bh6 b5 26.c5 dxc5 27.bxc5 Nc4 28.c6
Qd6 29.Qg5 Qf6 30.Qg4 Ne5 31.Qf4 b4
32.Qd2 the score is confusing here; it seems
like White is missing a move. So instead
of the immediate 32.Qe3, I put in this
dummy move to give the move back to
Black again. 32...a5 33.Qe3 Qd6 now I
think we're back in sync again. 34.f4 Nxd5
35.exd5 Qxd5+ 36.Kh2 Nc4 37.Qb3 Nb6
38.Qxd5 Nxd5 39.c7 Rbc8 40.Nb5 Nc3
41.Nex c3 bxc3 42.Rd7 a4 43.Nxc3 a3
44.Nd5 Bb2 45.Rd1 a2 46.Nxe7+ Kh8
47.Nxc8 a1Q 48.Rxa1 Bxa1 49.Rd8 1-0

24.Ng4 Kf8 25.Nxf6 Qxf6 26.Qh7 g5
27.Rac1 Qg7? 28.Qf5 Qg6?? 29.Rxe8+
Kxe8 [29...Rxe8 30.Qc5+] 30.Re1+ Kf8
31.Qe5 Qg7 1-0

**Matt Compton (1900) - David Helt
(1725)**

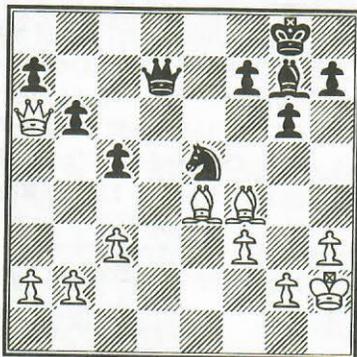
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1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4
5.Be2 Nc6 6.0-0 e6 7.c4 Nb6 8.exd6 cxd6
9.d5 exd5 10.cxd5 Ne7 11.Re1 Bd7
12.Nc3 g6 13.Qd4 Rg8 14.Nb5 Bxb5
15.Bxb5+ Nd7 16.Bg5 a6 17.Bxd7+ Qxd7
18.Bf6 [18.Rxe7+ appears to be even bet-
ter, though White must be careful.
18...Bxe7 19.Re1 Rc8 20.Bxe7!
(20.Rxe7+? Qxe7)] 18...h6 19.Re3 Rc8
20.Rae1 Kd8 21.Nd2 Rc7 22.Nc4 Qa4
23.b3 Qxa2 24.Nxd6 Kd7 25.Bxe7 Bxe7
26.Rxe7+ Kd8 27.Nxf7+ Kc8 28.d6 Rxe7
29.dxe7 Qa5 30.e8Q+ 1-0

**Richard DeLong (1735) - Rodney
Cruz**

DeOp97 Premier R1, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d5 4.f3 Bg7 5.Bd3
0-0 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Nxd5 Nxe5 8.Nxe7+
Qxe7 9.dxe5 Qxe5+ 10.Ne2 Qa5+ 11.c3
Re8 12.0-0 Qc5+ 13.Kh1 Be6 14.Nf4 Nc6
15.Nxe6 Rxe6 16.Qb3 Na5 17.Qc2 Nc6
18.Bf4 Ne5 19.Be4 c6 20.Rad1 Qe7
21.Qb3 Qc7 22.Rd2 Ree8 23.Rfd1 Rad8
24.h3 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Re7 26.Be3 b6
27.Bf4 Rd7 28.Rxd7 Qxd7 29.Qa4 c5
30.Qa6 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Qd7



32.Bb7 Nd3 33.Bg3 Be5 34.Bxe5 Nxe5
35.Qxa7 Qc7 36.Qa8+ Kg7 37.g3 Nd3
38.Be4 Nxb2 39.Qa6 Qd6 40.h4 Qd2+
41.Kh3? [41.Kh1 may hold.] 41...Nd1 and
White must give up material to stop the
mating threats. 42.Be6 Nf2+ [42...h5!

wins. 43.Ba8 (43.Bb5 Qf2 with the unstop-
pable threat of Qg1 and Nf2+.; 43.Qf1
Nf2+) 43...Nf2+ 44.Kg2 Ng4+ 43.Kg2
Ng4+ 44.Kh3 ½-½

**Al Skarie - Dick Shellenberger
(1720)**

DeOp97 Premier R1, 1997

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3
cxd4 6.cxd4 Nge7 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxe5
9.Bxd7+ Nxd7 10.Nc3 Nf5 11.Re1 Be7
12.Qb3 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.Bf4 0-0
15.a3 Rac8 16.Rac1 Nc4 17.Re2 Bd6
18.Bxd6 Nfxd6 19.Rec2 Rc6 20.Ne5 Nxe5
21.dxe5 Nc4 22.f4 Rfc8 23.Ne2 Na5
[23...Nxe5] 24.Rxc6 Rxc6 25.Rxc6 Nxc6
26.Kf2 Kf8 27.Ke3 Ke7 28.h4 Na5
29.Kd3 Nc4 30.Kc3 Kd7 31.a4 Na5
32.Nd4 a6 33.b3 Nc6 34.Nxc6? Kxc6
35.Kd4 b5 36.h5 bxa4 37.bxa4 Kb6 38.g4
Ka5 39.f5 Kxa4 40.fxe6 [40.g5 should
have been tried, when Black has to find g6!
Any other move wins for White!] 40...fxe6
41.Kc5 d4 42.Kxd4 Kb4 0-1

Michael Fuchs - Griffith Morgan

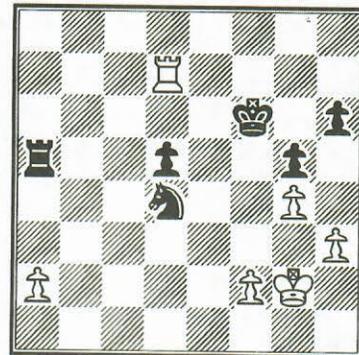
DeOp97 Premier R1, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 e6 5.Nc3
Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Kh1 Nxe4 8.Nxe4 d5
9.Bxd5 exd5 10.Ng3 0-0 11.d3 Bg4 12.c3
b5 13.h3 Bh4 14.hxg4 Bxg3 15.g5 Qd6
16.Ng1 Rfe8 17.Qg4 Re1 18.Bd2 Rxa1
19.Rxa1 Ne7 [19...Bf2 20.Nh3] 20.Qxg3
Nf5 21.Qh3 g6 22.g4 Ng7 23.Rf1 d4
24.Qh6 Re8 25.Rf3 Qd5 26.Kg2 Ne6
27.Kf2 Nd8 28.Rh3 1-0

Rick Nelson (1660) - Dean Brown

DeOp97 Premier R1, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qf6
5.Be3 Bb4+ 6.c3 Ba5 7.Nd2 Nge7 8.Nc4
Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Nb5 Kd8 11.Be2
Qe5 12.Qd3 f5 13.exf5 Qxf5 14.Nd4
Qxd3 15.Bxd3 Ne5 16.Be2 d5 17.0-0 Ng4
18.Bg5 h6 19.Bh4 g5 20.Bg3 Ng6 21.h3
N4e5 22.Nf3 Re8 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Rfe1
Bd7 25.Bh5 Nd3 26.Rxe8+ [26.Bxe8 Nxe1
27.Bxd7] 26...Bxe8 27.Bxe8 Kxe8
28.Bxc7 Nxb2 29.Bxb6 Na4 30.Bd4 Rc8
31.Rb1 Nxc3 32.Rxb7? Ne2+ 33.Kh2
Nxd4 34.Rh7 Rc6 35.Rh8+ Kf7 36.Rh7+
Kg6 37.Rd7 Rc5 38.Rd6+ Kg7 39.Rd7+
Kf6 40.g4 Ra5 41.Kg2

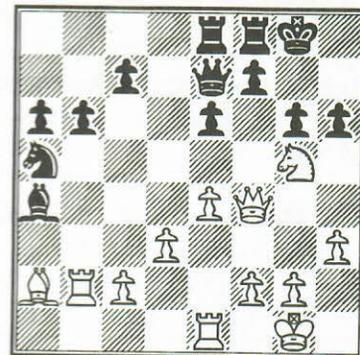


41...Rxa2? not the right plan if Black is
trying to win; keep the d-pawn and get the
Knight into better position on f4. 42.Rxd5
Ne6 43.Kg3 Ra3+ 44.f3 Ra2 45.Rf5+ Kg6
46.h4 Nf4 47.h5+ [47.hxg5 does not save
White; 47...Nh5+! 48.Kh3 hxg5 49.Rf8
Nf4+--+] 47...Kg7? [47...Nxb5+] 48.Rf7+
Kg8 49.Rf8+ ½-½

**Doug Hamilton (1620) - Brit
Whittaker**

DeOp97 Premier R1, 1997

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bc4 d6 4.d3 Nf6
5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8.h3 b6
9.Be3 Bb7 10.Qd2 d5 11.Nxd5 Na5
12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Ba2 Bxb2 14.Rab1 Bg7
15.Bh6 e6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rfe1 Be6
18.Ng5 Qe7 19.Qc3+ Kg8 20.Qe5 Rae8
21.Qf4 Bxa4 22.Rb2 h6



23.e5 Bc6 [23...Qa3] 24.Ne4 Bxe4
25.Rxe4 Qa3? now this is too late.
26.Qxh6 Qxb2 27.Rh4 Qa1+ 28.Kh2
[28.Bb1! is the most efficient way to win,
as well as being a very fun move to play.]
28...Qxe5+ 29.g3 Qg7 30.Qe3 Nc6
31.Qe4 Ne7 32.Rg4 Nf5 33.h4 e5 34.h5
Nh6? 35.Rxg6! Kh8 36.Rxg7 Kxg7

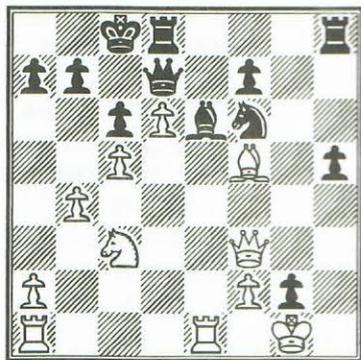
37.Qc6 Re7 38.f3 f6 39.g4 Nf7 40.Qe4 Ng5 41.Qg6+ Kh8 42.Kg3 f5? 43.Qxg5 fxe4 44.Qxe7 1-0

Aldo Mendoza - Dan Nelson
DeOp97 Premier R1, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Nb5 Be7 9.b3 Qa5 10.Qd3 c4 11.bxc4 Nb4 12.Qb3 Bd7 13.Bd2 dxc4 14.Qb2 Bxb5 15.a3 c3 16.Bxc3 Bxf1 17.Bxb4 Bxb4 18.axb4 Qd5 19.Kxf1 Rfc8 20.Ne5 Qb5+ 21.c4 Qb6 22.c5 Qb5+ 23.Kg1 a5 24.Rb1 Nd5 25.bxa5 Qxb2 26.Rxb2 Rcb8 27.Nd7 Rd8 28.Rxb7 Rxa5 29.Ne5 Ra1+ 30.Bf1 f6 31.Nf7 Rda8 32.Nd6 R1a7 33.c6 Nc7 34.Nb5 Nxb5 35.Bxb5 Rxb7 36.cxb7 Rb8 37.Bc6 Kf8 38.e4 Ke7 39.d5 Kd6 40.Kg2 f5 41.Kf3 Kc7 42.exf5 exd5 43.Bxd5 Rd8 44.Be4 Rf8 45.Kg4 g6 46.fxe6 hxg6 47.f3 Rd8 48.Kg5 Rd6 49.h4 Rb6 50.g4 Kd7 51.Kh6 Ke7 52.Kg7 Rb5 53.Kxg6 Kf8 54.f4 Rb6+ 55.Kg5 Ke8 56.h5 Kd8 57.h6 Kc7 58.h7 Rb5+ 59.f5 Re5 60.h8Q 1-0

Richard Desch - Michael Fuchs
DeOp97 Premier R2, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 c6 6.c5 Nbd7 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Be2 Nhf6 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.b4 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 h5 15.h3 g5 16.e4 Be6 17.exd5 0-0-0 18.d6 Qd7 19.Re1 g4 20.Be4 gxh3 21.Bf5? hxg2? 22.Qf3!



22...Rdf8 [22...Bxf5? 23.Re7! Bg4 24.Qxf6 Qf5 25.d7+!] 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Qh3 h4 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Rxe4 Qg7 27.Rxe6 Kb8 28.Rae1 Qd4 29.Qe3 Qxe3 30.R1xe3 [30.R6xe3] 30...h3 31.Kh2 Kc8 32.Re1

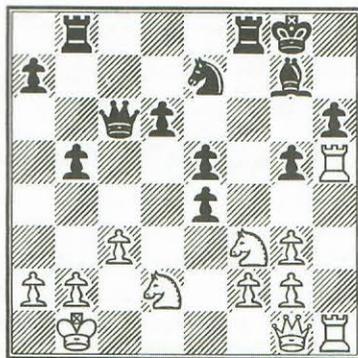
Rxf2 33.Rg1 Rf1 34.Rg6? [34.Re1] 34...Rxc1 35.Kxc1 h2+ 0-1

Salvadore Mena_Amaro - Katie
Roberts_Hoffman
DeOp97 Premier R2, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.Bg5 Bxc3 10.bxc3 dxe4 11.Bc4 Qd6 12.Qxd6 cxd6 13.Rad1 d5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a3 Ng4 16.Rfe1 a4 17.Ba2 Ba6 18.Rd4 Ne5 19.Rxa4 Bc4 20.Bb3 Bxb3 21.cxb3 Rxa4 22.bxa4 Ra8 23.Rb1 f6 24.Be3 Rxa4 25.Bc5 Nd3 26.Rb8+ Kf7 27.Rb7+ Kg6 28.Ra7? Nxc5 0-1

Phillip Ponomarev - George York
DeOp97 Premier R2, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nd2 Nh5 5.Bg3 d6 6.e4 e5 7.Ng3 Nxc3 8.hxg3 Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.d5 Ne7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.Qb3 Rb8 13.0-0-0 h6 14.Kb1 b5 15.Rh4 f5 16.Rdh1 0-0 17.Qd1 c6 18.dxc6 Qxc6 19.Qg1 g5 20.Rh5 fxe4

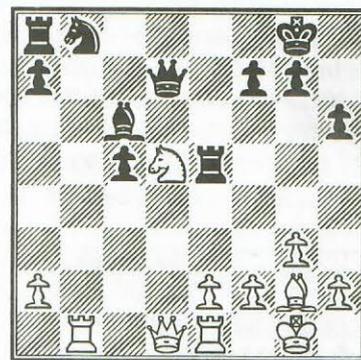


21.Nxc3! hxg3 22.Rxc3 Rf5 23.Rg4 d5 24.Qh2 Qf6 [24...Kf7 is a better defence, where Black appears to have an edge.] 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qxb8 Rxf2 27.Rh7 Rxd2 28.Rgxc3+ Qxc3 29.Rxc3+ Kxc3 30.Qxe5+ 1-0

Joe Bihlmeyer - Aldo Mendoza
DeOp97 Premier R2, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Be7 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.Re1 Re8 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.b4 c5 13.bxc5 bxc5 14.Rb1 Qd7 15.Ne5 Bxe5

16.dxe5 Bc6 17.Nxd5 Rxe5



18.Nf6+! gxf6 19.Qxd7 Nxd7 20.Bxc6 Rd8 21.Red1 Rxe2 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Bxd7 Rxa2 24.Rc1 Rd2 25.Bc6 Rd8 26.Rc4 Rc8 27.Ba4 Kf8 28.Kf1 Ke7 29.Ke2 Kd6 30.Kd3 Rb8 31.Rf4 Rb4 32.Rxf6+ Ke7 33.Ra6 Rd4+ 34.Ke3 Rd6 35.Rxa7+ Kf8 36.Bb3 Rf6 37.Rc7 Rf5 38.f4 h5 39.Rc6 h4 40.Ke4 Rf6 41.Rxc5 hxg3 42.hxg3 Rd6 43.Ke5 Rg6 44.Rc7 Rxc3 45.Rxf7+ Kg8 46.Rb7+ Kf8 and White won in just a few more moves. 1-0

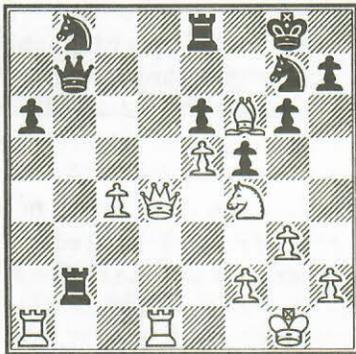
Bearheart Neuhaus - J.C. MacNeil
DeOp97 Premier R2, 1997

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nc6 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 Bg4 6.Be2 Qc7 7.0-0 Bxf3 8.Rxf3 e5 9.Bb5 Bd6 10.fxe5 Bxe5 11.Bxe5 Qxe5 12.d4 Qe7 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Ne2 Ng4 15.Qd2 Qd6 16.Rg3 Nf6 17.Nc3 a6 18.Bd3 b5 19.Rf1 c4 20.Bf5 b4 21.Nd1 Ne7 22.Rgf3 Nxf5 23.Kxf5 Ng4 24.R1f4 Nh6 25.Rh5 Rae8 26.Nf2 Qg6 27.Rxd5 c3 28.Qe2 Qe6 29.Re5 Qd6 30.Ne4 Qc7 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.Qxa6 f5 33.Nd6 Rf8 34.Qc4+ Qxc4 35.bxc4 Ng4 36.Nxf5 g6 37.Ne7+ Kg7 38.Rxf8 Kxf8 39.Nd5 Kf7 40.c5 Ke6 41.Nxb4 Nxe3 42.a4 Nf5 43.d5+ Kd7 44.Kf2 h5 45.a5 Nd4 46.a6 Nb5 47.Ke3 Kc7 48.Kd3 g5 49.Kc4 Na7 50.Kxc3 g4 51.Kc4 h4 52.h3 gxh3 53.gxh3 Nc8 54.d6+ Kd7 55.Kd5 Na7 56.c6+ Kc8 57.c4 Kb8 58.c7+ Ka8 59.d7 Nb5 60.cxb5 1-0

Steve Artis - Shannon Fox
DeOp97 Premier R2, 1997

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Re1 Rb8

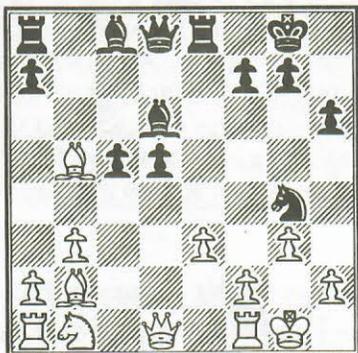
9.Ng5 Nb6 10.b3 Nh5 11.Nh3 Bf6 12.e4 g6 13.e5 Be7 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Na8 16.Ne2 b6 17.Nef4 Ng7 18.Nd3 c5 19.exd6 Bxd6 20.Ne5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Bb7 22.Bg5 Qc7 23.Nf4 bxa5 24.Qd2 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Rxb3 26.Bf6 Qb7+ 27.Kg1 Re8 28.Rxa5 Nb6 29.Rxc5 Nd7 30.Ra5 Rb2 31.Qd6 Rb6 32.Qd4 Rb1 33.Ra1 Rb2 34.Red1 Nb8



35.c5 Rb4 36.Qd6 Nc6 37.Bxg7 Kxg7 38.Nxe6+ Kh8 39.Nc7 Rg8 40.Qf6+ Rg7 41.Rd7 [41.Ne6 is a clear win. White's move at first seems decisive, but Black finds a perpetual.] 41...Rb1+ 42.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 43.Kg2 Qe4+ 44.Kh3 Qg4+ 45.Kg2 Qe4+ 46.f3 Qe2+ 47.Kh3? [47.Kg1 is still a draw, but White tries for too much.] 47...Qf1+ 48.Kh4 g5+ 49.Kh5 Qh3# 0-1

Dan Nelson - Jeff Pennington
DeOp97 Premier R2, 1997

1.c4 Nf6 2.b3 c5 3.e3 e6 4.Bb2 d5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d4 Bd6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Ne5 cxd4 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxd4 c5 12.Bb2 Re8 13.0-0 Ng4 14.g3 h6 15.Bb5

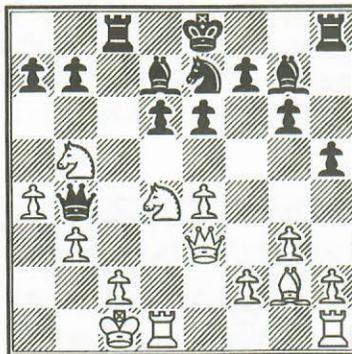


15...Nxb2!? 16.Kxh2 [16.Bxe8 appears to be a better defence.] 16...Qh4+ 17.Kg1

Bxg3 18.fxg3 Qxg3+ 19.Kh1 Re4 20.Rf4 Rxe3 [20...Qh3+ 21.Kg1 Qxe3+ 22.Rf2 Rg4+ 23.Qxg4 (23.Kf1 Rg5!) 23...Bxg4 looks like it should win for Black, but still could be tricky.] 21.Qg1 Qh3+ 22.Qh2 Re1+ 23.Bf1 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 25.Qg1 Qxg1+ 26.Kxg1 Bf5 27.Nd2 Re8 28.Ba3 Re2 29.Nf1 Be4 30.Ne3 Rxe3 31.Bxc5 Rg3+ 32.Kf2 Rg2+ 33.Ke3 a6 34.a4 Rg3+ 35.Kf4 Rxb3 36.a5 g5+ 37.Kg4 f5+ 38.Kh5 Kh7! 39.Ra3 Bf3# 0-1

Gordon Leask - Gene Strandberg
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

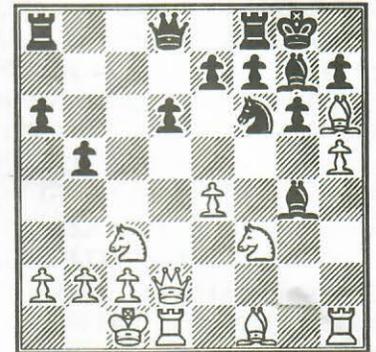
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Bd7 8.a3 h5 9.Nge2 Nge7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.b3 Ng4 13.0-0-0 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Qa5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Ncb5 Qb4



17.Qd2 [17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Nxd6+ might be interesting.] 17...Qc5 18.b4 Qb6 19.a5 Qa6 20.Bf1! d5 21.Nc7+ Rxc7 22.Bxa6 bxa6 White certainly has a big material edge here (Queen for 2 Bishops), but it is not at all clear who is winning. The Black king is much safer than the White king, at least for the short term. White's h-rook should be developed, and Nb3-c5 is probably in order, in order to blunt Black potential Q-side attack. Black pieces are much more coordinated than Whites, with easier points of attack. 23.Kb1 0-0 24.Qe2 dxe4 25.Qxa6 Rb8 26.Qd6 Nd5 27.Ke1 Rxb4 28.Nxe6 Bxe6 29.Rxd5 Bh6+ 30.Rd2 Rcb7 31.Qd8+ Kh7 32.c4 Rd7 33.Kd1 Bxd2 0-1

Katie Roberts_Hoffman - Al Gardner
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.g4 a6 11.h4 b5 12.h5 Ne5 13.Bh6 Nxf3 14.Nxf3 Bxg4



15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Be2 b4 17.Bxg7 bxc3 18.Qh6 cxb2+ 19.Kb1 Bh5 20.Bc4+ Rf7 21.Rxh5 Nxh5 22.Ng5 Nxg7 23.Qxh7+ A nicely played attack. 1-0

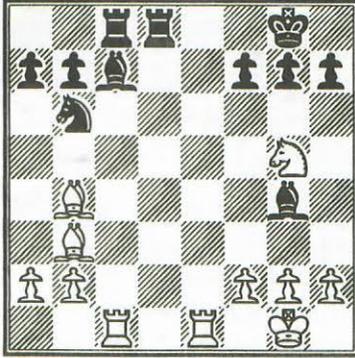
George York - Bearheart Neuhaus
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.Nf3 e6 6.dxe6 Qxe6+ 7.Qe2 Qxe2+ 8.Kxe2 Nc6 9.Re1 0-0-0 10.c3 Bd6 11.d4 h6 12.Nbd2 g5 13.Nc4 Rhe8+ 14.Kf1 Ne4 15.Be3 Nf6 16.Nxd6+ Rxd6 17.Rad1 Nd5 18.Bc1 Rde6 19.Rxe6 Rxe6 20.c4 Ndb4 21.d5 Rd6 22.a3 Na6 23.Re1 Nd8 24.b4 Nb8 25.h4 f6 26.Nd4 Rd7 27.Nf5 Nf7 28.Bb2 c6 29.dxc6 Nxc6 30.Bxf6 Rd3 31.Re3 Rd7 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Ke2 Kc7 34.Rd3 Nfe5 35.Bxe5+ Nxe5 36.Rxd7+ Kxd7 37.Ne3 Kc6 38.Kd2 b5 39.Ke3 a6 40.c5 Kb7 41.Kd4 Nc6+ 42.Ke4 a5 43.Nc2 a4 44.Nd4 Ne7 45.Nxb5 1-0

Carey Jenkins - Stephen Kovach
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Ngf3 Qc7 5.Be2 Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c3 0-0 8.Qc2 c5 9.Re1 Nc6 10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bd6 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Qxc7 Bxc7 14.Nxe5

Bxe5 15.Nf3 Bc7 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Bd2
Bd7 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Bc4 Nb6 20.Bb3
Bg4 21.Bb4 Rfd8 22.Ng5



22...Rd7 [22...Bh5] 23.Bxf7+
[23.Nxf7 is probably even stronger.]
23...Rxf7 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 [24...Bxh2+
25.Kxh2 Kxf7 is a stronger defence, but
probably hopeless.] 25.Re7+ Kg6
26.Rex7 Nd5 27.Rxc8 Bxc8 28.Rxc8
Nxb4 29.a3 Nd3 30.b4 b6 31.Rc7 a5
32.bxa5 bxa5 33.Ra7 Ne5 34.Rxa5 Nc4
35.Ra7 Kh6 36.a4 g6 37.a5 Nxa5 38.Rxa5
g5 39.h4 gxh4 40.Kh2 Kg6 41.Kh3 h6
42.Kxh4 1-0

George Lombardi - Shannon Fox
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Be2 Be7 8.Qd2 h6
9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Bxh6?! gxh6
12.Qxh6 Nh7 13.h4 Bf6 14.f4 Bxc3+
15.bxc3 Qf6 16.Qxf6 Nxf6 17.Bd3 b5
18.a3 Bb7 19.Ke2 Nh5 20.Kf3 Ne7 21.g4
Nf6 22.h5 d5 23.Nc5 dxe4+ 24.Nxe4 Nh7
Not sure why Black doesn't want to trade
off a few pieces, and instead chooses to
misplace his Knight.. 25.g5 Rac8 26.Ke2
Nd5 27.Rh4 Nxc3+ 28.Nxc3 Rxc3 29.Rg1
Rfc8 30.g6 Nf6 [30...Nf8 appears to be a
better defensive move.] 31.g7 [31.h6! is
virtually an even position, according to
Fritz4.] 31...Rxc2+ 32.Bxc2 Rxc2+
33.Kd1 Ra2 34.Ke1? [34.Rg3µ] 34...Ra1+
35.Kf2 Rxc2 36.Kxc2 Kxc2 37.Kf2 Kh6
38.Ke3 Bd5 39.Kd4 Nd7 40.Rh3 Bc4
41.Ke3 a5 42.Kd2 b4 43.axb4 axb4
44.Kc2 b3+ 45.Kb2 e5 46.fxe5 Nxe5
47.Rh2 Be6 48.Kc3 Nd7 49.Kd4 Nf6
50.Kc3 Nxb5 51.Kd4 Kg6 52.Rg2+ Kf6
53.Rf2+ Ke7 54.Kc3 Nf6 55.Kb2 Ne4
56.Re2 Nc5 57.Kb1 Na4 58.Re1 f5 59.Re5
Kf6 60.Ra5 Nc3+ 61.Kb2 Nd1+ 62.Kb1

Kg5 63.Re5 Bc4 64.Re1 Bd3+ 65.Kc1
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Jeff Pennington - Ron Rossi
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

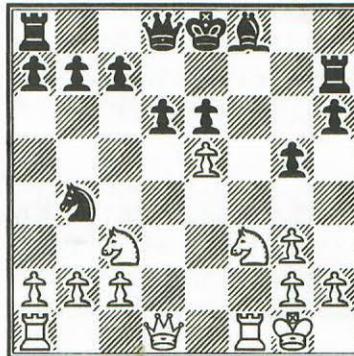
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Nf6 6.d4 exd4 7.exd4 0-0 8.Qb3 Bxc3+
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0 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Be4 14.c5 Nd7 15.Ng5
Qxg5 16.Qxf7+ Kh8 17.Qxd7 Qxe3+
18.Rf2 [18.Kh1] 18...Bxg2 [18...Rf8!-+]
19.Kxg2 Qxc3 20.Raf1² Kg8? 21.Qf7+!
with Qxe8+ and mate to follow. 1-0

Richard DeLong - Griffith Morgan
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.f4
0-0 6.Nce2 e6 7.c3 Ne8 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.0-0
f6 10.Be3 Ne7 11.g4 f5 12.exf5 exf5 13.g5
Nd5 14.Bd2 c6 15.h4 Be6 16.Ng3 Bf7
17.h5 Bh8 18.Nh4 Ne7 19.Qe2 Qd7
20.Rae1 Ng7 [20...Nd5] 21.Qxe7 Qxe7
22.Rxe7 Rab8 23.b3 d5 24.Rfe1 Ne6
25.Ngxf5 Rfe8 26.Nh6+ 1-0

J.C. MacNeil - Jonathan Burgoyne
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 h6
5.Bh4 g5 6.dxe5 Nxe4 7.Qd5 Nc5 8.Bc4
Rh7 9.Bg3 Nb4 10.Qd1 Ne4 11.Nc3 Nxc3
12.fxg3 d6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6



Now the game starts to get interesting, with
lots of tactics, and some missed opportuni-
ties. 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.Qh5+ [16.Qf3 appears
to be strong too, for if 16...0-0-0 17.Qxf8!]
16...Ke7 [16...Rf7 is a better defence.]

17.Rf6 [17.Qg6! pretty much ends the
game, with the threats of Qxh7 and Qf6+.]
17...dxe5 18.Rxe6+ [18.Qg6 seems to be
the only move to keep equality for White.]
18...Kd8 but now Black is winning, for
almost the rest of the game... 19.Nc6+ bxc6
20.Rd1 Bd6 21.Qg6 Kc8 22.Ne4? Bc5+
23.Nxc5 Qxd1+ 24.Kf2 Qd4+ 25.Kf1
Qxc5 26.Re8+ Kb7 27.Rxa8 Kxa8
[27...Qc4+ is even stronger, according to
Fritz4. Mate is not far away. 28.Kg1 Qd4+
29.Kf1 Qd1+ 30.Kf2 Rd7 31.Rf8] 28.Qxh7
Qxc2 29.Qxc7 Qc4+ 30.Kf2 Na6 31.Qc8+
Nb8 32.Qh8 Qc2+ 33.Ke3 Qxg2 34.Qxh6
Qxb2 35.Ke4 Qxa2 36.Kxe5 Nd7+
37.Kd6 Qd5+ 38.Kc7 a5 39.Qh8+ Ka7
40.Qc8 Nc5? [40...Qe5+ 41.Kxd7 Qf5+
42.Kc7 Qxc8+ is an easily won K+P end-
ing.] 41.Qb8+ Ka6 One of those games
where it's a shame somebody had to lose,
with both sides playing enterprising chess.
1-0

Phil Brown - Dan Nelson
DeOp97 Premier R3, 1997

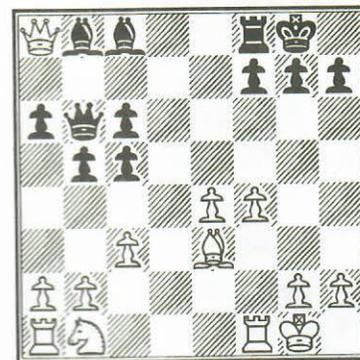
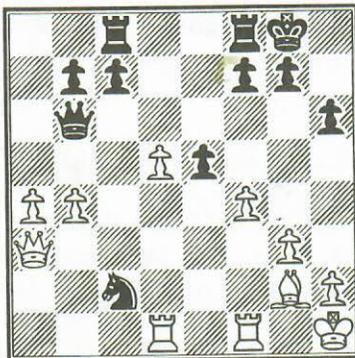
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3
Nf6 6.Be3 0-0 7.f4 Bg4 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.h3
Be6 10.Nf3 d5 11.Bxc5 dxe4 12.dxe4 Qa5
13.Be3 Rad8 14.Qe2 Nxe4 15.0-0 Nxc3
16.Qb5 Qxb5 17.Nxb5 Nxf1 18.Bxf1
Bxb2 19.Rb1 Bg7 20.a4 a6 21.Na3 Nd4
22.Kg2 Bxh3+ 23.Kxh3 Nxf3 24.Rxb7 e5
25.Bxa6 exf4 26.Bc5 Rfe8 27.Be7 Rd2
28.Kg4 Nh2+ 29.Kh3 Bf8 30.Bxf8 Kxf8
31.Rb3 Re3+ 32.Rxe3 fxe3 33.Kg3 e2
34.Kf2 Ng4+ 35.Ke1 Rd6 36.Bxe2 Re6
37.a5 Ne3 38.Kd2 Re7 39.a6 h5 40.Nb5
Nd5 41.a7 Nb6 42.c4 Rd7+ 43.Kc3 Rd8
44.Kb4 f5 45.Bf3 h4 46.c5 Na8 47.c6 h3
48.c7 Rc8 49.Bb7 h2 50.Kc4 Rxc7+
51.Nxc7 Nxc7 52.Kd4? [52.Kd3 and then
White can see if his bishop can stop three
pawns.] 52...Nb5+ 53.Ke5 Nxa7 54.Kf6
Nc8 55.Kxg6 Nd6 56.Bf3 Ke7 57.Kg5
Ke6 58.Kf4 Ne4 59.Bg2 Nf2 60.Kg3 h1Q
61.Bxh1 Nxh1+ 62.Kg2 Ke5 63.Kxh1 Ke4
64.Kg1 Kf3 65.Kf1 Ke3 66.Ke1 f4 67.Kf1
Kf3 68.Ke1 Kg2 0-1

Dick Shellenberger - Doug Hamilton
DeOp97 Premier R4, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.f4 e6 3.Nf3 d6 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bb5
Bd7 6.d3 a6 7.Ba4 Be7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.d4
Nxe4 10.d5 exd5 11.Qxd5 Nf6 12.Qd3
Na5 13.Bc2 [13.Bxd7+] 13...Bb5 14.Qd1

Bxf1 15.Qxf1 0-0 16.Bd2 b5 17.Bf5 g6
18.Bh3 Ne4 19.Be3 Nc4 20.Bc1 f5 21.b3
Nb6 22.Bb2 Bf6 23.Nfd2 Qe7 24.g3 Rae8
25.Bg2 Nxd2 26.Nxd2 Qe3+ 27.Qf2
Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 b4 29.Rc1 Re7 30.Rc2 a5
31.cxb4 Bxb2 32.Rxb2 axb4 33.Bf1 d5
34.Rc2 Rc7 35.Nf3 Rff7 36.Ne5 Rfe7
37.Nd3 e4 38.Nxb4 cxb3 39.axb3 Rxc2+
40.Nxc2 Rc7 41.Nd4 Kf7 42.Ke3 Ke7
43.Bd3 Kd7 44.Bb5+ Kd6 45.Bd3 Re7+
46.Kd2 Kc5 47.Nf3 Nd7 48.Bc2 d4
49.b4+ Kd5? 50.Bb3+ Kd6 [50...Ke4??
51.Ng5#!] 51.Nxd4 Nb6 52.Kd3 Nd5
53.Nb5+ Kc6 54.Nd4+ Kd6 55.Nb5+ ½-
½

21.Qa3 Rac8 22.b4 axb4 23.cxb4 Nd4 Bb8 16.Bxc6 dxc6
24.f4 Nxd5 25.exd5 Qb6 26.Kh1 Nc2



**Gene Strandberg - Katie Roberts-
Hoffman**
DeOp97 Premier R4, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 d5 4.Qxd4 Ne7
5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Nbc6 7.Qxd5 Nxd5
8.Bc4 Be6 9.Ng5 0-0-0 10.Nxe6 fxe6
11.Bg5 Re8 12.Bb5 Bc5 13.Bxc6 bxc6
White should have a routine win now,
thanks to Black's shattered pawn structure.
Right?? 14.Nd2 h6 15.Bh4 Nf4 now this
knight starts to be annoying. 16.0-0 Rhf8
17.Ne4 Bb6 18.Rfe1 Nd3 19.Re2 Nf4
20.Rd2 Nxe2! 21.Kxe2 Rf4 22.Bg3 Rxe4
23.f3 Rc4 24.Rad1 Re7 25.Rd8+ Kb7
26.R8d7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Rc5 28.Rxe7 Rd5
29.Bf4 h5 30.Rg5 Ka6 31.Rxd5 cxd5
32.Kh3 Bf2 33.Bxc7 Kb5 34.b3 [34.Bg3
Be3 35.Kh4 looks like it should win for
White.] 34...Be1 35.Be5 Bf2 36.Kg2 Be1
37.Kf1 Bh4 38.Ke2 Be7 39.Kd3 Kc6
40.b4 this looks questionable if White is
still trying to win. 40...Kb5 41.Kc2 Ka4
42.Kb2 a6 43.a3 ½-½

Richard Broadie - Deshpande Anand
DeOp97 Premier R4, 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 Nc6
5.g3 e5 6.Bg2 Bc5 7.c3 dxe4 8.dxe4 0-0
9.Qe2 h6 10.0-0 Be6 11.Nc4 Bxc4
12.Qxc4 Bb6 13.a4 Na5 14.Qa2 Nc6
15.Nh4 a5 16.Nf5 Qd3 17.Be3 Bxe3
18.Nxe3 Qd7 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Nd5 Qe6

27.a5 Qa7 28.Qc3 Ne3 29.fxe5 Nxf1
30.Bxf1 Qf2 31.Bh3 Rce8 32.Rf1 Qe2
33.Re1 Qb5 34.Bg2 Re7 35.d6 cxd6
36.exd6 Rxe1+ 37.Qxe1 Qd7 38.Qe7
Qxe7 39.dxe7 Re8 40.Bxb7 Rxe7 41.a6
Re1+ 42.Kg2 Ra1 43.b5 Kf8 44.b6 Ke7
45.a7 Kd7 46.a8Q Rxa8 47.Bxa8 Kc8
48.Kf3 1-0

George Lombardi - Dean Brown
DeOp97 Premier R4, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.f4 f6 3.fxe5 Qe7 4.Nc3 fxe5
5.Nf3 c6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Bb3 a5 8.a3 Ba6 9.d3
h6 10.0-0 Qc5+ 11.Kh1 d6 12.Nh4 Nf6
13.Rxf6! gxf6 14.Qh5+ Kd8 15.Qf5
[15.Qf3! is the right move, with a double
threat: Qxf6+, and Be3, winning the
queen.] 15...Be7 16.Be6 Ra7 17.Qf3 Qb6
18.Be3 c5 19.Nd5 Qb7 20.Qf5 Nc6
21.Ng6 Rh7 22.Nxf6 Bxf6 23.Qxf6+ Ne7
24.Qf8+ Kc7 25.Nxe7 Rxe7 26.Qxe7+
Kc6 27.Bd5+ 1-0

Gary Crites - Aaron Weiss
DeOp97 Reserve R1, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5
5.Bb3 Bc5 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bd6? 8.dxe5
Bxe5 9.Qd5 Qf6 10.Qxa8 Ne7 11.c3 Qb6
12.Be3 c5 13.Bd5 0-0 14.f4 Nc6 15.0-0

17.b4 Qc7 18.Bxc5 Re8 19.e5 Bb7 20.Bd6
Qb6+ 21.Bc5 Qc7 22.Bd6 Qd7?! 23.Bxb8
[23.Qxb8+] 23...Bxa8 24.Bd6 Qb7
25.Nd2 c5 26.Nf3 Qe4 27.g3 Qe3+ 28.Rf2
Bxf3 29.Bxc5 Qxc3 30.Raf1 Bd5 31.Rd1
Be6 32.f5 Bc4 33.e6 Qe5 34.e7 a5 35.a3
axb4 36.axb4 f6 37.Rfd2 Kf7 38.g4 Qe4
39.h3 Qb7 40.Rd7 Qf3 41.Kh2 Bf1
42.R7d2 Qxh3+ 43.Kg1 Bc4 44.Rd4
Qg3+ 45.Kh1 Qf3+ 46.Kg1 Qg3+ 47.Kh1
Qh3+ 48.Kg1 Be2 49.R1d2 Qf1+ 50.Kh2
Qf3 and Black won in just a few more
moves. 0-1

Debra Nelson - Julian Lombardi
DeOp97 Reserve R1, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6
5.Nc3 d6 6.d3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Nxe4
9.hxe4 Bxe4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 Nd4
12.Bb5+ c6 13.Ba4 Qd7 14.Ne2 Nxf3+
15.Kg2 Bh3+ 16.Kxf3 Qg4# 0-1

Chris Sommers - Nick Currott
DeOp97 Reserve R1, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.h3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.c4
Bd6 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a3 Bb7 9.Nc3
Na5 10.b4 Nxc4 11.Bxc4 dxc4 12.b5 a6
13.Bb2 axb5 14.Nxb5 Ba6 15.Nxd6 c3
16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.Bxc3 Bxf1 18.Ne5+ Kg8
19.Kxf1 Nd5 20.Bb2? Nxe3+ 0-1

Gary Rubinstein - Gabriel Recchia
DeOp97 Reserve R2, 1997

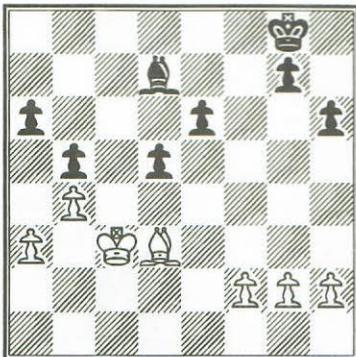
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5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.f4 Nxd3+ 7.cxd3 Bd6
8.Ngf3 0-0 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Qc2 Re8 11.Nb3

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Qd7 12.d4 Ne4 13.Ne5 Qe6 14.Nd2 Bf5
15.Qd1 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 Be4 17.Nf3 Qg6
18.Ng5 Bd3 19.Rf3 f6 20.Nh3 Be4 21.Rg3
Qf5 22.Nf2 g5 23.Qg4 Qxg4 24.Nxg4 Kg7
25.Nf2 Re7 26.Rf1 Rae8 27.Nxe4 Rxe4
28.Rg4 Kf7 29.h3 Ke7 30.fxg5 Rxg4
31.gxf6+ Kd8 32.hxg4 Rf8 33.Rf5 c6
34.Be1 Kc7 35.f7 Kd7 36.g5 Ke6 37.Rf6+
Ke7 38.Bh4 [38.Rxd6! Kxd6 39.Bb4+]
38...Rxf7 39.g6 hxg6 40.Rxg6+ Kd7
41.Bg3 Bxg3 42.Rxg3 b5 43.Rf3 Black's
best chance to draw is to leave the rooks
on. 43...Rxf3 44.gxf3 Ke6 45.Kg2 Kf5
46.Kf2 a5 47.Ke2 b4 48.Kd3 a4 49.e4+
Kf4 50.e5 Kf5 51.a3 bxa3 52.bxa3 Ke6
53.f4 Kf5 54.Kc3 Ke6 55.Kb4 Kd7 56.f5
Ke7 57.Kc5 Kd7 58.f6 Ke6 59.Kxc6 Kf7
60.Kxd5 Kf8 61.Ke6 Ke8 62.f7+ Kf8
63.d5 Kg7 64.Ke7 Kh7 65.f8Q Kg6
66.Qf6+ Kh7 67.Qg5 Kh8 68.Qg1 Kh7
69.Kf7 Kh6 70.Qg6# 1-0

Renaud Stauber - Milt Kitchens
DeOp97 Reserve R2, 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4
Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Bd3 Nec6
9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 h6 11.0-0 Nd7
12.Qc3 0-0 13.Nbd2 f6 14.b4 fxe5
15.Nxe5 Qxd4 16.Qxd4 Nxd4 17.Rae1
Nxe5 18.Rxe5 Bd7 19.Rfe1 Rf6 20.Rb1
b5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Rxb3 Rc8 23.Re1 a6
24.Kf1 Rf7 25.Re2 Rc1+ 26.Re1 Rxe1+
27.Kxe1 Rf8 28.Rc3 Rc8 29.Kd2 Rxc3
30.Kxc3

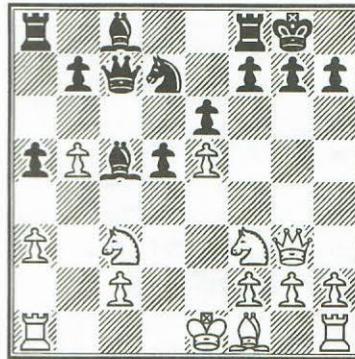


30...e5 31.Bg6 Kf8 32.g3 Bg4 33.Kd3
Ke7 34.Ke3 Kf6 35.Bc2 Bf5 36.Bb3 d4+
37.Kf3 Be6 38.Bxe6 Kxe6 39.Ke4 h5
40.f4 exf4 41.gxf4 g6 42.Kxd4 Kf5 43.Ke3
Kg4 44.Ke4 h4 45.Ke3 Kh3 46.Kf3 Kxh2
47.Kf2 h3 48.Kf1 Kg3 49.Kg1 Kxf4
50.Kh2 Kg4 51.Kg1 g5 52.Kh2 Kh4
53.Kg1 g4 54.Kh2 g3+ 55.Kh1 Kg4

56.Kg1 Kf3 57.a4 bxa4 58.b5 axb5
59.Kh1 0-1

Tolgyu Hasenfuss - Thomas Moniz
DeOp97 Reserve R2, 1997

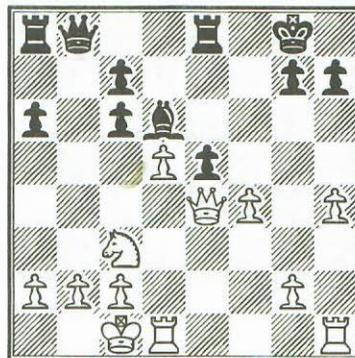
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Nfd7 6.Nf3 c5 7.Be3 Nc6 8.a3 cxd4
9.Bxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.b4 a5 12.b5
Bc5 13.Qg4 Qc7 14.Qg3



14...Bxf2+! [14...Bb4!! is even better.]
15.Kxf2 Qc5+! 16.Ke2 Qxc3 17.Rc1
Qxa3 18.Kd1 Qc3 19.Bd3 Nc5? lets White
back into the game. Perhaps h6 is best;
Black does have some development diffi-
culties. 20.Bxh7+! Kxh7 [20...Kh8 21.Qh4
Qe3 22.Ng5 Qxg5 (forced) 23.Qxg5 Kxh7
24.Qe7 Nd7 should win for White.]
21.Ng5+ Kg8 22.Qxc3 b6 23.Qh3 Rd8
24.Rf1 Ne4 25.Qh7+ Kf8 1-0

Pete Nagy - Gary Rubinstein
DeOp97 Reserve R3, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6
5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.d4 Bg4 7.dxe5 d5 8.Qd3
Ne7 9.Bg5 Qb8 10.Nc3 Ng6 11.exd5 Bxf3
12.Qxf3 Nxe5 13.Qe4 f6 14.0-0-0! Be7
15.Bf4 0-0 16.h4 Re8 17.Bxe5 Bd6 18.f4
fxe5



19.f5! Mr. Nagy is playing the game in a
quite mature style for a player who shows
up as unrated in the cross-table. He should
move up in the rankings quickly! 19...cxd5
20.Nxd5 c6 21.f6! cxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh8
23.fxg7+ Kxg7 24.Qxd6 Qxd6 25.Rxd6
e4 26.Kd2 e3+ 27.Ke2 Re5 28.Rh3 Rc8
29.c3 a5 30.Rxe3 Rxe3+ 31.Kxe3 Re8+
32.Kd3 Re1 33.Ra6 Rg1 34.Rxa5 Rxg2
35.Rg5+ Rxg5 36.hxg5 Kg6 37.a4 Kxg5
38.a5 h5 39.a6 h4 40.a7 h3 41.a8Q Kf4
42.Qh1 Kg3 43.b4 h2 44.b5 Kh3 45.Ke3
Kg3 46.b6 Kg4 47.Qxh2 Kf5 48.b7 Kg4
49.Qf4+ Kh3 50.Qg5 Kh2 51.b8Q+ Kh1
52.Qh8# 1-0

Ann Davies - Nick Currott
DeOp97 Reserve R3, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Be7 4.d3 d6 5.Be2
Nc6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Be3 b6 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4
Bb7 10.d5 Ne5 11.Ng5 h6 12.f4 Nxc4
13.Bxc4 exd5 14.exd5 hxg5 15.fxg5 Nh7
16.h4 f6? 17.g6! f5 18.Qh5 Rf6?
19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Qh8# 1-0

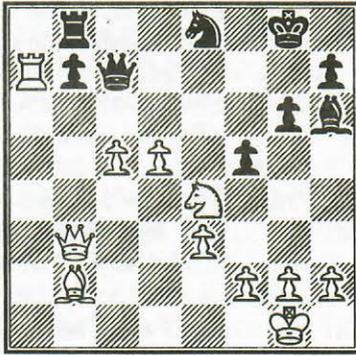
Sophie Weiss - Debra Nelson
DeOp97 Reserve R3, 1997

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5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 d6 8.Nd5 Bg4
9.Bxf6 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 gxf6 11.Nxf6+ Kg7
12.Nh5+ Kh7 13.Qf5+ Kh8 14.c3 Ne7?
15.Qf6+ Kh7 16.Qg7# 1-0

Mark Keesling - Jacob Wallace
DeOp97 Reserve R4, 1997

1.c4 e5 2.a3 Nf6 3.b4 d5 4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5
Bd6 6.Bb2 Qe7 7.d4 Nbd7 8.Nxd7 Bxd7
9.c5 Bf4 10.e3 Bh6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Qb3
c6 13.b5 Rab8 14.Be2 a6 15.a4 axb5
16.axb5 cxb5 17.Bxb5 Bxb5 18.Nxb5 Qd7
19.Ra7 Ra8 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.0-0 g6
22.Nd6 Rb8 23.Ra1 Ne8 24.Qxd5 Nf6
25.Qb3 Ne8 26.Nxe4 Qc6 27.d5 Qc7
28.Ra7 f5





52.Kxg6 Bf8 53.Rh7 An interesting hard-fought battle by both sides! 1-0

Gavin Johnson - Ann Davies
DeOp97 Reserve R4, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.b3 Bg4 8.Bb2 Nd4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Qd7 11.Kg2 c6 12.Ne2 b5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bb3 Nxe2 15.Qxe2 Nh5 16.Kg1 [16.Bc1 is forced.] 16...Nf4 17.Qd1 Qxh3 0-1

Nick Curott - Josh Stuart
DeOp97 Reserve R4, 1997

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.0-0 Nh6 8.Bf4 f5 9.exf5 Nxf5 10.Ne2 Ne7 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bg5 b6 13.Nf4 Rf5 14.Bxe7 [14.Nxe6] 14...Qxe7 15.g3 Bd7 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Raf8 18.Qd3 c5 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Qxa6 Qg5 21.Nxe6 Qh5 22.Nxf8 Qh3 [22...Qxh2+! 23.Kxh2 Rh5+ 24.Kg1 Rh1#]

23.Qf1 Bg2 24.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Rxf8 26.e6 Kg7 27.Rd7+ Kf6 28.e7 Re8 29.Rxc7 Kf7 30.a4 1-0

Sophie Weiss - Chris Sommers
DeOp97 Reserve R4, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6 4.Nc3 h6 5.d3 Nf6 6.h3 Be7 7.Be3 0-0 8.0-0 Bd7 9.d4 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.Re1 b6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxe5 Bb7 15.Qe2 Qd7 16.Rad1 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd6 18.Bxf6 [18.Nxf6+! is even better... 18...gxf6 19.Qg4+ Kh7 20.Qf5+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Bxf6#] 18...Rfe8 19.Qg4 g6 20.b3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Qxg6+?! ffg6 24.Nxc7+ Qf7 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Nb5 Kxf6 27.Nxd6 Bc6 28.Nc8 Be4 29.Nxa7 Bxc2 30.b4 Bd3 31.a4 Ke6 32.a5 bxa5 33.bxa5 Kd7 34.Kh2 Kc7 35.Kg3 Kb7 36.Kf4 Kxa7 37.Ke5 Ka6 38.Kf6 Kxa5 39.g4 h5 40.f4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Kb5 42.f5 gxf5 43.gxf5 Bxf5 44.Kxf5 1/2-1/2

29.Nf6+ Nxf6 30.d6+ Qf7 31.Qxf7+ Kxf7 32.c6 Ke6 33.c7 Rc8 34.Rxb7 [34.Bxf6! Kxd6 (34...Kxf6? 35.d7) 35.Bd8±] 34...Kxd6 35.Bxf6 Rxc7 [35...Kc6!] 36.Be5+! Kc6 37.Rxc7+ Kd5 38.f4 Ke4 39.Kf2 Bf8 40.Rc4+ Kd5 41.Rd4+ Ke6 42.Ke2 Be5 43.Rd8 h5 44.Kd3 Ke7 45.Ra8 Kd7 46.Ra6 Ke7 47.Kc4 Bxe3 48.Kd5 Bd2 49.Ra7+ Kf8 50.Ke6 Kg8 51.Kf6 [51.Ra8+ Kh7 52.Rh8#] 51...Bb4

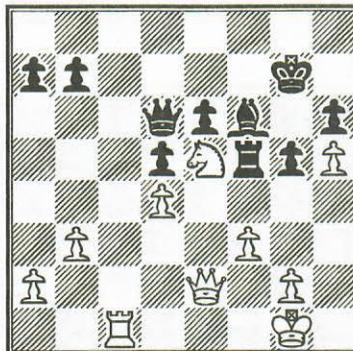


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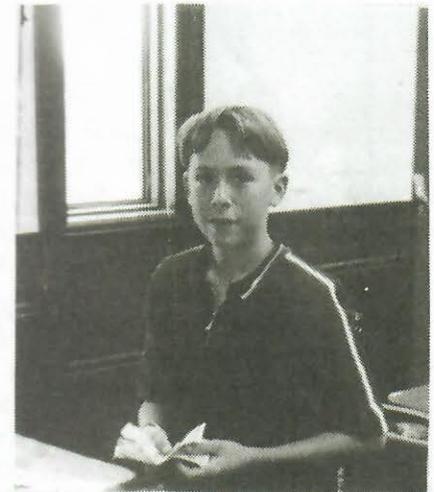
Ponomarev's romp through the field over Labor Day Weekend gave him the "Double State Championship." He won the Closed and the Open! Sage Mo gained clear second, losing only to Ponomarev. These games were also selected by Mark Scheides. All are from the Open Section. Games from other sections will appear in the next issue.

James McCarty (2380) - Dan Kaiser
(1890)
CoOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.Ne2 e6 6.Ng3 Bh7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nd7 9.Nd2 Ne7 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.0-0 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.b3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nb4 15.Qd1 Rc8 16.Ba3 Be7 17.Nh5 0-0 18.Nh2 g6 19.Nf4 Qa5 20.Bxb4 Qxb4 21.h5 g5 22.Ne2 f5 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Qd3 Ne4 25.Rad1 Rf5 26.Ng4 Kg7 27.f3 Nc3 28.Nxc3 Qxc3 29.Qe2 Qc6 30.Ne5 Qd6 31.Rc1 Rxc1 32.Rxc1 Bf6



33.g4 Rf4 [33...Bxe5 34.gxf5 Bxd4+



Unr. winner Dain Lewis with his prize.



Mike Shedd and Hans Morrow off to good starts in Round 4.

35.Kg2 Qf4 might be a good line for Black, but 34.dxe5! is better, leaving White with an edge.] 34.Qd3 Bxe5 35.Qg6+ Kh8 36.Rc8+ Rf8 37.Qxh6+ Kg8 38.Rxf8+ Qxf8 39.Qxf8+ Kxf8 40.dxe5 Kf7 41.Kf2 a6 42.f4 gxf4 43.Kf3 Kg7 44.g5 Kf7 45.Kxf4 Kg7 46.b4 b6 47.a4 Kh7 48.a5 bxa5 49.bxa5 Kg7 50.g6 Kh6 51.Kg4 Kg7 52.Kg5 Kg8 53.h6 Kh8 54.Kf6 Kg8 55.h7+ 1-0

Wayne Pressnall (1880) - Mikhail Ponomarev (2305)
CoOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.0-0 e4 5.Ne1 Nf6 6.c4 d4 7.d3 Bf5 8.Bg5 exd3 9.exd3 Qd7 10.Nd2 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne4 Be7 13.a3 a5 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Re1 a4 16.Qc2 Bg4 17.Ned2 Ra5 18.b4 axb3 19.Nxb3 Rxa3 20.Rxa3 Bxa3 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Bd6 23.Rd5 Re8 24.f3 Be6 25.Ra5 Bb4 26.Ra7 Bh3 27.Rxb7 Re1+ 28.Kf2 Qe8 29.Bxh3 Qe3+ 0-1

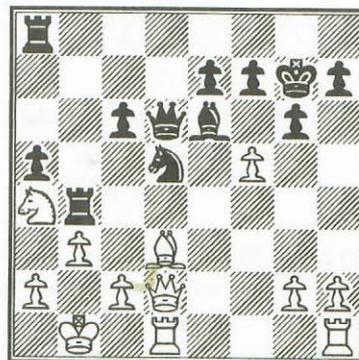
Renard Anderson (2230) - Larry Duke (1860)
CoOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 h5 6.d3 Be7 7.Bc4 c6 8.Qf3 d5

9.exd5 Bg4 10.Qf4 c5 11.d6 Bf6 12.Qe4+ Kf8 13.Qxb7 Bd7 14.Na3 Nh6 15.Bd5 Rc8 16.Nc4 g5 17.Bd2 Rb8 18.Qxa7 Bb5 19.Ba5 Qc8 20.d7 Bxd7 21.Nd6 1-0

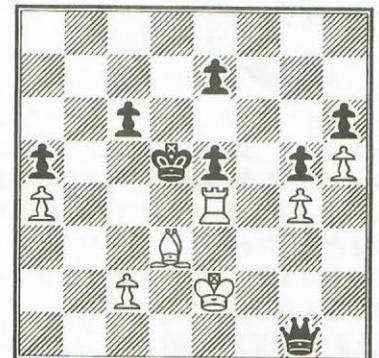
Jack Murdoch (1860) - Sage Mo (2135)
CoOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.b3 c5 6.Bb2 exd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0 Qa5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.f3 Be6 12.Kb1 Qc7 13.f4 a5 14.Bd3 Rfb8 15.Na4 Rb4 16.e5 Nd5 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.f5



19...Rxa4! 20.fxe6 [20.bxa4 Rb8+ 21.Bb5 (21.Ka1 Qe5+ 22.c3 Nxc3-+) 21...Bxf5-

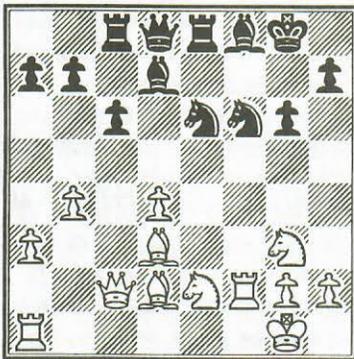
+] 20...Qe5! 21.Rde1 Nc3+ 22.Qxc3 [22.Kc1 Nxa2+ 23.Kd1 Nc3+ 24.Kc1 Ra1+ 25.Kb2 Nd1#] 22...Qxc3 23.bxa4 fxe6 Black now has a material edge, but this is not an easy one to convert to a win. The black pawns are disjointed enough to enable White to set up a barrier. 24.Rhf1 Rb8+ 25.Kc1 Qa1+ 26.Kd2 Qxa2 27.Re4 Rb4 28.Rfe1 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Qd5 30.Ke3 e5 31.h4 Qd6 32.g4 h6 33.Kf3 Qf6+ 34.Kg3 Kf8 35.Rc4 Ke8 36.Re4 Kd7 37.Rc4 Kd6 38.Re4 Kd5 39.Rc4 g5 40.h5 Qf8 41.Re4 Qb8 42.Kf3 Qb6 43.Bc4+ Kd6 44.Bd3 Qg1 45.Ke2 Kd5 46.Kf3 Qh1+ 47.Ke3 Qh3+ 48.Kf2 Qh1 49.Ke3 Qg2 50.Bc4+ Kd6 51.Bd3 Qg3+ 52.Ke2 Kd5 53.Rc4 Qg1 54.Re4



Black has spent the last 20 moves probing for weaknesses and hoping for a mistake, to no avail. But he has one last card up his sleeve... 54...Qa1 55.Kf3 Qa2 56.Ke2 c5 57.Ke3 c4! 58.Bxc4+ Qxc4 59.Rxc4 Kxc4 60.Ke4 Kb4! 61.Kxe5 Kxa4 62.Ke6 Kb5 63.Kxe7 a4 64.Kf6 a3 65.Kg6 a2 66.Kxh6 a1Q 67.Kxg5 Qc1+ 68.Kg6 Qxc2+ 69.Kh6 Qc6+ 70.Kg5 Qd5+ 71.Kf6 Qf3+ 72.Kg5 Qf7 73.Kh4 Qf4 74.Kh3 Qg5 75.Kg3 Kc4 76.Kf3 Kd3 77.Kg3 Ke3 78.Kh3 Kf3 79.Kh2 Qxg4 Tenacious defence by Murdoch, which required a high level of technique by Mo to overcome! 0-1

Mark Schlagenhauf (2120) - Gary Bagstad (1765)
CoOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0
5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.b4 c6
9.Ng3 Re8 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nf8
12.Bd2 Ne6 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.f3 Bf8
15.Nce2 Rc8 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 g6 18.e5
Nd5 19.Rf2 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6



21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Qxg6+ Bg7 23.Nf5 Rf8
24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Nf7+ Rxf7 26.Qxf7 Qe8
27.Rxf6 Bxf6 28.Qxf6+ 1-0

Yefim Sharnopolskiy (2090) - Mike Presutti (1720)
CoOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.f3 Nc6
9.Qd2 d5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Rd1 Be6 12.e5
Nd7 13.f4 f6 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.h3 Rb8
16.b3 Rb4 17.0-0 Qa5 18.Na4 Ne4
19.Qe1 Rxa4! 20.bxa4 Bc3 21.Qh4 Bf6
22.Qe1 Bc3 1/2-1/2

Phillip Ponomarev (1660) - Dan Avery (2035)
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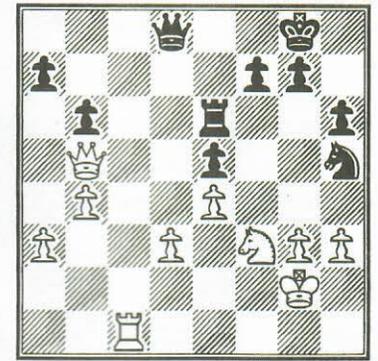
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gxf5 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.f4
Qh4+ 13.Kf1 c4 14.Nf3 Qg3 15.Qf2 Qg6
16.Qe2 Nc5 17.Rg1 Qg3 18.Qf2 Qxf2+
19.Kxf2 Ne4+ 20.Ke2 Bc5 21.Nd2 Ng3+
22.Kf3 Rg8 23.Nf1 Ne4 24.g4 f6 25.exf6
Nxf6 26.g5 Ne4 27.Ng3 Kf7 28.Nxe4
dxe4+ 29.Ke2 Rcd8 30.Bd2 Rd3 31.Rad1
e5 32.Rdf1 Ke6 33.h4 exf4 34.Rxf4 h6
35.g6 h5 36.Rg5 Rd5 37.Rf2 Be7 38.Rg1
Rg7 39.Kd1 Rd8 40.Rgf1 Rf8 41.Rg1 Rh8
42.Rgf1 Rf8 43.Rg1 b5 44.Kc2 a6 45.b3
f4 46.Rxf4 Rxf4 47.exf4 Kf5 48.bxc4 bxc4
49.Be1 Rxc6 50.Rxc6 Kxc6 51.Kd2 Kf5
52.Bg3 Bc5 53.Ke2 Kg4 54.Be1 Kxf4
55.Bd2+ Kf5 56.Bg5 Bd6 57.Bd2 Bf4
58.Be1 Kg4 59.Bf2 Be5 60.Ke3 Bxc3
61.Kxe4 Bf6 62.Be1 Bxh4 63.Bc3 Bg3
64.Bf6 Be1 65.Ke3 h4 66.Ke2 h3 67.Kf1
Bg3 68.Bc3 Kf3 69.Kg1 Ke2 70.a4 Kd3
0-1

David Baldwin (1605) - Bruce Draney (1990)
CoOp97 Open R1, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.Nxc6
dxc6 9.f3 Nxe4! 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.fxe4
Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.0-0
Kg7 15.Qf3 Qd4+ 16.Be3 Qc4 17.Qf2
[17.Qf4!+- h6 18.Qe5+ Kg8 19.Rf8+!]
17...Rd8 18.Qh4 Re8 19.Bh6+ Kh8
20.Qf4 Qc5+ 21.Rf2 Be6 22.Raf1 Bc4
23.Qc1 Bxf1 24.Qb2+ e5 25.Kxf1 Qd4
26.Qc1 Rad8 27.g3 Qxe4 28.Kg1 Qg4
29.Kg2 Rd1 30.Qe3 Qd4 31.Qf3 Qd5
32.Qxd5 cxd5 33.Rf7 e4 34.Rxb7 e3
35.Bg7+ Kg8 36.Bc3 d4 37.Bb4 e2 38.Kf2
Rf1+ 39.Kg2 e1Q 40.Bxe1 0-1

Hans Morrow (2065) - James McCarty (2380)
CoOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5
cxd5 6.d3 d4 7.Ne4 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Bb4+
9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.Bg2 Nc6
12.b4 Be6 13.Nh3 Bd5 14.0-0 Bxg2
15.Kxg2 Ne7 16.Ng5 Nd5 17.a3 Rc8
18.Rfc1 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 b6 20.Nf3 Re8
21.e4 dxe3 22.fxe3 h6 23.e4 Nf6 24.Qc3
Qd6 25.h3 Nh5 26.Qc6 Qd8 27.Qb5 Re6



28.Nxe5 Nxc3 29.Qd7! Qf6 30.Qxf7+
[30.Qc8+ is a line that Fritz4 gives as a
2.5 pawn plus for White initially, but it
drops back close to equality as you follow
it. There's a lot of tricky tactical play.
30...Kh7 31.Nd7 Qb2+ 32.Rc2 Re8!
33.Qc7! threatening Nf6+! if the black
queen does not guard either f6 or f7.
33...Qd4 34.Rc4 Qxd3! 35.Nf6+ Kg6!
36.Nxe8 Qe2+! 37.Kxc3 Qe3+ and White
must submit to the perpetual, as he's mated
if he goes to the fourth rank.] 30...Qxf7
31.Nxf7 Ne2 32.Rf1 g5 33.Kf3 Nf4
34.Nxc5 hxg5 35.d4 Nd3 36.e5 Nxe5+
37.dxe5 Rxe5 1/2-1/2

Mikhail Ponomarev (2305) - Mike Shedd (2065)
CoOp97 Open R2, 1997

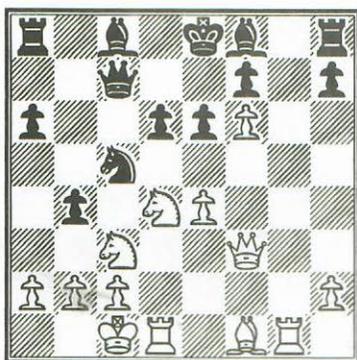
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5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd3
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12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.h4 Nd7 14.h5 Kg7
15.Qe3 Rh8 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qe7
18.h6+ Kf8 19.Be4 Ke8 20.Rd6 f5 21.Bf3
Kf7 22.Rhd1 Rhd8 23.g4 Rxd6 24.exd6
Qf6 25.gxf5 exf5 26.d7 Qe7 27.Qc3!
Qg5+ 28.Kb1 Rd8 29.Qg7+ Ke6 30.Qxh7
Qf6 31.Re1+ Kd6 32.Qg7 Qxg7 33.hxg7
1-0

Bruce Draney (1990) - Craig Wilcox (2130)
CoOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Nbd7
9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5
Nd7 13.f5 Nc5 14.f6 gxf6 15.gxf6 Bf8
16.Rg1 b4



The last game to finish at the Open. Dan Avery doesn't quite survive against Gerry Morris.



17.Nd5 exd5 18.exd5 Bd7 19.Rg7! [Ed: All book until my next move. I combine the wrong ideas in the next three moves, and my opponent finds the correct responses.] b3 20.axb3 0-0-0 21.Rxf7 Qa5 22.Kb1 Re8 23.Ne6 Qb6 24.Bh3 Nxe6 25.dxe6 Bc6 26.e7+ Kb8 27.Qf4 Bxe7 28.fxe7 Qc7 29.Rxd6 Kb7 30.Qb4+ Ka7 31.Qc5+ Kb7 32.Rff6 1-0

Danny Kaiser (1890) - David Helt (1725)

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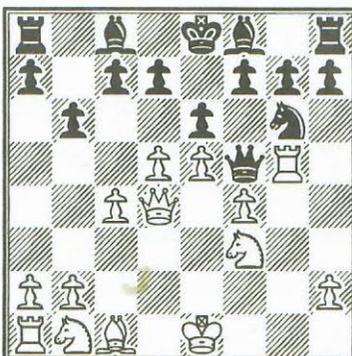
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16.Rfd1 a6 17.e5 Bb7 18.Ne4 Ne8 19.Nf6+ Nxf6 20.exf6 Bh8 21.Ng5 h5 22.Bxh5 Bxf6 23.Bxg6 1-0

Brad Blake (1680) - Wayne Pressnall (1880)

CoOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5 Ne5 4.e4 e6 5.f4 Ng6 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd3 Qh4+ 8.g3 Nfg3 9.Nf3 Qh3 10.Rg1 Nf5 11.Bxf5 Qxf5 12.Qd4 b6 13.Rg5



13...Bc5 14.Rxf5 Bxd4 15.Nxd4 exf5 16.Nxf5 0-0 17.d6 cxd6 18.Nxd6 f6 19.b3

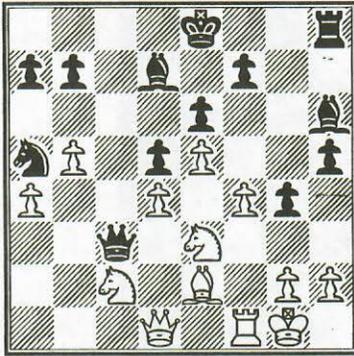
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James McCarty (2380) - Bruce Draney (1990)

CoOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 Nge7 7.Na3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Nc2 h5 10.0-0 Be7 11.b4 Bd7 12.a3 Rc8 13.Be3 Nxe3 14.Nxe3 g5 15.b5 Na5 16.a4 g4 17.Ne1 Bg5 18.N1c2 Rc3 19.Ra3 Qc7 20.Rxc3 Qxc3 21.f4 Bh6





An unusual sort of plan, where White opens up his own kingside to get his pieces into play, seeing that the Black king will be more uncomfortable than his own. 22.h3! gxf3 23.Rf3 Qc8 24.Rxh3 Bxf4 25.Bxh5 Ke7 26.Qf1 Bxe3+ 27.Nxe3 f5 28.exf6+ Kf8 29.Qf4 Qc1+ 30.Kh2 1-0

Yefim Sharnopolskiy (2090) - Hans Morrow (2065)
CoOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.f3 Nc6 9.Qd2 Qc7 10.a4 Bd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.a5 c5 14.Bh6 Rfb8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.b3 Bb5 17.Rfd1 c4 18.b4 Bd7 19.Rab1 Rxb4 20.e5 dxe5 21.Kh1 Rxb1 22.Nxb1 Qc5 23.Qc3 Bb5 24.Na3 Rc8 25.Re1 Qd4 26.Nxb5 axb5 27.Qxd4 exd4 28.f4 Nd5 29.Bf3 e6 30.Rb1 d3 31.cxd3 c3 32.a6 c2 33.Rc1 b4 34.Bd1 b3 35.Bxc2 Rxc2 36.Rg1 b2 37.a7 Nb6 0-1

Craig Wilcox (2130) - Mike Presutti (1720)
CoOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.f4 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.c4 Bxb1 9.Rxb1 h5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Ne5 N5f6 12.Rc1 Bd6 13.Nc4 Bf8 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.Nc4 Bf8 16.Bf3 0-0-0 17.Qe2 Bd6 18.Nxd6+ Qxd6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Qa6+ Kb8 21.Rxc6 Qb4 22.Rc4 Qb7 23.Qa5 Nd5 24.Bd4 h4 25.e4 N5b6 26.Rb4 Ka8 27.a4 h3 28.Bxb6 Nxb6 29.Qb5 a6 [29...hxg2! 30.Rf2 g6! 31.a5 Rh5! 32.e5 (32.f5 Qc7 33.Rxg2 Qc1+ 34.Qf1 Qc5+) 32...Rxh2!] 30.Qxb6 Qxb6+ 31.Rxb6 Ka7 32.Rc6 Rxd2 33.g3 Rg2+ 34.Kh1 Rb2 [34...Rd8] 35.Rd1 Rb8 36.Rc7+ Rb7

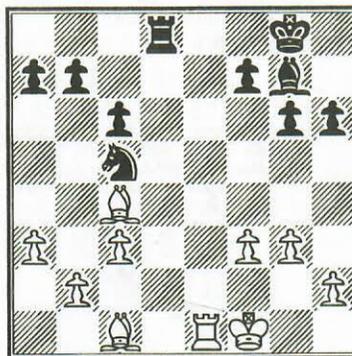
37.Rc4 R7xb3 38.e5 Rb7 39.a5 R7b3 40.Rc7+ Rb7 41.Rcd7 Rb1 42.Rxb7+ Rxb7 43.Kg1 Rc7 44.g4 Kb7 45.Rb1+ Kc6 46.Kf2 Kd5 47.Rb3 Rc4 48.Kg3 g5 49.fxg5 Kxe5 50.Rf3 Rc7 51.Kxh3 Ke4 52.Kg3 Rc5 53.h4 Rxa5 54.Rf4+ Ke5 55.Rxf7 Ra1 56.g6 Ra3+ 57.Kf2 Ra2+ 58.Ke3 Ra4 59.g5 1-0

Bela Geczy (1940) - Brian Walker (1605)
CoOp97 Open R3, 1997

1.Nc3 e6 2.e4 d5 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 d4 5.Nce2 Nc6 6.d3 Nf6 7.f4 e5 8.Nh3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.f5 b5 11.Nf2 c4 12.g4 cxd3 13.cxd3 h6 14.Ng3 Qc7 15.a3 b4 16.h4 bxa3 17.bxa3 Na5 18.g5 hxg5 19.hxg5 Nh7 20.Qh5 Rd8 21.Ng4 f6 22.g6 Nf8 23.Kf2! and the threat of Rh1 is hard to answer without giving up material. 1-0

Mikhail Ponomarev (2305) - Renard Anderson (2230)
CoOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.Qd3 g6 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Bg7 7.Nc3 c6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Be2 Qa5 10.0-0 e5 11.Qd2 exd4 12.Nxd4 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Qxd2 14.Bxd2 Bxd4 15.Nd6 Nb6 16.c3 Bg7 17.Nxc8 Rfxc8 18.Rad1 h6 19.g3 Re8 20.Rfe1 Rad8 21.Kf1 Re4 22.Be3 Rde8 23.a3 Na4 24.Bc1 Nc5 25.f3 R4e7 26.Bc4 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rd8



28.Be3 Na4 29.Rb1 Nb6 30.Bb3 Re8 31.Kf2 Bf8 32.Rd1 c5 33.Rd2 Kg7 34.Ba2 Be7 35.h4 Rc8 36.b3 Rc6 37.Bb1 c4 38.Be4 Rd6 39.Rxd6 Bxd6 40.Bd4+ f6 41.b4 Be5 42.Bxe5 fxe5 43.Ke3 Na4 44.Kd2 b6 45.Bd5 Kf6 46.Bxc4 A nicely

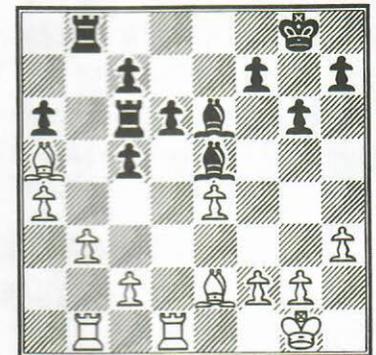
played ending. 1-0

Mike Emerson (2130) - Bruce Draney (1990)
CoOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.bxa6 0-0 9.Rb1 Nfd7 10.Bb5 Bxa6 11.Bxa6 Rxa6 12.Nge2 Qb6 13.0-0 c4+ 14.Kh1 Ne5 15.Qd4 Qc7 16.Qg1 Nbd7 17.Be3 Rb8 18.Nd4 Nd3 19.Ndb5 Qa5 20.Bd4 f6 21.Na7 Rxb2 22.Rxb2 Nxb2 23.Nc6 Qa3 24.Nxe7+ Kf8 25.Nc6 Nd3 26.Rb1 Ra8 27.h4 N7e5 28.Nb5 Qa4 29.Nc7 Rc8 30.Ne6+ Kf7 31.Rb7+ 1-0

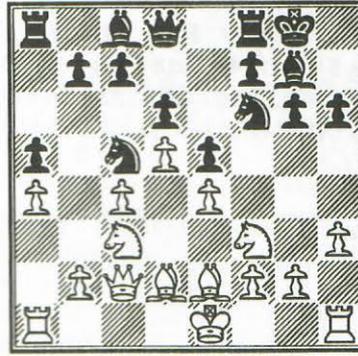
Bela Geczy (1940) - Mark Schlagenhauf (2120)
CoOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.Nc3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.a4 Nc6 6.h3 e5 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bf3 Rb8 13.Rb1 c5 14.Qd3 Rb4 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.b3 Qe5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Be6 19.Qxe5 Bxe5 20.Bd2 Rb6 21.Be2 Reb8 22.Ba5 Rc6



23.Bc4 Bxc4 24.bxc4 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Kf8 I was just wondering if it was possible for White to play this position as if he was the exchange up, opening up the kingside a little, and keeping the Rc6 locked in. If Black plays d5, it seems White should have good winning chances due to his better pawn structure and bishop. 26.Rb7 h5 27.Rxc7 White seems to be keeping a bit of an edge in the final position. ½-½

**Brad Lundstrom (2100) - Shawn
Burnham (1915)**
CoOp97 Open R4, 1997



1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Be7 4.Bg2 0-0
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxe5
Nxc3 9.Nxc6 Nxd1 10.Nxd8 Nxb2
11.Nxb7 Rb8 12.Bxb2 Bxb7 13.Rab1
Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Rb7 15.Bc3 Rfb8 16.Rxb7
Rxb7 17.Re1 f5 18.Rc2 Kf7 19.Rb2 Rxb2
20.Bxb2 g5 21.h3 Ke6 22.g4 fxg4 23.hxg4
Kd5 24.Kf3 Kc4 25.Ke4 Kb4 26.Kd5 Ka4
27.Kc4 a5 28.e4 This game went by pretty
fast! 1-0

**Dan Avery (2035) - Jack Murdoch
(1860)**
CoOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2
0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bg5 Na6 9.h3 Nc7
10.0-0 b6 11.Nd2 exd5 12.cxd5 Qe8
13.Qc2 Nd7 14.Nc4 Ba6 15.Nxd6 Qe5
16.Bxa6 Nxa6 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.f4 Qd4+
19.Kh1 Nb4 20.Qb3 Qd3 21.Rad1 Qc2
22.e5 Qxb3 23.axb3 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Rxf1+
25.Rxf1 Bxe5 26.Rd1 Kf7 27.d6 Bd4
28.d7 Nc6 29.Nb5 Rb8 30.Re1 Nd8
31.Nd6+ Kg7 32.Re7+ Kg8 33.Bh6 1-0

**Brian Walker (1605) - Nikita
Zanichkowsky (1605)**
CoOp97 Open R4, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Bg4 4.e3 Ne4
5.Bf4 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.Nbd2 f5 8.h3 Bxf3
9.Bxf3 0-0 10.Qe2 a6 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.g4
c5 13.Bg2 Bh4 14.Rdf1 c4 15.Bxe4 fxe4
16.c3 b5 17.f3 exf3 18.Nxf3 Be7 19.g5 g6
20.h4 Rf7 21.h5 Nf8 22.Ne5 Rf5 23.hxg6
Bxg5 24.Nf7 Qe7 25.Nxg5 hxg6 26.Qh2
Qg7 27.Be5 Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 1-0

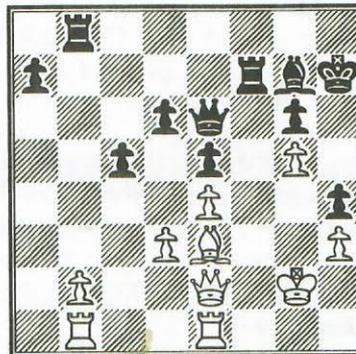
**Hans Morrow (2065) - Mike
Emerson (2130)**
CoOp97 Open R5, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3
0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.a4 Na6 9.Bg5 h6
10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bd2 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Qc2

13...Nfxe4! 14.Nxe4 Bf5 15.Bd3 Bxe4
16.Bxe4 f5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.0-0 e4 19.Ne1
f4 20.Bc3 Qg5 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qc3+
Kh7 23.Kh1 Rg8 24.Rg1 Qf5 25.Qc2
Raf8 26.f3 Rg3 27.fxe4 Nxe4 28.Ra3 f3!
29.Rxf3 [29.Nxf3 Rxb3+ 30.gxh3 Ng3+
31.Rxg3 Qxc2] 29...Rxf3 30.Kh2 Rf2
31.Qd3 Qf4+ 32.Kh1 Rd2 0-1

**Craig Wilcox (2130) - Jim
Hammersmith (2020)**
CoOp97 Open R5, 1997

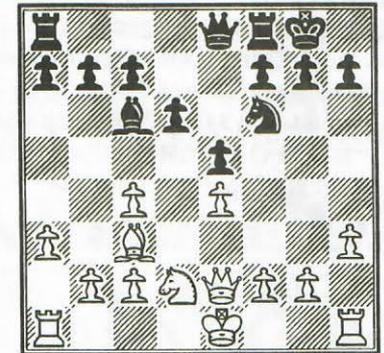
1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0 Bg7
5.d3 Nf6 6.e4 d6 7.c3 0-0 8.Re1 Rb8
9.Qe2 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qd7
12.Kh2 b5 13.Na3 h5 14.Nc2 Ne8 15.Bg2
b4 16.Bd2 bxc3 17.Bxc3 e5 18.Rab1 Nc7
19.Bd2 Ne6 20.Qd1 Ned4 21.Nxd4 Nxd4
22.f4 Qb5 23.Be3 Nc6 24.Bf1 Qa5 25.f5
Qxa2 26.fxg6 fxg6 27.Qc1 Nd4 28.Kg2
Qf7 29.Qd1 Kh7 30.Be2 Nxe2 31.Qxe2
Qe6 32.g4 h4 33.g5 Rf7



and the bad black bishop. [Ed: In time pressure, my main thought was to seal the black bishop in and take my chances on the queenside. I got a little lucky, but the game shows the importance of piece placement.]
34.Qg4 Qxg4+ 35.hxg4 Rb3 36.Red1 h3+
[36...c4 may be a better try here 37.Rh1
Kg8! 38.Rxh4 c3] 37.Kg3 c4 38.Rd2 c3
39.Rh2 Rfb7 40.Rxh3+ Kg8 41.Rh2 Rxb2
[41...cxb2 may be a surer winning plan,
with the idea of advancing the a-pawn
42.Kf3 a5 43.Rc2 a4 44.Ke2 a3 45.Rc8+
Kf7 46.Ra8 Bf8 47.Rf1+ Kg7 48.Rb1 Be7
slowly getting the bishop into the game.]
42.Rhxb2 cxb2 43.Bd2 Bf8 44.Kf2 Rb5
45.Ke2 a5 46.Bc3 Be7 47.Rxb2 Rxb2+
48.Bxb2 Bxg5 49.Bc3 Bd8 50.Kd2 Kf7
51.Kc2 Ke6 52.Kb3 d5 53.Bd2 g5 54.Ka4
Kd6 55.Kb5 dxe4 56.dxe4 Kd7 57.Bc3
Kd6 58.Bd2 Kd7 59.Bxa5 Bf6 60.Kc5
Ke6 61.Kc6 Be7 62.Bc7 Ba3 ½-½

**Bruce Draney (1990) - Bela Geczy
(1940)**
CoOp97 Open R5, 1997

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Na5
5.Nf3 Nxc4 6.dxc4 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Qe2
d6 9.h3 Bd7 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Bc6
12.Nd2 Qe8



13.g4 b5 14.g5 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 bxc4 16.Rg1
Qe6 17.h4 d5 18.Nc5 Qd6 19.Bb4 a5
20.Na6?! [20.Nb7 Qe6 21.Nxa5±]
20...axb4 21.Nxb4 Qxb4+ 22.axb4 Rxa1+
23.Kd2 Rxg1 24.Qxe5 Re8 25.Qxc7 Ba8
26.Qd7 Rge1 27.Kc3 R1e7 28.Qa4 Kf8
29.Qa5 Rc8 30.Qa6 Bb7 31.Qd6 Ke8
32.b5 Re6 33.Qg3 Re4 34.Kd2 d4 35.b6
Re6 36.Qf4 c3+ 37.bxc3 dxc3+ 0-1

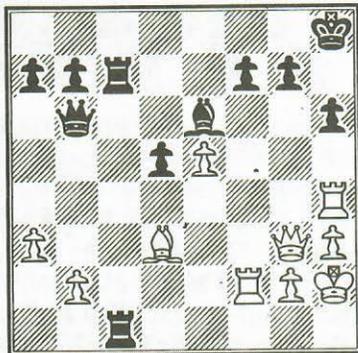
A queen trade has both good and bad points. It obviously allows black to trade queens while a pawn ahead, leaving white with 4 weak pawns! On the other hand, it accentuates the weakness of the black h-pawn

Shawn Burnham (1915) - David Helt
(1725)
CoOp97 Open R5, 1997

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7
5.Nbd2 d5 6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 Nbd7 8.Bb2
0-0 9.Rc1 Qe7 10.Ne5 Ne4 11.f3 Nxd2
12.Qxd2 f5 13.f4 Nf6 14.Qf2 Ne4 15.Bxe4
fxe4 16.Qg3 Rf6 17.Kh1 Raf8 18.a4 Bxe5
19.dxe5 Rg6 20.Qf2 c5 21.c3 Baf6 22.Rg1
Rf5 23.g4 Rf8 24.Qg3 Bd3 25.h4 Be2
26.g5! The Rg6 is now entombed. 26...Bh5
27.Ba3 h6 28.Kg2 hgx5 29.hgx5 Bf3+
30.Kf1 Qf7 31.Bb2 Qb7 32.Qf2 Qa6+
33.Ke1 Rd8 34.Qf1 Qd3 35.Qxd3 exd3
36.Kd2 Be4 37.b4 c4 38.b5 Ra8 39.Ba3
Kf7 40.Rcf1 Kg8 41.Bd6 Rd8 42.a5 Rd7
43.axb6 axb6 44.Ra1 d4 45.Ra6 dxe3+
46.Kxe3 Bd5 47.Rxb6 Rf7 48.Rb8+ Kh7
49.Rg4 Rgx5 50.Rgx5 Rf5 51.Rxf5 exf5
52.b6 g5 53.fgx5 f4+ 54.Kd2 Kg6 55.b7
f3 56.Ke3 Kxg5 57.Rg8+ Bxg8 58.b8Q
Bd5 59.Be7+ 1-0

Gerry Morris (1915) - Josh Bloomer
(1765)
CoOp97 Open R5, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Nc3 Bd6 6.Bg5 Nf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 Re8
9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 Be7 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe7
Qxe7 13.Nd2 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Nd7 15.Rae1
Nf6 16.f3 Qd6 17.Qf2 Be6 18.e4 dxe4
19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Rad8 21.d5 cxd5
22.e5 Qb4 23.a3 Qa4 24.h3-Rc8 25.Qg3
Re7 26.Rf4 Qa5 27.Ref1 Qb6+ 28.R1f2
Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Rec7 30.Rh4 Kh8

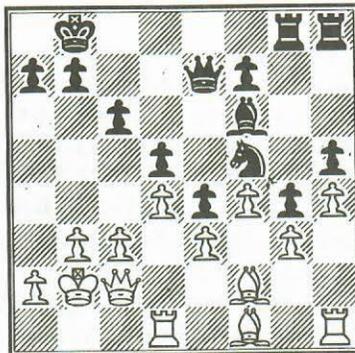


31.Qf4 [31.Qg5! wins according to Fritz4...
31...Rc8 32.Rxh6+ Kg8 (32...gxh6
33.Qxh6+ Kg8 34.Bh7+ Kh8 35.Bg6+ Kg8
36.Qh7+ Kf8 37.Rxf7+) 33.Rh7 g6

34.Qh6] 31...Ra1 32.Kg3 a6 33.Rxh6+
gxh6 34.Qxh6+ Kg8 35.Bh7+ Kh8 36.Rf6
Qb3+ 37.Bd3+ Kg8 38.Rf3 Qxb2
39.Qg5+ Kf8 40.Qd8+ Kg7 41.Qxc7
Rxa3 42.Kh2 Rxd3 43.Rxd3 b5 44.Rg3+
Kh6 45.Qb8 Qc2 46.Qf8+ Nice attacking
play! 1-0

Wayne Pressnall (1880) - Phillip
Ponomarev (1660)
CoOp97 Open R5, 1997

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.f4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.d3
Nbd7 6.Nh4 e6 7.Nxf5 exf5 8.Nd2 Qb6
9.Nb3 0-0-0 10.Bd2 Ng4 11.d4 Re8
12.Qc1 Qd8 13.h3 Qe7 14.Bf3 Ngf6 15.c3
Ne4 16.Rg1 h6 17.Qc2 g5 18.0-0-0 Bg7
19.Be1 h5 20.Nd2 g4 21.Bg2 Bf6 22.h4
Nb6 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.e3 Nc4 25.Bf2 Reg8
One might ask, like I did, why this rook is
being misplaced over on the kingside,
where things are obviously blocked. Wait
and see! 26.b3 Nd6 27.Bf1 Kb8 28.Kb2
Nf5 29.Rh1



29...Bxh4! 30.gxh4 g3 31.Bg1 Nxh4
32.Rxh4 Qxh4 33.Qg2 Qg4 34.Rd2 Qf3
35.Qh3 Qg4 36.Qxg4 Rxg4 37.Bh3 Rg6
38.Rg2 Rhg8 39.c4 Rg4 40.Bxg4 Rxg4
41.Kc3 h4 42.cxd5 cxd5 43.Kb4 b6
44.Kb5 Kb7 45.a4 a6+ 46.Kb4 h3 47.Rc2
Rh4 48.Bh2 gxh2 49.Rxh2 Kc6 50.Kc3
Kd6 51.Kd2 Ke6 52.Ke2 Kf5 53.Kf2 Kg4
54.Kg1 Kf3 55.Rc2 Rg4+ 56.Kh1 Rg2
57.Rc8 Kxe3 58.Rc3+ Kxd4 59.Rxh3 Rf2
60.Rh6 e3 0-1

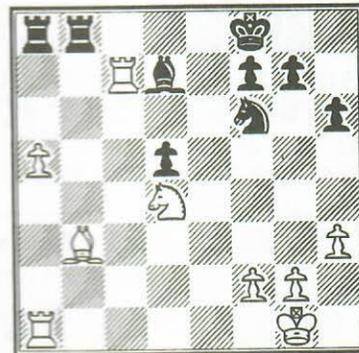
Mikhail Ponomarev (2305) - Mike
Emerson (2130)
CoOp97 Open R6, 1997

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Bb5+ Bd7
5.Bxd7+ Qxd7 6.Ngf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6

8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.e5 Ne7 10.0-0 Nf5 11.Nf3
Bc5 12.c3 0-0 13.Qd3 a5 14.b3 Kh8 15.g4
Ne7 16.Ng5 Ng6 17.h4 f6 18.Nxh7 Kxh7
19.h5 Qf7 20.Kg2 f5 21.hxg6+ Qxg6
22.Rh1+ Kg8 23.g5 Kf7 24.f4 Rh8 25.Be3
Be7 26.Qe2 c5 27.Rab1 Rhb8 28.Qf2 Rc8
29.a3 Rab8 30.Qd2 Rh8 1/2-1/2

Edwin Schreiber (1995) - James
McCarty (2380)
CoOp97 Open R6, 1997

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4
5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nb6 8.Nc3 0-0
9.Be3 Nc6 10.exd6 cxd6 11.d5 exd5
12.Bxb6 Qxb6 13.Nxd5 Qd8 14.Re1 Bf6
15.h3 Bf5 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6
18.b3 Rfd8 19.Be4 Rab8 20.Qd3 h6 21.a3
Ne5 22.Qc3 Nd7 23.Qxf6 Nxf6 24.Bc2 d5
25.Nd4 Bd7 26.c5 Rbc8 27.b4 b6 28.cxb6
axb6 29.Bb3 Kf8 30.Rec1 Ra8 31.a4 Re8
32.a5 bxa5 33.bxa5 Reb8 34.Rc7



34...Rb4 35.Rd1 Rxa5 36.Rxd7 Nxd7
37.Nc6 Rxb3 38.Nxa5 Rb5 39.Nc6 Rc5
40.Nb4 Nf6 41.f3 Rb5 42.Rd4 Ke7
43.Nd3 Kd6 44.Kf2 Ra5 45.Ke3 Ra2
46.g4 Ra3 47.Rb4 Nd7 48.Kd4 Nf8
49.Rb6+ Kc7 50.Rb2 Ne6+ 51.Ke3 Nc5
52.Rd2 Kd6 53.f4 g5 54.fgx5 hxg5 55.Ke2
Nxd3 56.Rxd3 Rxd3 57.Kxd3 Ke5 58.Ke3
d4+ 59.Kd3 Kd5 60.Kd2 Ke4 61.Ke2 Kf4
0-1

Brad Lundstrom (2100) - Bela
Geczy (1940)
CoOp97 Open R6, 1997

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4
5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Nc2 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qa5
8.Qd3 Nf6 9.e4 d6 10.Be2 Be6 [10...Nxe4!

11.Qxe4 Bf5] 11.f4 Rc8 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc3 Qc7 14.g4 Na5 15.g5 Nd7 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.f5 Nde5 18.Qd4 Nxe3 19.Bxe3 Bxa2 20.Ra1 Bc4 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Rxa7 Qxc3 [22...Qe2! winning the exchange with the threat of Nf3+] 23.Rxb7 Ng4 24.Qxc3 Rxc3 25.Bd4 Rc4 26.Rd1 e5 27.fxe6 Ne5? 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.e7 Re8 30.Rd8 Rc8 31.Rbd7 1-0

Dan Avery (2035) - Gerry Morris
(2020)

CoOp97 Open R6, 1997

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 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 11.Be3 Re8 12.Rc1 Bf8 13.Na4 Qa5 14.a3 Ng4 15.b4 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Qd8 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Rxc6 Rxe3 19.Bxd5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qxd8 Rxd8 22.Nc3 Be7 23.Kf2 Re5 24.Rc7 Bg5 25.Kg2 Re3 26.Rf3 Ra8 27.h4 Rxf3 28.Kxf3 Bc1 29.a4 Bb2 30.b5 Kf8 31.a5 Bb8 32.Na4 Bd4 33.e3 Be5 34.Rc5 Bd6 35.Rc6 Bb4 36.Nc5 [36.b6 axb6 37.Nxb6 Bb7 38.a6 Ra7 39.Rxe6 Kf7 40.Nc8 Rc7 41.Rb6] 36...Rxb5 37.Nxe6+ Kf7 38.a6

Ra5 39.Nd4 Bc5? 40.Ke4? [40.Nb3 either this was a mutual oversight in time pressure, or I have the score incorrect?!] 40...Bb6 41.Nf5 Rxa6 42.Rd6 Ra4+ 43.Kf3 Ra3 44.h5 Rc3 45.Rg6 Kf8 46.Re6 Rc7 47.g4 Bc5 48.Ke4 a5 49.Nd6 Re7 50.Rxe7 Kxe7 51.Nc4 a4 52.Kf5 a3 53.Nxa3 As I was watching this game, I thought this should draw. However, it's not as easy to get trade off the remaining pawns (or at least the black g-pawn) as I thought. 53...Bxa3 54.Kg6 Bb2 55.g5 hxg5 56.Kxg5 Kf7 57.Kf5 Bc1 58.e4 Bd2 59.Ke5 Ke7 60.Kf5 Bc1 61.Ke5 Bh6 62.Kf5 Kd6 63.e5+ Kd5 0-1

Sage Mo (2135) - James
Hammersmith (2020)
CoOp97 Open R2, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.f3 Nc6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.Bb3 Ne5 11.f4 Neg4 12.Bg1 e5 13.Nde2 Bc6 14.h3 Nh6 15.Qd3 Re8 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.g4 Qa5 18.0-0 Rad8 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 e4 21.Qd2 Qxd2+ 22.Rxd2 Bd7 23.Bxa7 b5

24.Be3 Kh8 25.d6 Rf8 26.Nf4 Ng8 27.g5 Be5 28.h4 Bg4 29.h5 gxh5 30.Nxh5 Bxh5 31.Rxh5 Kg7 32.d7 Kg6 33.Rh1 f5 34.Rd5 [34.gxf6! Kxf6 35.Rf1+ Kg7 36.Rg2+ Kh8 37.Rxf8 Rxf8 38.Rxg8+ Rxg8 39.Bxg8 Fritz4] 34...Bc7 35.Be5 Rf7 36.Rdd1 Bf4+ 37.Kb1 Rfxd7 38.Rxd7 Rxd7 39.Bxg8 e3 40.Be6 Rd8 41.Bb6 Re8 42.Bd7 Rb8 43.Bxb5?! Bxg5 44.Bxe3 Bxe3 45.Bd3 h5 46.a4 Bd4 47.b3 Kg5 48.a5 f4 49.Be2 h4 50.Rd1 Bc3 51.Rd5+ Kf6 52.a6 Re8 53.Rd3 Rxe2 54.Rxc3 Re6 55.a7 Ra6 56.Rc6+ Rxc6 57.a8Q Re6 58.Qd8+ Kf5 59.Qxh4 Re3 60.Qf2 Ke4 61.Kc1 f3 62.Kd2 Re2+ 63.Qxe2+ 1-0

Sage Mo (2135) - Mikhail
Ponomarev (2305)
CoOp97 Open R5, 1997

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nc3 e5 6.c5 N6d7 7.dxe5 Bxc5 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 h6 10.h4 Re8 11.Kf1 Nc6 12.Bf4 Kf8 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Rc1 Bb6 15.Bg5 Qe6 16.Bc4 Qg6 17.e6 fxe6 18.Bd3 Nde5 19.Bb1 Qf7 20.Rh3 I only had Mikhails scoresheet here, and this move looked like Rf3, which is impossible. So I'm putting this in and trying to see if the game finishes out OK. 20...Bd7 21.b4 hxg5 22.hxg5 Ng6 23.a4 Rad8 24.a5 Nxa5 25.Qe2 Nf4 26.Rh8+ Ke7 27.Rxe8+ Kxe8 28.Qb2 Bb5+ 29.Kg1 Ne2+ 30.Kh1 Nxc1 31.g6 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.g3 Qxf3 34.Nd6+ cxd6 0-1

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From Matt's Desk

by CCI Editor Emeritus Matt De Elena

A final farewell to Colorado chess! After getting married this summer (talk about a deadline!), I'm headed off to school in Arizona. I wanted to thank the readers of the Informant for their support over the last two years. Though I wish I could have played in more tournaments, editing the magazine was a great way to keep in touch and learn.

This issue was planned and edited mainly by Craig, with me putting on a few final touches. We will keep in touch to consult about future issues, and I'll make sure to send my new address to Craig if anyone wants to contact me.

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Greeley Chess Club meets Thursdays from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Ramkota Inn at 8th Ave and 8th St. For more information contact Brad Lundstrom (970) 352-6642.

Lakewood

Lakewood Chess Club meets on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Clement Center, 16th and Yarrow. The club also meets on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Higher Grounds Coffee House, 14th and Washington in Golden. For more information contact Bill Riley at (303) 232-7671.

Pueblo

Pueblo Chess Club meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Teddi's (formerly the New Frontier Coffee House), 7th and Main. Tournaments the last Saturday of every month. Call Aaron Love at 583-8754 or Ken Schwartz at 576-6571 in Colorado Springs.

Westminster

Westminster Chess Club meets every Wednesday at Barnes & Noble bookstore, 9370 Sheridan Blvd. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. Contact Larry Hathorn (303) 469-2208.

Tournament Announcements

January 10-11, Boulder Open

4-SS, 40/2, SD/1. University Memorial Center, CU Boulder campus, Boulder. \$\$(\$1800 b/100). 4 sections. **Open:** EF: \$40 if rec'd by 1/7, \$\$(\$800 b/25): \$400-200, U2200, U2100 each \$100. **Under 2000:** EF: \$36 if rec'd by 1/7. \$\$(\$460 b/25): \$200-100, U1900, U1800, each \$80. **Under 1700:** EF: \$32 if rec'd by 1/7. \$\$(\$350 b/25): \$150-80, U1600, U1500 each \$60. **Under 1400:** EF: \$24 if rec'd by 1/7. \$\$(\$195 b/25): \$100-50, Unr. \$45. All, \$10 more at site, 25% off Jrs., Srs., unrated. Unr. eligible only for unrated prize in U1400 and 1st or 2nd in Open. One discount per person. Jrs. are 20/under, Srs. are 65/older. CSCA memberships required, OSA. Register 8:30-9:30 a.m. Rds. 10-4, 9:30-3:30. Round 1 adjourned at 3:45, Round 3 adjourned at 3:15 p.m. One half-point bye rds. 1-3 if arranged in advance of pairing. HR: 303-443-3322 (call early for special rate). Entries: Boulder Chess Club, c/o Tony Wilson, 9148 Winona Court, Westminster, CO 80030. Info: 303-412-7940, or email: twilson7@juno.com. **NS, NC, W. PC BROKERS TOUR EVENT. USCF GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENT.**

February 14-15, Loveland: 1998 Loveland Open

4-SS, 40/2 and 20/1, no SD. Loveland Community Building, 545 Cleveland Ave, Loveland, CO. Guaranteed Prize Fund: \$780. Three Sections. **Open:** open to all. EF \$20 advance, \$25 at site. \$\$(\$400) 170-130-50, U1998 \$50. **Loveland Section:** Under 1877 and unrated. EF \$16 advance, \$21 at site. \$\$(\$230) 100-60-35, special: \$35. **Santa Fe Section:** Under 1600 and unrated. EF \$14 advance, \$19 at site. \$\$(\$150) 60-40-25, unrated: \$25. \$5 off for all Jr., SR, Unrated. CSCA membership required, OSA. Register 8:00-9:30 a.m. Rds 10, 3:30; 9, 3. Entries: Charles Moore, 425 W. 10th St., Loveland, Colorado 80537; email: fmoore@frii.com; (970) 667-7043, FAX (970) 667-1882. No advance registration without payment. **NS, NW. Sponsored by the Loveland Chess Club.**

March 7-8, Manitou Springs: Colorado Springs Open

5-SS, rds 1-3 40/90 and 25/1, rds 4-5 40/2 and 20/1. Manitou Springs High School, 401 El Monte Pl., Manitou Springs. Turn south off Manitou Ave. (Business Hwy 24) on Oak Pl. or E. Fountain Pl., follow signs up hill to high school, park in back of building. One open section. EF \$25 if rec'd by 3/5, \$31 at site. \$6 off to juniors, seniors, unrated. \$\$175, 125 (at least), more prizes per entries. Register 8:30-9:30 a.m., rds 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3. Half-point byes available. \$1 from each EF is voluntary contribution to Professional Players Health and Benefits Fund. Entries: Richard Buchanan, 308 Ruxton Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829; (709) 685-1984. **Note new playing site. PC BROKERS TOUR EVENT. USCF GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENT.**

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