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Michael Valvo squares off against Eric Billaux at the Colorado Quick Chess Championships (Photo courtesy of Buck)

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The Wildman's Writings

by *Colorado Chess Informant* Editor Michael Fuchs

Well, it's that time again already! Maybe it just feels like December came upon me too soon because there wasn't much action in Colorado for a chess player. Oh, well. Things do seem to be looking up, though, as the Aurora Chess Club is making a play to fill the void Denver has been experiencing. Let's hope all goes well with that, and let's get out and support Tom and Jeff in their drive to host great tourneys. Colorado can also look forward to the addition of a great scholastics coach, Robert Snyder, who will be moving to Fort Collins this year.

Now, on to the business at hand. First, I must apologize to Philipp Ponomarev. While he got a phone call from me prior to anyone receiving a magazine, it was still inexcusable to misspell his name, and on the front cover no less! Again, Phil, I'm very sorry! There were a couple of other minor glitches in the last issue, look for corrections in the "letters" section. Yes, I said "letters" section! I've finally received some letters (4), and they've been included in this issue.

As to the other goodies in this issue, we have a new section which we can hopefully make permanent and solid. I've titled it "Into the Future - a Section for Next Century's Masters." As the title implies this is a section devoted to our scholastic players. It features an article from Mark Scheidies, and scholastic tournament listings.

Once again we owe a very special thanks to Mark Scheidies, who contributed mightily to this issue. Thanks also to Michael Valvo, who provided digital pictures. Unfortunately, I was unable to use them this time.

I did not do a Colorado Chess Tour update for this issue, as the only qualifying tournaments for the quarter were the Colorado Open, and the Membership Meeting Open, but visit the web site for the standings through the Winter Springs Open. Yours in chess,
Mike Fuchs

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BUCKSPEAK**Dues**

As announced in the last issue, the CSCA membership was due to consider a (shudder!) dues increase. And, lo, it happened. At the Quick Chess tournament November 21 the shortest CSCA meeting in recorded history assembled, voted, and adjourned. By a unanimous vote (!) the By-Laws of this esteemed organization have been amended to create these new dues (effective 1/1/00):

new adult dues: \$15.00 per year

new junior or senior dues: \$8.00 per year.

The one-tournament fee was not included in the motion. At this moment, the CSCA Board has under consideration a motion from Yours Truly to raise that fee from \$3 to \$5. Will it pass?? Who knows?? Stay tuned, or watch the Website for the latest! If you have thoughts on this or other matters of interest to CSCA, your Board members' e-mail addresses are available on the Website or in this magazine.

By the way, I have written out the CSCA By-Laws (as amended) and they are available on the Website to be read for education, enlightenment, and entertainment.

Reminder

To organizers of tournaments: Remember that as of the last annual Membership Meeting, the Tour fee has been increased as well to \$1.50 per player. Remember this when planning entry fees and prize funds.

Tournaments: Future

You may have noticed that this fall has been a bit thin in the tournament department. Unfortunately, some of the events we have come to know and love (Elk Hunt Alternative, November Class Tournament) went by the wayside this season. So the Winter Springs Open has been the only Tour event since the Colorado Open. Not good. Some steps are being taken to fill in this void: The Aurora Club will be having its Chess Bowl 2000 on January 29 - 30, and we are hoping to revitalize the good old May Daze. Watch the website's coming attractions page and/or the Tournament Clearinghouse.

The Colorado Closed is again under construction. It is at the moment planned for the weekends of March 25 - 26 and April 1-2, at the VFW in Denver. Not carved in stone, mind you, but it's what we currently have in mind. I will be contacting potential invitees after the new year. And nobody better withdraw from this year's tournament, by golly!

Tournaments: Past

The Colorado Quick Chess Championship roared through in November, and at the end defending champion Mikhail Makhlín was again holding all the marbles. Mikhail, who is also the US Chess Champion for the Deaf, won a series of matches against some of Colorado's best, including James McCarty and IM Michael Valvo. It had all the marks of a good tournament, and players told me they enjoyed it. Thanks to Nate Winterfield for his financial support, and to Dan Avery for designing the tournament structure and doing so much of the off-the-board work. A blitz tournament held Saturday night was won by IM Valvo, who scored a modest 11-0.

Friday snowstorms kept attendance down at the Winter Springs Open, held Dec. 4-5 at Irving Middle School in Colorado Springs, but still 57 intrepid souls braved the perils. Irving Middle School showed us their usual hospitality, led by chess club sponsor Wendell Derritt. The June (open) section was won by Andy Rea's 3.5 - 0.5 score, with Sean Scott following half a point behind. Other prize winners were Mike Shedd, Bela Geczy, and Joe Bihlmeyer. The July section (under 1800) went to Wolfgang Kern, also with 3.5, pursued hotly by Norbert Martinez, Mike Fuchs, and Robert Anderson. Paul Grimm and Steve Sparks also won class prizes.

The 31-player August section (under 1400) featured many Irving students, most playing in their first open tournament. At the end, two brothers took the gold: Boris and Anthony Davis both scored perfect 4-0 scores against some strong opposition. These two young men have been part of the Colorado Springs chess scene for some years, and they have developed into fearsome opponents. Boris, in particular, won all his games in tough endgames. Watch these two; they won't stay in the U 1400 sections much longer. Other prize winners were Michael Medina, Eric Spaulding, Stephen Brown, Christian Ogrosky, and Dwain Rowe. A full report on the tournament will be in the next issue, so try to be patient till then.

Happy New Year - Happy chess - Happy happy!

Buck

Colorado Open

Open Section Games

Selections and notes by Mark Scheidies

Round One

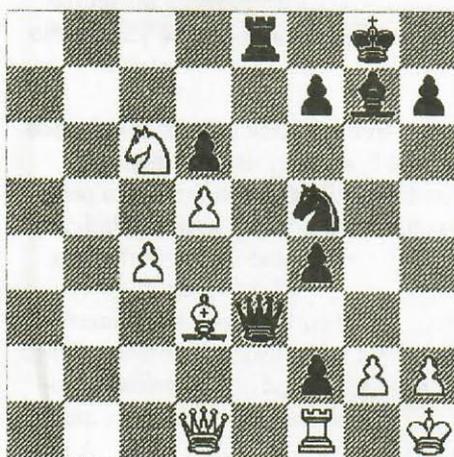
Richard Garcia - Jim McCarty

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Kh1 Qc7 10.f4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 e5 12.Be3 Bd7 13.f5 Bc6 14.Bf3 b5 15.Rc1 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qa5 18.Qd3 Qxa2 19.Rb1 Rfe8 20.b3 e4!? 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 [22.Ra1 Qb2 23.Qxe4+= Fritz5] 22...Bg5 23.Qg4 Bxe3 24.f6 g6 25.Rbe1 Qxc2 26.Re2 Qc8 27.Qh4 h5 28.Rfe1 Qc3 29.Qg3 Rac8 30.h4 Qxf6 31.Rxe3 Rxe3 32.Rxe3 Rc3 0-1

Ed Schreiber - Mike Emerson

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.c3 Bg7 13.Nc2 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0 f4 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 a5 19.b4 axb4 20.Nxb4 e4 21.c4 Qb6 22.Qb3 Nf5 23.Qa3 Rxa4 24.Qxa4 e3 25.Nc6 exf2+ 26.Kh1 [26.Rxf2 runs into trouble as well, after 26...Ng3! 27.Qc2 Qe3 28.Qd3 Ra8] 26...Qe3 27.Qd1 Re8 28.Bd3

Black to move
Emerson



Schreiber

28...Ng3+ and White resigned, in view of 29.hxg3 fxg3 30.Bf5 Re4 31.Qh5 Qe1 0-1

Emanuel Weiss - Dan Avery

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 a6 7.Qg4 f5 8.Qg3 c5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Ne2 0-0 12.c3 cxd4 13.Nexd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 f4 15.Qg5 Qxg5 16.hxg5 Nxe5 17.Be2 Nc6 18.Bd3 g6 19.0-0-0 e5 20.Nb3 Ne7 21.Rhe1 e4 22.Nd4 Nf5 23.Bc2 Nxd4 24.Rxd4 Be6 25.Bb3 Rad8 26.Red1 Rf5 27.Rxe4 Bf7 28.Re7 b6 29.Rb7 Rd6 30.Re1 Rxg5 31.Ree7 Rf5 32.Rb8+ Kg7 33.Rbb7 h5 34.Bc2 Rff6 35.Bb3 g5 36.Ra7 h4 37.Bd1 f3 38.Bxf3 h3 39.Rxf7+ Rxf7 40.Rxf7+ Kxf7 41.gxh3 Kf6 42.Bg4 Ke5 43.Kd2 d4 44.c4 d3 45.Bh5 Kd4 46.Bg4 Kxc4 47.Bd1 Kd4 48.Bg4 Rf6 49.f3 Rc6 0-1

Round Two

Dave Landers - Renard Anderson

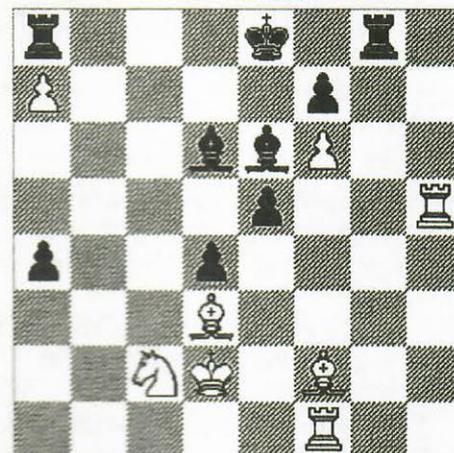
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James McCarty - Jim Hammersmith

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.Na3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nc2 Be7 11.g4 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.b4 Rc8 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bd3 Be7 16.a3 a6 17.Ra1 b5 18.Be3 h6 19.Qd2 h5 20.h3 hxg4 21.hxg4 g6 22.f4 Rh4 23.Qe2 Qb6 24.Kg2 Rh8 25.Rh1 Rg8 26.Qf2 Bf8 27.Rh7 Ne7 28.Kf3 Rc3 29.Ke2 Qc7 30.Rc1 Nc6 31.f5 gxf5 32.gxf5 Nxe5 33.dxe5 Qxe5 34.Qh2 Qxh2+ [34...Rg3 appears to give Black a plus (Fritz5)] 35.Rxh2 e5 36.Kd2 Rc8 37.f6 Rc6 38.Rf1 Be6 39.a4 bxa4 40.b5 Rc8 41.bxa6 d4 42.Bf2 Bc5 43.Rh5 Bd6 44.

a7 [44.Rg1 is recommended by Fritz5.] 44...Ra8

White to move
Hammersmith



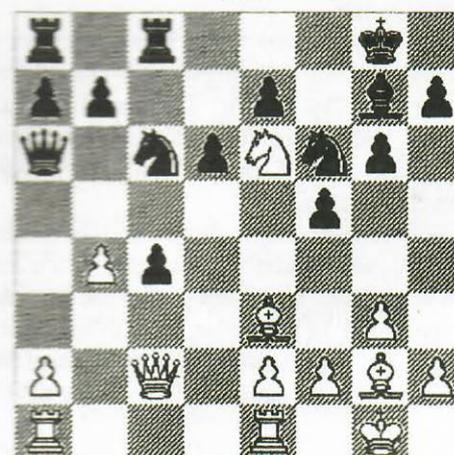
McCarty

45.Nxd4 Bb4+ 46.Kc2 exd4 47.Bxd4 Rc8+ 48.Kb1 Kd7 49.Be4 Rg4 50.Bb7 Rcg8 51.Be5 Bb3 52.a8Q Rxa8 53.Bxa8 a3 54.Bf3 Rg8 55.Rh4 Bc5 56.Rc1 Be3 57.Bg4+ Rxg4 58.Rxg4 Bxc1 59.Kxc1 Ke6 60.Ba1 Bd5 1-0

Mike Shedd - Mike Valvo

1.c4 f5 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Qe8 8.Re1 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Nb5 Qd8 11.Qc2 c6 12.Nbd4 cxd5 13.Ng5 Qb6 14.Nde6 Bxe6 15.Nxe6 Rfc8 16.Be3 Qa6 17.b3 dxc4 18.b4 Nc6

White to move
Valvo



Shedd

19.Qc3 Bh8 20.Rac1 d5 21.Qd2 Qb5 22.Be5 Ne4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.a4 Qxa4 25.

Qd5 Nxb4 26.Bxb4 Qc6 [26...Qxb4? 27. Ng5+ soon mates. 27...Kg7 28.Qf7+ Kh6 29.Qxh7+ Kxg5 30.Qh4#] 27.Nf4+ [27. Nc7+ as pointed out by the elder Ponomarev after the game, appears to give White chances to hold the game. However, it's still a difficult position. 27... Qxd5 28.Nxd5 Kf7 29.Nxe7] 27...e6! this move shows that 27.Nf4 and 27.Nc7 are not equivalent! 28.Qxe6+ Qxe6 29.Nxe6 a5 30.Bc3 b5 and here it appears the 3 pawns are just stronger than the knight. 31.Bxh8 Kxh8 32.Nd4 [32.Red1 seems to be a better try at defense, but probably ultimately futile.] 32...b4 33.Rb1 Kg7 34. Rec1 Kf6 35.e3 Ke5 36.Kf1 Kd5 37.Ke2 c3 38.Rb3 Kc4 39.Rcb1 Rab8 40.Nc2 Rd8 41.Ke1 Rd2 42.Nd4 Rxd4 43.exd4 c2 0-1

Daoud Zupa - Andy Rea

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.e4 0-0 7.c3 d6 8.h3 c4 9.Ne1 cxd3 10.Nxd3 Bb8 11.a4 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Bf4 g5 14.f3 gxf4 15.fxe4 fxd3 16.Qh5 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Qe3 18.Rf3 Qe2 19.Na3 dxe4 20.Re1 Qd2 [20...exf3 21.Rxe2 fxe2 is given as almost a +2 for black by Fritz5. That may be accurate, but to me it doesn't appear to be quite that much of an advantage.] 21.Rxe4 Qh6 22.Rh4 Qxh5 23. Rxd5 f5 24.Rxg3 Kh8 25.Re3 f4 26.Rf3 Bf5 27.Nc4 Be4 28.Nc5 Bxf3 29.Bxf3 Nd8 30.Nd7 Rc8 31.Nxf8 Bxf8 32.Nd2 Bg7 33.Be4 h6 34.Kg2 Rc5 35.Kf3 Rxe5 36.Rh4 Ne6 37.Bxb7 Re3+ 38.Kg4 Nc5 39.Bc6 Nd3 40.Nc4 Rg3+ 41.Kf5 f3 42. Nd2 f2 43.Be4 Rg5+ 44.Ke6 Nc5+ 45. Kf7 e5 46.Bc2 Rg1 47.Rc4 f1Q+ 48.Nxf1 Rxf1+ 49.Ke7 Bf8+ 50.Ke8 Bd6 51.Rxc5 Bxc5 52.b4 Be3 53.c4 Kg7 54.c5 Rc1 55. Be4 a5 56.c6 axb4 57.Kd7 Bb6 58.Kc8 b3 0-1

Katie Roberts-Hoffman - Eric Billaux

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Bb4 7.Bg5 Qa5 8.Bxf6 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Kf1 gxf6 11.Nb5 Qe5 12.Rb1 b6 13.Bh5 Ba6 14.c4 Bxb5 15.cxb5 Nd4 16.a4 Rc8 17.Qd3 0-0 18.h4 Rc5 19.Rh3 Rfc8 20.Rd1 Qxh5 21.Qxd4 Qxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Rc1 23.Rd3 Rxd1+ 24. Rxd1 Rc7 25.Ke2 Kf8 26.Kd3 Rc5 27.

Re1 Ke7 28.Re3 Rc1 29.Rg3 Kf8 30.Ke3 Rc3+ 31.Kf4 Rxg3 32.Kxg3 Ke7 33.Kf4 Kd6 34.Kg4 Kc5 35.Kh5 d5 36.exd5 exd5 37.Kh6 d4 38.Kxh7 d3 39.h5 d2 40. h6 d1Q 41.Kg7 Qh5 0-1

Round Three

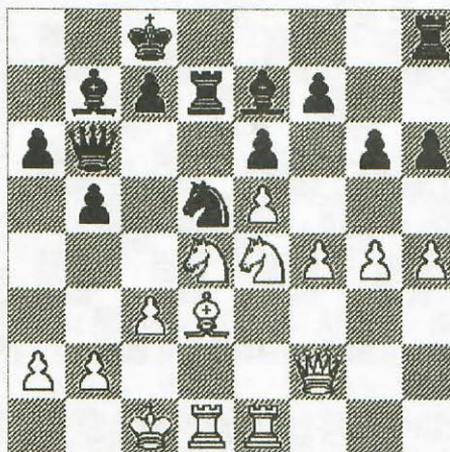
Eric Billaux - Joshua Jex

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.d3 d6 5.f4 Bg4 6.Nf3 Nd4 7.0-0 Nh5 8.fxe5 [8...Nxe5! also works out well for White. Find the mate in 2 if Black takes the queen.] 8... dxe5 [8...Nxf3+ keeps the game a little closer.] 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Nxe5+ Ke8 11. Nxd4 Bc5 12.Be3 Rf8 13.Na4 Be7 14. Rxf8+ Kxf8 15.c3 Nc6 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17. Bxc5+ Ne7 18.Qb3 Nf6 19.Rf1 b6 20. Nxf6 bxc5 21.Nxh7+ Ke8 22.Qe6 1-0

Philipp Ponomarev - Mark Schlagenhaut

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Bg5 a6 5.f4 b5 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.e5 Be7 12.Ne4 Nb6 13.g4 Qd7 14.h4 0-0-0 15.Nfg5 Qe8 16.Rhe1 dxe5 17.dxe5 h6 18.Nf3 Nd5 19. c3 Qc6 20.Nd4 Qb6 21.Qf2 Rd7

White to move
Schlagenhaut



Ponomarev

22.f5 gxf5 23.gxf5 Qa5 24.Kb1 exf5 25. Nf6! Rdd8 26.Bxf5+ Kb8 27.Nd7+ starting a sequence which almost, but not quite, traps the Black queen. 27...Ka8 28. Nb3 Qa4 29.Rd4 b4 30.Ndc5 Bxc5 31. Nxc5 Qb5 32.Nxb7 Nxc3+?! [32...Qxb7 does not get Black out of his difficulties:

33.c4 Ne7 34.Be4 c6 35.Rxd8+ Rxd8 36. Qxf7] 33.Ka1! [33.bxc3? bxc3+ 34.Ka1 Rxd4=+] 33...Qxb7 34.bxc3 1-0

Jim Hammersmith - Fred Badger

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 Be6 7.Qe2 Bxc4 8.dxc4 Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 h6 11.Bc1 Qd7 12.Rd1 Qe6 13.Rb1 b6 14.Qd3 0-0 15. Re1 Nd7 16.Be3 Ne7 17.Nd2 f5 18.f3 Qg6 19.exf5 Qxf5 20.Ne4 Qg6 21.Bf2 Kh8 22.Re2 Nf6 23.Rbe1 Nh5 24.Be3 Rxf3 25.Nxd6 Rxe3 26.Qxg6 Nxg6 27. Nf7+ Kg8 28.Nxh6+ gxh6 29.Rxe3 Kf7 30.Rd1 Re8 31.g3 Ke7 32.c5 Rd8 33. Rxd8 Kxd8 34.cxb6 axb6 35.c4 Kd7 36. c5 b5 37.Rc3 Nf6 38.Ra3 Ne7 39.Ra5 b4 40.a3 Nc6 41.Ra4 bxa3 42.Rxa3 Nd4 43. Rd3 Ne4 44.Kg2 Nxc5 45.Rd1 Ke6 46.c3 Nc6 47.h4 e4 48.Ra1 Kd5 49.Ra8 Ne5 50.Rc8 c6 51.Rh8 Nf7 52.Rf8 Ke6 53. Rc8 Kd7 54.Ra8 Ke6 55.Kf2 Kd5 56. Ke2 Ne5 57.Rh8 Ng4 58.Rg8 h5 59.Rg5+ and White won (on time?!). Black played a very nice game here to get a winning position, then White did a good job of making the win more difficult. 1-0

Shawn Svare - Chris Mink

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 dxc3 5. Nxc3 d6 6.Bc4 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Qb3 Qd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Rd1 Nf6 11.e5 Ng4 12. Bf4 0-0 13.Bg3 Kh8 14.h3 Rxf3 15.gxf3 Ngxe5 16.Ne4 b6 17.Rac1 d5 18.f4 Na5 19.Qc3 Nec6 20.Nd2 Bf6 21.Qa3 Nd4 22.Nf3? Ne2+ 23.Kh2 Nxc1 24.Rxc1 Nc4 25.Qd3 Nxb2 26.Qd2 Rd8 27.Ne5 Bxe5 28.fxe5 Na4 29.Qf4 c5 30.Bh4 Re8 31. Rg1 g6? 32.Bf6+ Kg8 33.Qh6 Rf8? [33... Qf7 is forced, leaving Black to try to stave off White's attack.] 34.Rxg6+ 1-0

Round Four

Sepp Hochreiter - Mike Valvo

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 g6 6.d5 Bg7 7.Nd4 Nf8 8.Bc4 e5 9. dxe6 c6 10.Qd3 a6 11.0-0-0 d5 12.e7 Qxe7 13.Bxd5 Bd7 14.Bb3 Ne6 15.Na4? Nxg5 16.Nb6 Rd8 17.h4 Nge4 18.Nf3 Nc5 19.Qc4 Be6 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.Qf4 Qc7 22.Qd4+ Ncd7 23.Nxd7 Bxd7 24. Ng5 Kc8 25.Rd1 c5 26.Qc3 c4 27.Bxc4

b5 28.Rxd7 Nxd7 29.Qxg7 Qe5 30.Qxe5 Nxe5 31.Be2 Kc7 32.Kd2 Kb6 33.b4 Rd8+ 34.Kc1 h6 35.Ne6 Rd6 36.Nd4 Nc6 37.c3 Nxd4 38.cxd4 g5 39.h5 f4 40. Bf3 fxe3 41.fxe3 Rf6 42.Kd1 g4 43.Bxg4 Rf2 44.Be2 Rxg2 45.e4 Rg3 46.e5 Ra3 47.d5 Re3 48.e6 Kc7 49.Kd2 Re5 50.Bf3 Kd6 51.Kd3 Re1 52.Kd4 Rf1 53.Be4 Rd1+ 54.Bd3 Rd2 55.a3 Rd1 56.Ke4 Ra1 57.Kf5 Rxa3 58.Be4 Ra4 59.Kf6 Rxb4 60.Bf5 Rf4 61.e7 Rxf5+ 62.Kxf5 Kxe7 63.Kg6 b4 64.Kxh6 b3 0-1

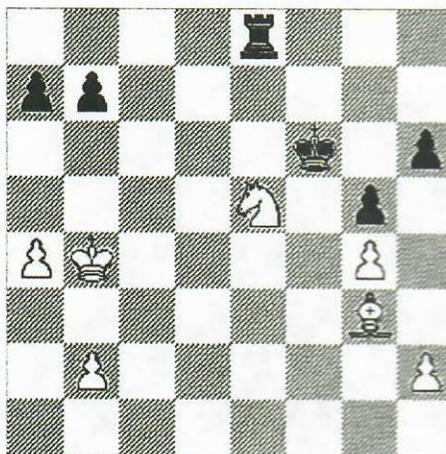
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Andy Rea - Ed Schreiber
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.c3 Bg7 13.Qf3 Bd7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Bf5 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 Qc8 17.Nf6+ Bxf6 18.Qxf6 Qe6 19.Qxe6 fxe6 20.0-0 d5 21.Nc2 d4 22. Rad1 Rad8 23.Rd3 Rd5 24.cxd4 exd4 25.f4 Rfd8 26.g4 e5 27.Ra3 a5 28.fxe5 Rxe5 29.Ne1 Re7 30.h3 b4 31.Rg3 Ne5 32.Nd3 Nxd3 33.Rxd3 Re3 34.Rfd1 Rxd3 35.Rxd3 Kf7 36.Kf2 Ke6 37.Ke2 Ke5 38.Rf3 Ke4 39.Rf7 Rc8 40.Re7+ Kd5 41.Kd3 Rf8 42.Rxh7 Rf3+ 43.Ke2 Rg3 44.Kf2 Rd3 45.h4 Rd2+ 46.Kf3 Rxb2 47.Rh5+ Kc4 48.Rxa5 Rh2 49.Kg3 d3 50.Ra8 Re2 51.Kf3 Rh2 52.Kg3 d2 53.Rc8+ Kb5 54.Rd8 Re2 55.g5 Kc4 56. Kf3 Rh2 57.Kg4 Kc3 58.g6 Kc2 59.h5 d1Q+ 60.Rxd1 Kxd1 61.Kg5 Rxa2 62.g7 b3 63.h6 Rg2+ 64.Kf6 b2 65.h7 b1Q 66. g8Q Qb2+ 67.Kf5 Qf2+ 68.Ke4 Qe2+ 69.Kd4 Rg4+ 70.Kc5 Qe5+ 71.Kc6 Qf6+ 72.Kc5 Rg5+ 73.Kc4 Qf4+ 74.Kb3 Rg3+ 75.Kb2 Qb4+ 0-1

Kirk McMullen - Shawn Svare
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.c3 cxd4 5. cxd4 Bb4 6.e5 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Ne2 Bd7 9.0-0 Rc8 10.a3 Bxd2 11.Bxd2 Qd8 12.Nc3 a6 13.Qg4 Nge7 14.Be3 Ng6 15. f4 Nce7 16.Qg3 0-0 17.h4 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.h5 Nf8 20.f5 exf5 21.Bg5 f4 22. Rxf4 Rxf4 23.Bxf4 Nf5 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25. Be5 Ne6 26.Rf1 Bc2 27.Rf6! Nf8 28.Rf2 Bg6 29.hxg6 Nxxg6 30.Qg4 Rc6 31.Qf5 Nh4 32.Qf7+ 1-0

Chris Mink - Sean Cabrera
 1.e4 c5 2.c3 e5 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 exf4 5.d4 Nf6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.Bxf4 dxc3 8.Nxc3 Be7 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.e5 dxe5 12. Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Be6 14.Qg5 Qc8 [14...Qa5 is given about a 1.5 pawn plus by Fritz5.] 15.Rhf1 h6 16.Qg3 Nh5 17. Qf3 Bg4 18.Qe4 f5 19.Qd5+ Kh8 20. Rde1 Nf6 21.Qb3 Ne4 22.Bxe4 fxe4 23. Rf7 Bg5+ 24.Kb1 Rxf7 25.Qxf7 Qf8 26. Rf1 Qxf7 27.Rxf7 Rg8 28.Nxe4 Be6 29. Nxxg5 Bxf7 30.Nxf7+ Kh7 31.g4 Re8 32. Bg3 Rf8 33.Ne5 g5 34.Kc2 Kg7 35.a4 Rc8+ 36.Kb3 Kf6 37.Kb4 Re8

White to move
Cabrera



Mink

38.a5!! this is a great move, requiring some deep endgame judgment. 38...Rxe5 39.Bxe5+ Kxe5 40.Kb5 Kd4 41.a6 bxa6+ 42.Kxa6 Kc4 43.Kxa7 Kb3 44.Kb6 Kxb2 45.Kc5? but unfortunately, this natural move throws away the win. [45. Kc6! Fritz5 gives this as a clear win for White, although it took me a while to convince myself of this. This is one of those

cases where the opposition makes all the difference. A) 45...Kc3 46.Kc5! Kd2 47. Kd6! (47.Kd4? only draws, surprisingly. White needs the DISTANT opposition, so that when Black plays Kf3, White can play Kf5.) ; B) 45...Kc2 46.Kd6 Kd2 47.Ke6 Ke3 48.Ke5 Kf2 49.Kf6 Kf3 50.Kf5 Kg2 51.Kg6 Kf3 52.h3 (52.Kh5 also wins.) 52...Kg3 53.Kxh6+-] 45...Kc3 An interesting game with some good moves on both sides of the board! 1/2-1/2

Round Five

Mike Valvo - Philipp Ponomarev
 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.g4 Bg6 7.Ne5 e6 8.Bg2 c6 9. h4 f6 10.Nxxg6 hxg6 11.a3 I hate to have to confess this, but (up until this point) if I was playing over this game without knowing who was playing White, I would be harshly critical of the play! The h3-g4 sequence severely weakened his kingside, and now he wastes his time with a3 instead of developing his pieces!?! I would have guessed the player of the White pieces here was a player out of the Reserve section, not an IM! Shows that I have a lot to learn still!! 11...Bd6 12.Qd3 f5 13. h5 Bf4 14.c4 Bxc1 15.cxd5 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Qb6 17.Qe2 Bxd4 18.Qxe6+ Kd8 19.0-0 c5 20.d6 Nc6 [20...gxh5 is Fritz5's recommendation, though it looks darned scary.... 21.Qe7+ Kc8] 21.Nd2 Re8 Fritz5 thought Black was doing OK until this move --- although this is probably the type of game that gives it's evaluation functions fits (I know it's giving MY evaluation function fits!). [21...Bf6 22.Nc4 Qa6 23.Qf7 Rc8 24.Re1+-] 22.Qxxg6 Ne5 23.Qg5+ Kd7 24.Qxf5+ Kxd6 25.Rb1 Qa5 26.Rxb7 Rf8 27.Nc4+ Quite an unusual game! Ponomarev put up a great fight, against a deeply thought out powerful attack. 1-0

Dave Landers - Jim McCarty
 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5. c4 c5 6.Nc3 d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qc7 9. Nd5 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Qb6 11.e3 Nd7 12.b3 Nc5 13.Rb1 Bd7 14.Bb2 a5 15.Qd2 Rfc8 16.f4 Qa6 17.f5 Qd3 18.Qf2 Bh6 19. Rbe1 Rf8 20.g4 Ne4 21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22. Qf3 Qxf3 23.Rxf3 a4 24.b4 a3 25.Bc1

Rfc8 26.Bd2 Rc4 27.h4 Rxd4?! [27... Rac8-/+ Fritz5] 28.exd4 Bxd2 29.Rxe7 Be8 30.Rxb7 gxf5 31.gxf5 Kg7 32.f6+ Kg6 33.b5 Bc1 34.Kf2 Bb2 35.Ke3 Ra4 36.Rb8 [36.Rg3+ Kxf6 37.Rg8+=] 36... Bxd4+ 37.Kd3 Bxb5+ [37...Bd7 38.b6 Rb4 Fritz5] 38.Rxb5 Bxf6 39.h5+ Kg5 40.Rb7 Bb2 41.Rbxf7 Rd4+ 42.Ke2 Kxh5 43.Rxh7+ Kg6 44.Rh1 Rg4 45. Rhf1 Rg2+ 46.R3f2 Rg5 47.Rd1 Bc3 48. Rf3 Bb4 49.Rdd3 Rg2+ 50.Rf2 Rg1 51. Rd1 Rg3 52.Kf1 Re3 53.Kg2 Bc5 54. Rg1! White blithely places both his rooks on the bishops diagonal! 54...Kh5 55.Kf1 Rh3 56.Rf5+ Kh4 57.Rg8 Rd3 58.Ke2 Rd4 59.Rf1 Rg4 forced 60.Rxg4+ Kxg4 61.Kd3 Now the win is easy... White just sets up the right position to sacrifice his rook for bishop and pawn. 1-0

Katie Roberts-Hoffman - Jason Caldwell

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.a4 Qa5 9.Bd2 c4 10.Be2 Bxa4 11.Qb1 b5 12.0-0 Nbc6 13.Ne1? Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd2 15. Bd1 0-0 16.Nf3 Qc3 17.Re1 a5 18.Qc1 Nc6 19.Re3 Qb4 20.c3 Qe7 21.Bxa4 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Rfb8 23.Ra1 Rb5 24.Nd2 Rab8 25.Rh3 Rb2 26.Qd1 Qg5 27.Nf3 Qf5 28.Rc1 Rb1 29.Nd2 Rxc1 30.Qxc1 a4 31.Rf3 Qg5 32.Re3 Qe7 33.Nb1 Qb7 Jason is doing a nice job here of squelching counter-play and efficiently trading off pieces to get closer and closer to the win. 34.Re1 Qb2 35.Kf1 Qxc1 36.Rxc1 Rb3 37.Nd2 a3 38.Ke1 a2 39.Ra1 Ra3 [39... Rb2 looks bad, but a tactic makes it the best move... 40.Kd1 Na5 41.Kc1 Rxd2! with a routine win.] 40.Kd1 Na5? [40... Rxc3 should still win, but it's a difficult psychological decision to give up that beautiful a2 pawn.] 41.Ke2 Nb3 42.Nxb3 cxb3+ [42...Rxb3 is best, conceding the draw.] 43.Kb2 Ra7 for now, while the position is probably still a draw, it's White calling the shots rather than Black. 44. Kxb3 Rb7+ 45.Kxa2 f6 46.f4 g5 47.exf6 gxf4? a few moves earlier, Black wanted to keep the rooks on the board, being a pawn down. But things have changed, and now he should trade off into what certainly appears to be a drawn pawn ending.

[47...Ra7+ 48.Kb2 Rxa1 49.Kxa1 gxf4] 48.Rf1 Kf7 49.Rxf4 h6 50.g4 Rb8 51.h4 Rb7 52.Rf2 Rb8 53.g5 hxg5 54.hxg5 Rb7 55.Rb2 Rc7 56.Kb3 Kg6 57.Rg2 Rb7+ 58.Kc2 Rb8 59.Kd3 Rc8 60.Re2 here through the end of the game, Katie's play is very mature in her willingness to give up one advantage (the g-f connected passed pawns), in order to convert to a simpler won position. 60...Rc6 [60...Kxg5 61.Rxe6 Kf5 62.Re5+ is pretty hopeless too.] 61.Rh2 Rc7 [61...Kxg5 62.f7 Rc8 63.Rg2+ Kf6 64.Rg8] 62.Rg2 Rc8 63.Rg3 Rc7 64.Ke3 Rxc3+ 65.Kf4 Rc1 66.Re3 Rf1+ 67.Ke5 Rf5+ 68.Kxe6 Kxg5 69.Re5 An epic battle between two of the best high school players in the state! 1-0

Round Six

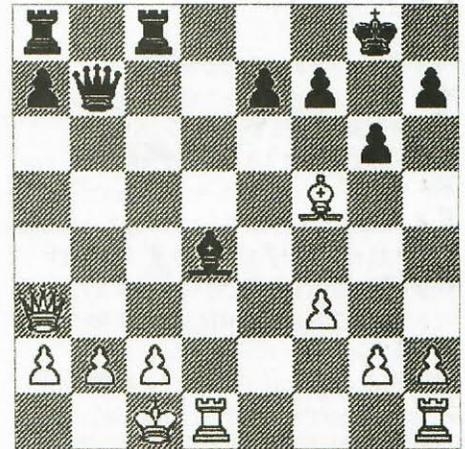
Mark Schlagenhauf - Dave Landers

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5. Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c6 8.Rb1 e5 9. d5 c5 10.b4 cxb4 11.Rxb4 Nc5 12.Nd2 h5 13.f3 g5 14.Nb3 Nfd7 15.Na4? b6? [15...a5! (as pointed out by White after the game!) After this point, however, White does a fine job of keeping a chokehold on Black's position for the rest of the game.] 16.Nbxc5 bxc5 17.Rb1 h4 18.Nc3 Nb6 19.a4 f6 20.a5 Nd7 21.Qa4 Nb8 22.Bd2 Rf7 23.Rb2 Bd7 24.Qa3 Qc8 25.Rfb1 Be8 26.Bd1 Na6 27.Ba4 Rb8 28.Bxe8 Qxe8 29.Rxb8 Nxb8 30.Qa4 Qc8 31.Qb5 Na6 32.Nd1 Rc7 33.Ne3 Bf8 34.Nf5 Kh7 35.g3 hxg3 36.hxg3 Kg8 37.Kg2 Kh8 38. Ne3 Rh7 39.Nf5 Rc7 40.f4 gxf4 41.gxf4 Nb4 42.Bxb4 cxb4 43.Rxb4 exf4 44.Kf3 Kh7 45.a6 Bh6 46.Rb1 Rxc4 47.Qb7+ Qc7 48.Qxc7+ Rxc7 49.Rb7 1-0

Ed Schreiber - Sepp Hochreiter

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Qxd5 Qc7?! 14.Qc5 [14.Qxa8 seems to be a pawn plus for White according to Fritz5, but the position could be tricky. 14...Bf5 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.Rd2 and it seems like White should be able to ward off Black's attack & emerge with some winning chances.(16.Bd3? Qe5)] 14...Qb7 15.Bd4 Bf5 16.Bd3 Rfc8

17.Qa3 Bxd4 18.Bxf5 Black to move Hochreiter



Schreiber

18...Rc3! 19.Be4! [19.bxc3 Be3+ 20.Rd2 Rb8 21.Kd1 Bxd2=] 19...Qb5 20.b3 [20. bxc3 Be3+ 21.Rd2 Rb8 22.Kd1 (best) 22... Bxd2 23.Kxd2 Qg5+! 24.Kd3 Rd8+ 25. Kc4 this is all pretty forced for White, but now Fritz5 apparently can only find a perpetual against this king in the middle of the board. (and presumably this is the type of position Fritz should excel in.)] 20...Be5 21.Qb2 Rc8 22.Kb1 Qa5 23. Rd5 e6 24.Rd7 Ba3 25.Qa1 and here, although White's position looks pretty pathetic, there appears to be no way to break through. 25...Qc5 26.Rhd1 h5 27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kh7 29.Rd1 Qe3! and, although Fritz5 does not find this after minutes of thinking, it quickly sees this is winning after it's played. 30.Bd3 other moves just postpone the inevitable. 30... Rxd3! 31.cxd3 Qe2 0-1

Jim McCarty - Chris Mink

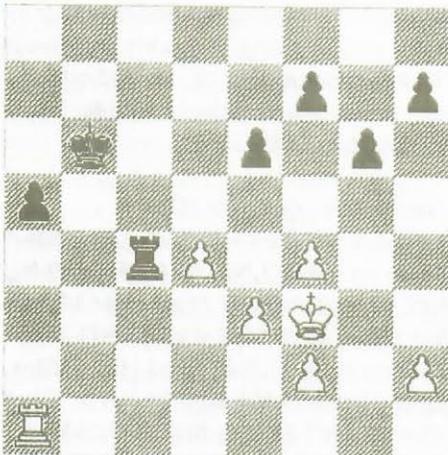
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5. d3 d6 6.c4 Bd7 7.Nc3 g6 8.h3 Bg7 9.Bg5 Ne7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.0-0 Rfe8 14.Re1 c5 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bxb2 [17...Qd8=] 18.e5 Qd8 19.Nf6+ Kg7 20.Nxe8+ Qxe8 21.exd6 Qd7 22.Rb1 Bf6 23.Qd5 Nb4 24.Qxc5 [24.Ne5 is also good (Fritz5)] 24...Nd3 25.Qd5 Nxe1 26.Rxe1 Rd8 27. c5 b6 28.Ne5 Qe6 29.Qxe6 fxe6 30.c6! Bxe5 31.c7 a nice demonstration of the power of two connected passed pawns! 1-0

Colorado Open Games bonus section, with analysis by NM Todd Bardwick

Andy Rea - Dave Helt, Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5. Bh4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.e3 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Qd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 dxc4 (Why not play 10...0-0 and capture the pawn with tempo after the f1 bishop moves?) 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Rab1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Ne5 15.Qe2 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Rc8 17.Qb4 Rc7 18.Bg3 Rd7 19.Rfc1 e6 20.Rc5?! (White has more active pieces on the queenside and this allows black to gain some time with ...Bf8 do some liquidating.) Re8 21.Qc4 Bf8 22.Rc7 Rxc7 23. Qxc7 Qxc7 24.Bxc7 b6 25.a4 Rc8 26.Bf4 Be7 27.a5 Bd8 28.axb6 Bxb6 (Black has not only survived the middlegame against a stronger opponent, but has the advantage in the ending due to the outside passed a-pawn.) 29.Kg2 Rc6 30.Be5 (White wastes several tempi with his bishop allowing the black king a free ride to the queenside. Note that Rea is also playing a game concurrently in the Membership Open.) Kf8 31.Bb8 Rc8 32.Bd6+ Ke8 33.Ra1 Kd7 34.Bb4 Rc4 35.Ba5 Kc6 36.f4 Bxa5 37.Rxa5 Kb6 38.Ra1 a5 39.Kf3

Black to move
Helt



Rea

Kb5?! (39...f5! squelches whites hopes of effective counterplay in the center.) 40. Ke4 Rc3? (Black must be worried about

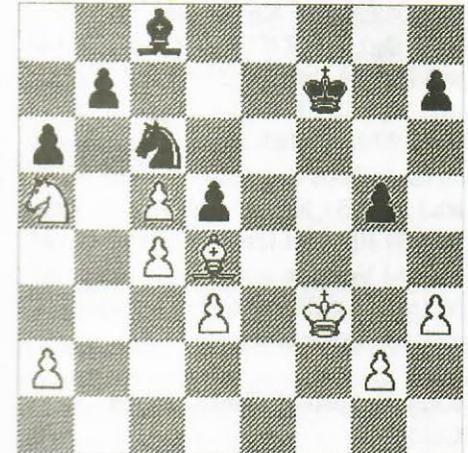
41.Kd3. In reality, the white king would rather attack with 41.Ke5. Winning for black here is 40...Rc2! keeping the white king at home. If 41.Ke5, then 41...Rf2 and white is running out of pawns. The h-pawn may also fall, black still has his a-pawn threats, and there aren't enough white center pawns to be a serious threat. If 41.Kf3, black advances his King and a-pawn. The best try for white after 40... Rc2 would be 41.Rb1+ Ka6 42.h4) 41.Ke5 a4 42.e4 a3 (The problem with trying to promote the a-pawn is that it is too slow and the king ends up too far away from the action on the kingside.) 43.d5 exd5 44. exd5 Kc4?! (44...Kb4 freeing up the rook is better.) 45.d6 Kb3 46.Rd1 Kc2 (46... Rc8 also loses: 47.d7 Rd8 48.Kd6 a2 49. Ke7 Rd7+ 50.Kd7 Kb2 51.Ke7 and white's king is closer to the kingside.) 47. d7 Kxd1 48.d8Q+ Kc2 49.Qd5 Rb3 50. Qc4+ Kb2 51.Qe2+ Kb1 52.Kd4 a2 (Putting up better resistance, but still losing, is 52...Rb8 53.Kc3) 53.Kc4! Rc3+ 54.Kxc3 a1Q+ 55.Kb3 (The black queen is helpless to stop the mate.) 1-0

IM Mike Valvo - Andy Rea, Round 3

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Bd7 (Personally, I have never been a big fan of any of the ...Bd7 lines for black in the Winawer. GM Tal Shaked in a similar position tried a ...Bd7 line against GM Nick deFirmian in last year's US Champs here in Denver. At dinner that night, the more senior GM's, de Firmian and Benjamin, told Shaked that they felt that that most ...Bd7 lines are out of favor for black in the Winawer.) 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.dxc5 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Nge7 (9...Qc5 regains the pawn, but white's pieces will activate quickly.) 10.Nd4 0-0 11.Nb3 Qa4 12.Bd3 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.0-0 Raf8 15. Qe2 a6 16.Be3 e5 17.fxe5 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Qh4 (19...Qa2 runs into 20.Qh5 with a dangerous kingside attack for white.) 20.h3 Nxe5 21.Nd4 Qf6+ 22. Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Nxd3+ 24.cxd3 Nf5? (Rea felt that this knight maneuver is losing...it must now return back to the queenside with loss of tempo. 24...Nc6 may hold here. Things are getting tough for black now.) 25.Nb3 (White must pick

his time to trade the knights so he doesn't get caught in a drawish opposite color bishop ending. Note that white has the more active minor pieces.) Ne7 26.Kf3 Kf7 27.Na5 Bc8 28.Bd4 g5 29.c4 Nc6

White to move
Rea



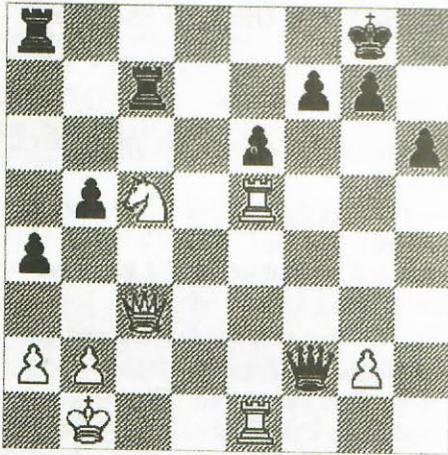
Valvo

30.Nxc6 (Valvo sees a win here in the opposite-colored bishops ending.) bxc6 31. cxd5 cxd5 32.c6 h5 33.Ke3 Ke6 34.Bc5 Ke5 35.d4+ Kf5 36.g3 Kf6 37.h4 gxh4 38.gxh4 Bg4 39.Kd2 Kf7 40.Kc3 Ke8 41.Bb6! (A nice bishop finesse.) Ke7 42.Bc7 a5 43.Kb3 Bd1+ 44.Ka3 Bc2 (If 44...a4, the white king invades the queenside to escort the c-pawn.) 45.Bxa5 Kd6 46.c7 Bf5 47.Kb4 Kc6 48.Kb3 Kb5 49.Bd2 Kb6 50.Bf4 Kb5 51.Be5 Kc6 52.Kc3 Bc8 53.Kd2 Ba6 54.Ke3 Bc8 55.Kf4 Kb7 56.Kg5 Bg4 57.a4 Kc8 58.a5 Kb7 59.a6+ Kxa6 60.c8Q+ Bxc8 1-0

Kirk McMullan - Ken Doykos, Round 2

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ngf6 10.Bd2 e6 11.c4 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bc3 a5 14.Rhe1 Bb4 15.Ne5 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 a4 17.Nxd7 (Exchanging an active piece for a passive one is thematically incorrect.) Qxd7 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Rd3 b5 (White's king protection is starting to break down.) 20.d5 Nxd5?! (20...Nxe4 21.Rxe4 cxd5 22.Rxd5 bxc4 is better.) 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Nc5 Rfc8 23. Rxd5 Qxh4 24.Rde5 Qxf2 25.Kb1 Rc7

White to move
Doykos



McMullan

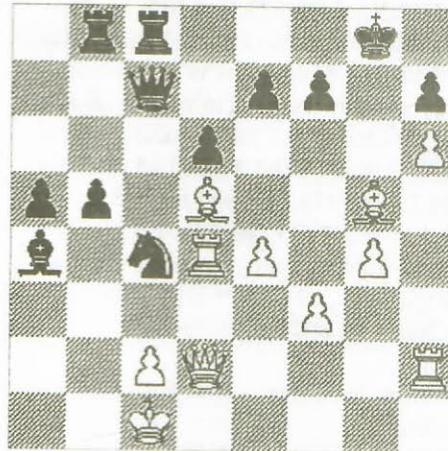
26. Qb4? (This loses. 26.Nd3 and white should have better chances with the knight vs. 3 pawns material imbalance. Now White is going to have to give the piece back.) 26...Rac8 27.Rc1 f6 28.Rh5 f5 29. a3 Rxc5 30.Rxc5 Qxc5 31.Qe1 Qc2+ 32. Ka2 Qb3+ 33.Kb1 Qc2+ (Black is wisely repeating the position here to help alleviate his time pressure.) 34.Ka2 Qb3+ 35. Kb1 Rc2 36.Qe5 Rxc2 37.Rh1 Qd5 38. Qb8+ Kh7 0-1

NM Renard Anderson - Sepp Hochreiter, Round 5

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9. Bc4 a5 (...Qa5, ...Bd7, and ...Rfc8 are more common ways for black to attack the white king in these types of positions.) 10. a4 Ne5 11.Bb3 Nfd7 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13. Ba2 (Talking to Renard after the game... he wasn't real happy with the way the opening went. He felt that he wasted some queen moves later on.) Bd7 14.g4 Nxa4 15.Nxa4 Bxa4 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.h4 Rfc8 18.Rh2 b5 19.Bd5 Rab8 20.h5 g5?! (Offering a pawn to slow down White's attack doesn't seem necessary here. After white plays hg6, it still takes him valuable time to form a mating net.) 21.Bxg5 Nc4 22.h6 Bxd4! (I think this move wins if followed up properly. Unfortunately for black, he blunders on move 24 and will sorely miss his dark square bishop. He probably overlooked ideas involving

white's 25th move.) 23.Rxd4 Nxb2 24. Qd2 Nc4? (24...Qb6! keeps the attack alive.)

White to move
Hochreiter



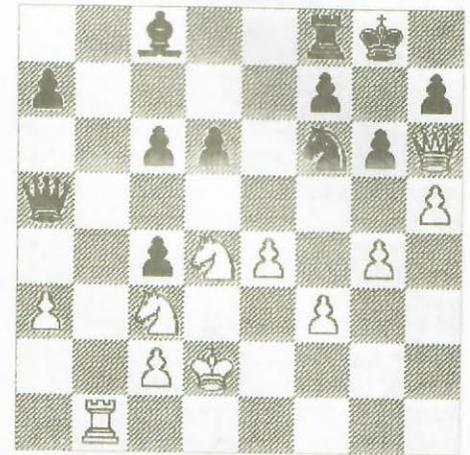
Anderson

25.Rxc4! (The end is near. Black really misses his dark square bishop.) bxc4 26. Qf4 Rf8 27.Bf6 Rb1+ 28.Kxb1 Qb6+ 29. Bb2 Qg1+ 30.Ka2 Bb3+ 31.cxb3 cxb3+ 32.Bxb3 1-0

Katie Roberts-Hoffman - Kirk McMullan, Round 1

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5. Be3 c6 6.Bb3 0-0 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 Nb6 10.a3 Nc4 11.Bxc4 bxc4 12.h4 Rb8 13.Rb1 Qa5 14.Nge2 e5 15.h5 Rb7 (Black must be planning on using the rook to defend against white's kingside attack across the second rank. 15...Be6 completing his development and preparing for an eventual ...d5 break to open the center seems more thematic.) 16.Bh6?! (This may be too ambitious. 16.Kf2 (getting the king out of the center, protecting the rooks, and keeping the rook on h1... as opposed to castling) may be best. White would then have to be alert to potential sacs on g4, but the white king is living dangerously in any case.) exd4 17.Nxd4 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Rxb2?! (18...Qxc3+! 19. bc3 Rb1+ 20.Kd2 Rh1 21.Nc6 Nd7 and black should eventually be able to consolidate his pieces and win with his material advantage.) 19.Kd2 Rxb1 20.Rxb1

Black to move
McMullan



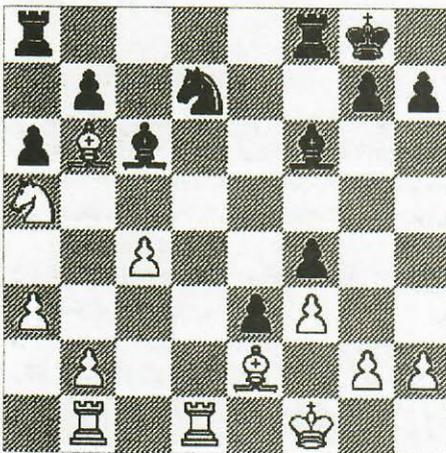
Roberts-Hoffman

20...Bxg4! (The fur keeps flying!) 21 hxc6 hxc6 (21...fg6 would cause too many problems after 22.Rb7) 22.Nxc6 (Another forced winning line, but much more complex is 22.Rh1 Bh5 23.Nf5! gf5 (23...Ne8 24.Ne7 mate!) 24.Qf6 fe4 25. Qh6 e3+ 26.Qe3 Kg7 (or 26...Kh7 27.Qe7 Kg7 (or 27...Kg8 28.Qh4) 28.Rg1+ Bg6 29.Rg6+!) 27.Qd4+ f6 28.Rg1+ Kf7 29. Qc4+ is winning for white) Qc7 23.fxg4 Nxc6 24.Qh4 Qxc6 25.Rh1 Kg7 26. Qxc6? (26.Nd5! Is winning quickly... 26...c3+ 27.Kc1 Rg8 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29. Qg8+!) 26...Qc5 27.Qh4 Qd4+ 28.Ke2 Qxc3 29.Qh6+ Kf6 30.Qxf8 Qxc2+ 31. Kf3 1/2-1/2

Ed Schreiber - Mike Shedd, Round 3

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Qxd5 Bxd5 12.c4 (12.0-0-0 makes the most sense here. White has a huge lead in development and may also get the bishop pair. After 12.0-0-0, white has the advantage after 12...Bb3 13.ab3 or 12...Bc6 13. Na5 or 12...Be6 13.Nc5.) Bb4+ 13.Kf2 Bc6 14.a3 Be7 15.Na5 0-0 16.Bd3 (16. Be2 is better.) f5 17.Rhd1 (Black gets a protected passed pawn on e3 for free; but he has the problem of how to develop his queenside.) e4 18.Be2 f4 19.Bb6 e3+ 20. Kf1 Bf6 21.Rab1 Nd7? (It is difficult to figure out how black will get his pieces out!)

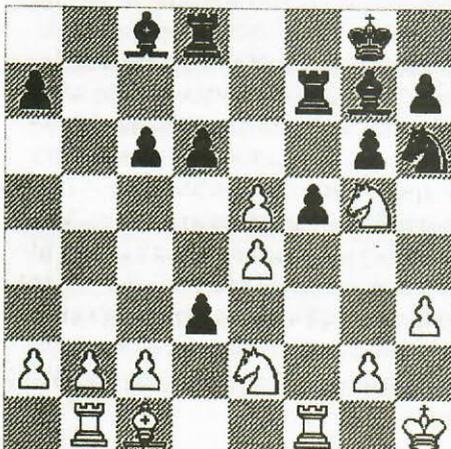
White to move
Shedd



Schreiber

22.Bxe3! (The start of a nice combination that gives white the upper hand.) Ba4 23. b3 fxe3 24.bxa4 Nc5 25.Nxb7 Nxa4 26. Rb4 Nc3 27.Rd3 Na2 28.Rb6 Rfe8 29.c5 Nc1 30.Rd7 Nxe2 31.Kxe2 Be5 32.g3 g5 33.c6 a5 34.c7 Rac8 35.Rc6 a4 36.Nd6 Bxd6 37.Rcxd6 Kf8 38.Rf6+ (38.Rh7) Kg8 39.Rff7 h6 40.Rg7+ Kh8 41.Rh7+ Kg8 42.Rxh6 1-0

Jason Caldwell - Daoud Zupa, Round 3
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5. Bb5 Nh6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.d3 f6?! (Black's funny looking knight on h6 seems to cause him to panic. Lines for black here are 8...d5, 8...d6, or 8...Ba6. White now has a definite advantage in this "Dzindzi Sicilian") 9.Qe1 d6 10.h3 e5 11. Ne2 Rb8 12.Rb1 Rb7 13.Kh1 Rbf7 14. Qh4 f5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.fxe5 c4 17.Ng5 cxd3 (Diagram - White to move)

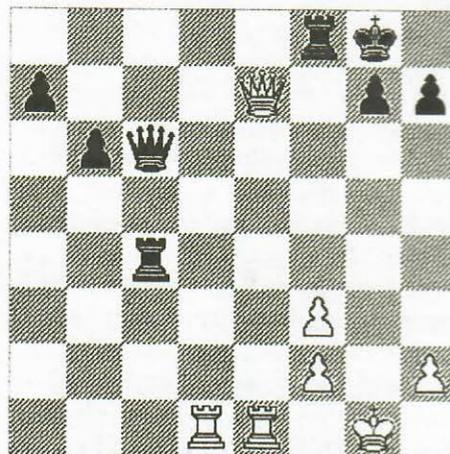


18.cxd3? (Winning an exchange is 18.Nf7 de2 19.Nh6+ Bh6 20.Re1) Rb7 19.exd6 Rxd6 (Black has compensation for the pawn with his active piece play and dangerous bishop pair.) 20.d4 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Re6 22.N2c3 Rb4 23.Nc5 Re8 24.Nb3 Bf5 25.Bxh6 Bxh6 (25...Bb1 26.Bg7 Ba2 27.Na2 Rb3 28.Be5 Rb2 is interesting with probably the edge to white.) 26.Rbe1 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Bc2 28.d5 Bxb3 29.axb3 cxd5 30.Nxd5 Rxb3 31.Re7 a5 32.Nf6+ Kf8 33.Rd7 (33.Rh7 Bg7 is good for black.) Rxb2? (33...Bg7 should give black decent winning chances with the outside passed pawn... 34.Nh7+ Kg8 35.Ng5 Bb2) 34.Nxh7+ Ke8 35.Nf6+ 1/2-1/2

NM Jim McCarty - Eric Billaux, Round 4

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 e6 5.c4 Nc7 6.b3 d6 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 (Black gets everything he can dream of out of the opening.) 12.d3 f5 13.Nc3 Bf6 14.a3 Be6 15.Qc2 Rae8 16.Bf1 Re7 17.Na4 b6 18.Bc3 Bf7 19.Rad1 Bh5 20.Be2 Ne6 21.Qb2 Nf4 22.b4 Nxe2+ 23.Qxe2 cxb4 24.axb4 Nxb4 25.Bb2 Qc6 26.Nc3 e4 27. dxe4 fxe4 28.Nxe4 Bxb2 29.Qxb2 Rxe4 30.Qxb4 Bxf3 31.gxf3 Rxc4 32.Qe7

Black to move
McCarty



Billaux

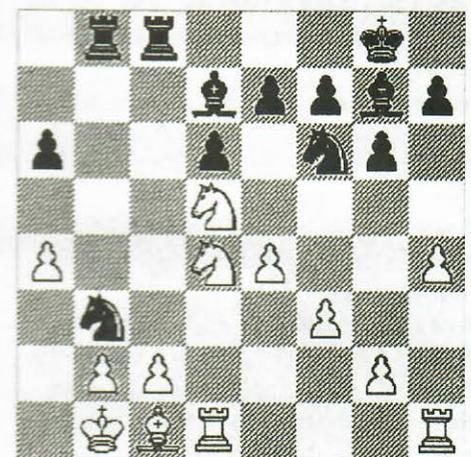
Qg6+ (32...Rcf4 connecting the rooks and counterattacking the exposed white king seems to be the simplest way to win. If 33. Re3, then R4f7 and black has consolidated his advantage.) 33.Kh1 Qf5 34.Re3 Rc6

35.Qxa7 Rg6 36.Qa2+ (White does a good job of defending his king.) Kh8 37. Qd5 Qf4 38.Rd4 Qf6 39.h3 Rh6 40.Kg2 Rg6+ 1/2-1/2

NM Renard Anderson - IM Mike Valvo, Round 6

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 Ne5 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.0-0-0 Rfe8 13.Kb1 b5! (In the post-mortem, Valvo said that he was playing for a draw (which makes him state champ). Both masters are quite well versed in the Dragon. Black will have more than sufficient piece play for the pawn after the queen trade.) 14.Ncxb5 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Rab8 16.a4 a6 17.Nc3 Nc4 18.Bc1 Na5 19.Nd5 Nxb3

White to move
Valvo



Anderson

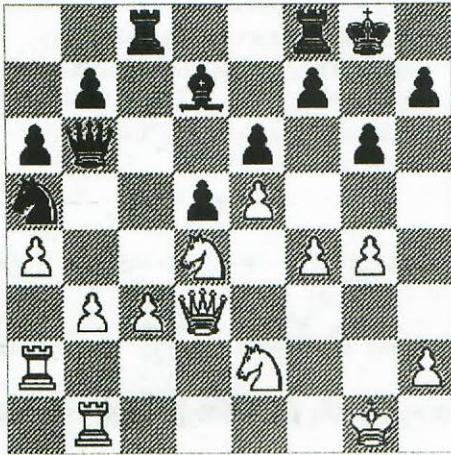
20.Nxb3 (20.Ne7+ Kf8 21.Nc8 Nd4 22. Nd6 gives white his best chances to mix things up with the resulting material imbalance.) Nxd5 21.Rxd5 Bxa4 22.Na1 Bd7 (Valvo offered a draw here in a superior position due to the bishop pair and active pieces. Anderson wisely accepted. In many of the possible lines tried in the post-mortem, black also ended up with superior pawn structure.) 1/2-1/2

Philipp Ponomarev - Eric Billaux, Round 6

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 Be7 5. e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 a6 8.Nf3 c5 9.

Bd3 Nc6 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.0-0 Bd7 12.a3 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 g6 14.Ne2 Na5 15.Nfd4 Nc4 16.Ra2 (Cute... but separating the rooks only loses valuable time.) Rc8 17.a4 Qc5 18.Rb1 Qb6 19.b3 0-0 20.c3 Na5 21.g4?! (Very ambitious, but nothing good can come from white playing on both sides of the board!)

Black to move
Billaux



Ponomarev

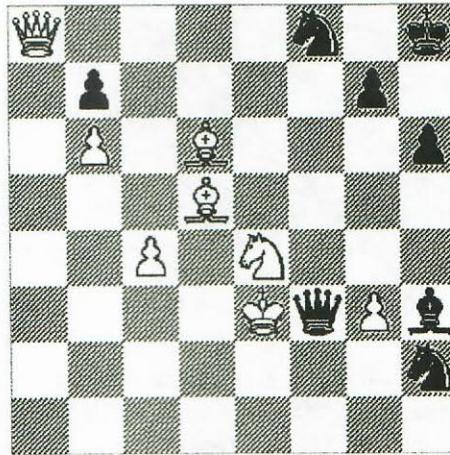
f6! (A normal French idea to counter attack white's center. Now white's position is quite "loose" with pawns overextended. Black finishes him off in nice form. Note the time it takes white to get the queen rook back in play.) 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.Kg2 Nc6 24.Rf1 Rcf8 25.Raa1 e5 26.Nxc6 bxc6 27.fxe5? (This loses quickly, but things aren't looking good for white.) Rf2+ 28.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 29.Kh1 Rf3 30.Qd1 Rh3 0-1

Sepp Hochreiter - NM Jim McCarty,
Round 3

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.g3 d4 4.Na4 e6 5.c4 Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.a3 e5 10.Rb1 Nd7 11.Bd2 a5 12.e3 f5 13.exd4 cxd4 14.Re1 Bf6 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 h6 17.b5 Ne7 18.Bb4 Re8 19.Bd6 Ng6 20.b6 e4 21.Be7 Qe7 22.dxe4 fxe4 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.Rxe4 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qf6+ 26.Kg1 Rxe4 27.Bxe4 Nde5 (An interesting game so far. White is up a pawn and has the bishop pair. Black has a weak b7 pawn, but he does have his forces aimed at the somewhat naked white king.)

28.Nc5 Bh3 29.Bd5+ Kh8 30.Ne4 Nf3+ 31.Kf2 Ra2+ 32.Ke3 Qf5 33.Ra1 Rxa1 34.Qxa1 Nxb2 35.Qa8+ Nf8 36.Bd6 Qf3+

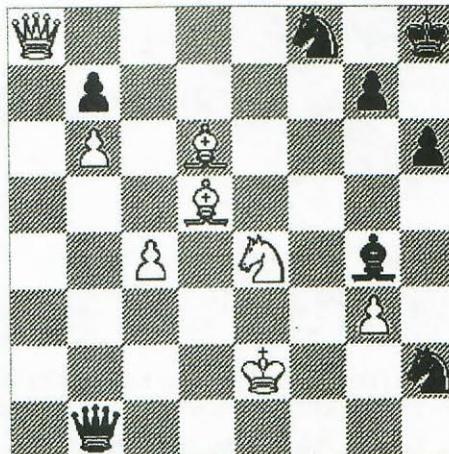
White to move
McCarty



Hochreiter

(With the knight on f8 pinned and hanging, black's only hope is for a perpetual check. This is a complicated position.) 37.Kd4 Qd1+ 38.Kc5 (If 38.Ke5 then 38... Qh5+ forces him back to d4. Note that black's future bishop check, 51...Bg4+? lands the bishop on g4, preventing this check later.) Qg1+ 39.Kb4 Qb1+ 40.Kc3 Qc1+ 41.Kd3 Qb1+ 42.Ke3 Qc1+ 43.Kd3 Qb1+ 44.Kc3 Qc1+ 45.Kb4 Qb1+ 46.Kc5 Qg1+ 47.Kb5 Bd7+ 48.Kb4 Qb1+ 49.Kc3 Qc1+ 50.Kd3 Qb1+ 51.Ke2 Bg4+?

White to move
McCarty



Hochreiter

(I think that this natural looking move loses! After 51... Qc2+ 52.Nd2 -or we go back into familiar checking patterns - 52...Bg4+ 53.Ke3 Qc3+ 54.Ke4 Qc2+ 55.Ke3 Draw) 52.Kf2 Qb2+ 53.Ke3 Qc1+ 54.Kd3 Qb1+ 55.Kd4 Qg1+ (Now 55... Qd1+ doesn't work because after 56.Ke5 the bishop on g4 blocks 56... Qh5+) 56.Ke5 (White finally escapes the annoying checks!) Kh7 57.Bxf8 (57.Qf8 allows 57... Qa1+ and the checks start again.) Qxb6 58.Qxb7 Qxb7 59.Bxb7 Kg8 60.Bd6 (The smoke has cleared and white is way out in front.) Kf7 61.Bd5+ Ke8 62.c5 Bc8 63.Be6Bb7 64.Nd2 g5 65.Kf5 g4 66.Kf4 h5 67.Bf5 Kf7 68.Be4 Ba6 69.Kg5 Be2 70.c6 Nf3+ 71.Nxf3 gxf3 72.c7 Ke6 73.Bf5+ Kxd6 74.c8Q Kd5 75.Qc3 Kd6 76.Qd4+ Kc6 77.Kf6 1-0

Letters to the Editor

The first letter I received came from Dan Avery, and though it was not in a "letter to the editor" style, he made some fine points. Letters from Andy Rea and Dr. Ponomarev appear on page 29. [my replies in brackets] Dan writes:

Mike, Thank you for publishing my articles, however, I have noticed some problems. ...I read with interest Andy's comments on my round 4 PPO game against Renard (p. 36). I was a little surprised that you did not take advantage of the opportunity to incorporate my notes into the game, and was surprised that you gave 37...Qf5 as equal. I am fairly sure that Fritz4 has an inaccurate assessment, and believe that while that is certainly better than 37...Qf8, the result would not have changed. (Renard spent most of his remaining time on this move and also rejected 37...Qf5 as losing.) [Dan's notes to the game had been set aside, and I completely forgot to use them. As to Fritz' suggested move, Dan is certainly right, but it seemed like something had to be better than the text. Due to my lack of strength and knowledge, sometimes I'm forced to give too much credence to Fritz or go without notes, both of which have their pitfalls.]

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Membership Meeting Open Games
Selections and notes by Mark Scheidies

Round One

Ned Grauel - Andy Hortillosa

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 0-0 5. Nf3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 dxc4 8.Ne5 b5 9.a4 c6 10.b3 Ne4 11.Qc2 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 b4?! 13.Qxc4 a5 14.e3 Ba6 15.Qc5 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Qc7 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.f4 f6 19.Nf3 Na6 20.Qc4 Qf7 21.Ke2 c5 22.dxc5 Rxc5 23.Qe4 Rac8 24.Rxc5 Nxc5 25.Qc4 e5 26.Rc1 exf4 27.exf4 Re8+ 28.Kf2 Nxb3 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rc7+ Re7 31.Rxe7+ Kxe7 32.Ke3 Ne5 33.Kd4 Kd6 34.Kc4 Nxa4 35.Kb5 0-1

John Haigh - Fred Hope

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5. Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 e6 7.Be2 Bb4 8.Qb3 Qa5 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.bxc3 Qc7 12.h3 0-0 13.Nh4 Rad8 14.Nxf5 exf5 15. Rab1 b6 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.c4 Nf6 18.Bf3 f4 19.d5 cxd5 20.cxd5 fxe3 21.fxe3 Rfe8 22.Rbc1 Qe5 23.e4 Qd4+ 24.Kh2 Qe5+ 25.Kg1 Qd4+ 26.Kh2 Qe5+ 27.Kh1 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxe4 29.Rc7 Rf8 30.d6 Qg6 31.Rxa7 h6 32.Qxb6 Qxd6 33.Qb7 Qg3 34.a4 g5 35.a5 h5 36.Qf3 Qxf3 37. Rxf3 g4 38.Rf5 Rd3 39.hxg4 hxg4 40. Rg5+ Kh7 41.Rxg4 Kh6 42.Ra4 f5 43. Rb7 Kg5 44.Kg1 Re8 45.Rb1 Re2 46.a6 Rdd2 47.a7 [47.Kh1 Rxg2 48.Rg1 Rxg1+ 49.Kxg1 Rd8 should draw as well.] 47... Rxg2+ 48.Kh1 Rh2+ 49.Kg1 Rhg2+ 50. Kh1 ½-½

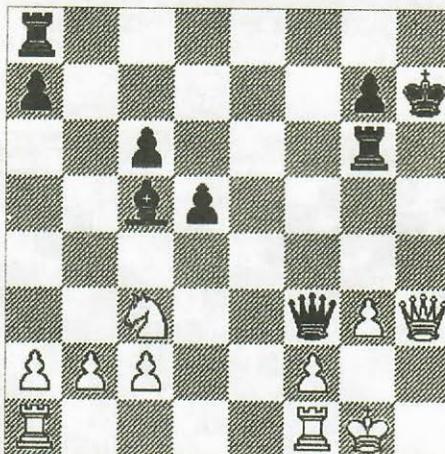
Round Two

Brad Blake - Roman Grinshteyn

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5. Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e5 Be7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 f5 9.exf6 Rxf6 10.Qe2 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12. Nf3 e5 13.Nxe5 Nc6 14.0-0 Re6 15. Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5+ Rh6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Qf3 Qg5 19.Qg3 Qh5 20.h3 Rg6 21. Qh2 Bxh3 22.g3 Qf3 23.Qxh3+

Can you see Black's win here? (Hint: it's not the 'obvious' move).

Black to move
Grinshteyn



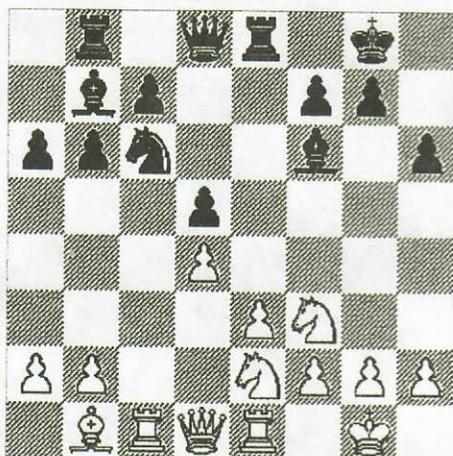
Blake

23...Rh6 [23...Kg8! leaves the overpowering threat of Rxc3.] 24.Qg2 Qg4 25.Nd1? [25.Rad1 appears to leave the position pretty even, although both sides need to take care.] 25...Rh3! the Rxc3 threat returns! 0-1

Andy Rea - Doug Hamilton

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5. Bg5 Be7 6.e3 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.cxd5 exd5 12. Re1 a6 13.Bb1 Rb8 14.Ne2 Re8

White to move
Hamilton



Rea

15.Rxc6!? Bxc6 16.Qc2 Bd7 17.Qh7+ Kf8 18.Nf4 Be6 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qg5 21.Nxe6+ fxe6 22.f4 Qg4 23.Bg6 c5 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qxg7+ Kd8 26.Qa7

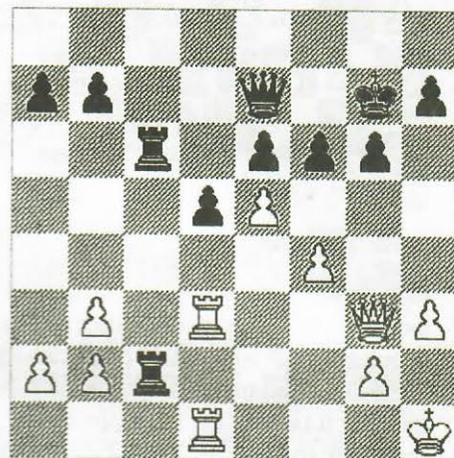
Qxg6 27.Qxb8+ Ke7 28.Qxb6 Qc2 29.f5 exf5 30.Qd6+ Kf7 31.Qxd5+ Re6 32.e4 fxe4 33.Rf1+ Ke7 34.Qb7+ Kd8 35.Rf8+ Re8 36.Qb8+ Kd7 37.Qd6+ 1-0

Round Three

Edelreick DeLosLado - Andy Rea

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bc4 Nf6 5. Qe2 c6 6.Bb3 0-0 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.0-0 Nfd7 9.Be3 c5 10.Rad1 cxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6 12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nc5 15. Qe3 Qb6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Kh1 e6 18. Qc3+ f6 19.Nf4 Qe7 20.Rfe1 Rac8 21. Qg3 Ne5 22.Re3 Nxb3 23.cxb3 Rc2 24. Nd3 Rfe8 25.f4 Nxd3 26.Rexd3 R8c6 27. e5 d5

White to move
Rea



DeLosLado

28.f5! Rc1 29.fxe6 Qxe6 30.exf6+ Qxf6 31.Rxd5 Qe6 32.Qd3 Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1 Rc7 34.Rd8 Re7 35.Qd4+ Kh6 36.Qf4+ g5 [36...Kh5 allows mate in 8 (Fritz5), starting with g4+. (and there's a much quicker mate after Kg7, of course!)] 37. Qd4 Qe1+ 38.Kh2 ½-½

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Reserve Section

Selections and notes by Mark Scheidies

Mike Presutti - Michael Munafo

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.0-0 e6 6.d4 h6 7.b3 a5 8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.e3 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Qe7 13.Re1 Ne4 14.Bb2 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 a4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.b4 Nb6 19.Rac1 Nd2 20.Qf5 Ndc4 21.Rc2 Nd6 22.Qf3 Rfe8 23.Rec1 Nbc4 24.Bf1 Qe4 25.Qg2 Re6 26.Be2 Rae8 27.Qxe4 Rxe4 28.Bd3 R4e6 29.Kg2 Kf8 30.Kh2 b5 31.Kg2 Rf6 32.Re2 Rfe6 33.Rce1 Kg8 34.Bc1 Ne4 35.f3 Ned6 36.e4 f6 37.Kf2 Kf7 38.exd5 Rxe2+ 39.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 40.Kxe2 cxd5 41.g4 g5 42.Kf2 Nb7 43.Bf5 Nd8 44.Bd7 Nd6 45.f4 Ke7 46.Bf5 Nxf5 47.gxf5 Nf7 48.Kf3 Nd6 49.Kg4 Kf7 50.fxg5 fxg5 51.h4 Ne4 52.hxg5 hxg5 53.Bxg5 Nd6 ½-½

Mark Lauer - Richard DeLong

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb4 5.Qa4+ N8c6 6.d5 b5 7.Qxb5 Nc2+ 8.Kd1 Bd7 9.dxc6 Bxc6+ [9...Bg4+! 10.Kxc2 Qd1+ 11.Kc3 Qxc1+ and Black should win.] 10.Kxc2 Bxb5 11.cxb5 Qd4 12.Be3 Qe4+ 13.Kc1 0-0-0 14.Nc3 Qg4 15.Nf3 e6 16.h3 Qg6 17.Bd4 f6 18.Bxa7 Kb7 19.Nd4 Qg5+ [19...Ra8] 20.Kc2 e5 21.Nc6 Rd2+ 22.Kb3 Qg6 23.Rc1 Bd6 24.Bc4 Ra8 25.Bd5 Rxa7 26.Nxe5+ 1-0

Stuart Simon - Andre Patin

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Bf5 3.Nf3 e6 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Be2 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nb6 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.0-0 h6 10.Ne4 e5 11.h3 Bh5 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 exd4 14.exd4 Nfd5 15.Re1+ Be7 16.Nf5 0-0 17.Nxh6+ gxh6 18.Bxh6 Kh8 19.Bxf8 Bf6 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Qh6 Qxf8 22.Qh7# 1-0

Gary Bagstad - Dan Cabrera

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.f4 e5 6.d3 Be7 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nd4 10.Bg2 a6 11.a4 b5 12.Ne2 Rc8 13.c3 Nxe2 14.Qxe2 Qc7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Be3 Rfe8 17.axb5 axb5 18.g4 Ra8 19.g5 Nd7 20.f5 f6 21.h4 Qd8 22.Qh5 Nf8 23.Kh2 Qd7 24.Bh1 Rec8 25.Rg1 g6 26.Qg4 Kh8 27.Qf3 Qd8 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.h5

Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Kh7 31.Ra7 Kh8 32.hxg6 Kg8 33.gxf6 Bxf6 34.Bg5 Bxg5 35.Qf7+ Kh8 1-0

Valeriy Levitan - Larry Wutt

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 Bf5 4.Nh4 Bg6 5.Nxg6 hxg6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.d4 e6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qf3 c6 10.c4 Qe7 11.c5 Bc7 12.Nc3 e5 13.Qe2 e4 14.Bc2 Qe6 15.h3 g5 16.0-0-0 Ba5 17.g4 Nf8 18.f4 N8h7 19.f5 Qe7 20.Nb5 Bc7 21.Nxc7+ Qxc7 22.Bc3 Nf8 23.a4 0-0-0 24.b4 Re8 25.b5 Kd7 26.Kd2 Qg3 27.Rdg1 Qf3? 28.Qh2 Rxh3 29.Qxh3 Qxh3 30.Rxh3 g6 31.Rh6 Ke7 32.Ba5 Rc8 33.Rh8 Ke8 34.Ke2 cxb5 35.axb5 b6 36.Bb4 bxc5 37.Bxc5 N6d7 38.Ba4 Nxc5 39.dxc5 Rxc5 40.b6+ Ke7 41.Rxf8 Kxf8 42.b7 1-0

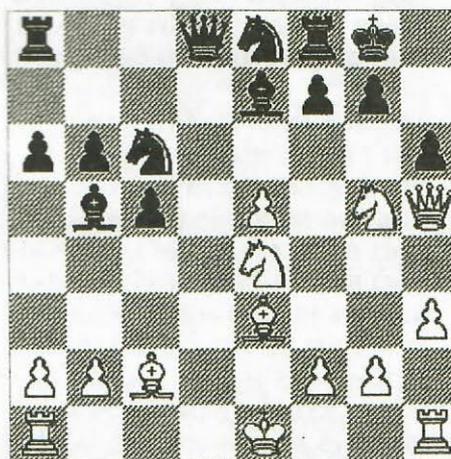
Richard DeLong - Robbie Caldwell

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Qd7 9.Be3 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Nxb5 axb5 12.Bxb5 Ra6 13.Bxa6 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Bb5+ Nd7 16.Qa8# 1-0

Wes Kern - Steve Wilson

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 Bd7 6.Ba4 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Nbd2 a6 9.d4 Na7 10.Bc2 exd4 11.cxd4 e5 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Ne8 14.Ne4 Bb5 15.Be3 b6 16.Nfg5 h6 17.Qh5 Nc6

White to move
Wilson



Kern

18.Nh7! Kxh7 [18...Nb4 is the best defense 19.Bb1 Nd3+=] 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Bxh6 Nxf6 21.exf6 Kg8 22.Bxg7 1-0

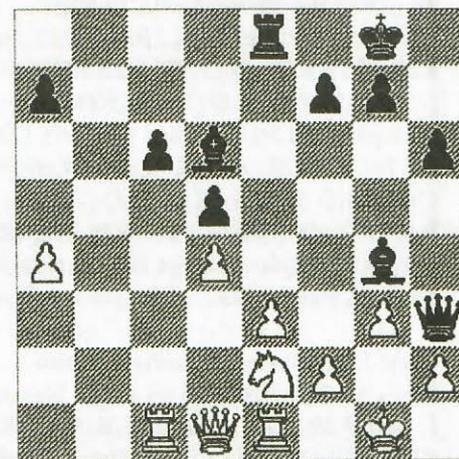
Matt Hathorn - Joe Aragon

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 0-0 5.e3 c6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 b6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bc8 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Re8 13.Qb3 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bb7 15.d5 Nc5 16.Qc2 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 cxd5 18.cxd5 f6 19.Bf4 Bxd5 20.Rd4 e6 21.Re1 e5 22.Rd2 exf4 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Rxd5 Rc8 25.Qb3 Kh8 26.Qd3 f5 27.b3 h6 28.Qd2 Qc6 29.Rd6 Qc1+ 30.Ne1 Qxd2 31.Rxd2 Rc1 32.Kf1 Bc3 33.Re2 Kg7 34.f3 Kf6 35.Kf2 Bd4+ 36.Kf1 Kg5 37.Rd2 Bc3 38.Re2 Kh4 39.Re6 Rxe1+ 40.Rxe1 Bxe1 41.Kxe1 Kg3 42.Kf1 g5 43.a4 g4 44.hxg4 fxg4 45.fxg4 Kxg4 46.Kf2 a6 47.b4 h5 48.a5 bxa5 [48...b5 wins easily, leaving Black with a non-rook pawn to win with on the queenside.] 49.bxa5 h4 50.Kg1 and I think this is a drawn position. 50...f3 51.gxf3+ Kxf3 and White resigned here, in a drawn position. He has just enough time to get back to the c1 or c2 square to stop the a-pawn. 0-1

Gary Crites - Andre Patin

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Re8 8.Rc1 c6 9.0-0 Nf8 10.cxd5 exd5 11.a3 Bd6 12.b4 Ng6 13.Qb3 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.b5 Rb8 16.a4 Bd7 17.Rfe1 Bg4 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Qd1 Nh4 20.Be2 Rb2 21.Nxh4 Rxe2 22.Nxe2 Qxh4 23.g3 Qh3

White to move
Patin



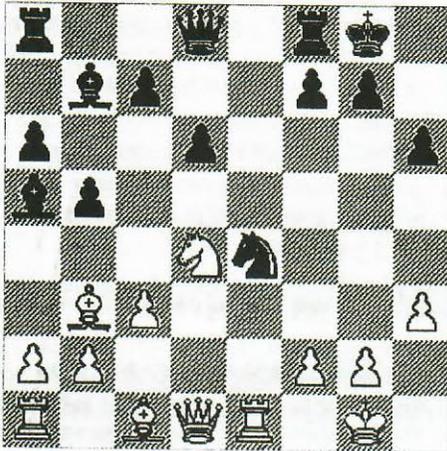
Crites

A tricky position, but it appears Black has over-reached in going for the mate. 24.Nf4 [24.Rxc6! Bf3 25.Nf4 Bxf4 26.Qxf3+-]

24...Bxf4 25.f3 [25.exf4! Bxd1 26.Rxe8+ Kh7 27.Rxd1 would be a pretty level position.] 25...Rxe3 [25...Bxg3 is even better.] 26.fxg4 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Rxg3+ 28.Kf2 Qg2# 0-1

Constantine Vigderman - Gary Bagstad
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.0-0 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.Re1 Bb7 10.Nd5 Nb4 11.Nxb4 Bxb4 12.c3 Ba5 13.d3 h6 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Nxe4

White to move
Bagstad



Vigderman

16.Bxh6?! Nxf2 [16...gxh6 17.Rxe4 Bxe4 18.Qg4+ Qg5 (18...Bg6? 19.Qxg6+) 19.Qxe4-/+] 17.Qc2 [17.Qh5+/-] 17...Nxb3+ 18.gxh3 Qh4 19.Nf5 Qxh3 20.Bxg7 Bb6+ 21.Bd4 Qh1+ [21...Bxd4+! 22.cxd4 Kh8-] 22.Kf2= Qg2+ 23.Ke3 Rfe8+ [23...Qg5+ 24.Kf2 Qg2+] 24.Kf4 Qf3+ 25.Kg5 Bxd4 26.cxd4 Be4 27.Nh6+ [27.Bxf7+! Kf8 (27...Kxf7 28.Qxc7+ Ke6 29.Qxd6+ Kf7 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qg7#) 28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Qxc7+/-] 27...Kf8 28.Qe2 f6+ 29.Kh4 Qf4+ 30.Ng4 Bf3 31.Be6 Bxe2 32.Rxe2 f5 33.Rf2 Qxg4# 0-1

Gene Strandberg - Valeriy Levitan
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 e6 9.d3 Nge7 10.g4 Nd4 11.Bg2 Nec6 12.0-0 h5 13.g5 a6 14.Ne2 Qd7 15.c3 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 0-0-0 17.Be3 f5 18.Rac1 Kb8 19.a3 a5 20.Rfd1 e5 21.b4 axb4 22.cxb4 exf4 23.Bxf4 cxb4 24.axb4 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 Rhf8 26.b5 Ne5 27.b6 Bxb6 28.Qb2 Ba7

29.Bxe5 dxe5 30.Qxe5+ Qd6 31.Qb5 Qd7 32.Rb1 Qxb5 33.Rxb5 f4 34.Bf3 Bd4 35.Kg2 b6 36.Rc1 Rc8 37.Rxc8+ Rxc8 38.Be2 Kc7 39.Rb4 Rd8 40.Kf3 Be3 41.e5 Rd4 42.Rxd4 Bxd4 43.Ke4 Bc3 44.d4 f3 45.Bxf3 Bd2 46.Kd5 Bxg5 47.Be4 Be7 48.Bxg6 h4 49.Ke6 Bg5 50.d5 b5 51.d6+ Kc6 52.Be4+ Kc5 53.Kd7 Kd4 54.e6 Kxe4 55.e7 1-0

Sebastian Buhlmann - Phil Brown

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Nf6 7.Bd3 b6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.c4 Qd6 11.a4 Rd8 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Ba3 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.a5 Qd4 16.a6 Nxa6 17.Be7 Ne4! [17...Re8? 18.Bxh7+] 18.Qf3 Qxe5 19.Bxd8 Nec5? [19...Rxd8] 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21.Qh3 Qd4 22.Rad1 Qxc4 23.Bd3 1-0

Ron Rossi - Jon Fortune

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 9.Bd2 c5 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.Qb5 Qb6 12.Qa4 0-0-0 13.Be3 Be7 14.Rd3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Kb8? 16.Rb3 Rxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4 18.Qxc6 Qd5 19.Rxb7+ 1-0

Gary Bagstad - Ron Rossi

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Qe2 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.0-0 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 h5 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.g5 Nh7 14.h4 Nxg5 15.hxg5 Bxg5 16.f3? Bxc1 17.Kf2 Qh4+ 18.Kg2 Bf4 19.Rh1 Qg3+ 20.Kf1 Bg5 21.Nd2 Bxd2 22.Qxd2 Rxf3+ 23.Ke2 Qg2+ 0-1

John Schultz - Valeriy Levitan

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.d5 Bg4 8.0-0 e5 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Na6 14.Nf4 Ne4 15.Ned3 Rae8 16.Be3 Bd4 17.Re1 e5 18.Nd5 Nd6 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Rxe8 Nxe8 21.Re1 Nf6 22.Nxf6+ Rxf6 23.Re5 Kf7 24.Nxc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5 Rc6 26.Rxc6 bxc6 27.Kf1 Ke6 28.f4 Kf5 29.g3 Ke4 30.Ke2 c5 31.b3 a6 32.a3 a5 33.h3 h5 34.h4 d3+ 35.Kd2 Kd4 36.b4 cxb4 37.axb4 axb4 38.c5 Kxc5 39.Kxd3 Kd5 40.Kc2 Ke4 41.Kb3 Kf3 42.Kxb4 Kxg3 0-1

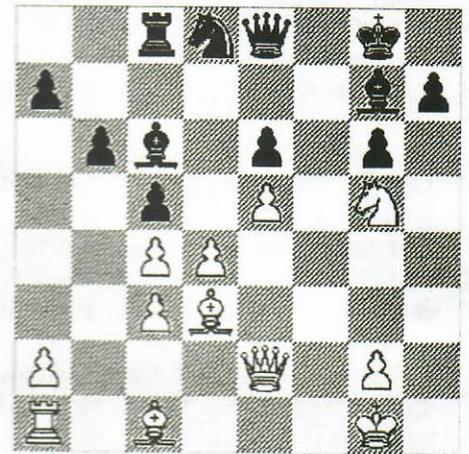
Ed Cronin - JC MacNeil

1.Nf3 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.e5 a6 4.d4 e6 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 d6 7.Nbd2 Nd7 8.Qc2 cxd4 9.cxd4 Rc8 10.Qb1 Qa5 11.0-0 dxe5 12.dxe5 Ne7 13.Bxh7 g6 14.Ng5 Nxe5 15.f4 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Ng4 17.h3 Nf6 18.b3 Nxb7 19.Bb2 Nxg5 20.Bxh8 Qe3 21.fxg5 Qxh3+ 0-1

Richard DeLong - Ann Davies

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.e5 dxe5 7.fxe5 Nd5 8.Nf3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 b6 10.0-0 Nc6 11.h4 Bb7 12.h5 Qe8 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Bc4+ e6 15.Ng5 Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 Nd8 17.Qe2 Bd5 18.Bd3 c5 19.c4 Bc6 20.c3 Rc8

White to move
DeLong



Davies

21.Nxb7! Rc7 [21...Kxh7 is probably best, but it appears White comes out ahead. 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.Bxg6 Nf7 24.Ba3 Qe7 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Bxf7 Qg5 27.d5] 22.Ng5 Nf7 23.Bxg6 1-0

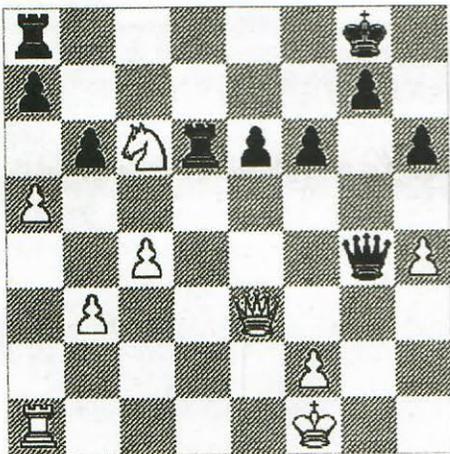
Dean Brown - Steve Wilson

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Nf6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Bd5 Bb7 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxb7 Rb8 10.Bxa6 Rb6 11.Bxb5 Rxb5 12.d4 Bd6 13.dxe5 Rxe5 14.Re1 0-0 15.Nc3 Bc5 16.Bf4 Re6 17.e5 Ne8 18.Qd2 c6 19.Ne4 Bb6 20.Rad1 Re7 21.Qc3 h6 22.Qxc6? dxc6 23.Rxd8 Bxd8 24.h4 Rb7 25.b3 Bxh4 26.Nc5 Ra7 27.a4 Be7 28.Be3 Kh7 29.Ne6 Rd7 30.Nxf8+ Bxf8 31.a5 Nc7 32.Ra1 Na6 33.f4 Bc5 34.Bxc5 Nxc5 35.a6 Ra7 36.Ra5 Nd7 37.b4 Nb8 38.c4 Rxa6 39.Rxa6 Nxa6 40.b5

cx b5 41.cxb5 Nb8 42.f5 Kg8 43.Kf2 Kf8 44.Ke3 Ke7 45.Kd4 Kd7 46.Kc5 Ke7 47. Kd5 Nd7 48.g4 Kd8 49.Kd6 Nb6 50.e6 Nc8+ 51.Ke5 f6+ 52.Kd4 Kc7 53.Kc5 Nb6 54.Kb4 Nd5+ 55.Kc5 Ne7 [55... Ne3? 56.b6+ Kc8 57.b7+] 56.b6+ Kb7 57. Kd6 Nc8+ 58.Kd7 Nxb6+ 59.Ke8 Nd5 60.e7 Nxe7 61.Kxe7 Kc7 62.Kf7 Kd7 63. Kxg7 Ke7 64.Kg6 Ke8 65.Kxf6 Kf8 66. Kg6 Kg8 67.Kxh6 Kf7 68.g5 Kg8 69. Kg6 1-0

Valeriy Levitan - Sebastian Buhlmann
 1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5. c4 e6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.d4 Bd6 8.Bd3 c6 9. Qc2 Qe7 10.0-0 h6 11.a4 0-0 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nf6 15.Bd3 c5 16. Ne5 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Nh5 18.g3 Qg5 19.h4 Qe7 20.a5 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Be4? Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Nxc3 24.Qg4 Nxf1 25.Nd7 Ne3 26.Qe4 Qf5 27.Qxe3 Rfd8 28.Ne5 f6 29.Nc6 Qg4+ 30.Kf1 Rd6

White to move
Buhlmann



Levitan

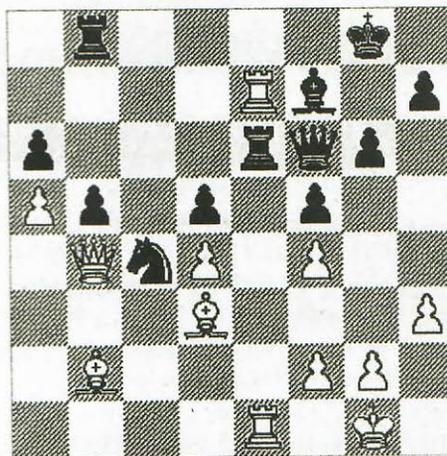
31.axb6 Rxc6 32.b7 Rb8? [32...Rd8 33. Qxa7 Qh3+ 34.Kg1 Qxb3-+] 33.Qxa7 Qf4? 34.Qxb8+ Qxb8 35.Ra8 Kf7 36. Rxb8 Rb6 37.c5 Rxb3 38.c6 1-0

Phil Brown - Randy Schine
 1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5. Bc4 0-0 6.Qe2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5 8.e5 dxe5 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.e6 Nde5 11.exf7+ Nxf7 12.Rd1 Bd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Bg5?! Qc7! 15.Qxe7 Qxc4 16.Ne4 Qe6 17. Rxd4 Nxc5 18.Qxc5 Qf5 19.f3 Qxc5 20. Nxc5 Nf6 21.Re1 h6 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.

fxe4 Be6 24.Rd6 Kf7 25.b3 Ke7 26.e5 Rad8 27.Red1 Rxd6 28.exd6+ Kd7 29.c4 Rf5 30.Rd3 b5 31.cxb5 Rxb5 32.h3 Rd5 33.Rf3 Rxd6 34.g4 Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Rd2+ 36.Kg3 Rxa2 37.Rf6 h5 38.Rxg6 hxg4 39.hxg4 Bxb3 40.g5 a5 41.Rg7+ Ke6 42. Kg4 Bd1+ 43.Kf4 Ra4+ 44.Ke3 Rg4 45. Kd2 Bb3 46.Kc3 a4 47.Kb2 Kd6 48.Ka3 Kc5 49.Rc7+ Kb6 50.Rg7 Rg3 51.Kb4 Bc2 52.Rg8 a3 53.Ra8 Rxg5 54.Kxa3 ½-½

Robert Overdorff - Keith Parker
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Qe7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 Re8 11.a3 Nf8 12.b4 Ne4 13.b5 f5 14.Ne2 Ng6 15.bxc6 b6 16.Qb3 Be6 17.a4 Nh4 18.Nxh4 Qxh4 19.Nf4 Bxf4 20.exf4 Qf6 21.Qb4 Bf7 22.Bb2 Re7 23.Rac1 Rc7 24.Qb5 Re8 25.a5 Nd6 26.Qa4 Rb8 27.Ba3 b5 28.Qb4 Nc4 29. Bb2 a6 30.Rfe1 [30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.d5] 30...Rxc6 31.Re7 g6 32.Rce1 Re6?

White to move
Parker

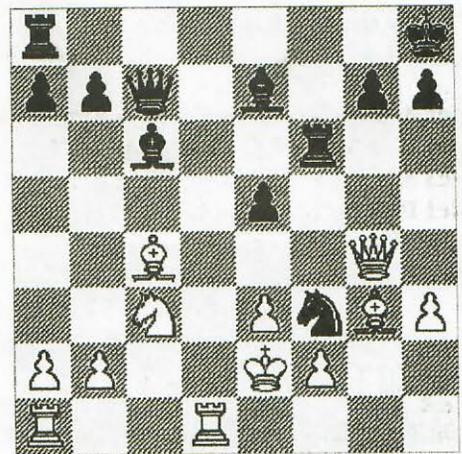


Overdorff

33.R1xe6 Bxe6 34.Bxc4! dxc4 35.Qd6 1-0

Michael Munafo - Richard DeLong
 1.d4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.Nf3 e6 4.Bf4 Nf6 5.e3 Be7 6.h3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9. Nd2 f5 10.Bc4 Nc6 11.g4 Kh8 12.gxf5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rxf5 14.Nxe4 Nxd4 15.Nc3 e5 16.Bg3 Nf3+ 17.Ke2 Qc7 18.Qd5 Bd7 19.Rhd1 Bc6 20.Qe6 Rf6 21.Qg4

Black to move
DeLong



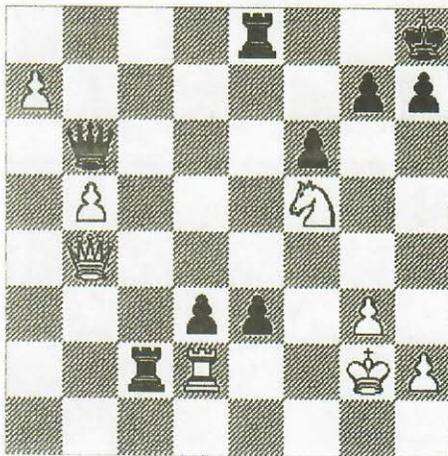
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21...Rg6 [21...Nh2! 22.Bxh2 Bf3+ 23. Qxf3 Qxc4+ 24.Rd3 Rxf3] 22.Qf5 Rf8 23. Qd3 Ng5 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Nxh3 26.Rac1 Qd7 [26...Rxc3! 27.fxg3 (27. Rxc7 Rxf2+ 28.Ke1 Rg1+ 29.Qf1 Rgxf1#) 27...Rf2+ 28.Ke1 Bb4+ 29.Rc3 e4 30. Bxe4 Qxc3] 27.Bf3 Rd6 28.Qb3 e4 29. Bg2 Qg4+ 30.Ke1 Ng1 31.Qb5 Rxd1+ 32.Rxd1 Bb4+! 33.Rd2 [33.Qxb4 Qe2#] 33...Qe2+?? [33...Rc8+] 34.Qxe2 Nxe2 35.Kxe2 Bxd2 36.Kxd2 Rd8+ 37.Kc3 Re8 38.b4 h5 39.Bf4 Kh7 40.a4 g6 41. Kd4 g5 42.Bxg5 1-0

John Klinski - Dan Cabrera

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 c5 3.dxc5 Qa5+ 4.Nc3 Qxc5 5.Nf3 d6 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 b5 8.e4 Bb7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Nd7 12.a4 b4 13.Qd4 Rb8 14.Ng5 Nf6 15.Rfe1 Nxd5 16.Bxa6 Nxe3 17.Bb5+ Bc6 18.Bxc6+ Qxc6 19.Qxc3 Qxc2 20. Re2 Qf5 21.a5 e5 22.Qa7 Rd8 23.f4 Be7 24.Nf3 Qxf4 25.Rf1 Qc4 26.Ref2 f6 27. a6 Qe6 28.Qb7 0-0 29.Qxb4 d5 30.Qa4 Bc5 31.b4 Bxf2+ 32.Rxf2 Qb6 33.b5 Kh8 34.Kf1 Rc8 35.g3 d4 36.Qb4 Rfe8 37.Nh4 d3 38.Rd2 Rc1+ 39.Kg2 Rc2 40. Nf5 e4 41.a7 e3? it's good to push those passed pawns, but Black forgets that his back rank is weak, and that White too has a passed pawn! 41...Qxa7 wins easily.

White to move
Cabrera



Klinski

42.Rxc2 [42.Qe7! immediately is even stronger.] 42...dxc2 [42...Qxa7! leaves a position with a lot of play in it still.] 43.Qe7! Qxa7 44.Qxe8# 1-0

Mike Presutti - LaMoyné Splichal

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 e5 5.Bg2 h6 6.d3 d6 7.0-0 a6 8.Rb1 Be6 9.a4 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bd2 Rb8 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Bc3 f6 14.a5 Nd4 15.Bxd4 cxd4 16.b4 b5 17.e3 dxe3 18.fxe3 Be7 19.Nh4 [19.Nxe5! fxe5? 20.Qh5+ Kd7 21.Bxd5] 19...Bxg2 20.Qh5+ Kd7 21.Kxg2 Kc7 22.Qf3 Qd7 23.Rbc1+ Kd8 24.Ng6 Re8 25.Nxe7 Rxe7 26.Re5 Qb7 27.Rfc1 Qxf3+ 28.Kxf3 Rd7 29.Ke4 Ke7 30.Rc6 Rd6 31.Rc7+ Rd7 32.Kf5 Rbd8 33.Kg6 Kf8 34.Rxd7 Rxd7 35.Rc6 Rxd3 36.Rxa6 Rxe3 37.Rb6 Rb3 38.Rxb5 e4 39.a6 Ra3 40.Ra5 1-0

Stuart Simon - JC MacNeil

1.d4 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.f3 a6 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 e5 6.Be3 Qc7 7.Ne2 Bxc5 8.Qd2 Nf6 9.0-0 d5 10.Ng3 Nbd7 11.Kh1 d4 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Qf2 Bc8 15.Nd2 Be6 16.b3 Be7 17.Ne2 g5 18.h3 Nh5 19.g4 Nf4 20.Nxf4 gxf4 21.Rg1 Kd7 22.Qf1 Rg8 23.a4 h5 24.axb5 hxg4 25.fxg4 Bxg4 26.Rxg4 Rxg4 27.bxa6 Bc5 28.Bb5+ Ke7 29.Nf3 Rg3 30.h4 Ba7 31.Ra4 Qxc2 32.Rc4 Qxe4 33.Rc7+ Kf6 34.Rxf7+ Kg6! 35.Bd3 Rxh4+ 0-1

Richard DeLong - Joe Ford

1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.Be3 Nd7 4.Bd3 f6 5.e5 fxe5? 6.Qh5+ g6 7.Qxg6+! 1-0

Wes Kern - Jon Fortune

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.a4 c5 7.c4 Nc6 8.cxd5 Qxd5 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Bf4 Bb4+ 11.Nbd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Nge7 [12...Qe4+/-+] 13.a5 Nf5 14.0-0 0-0 15.b4 a6 16.h3 Rac8 17.Rfc1 Na7 18.Qd3 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 Qb5 20.Qe4 Nc6 21.g4 Nfe7 22.Nxd4 Qxb4 23.Be3 Rd8 24.Rb1 Qxa5 25.Nxc6 Nxc6 26.Rxb7 Qa1+ [26...Qd5 is a better try to consolidate Blacks position.] 27.Kg2 Qxe5? 28.Qxc6 Qd5+ 29.Qxd5 exd5 30.Ra7 h6 31.Rxa6 d4 32.Bf4 g5 33.Bd2 Kh7 34.f4 Rd5 35.Kg3 d3 36.Ra5 gxf4+ 37.Kxf4 Rd6 38.Ke4 Kg6 39.Ke3 f6 40.Be3 Kg7 41.g5 hxg5 42.Rxg5+ Kh6 43.Rg2 Kh5 44.Be1 Re6+ 45.Kd2 Rd6 46.h4 Rd5 47.Rg3 Re5 48.Re3 Rd5 49.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 50.Kxd3 f5 51.Ke2 Kg4 52.Kf1 Kh5 53.Kg1 Kg4 54.Kh2 f4 55.Kg2 Kf5 56.Kf3 1-0

Larry Wutt - Sebastian Buhlmann

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c4 Nc6 6.Bd3 g6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Ne2 Bd7 11.a3 Qe7 12.c5 Rfc8 13.Bd6 Qe8 14.Ne5 Bf8 15.Bxf8 Qxf8 16.f4 Qe7 17.Rf3 Nh5 18.g4 Ng7 19.Qf1 Rf8 20.Qh3 f5 21.Raf1 Nxe5 22.fxe5 fxg4 23.Qxg4 Rxf3 24.Rxf3 Rf8 25.Rxf8+ Qxf8 26.Nf4 Nf5 27.Nh5 Kh8 28.Nf6 Qf7 29.h4 Nh6 30.Qg5 Ng8 31.h5 gxh5 32.Qxh5 Qxh5 33.Nxh5 Be8 34.Nf4 Bf7 35.Bb5 Ne7 36.Bd7 Nc6 37.Bxe6 Bxe6 38.Nxe6 Kg8 39.Kf2 Kf7 40.Ng5+ Kg6 41.Nf3 Kf5 42.Ke3 h5 43.b4 a6 44.Nh4+ Kg4 45.Nf3 Kg3 46.e6 h4 47.a4 h3 48.b5 axb5 49.axb5 Ne7 50.c6 b6 [50...bxc6? 51.b6!] 51.c7 Kg4 52.Ne5+ Kg3 53.Nc6 Nc8 54.e7 Nxe7 55.Nxe7 h2 56.c8Q h1Q 57.Qg8+ 1-0

Ron Rossi sent a letter with some notes to the following game. This was a very good tournament for Ron, as he finished in a tie for second with 5 points.

Excerpts from his letter, and his notes to the game follow:

Hey Mike, ...here's my analysis of an

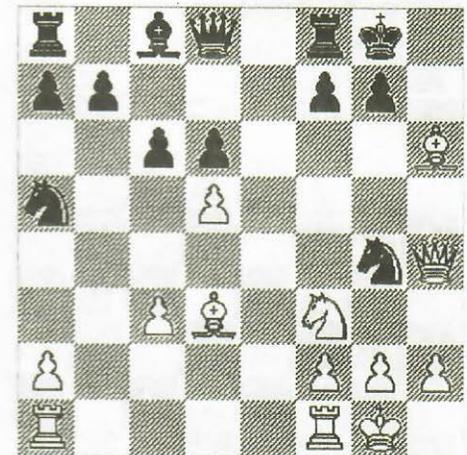
interesting game I played in the Colorado Open. I played ultra-aggressively throughout the tournament, which is a big style change for me, away from the static, defensive chess I've played in the last few years. I guess you could say I adopted your "sac, sac, kill" approach. At least for one tournament it worked!

Ron Rossi - Mark Lauer

(notes by Rossi unless otherwise noted)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.d5 Na5 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Bd3 Nf6 12.Bg5 d6 (Is this bad? ...h6 might be needed now.) 13.Qa4! (Not to attack the knight, but to gain a valuable tempo in relocating the queen to h4, where I envisioned a sacrifice.) c6 14.Qh4 [14.Bxf6 is also good 14...gxf6 15.Qh4 - Scheidies] 14...h6 15.Bxh6! (If 15...gxh6, then 16.Qxh6, and Black can't prevent Ng5.) Ng4

White to move
Lauer



Rossi

16.Bh7+! (16.Bg5 now looks tempting, but allows ...f6, both shielding the queen and creating an escape square for the king via f7. This check "forces" the king to the h-file, thereby gaining a tempo when White does play Bg5.) (Fritz4 considers 16.Bg5 better. If 16...f6, 17.Qh7+ Kf7 18.Bg6+ Ke7 19.Qxg7+ Rf7 20.Qxf7#. After 16.Bg5, Fritz jettisons the queen to hold on for dear life. - Mike) Kh8 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bg6+ Nh6 19.Bxh6 Kg8 20.Bxg7 1-0

Thanks to Ron for the submission!! Remember, yours are always welcome, so send 'em in!!

Into the Future – A Section for the Next Century's Masters

A Plan for Chess Playing Improvement

by Mark Scheidies

I was asked, along with others, to contribute an article for the CCI directed toward the younger or scholastic player. After some thought, I decided the best thing I could do is tell how my own chess playing developed, and you as a player can determine how it may apply to your own particular case.

First of all, most of you probably already have an advantage over me in one respect. I first learned how the pieces moved in 4th grade, and played off and on against friends throughout middle school and high school. However, I did not play a tournament or rated game until my first year of college --- in fact, I didn't even know such things existed at a local level until then, having grown up in a small town in south-central Nebraska.. This was in the fall of 1972, right after Bobby Fischer won the world title, so there was quite an interest in chess at the time.

Now, it is generally accepted that the earlier you get involved in chess, the greater your potential for improvement. So, if you're reading this, you're already on the right track. You've probably played in at least a few tournaments, and have had the experience of spending a whole day or maybe even a whole weekend playing chess. This in itself is going to mold your mind into a tool which will find itself more easily able to deal with chess problems as you grow up. This isn't to say that you can't be a good player without starting early... there are grandmasters who started relatively late in life. Akiba Rubinstein comes to mind, who learned as an adult, and within a few years was playing at a world-class level. However, the earlier you start, the better!

There are several ways to improve at chess. Obviously, just playing games is one of the primary ways. But do not always play somebody you can beat. In my opinion, the best games for learning are those played against someone around 200 or 300 points higher than you. These are games that you have a respectable chance of winning or drawing once in a while, and that push you to play at your best level. If you continually play someone much weaker than you, you become a sloppy player because your opponent cannot put up much fight against your plans. On the other hand, playing somebody too high is discouraging because nothing you try will succeed, and it will be hard to learn something from these games because the difference in understanding of the game will be too great – unless, of course, the higher-rated opponent is willing to help explain things afterwards!

However, just playing games, even against good players, is not the most efficient way to learn chess. Another very important way to improve is by study. This can either be through a coach, or by self-study. Coaching is great, but has the drawback of costing money, and is limited by time and schedule. I feel that self-study is where most of your 'chess time' should be concentrated. I would guess that over my chess career, that for each hour I've spent playing a tournament game, I've probably spent about 10 hours on studying (and those who know me know that my tournament games last longer than the average!!). I would guess that there are many grandmasters that have a higher ratio of study to serious playing than this.

Now, this is probably too much for most younger kids, because playing is simply more fun than studying. It also depends on your own personality, too. I've always been a studious type, and like to spend time going through books. Some people just don't want to, and would rather play or analyze with others to learn the game. In the final analysis, you have to do what works best for you and keeps the game fun and exciting.

Along those lines, I am now going to give a list of books that I feel are some of the best for learning chess for developing players. It is somewhat weighted toward older books, since these are what I learned from, but they are all still available. In my first year of playing tournament chess, a master (and Nebraska state champion) recommended playing over master games and studying endgames as being the most important way to improve. Openings are over-emphasized by many players. This has been my strategy throughout my chess career. However, I would add that becoming an excellent tactician is probably even more important! As a young player, nothing will help you more in both the short run and the long run than just becoming a better tactician than your opponent!

Fortunately, this is also something that can be learned. The secret is to just keep working at it!!

So my list of books starts out with some books to help with tactics:

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| 1) Simple Checkmates | by A.J. Gillam |
| 2) Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess | by Fischer / Margulies / Mosenfelder |
| 3) 1001 Checkmates | by Fred Reinfeld |
| 4) 1001 Winning Sacrifices & Combinations | by Fred Reinfeld |
| 5) Chess Combinations: the improving players puzzle book | by John Walker |

The first two are easier. The next two just have 1001 positions to solve (I'm pretty sure there are algebraic versions out of these). The last one is a fairly new one, with some nice commentary.

Now, all these books have one very nice feature - they all can be read without a board. So you can work on car or bus trips, whenever you have an extra 5 or 10 minutes. A good habit is to work out 5 or 10 problems before you turn out your light at night. And these books are worth going through several times. Go through one from front cover to back cover, put it aside, and then a year or two later go through it again. It should go much faster the second time through! Usually it doesn't pay to spend more than about 5 minutes on a problem if you're stumped... look up the answer, and next time through the book you will probably get it!

Now some more difficult books to work on once you've got your tactics down:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6) The Chess of Bobby Fischer | by Robert Burger |
| 7) My System | by Aron Nimzovich |
| 8) My Best Games 1908-1923 | by Alexander Alekhine |
| 9) Tal-Botvinnik 1960 | by Mikhail Tal |
| 10) Zurich 1953 | by David Bronstein |

These are listed roughly in order of difficulty. The first one is a fun and instructive book that should make pretty good sense to a D/E class player. The second is a classic that covers a lot of strategy and position ideas, as well as giving a general idea how to play openings, without actually covering specific openings. To read the last two, it would probably be best to be a B player or above, or at least be a high school player.

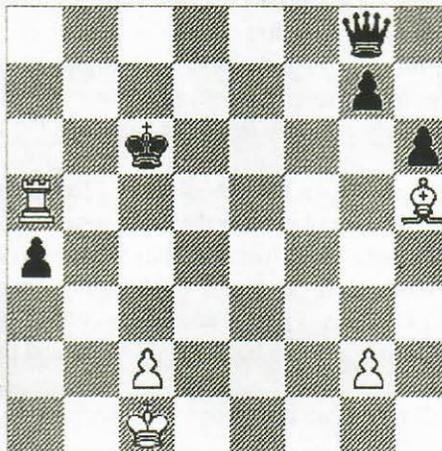
There are many other good books around. I have never found a bad chess book by Irving Chernev. Among newer authors, Bruce Pandolfini has many good books for beginning to intermediate players, and Jeremy Silman is good for more advanced players. Try different authors to see whose writing style appeals to you.

This article is starting to run a little long, so I don't think I'll even go into the endgame for now (even though that's my favorite part of the game!). Perhaps I'll write that for next time. But I'm feeling guilty for not having any chess positions in this article. So to finish off, I'll throw in an endgame study... I believe it's by Rinck. Now, although this is an endgame study, it's not the boring theoretical type. This is really just a tactical exercise, full of pins and skewers... but also a less-commonly seen theme known as 'attraction'.

First of all, the position:

White to move and win ---
the main line is 5 moves long.

The chess tactic called 'deflection' is seen fairly often. This is when you lure a piece AWAY from guarding a particular important square. 'Attraction' is the opposite of this, and for some reason is much more rare. This is when you lure a piece to a square it doesn't want to be on. This is the main theme in this problem. See if you can figure it out before you look at the answer. The first 4 moves in the main line are all 'attraction' moves!

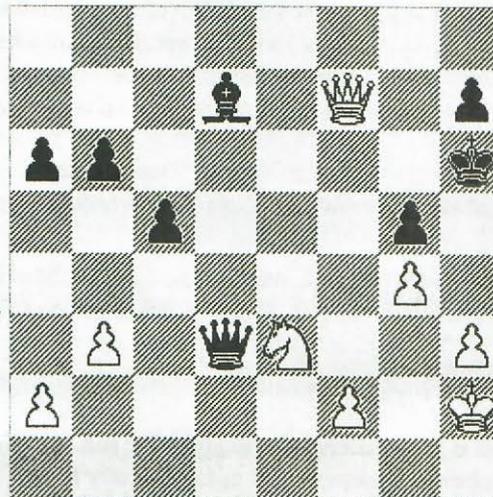


Well, did you get it? If so, you should be quite proud of yourself, since, like I said, this idea isn't seen that often. The first move is 1.Ra8! Figure out why Black doesn't want to play Qxa8. (do you see a pin?). The rook is trying to 'attract' the Black queen to a8. Black replies 1... Qa2. Look at every other move along the a2-g8 diagonal, and see if you can find a pin or skewer that will win for White in each case. (don't worry about the reply Qh7.. that will come later!) Now, another 'attraction' move. That's right... 2. Rxa4. Once again, see why Black doesn't want to take the rook. So the queen heads back to g8. --- 2...Qg8. Do you see what White plays now!/? (This should start to look familiar about now!!) White plays 3.Ra8 again! Now, all the other squares are bad because of pins or skewers that we've already seen, so Black plays 3...Qh7. Now, can you find a new 'attraction' move that will finish Black off? If you used the bishop this time instead of the rook, you're right! 4.Bg6! Now, the queen has little choice but to take the bishop. And at this point, it should be fairly simple to find a final skewer that will win the queen! The tactics are then over, and the resulting ending should be fairly easy for White to win.

Like I said, attractions are not seen often. But they are pretty, and who knows? Maybe in your next tournament, you can win a game using a similar idea!

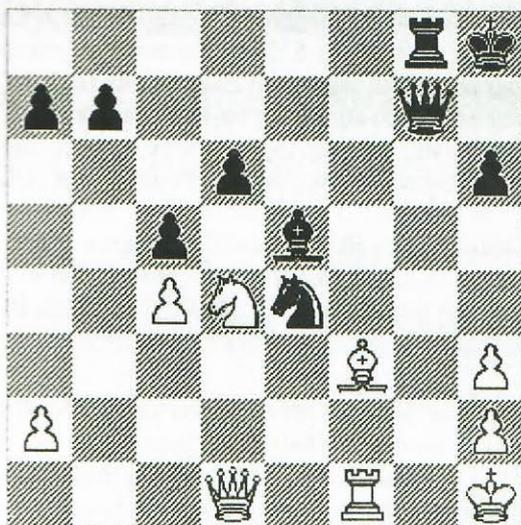
In keeping with the "interference" theme, Daniel LeCocq, a Longmont 8th grader, pointed out a missed tactical opportunity found in the latest issue of the *Informant*. The position was from the Dan Cabrera – Paul Anderson round 2 game at the Southern Colorado Open. After Black's 44th move, the game continued ...45.Qf6+ Qg6 46.Qf8+ Qg7 47.Qd6+ Qg6 48.Qxd7, and Mr. Cabrera went on to beat his higher rated opponent on move 97. However, Mr. LeCocq found a much more forcing line from the diagrammed position at right:

Can you find the more forcing line? The answer is at the bottom of this page.



Black to move and win
Smith

The following position is a much simpler variation on the same themes. This position occurred in the second round of the quick chess day one playoffs between Nate Winterfield and Josh Smith. After a long think, (long for a ten minute game!) Josh played ...Bxe4, trading into an apparently won endgame that wound up in a draw. Can you see the forced win? Answer at bottom of page.



By Mike Fuchs

Winterfield

Answer to Smith – Winterfield
...Qg1+!! 2.Rxg1 Nf2#

Answer to Cabrera – Anderson
45.Nf5+! Qf5 46.gxf5, and Black can resign. If 45... Bf5?(Who wants to give up his queen for a knight) 46.Qf6+! Bg6 47.Qf8#. Thanks to Daniel for his sharp tactical eye!!

Scholastic Tournament Announcements

Note: All tournaments available on the website, as well as preregistration forms:

www.colorado-chess.com

Irving Middle School Chess Tournament, January 8, 2000

Time Control: Rounds 1-3 will be game in 30, and rounds 4 & 5 will be game in 45. **Divisions:** Age sections may be combined if necessary. Junior Varsity: K-3, K-6, 7-12 (unrated, no membership required). Varsity: K-3, K-6, 7-12 (rated, USCF membership required). **Location:** Irving Middle School, 1703 North Murray Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80915 -- From I-25 traveling south, exit Academy Boulevard south; left on Constitution, right on Murray; school is one (1) block on the right side of Murray (20 minutes). -- From I-25 traveling north, exit Academy Boulevard north; right on Constitution, right on Murray; school is one (1) block on the right side of Murray (20 minutes). **Entry fees:** Pre-Registration: \$12.00.

Money and registration must be received by 1/05/2000. On-site registration: \$16.00. USCF registration can be renewed or obtained on tournament day. **Lunch:** Pizza, snacks, soda, and other items of food and drink will be sold during the tournament.

Prizes: In the varsity division the top 5 finishers in each division will be awarded trophies. In the Junior Varsity division the top 5 finishers will be awarded trophies. All other participants will receive a participation award. **Registration:** 7:30-8:00 a.m. Check in: 8:00-8:30 a.m. Players Meeting 8:30-9:00 a.m. All players must attend. This is a 5 round tournament. Everyone plays every round, there is no elimination. Round 1 starts at 9:00 a.m. Rounds 2-5 will start when the players finish the previous round.

Questions and preregistration info: Wendell Derritt: 719-598-7273, Richard Buchanan: 719-685-1984

Colorado State Chess Association State Championship, January 22-23, 2000

No Walk-up entries! Please contact Bruce Galler at (303) 538-3931, bgaller@lucent.com, 2345 Keller Farm Dr, Boulder CO 80304 to preregister if you did not receive an entry form in the mail. Entries close 1/11/00.

Denver Public Schools South High Chess Tournament, February 5, 2000

This is the makeup tournament for the one that was originally scheduled in December. Those that were entered in the December tournament will automatically be entered in the January one. There will be no refunds.

In the event of bad weather check the web site or call Molly at 303-388-0508.

Divisions: Open to all kids in K-12. Age sections may be combined if necessary. Jr. Varsity: K-3 grade, 4-6 grade, 7-12 grade (non-rated, no USCF membership) Varsity: K-3 grade, 4-6 grade, 7-12 grade (USCF membership required) **Location:** South High School is located at 1700 E. Louisiana Ave. in Denver, between Washington Park and I-25. Telephone: 303 698-6100. **Entry fees:** Pre-Registration: \$10.00. Send registration early. On-site registration: \$12.00. Tournament proceeds will benefit the South High Chess Club and the Denver Public Schools Chess Program. Make checks payable to South High School. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, snacks, pop, water and coffee will be sold in the North Gym during the tournament. **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded to the top five finishers in each division and participation awards will be given to non-trophy winners. **Registration:** 7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration by mail would be preferred and there will be limited registration on day of tournament. Check in: 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Player Meeting (all competitors must attend) at 8:30 a.m. This is a 5 round tournament. Round 1 starts at 9:00 a.m. with the last game ending by 3:00 pm. This is a non-elimination tournament - all players will participate in five rounds.

Supervision: ALL CHILDREN are REQUIRED to have ADULT SUPERVISION. Parents will not be allowed in the tournament area. Questions or preregistration info: Molly Leamon: 303 698-6115 PLEASE BRING CHESS BOARDS, PIECES, AND CLOCKS.

Fountain Fort-Carson State Bughouse and Blitz Tournament, February 19, 2000

Time Control: Each person will have 5 minutes on his or her clock. **Divisions:** There will be only 2 divisions; K-6, 7-12 Every one will play everyone, it is a round robin tournament. **Location:** Fountain Fort-Carson High School. 900 Jimmy Camp Rd., Fountain Colorado 80817 Take I-25 south to exit 128; go east over the over pass. Follow the road to the second light by Loaf N Jug, and then take a right onto Ohio St. Follow that street for roughly a mile, over 2 sets of Railroad tracks, and past Metcalf Park, till you see a road on the right called Jimmy Camp. Take Jimmy Camp until you see the School and Sports complex on the left. *We will have signs telling you where to go. **Entry fees:** Pre-Registration: \$7.00 for just Bughouse or Blitz or \$12.00 for both. Money and registration must be received by 2/12/00. On-site registration: \$9.00 for just one, or \$16.00 for both. Due to cost increases, the registration fee is non-refundable. Please register early to ensure a spot at the tournament, and to save money. **Lunch:** Pizza, snacks, soda, and other items of food and drink will be sold during the tournament. **Prizes:** The top 5 finishing teams in each division will

be awarded a trophy. The oldest player on the team will determine their division. Both people will be awarded a trophy for the team. The top 5 finishers in each division for blitz will be each awarded a trophy.

Participation awards will be given to all participants. **Registration:** 7:30-8:00 a.m. **Check in:** 8:00-8:30 a.m. **Players Meeting** 8:30-9:00 a.m. All players must attend. This is a round robin tournament. Everyone plays every round, there is no elimination. Round 1 starts at 9:00 a.m. Bughouse is a team event, and requires 2 people. Blitz is game in 5, and only requires 1 person. There will be a players meeting after the Bughouse awards ceremony. Round 1 for Blitz will begin shortly after. After Blitz is finished, there will be an awards ceremony for blitz winners.

Supervision: ALL CHILDREN are REQUIRED to have ADULT SUPERVISION. Parents will not be allowed in the tournament area. Questions and preregistration info: Stephen Thiele: (719)382-3575 Dan Sieck: (719) 291-0292
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Winter Springs Open, continued from page 29

August Section

Name	Rate	1	2	3	4	Total
1 Davis, Anthony.....	1065	W 30	W 6	W 8	W 9	4.0
2 Davis, Boris.....	1288	W 25	W 14	W 13	W 3	4.0
3 Biles, Steve.....	1057	W 26	W 20	W 15	L 2	3.0
4 Brown, Stephen.....	unr	L 13	W 17	W 16	W 14	3.0
5 Medina, Michael.....	773	W 17	L 13	W 18	W 15	3.0
6 Spaulding, Eric.....	712	W 31	L 1	W 26	W 13	3.0
7 Ogrosky, Christian.....	unr	H---	W 27	W 11	D 8	3.0
8 Shotwell, Frank.....	1157	W 28	W 12	L 1	D 7	2.5
9 Rubi, Aaron.....	1015	H---	W 24	W 10	L 1	2.5
10 Brown, Dean.....	1394	W 23	D 11	L 9	W 19	2.5
11 Cohen, Peter.....	1052	W 29	D 10	L 7	W 23	2.5
12 Stocks, Thomas.....	930	W 18	L 8	D 22	W 24	2.5
13 O'Dell, Ray.....	1098	W 4	W 5	L 2	L 6	2.0
14 Jorgensen, Jonathan....	978	W 21	L 2	W 20	L 4	2.0
15 Ufer, Allan.....	1099	W 22	W 16	L 3	L 5	2.0
16 Cary, Stephenson.....	890	W 19	L 15	L 4	W 22	2.0
17 Abeyta, Matthew.....	unr	L 5	L 4	W 28	W 30	2.0
18 Geist, Ken.....	unr	L 12	W 28	L 5	W 26	2.0
19 Stocks, Thomas A.....	unr	L 16	W 30	W 25	L 10	2.0
20 Brock, William.....	475	B---	L 3	L 14	W 29	2.0
21 Cruz, Daniel.....	unr	L 14	L 22	W 27	W 25	2.0
22 Rowe, Dwain.....	unr	L 15	W 21	D 12	L 16	1.5
23 Bowers, Shawn.....	679	L 10	B---	D 24	L 11	1.5
24 Powers, James.....	unr	W 27	L 9	D 23	L 12	1.5
25 Schneider, Kathy.....	681	L 2	W 29	L 19	L 21	1.0
26 Rodriguez, Joel.....	unr	L 3	W 31	L 6	L 18	1.0
27 Truxal, Ryan.....	751	L 24	L 7	L 21	B---	1.0
28 Lowry, Larry.....	unr	L 8	L 18	L 17	W 31	1.0
29 Brown, Richard.....	unr	L 11	L 25	W 31	L 20	1.0
30 Cruz, Jesse.....	unr	L 1	L 19	H---	L 17	0.5
31 Vincent, Alex.....	unr	L 6	L 26	L 29	L 28	0.0



The Davis brothers, kicking butt and taking names. (Anthony – foreground, Boris – background) Photo courtesy of Buck.

Submissions, games, info, etc?!
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Lakewood CO 80228-3777

(I will probably be moving on the 1st of March, and I've never felt 100% comfortable with postal address changes. I can get mail from the Iowa Dr address at any time (it's the folks))

Colorado Quick Chess Championships Colorado Springs, November 20 –21 Saturday Swiss

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1 Michael Valvo	2493	W8	W26	W10	W12	W4	L2	W5	6.0
2 Renard Anderson	2297	W32	W13	L12	W14	W24	W1	W10	6.0
3 Brad Lundstrom	2056	W30	W9	L5	W8	W6	D14	D4	5.0
4 Mikhail Makhlin	2111	W39	W15	W6	W5	L1	D10	D3	5.0
5 Randy Canney	2194	W35	W18	W3	L4	W13	W16	L1	5.0
6 James McCarty	2362	W37	W24	L4	W7	L3	W15	W16	5.0
7 Adam Weissbarth	1829	W28	D11	D31	L6	W17	W12	W14	5.0
8 Josh Bloomer	1725	L1	W23	W41	L3	W36	W24	W13	5.0
9 Katie Roberts-Hoffman	1215	W21	L3	W37	L13	W32	W31	W18	5.0
10 Eric Billaux	2150	W31	W16	L1	W21	W12	D4	L2	4.5
11 Andy Rea	2151	W25	D7	D14	W15	L16	D21	W24	4.5
12 Dan Avery	2076	W17	W41	W2	L1	L10	L7	W21	4.0
13 Jim Hammersmith	1953	W22	L2	WF	W9	L5	W19	L8	4.0
14 Yuriy Makhlin	2034	W23	W19	D11	L2	W31	D3	L7	4.0
15 Vance Aandahl	1753	W36	L4	W22	L11	W27	L6	W25	4.0
16 Chris Clevenger	1894	W29	L10	W38	W36	W11	L5	L6	4.0
17 Josh Smith	1525	L12	W29	W18	L24	L7	W36	W26	4.0
18 Keith Oxman	1979	W40	L5	L17	W38	W39	W25	L9	4.0
19 Gino Figlio	Unr	W20	L14	L33	W34	W37	L13	W31	4.0
20 Nate Winterfield	1742	L19	W34	L36	L22	W33	W40	W27	4.0
21 Joe Bihlmeyer	1776	L9	W33	W28	L10	W22	D11	L12	3.5
22 Seth Musselman	1375	L13	W25	L15	W20	L21	D32	W33	3.5
23 Robert Krier	1449	L14	L8	L25	D35	W41	W34	W32	3.5
24 Roman Grinshteyn	2043	W38	L6	W26	W17	L2	L8	L11	3.0
25 Gary Bagstad	1615	L11	L22	W23	W28	W26	L18	L15	3.0
26 Ron Smits	1999	W27	L1	L24	W30	L25	W38	L17	3.0
27 David Rice	1398	L26	W32	---	W37	L15	W39	L20	3.0
28 Sean Cabrera	1312	L7	W39	L21	L25	W30	L33	W38	3.0
29 Paul Grimm	1363	L16	L17	BYE	L32	L38	W37	W39	3.0
30 William Coyle	1474	L3	L37	W35	L26	L28	W41	W40	3.0
31 Valeriy Levitan	1611	L10	W40	D7	W33	L14	L9	L19	2.5
32 Mike Kuiper	1691	L2	L27	W34	W29	L9	D22	L23	2.5
33 Gregg Steadman	1800	D34	L21	W19	L31	L20	W28	L22	2.5
34 Allan Ufer	1253	D33	L20	L32	L19	BYE	L23	W41	2.5
35 J. C. MacNeil	1690	L5	L38	L30	D23	L40	BYE	W36	2.5
36 Robert Ramirez	1261	L15	BYE	W20	L16	L8	L17	L35	2.0
37 Virgil McGuire	1701	L6	W30	L9	L27	L19	L29	BYE	2.0
38 Ron Rossi	1402	L24	W35	L16	L18	W29	L26	L28	2.0
39 Mike Fuchs	1571	L4	L28	W40	W41	L18	L27	L29	2.0
40 Dean Brown	1385	L18	L31	L39	BYE	W35	L20	L30	2.0
41 Gary Frenzel	1130	BYE	L12	L8	L39	L23	L30	L34	1.0

Sunday Swiss

1 Joe Bihlmeyer	1776	WF	W8	D4	D2	W16	W3	W10	6.0
2 Roman Grinshteyn	2043	L8	W6	W26	D1	W5	W11	W4	5.5
3 Keith Oxman	1979	W26	W21	W17	W5	D4	L1	W15	5.5
4 Josh Smith	1525	WF	W16	D1	W19	D3	W12	L2	5.0
5 Nate Winterfield	1742	W22	W27	W11	L3	L2	W16	W12	5.0
6 Sean Cabrera	1312	W13	L2	W21	D12	L11	W17	W16	4.5
7 Josh Bloomer	1725	bye	bye	bye	bye	bye	W13	W11	4.5
8 Mike Fuchs	1571	W2	L1	W24	L16	W9	L10	W21	4.0

9	Gregg Steadman	1800	L14	L22	W23	W27	L8	W20	W18	4.0
10	Dan Avery	2076	bye	bye	bye	bye	W21	W8	L1	4.0
11	Seth Musselman	1375	W12	W19	L5	D17	W6	L2	L7	3.5
12	Virgil McGuire	1701	L11	W20	W18	D6	W17	L4	L5	3.5
13	J. C. MacNel	1690	L6	L24	D22	W25	W14	L7	W23	3.5
14	Ron Rossi	1402	W9	L17	L19	W26	L13	D23	W24	3.5
15	Chris Clevenger	1894	bye	bye	bye	bye	bye	W18	L3	3.5
16	Vance Aandahl	1827	W18	L4	W27	W8	L1	L5	L6	3.0
17	Mike Kuiper	1691	W20	W14	L3	D11	L12	L6	D19	3.0
18	Robert Krier	1449	L16	W25	L12	W20	W19	L15	L9	3.0
19	Gary Bagstad	1615	W23	L11	W14	L4	L18	D21	D17	3.0
20	Paul Grimm	1363	L17	L12	W25	L18	W24	L9	W26	3.0
21	Valeriy Levitan	1611	W24	L3	L6	W22	L10	D19	L8	2.5
22	Dean Brown	1385	L5	W9	D13	L21	L23	W26	L25	2.5
23	Robert Ramirez	1261	L19	L26	L9	W24	W22	D14	L13	2.5
24	Allan Ufer	1253	L21	W13	L8	L23	L20	W25	L14	2.0
25	Gary Frenzel	1130	L27	L18	L20	L13	W26	L24	W22	2.0
26	William Coyle	1474	L3	W23	L2	L14	L25	L22	L20	1.0
27	Roy Heath	1414	W25	L5	L16	L9	---	---	---	1.0

Sunday Championship Playoffs

Round 1

Michael Valvo	2	Gino Figlio	0
Josh Bloomer	1.5	Katie Roberts-Hoffman	0.5
Mikhail Makhlin	1.5	Daniel Avery	0.5
Yuriy Makhlin	2	Randy Canney	0
James McCarty	2	James Hammersmith	0
Eric Billaux	2	Brad Lundstrom	0
Andy Rea	2	Adam Weissbarth	0
Chris Clevenger*	1	Renard Anderson	1

*Won in playoff

Round 2

Michael Valvo	1.5	Josh Bloomer	0.5
Mikhail Makhlin	1.5	Yuriy Makhlin	0.5
James McCarty	1.5	Eric Billaux	0.5
Andy Rea	2	Chris Clevenger	0

Round 3

Mikhail Makhlin	1.5	Michael Valvo	0.5
James McCarty	1.5	Andy Rea	0.5

Championship Round

Mikhail Makhlin	2	James McCarty	0
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As you can imagine, game scores from quick chess games are hard to come by, but Michael Makhlin was kind enough to send some games from this year, as he scored his second straight Quick Chess Championship title, upsetting both Michael Valvo and James McCarty. I've also included a one of my games. Unfortunately, that's all I could come up with. (Note to Allan Ufer: I tried to use your game but got confused on move 23). Notes in the Makhlin games are courtesy of Michael unless otherwise indicated.



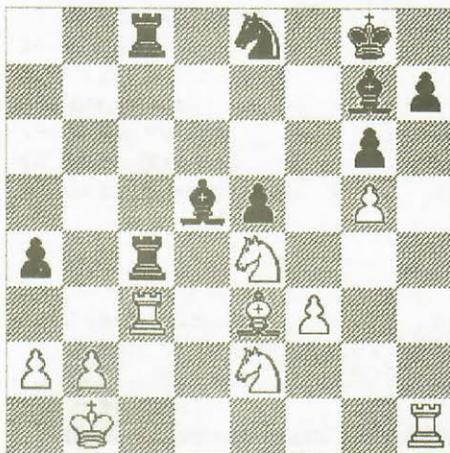
Two-time State Quick Chess Champion Michael Makhlin (center), poses with his parents. (Photo courtesy of Buck)

Makhlin - Valvo, Saturday Swiss, Round 5

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.f3 Nc6 9. Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Ne5 11.Bb3 Qc7 12.g4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Kb1 b5 15.h4 b4 16.Nce2 Rfc8 17.h5 a5 18.hxg6 fxg6 19. Ng3 a4 20.g5 Ne8 21.Qd3 e5 22.Qxc4+ Rxc4 23.Nde2 Be6 24.c3 Rac8 25.Rc1 bxc3 26.Rxc3 d5 27.exd5 Bxd5 28.Ne4

Black to move

Valvo



Makhlin

Rxe4 29.Rxc8 Rxe3 30.Rxe8+ Kf7 31.

Rd8 Bxf3 32.Rf1 Ke7 33.Rg8 Kf7 34. Rc8 e4 35.Rc7+ Kg8 36.Ng1 Be5 37.Re7 Bf4 38.Nxf3 Rxf3 39.Rd1 Rd3 40.Rxd3 exd3 41.Rd7 d2 42.Kc2 Bxg5 43.Rd4 h5 44.Rxa4 h4 45.b4? [45.Ra3 Bf4 46.Rh3 g5 47.a4 Bc7 48.Kxd2 Bd8 49.Ke2 g4 50. Rd3 Bb6 51.Rd6 Ba7 52.Rg6+] 45...h3 46. Ra3 h2 47.Rh3 Bf4 48.b5 g5 49.b6 g4 50. Rh4 Kf7 51.b7 Ke6 52.Rxh2 Bxh2 53. Kxd2 Kd7 54.Ke2 Kc7 55.Kf2 Kxb7 0-1

McCarty - Makhlin, Sunday Swiss, Round 3

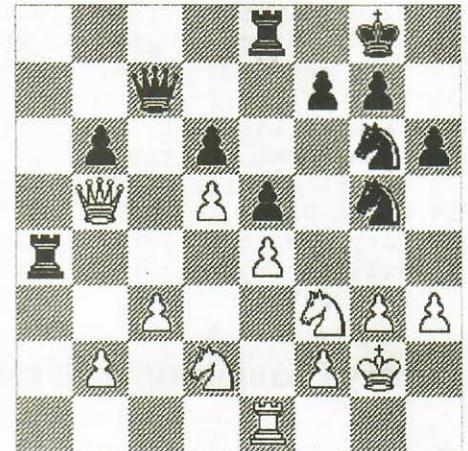
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 e6 6.Nf3 b6 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qc7 9.Bd2 d6 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.0-0 Be7 12. Re1 0-0 13.Bg5 Re8 14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15. exd6 Qxd6 16.Bd3 Nf8 17.Ng5 Bb7 18. Qh5 h6 19.Ne4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Rc8 21. Re3 Rec7 22.Rg3 Rxc3 23.Qxh6? Qxg3 24.hxg3 gxh6 0-1

Makhlin - Valvo, Semifinals

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.Re1 Bc5 8.c3 d6 9. d4 Bb6 10.Bc2 h6 11.h3 0-0 12.Be3 Re8 13.Nbd2 Nh7 14.a4 Qf6 15.d5 Ne7 16. Bxb6 cxb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Qe2 Ba6 19. Bd3 Ng6 20.g3 [20.Rxa6 Nf4 21.Qf1

Rxa6 22.Bxb5 Raa8 23.Bxe8 Fritz4] 20...Ng5 21.Kg2 Qd8 22.Bxb5 Bxb5 23.Qxb5 Qc7 24.Ra4 [24.Nxg5 hxg5 25.Nc4 Fritz4; 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Nxg5 hxg5 26.Nc4 Fritz4] 24...Rxa4??

White to move
Valvo



Makhlin

25.Qxa4?? [25.Qxe8+ Fritz4] 25...Rb8 26.Ra1 Nxf3 27.Nxf3 Qc5 28.Nd2 f5 29. Qd7 Kh7 30.Ra7 Rg8 31.Qxf5 [31.Rc7 Fritz4] 31...Rf8 32.Rf7 Rxf7 33.Qxf7 Qb5 34.Qf5 Qxb2 35.Nf3 Qb5 36.h4 1-0

Valvo - Makhlin, Semifinals

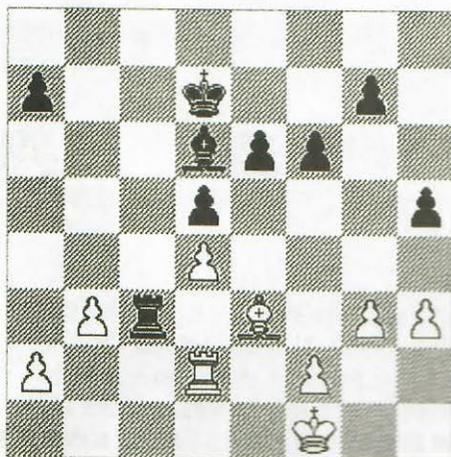
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Makhlin - McCarty, Finals

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.h3 Bh5 8.c4 Nb6 9. exd6 cxd6 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Be3? [11.b3] 11...Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nxc4 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Qa4 Nb6 [14...Nxb2 15.Qxc6+ Kf8 16. Qb7 Nc4 Fritz4] 15.Qxc6+ Qd7 16.

Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Rfc1 d5 18.Bf4 Rhc8 19.Be5 f6 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.b3 Na3 22.Be3 Rc6 23.Na4 Nc2 24.Rab1 Rac8 25.Nc5+ Bxc5 26.Rxc2 Ba3 27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.Rd1 Rc2 29.Rd2 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Bd6+ 31.g3 h5 32.Kg2 Rc3 33.Kf1?

**Black to move
McCarty**



Makhlin

Bxg3 34.Ke2 Bd6 35.Rd3 Rc2+ 36.Rd2 Rxd2+ 37.Bxd2 e5 38.dxe5 fxe5 39.a4 Ke6 40.Kd3 Bc5 41.f3 Kf5 42.b4 Bb6 43.Bc1 a6 44.Bd2 g5 45.Bc1 e4+ 46.fxe4+ dxe4+ 47.Ke2 g4 48.hxg4+ Kxg4 49.a5 Bd8 [49...Ba7; 49...Bc7 – Fritz4] 50.b5 Bxa5 51.bxa6 Bb6 52.Be3 Bxe3 53.Kxe3 h4 54.a7 h3 55.a8Q 1-0

McCarty - Makhlin, Finals

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nf3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 d6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Re1 0-0 14.Bc2 g6 15.Be4 Bxe4 16.Rxe4 dxe5 17.dxe5 Rac8 18.Qe1 Rc5 19.Qe3 Rfc8 20.Qh6 Rc4 21.Ng5 Nf8 22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.Rd1 Rc7 24.Ne4 Rc8 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Rd7 Rd8 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.h3 Qe7 29.Qd2 Kg7 30.Qg5 Nd7 31.Nh5+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Ng7+ Kd8 34.Qxh7 Nxe5 35.Qg8+ Kd7 36.Qa8 Nc6 37.Qg8 Nd8 38.h4 Qxh4 39.Qe8+ Kc7 40.Qb5 Qe7 41.Ne8+ Kb7 42.Ng7 Nc6 43.Qb2 f6 0-1

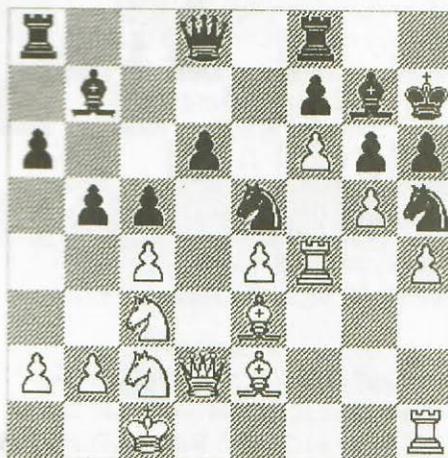
As one of only two non-masters to beat Roman, and the only player victorious over him on Sunday, I thought this was a

good game to include.

Roman Grinstein - Mike Fuchs, Sunday Swiss, Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 [6...c5=+] 7.f4 Ne8 8.f5 h6 [8...c5] 9.Be3 e5 [9...gxf5] 10.Nf3 b6 [10...exd4] 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.h4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Ne5 14.g4 c5 15.Nc2 Bb7 16.0-0 a6 17.Rdf1 Nf6 18.Rf4 b5 [18...gxf5] 19.g5 Nh5 20.f6? (After I've defended a hopelessly cramped and terrible position valiantly, Roman makes an error in his calculations, and for the first time I see some light at the end of the tunnel. [20.fxg6+; 20.Bxh5])

**Black to move
Fuchs**



Grinstein

20...Nxf4 21.fxg7? [21.Bxf4=] 21...Nxe2+ 22.Qxe2 Kxg7 23.gxh6+ Kh7 24.h5 b4 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.exd5 a5 27.Rg1 Qh4 28.b3 Qxh5 29.Qxh5 gxh5 30.Rg7+ Kh8 31.Bf4? Nd3+ 32.Kd2 Nxf4 33.Ne3 Rg8 34.Rxf7 Raf8 35.Rd7 Rg6 36.Ra7 Rxh6 37.Ng4 hxg4 38.Rxa5 Rh2+ 39.Ke1 Ng6, and the rest was simply ugly 0-1

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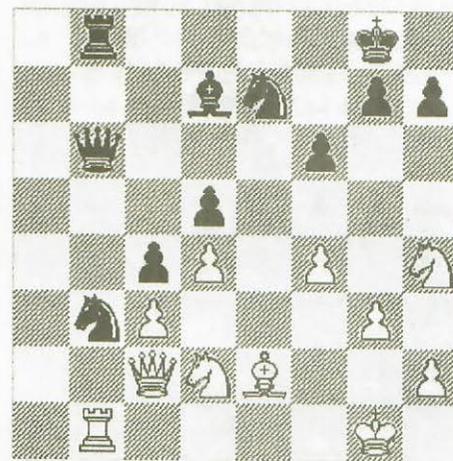
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Northwest Colorado Open Games Selections by Rick Nelson, notes by ed. with help (lots of it) from Fritz4

Andy Rea vs Dan Joelson

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Bd3 d5 5.O-O Bd6 6.Nbd2 c4 7.Be2 a6 8.c3 Nge7 9.e4 f6 10.b3 b5 11.a4 Rb8 12.axb5 axb5 13.Bb2 O-O 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.g3 Bd7 16.bxc4 bxc4 17.Ba3 Rb6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Nh4 [19.Bxc4 Qb8 (19...dxc4 20.Nxc4 Qc7 21.Nxb6) 20.Ba2 – Fritz4] Rfb8 20.Rfb1 Qc7 21.f4 Na5 22.Rxb6 Qxb6 23.Rb1 Nb3 24.exd5 exd5

**White to move
Joelson**



Rea

25.Nxc4 Qe6 26.Rxb3 [26.Na5 +- Fritz4] Rxb3 27.Qxb3 Qxe2 28.Qb8+ Nc8 29.Qc7 Bh3 30.Qd8+ Kf7 31.Qxd5+ Kf8 1/2 – 1/2

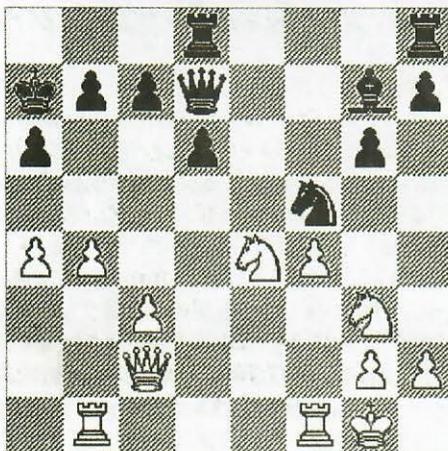
Josh Smith vs Brian Walker

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.g3 O-O 6.Bg2 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Nf3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Ne5 c6 11.f4 Nd7 12.O-O Qe8 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Nb6 15.Qd3 Be6 16.a5 Nc4 17.Na4 Nd6 18.Nc5 Rb8 19.Qc2 Ne4 20.Rac1 Kh7 21.e3 Rg8 22.g4 Qc8 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Bxe4+ dxe4 25.Qxe4+ g6 26.Nxc6 Bf5 27.Qd5 Bd3 28.Ne5 Qe8 29.Rc7+ Rg7 30.Rxg7+ Bxg7 31.Nxd3 Qxe3+ 32.Nf2 Rf8 33.Qxb7 Rxf4 34.Kg2 Qxd4 35.Qxa6 Qd5+ 36.Kg1 Bd4 37.Qc8 Qf3 [37...Qf7 – Fritz4] 38.Qd7+ Rf7 39.Qxd4 1-0

Wolfgang Kern vs Doug Hamilton
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.
 cxd4 Bd7 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.O-O
 Bf6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.dxe6
 Bxe6 12.f4 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qc7 14.Qe2
 Nf6 15.f5 Bd7 16.Bb2 O-O 17.c4 Qd8
 18.Rad1 Re8 19.Ba3 Bc6 20.Qd2 Qb6+
 21.Qf2 Qxf2+ 22.Rxf2 Nxe4 23.Bxe4
 Rxe4 24.Rc2 Ba4 25.Rcd2 Bxd1 26.Rxd1
 Rxc4 27.Rxd6 Rc2 0-1

Shawn Svare vs Michael Ohnmacht
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 d3 5.
 Bxd3 d6 6.O-O Bg4 7.Bb5 Ne7 8.Nbd2
 a6 9.Be2 g6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Bg7
 12.f4 Qd7 13.Rb1 f5 14.Qc2 fxe4 15.
 Nxe4 O-O-O 16.b4 Na7 17.Be3 Kb8 18.
 Bxa7+ Kxa7 19.a4 Nf5 20.N2g3

Black to move
 Ohnmacht



Svare

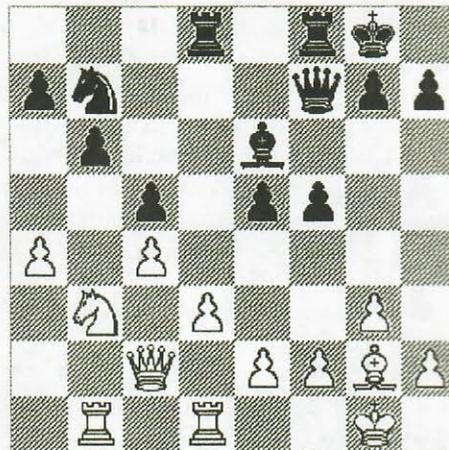
Ne3 (Sometimes those forks are just too tempting, 20...Kb8 is just fine.) 21.Qf2 1-0

Dan Joelson vs Josh Smith
 1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O
 5.Nf3 d6 6.O-O e5 7.d3 Nc6 8.Rb1 Bg4
 9.h3 Bd7 10.b4 Qc8 11.Kh2 Re8 12.b5
 Nd8 13.Qc2 e4 14.dxe4 Be6 15.Nd2 Nd7
 16.Bb2 Nc5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Bxb2
 19.Rxb2 b6 20.Nb3 Ndb7 21.Nd4 Na5
 22.Rb4 a6 23.f4 f6 24.h4 Re7 25.Bh3
 Qe8 26.Ne6 Nab7 27.bxa6 Rxa6 28.e5
 Nxe6 29.Bxe6+ Rxe6 30.dxe6 Qxe6 31.
 Qxc7 Nc5 32.Rxb6 Rxb6 33.Qxb6 Qxa2
 34.Qb5 Qe6 35.Qb8+ Kf7 36.Qxd6
 Qxd6 37.exd6 Ke6 38.Rd1 Nd7 39.Kg2

f5 40.Kf3 Nc5 41.g4 h5 42.gxf5+ gxf5 43.
 Rd4 Nb3 44.Rb4 Nd2+ 45.Ke3 Nf1+ 46.
 Kf2 Nd2 47.d7 1-0

Michael Ohnmacht vs Wolfgang Kern
 1.d3 e5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.
 Bg2 Nc6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.Nf3 Bb4 8.Bd2 O-
 O 9.O-O Qd7 10.a3 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Bxc3
 12.bxc3 f6 13.Qc2 Rad8 14.Rfd1 Qf7 15.
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 Nb7 19.a4 [19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nxc5] f5

White to move
 Kern

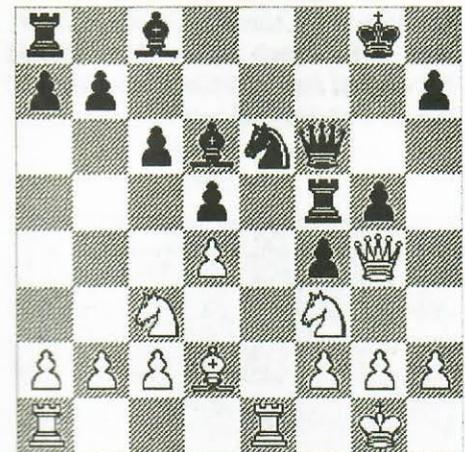


Ohnmacht

20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Nxc5 Qc6 22.Nxe6
 Qxe6 23.e3 [23.a5] f4 24.Qe2 f3 25.Qf1
 Rf5 26.d4 e4 27.Rb5 Rdf8 28.Rxf5 Rxf5
 29.d5 Qd7 30.Ra1 Rh5 31.a5 Qd6 32.
 Kh1 [32.Qb1 Qh6 33.Qxe4; 32.axb6 Qxb6
 33.Qb1 Re5] Qh6 33.Qg1 Qg6 34.axb6
 axb6 35.Ra8+ Kf7 36.Rc8 [36.Qa1] Rh6
 37.Rc6 [37.Qa1] Qg5 38.Rc7+ Kg8 39.
 Qa1 Rf6 40.Qa8+ Rf8 41.Qa1 [41.Rc8]
 h5 42.d6 Rd8 43.Rc6 Qh6 44.Qe5 h4 45.
 Qxe4? [45.Qd5+ Kf8 46.d7] hgx3 46.h4?
 [46.fgx3] g2+ 47.Kg1 Qf6 48.Qd5+ [48.
 Rxb6] Kf8 49.Qd4 Qxd4 50.exd4 Re8 0-1

Doug Hamilton vs Dan Joelson
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.
 Nc3 c6 6.Be2 Ne7 7.O-O Na6 8.Re1 Nc7
 9.Nh4 O-O 10.Bd3 Ne6 11.Be3 f5 12.
 Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 f4 14.Bd2 Rf7 15.Nf3
 Nf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Qh4 g5 18.Qg4 Qf6
 [18...Ng7]

White to move
 Joelson

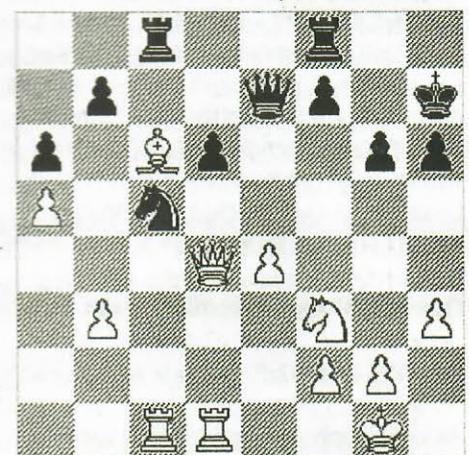


Hamilton

19.Nh4 Nxd4 20.Re8+ Kf7 21.Rxc8 [21.
 Qh5+] Rxc8 22.Nxf5 Qxf5 23.Qxf5+
 Nxf5 24.Ne2 Re8 25.Bc3 Be5 26.Bxe5
 Rxe5 27.Kf1 Kf6 28.Rd1 c5 29.c3 Ke6
 30.Rd2 Nd6 31.b3 Ne4 32.Rd3 Kf5 33.h3
 h5 34.Rf3 Nd2+ 35.Ke1 Nxf3+ 36.gxf3
 g4 37.hgx4+ hxg4 38.fgx4+ Kxg4 0-1

Wolfgang Kern vs Josh Smith
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.
 cxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 O-O 7.Bc4 d6 8.h3 Nc6
 9.O-O a6 10.a4 Ne8 11.Be3 Bd7 12.Qe2
 Re8 13.Rac1 Nc7 14.b3 h6 15.d5 Nb8 16.
 Bd4 e5 17.dxe6 Nxe6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.
 Nd5 Be6 20.Rfd1 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 Qe7 22.
 Qd2 Nc5 23.Qd4+ Kh7 24.a5 Nc6 25.
 Bxc6

Black to move
 Smith



Kern

Nxb3 26.Qxd6 Qxd6 27.Rxd6 Nxc1 28. Bxb7 Rc5 29.Rxa6 Nb3 30.Ra7 Rxa5 31. Rxa5 Nxa5 32.Bd5 Kg7 33.Ne5 f5 34.f3 Rb8 35.Nd7 Rb1+ 36.Kf2 Rb2+ 37.Ke3 fxe4 38.fxe4 Rrg2 39.e5 Rg3+ 40.Ke2 Nb3 41.e6 Nd4+ 42.Kf2 Rc3 43.e7 Rc8 0-1

Dan Joelson vs Shawn Svare

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 c5 4.e5 Ng8 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nxe5 8.Qa4 a6 9. Bf4 Ng6 10.Bg3 Qb6

White to move
Svare



Joelson

11.Ndb5 e5 12.Nd5 axb5 13.Qxa8 Qc5 14.Qa5 Bd6 15.Qxb5 N8e7 16.Qxc5 Bxc5 17.O-O-O f5 18.f3 f4 19.Be1 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 b6 21.Bd3 d6 22.b4 Be3+ 23. Bd2 Bxd2+ 24.Kxd2 Ke7 25.Rb5 Nh4 26.Rg1 Bh3 27.Be4 Nrg2 28.Rxb6 g6 29. Bd5 Rd8 30.Rb7+ Rd7 31.Rxd7+ Kxd7 32.a4 Ne3 33.a5 Nxd5 34.cxd5 Kd8 35. b5 Bd7 36.Rb1 Kc7 37.Kc3 g5 38.Kb4 h5 39.Rc1+ Kb7 40.b6 g4 41.Rc7+ Kb8 42.Rxd7 gxf3 43.a6 f2 44.Rd8# 1-0

Josh Smith vs Andy Rea

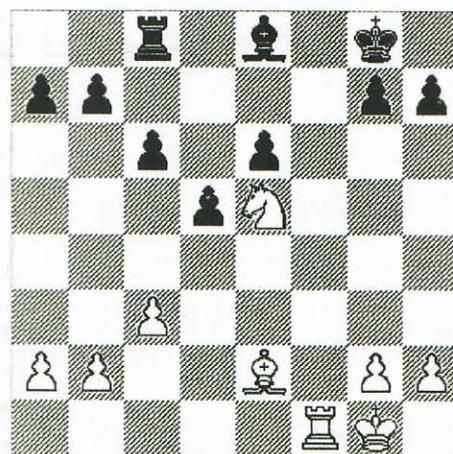
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Be7 27.Rcb7 Bb4 28.Rb8+ Rxb8 29. Rxb8+ Ke7 30.f3 Kd6 31.Kf2 Kc5 32.g4 Kc4 33.Rg8 Bc3 34.Rb8 g6 35.h4 Bb4 36.Rh8 Kd3 37.Rd8+ Kc3 38.Rh8 Kb3 39.Rxb6 Kxa4 40.h5 gxh5 41.gxh5 Bc3 42.f4 Kb3 43.e4 [43.f5] a4 44.e5 a3 45. Rxe6 fxe6 46.h6 Bd4+ 47.Ke2 a2 48.h7 a1=Q 49.h8=Q Qc3 50.Qh5 Qc2+ 51. Ke1 Qf2+ 52.Kd1 Qf1+ [52...Bc3] 53. Kd2 Bc3+ 54.Ke3 Qe1+ 55.Kd3 Qd2+ 56.Ke4 Qd4+ 0-1

Rick Nelson vs Laszlo Naszodi

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Nge7 7.Bb5 O-O 8.Nxc6 Bxe3 9.Nxe7+ Qxe7 10.fxe3 Qxe4 11. Qe2 Re8 12.O-O Qxe3+ 13.Qxe3 Rxe3 14.Nd2 c6 15.Rae1 Re6 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17. Bd3 d5 18.Nf3 Bd7 19.Ne5 Be8 20.Be2 Rc8

White to move
Naszodi



Nelson

21.Bg4 1-0

Dean Brown vs Robert Anderson

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Bc4 c6 4.Qf3 e6 5. Ne2 d5 6.exd5 cxd5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.c3 Nge7 9.Bg5 O-O 10.Bf6 Bd7 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qg3 Ng8 13.O-O Rc8 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nf4 Qc7 16.Qe3 Rce8 17.Nf3 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Qg3 Bf5 21.Be2 Re7 22.h4 Ne4 23.Nh5+ Kh8 24. Qxe5+ Rxe5 25.Nf4 Nf6 26.Bf3 Rfe8 27. Rad1 Bg4 28.Bxg4 Nrg4 29.Nxd5 Re2 30.Rb1 Rd2 31.Ne3 Nxe3 32.fxe3 Kg7 33.Rf3 Red8 34.Rf2 R2d3 35.Rbf1 R8d7

36.e4 h6 37.Rf4 Re7 38.R1f3 Rd1+ 39. Rf1 Rd2 40.R1f2 Rd1+ 41.Rf1 Rd2 42. R1f2 1/2 - 1/2

Derald Jones vs Rick Nelson

1.d4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5. c4 e6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bb5+ Nbd7 8.O-O a6 9.Be2 Bd6 10.Qb3 Qc7 11.h3 O-O 12.Nh4 Bc2 13.Qc3 Rfc8 14.Qxc7 Rxc7 15.Nhf3 Rac8 16.Ne1 Bd1 17.Bxd1 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rxc1 19.Bc2 Bb4 20.Ndf3 Ne4 21.Ba4 Nb6 22.Bb3 Nc4 23.Nd3 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 Ncd2+ 25.Ke2 Nxb3 26.Nxb4 Nc1+ 27.Kd1 a5 28.Kxc1 axb4 29.Kc2 Nxf2 30.Ne5 Kf8 31.Nd3 Nxd3 32.Kxd3 Ke7 33.Kc2 Kd6 34.Kb3 f6 35.Kxb4 Kc6 36.Ka5 e5 37.b4 b5 38.a4 bxa4 39. b5+ Kb7 40.Kxa4 Kb6 41.Kb4 exd4 42. exd4 f5 43.Kc3 Kxb5 44.Kd3 g5 45.g3 h5 46.h4 gxh4 47.gxh4 Kb4 48.Ke3 Kc4 49.Kf4 Kxd4 50.Kxf5 Ke3 51.Kg5 d4 52. Kxh5 d3 0-1

Allan Cunningham vs Milton Kitchens

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Ne7 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nec6 7.Be2 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.O-O a6 10.a3 Ba5 11.Rb1 h6 12. b4 Bb6 13.Be3 Bc7 14.Qd2 f6 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Bf4 Rf8 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Ke7 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Nh7 22.Bd3 Ng5 23.f4 Qb6+ 24.Kh2 Rh8 25.Rf1 Nf7 26.f5 Nxe5 27.Qe2 Nxd3 [27...Qd4 -+] 28.Nxd5+ 1-0

Jon Fortune vs Rick Nelson

1.d4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.h3 Nf6 5.e3 e6 6.Be2 Bd6 7.Ne5 Qc7 8.Nd2 O-O 9. O-O Nbd7 10.Ndf3 Be4 11.c4 Bxf3 12. Bxf3 Nxe5 13.c5 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Bxf4 15. Qxf4 Qxf4 16.exf4 Ne4 17.f3 Ng3 18. Rfe1 h5 19.Kf2 h4 20.b4 a5 21.bxa5 Rxa5 22.a4 Rfa8 23.Reb1 Rxa4 24.Rxa4 Rxa4 25.Rxb7 Nf5 26.g4 hxg3+ 27.Kg2 Ra2+ 28.Kg1 Nxd4 0-1

Tony Laird vs Milton Kitchens

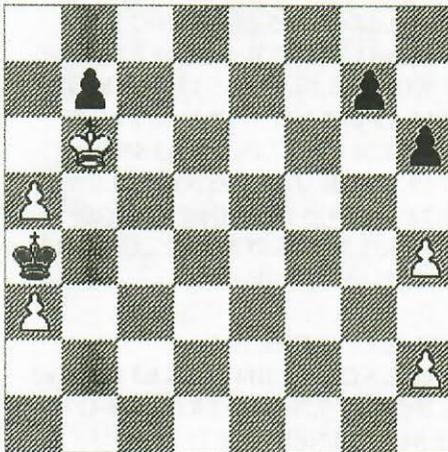
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Bh3 Qd3 26.Qb2 Bb7 27.Bf5 1-0 (Time)

Milton Kitchens vs Lawrence Fiske

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Be2 Be7 8.Qd2 Qc7 9.O-O O-O 10.Rfd1 Bd7 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.a3 Rfd8 13.Bf4 Ne5 14.Nd4 Rac8 15.Na2 Ng6 16.Bg3 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxc3 18.Qxc3 e5 19.Nb3 Qxc2 20.Rd2 Qf5 21.Bd3 Qe6 22.Na5 Bc6 23.Bc4 d5 24.Nxc6 Qxc6 25.Bb3 d4 26.Rc1 Bh4 27.Qd3 Nf4 28.Bxf7+ Kxf7 29.Qf5+ Qf6 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.g3 Nh3+ 33.Kg2 Nxf2 34.Rxf2+ Ke6 35.gxh4 Rd8 36.Rd2 e4 37.Nb4 Ke5 38.Kg3 a5 39.Nc2 d3 40.Ne1 Kd4 41.Nc2+ Ke5 42.Ne3 Kd4 43.Nf5+ Ke5 44.Ne3 Rf8 45.Rf2 Kd4 46.Rxf8 Kxe3 47.Rd8 Ke2 48.Rd4 e3 49.Kf4 d2 50.b4 Ke1 51.Kxe3 d1=Q 52.Rxd1+ Kxd1 53.bxa5 Kc2 54.Kd4 Kb3 55.Kc5 Ka4 56.Kb6 h6

White to move
Kitchens



Fiske

57.h5! pesky tempo! Kxa3 58.Kxb7 Kb3 59.a6 Kc4 60.a7 Kd5 61.a8=Q Ke6 62.Qf8 Ke5 63.Qxc3+ Kf4 64.Qxh6+ Kg4 65.Kc6 Kh4 66.Qg6 Kh3 67.Qg3# 1-0

Tony Laird vs Robert Anderson

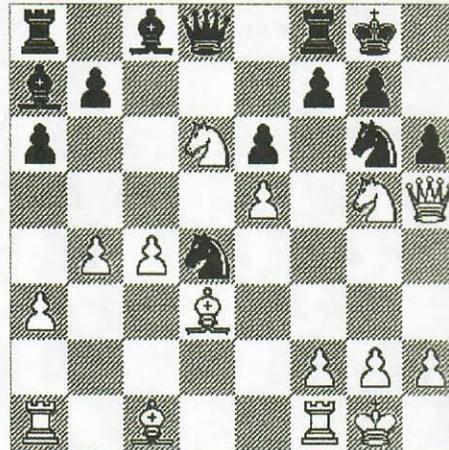
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Rbd8 27.Qe3 Qa6 28.c4 Qxa2 29.Ra1 Qb3 30.Qh6 Kg8 31.h5 Rg7 32.hxg6 Rxc6 33.Qe3 Rg7 34.f4 Qb6 35.Qxb6 axb6 36.Rd2 exf4 37.Ra6 Rxc3+ 38.Kf1 Bd4 39.Rg2 Rxc2 40.Kxc2 Kg7 41.Kf3 e5 42.b4 Rg8 43.Ra7+ Kg6 44.Rb7 h5 45.c5 bxc5 46.bxc5 Kf5 47.c6 Ke6 48.Rh7 Kd6 49.Rh6+ Kc7 50.Rxh5 Kxc6 51.Rh1 Kd5 52.Rf1 Rg3+ 53.Ke2 Be3 54.Rd1 Rg2+ 55.Kf3 Rd2 0-1

Rick Nelson vs Ray Toups

1.e4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bd3 a6 6.O-O c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.c4 Ne7 9.Nc3 Nbc6 10.Ne4 d6 11.a3 O-O 12.b4 Ba7 13.Nxd6 Nd4 14.Ng5 Ng6 15.Qh5 h6

White to move
Toups



Nelson

16.Ngxf7 Rxf7 17.Nxf7 Qe7 18.Bxc6 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Nxh6+ gxh6 21.Bxh6 Be6 22.Qg5+ Qxc5 23.Bxc5 Rf8 24.Bf6 Rf7 25.Rad1 Bxc4 26.Rd8+ Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rc1 Bd5 29.Rc7 Bd4 30.Kf1 Bh2 31.a4 Ba3 32.b5 a5 33.Ke2 Bb4 34.h4 f4 35.f3 Ba2 36.Rxb7 Bb1 37.e6 Bf5 38.Rb8+ 1-0

Michael Engles vs Maria Hoak

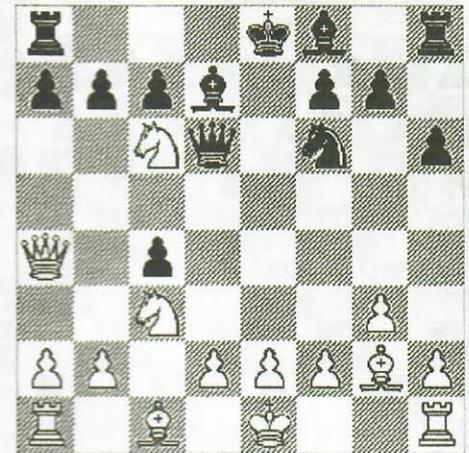
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Kf2 Rh4 29.Kg3 Rh5 30.h4 Rf8 31.Kg4 g6 32.f5 Re8 33.fxc6 hxg6 34.Rf4 Kg7 35.Raf1 Re7 36.Rd1 Rh8 37.Rdf1 Rh5 38.Rf6 Kg8 39.Rif4 Kg7 40.Rf2 Kg8 41.Rh2 Kg7 42.Rf4 Re5 43.Rd2 Rh8 44.Rd4 Rhe8 45.Kg3 Kg8 46.Kg4 Kg7 47.a4 1/2 - 1/2

Robert Anderson vs Marton Naszodi

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Qa4 e5 5.Nxe5 Qd5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qe6 8.Bg2 h6 9.Nd4 Qd6 10.Nxc6 Bd7

White to move
Naszodi



Anderson

11.Nb5 1-0

Your ad or your article or your game could be here, but... Don't forget! Deadlines for submissions are as follows:

March 1st - April issue;

June 1st - July issue;

September 1st - October issue.

December 1st - January issue;

All submissions are welcome.

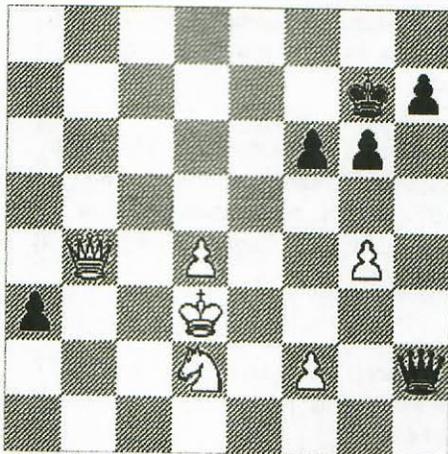
Games, articles, columns, ideas, letters to the editor, etc. If I can use it, I will! Please help make my life easier. Send me your goodies!

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...Also in the Southern Colorado Open games, the diagram in the middle of page 18 should have the queen on b4, in order to get to e7 in one move. [the corrected diagram and game score appear below]

Black to move
Ponomarev – Avery



1...a2 2.Qe7+ Kh6? 3.Qf8+ Kg5 4.Nf3+ Kg4 5.Nh2+ Kh3 6.Qc8+? Kh2 7.Qa6 Kg2 8.Qa2 f5 9.Ke3 Kh3 10.f4 h6 11. Kf3 1-0

Andy Rea writes:

Mike, Please note clarification of Dan Avery's note regarding Rea – Mulyar, Southern Colorado Open, June 99 [October Informant, p.19]. Dan stated that my finding the 32.Bh6 shot was noteworthy for this being found in time pressure.

For the record, I was not in time pressure. Having based his assessment on my crowded, untidy scoresheet, Dan was not aware that my scoresheets are typically ... crowded and untidy.

Also, 32.Bh6 was the only shot White had in the position. Michael simply made a rare blunder, [and] I happened to be in the right place when that occurred!

Dr. Mikhail Ponomarev writes:
To my friends-chessplayers,

I, three time former Colorado Chess Champion Mikhail Ponomarev am informing you about two of Chess Life magazine's mistakes, which concern me personally.

The first mistake (the monstrous offence against my Copyright) is the publication in the magazine (July 1999 issue) of the strange and anti-scientific article "Look deeply into my eyes... Not!" under my name.

I announce, that I never wrote this article, it is alien to me with its content and form. I never even saw the manuscript or galleys of this article. One year and three months ago I offered to Chess Life an absolutely different, opposite article, "Chess does not accept hypnosis." In the Chess Life article the idea about hypnosis and its possibilities corresponds to the 16th century. The editor of Chess Life had triumphantly told in the letter to [Buck]: "I had to have Ann Henry rewrite it (Mikhail's article) from start to finish."

I am forced to apply to the court to protect my rights.

The second mistake is the following. In February 1999 I took second place in the Colorado Closed, scoring 5 1/2 out of 7. But my results were not counted (?!), and after the tournament my rating stayed the same. During ten months I and my friend Richard Buchanan unsuccessfully attempted to restore my rating. But some Ernest Schlich, an employee of Chess Life [or USCF?], is very busy this year. He writes to Richard Buchanan: "Soon I will have two assistants, and I will be able to correct the mistake."

I believe him, that in the next Millennium he will correct it without failing, I hope during my lifetime.
[Thanks for the letters guys!!]

1999 Winter Springs Open
December 4-5, 1999 Colorado Springs, CO
Richard Buchanan, Director

June Section

Name	Rate	1	2	3	4	Total
1 Rea, Andy.....	2079	W 8	D 2	W 3	W 4	3.5
2 Scott, Sean.....	1956	W 10	D 1	W 5	D 3	3.0
3 Billaux, Eric.....	2150	W 7	W 4	L 1	D 2	2.5
4 Shedd, Mike.....	1983	W 9	L 3	W 6	L 1	2.0
5 Bihlmeyer, Joe.....	1813	W 6	D 8	L 2	D 9	2.0
6 Weissbarth, Adam.....	2053	L 5	W 7	L 4	W 8	2.0
7 Geczy, Bela.....	1874	L 3	L 6	B---	W 10	2.0
8 Roberts-Hoffman, Katie.....	1872	L 1	D 5	W 9	L 6	1.5
9 Steadman, Gregg.....	1800	L 4	W 10	L 8	D 5	1.5
10 Umari, Ryan.....	1585	L 2	L 9	H---	L 7	0.5

July Section

Name	Rate	1	2	3	4	Total
1 Kern, Wolfgang.....	1704	W 7	D 6	W 5	W 2	3.5
2 Martinez, Norbert.....	1558	W 16	W 14	W 8	L 1	3.0
3 Anderson, Robert.....	1615	W 13	L 8	W 12	W 6	3.0
4 Fuchs, Mike.....	1613	W 12	F---	W 13	W 8	3.0
5 Grimm, Paul.....	1353	W 15	X---	L 1	D 7	2.5
6 Wutt, Larry.....	1563	W 11	D 1	W 14	L 3	2.5
7 Anderson, Paul.....	1541	L 1	W 16	W 9	D 5	2.5
8 Schultz, John.....	1520	W 9	W 3	L 2	L 4	2.0
9 Kass, Michael.....	1671	L 8	W 11	L 7	W 12	2.0
10 Rossi, Ron.....	1551	L 14	L 12	W 16	W 13	2.0
11 Sparks, Steve.....	1215	L 6	L 9	D 15	B---	1.5
12 Neuhaus, Chaitanya.....	1365	L 4	W 10	L 3	L 9	1.0
13 Cabrera, Sean.....	1417	L 3	W 15	L 4	L 10	1.0
14 McKenna, Jim.....	1723	W 10	L 2	L 6	U---	1.0
15 Gardner, Al.....	1600	L 5	L 13	D 11	D 16	1.0
16 Walo, Max.....	unr	L 2	L 7	L 10	D 15	0.5

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CLUB DIRECTORY: PLACES TO PLAY CHESS

Editor's note: PLEASE! Send updates to this information if you know that it is inaccurate!!

Aurora: Aurora Chess Club meets every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library (Theatre Room or Activity Room). Contact: Thomas Stocks (303) 695-7880 thomasstocks@hotmail.com.

Boulder: CU/Boulder Chess Club meets at the University of Colorado UMC Building, room 159, every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. Free rated tournaments held every month. Contact: Bela Geczy (303) 543-0143.

Cheyenne, Wyoming: Cheyenne Chess Club meets Mondays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the LCCC Cafeteria at 1400 E College Dr. Contact: Allan Cunningham (307)634-7809

Colorado Springs: Colorado College Chess Club meets during the academic year on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 11:00 on the second floor of the Worner Center on the northwest corner of Cascade and Cache LaPoudre, on the CC campus. Weekly lectures by Dan Avery with events open to the public. Contact: Dan Avery (719)635-4601 or Kris Markey (719)389-7795 for information.

-Colorado Springs Chess Club meets on Tuesday evenings at the Accacia Hotel on Platte Ave. (between Tejon and Nevada) starting at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Richard Buchanan (719)685-1984
-USAF Academy Cadet Chess Club meets during the school year (August through May), every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Fairchild Hall (Academic Building), Room 5L4 (southeastern-most room on the 5th floor). Contact: Trae Holcomb or James Serpa (719) 333-4470.

Craig: Craig Chess Club meets every Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Playing site is the School Administration Building at 755 Yampa Avenue.

Denver: Denver Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. with an optional rated game (G/90) at 7:30 p.m., at the VFW at 955 Bannock Street. With over 70 members, the Denver Chess Club is a good place to get some great chess! Contact: Martin Kelly? (303)937-7405.

-Glendale Chess Club meets every Friday at the Glendale Community Center, 999 South Clermont Street, Room 2B. Play starts at 6:00 p.m. Contact: Glendale Community Center at (303)384-8100.

Golden: Golden Chess Club meets every Monday evening at 7pm, at the Barnes and Noble Booksellers in the Denver West

Shopping Center, 14347 West Colfax. Non-rated games, open membership, free lessons first Monday. Contact: Larry Leeper (303)988-1408.

Grand Junction:

Grand Junction Jr. Chess Club meets every third Saturday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building, 2853 North Ave. There is a \$2.00 entry fee, registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and play begins at 10:00 a.m. Contact: Rand Dodd at 245-4015.

Greeley:

Greeley Chess Club meets Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Ramkota Inn at 8th Avenue and 8th Street. 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 (one block north of Colfax and one (or two) block(s) west of Wadsworth. Contact: Bill Riley (303)232-7671.

Pueblo:

Pueblo Chess Club meets Mondays from 6-10pm at the Barnes & Noble, 4300 N. Freeway Rd. Contact: Christine Hansel, (719)546-4444.

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.

Wheat Ridge: Wheat Ridge club meets every Tuesday, 1-3pm at the Wheat Ridge community center.

Club info?! Please send to me at

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tries. **Two Sections:** Quick Rated, open to all USCF members. Nonrated, open to everyone. **Registration:** 8:30-9:00 am. **Rounds:** 9:10, 9:40, 10:20, 10:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:30, 2:00. **Entries:** Ken Schwartz. **Phone:** (719) 576-6571 **E-mail:** ken_schwartz@angelfire.com **Sponsored by the Liberty HS Chess Club and Southern Colorado Chess. NS, NC, W.**

Colorado Springs Open, March 4-5, 2000

Five round Swiss, **Time Control:** 40/90 and 25/1 for rounds 1-3; 40/2 and 20/1 for rounds 4-5. **Site:** Radisson Inn, 8110 N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs. **One open section:** EF \$26 if rec'd by 3/1, \$31 at site. \$6 discount for juniors, seniors, unrated. Prizes at least \$175, 125, other prizes per entries. **Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30; **Rounds:** 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3. **CSCA required, OSA. Hotel phone:** (719) 598-5770. **Entries:** Richard Buchanan, 308 Ruxton Ave., Manitou Springs CO 80829. **E-mail:** buckpeace@pcisys.net (No e-mail entries, please.) or phone (719) 685-1984. **USCF GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENT. A COLORADO TOUR EVENT.** \$1 from each entry fee is a voluntary contribution to Professional Players Health & Benefits Fund.

Boulder Open, April 15 - 16, 2000

4 round swiss system tournament, **Time Control:** 40/2, 20/1 **Site:** CU Events Center, Regent Dr., Univ. of Colo., Boulder. (Free parking in Lot 436, N of bldg.) **Prizes:** \$\$1730 based on 100. **Four Sections: Open:** Open to all, Entry fee \$40 by 4/12. Prizes: \$\$330G, 170G, 100G, U2100 \$100. (Unrateds not eligible for U2100 prize.) **U2000:** (no unr.) Entry fee \$34 by 4/12. Prizes: \$ \$170, 100, 50, U1800 \$80. **U1700:** (no unr.) Entry fee \$34 by 4/12. Prizes: \$\$170, 100, 50, U1500 \$80. **U1400:** Entry fee \$28 by 4/12. Prizes: \$\$100, 50, U1200 \$40, unr. \$40. (Unrateds eligible only for unrated prize.) **All sections:** Entry Fee: \$6 more at site. 25% off advanced entry fee for juniors, seniors, unrateds. 50% off to age 12 and under – One discount per person. Half point byes available rounds 1-3, limit one. **Registration:** 8:30-9:30 am **Rounds:** 10-4, 9-3:30. (Round 4 may be paired with adjourned games pending.) **Entries:** Boulder Chess Club c/o Bela Geczy, 7390 Brockway Drive, Boulder, CO 80303. **Phone:** (303) 543-0143 **CSCA membership req'd:** \$12 per year (\$6 for juniors, seniors) or \$3 per tournament, OSA. **A COLORADO TOUR EVENT. USCF Grand Prix Tournament. NS, NC, W.**

Also look for more events from the Aurora Chess Club coming this year!

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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liberty January Tournament, January 15, 2000

3 round, Round Robin (quads) tournament. **Time Control:** G/40. **Site:** Liberty High School, 8720 Scarborough Drive, Colorado Springs, CO. **Entry fee:** \$5. **Prizes:** 1st prize in each quad is \$15. **Two Sections:** Rated, open to all USCF members. Nonrated, open to everyone. **Registration:** 8:30-9:00 am. Rounds 9:15 - 10:45 - 1:10. **Entries:** Ken Schwartz. **Phone:** (719) 576-6571 **E-mail:** ken_schwartz@angelfire.com Sponsored by the Liberty HS Chess Club and Southern Colorado Chess. NS, NC, W.

Chess Bowl 2000, January 29 - 30, 2000

4 round swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** Game/120 **Site:** Glendale Community Center, 999 S. Clermont St., Glendale Colorado **Door Prizes:** 3 sets of triple weighted chess pieces, 2 chess instructional videos, more chess products based on entries! **Cash Prizes:** \$2000.00 based on 70 **Three Sections:** **Open Section:** open to all. Prizes: \$350,\$200,\$100,U2000 \$75 **Reserve Section:** open to under 1800. Prizes: \$300,\$175,\$75, U1500 \$50 **Players Section:** open to under 1400. Prizes: \$250,\$150,\$75, U1000 \$50 **Unrated \$50 All sections:** may be combined. **Entry Fee:** \$35 before 1-15-2000, \$40 after and at site! 25% off for juniors, seniors, unrated. 30% off to any age 12 and under. Half point byes available, rd 1-3, limit one, must be requested before registering! **Registration:** 8:00-8:45 am **Rounds** 9-1, 9-1. **Entries:** Thomas A. Stocks, PO Box 470324, Aurora, Colorado 80047 **Phone:** (303) 695-7880 **E-mail:** thomasstocks@hotmail.com NS, NC, W. Sponsored by the Aurora Chess Club

Loveland Open, February 12-13, 2000

4 round Swiss, **Time Control:** 40/2, 20/1. **Site:** Loveland Community Building, 545 Cleveland Ave, Loveland, Colorado. **Guaranteed Prize fund:** \$1140 Note: this is an increase from last year. **Open Section:** Open to all \$20 advance entry, \$25 at site. **Prize fund:** \$600: 1st: \$250, 2nd: \$150, 3rd: \$100, under 1998: \$100 **Loveland Section:** Under 1877 and unrated, \$16 advance entry, \$21 at site. **Prize fund:** \$350: 1st: \$150, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50, special: \$50 **Santa Fe Section:** Under 1610 and unrated \$14 advance entry, \$19 at site. **Prize fund:** \$190: 1st: \$80, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$30, unrated: \$30. \$5 off for all Jr., SR, Unrated. **Registration:** 8:00-9:30AM. **Rounds:** 10:00AM, 3:30PM, 9:00AM, 3:00PM. **CSCA membership required – \$15/year** **A COLORADO TOUR EVENT.** Other state membership accepted. No S, no WC. **Send advanced entries and all other correspondence to:** Charles Moore, 425 W. 10th St., Loveland, Colorado 80537. email: fmoore@frii.com phone h: (970) 667-7043 FAX (970) 667-1882; No advance registration accepted without payment.

Liberty February Tournament, February 19, 2000

8 round Double Swiss system tournament. (Play white and black against each of 4 opponents chosen by Swiss System rules.) **Time Control:** G/15. **Site:** Liberty High School, 8720 Scarborough Drive, Colorado Springs, CO. **Entry fee:** \$5. **Prizes:** per en

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