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# INFORMANT

**The Denver Chess Club isn't the only game in town, so to speak. But it is certainly the leading chess club in our state. Our cover shows what it looked like as the DCC held it's first tourney at the Tabor Center (food court) on 25 Jan 2003**



Not Chess Heaven, but pretty darn close...

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**The Editor's Corner, by Colorado Chess Informant Editor Jeffrey A. Baffo**

Springtime greetings my most esteemed readers. First things first...I hereby declare that...I AM A NOODLE!! (Was there ever any debate on that point??) Due to computer problems and my lack of foresight, I had to re-create this issue from scratch. Very frustrating as I was so near completion! My heartfelt apologies to all! Making a virtue out of a screw-up, this issue is able to bring you results and articles that sooner than otherwise possible. Still, all in all, I think everybody, me especially, would prefer an on-time, if slightly less topical, issue. I've learned my lesson and now back up, on removable disks, each issue as it is completed. Now, on to this issue and what's inside. Updated tour standings, a new club listing (see Letters to the Editor) our Vice-president's scholarly explanation of "rating expectations" which if I read Todd's article correctly says that ratings can and do go UP! I've almost forgotten what that's like! Guess I'll have Paul Grimm (see Paul's excellent article in this issue) or Billy Willson tell me what it feels like. In any case, this issue is likely to be a little rough around the edges, I sincerely hope it does not detract from your enjoyment.

Yours in Chess fellowship,

Jeff

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On the cover: Players enjoy the excellent facilities at the Tabor Center, photo by Paul Grimm.

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## A Visual Opening Quiz

Below you will find diagramed positions from topical openings. How many can you name without electronic help? Identify the position from the diagram with its commonly accepted variation and/or sub-variation. Just for fun, no prizes, sorry.

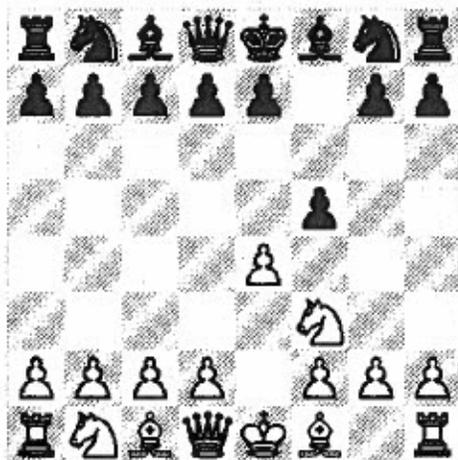


Diagram 1 above  
Diagram 2 below

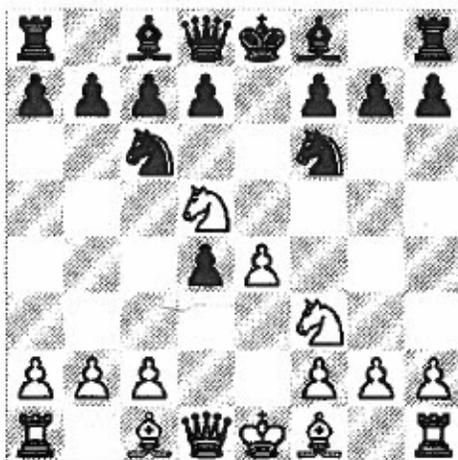


Diagram 4 above  
Diagram 5 below

Write your answers here, solutions next issue!

Diagram 1 Move Sequence:

1.Nf3 f5 2.e4

An easy one to get you started, less than 2 full moves to identify. Piece o' cake.

Name?: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagram 2 Move Sequence:

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6

Of Course the main branch of this opening is easy, but what's the name of the sub variation begun with black's 3rd move?

Name?: \_\_\_\_\_

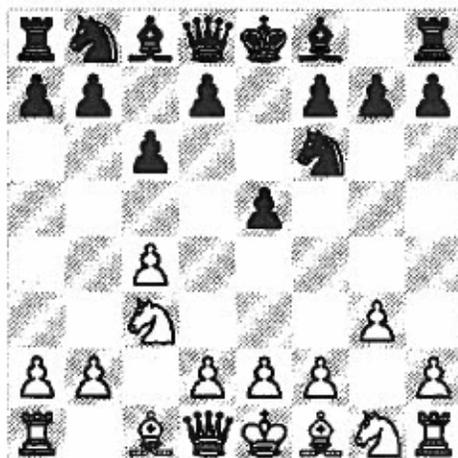


Diagram 3, below

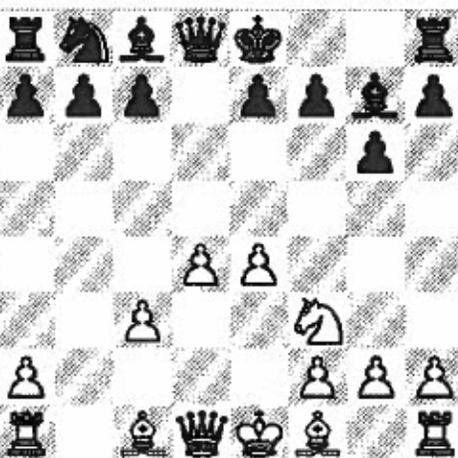


Diagram 6 below

Diagram 3 Move Sequence:

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.f4

Same thing here, main branch of this opening is obvious, but what's that sub-variation? Hmmm?

Name?: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagram 4 Move Sequence:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nd5

Here's an obscure hint, "Ask Bruce!"

Name?: \_\_\_\_\_

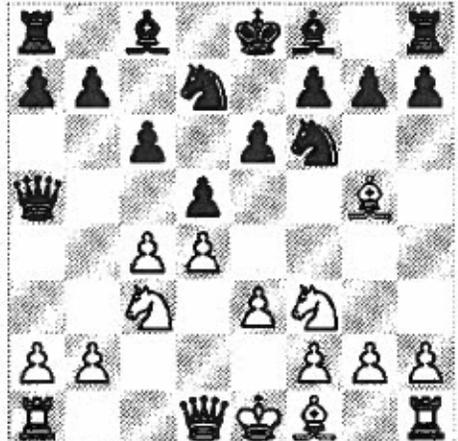


Diagram 5 Move Sequence:

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3

A semi-obscure hint, "Ask GK..."

Name?: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagram 6 Move Sequence:

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6 6.Nf3 Qa5

Named after the east coast resort town where an American Champion scored his greatest tournament victory 100 years ago.

Name?: \_\_\_\_\_

### Letters to the Editor

Hello!

My name is Majid Kahhak, and I have contacted Colorado Chess Association, by phone and by e-mail, several months ago, and also early this month (Feb.) by phone about running an announcement on my club in the Colorado Chess Informant. I was disappointed not to see it in the January 2003 issue, which I received as a member. We are already posted on your website. The announcement is this: The Carbondale Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 6 PM to ??? at Kahhak Fine Arts and School, 411 Main Street in Carbondale. This is free and all levels and ages are welcome. Chess coaching is available. Please call Majid Kahhak at (970)704-0622 or e-mail at: Mkahhak@aol.com for more information. Please call or e-mail me as soon as possible to let me know when you'll get the announcement in the Informant. Also, I'm looking for a Tournament Director for an upcoming Chess Tournament at my 1700 square foot gallery/chess club, and I need some help with that.

Thank you, Majid Kahhak



CSCA Sense

*By CSCA President Andy Rea*

As reported elsewhere in this issue, we have not one, but two Colorado Scholastic Champions in the 10-12th Section; **Kevin Seidler and Adam Hall!**. Congratulations to both of them! On (very narrow!) Tie Break, Kevin is our Colorado representative to the 2003 Denker High School Tournament of Champions, to be held during the US Open in Los Angeles!

That will be early August, therefore, A I hereby issue this Presidential decree: let the Denker Fundraising proceed full steam ahead! At least two Denker Tournaments are on our 2003 Colorado Chess Tour schedule;. Your individual contributions are highly encouraged and gladly accepted – if you are sending a check, please make it payable to the CSCA and send either to myself or to CSCA Treasurer Dean Brown!

Colorado has not had a lot of activity beyond the Front Range, but that's changing! Look for a few most welcome additions this summer from Louis Koleszar in the Glenwood Springs area and Victor Smith stepping up to the plate in Woodland Park. Bravo, gentlemen!

These can't help but bring new faces into our tournaments and generally spice thing up a bit. Finally, its not too early to note: (drumroll, please....) the Mega Swiss tournament, the **Edward Levy Memorial** is back!! Sept 14 –16 or 15/16, two weeks after the Colorado Open!!

Editor's Note: Got something to say? Send your comments to me. I even take (shudder) hard copy (limit two paragraphs, otherwise in email please. JAB)

### Tournament Clearinghouse

The following event organizers have requested to be listed on the CSCA tournament clearinghouse. CSCA is listing them as a service to the general public; however, it should be understood that this listing does not constitute an endorsement. Check other listings and/or the CSCA web site or call organizers for details or confirmation.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>City</u>
April 26-27	2003 Cheyenne Open	Cheyenne
April 26 2003	NM Todd Bardwick Simul	Denver
May 3-4 2003	2003 Boulder Open	Boulder
May 10	2003 DCC Denker Fundraiser	Denver-
May 17 2003	Windy City Open	Casper, WY
May 24-25 2003	MayDaze	Denver
June 14-15 2003	Southern Colorado Open	Colorado Springs
July 5-6 2003	Denver Open	Denver
July 12 2003	DCC Ann Davies Revival	Denver
August 16-17	2003 Northwest Colorado Open	Craig
September 18-21	2003 2nd Edward Levy Memorial	Denver
October 11-12	2003 Larimer County Open	Loveland
November 15-16	2003 DCC King Hunt	Denver

## Games from the ...

**LOVELAND OPEN 2003**

(LV2003)

Selected and annotated by Mark Schieides

Rea, A - Doykos, K (LV2003)

1.b3 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Bb2 e6 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nbd7 7.d4 Bd6 8.Bd3 c6 9.0-0 10.Nd2 e5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qc7 14.Rad1 Nf6 15.Rfe1 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 f5 17.Ree1 e4 18.Qh5 Rad8 19.c4 Qf7 20.Qxf7+ Rxf7 21.d5 Bb4 22.Re2 Rfd7 23.a3 Be7 24.g4 g6 25.gxf5 gxf5 26.Kh1 Kf7 27.Rg1 Bf6 28.Bxf6 Kxf6 29.f3 cxd5 30.cxd5 Rxd5 31.fxe4 Re5 32.Rc1 [32.Rf1 is a more tenacious defense in a difficult-to-defend position. 32...Rd3 33.Ref2 Rxh3+ 34.Kg2 Rxb3 35.Rxf5+ Rxf5 36.Rxf5+ Ke6 37.a4 Rb4 38.Ra5 a6 39.Kf3] 32...Rd3 33.Rc7 Rxh3+ 34.Kg2 Rxb3 35.Rxh7 Rxe4 36.Rd2 Kg6 37.Rc7 Rxa3 38.Rxb7a5 39.Rb5 Kg5 40.Rbb2 Rg4+ 41.Kh2 Kh4 42.Rg2 Rng2+ 43.Kxg2 Kg4 44.Rc2 f4 45.Rd2a4 46.Rb2 Rb3 47.Rc2 a3 48.Rc8 Rb2+ 49.Kg1 a2 50.Ra8 Rb1+ 51.Kg2 a1Q 0-1

Petters, M - Emmons, A (LV2003)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Bc4 e6 6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Qe2 a6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.a3 Bd7 13.b4 b5 14.Ba2 Rfd8 15.Nd5! Nxd5 [15...exd5 16.exd5 Re8 is a better defense, but black is still in difficulties.] 16.exd5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5 exd5 18.Qh5 Bf5 19.Bxd5 Bg6 20.Qf3 Qe7 21.Bxc6 Rac8 22.Qe3 Qf6 23.Bb7 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 h6 25.Nf3 Qb2 26.Qc3 Qe2 27.Qc7 Re8 28.h3 Qa2 29.Qxd6 Re2 30.Rc8+ Kh7 31.Qf8 Qa1+ 32.Kh2 Bd3 33.Qg8+ Kg6 34.Nh4+ Kg5 35.Rc5+ f5 36.Qd8+ Qf6 37.Qxd3 1-0

Baffo, J - Lundstrom, B (LV2003)

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.Ng3 Be6 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.c3 c5 7.cxd4 cxd4 8.Be2 Bd6 9.0-0 f6 10.a3 Ne7 11.b4 0-0 12.d3 a5 13.Bd2 axb4 14.Bxb4 Bxb4 15.axb4 Qb6 16.Qb1 Nc6 17.b5 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Qxb5 19.

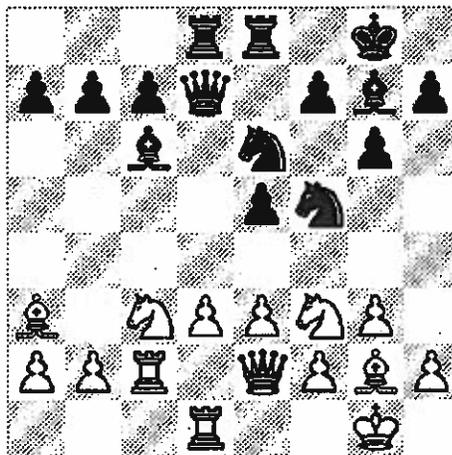
Rb1 Qa5 20.Qb2 b6 21.Nd2 Ra8 22.Nf5 Qc3 23.Nc4 Bxc4 24.dxc4 Qxb2 25.Rxb2 Ra1+ 26.Bf1 g6 27.Nd6 d3 28.f3 Nd4 29.Kf2 Nc5 30.Rd2 Ndb3 31.Rxd3 Rxf1+ 0-1

Gitis, A - Presutti, M (LV2003)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.f4 d6 9.h3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.0-0 Rc8 12.b3 Qa5 13.Qd3 Nh5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nb5 Bd7 16.a4 a6 17.Na3 Be6 18.f5 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Bd7 20.Bxh5 gxh5 21.f6+ exf6 22.Nc4 b5 23.axb5 Bxb5 24.Rf5 Qc6 25.Qg3+ Kh8 26.Qh4 Rg8 27.Qxf6+ Rg7 28.Nxd6 1-0

Lundstrom, B - Mink, C (LV2003)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.Nf3 Nbc6 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Nf5 11.Bc5 Re8 12.Rac1 Ncd4 13.e3 Ne6 14.Ba3 Bd7 15.Rc2 Bc6 16.Rfc1 Qd7 17.Qe2 Rad8 18.Rd1 (18.Rd2 is the right rook to move over, as we



will see from Black's response!] 18...Bxf3! 19.Bxf3? [19.Qxf3 is better, but White is still has a difficult game.] 19...Ned4! 20.exd4 Nxd4 21.Qe4 Nxc2 22.Qxb7 Nxa3 23.Bc6 Qd4 24.Bxe8 Rxe8 25.Qc6 Re6 26.Qa8+ Bf8 27.Rd2 Nc4 28.Nb5 Qd7 0-1

Petters, M - Anderson, M (LV2003)

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Nge2 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Qd5 7.N2c3 Qxd4 8.Qf3 Bf5 9.Rd1 Qe5 10.Bc4 Nf6 11.Bxf6 exf6 12.0-0-0 13.Nd6 b5 14.Bb3 Be6 15.

Rfe1 Qc5 16.Ncxb5 Nd7 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nc7 Ne5 19.Qe2 Rfb8 20.Nxa8 Rxa8 21.b3 g5 22.Qe3 [White has a sizeable advantage here, and 22.Nc4 would pretty much stifle any Black counterplay.] 22...Qxc2 23.Rd2 Qg6 24.Red1 g4 25.Ne4 h5 26.Nc5? Nf3+! putting us back to a pretty even game 27.Kf1 Nxd2+ 28.Qxd2 Qf5 29.Qd6 Re8 30.Qxc6 Re7 31.Re1 Kf7 32.Ne4 Qd5? but now Black returns the favor... 33.Nd6+ Kf8 [33...Kg6 34.Qxd5 exd5 35.Rxe7] 34.Qc8+ 1-0

Gitis, A - Doykos, K (LV2003)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.g4 Be4 5.f3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.h5 Bh7 8.e6 fxe6 9.Bd3 Qd6 10.Bxh7 Qg3+ 11.Kf1 Rxh7 12.Qd3 Rh8 13.Ne2 Qd6 14.Bf4 Qb4 15.Nd2 Nf6 16.c3 Qb5 17.Qg6+ Kd7 18.a4 Qb6 19.a5 Qd8 20.Be5 Qe8 21.Nf4 Na6 22.b4 Rc8 23.Nb3 Qxg6 24.Nxg6 DIAGRAM I'm not sure exactly where Black lost this game, but at this point things are certainly dismal. Sure, he's a pawn ahead, but his kingside-bishop and rook will never see the light of day, entombed forever by the Ng6, and is thus essentially playing a whole rook down. 24...Rg8 25.Nc5+ Nxc5 26.bxc5 Ke8 27.Rb1 Nd7 28.Rxb7 Nxe5 29.dxe5 a6 30.Ke2 Rd8 31.Ke3 Rd7 32.Rhb1 1-0

Caldwell, J - Rea, A (LV2003)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.Bd3 d6 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Ne2 e6 9.c3 dxc3 10.dxc3 Nf6 11.0-0 d5 12.e5 Nd7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Qd2 Nb6 15.Bc5 Re8 16.Rad1 Bd7 17.Kh1 Rc8 18.Bxb6 the start of a very nicely played kingside attack! 18...Qxb6 19.Nd4 a6 20.Rde1 Qc5 21.Qf2 b5 22.g4 f5 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Rg1 Qe7 25.Rg5 Kh8 26.Reg1 Rg8 27.Qg3 Qf7 28.Qh3 Rcf8 29.Be2 Qe7 30.Rh5 DIAGRAM 30...Bxe5 [30...h6 does not help matters any --- 31.Rg6 Rf7 32.Nf3 Bc6 33.Ng5 d4+ 34.Bf3 Bxf3+ 35.Qxf3 and White's next move is going to be Rhxh6 against almost any Black defense.] 31.fxe5 Rxg1+ 32.Kxg1 Rg8+ 33.Kf2 Be8 34.Rh6 Rg6 35.Rxg6 Bxg6 36.Bh5 Kg7 37.Qg3 Kf7 38.Bxg6+ hxg6 39.h4 Qd8 40.Qg5

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Qh8 41.Nc6 Qxh4+ 42.Qxh4 1-0

Drebenstedt, J - Caravajal, C (LV2003)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3 b6 9.c3 Bb7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.0-0-0 c5 12.dxc5 Qc7 13.Bc2 bxc5 DIAGRAM 14.Rxd7! a very nice combination to force a draw! 14...Qxd7 15.Nxf6+ [15.Nxc5 Bxf3 16.Bxh7+ Kh8! 17.Qxf3 Bg5+ 18.Kb1 Qc7 19.Bc2 is a line White might try if playing for a win -- but I would find it hard to resist the text when playing against a considerably higher-rated opponent.] 15...gxf6 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ne5 Qa4 18.c4! White would have had to see this quiet move at the end of the combination before starting the sacrificing! ½-½

Scheidies, M - Caldwell, J (LV2003)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 Nbd7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Qc2 Ng4 13.b3 Qa5 14.Bb2 Rfb8 15.Nd1 Nge5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qc3+ [I was pleased with my position here, but I'm much too eager to trade off queens! 19.h3 Nf6 20.Ne3 Qb4 21.Nc4 keeps White's edge by preventing the poisonous c4 advance.] 19...Qxc3 20.Nxc3 DIAGRAM 20...c4! 21.Kf3 h5 22.h3 cxb3! 23.hxg4 b2 24.Rab1? [24.Rae1 Ra3 25.Re3 is better. That was my original intention, but after long thought, I suddenly hallucinated that after 25...Rxc3 26.Rxc3 b1=Q I would be a rook down!] 24...Ra3 25.Ke2 [Here it finally dawns on me I'd better switch into full-defensive mode (meaning my advantage is gone, and it's time to see if I can find a way to salvage a draw. Once again I thought a long time, trying to figure out if I could hold the position by playing 25.gxh5 Rxc3+ 26.Kg4 considering that after 26...gxh5+ the pawn cannot be immediately-captured--- 27.Rxh5 (27.Kxh5 Rxc3 28.Kh4 Rg6 and Rh8 mates next move.) 27...Rc1] 25...Rxc3 26.Kd2 Rxc3 27.gxh5 gxh5 28.Rxh5 Rb4 I thought my difficulties were over,, but when Jason played this move I realized

I still had some serious defending to do! I think white is probably lost in this position. but rook & pawn endings are notoriously difficult to win sometimes. 29.Rg5+ Rxc5 30.fxc5 Rxe4 31.Kc3 my g-pawn is as good as gone, so my priority is to keep my d-pawn. 31...Re5 [31...Kg6 32.Rxb2 Kxc5 appears to give Black winning chances.] 32.Kc4 Rxc5 33.Rxb2 e6? and this allows White to isolate the Black pawns, resulting in a draw. 34.Rd2! Rg4+ [I think we both decided 34...e5 is ok for white, though I'm not 100% positive of that. A possible continuation is 35.Kb5 f5 (35...Kf6 36.Kc6 Ke7 37.Rb2 f5 38.Rb7+ Kf6 39.Kxd6) 36.Kc6 f4 (36...Rg6 37.a4e4 38.a5 and there are a lot of possibilities to consider here... I can see either side coming out ahead, although I think black is probably better.) 37.Kxd6 f3] 35.Kb5 Kf6 36.dxe6 Kxe6 37.a4 I started fantasizing here that White might actually be winning this position, but Jason's accurate play from here on out kept it only a fantasy! 37...f5 38.a5 Ke5 39.a6 f4 40.Re2+ Kd4 41.Re8 Rg7 [41...f3 Fritz's first choice, loses for Black.... 42.a7 f2 43.Rf8 Rg8 44.Rxf2+ ] 42.Kb6 f3 43.a7 Rxa7 and a draw was agreed. White just keeps attacking the f-pawn with the rook, checking the king in front of it, and then attacking the d pawn. For example... 44.Kxa7 f2 45.Rf8 Ke3 46.Kb6 Ke2 47.Re8+ Kd2 48.Rf8 Ke2 49.Re8+ Kf3 50.Rf8+ Kg2 51.Rg8+ Kf1 52.Kc6 Ke2 53.Re8+= ½-½

Emmons, A - Lundstrom, B (LV2003)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 g6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.e4 Bxf1 10.Rxf1 Nbd7 11.Kf2 0-0 12.Kg1 Qb6 13.Qe2 Rfb8 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Ng4 16.e6 fxe6 17.dxe6 Nde5 18.Nd5 Qd6 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Rd1 Kh8 21.Bg5 Rxb2 22.Qe4 Rab8 23.Bxe7 Qxe6 24.Qh4?! R8b4?! [24...Nd3 is powerful for black.] 25.Nxb4 Nf3+ 26.gxf3? [26.Kh1! leaves Black with only a tiny plus, in a complicated position. 26...Nxb4 27.Rd8+ Qg8 (27...Bf8 28.Bxf8! Qb6! (best) 29.Re8 Qb5 30.Rd8 Kg8 31.Bh6+ Kf7 32.Rf8+ Ke7 33.Re1+ Kd7 34.Rd1+Ke6) ] 26...Qe3+ and mate in two. 0-1

Robins, M - Baffo, J (LV2003)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qd2 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 d5 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nc3 Rd8 14.Rfe1 Be6 15.Re2 Qd7 [15...Nc6] 16.Rae1 Nc6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Rxe6 b5 19.Qg5 d4 20.Re7? [20.Nd5! Qxd5 21.Re8+ Rxe8 (21...Kf7 22.R1e7+Nxe7 23.Rxe7+ Kf8 24.Qxg7#) 22.Qxd5+] 20...Nxe7 21.Rxe7 Qxe7 22.Qxe7 Re8 23.Nd5 Rxe7 24.Nxe7+ Kf7 25.Nf5 Rd8 26.Kf1 g6 27.Ng3 Rc8 28.c3 dxc3 29.bxc3 Rxc3 30.Ne4 Ra3 31.Nd6+ Ke6 0-1

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Brown, D - Schine, R (LV2003)

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bg2c6 6.Rb1 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nd7 10.Bb2 Nc5 11.c4 Bf5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Rb2 Qa5 14.Qa1 Kg8 15.d3 [15.d4 Nd7 16.Rxb7] 15...Rfd8 16.Rd1 Rab8 17.Rbd2 Rd6 18.Nd4 Be6 19.f4 Rbd8 20.Nb3 Qb6 21.Nxc5 Qxc5+ 22.Kf1 Qe3 23.Qe5 Qxe5 24.fxe5 R6d7 25.c5 Rd4 26.Rb1 Rb8 27.Bxc6 Rc8 28.e3 Rdd8 29.Bg2 Rxc5 30.Rxb7 Rxe5 31.Ke2 Rd7 32.d4 Bc4+ 33.Kf2 Rf5+ 34.Ke1? [34.Kg1] 34...Rxb7 35.Rc2 [35.Bxb7 Rf1#] 35...Rb1+ 0-1

Albano, P - Doykos, T (LV2003)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bd3b6 6.b3 Bb7 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 c5 10.Ne2 Qc7 11.f4 Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Bxc5 16.Bd4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Rfd8 18.c4 Rd7 19.Rac1 Rad8 20.Rc2 f6 21.Rdc1 e5 22.fxe5 fxe5 23.Ne2 Rd3 24.Rc3 Rxc3 25.Rxc3 Rd2 26.Nc1 Kf7 27.b4 Ke6 28.c5 bxc5 29.Rxc5 Kd6 30.a3 Ba6 31.Rc3 Bd3 32.h3 Bc2 33.Kh2 g5 34.Kg3 h5 35.h4 g4 36.Kh2 Bd3 37.Kg3? [37.Nb3 Re2 38.Na5=] 37...Bf1 38.Kh2 Rxc2+ [38...g3+! 39.Kxc3 (39.Kg1 Rd1 and mate) 39...Rxc2+ 40.Kh3 Rc2+] 39.Kh1 Rd2 40.Nb3 Rd3 41.Rxd3+ exd3 42.Nd2 Be2 43.e4 Kc6 44.Kg2 Kb5 45.Kf2 a6-1

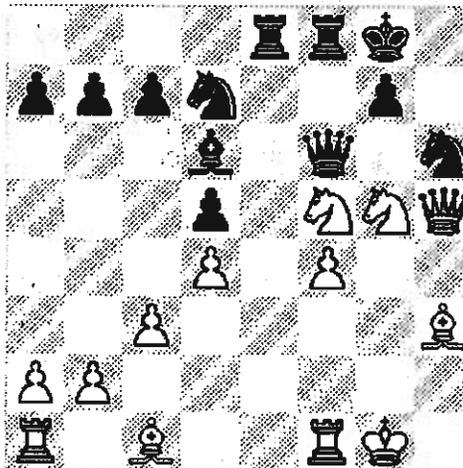
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Schine,R - Kulbacki,J (LV2003)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.a3 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5. Qxd4Nc6 6.Qd1 d5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.e4 0-0 10.Bxc4 b6 11.Bf4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Bd3 Rd8 14.Rd1 Bb7 15.Be3 [15. Bc7 causes Black some difficulties--- forexample. 15...Rd7 16.e5 Rxc7 17. Bxh7+ Nxh7 18.Rxd4] 15...Qe5 16.f4 Qh5 17.Be2Qa5 18.0-0 Rac8 19.Ra1 Bxe4 20. Qb3 Bc5 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Rfd1 Nd2 23. Rxd2 Bxe3+24.Qxe3 Qxd2 25.Qf3 h6 26. h3 Qxb2 27.Re1 Qc3 0-1

Zbegner,J - Grimm,P (LV2003)

1.e4 e6 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5. d4 Bd6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Bh5 9. g4 Bxg4 10.hxg4 Nxg4 11.Bxh7+ Kh8 12. Bf5 Nh6 13.Bh3 f5 14.Ng5 Qf6 15.c3 Nd7 16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ndf3 Qg6 18.Nh4 Qf6



19.Qh5 Kg8 20.Nxf5! (DIAGRAM above) White has played some very nice moves to get an overwhelmingly won position. However, this story is not to have a happy ending... 20...c5 [20...Nxf5? 21.Qh7#] 21. Nxh6+ gxh6 22.Bxd7 Re7 23.Bh3 Rg7 24. Kh1 hxg5 25.fxg5 Qxf1+ 26.Bxf1 Rxf1+ 27.Kg2 Rgf728.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qxd6 R7f2+ 30.Kg3 cxd4 31.Qe5+ Kh7 32.Qxd4 Rf3+ 33.Kg2 Kg6 34.Qxd5? [34.Be3 Rxa1 35. Kxf3 gets rid of any black threats] 34... R1f2+ 35.Kh1 1/2-1/2

Kulbacki,J - Walker,B (LV2003)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5. Bg2e6 6.d3 d6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.a3 0-0 9.Qc2

Rb8 10.Rb1 a6 11.b4 b6 12.e3 Bb7 13. Rd1Qc7 14.Ne2 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 dxe5 17.Bb2 Rbd8 18.Qb3 g5 19. Bc3 Rb8 20.Kg1 Ng6 21.Qa4 cxb4 22. Bxb4 Rfd8 23.Qxa6 Qc6 24.Nc3 Qf3 25. Ne4 Qg4 26.Bd6 Ra8 27.Qb7 f5 28.f3 Qh5 [28...Qxf3? 29.Nf6+] 29.Nf2 e4 30.g4 fxg4 31.fxg4 Qh6 32.Qxe4 Nh4 33.Rxb6 e5 34.Bc7 1-0

Zbegner,J - Willson,B (LV2003)

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qd85. Nf3 Nf6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.a4 b6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Kh1 0-0 11.Re1 Re8 12.Ne5 Nd5? [12...Bb7] 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bd3 [14. Nxf7! Qd7 (14...Kxf7 15.Qh5+ Kg8 16. Bxd5+)15.Ne5 Qd8 16.Ba2] 14...g6 15.c4 Bh4 16.g3 Bf6 17.cxd5 Nd7 18.Bc4 Bb7 19.Qg2Nxe5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.d3 Qd6 22. Bg5 Kg7 23.Rc2 f6 24.Bd2 Rad8 25.Bc3 Bxd526.Bxd5 Qxd5 27.Qxd5 Rxd5 28. Rd1 Red8 29.Re3 Kf7 30.Kg2 c4 31.Bxe5 Rxe5 32.Rxe5fxe5 33.Rf1+ Ke6 34.dxc4 Black used good judgment in going into thisending. Although at first glance Ithought White should be ok, upon closer inspection it seems the centralposition of the black king coupled with weakness in the white queenside pawnsswings the ending over to blacks favor. 34...Rd2+ 35.Rf2 Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Kd637.Ke3 Kc5 38.Kd3 Kb4 39.b3 Kxb3 40.a5 bxa5 41.c5 a4 42. c6 a3 43.c7 a2 44.c8Qa1Q 45.Qb7+ Ka2 46.Qxa6+ [46.Kc2! ends the game quickly. mating in just a fewmore moves.] 46...Kb1 47.Qxa1+ Kxa1 48.Ke4 Kb2 49. Kxe5 Kc3 50.Kf6 Kd4 51.Kg7Ke5 52. Kxh7 Kf6 53.Kh6 Kf5 54.h3 0-1

Brown,D - Schoessler,T (LV2003)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0-0 6.Nc3 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d4 c4 9.Bg5 Nc6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.e3 Bf5 12.Nd2 Ne713.g4 Bd3 14.Re1 Rb8 15.Qf3 Qa5 16. Nf1 Qb4 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Qxb2 19.Qa5 a620.Rec1 Rfc8 21.Qc3 Qxc3 22. Rxc3 b5 23.a3 a5 24.Nd2 b4 25.Rcc1 c3 26.Nb3 a427.Nc5 Rxc5! 28.dxc5 b3 29. Bf1 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 b2 31.Rab1 c2 32.Kg2 cxb1Q 33.Rxb1g5 0-1

Schine,R - Albano,P

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.a3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Qc2 0-0 7.e4 d5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 h6 10.h4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 c5 12.Ng5! g6[12... hxg5 13.hxg5 g6 14.Bxe6 Kg7 and black seems to be doing ok] 13.Nxe6 Qe814. Nxf8 Bxf8 15.0-0 [15.Qxg6+ Bg7 16. Bxh6] 15...cxd4 16.Nd5 Nc5 17.Nf6+ 1-0

Pineda,A - Shaeffer,J (LV2003)

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0Bd6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Qa4+ c6 8.Qxc4 h6 9. Nc3 g5 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.Ne5 Nd5 12.e4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Rd6 Qf7 17.Rad1 Bd7 18.Qd4 0-0 19.exf5 Qxf5 20.Be4 Qf7 21.Qe5 Qg7 22. Bd4 Qxe5 23.Bxe5 a5 24.R6d3 [24.Rxd7 Nxd7 25.Rxd7Rf7 26.Rd6 is another continuation very favorable for White. The epawn cannotbe kept. 26...Re7 27.Bf6] 24... c5 [24...Bc8] 25.Bxb8 Raxb8 26.Rxd7 b5 27.Rb7 b4 28.cxb4 Rxb7 29.Bxb7 Rb8 30. Rd7 axb4 31.Rc7 c4 32.Rc8+ Rxc8 33. Bxc8 Kf7 34.Ba6 c3 35.Bd3 e5 36.Bc2 Ke6 37.Kf1 Kd5 38.Ke2 Kd4 39.f3 h5 40. h4 gxh4 41.gxh4 Kc4 42.Ke3 Kd5 43. Bb3+ Kd6 44.Ke4 1-0

Moore,R - Doykos,T (LV2003)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5. Nc3Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9. Nh4 Be4 10.f3 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Be3 Nc613.Qd2 Rc8 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.a3 Bf6 17.Rad1 Rfd8 18.f4 Nxd4 19.b4Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Qe4 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Re1 Bc3 23.Bxa7 Qxf4 24.Rf1 Bd4+ 25.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 26.Kh1 e5 27.Qf3 Rd7 28.h3 Qd3 29.Qxd3 Rxd3 30.Ra1 Rb3 31. Rc1 Kf8 32.Rc7Rxa3 33.Rxb7 Ra1+ 34. Kh2 e4 35.Kg3 f5 36.Kf4 36...g5+! 37. Ke3 [37.Kxf5 e3 and, somewhat surpris- ingly, White cannot stop the pawn! 38. Rb8+ Ke7! 39.Rb5Kd6! 40.Rb6+ Kd5 41. Rb5+ (41.Re6 Rf1+) 41...Kd4 42.Rb8 e2] 37...Ra3+ 38.Ke2 Ra2+ 39.Kf1 g4 40. hxg4 fxg4 41.g3 e3 42.Rb5 Rf2+ 43.Ke1 Rb2 44.Rf5+ Ke7 45.Rf4g6 46.Rxg4 Kf6 47.Rc4 Rb3 48.Ke2 g5 49.g4 1/2-1/2

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Santiago,R - Fisher,T (LV2003)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.c4  
Qa55.Be2 Bg4 6.0-0 e6 7.d4 Qh5 8.Nc3  
Bd6 9.c5 Bxf3 10.cxd6 Bxe2 11.dxc7  
Na612.Nxe2 Nxc7 13.Bf4 Qa5 14.Qb3 b5  
15.Bxc7 Qxc7 16.Qxb5+ Qd7 17.Qe5 0-0  
18.h3Rab8 19.b3 Rb5 20.Qe3 Nd5 21.Qd2  
Rb6 22.Rfc1 Rd6 23.Rc5 Ne7 24.Rac1  
Nc6 25.R1c4 Rd8 26.Qc3 Nxd4? 27.Nxd4  
Rxd4 28.Rxd4 and black's vulnerable back  
rank finishes him. 1-0

Cooksey,B - Sutherland,G (LV2003)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.  
e5Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 a6 8.Nf3 c5 9.  
Bd3 c4 10.Be2 Qb4 11.Rb1 b5 12.a3  
Qa513.0-0 0-0 14.Qe1 Nc6 15.Qh4 Qb6  
16.Rbd1 a5 17.Nb1 b4 18.a4 Qd8 19.Qh3  
Nb6 20.b3 c3 21.Bd3 g6 22.Ng5 h5 23.g4  
Nxd4 24.gxh5 Kg7 25.hxg6 Rh8 26.Nh7  
Nf527.Qg4 fxg6 28.Nf6 Rh4 29.Qg5 Qh8  
30.Rf2 Kf7 31.Bb5 Ng7 32.Nh7 Nf5 33.  
Nf6 Ng7½-½

Herrera,C - Corbett,T (LV2003)

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.f4 Bf5 5.  
Ngf3 a6 6.Be2 e6 [6...Nb4] 7.0-0 Bd6 8.  
Ne5 Ne7 9.g4 Bg6 10.c3 h6 11.Bf3 Nh7  
12.Qe1Bc2 13.Qh4 f6 14.Qh5+ g6 15.  
Qxh6 fxe5 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qd7 18.  
Nb3 0-0-019.Nc5 Qc6 20.b4 b6 21.Rf2  
Bf5 22.Nxa6 Qxc3 23.Bb2 Qc4 24.Nxc7  
Qxb4 25.Rc1 Kb726.gxf5 Nxf5 27.Qf4 1-0

Cunningham,A - Koleszar,L (LV2003)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 e6 4.c4 Ne7 5.  
Nf3Ng6 6.Be2 Be7 7.Nc3 b6 8.Be3 Nc6 9.  
a3 Bb7 10.b4 h6 11.Qd2 Nh4 12.Nxh4  
Bxh413.Bf3 Rb8 14.Rb1 Ne7 15.Bxb7  
Rxb7 16.g3 Bg5 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.Qxg5  
Nf5 19.Qxd8+ Kxd8 20.Rd1 Ke7 21.d5 a6  
22.0-0 Rbb8 23.Ne4 d6 24.exd6+ Nxd6  
25.Nxd6 cxd6 26.dxe6 fxe6 27.Rd4 e5 28.  
Re1 Rbc8 29.f4 Ke6 30.fxe5 dxe5 31.Rde4  
Rh5 32.g4 Rh4 33.Rxe5+ Kf7 34.R5e4  
Rc6 35.Rf1+ Kg8 36.Rf2 Rh3 37.Ra2 Rg6  
38.a4 Rh4 39.Rg2 Rd640.Kf2 Rd3 41.Re3  
Rd4 42.Rc3 g5 43.h3 Rf4+ 44.Kg3 Rf1  
45.c5 Rh1 46.Rh2 Rg1+47.Kf2 Rb1 48.c6  
Rh7 49.c7 Rf7+ black should take the c-  
pawn immediately 50.Kg3[50.Ke3+-] 50...  
Rxc7! 51.Rxc7 Rb3+ and if White wants  
to try for a win, he must give up his extra

rook on h2, after which he MIGHT still  
have a win, but it will be a long arduous  
process. ½-½

Cooksey,B - Herrera,C (LV2003)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.  
Bb5+Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3  
e6 9.Bd2 Nd4 10.Qe1? Nxc2 11.Qh4 Nxa1  
12.Rxa1Ne7 13.Rf1 d5 14.Ne5 Qd8 15.  
Nb5 0-0 16.Ng4 dxe4 17.Nc3 exd3 18.Ne4  
Qd4+ 19.Nef2Nf5 20.Qh3 Rad8 21.Bc3  
Qd5 22.Nf6+ Bxf6 23.Bxf6 Rd7 24.g4 d2  
25.gxf5 Qxf526.Ng4 h5 27.Nh6+ Kh7 28.  
Nxf5 d1Q 29.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Kf2 exf5 31.  
Qe3 Rd7 32.Qxc5Re8 33.Bc3 Rde7 34.  
Qd4 Rg8 35.Qxa7 Re4 36.Be5 Rd8 37.  
Qxb7 Rd2+ 38.Kg3 Re3+39.Kh4 Kh6 40.  
Qh1 40...Rdd3[40...Re4! , a somewhat  
surprising move, is best according to Fritz.  
If 41.Qg1 f6! and (also according to  
Fritz),42.Qc5 is the only move for WHITE  
to keep equality!] 41.Qg2 Rxe5 42.fxe5  
Rd4+43.Kg3 h4+ [43...Rg4+ 44.Kf3 Rxc2  
is an easy win for white.] 44.Kf3 g5 45.  
Ke3Re4+ 46.Qxe4 White chooses to sim-  
plify into a clearly won ending, which also  
happens to be a highly instructive ending.  
Both sides make subsequent errors, and  
the rest of the game is well worth study by  
those wishing to hone their endgame  
skills. 46...fxe4 47.a4 g448.a5? [48.Kxe4  
is now necessary, keeping the win for  
white. It was necessary to solidify the  
kingside first... There is no hurry to ad-  
vance the queen-side pawns if the king-  
side is secure..] 48...g3 [48...h3! is the  
right move to draw. Pawn endings are full  
of little tricks like this. 49.a6 (49.Kf2  
e3+50.Kxe3 g3 and Black wins) 49...g3  
50.hxg3 h2 51.a7 h1Q 52.a8Q Qc1+ and  
we're transposed back into a position  
reached later in the actual game.] 49.hxg3  
[49.h3! wins, as White can stop the two  
pawns when they're just one file apart.]  
49...h3! 50.a6 h2 51.a7 h1Q 52.a8Q Qc1+  
53.Kd4 [53.Kxe4?? Qh1+ a skewer is a  
very common theme in Q&P endings,  
which occurs several times again in this  
game.] 53...Qxb2+ 54.Kd5 Qd2+ 55.Kc5  
Qc3+ 56.Kd5 Qd3+ 57.Kc5 Kg7 58.  
Qa1Qe3+ 59.Qd4 Qa3+ 60.Kd5 Qa8+ 61.  
Kc5 Kg8 62.Kb4 Qb7+ 63.Kc5 e3 64.  
Qd8+ [64.Qxe3?? Qa7+] 64...Kh7 65.

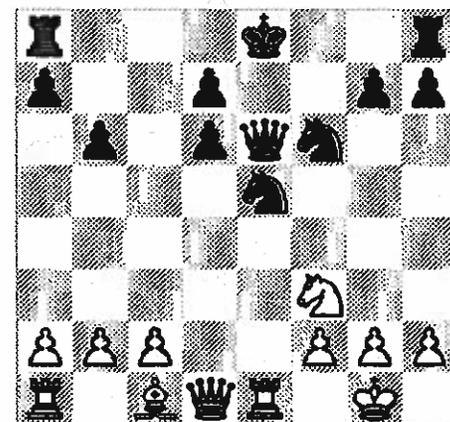
Qh4+ ½-½

Sunderland,G - Dykes,D (LV2003)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3  
Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.Be2 Bd7  
9.0-0 Qc7 10.Re1 Rc8 11.Bf1 Nf5 12.g4  
Nfe7 13.Bf4 cxd4 14.cxd4 a6 15.Bd3 b5  
16.Bd2 Na5 17.Bxa5 Qxa5 18.Qd2 Nc6  
19.Qg5 g6 20.Qh6 Kd8 21.Reb1 Qb6 22.  
Qe3 Na5 23.Qe1 h5 24.h3 Nc4 25.a4 Ke7  
26.axb5 Bxb527.Qb4+ Kd7 28.c3 hxg4  
29.hxg4 Rh3 30.Kg2 Rxf3 31.Kxf3 Nd2+  
32.Ke2 Nxb1 33.Rxb1Bxd3+ 34.Kxd3 ?-?

Joule,J - Arnold,M (LV2003)

1.d4 f5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.  
Nbd2 b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Re1 Bd6 8.e4 fxe4 9.  
Bxe4 Qe7 10.d5 Ne5 11.dxe6 Bxe4 12.  
Nxe4 Qxe613.Nxd6+ cxd6  
.position with white to play 14.Nxe5?  
this move repairs Black's shattered pawn



structure, give him hopes of holding the  
game. [14.Nd4 Qd5 15.f4 0-0 16.fxe5  
dxe5 17.Nf5 Qe618.Nd6 leaves White  
with a comfortable won position.] 14...  
dxe5 15.Bf4 d616.Bg5 Kf7 17.Bxf6 gxf6  
18.Re3 Rhg8 19.Qh5+ Ke7 20.Qxh7+ Qf7  
21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.Rd3 Ke6 23.Rf1 Rg5  
24.f4 Rf5 25.g3 Rg8 26.fxe5 fxe5 27.Rfd1  
Rd8 28.c4 Rf7 29.a4 Rc7 30.b3 a6 31.Rf1  
d5 32.cxd5+ Rxd5 33.Rxd5 Kxd5 34.  
Rd1+ Ke6 35.Rd3 e436.Re3 Ke5 37.Kf2  
Kd4 38.h4 Rf7+ 39.Ke2 Rc7 40.Kd2 Rc2+  
41.Kxc2 Kxe3 42.h5 Kf2 43.h6 e3 44.h7  
e2 45.h8Q e1Q and a draw was agreed  
here, even though White could try for a  
win with no danger to himself after 46.  
Qf6+ Kxg3 47.Qxb6 ½-½

**2003 Colorado State Scholastic Chess Championship: 10-12-- Final Standings**

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Team	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	Kevin M Seidler	1821	1824		10	W32	W19	W3	D9	W10	W8	5.5
2	Adam D Hall	1845	1855		12	W58	W35	W29	D8	W5	W7	5.5
3	Nate C Anderson	1329	1420	DURANG		W76	W27	L1	W24	W16	W13	5.0
4	Ted K Doykos	1476	1472	BRIDGE	12	W65	W24	L12	W19	W35	W18	5.0
5	Vinh Nguyen	1671	1674		12	W53	W62	W23	W12	L2	W14	5.0
6	Morgan T Robb	1670	1654	BRIDGE	12	X---	L12	W52	W25	W23	W22	5.0
7	Jesse Cohen	1817	1822		11	W39	W25	W56	W36	W13	L2	5.0
8	Travis James Yee	1585	1602	LAKWO12		W46	W61	W11	D2	W9	L1	4.5
9	Robbie Caldwell	1457	1474	EAGLEC	11	W79	W17	W15	D1	L8	W27	4.5
10	Brandon Cooksey	1591	1596		10	W60	D52	W42	W20	L1	W12	4.5
11	Sam Tregillus	1201	1218	DURANG	9	X---	W41	L8	D27	W21	W30	4.5
12	Aaron D Lovett	1105	1305		10	W38	W6	W4	L5	W37	L10	4.0
13	Tyler B Hughes	1896	1869		6	W55	W26	W14	W37	L7	L3	4.0
14	Tomer Kishoni	1377	1390	SMOKY	12	W49	W28	L13	W62	W17	L5	4.0
15	Marcus C Woods	1113	1212	SMOKY	12	W44	W20	L9	W29	L22	W51	4.0
16	James Martineau	unr.	1389			W18	W72	L37	W26	L3	W35	4.0
17	Dwain R Rowe	1015	1163	MITCHE	9	W30	L9	W48	W72	L14	W36	4.0
18	Ely Selby	1179	1211	SOUTH	11	L16	W78	W39	W31	W36	L4	4.0
19	Randy Koerner	1136	1163	LAKWO12		W68	L1	W44	L4	W64	W40	4.0
20	Dustin H Eager	1712	1674	CHERRY	10	W63	L15	W66	L10	W39	W28	4.0
21	James M Powers	948	1009		10	W45	L29	W57	W33	L11	X56	4.0
22	Tien Nguyen	1309	1300	GEORGE	10	W69	L59	W55	W61	W15	L6	4.0
23	Shamim Monjaze	1160	1190	SOUTH	12	W80	W57	L5	W38	L6	W50	4.0
24	Alin Svyatlovsky	1092	1129		10	W83	L4	W73	L3	W67	W37	4.0
25	Stephen C Brown	1137	1159	PALMER	11	X---	L7	W64	L6	W63	W38	4.0
26	Michael Mc Monigle	1155	1176		10	W75	L13	W50	L16	W65	W41	4.0
27	Vadim B Gurevich	1013	1049		10	W40	L3	W47	D11	X59	L9	3.5
28	Ryan M Thomas	994	1064	PALMER	11	W54	L14	D30	W34	W56	L20	3.5
29	Michael Trudnak	1358	1329	WOODLA	12	W74	W21	L2	L15	W66	D31	3.5
30	Gregory Tidd	unr.	1072	ADAMSC	12	L17	W82	D28	W54	W52	L11	3.5
31	Michael Koenigs	1006	1047	REGIS	10	W71	L36	W45	L18	W42	D29	3.5
32	Brian Lee	834	917	EAGLEC		L1	W70	L35	H---	W54	W52	3.5
33	Mackenzie Mical	1167	1107	DURANG	10	W78	L42	W79	L21	D53	W55	3.5
34	Amanda R Belles	943	913		10	L57	W80	D54	L28	W74	W53	3.5
35	Ercan Eris	1145	1155	SOUTH	11	W81	L2	W32	W40	L4	L16	3.0
36	Thomas Wilbert	1378	1337	DURANG	9	W64	W31	W59	L7	L18	L17	3.0
37	Brendan Kullback	1392	1362	GEORGE	10	W82	W43	W16	L13	L12	L24	3.0
38	Haroun Omar	unr.	1079	LAKWO	10	L12	W53	W43	L23	W62	L25	3.0
39	Matthew Lira	822	910	ADAMSC	12	L7	W67	L18	W44	L20	W68	3.0
40	Ryan Menachof	unr.	1041	REGIS	12	L27	W49	W41	L35	W43	L19	3.0
41	Vlad Etinger	987	973	EAGLEC	12	W77	L11	L40	W81	W45	L26	3.0
42	Chris Shattuck	unr.	1038	EAGLEC	10	W66	W33	L10	L52	L31	W65	3.0
43	Anthony S Perez	1030	1009	MITCHE	10	W47	L37	L38	W73	L40	W67	3.0
44	Morgan Moore	unr.	908	EAGLEC		L15	W63	L19	L39	X82	W66	3.0
45	Kyle Earlywine	unr.	885	GLENWO	11	L21	W84	L31	W69	L41	W62	3.0
46	Jeremy Doss	610	672	ADAMSC	11	L8	L48	D75	W60	D58	W71	3.0
47	Nate Morris	unr.	775	EAGLEC	10	L43	W65	L27	L53	W79	W63	3.0
48	Ben Queen	unr.	863	REGIS	9	L61	W46	L17	L63	W69	W64	3.0
49	Andrew Fresquez	unr.	855	WEST	12	L14	L40	L68	W80	W70	W61	3.0
50	Jorge Luna-Perez	unr.	1092	WEST	9	L56	X85	L26	W77	X72	L23	3.0
51	Andrew Glugla	unr.	835	REGIS	10	L59	L74	W84	W79	W61	L15	3.0
52	Carl A Jack	1104	1085	MITCHE	10	W70	D10	L6	W42	L30	L32	2.5
53	Kevin R Reims	672	721		11	L5	L38	W83	W47	D33	L34	2.5
54	Brendan Stone	unr.	795	HORIZO	12	L28	W76	D34	L30	L32	W74	2.5

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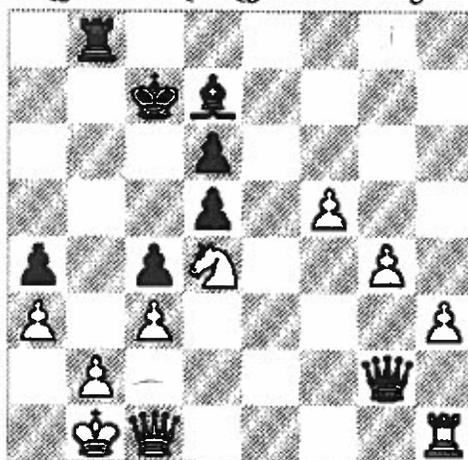
Brian Wall - Luis Rodriguez  
Sicilian [B23] Winter Spgs  
Op - June section

Brian battles out of a bad position with his usual ingenuity

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.Bd3 a6 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Ne2 d5 9.e5 Qb6 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nh6 12.Rb1 Qa5 13.Qb3 0-0 14.Ba3 Re8 15.0-0 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Nd4 Kh8 18.Rbe1 Ra7 19.Ne6 Bd7 20.Bc5 Bxe6 21.Bb6 1-0

Eric Billaux - Brian Wall  
[B75] Sicilian Dragon  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Qd2 Bd7 9.g4 a6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Ne5 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Qb6 15.h3 a5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Qg7 0-0-0 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.c3 e6 20.Qxf7 Rdf8 21.Qg7 exd5 22.Rde1 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Qxh7 a4 25.a3 Qd8 26.Qxg6 Qh4 27.Kb1 Kc7 28.f5 Qf2 29.Qg5 Rb8 30.Qc1 Qg2 31.Nc2 Diagram



d4 32.cxd4 Bc6 33.Rg1 Qh2 34.Nb4 Be4+ 35.Kal Kd7 36.Qe3 c3 37.bxc3 Rxb4 38.cxb4 Bd5 39.Kb1 Bb3 40.Qe4 Qxg1+ 41.Kb2 Bd5 ½-½

Billy Willson - Andy Rea  
[A45] Queen Pawn  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7 4.Nd2 d6 5.f4 (This doesn't work well, since Black controls e5.) 5...Nc6 6.Ndf3 0-0 7.Ne2 e5! 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.0-0 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Nf4 Qh4 13.h3 g5 14.Qf3 gxf4 15.hxg4 fxe3 16.Qh3 Qxh3 17.gxh3 Bd4 18.Kg2 Be6 19.Kf3 f5 20.Bxe3 Bd5+ 21.Kf2 fxg4+ 22.Ke2 Rxf1 23.Rxf1 Re8 24.hxg4 Rxe3+ 25.Kd2 Rf3 0-1

Adam Weissbarth - Ken Doykos  
[B12] Caro-Kann, Advance var.  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 Qb6 5.g4 Bd7 6.Bg2 e6 7.Nge2 c5 8.Be3 Nc6 9.f4 h5 10.h3 hxg4 11.hxg4 Rxh1+ 12.Bxh1 Nh6 13.Bf3 Be7 14.Qd2 Bh4+ 15.Kf1 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Qb4 18.Kg2 Be7 19.Qd3 Rc8 20.Rb1 Rc4 21.a3 Qa5 22.f5 Qc7 23.Re1 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Qxc5 25.f6 g6 26.Rh1 Ng8 27.Rh8 Kf8 28.Qd2 Bc6 29.Qh6+ Ke8 30.Qg7 Rxg4+ 31.Bxg4 d4+ 32.Bf3 Bxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Qc6+ 34.Ne4 1-0

Jeff Baffo - Eric Billaux  
[D07] Queen's Gambit, Chigorin Defense  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 Bg4 6.Qa4 Bxf3 7.gxf3 a6 8.Qxc4 e5 9.d5 Nb4 10.Qb3 Nfxd5 11.Bc4 c6 12.e4 b5 13.Be2 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Qd4 15.0-0 c5 16.Rd1 Qxc3 17.bxc3 Nc6 18.Be3 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Rd1+ Kc7 21.f4 Bd6 22.fxe5 Nxe5 23.a4 Rb8 24.axb5 axb5 25.f4 Nd7 26.e5 Be7 27.Ra1 c4 28.Kf2 Bc5 29.Bf3 Kb6 30.Bd5 f6 31.e6 Bxe3+ 32.Kxe3 Nc5 33.Rg1 g6 34.h4 Re8 35.f5 gxf5 36.Kf4 Nxe6+ 37.Kxf5 Nc5 38.Rd1 Re3 39.Kxf6 Rxc3 40.Rb1 Ka5 41.h5 Rg3 0-1

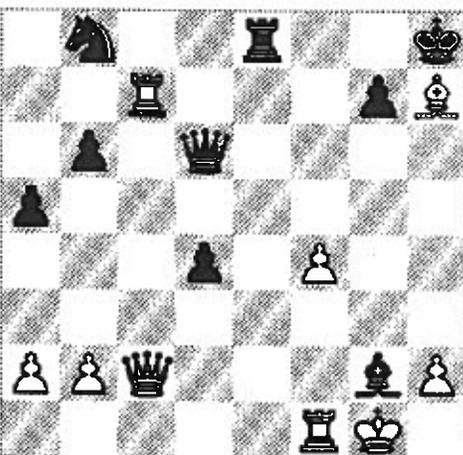
Luis Rodriguez - Adam Weissbarth [A45] Queen Pawn  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.d4 Adam attacks furiously, but Luis is up to the challenge. 1...Nf6 2.e3 c5 3.dxc5 e6 4.b4 a5 5.c3 axb4 6.cxb4 b6 7.Nf3 bxc5 8.b5 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Bb7 11.a4 Ne4 12.Nfd2 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.Bd3 Nd5 15.Qe2 Bf6 16.Ra3 Nxe3 17.Re1 Bd4 18.Kh1 Qh4 19.Nf1 Nxe2 20.Kxg2 f4 21.Nfd2 Rf6 22.

Rf1 Rh6 23.Kh1 d5 24.a5 c4 25.Bc2 Bc8 26.Nxc4 dxc4 27.Be4 Ra7 28.b6 Rd7 29.Ra2 Ba6 30.Qg2 c3 31.Ba3 Bxf1 32.Qxf1 Be3 33.Rg2 Rd2 34.Nxd2 cxd2 35.Bb4 Bf2 36.Bxd2 Bg3 37.Qe2 Qf6 38.Qc4 Qa1+ 39.Qc1 Qxc1+ 40.Bxc1 Rh5 41.Kg1 Be1 42.Bd2 Bh4 43.Bd3 Bd8 44.Re2 Kf7 45.Bc4 Ke7 46.Rxe6+ Kd7 47.Bxf4 Rh4 48.Rd6+ Ke7 49.Rxd8 Rxf4 50.Rxb8 Rxc4 51.a6 1-0

Ken Doykos - Billy Willson  
[D37] Queen Pawn  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 b6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Qa4+ c6 8.e3 0-0 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Bd3 c5 11.Rc1 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 a6 14.Qc2 f5 15.f3 Nd6 16.Qe2 a5 17.e4 cxd4 18.Nxd5 Qxe5 19.f4 Qe8 20.Nc7 Qg6 21.exf5 Nxf5 22.Nxa8 Bxa8 23.Rc7 Re8 24.Qc2 Bxg2 25.Bxf5 Qd6 26.Bxh7+ Kh8 Diagram 27.Rxg7



Kxg7 28.Kxg2 Re3 29.Qf5 Qc6+ 30.Kg1 Re2? 31.Qg4+ Kxh7 32.Qxe2 Qc5 33.Qe4+ Kh6 34.Qe6+ Kh5 35.Qe5+ Kg6 36.Qe4+ Kf7 37.Qh7+ Kf6 38.Qh4+ Kf5 39.Qg5+ Ke4 40.Re1+ Kd3 41.Qg3+ Kc2 42.Qb3+ 1-0

Adam Weissbarth - Eric Billaux [B22] Sicilian 2.c3  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qe4 f5 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Qh4 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Bg5 g6 12.Nbd2 d5 13.0-0-0 e5 14.Bc2 Be6 15.Ne4 Rc8

16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nfg5 Bxg5+ 18.  
Nxc5 Qe7 19.Qh6 e4 20.Nxe6  
Qxe6 21.Rxd5 Nb4 22.Rd2 Nxc2  
23.Kxc2 Qxa2 24.h4 Rc7 25.h5  
Rfc8 26.Rh3 e3 27.Rxe3 Rg7 28.  
Rg3 Qf7 29.Qg5 Rf8? 30.h6 1-0

Ted Doykos - Paul Grimm  
[C01]  
Winter Spgs Op - July

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3  
Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Nbd2  
Qd6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Qc2  
h6 11.Bh4 Rde8 12.c4 Nh5 13.  
Bxe7 Rxe7 14.cxd5 Nf4 15.Be4  
Nf6 16.Nc4 Qa6 17.Nfe5 Be2 18.  
d6 cxd6 19.Nxd6+ Kb8 20.Nexf7  
Bxf1 21.Bf5 Rc7 22.Qd1 Bxg2 23.  
Nxx8 Qxd6 24.Ng6 N6h5 25.Nxf4  
Nxf4 26.Qb3 a6 27.Rd1 Bd5 28.  
Qa4 Bf7 29.b4 Qd5 30.Kf1 Qh1#  
0-1

Paul Grimm - Dean Brown  
[B23]  
Winter Spgs Op - July

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7  
5.Bc4 Bxc3 6.bxc3 Nh6 7.0-0 Bg4  
8.d4 Qb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.f5 Kg7 11.  
Qd2 Ng8 12.Rab1 Qc7 13.Nh4  
gxf5 14.Nxf5+ Bxf5 15.Rxf5 e6 16.  
Bh6+! Nxx6 17.Qg5+ Kh8 18.  
Qf6+ 1-0

Paul Anderson - J. C.  
MacNeil [A40] Queen Pawn  
Winter Spgs Op - July  
1.d4 b5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.a4 b4 4.g3  
Bb7 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nbd2 a5  
8.Nb3 d6 9.c4 Nbd7 10.Qc2 Be4  
11.Qd1 0-0 12.Nbd2 d5 13.Nxe4  
Nxe4 14.cxd5 exd5 15.b3 Re8 16.  
Bb2 c5 17.dxc5 Ndx5 18.Nd4 Rc8  
19.Bh3 Rc7 20.Nb5 Rb7 21.Rc1  
Bf8 22.Bd4 Ne6 23.Ba1 Bc5 24.e3  
Qg5 25.Qd3 Rbe7 26.Nd4 Nxd4  
27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Nc3 29.  
Rxc3 bxc3 30.Qxc3 Qh6 31.Bg2  
Re5 32.Qxa5 d4 33.Qa7 dxe3 34.  
fxe3 R5e7 35.Qd4 Qxe3+ 36.Qxe3  
Rxe3 37.Bd5 R8e7 38.Bc4 Kf8 39.

Rf2 f6 40.a5 Ra7 41.a6 Ke7 42.Re2  
Rxe2 43.Bxe2 Kd6 44.Kf2 Kc5 45.  
Kf3 Re7 46.Bc4 Kb6 47.h4 h5 48.  
Kf4 Re5 49.Kf3 ½-½

Louis Koleszar - Richard  
Cordovano [A85] Dutch  
Winter Spgs Op - July

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3  
Bg7 5.d5 d6 6.Nd4 e5 7.dxe6 c5 8.  
Nf3 Bxe6 9.Qd3 0-0 10.Ng5 Re8  
11.f3 Nc6 12.Nxe6 Rxe6 13.Bg5 h6  
14.Bh4 g5 15.Bf2 Ne5 16.Qxf5  
Qe7 17.0-0-0 Nxc4 18.e4 Ne5 19.  
h4 Rf8 20.hxg5 Nfg4 21.Nd5  
Qxg5+ 22.f4 Rxf5 23.fxg5 Rxf2 24.  
Nf6+ Nxf6 25.gxf6 Rxf6 and  
Black won (another 20 moves) 0-1

Michael Ely - Rob Jami-  
son [B01] Center Counter  
Winter Spgs Op - August

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.  
d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0  
Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Qxd4 9.Rd1 Qg4 10.  
Qxg4 Nxx4 11.Bf4 e6 12.Ne4 e5  
13.Re1 Nd7 14.h3 0-0-0 15.Bd2  
Ngf6 16.Nxf6 gxf6 17.Bf5 Kb8 18.  
Rad1 Be7 19.f4 Nb6 20.fxe5 fxe5  
21.Rxe5 Bf6 22.Reel Nc4 23.Bf4+  
Ka8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.b3 Nb2 26.  
Bg4 b5 27.Rb1 Kb7 28.Kf1 a5 29.  
Ke2 a4 30.bxa4 Nxa4 31.Rb3 Nc3+  
32.Kf3 Nxa2 33.Bf5 h5 34.g4  
hxg4+ 35.Bxg4 Nc3 36.Bg5 Bxg5  
37.Rxc3 Bh4 38.Rc5 Rd5 39.Rxd5  
cxd5 40.Bh5 f6 41.Kg4 Be1 42.Bg6  
f5+ 43.Bxf5 Kb6 44.h4 Kc5 45.h5  
Bd2 46.Kf3 d4 47.Ke4 Kc4 48.  
Be6+ Kc3 49.Bb3? (49 Bd7) 49...  
d3 50.cxd3 Kxb3 51.d4 Kc4 52.d5  
b4 53.d6 b3 54.h6 b2 (54...Bxxh6  
55 Kf5 Bd2 56 d7 Ba5 works, too.)  
55.d7 b1Q+ 56.Ke5 Ba5 0-1

Andy Rea - Brian Wall  
[A54]  
Winter Spgs Op - June

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 Nd7 4.Nc3  
Ngf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 c6

8.Qc2 Ne8 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.0-0-0  
f5 11.h3 a6 12.g4 f4 13.dxe5 Nxe5  
14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bd3 g6 16.Kb1  
Be6 17.Rhe1 Ng7 18.Ne4 b5 19.c5  
d5 20.Nd6 fxe3 21.Rxe3 Qh2 22.  
Rf1 d4 23.Rg3 Rf4 24.Ne4 Bd5 25.  
f3 Qxc2+ 26.Kxc2 Raf8 27.Nd2  
Ne6 28.b4 Ng5 29.Be2 d3+ 30.  
Bxd3 Rxb4 31.f4 Rbxf4 32.Rxf4  
Rxf4 33.h4 Ne4 34.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 35.  
Kc3 Bd5 36.a3 Be6 37.h5 Rxxg4 38.  
Rxxg4 Bxxg4 39.hxxg6 h5! (Because a  
rook-pawn is hard for a knight to  
stop - also the queening square is  
the right color for the bishop.) 40.  
Kd4 h4 41.Ne4 Bf3 42.Nf2 Kg7 43.  
Ke3 Bg2 44.Nd3 h3 45.Kf2 Kxxg6  
46.Kg3 Kf5 47.Nb4 a5 48.Nc2 Ke4  
0-1

Brian Wall - Adam Weiss-  
barth [A65] Benoni  
Winter Spgs Op - June

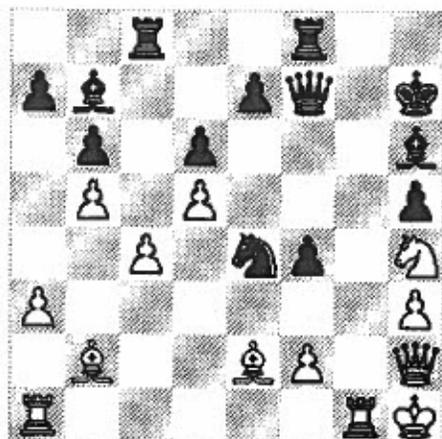
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5  
exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.  
Bg5 h6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Na6 11.  
Bc4 Nc7 12.a4 a6 13.Nge2 Bd7 14.  
a5 Bb5 15.b3 Nd7 16.0-0 Kh7 17.  
f4 Re8 18.e5 Bxc4 19.bxc4 dxe5  
20.f5 e4 21.d6 Ne5 22.dxc7 Qd3  
23.Ra4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 Qxc4 25.  
Nd5 Re5 26.Nb6 1-0

J. C. MacNeil - Majid  
Kahhak [A00] Irregular  
Winter Spgs Op - July

1.b4 One mistake spoils a hard  
fought game. (Ed. Note, we can  
assume Buck is not talking about  
*this* move!) 1...Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bb2  
Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.c4 b6 6.d4 Bb7 7.  
Nbd2 d6 8.Bd3 Na6 9.a3 c5 10.b5  
Nc7 11.0-0 Qd7 12.Qc2 cxd4 13.  
exd4 Rac8 14.Qb3 Nh5 15.Rfe1  
Nf4 16.Bf1 h5 17.Qe3 Qg4 18.Kh1  
Nce6 19.h3 Qf5 20.Ne4 g5 21.Bc1  
g4 22.Nh4 Qh7 23.Bb2 f5 24.Ng5  
Nxxg5 25.Qxf4 Bh6 26.Qh2 gxxh3  
27.d5 Ne4 28.gxxh3 Qf7 29.Be2 f4

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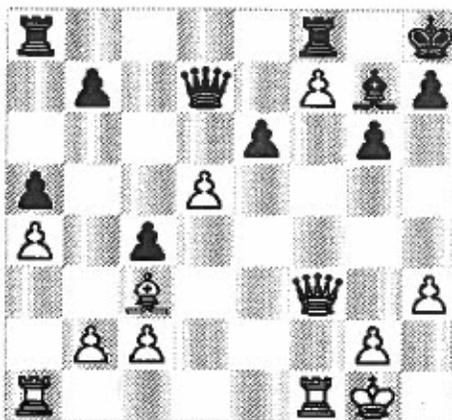
30.Rg1+ Kh7 Diagram  
31.Bd3 Bxd5 32.cxd5 Qxd5 33.Bxe4+  
Qxe4+ 34.Qg2 f3 35.Qg6+ Qxg6 36.  
Rxxg6? Rf4 37.Bc1 Rxc1+ 38.Rxc1 Rxh4  
39.Re6 Rxh3+ 40.Kg1 Bxc1 41.Rxe7+  
Kg6 42.Rxa7 Rh4 0-1

Paul Albano - Paul Grimm  
[D02] Queen Pawn  
Winter Spgs Op - July

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.  
e3 e6 6.h3 Bb4 7.Bd3 Ne4 8.Bxe4 dxe4 9.  
Ne5 Qa5 10.Qd2 b5 11.f3 f6 12.Ng4 Nd7  
13.0-0 h5 14.Nf2 exf3 15.gxf3 g5 16.Bg3  
Bxc3 17.bxc3 Nb6 18.e4 Nc4 19.Qe1 Bg6  
20.Nd3 Kf7 21.f4 g4 22.f5 Bh7 23.fxe6+  
Kg7 24.e7 Rae8 25.Qf2 f5 26.Ne5 Qxc3  
27.exf5 Nxe5 28.Bxe5+ Kf7 29.Bxh8  
Rxh8 30.Rae1 Re8 31.hxg4 hxg4 32.f6  
Qh3 33.Qh2 Qxh2+ 34.Kxh2 Bxc2 35.Re5  
Bd3 36.Rg5? (Can't we save the rook  
first?) 36...Bxf1 37.Rxg4 Kxf6 38.Rf4+  
Kxe7 39.Rxf1 Kd6 40.Rf2 Kd5 0-1

Zack Malone - Randy Schine  
[B09]  
Winter Spgs Op - July

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3  
0-0 6.Bc4 Nbd7 7.e5 dxe5 8.fxe5 Ng4 9.e6  
Nb6 10.exf7+ Kh8 11.Bb3 c6 12.h3 Nf6  
13.0-0 Nfd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Ne5 e6 16.  
Bd2 a5 17.a4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Bc3  
Qc7 20.Qf3 Bd7 21.Nxd7 Qxd7



22.d5! Diagram Qxd5 23.Bxg7+ Kxg7 24.  
Qf6+ Kh6 25.Rf4 1-0

Dietmar Grimm - Michael  
Trudnak [B01] Center Counter  
Winter Spgs Op - August

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.  
Nf3 Bxc3 6.dxc3 exd5 7.Bg5 Be6 8.b3 c6  
9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.  
cxd5 Bxd5 13.c4 Be6 14.Re1 h6 15.Bh4  
Nc5 16.Ne5 Rxd3 17.Nxd3 Rd8 18.Re3  
Bf5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qh5 Nxd3 21.Qxf5+  
Qd7 22.Qxd7+ Rxd7 23.Rd1 Ne5 24.Rxd7  
Kxd7 25.f4 Ng4 (This knight fights on  
valiantly, but to no avail.) 26.Rg3 f5 27.h3  
Nf6 28.Rd3+ Ke7 29.Kf2 c5 30.a3 a6 31.  
b4 b5 32.bxc5 bxc4 33.Rd4 c3 34.Rc4 Kd7  
35.Kf3 Ne4 36.c6+ Kc7 37.Ke3 Nf6 38.  
Kd3 Ne4 39.g4 Nf2+ 40.Kd4 Nxxh3 41.  
gxf5 Nxf4 42.Kc5 Nd3+ 43.Kd4 Nf4 44.  
Kxc3 Nd5+ 45.Kd4 Ne7 46.Ke5 h5 47.  
Kf6 Nd5+ 48.Kxf7 Ne3 49.Rc5 h4 50.f6  
h3 51.Ke7 h2 52.Rh5 Nd5+ (Has a knight  
ever fought so hard for a losing cause?)  
53.Kf7 Kxc6 54.Rxh2 Nxf6 55.Rh6 Kb5  
56.Rxf6 and after a few more moves,  
Black decided it was over. 1-0

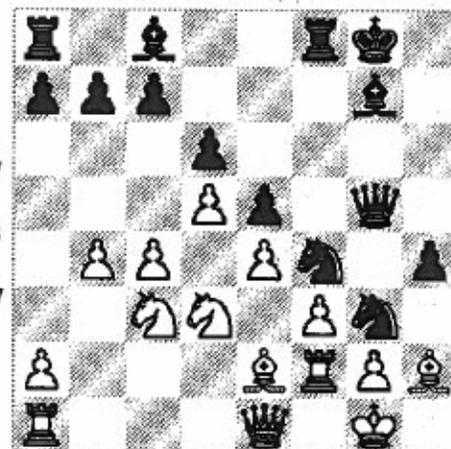
Fred Spell - Allan Ufer [B54]  
Winter Spgs Op - August

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.  
Nc3 g6 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.Be3 b5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.  
Re1 0-0 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Bb7 12.c4  
Qa5 13.Qb3 Nd7 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.dxc6  
Nc5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Be4 Ra7 18.cxb5  
axb5 19.a3 c4 20.Qb4 Qxb4 21.axb4 Rxa1  
22.Rxa1 Bxb2 23.Rd1 e6 24.c7 Be5 25.

Rd7 f5 26.Bc2 Bxc7?! 27.Rxc7 Ra8 28.f4?  
(Wrong pawn!) 28...Ra1+ 29.Kf2 Ra2 30.  
Rb7 Rxc2+ 31.Kf1 Rb2 32.Rxb5 c3 33.  
Rc5 c2 34.Ke1 c1Q+ 35.Rxc1 Rxb4 36.g3  
Kg7 37.Kf1 h5 38.Kg2 h4 39.Re1 Kf6 40.  
Kf3 h3 41.Re3 Rb2 42.Re2 Rxe2 43.Kxe2  
g5 44.Kf3 g4+ (44...e5!) 45.Ke3 e5 46.  
fxe5+ Kxe5 47.Kf2 Ke4 48.Ke2 f4 49.gxf4  
Kxf4 50.Kf2 g3+ 51.hxg3+ Kg4 52.Kg1  
Kxg3 53.Kh1 1/2-1/2

A game from the Colorado Springs Open  
March 9th 2003  
White: Randy Haines Black: J. Baffo

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.c4 0-0 5.  
Nc3 d6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.e4  
Nd7 10.Ne1 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Nd3 g5 13.Bd2  
h5 14.Be1 Nf6 15.Bf2 Ng6 16.b4 g4 17.  
Kh1 g3 18.hxg3 fxg3 19.Bxg3 h4 20.Bh2  
Nh5 21.Qe1 Qg5 22.Rf2 Ng3+ 23.Kg1  
Nf4 Diagram (I'd say black has some



compensation for his sacrificed pawn.  
But not enough to win?!?) 24.Nxf4 exf4  
25.Rd1 a5 26.b5 b6 (Closing the Queen  
side like this is just plain wrong, for rea-  
sons which will become crystal clear after  
White's 31st) 27.Bf1 Bd7 28.Rd3 Rae8 29.  
Rc2 Rf7 30.Qd1 Be5 31.Kf2! (Of course,  
so obvious! White's King goes for a little  
stroll! And there's not a darn thing I can  
do about it!) Rg7 32.Ke1 Bxc3+ 33.Rdxc3  
Nf5 34.Re2 Ng3 35.Rb2 Rge7 36.Qe1 Bf5  
37.Bd3 Bg6 38.Kd1 Qe5 39.Kc2 Rf8 40.  
a4 Qg5 41.Kb1 Rff7 1/2-1/2 By agreement,  
though White could safely play on. Only  
he has winning chances now.

## Colorado Springs Open, March 8-9, 2003

2003 Manitou Community Tournament  
March 8th 2003

1	Adam Weissbarth	2082	2097	W22	W34	W6	W18	D7	4.5
2	Andy Rea	2088	2098	W42	W19	W4	D10	D8	4.0
3	Paul Grimm	1732	1765	W37	L8	W22	W25	W18	4.0
4	Markus Petters	2037	2035	W51	W11	L2	W24	W23	4.0
5	James Hamblin	2119	2118	W36	W23	L18	W26	W10	4.0
6	Josh Smith	1885	1892	W58	W25	L1	W29	W19	4.0
7	Randy Canney	2223	2227	W33	W17	H--	W9	D1	4.0
8	Imre Barlay	2216	2215	W40	W3	H--	W21	D2	4.0
9	Cristian Carvajal	unr	2100	W24	W13	W16	L7	D15	3.5
10	Josh Bloomer	2043	2051	W46	W26	W12	D2	L5	3.5
11	Michael Kuiper	1572	1641	W27	L4	W55	D13	W31	3.5
12	Brian Wall	2225	2210	W49	W28	L10	W32	D14	3.5
13	Jesse Cohen	1817	1820	W45	L9	W35	D11	W34	3.5
14	Andrew Smith	1804	1820	W66	W53	D15	D20	D12	3.5
15	Zebedee Fortman	1909	1908	W63	D30	D14	W41	D9	3.5
16	Luis Rodriguez	2051	2050	W67	W29	L9	H--	W20	3.5
17	Larry Wutt	1764	1779	W59	L7	H--	W38	W39	3.5
18	Eric Billaux	2040	2031	W50	W41	W5	L1	L3	3.0
19	Jim McKenna	1714	1723	W43	L2	W33	W27	L6	3.0
20	Denis Kholodar	unr	1890	D21	W38	W31	D14	L16	3.0
21	Randolph Haines	1629	1675	D20	W39	W30	L8	D28	3.0
22	Kenneth Dail	1410	1444	L1	W56	L3	W54	W41	3.0
23	Paul Anderson	1722	1730	W52	L5	W49	W48	L4	3.0
24	John Schultz	1583	1597	L9	W45	W51	L4	W44	3.0
25	J. C. MacNeil	1559	1564	W65	L6	W62	L3	W42	3.0
26	Louis Koleszar	1577	1592	W60	L10	W52	L5	W40	3.0
27	Nathan Soli	unr	1618	L11	W50	W57	L19	W48	3.0
28	Jeff Baffo	1797	1798	W47	L12	H--	W35	D21	3.0
29	Daniel Weissbarth	1591	1592	W55	L16	W46	L6	D36	2.5
30	Martin Abresch	unr	1681	W32	D15	L21	L31	W55	2.5
31	Ken Doykos	1801	1778	W54	D35	L20	W30	L11	2.5
32	Karl Irons	1701	1685	L30	W58	W40	L12	D33	2.5
33	Richard Cordovano	1458	1470	L7	W59	L19	W51	D32	2.5
34	Steve Hornyak	1639	1641	W56	L1	W44	H--	L13	2.5
35	Carlos Herrera	unr	1635	W61	D31	L13	L28	W52	2.5
36	Roy Heath	1447	1439	L5	L52	W59	W45	D29	2.5
37	Stephen Smith	unr	1448	L3	L40	W50	D49	W56	2.5
38	Eilly Willson	1745	1728	H--	L20	W54	L17	W47	2.5
39	Kirk Oberdorf	1585	1586	H--	L21	W61	W57	L17	2.5
40	Gerry Sunderland	1448	1462	L8	W37	L32	W43	L26	2.0
41	Roderick Santiago	1578	1567	W62	L18	W43	L15	L22	2.0
42	Tom Corbett	1447	1432	L2	L43	W66	W53	L25	2.0
43	Michael Hines	unr	1444	L19	W42	L41	L40	W49	2.0
44	Al Gardner	1539	1502	L53	W66	L34	W46	L24	2.0
45	Allan Ufer	1127	1131	L13	L24	W65	L36	W60	2.0
46	Charles Martin	1402	1381	L10	W65	L29	L44	W59	2.0
47	Clay Cordova	768	822	L28	L49	X67	W63	L38	2.0
48	Anthea Carson	1543	1529	H--	H--	W53	L23	L27	2.0
49	Dean Brown	1464	1440	L12	W47	L23	D37	L43	1.5
50	Paul Jakubczyk	1322	1296	L18	L27	L37	D64	W63	1.5
51	Scott Boehne	1279	1281	L4	W60	L24	L33	D57	1.5
52	Webster McNairy	unr	1391	L23	W36	L26	H--	L35	1.5
53	Noah Ayers	unr	1282	W44	L14	L48	L42	D54	1.5
54	Mickey Wentz	999	1066	L31	W61	L38	L22	D53	1.5
55	William Mackey	unr	1365	L29	W67	L11	H--	L30	1.5
56	Mark Robins	unr	1255	L34	L22	D63	W61	L37	1.5
57	Jon Fortune	1547	1512	H--	H--	L27	L39	D51	1.5
58	Gary Frenzel	1241	1245	L6	L32	W60	H--	U--	1.5
59	Kathy Schneider	709	711	L17	L33	L36	W65	L46	1.0
60	Levi Blehm	unr	993	L26	L51	L58	X66	L45	1.0
61	Ted Doykos	1476	1402	L35	L54	L39	L56	W65	1.0
62	Luke Robertson	unr	1304	L41	W63	L25	U--	U--	1.0
63	Fred Eric Spell	1254	1187	L15	L62	D56	L47	L50	0.5
64	Barbara Fortune	685	710	U--	U--	U--	D50	U--	0.5
65	Lazer Blehm	unr	311	L25	L46	L45	L59	L61	0.0
66	Ray O'Dell	1126	1115	L14	L44	L42	F60	U--	0.0
67	Ben Kester	1408	1388	L16	L55	F47	U--	U--	0.0

## Final Standings

## Community Section

1	Scott McKenzie	W27	W5	W17	W4	4.0
2	Andrew Chow	W22	W33	W14	W3	4.0
3	Robert Macri	W8	W6	W15	L2	3.0
4	Brad Rome	W24	W18	W7	L1	3.0
5	Charles Rockey	W25	L1	W30	W18	3.0
6	Jerry Santiago	W19	L3	W23	W17	3.0
7	John S Davidson	W30	W16	L4	W15	3.0
8	Bob Hunt	L3	W26	W31	W12	3.0
9	Phil Jackson	W31	W21	L12	W14	3.0
10	David N Bitz	L14	W32	W20	W16	3.0
11	Wm C Hathaway	W20	L15	W28	W21	3.0
12	Busby Luke A	H--	W13	W9	L8	2.5
13	Scott Balfour	D26	L12	W29	W30	2.5
14	Renae Delaware	W10	W37	L2	L9	2.0
15	Kent Lloyd	W35	W11	L3	L7	2.0
16	Nick Tallyn	W34	L7	W19	L10	2.0
17	Roger Treweeke	W36	W29	L1	L6	2.0
18	Paul Quigley	W28	L4	W27	L5	2.0
19	Rick Abeyta	L6	W22	L16	W28	2.0
20	Brian Adams	L11	W35	L10	W29	2.0
21	Ed Quigley	X--	L9	W33	L11	2.0
22	John Mrozen	L2	L19	W26	W31	2.0
23	Barbie Fortune	L29	W34	L6	W33	2.0
24	Rob Hodge	L4	L28	W36	W27	2.0
25	Tony Mesko	L5	L27	W38	W32	2.0
26	Tony Komarad	D13	L8	L22	W34	1.5
27	Dawn Ackerman	L1	W25	L18	L24	1.0
28	Ray Allard	L18	W24	L11	L19	1.0
29	C. Simison-Bitz	W23	L17	L13	L20	1.0
30	Ben Pittman	L7	W38	L5	L13	1.0
31	Ashley Bynum	L9	W36	L8	L22	1.0
32	Dixie Delaware	L37	L10	W35	L25	1.0
33	Garret Frase	W38	L2	L21	L23	1.0
34	Robin Hathway	L16	L23	B--	L26	1.0
35	Danny Diekman	L15	L20	L32	W38	1.0
36	Bob Cramar	L17	L31	L24	B-	1.0
37	Lyn Bennett	W32	L14	U--	U--	1.0
38	Brittanea Wasson	L33	L30	L25	L35	0.0

## Scholastic Section Standings

1	Joshua DeMent	W6	W10	W3	W7	4.0
2	Josh Divine	W12	W8	W7	W4	4.0
3	Joseph Sexton	W20	W5	L1	W9	3.0
4	Nigel Bates	W13	W14	W11	L2	3.0
5	Angie Quigley	W11	L3	W10	W8	3.0
6	Miles Slavkoff	L1	W16	W15	H--	2.5
7	William Goetz	W17	W9	L2	L1	2.0
8	Witt Keller	W15	L2	W14	L5	2.0
9	Ian Hathaway	W19	L7	W13	L3	2.0
10	Cole Hanson	W16	L1	L5	W15	2.0
11	Bo Lewis	L5	W20	L4	W18	2.0
12	Jacob Abeyta	L2	L15	W16	W17	2.0
13	Pete Keller	L4	D18	L9	W20	1.5
14	Zach Gonzales	W18	L4	L8	H--	1.5
15	Brian Rose	L8	W12	L6	L10	1.0
16	Jackson Warley	L10	L6	L12	B--	1.0
17	Ian Dedrickson	L7	L19	B--	L12	1.0
18	Andrew Erickson	L14	D13	D20	L11	1.0
19	Nicholas Bennett	L9	W17	U--	U--	1.0
20	Jacob Wheeler	L3	L11	D18	L13	0.5

**In Their Own Words...**

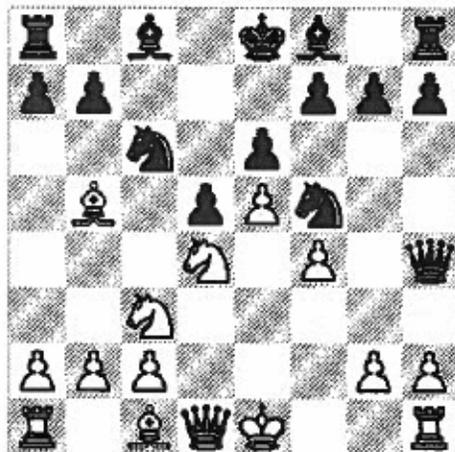
Games annotated by CSCA members

**Grimm (1638) Vs Billaux (2040)**  
CO Springs Open, 9 Mar 2003  
Rd 3 Sicilian Grand Prix turned into French (!?)

**1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 d5 4. e5?!**

I suspect this is a "TL"--theoretical lemon and admit I don't know what the hell I'm doing after 2. ... e6. I have been sarcastically called me a "King's Gambit Specialist"; add "Sicilian Grand Prix Specialist" to that ... NOT!!

**4. ... Nc6 5. Nf3 Nh6 6. d4 Nf5 7. Bb5 cxd 8. Nxd?? Oh4+!**



Now I am ANNOYED. I wanted to play a good game and then I blunder like this. I was upset enough that I "blitzed" out my next 15 moves not caring any more, and just wanting to go home.

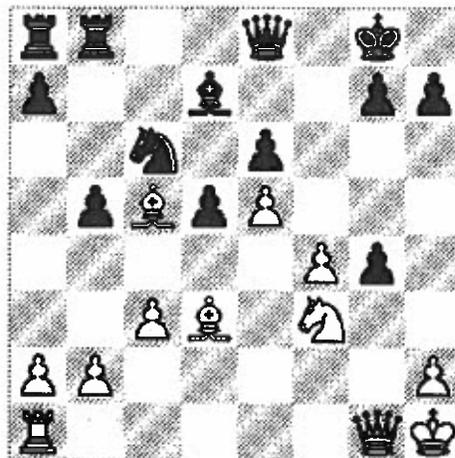
**9. Kf1 Bc5! 10. Nce2 BxN 11. NxB Ng3+ 12. Kgl NxR 13. KxN**  
Hey, I'm castled now!?!? :-)  
**13. ... Bd7 14. Nf3 Oe7 15. c3 0-0**  
**16. Bd3 f5?!**

Maybe 16. ... f6 was better; keep the Knight away from g5

**17. Be3 Rfb8 18. Ogl b5**

It's now obvious that Black is fol-

lowing standard French by playing on the Q-side, planning for a huge, end-game advantage. Meanwhile, I'm still annoyed and am blitzing out my moves determined to throw the kitchen sink at Black on the K-side.



**19. Bc5 Oe8 20. g4! fxg??**

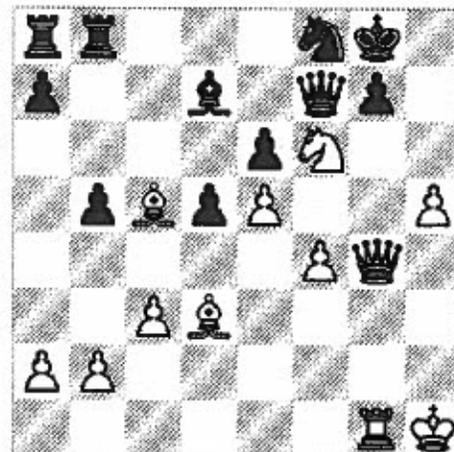
I guess 20. ... g6 might have been better. Now I get past my frustration and realize I have something going here--this position can almost play itself now.

**21. Qxg Ne7 22. Rg1 Ng6 23. h4 Of7**

After this move, my opponent has used an extra 30 minutes while I've been looking forward to going home with tail between legs. Now I change my attitude and spend 30 minutes on the next 2 moves, realizing miracles are possible. If you base material evaluation on what pieces are ON the board and what they are doing than you must conclude that I'm actually no longer down an exchange; instead, my opponent is effectively down 2 rooks and a bad bishop while every single one of my pieces and the h-pawn are engaged in combat.

**24. h5!! Nf8.**

I think all other lines lose the knight or end in checkmate. For example, 24. ... Qxf, then 25. Qg2 and the knight hangs with imminent opening of the h-file and mate on h7. 24. ... Nxf, then 25. Bxh+ Kh8 26. Bg6 Qg8 27. QxN or possibly 27. Ng4 with a possible massacre awaiting on both f8 and f7 to avoid check-



mate; Black loses at least 1 rook (putting him down the exchange overall).

**25. Ng5! Oe8 26. Nxf! Of7 27. Nf6+!! and this wins the queen.**  
**27. ... Kh8 28. Bg6 1-0**

"Queenmate" Which will soon be followed by checkmate. My winning percentage against experts is less than 10%. I would say I got very fortunate against a better player. All in all, not a bad attack for a game I deserved to lose due to hideous play back on move 8. As the philosopher said: "Hope [Chess] Springs Eternal!!"

DISCLAIMER--All "analysis" done without a computer. (You ARE allowed to analyze without them!) I'm sure there are many flaws here. Please feel free to contact me with your comments.

## 2003 Loveland Open February 15-16, 2003

1	Chris Mink	12628835	1992	22WF	7W	2W	4W	4.0
2	Brad Lundstrom	10410347	1998	11W	12W	1L	13W	3.0
3	Mitch Anderson	12788878	1907	17W	15W	4L	5W	3.0
4	Markus Petters	12845198	2037	13W	9D	3W	1L	2.5
5	Alexander Gitis	12807035	1995	20W	6D	9W	3L	2.5
6	Mark Scheidies	10375193	2052	19W	5D	8D	10D	2.5
7	Cristian R. Carvajal	0	0	10W	1L	15W	8D	2.5
8	James Drebenstedt	12478674	1881	18D	21W	6D	7D	2.5
9	Kenneth P W Doykos	10358086	1801	14W	4D	5L	16W	2.5
10	Jason D. Caldwell	12699967	1900	7L	20W	14W	6D	2.5
11	Jeffrey A. Baffo	10340195	1766	2L	19D	16W	12W	2.5
12	Mark Robins	0	0	21W	2L	17W	11L	2.0
13	Al Emmons	10411904	1771	4L	17W	19W	2L	2.0
14	Andrew Rea	11052452	2088	9L	18W	10L	19W	2.0
15	Leroy Hill	12352820	2040	16W	3L	7L	LF	1.0
16	Mickey Wentz	12860366	999	15L	WF	11L	9L	1.0
17	David E. Auter	0	0	3L	13L	12L	WF	1.0
18	James E. Hamblin	10922593	2119	8D	14L	LF	LF	0.5
19	Barry Hepsley	10495857	1775	6L	11D	13L	14L	0.5
20	Michael Presutti	12407008	1650	5L	10L	LF	LF	0.0
21	Mark Ludwig	10410053	1964	12L	8L	LF	LF	0.0
22	Emanuel J. Weiss	12565225	1660	1LF	LF	LF	LF	0.0

### Loveland Section Final Standings

1	Larry Wutt	12745430	1764	17W	12W	11W	2D	3.5
2	James E. Kulbacki	10287863	1876	22W	7W	10W	1D	3.5
3	Ron Akin	12474701	1840	21W	10L	6W	5W	3.0
4	Tim Schoessler	12708614	1780	15W	11L	18W	13W	3.0
5	Joseph H. Zbegner	11268978	1866	14W	6D	8W	3L	2.5
6	Paul M. Grimm	12461913	1709	19W	5D	3L	11WF	2.5
7	Randolph Schine	12544184	1709	18W	2L	12D	16W	2.5
8	Billy Willson	12633700	1745	DF	20W	5L	10W	2.5
9	Zachary Bekkedahl	12805139	1416	10L	WF	15D	18W	2.5
10	Brian Walker	12406768	1681	9W	3W	2L	8L	2.0
11	Phil Brown	12693448	1545	20W	4W	1L	6LF	2.0
12	Ted K. Doykos	12724380	1476	16W	1L	7D	17D	2.0
13	Mamed Sakhatov	12834177	1808	DF	DF	21W	4L	2.0
14	Andrew Pineda	12599124	1626	5L	19D	17D	15W	2.0
15	Jay Shaeffer	12459975	1614	4L	22W	9D	14L	1.5
16	Paul Albano	12555076	1694	12L	17D	19W	7L	1.5
17	Randall Moore	12632283	1589	1L	16D	14D	12D	1.5
18	Dean W. Brown	10224098	1477	7L	21W	4L	9L	1.0
19	Richard Cordovano	12421064	1505	6L	14D	16L	20D	1.0
20	Charles Kerr	12406385	1718	11L	8L	22D	19D	1.0
21	LaMoyne Splichal	16329515	1626	3L	18L	13L	22W	1.0
22	Istvan Hornyak	12601078	1639	2L	15L	20D	21L	0.5

### Santa Fe Section Standings

1	Robert Andrew Cramer, Jr	12653568	1344	30W	13W	15W	11W	4.0
2	Carlos Herrera	0	0	25W	18W	16D	9W	3.5
3	Randy Scott Reynolds	12842017	1504	23W	21W	10D	4D	3.0
4	Allan D. Cunningham	11132570	1486	31W	27W	9D	3D	3.0
5	Roderick Santiago	12873808	1588	14W	10L	29W	19W	3.0

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**Under 2200 Section:** \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-400-300-300-200-200.

**Under 2000 Section:** \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-400-300-300-200-200.

**Under 1800 Section:** \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-400-300-300-200-200.

**Under 1600 Section:** \$4000-2000-1200-800-600-400-300-300-200-200.

**Under 1400 Section:** \$3000-1500-800-600-500-400-300-300-200-200.

**Under 1200 Section:** \$1600-800-600-400-300-300-200-200-200-200. If 1400 or over after 12/98, prize limit \$500.

**Unrated Section:** \$600-400-200-150-150-100-100-100.

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**Mailed entry fee:** 3-day \$193, 2-day \$192 mailed by 9/10.

**Online entry fee at chesstour.com:** \$190 by 9/15, \$220 9/16 to 2 hrs before rd 1. No phone entries.

**Entry fee at site:** \$220, no checks, credit cards OK.

**Special ent fee:** \$30 less under 18/over 65. Re-entry (except Open Section) \$100. GMs free; \$150 deducted from prize.

**Unrated Section entry fee:** 4-day \$14, 3-day \$13 mailed by 4/9, \$20 online at chesstour.com by 9/15, \$30 at site.

**3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7:30, Sat 11-6, Sun 10-4:30.

**4-day schedule:** Reg. ends Thur 6:30 pm, rds. Thur 7:30, Fri 7:30, Sat 6, Sun 10-4:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11-2:30-6, Sun 10-4:30.

**Half point byes:** all; rds 3-5 byes must commit before rd 2.

**Hotel rates:** \$69 for 1-4/room, 303-321-6666, reserve by 9/2 or rate may increase.

**Car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633.

**Entries:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. 845-496-9658 [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com)

**Huu-ahhh!!!!** This is the big one folks! Last year, Colorado Players were HUGE at this event. Several of our players scored multi-thousand dollar prizes. Even those of us who had competitive disasters (yes, like YHE) enjoyed competing in a big event. Start saving your pennies, have a bake sale, something! Living in Colorado, you will not find a more affordable event anywhere. If you can not afford to travel out of state to play in the big events, here is your chess dream come true. See the GrandMasters, watch high level chess games live, in person, match wits against new opponents, or just wallow around in some fabulous chess ambiance. The book sale last year was one of the best I've seen and is worth a visit by itself!! All the signs point to an even bigger turn out, more chess stars in attendance, bigger prizes, and generally more "good stuff" than last year. So, here it is, be a part of a true chess happening and make your plans to play now!

## Observations about Chess Rating Distribution and Progression

By NM Todd Bardwick

I will attempt to lay out the USCF over-the-board rating system and set out realistic expectations as a player (hopefully!) moves up the rating scale. (Of course, this is based on my subjective opinion as a player and teacher and the players that I polled from various rating levels.)

A rating is a numerical representation of a player's approximate playing strength...mathematically based on the last twenty or so rated games played, weighted more heavily toward the most recent results. [For adult players with established ratings, an average rating over a reasonable period of time (or years) can be a quite accurate measure of true playing strength.]

The titles associated with USCF ratings, ranging from low to high are: Class E (under 1200), Class D (1200-1399), Class C (1400-1599), Class B (1600-1799), Class A (1800-1999), Expert (2000-2199), and Master (over 2200). There are higher levels of Master (SM, IM, and GM), but since less than 1% of all tournament players fall into this range, I will not focus on them here.

The tournament player's USCF Quick Chess rating (G/29 or faster) will usually fall in the same range as his standard over-the-board rating. A good speed chess player will typically have a higher quick rating than his standard rating, and visa-versa for slower players.

### **USCF Standard over-the-board rating scale**

The mean rating for adults is somewhere in the 1500's. For discussion purposes, let's say it is 1550. The rating distribution of tournament players tends to fall into a normal bell curve distribution about the 1550 mean. Approximately 70% of rated tournament adult players fall between 1200-1900. Statistically, 5% of rated players reach the Expert (2000) level, and 1% achieve the Master (2200) level. The rating scale is linear in nature.

Theoretically and mathematically, a player 200 points higher rated than his opponent is expected to win 3 out of 4 games. In other words, a 1200 rated player has the same odds of beating a 1400 as a 1800 rated player has beating a 2000. Overlaying the linear rating scale with the bell curve distribution of players, it is easy to see that the lower rated player has a much easier time improving his rating than a higher rated player. (This should be obvious since it is much easier for a 1000 rated player to reach 1700 than a 2100 to improve to 2800 ...a world champion contender!?!). To understand how a player progresses through the ranks and develop realistic expectations, the linear rating scale must be overlapped over the normal rating distribution bell curve.

### **Adults**

Adult rating increases are a separate topic than a child's (discussed later). Every adult who has been playing chess for years will eventually reach his average rating plateau strength. This could be 1200, 1600, 2000, or anywhere else, depending on many factors (brain speed, calculating ability, study time and efficiency, ability to solve mathematical and logical problems, board game sense, concentration, competitiveness, intelligence, etc.) There are very high rated players who have spent many hundreds of less hours of study time than their much lower rated counterparts. I have met many low rated players who have read tons of books and can seemingly recite every game ever played, but somehow have trouble applying chess concepts to their own game. In this case there are normally several commonalities – too much opening study (sometimes spending time learning traps and garbage openings, which is mainly memorization... chess is not a finite problem that can be memorized), study of game collections of famous player where the concepts are too complex, or too stubborn/unteachable/unreceptive to new ideas or constructive criticism. As with any subject, the more you know about chess, the more you will realize you don't know. With proper study, anyone can improve their chess game.

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Many players falsely expect a linear move up the rating scale through the alphabet levels to expert, master, and beyond. This rarely happens. Normally players move up the rating scale in a stair step fashion. A plateau (small or large), then a vertical jump to the next plateau.

Most adults quickly reach the 1000 level. This is the first main plateau level that a player achieves where he generally sees very basic threats and doesn't blunder away pieces on a frequent basis.

The next major plateau where many players stop at is the Class B range (1600-1799). The numerical rating jump here is quite large and perhaps intimidating, but the increase in chess knowledge is relatively small. The Class B player just has a better understanding (and more experience) and puts the basic concepts of the game together in a more efficient manner than the 1000 rated player. Remember with this rating jump, we are progressing through the meaty range of bell curve rating distribution. With proper coaching and/or a little natural talent, this rating jump from 1000 to Class B is easily attainable in 1-2 years.

Class B becomes a major sticking point for many players. In Class B, the player has a basic knowledge of all aspects of the game, has for the most part eliminated gross, random blunders, and has an understanding of the concepts of tactical and positional chess. Natural talent can take most players to Class B, but not much further.

After reaching Class B, the rating points get much tougher. As a player reaches 1800, he is statistically better than 80% or so of all rated adult chess players. In order to hold a Class A rating, now the player is expected to score 25% vs. Experts (95<sup>th</sup> percentile)...and Experts make very few mistakes compared to Class B and C players.

Reaching the 2000 level of Expert is a huge accomplishment (finally a rating that starts with a 2 instead of a 1!). Talent and study are generally required to reach and keep a 2000 rating. The Expert level is the third major rating plateau...and very few climb past it. Most players have several master skins by the time they reach 2000, but in order to hold an expert rating, the player must now score 1 out of 4 against masters...no easy task! The rating points are tough here because we are approaching the very narrow part of the rating bell curve. To move from the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of Expert to the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of master is a huge step. To hold a master rating, the player must score at least 75% against experts and break even with masters. It is well documented that the toughest 100 rating points to attain are between 2100 and 2200.

### **Children**

Children progress through the rating ranges in a similar fashion to adults (after all it is the same scale), except for a couple differences. For younger children (up to third grade), the first plateau of 1000 is quite pronounced and can take a while to reach. This is because young children are in the process of learning the concept of patience and tend to get excited easily, move too fast, and blunder frequently.

Assuming that a child is above average in ability and talent and has achieved the 1000 plateau, he will almost automatically gain 100 rating points/year due to maturity and increased mental discipline, even if he doesn't study at all and only plays an occasional game, up to the Class B plateau. Talented children who are coached properly for just an hour a week (or study correctly on their own) and play in one tournament every month or two will jump on average 200-300 rating points/year from 1000 to Class B (1600-1800). This is why today there are half a dozen or so pre-teen children who seem to have come from nowhere to Class B.

### **Realistic Expectations and consistency**

It is important to temper your expectations, especially as you reach the main plateau levels of 1000, Class B, and Expert.

Take the case of the adult player who has reached a plateau and has been in the same rating range for years. The rating will tend to fluctuate +/- 100 points depending on whether the player is on a hot or a cold streak (for players rated below 1400, the fluctuation range will be greater). The player's rating always tends to gravitate back to the mean. In any given game, a player with a stable rating tends to play +/- 200 rating points of his true strength depending on many

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intangibles: mental sharpness on the day in question, life situations, health, high or low tide, full or half moon, etc. This is why most Class A players have a Master skin to hang on the wall:  $1900 + 200 = 2100$ , and  $2300 - 200 = 2100$ .

Many players do not know that stability is built into the rating scale at the higher levels. For example, once a player goes over 2100, the total number of rating points gained (or lost) in a given game are multiplied by 75%. For players rated over 2300 the multiplier is 0.5. During the 1998 US Championships I asked GM Joel Benjamin (2662) a theoretical question... Did he think that his winning percentage against me (2230) would be higher than my winning percentage against an 1800 (assuming same rating differential)? Joel started to say it would probably be the same, but then thought a little longer and said that he liked his chances against me better because the higher rated player's rating tends to be more stable.

### **How close are you to Master?**

I will pose an interesting, non-scientific, question. To get a feel for this question, I polled half a dozen masters and a couple experts who have spent significant time over 2200. Their answers were amazingly consistent.

**Question 1: "What average rating level would a player have to be at from a knowledge and skill level (ability to link chess concepts together) to reach the halfway point to 2200?"**

Before answering this, several masters pointed out that at the higher levels raw talent and a high ability to link complex concepts together is an absolute must (or the player won't ever make master) and it is assumed that the player in question possesses this ability, for their answer to apply.

Given this, the answers ranged consistently from 1800 – 1850.

**Question 2: "Assuming that 1800 is the halfway point to master, what rating would be 75% of the way to 2200?"**

Again, the answers were quite consistent...2050-2100, with a slight bias toward the upper end of 2100.

This makes sense statistically. The mid-point between 1800 and 2200 is 2000. But remember we are overlaying this linear scale over the normal distribution. This finding may shock many high 2000 experts who think they are really close to 2200 (which they are by adding 100 points to their strength for good days...but the bad days also have to be averaged in!). But to hold a 2200 rating you must beat masters 50% of the time for the math to work out! Based on this poll, a 2075 rated player is, on average, three-fourths of the way to master. Remember, anyone who achieves an average rating of 2100 has a chance to surpass 2200 and get a master certificate from USCF...IF they put together a string of 3-4 good tournaments in a row

### **Colorado ratings vs. the rest of the country**

An interesting that you will hear from time to time is..."Are Colorado players better players for their ratings than players in other parts of the country?" I cannot answer this one for sure, but guess is probably not. We are kind of on an island in the middle of the country and one theory is that we beat ourselves up...keeping the overall rating pool lower. I played actively in San Diego for a year after college and honestly couldn't tell any playing strength difference between masters and experts here and there. On the other side of the coin, many players who have moved here from Los Angeles claim that LA ratings are clearly inflated. I found that the overall consensus of players who have played in both Colorado and elsewhere seems to be that ratings are consistent between Colorado and the rest of the nation.

### **Today vs. 30 years ago**

Another interesting question that pops up is..."Were masters of 30 years ago stronger than their counterparts today?" Pre-1960, before the Elo rating system was implemented, this may have been true. USCF has changed the rating formula several times over the years, usually after a significant portion of the membership bands together and starts whining about how their ratings are so low. When the USCF feels ratings have deflated, they add in a bonus point system to inflate them (the last time that happened was

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about 2 years ago). USCF has also created rating floors in recent years to prop up ratings. Today's players would no doubt be stronger than their older counterpart in opening theory as a function of computers and our natural advantage in history. More old timers that not that I polled, feel there has been a general inflation in ratings over the years. I don't have a solid opinion on this – both sides have compelling arguments. If there has been some inflation, it probably isn't statistically significant.

#### **Taking time off...how much would playing strength drop?**

How much does a player's strength drop after a few years sabbatical from the game? I would guess no more than 100 points for players over 1600, and those 100 points aren't gone for long, but it may take a few tournaments to get the rust out. Opening book knowledge and accuracy in tactical calculating are probably most affected by taking time off.

#### **Natural aging process**

Unfortunately, aging is an unavoidable situation that also contributes to lower ratings. This would vary greatly from player to player and may start to take effect as a player reaches his 40's (Remember two years ago during the Kasparov-Kramnik match where speculators were commenting on how Kasparov was over-the-hill, at the ripe old age of 37?) Positional judgment and calculation ability may start tapering off in the 40's as a player loses stamina (many GM's start declining in their 40's). The age rating decline usually drops off even faster after 60. The good news here is that chess is a great mind stimulant for older people.

Losing one's competitive spirit (a personality trait) as one ages, may also contribute to lower ratings. Older players may tend to be mellower, laid back, and more accepting in the ways of the world than younger players.

#### **Positional vs. Tactical styles of play**

Positional and tactical chess styles are sometimes viewed as opposites and good chess requires competence in both areas. (If you think of chess as a war, positional chess is the overall war plan and tactical chess would be the individual battles.)

Typically, tactical players are stronger speed chess players and also tend to do better in time pressure because with little time remaining, you must first look for tactics. Tactical players tend to be quicker and more accurate at calculating variations, whereas positional players tend to have a better understanding of the game in general. (Note: a type of hybrid-tactical player is the tricky player who looks for tricks and traps first. The tricky player is very dangerous in quick time controls, but much weaker in slower time controls where his opponent has time to figure things out.)

The tactical player's rating range tends to be greater than the positional player because, by his nature, the tactical player is looking for the pretty win, not the sure win. (Comparing playing styles of players with the same relative rating strength, tactical players tend to have more wins and losses, while positional players have more draws.)

Personalities tend to have a strong correlation to chess style. The strong tactical player tends to be the eccentric genius type of person. This type of genius is tough to teach or emulate. The positional player tends to be more conservative in life and tends to be more practical and stable. In the few experiences that I have had giving simuls in prisons, I observed that prisoner's styles tend to be overly aggressive and tactical in nature, an extreme personality trait that may have contributed to this person's landing in prison in the first place!

#### **Psyching yourself out over ratings**

One quick tip on tournament play, I notice that many players refuse to look at their opponent's ratings because they don't want to psyche themselves out. I have never understood this reasoning. I would want to know my opponents rating, because it helps me to estimate probabilities of various outcomes and who is playing for what and for whom is a draw acceptable. I would accept a draw from Kasparov (if I was ever lucky enough to get one!) in positions that I would fight on against an Expert. Wouldn't you want to know? If you tend to psyche yourself out over ratings, my only advice is, "Don't do it!"

**Mental toughness and attitude is probably a player's greatest strength or weakness. When playing a player several hundred points lower rated, my opponent usually takes one of two attitudes...either "I'm in big trouble and will lose because I am playing a master (gulp?)," or "I have nothing to lose and this my chance to be a hero!!". The player looking to be the hero has a chance; the intimidated player is usually lost before he pushes his first pawn!**

## CLUB DIRECTORY: (Alphabetical by place) PLACES FOR YOU TO PLAY CHESS

**Editor's note: PLEASE! Send new or updated information to editor for listing here.**

**Alamosa Chess Club** meets Thurs, 7-10 PM, Adams State College Student Center food court. Call Ken Dail (719) 589-0995.

**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: Jeff Baffo (303) 617-9123 jbaffo@msn.com.

**Boulder: CU/Boulder Chess Club** meets at University of Colorado Stadium bldg., rm. 140, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Enter gate 7 on east side, halfway down the corridor on left. Contact: Bela Geczy (303) 543-0143. Free rated tournaments! Sundays 11:00am in Boulder Pearl Street, at Penny Lane cafe there is a G/30 unrated tournament. Reg. 10:30, EF \$2 4 or 5 rounds. For info: Karnisky@yahoo.com

**Castle Rock: Castle Rock Chess Club** is gone! What a shame that this little club could not maintain a chess presence in Castle Rock. Maybe it can be revived....Dave Cook was the contact.

**Centennial Chess Club** meets every Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM at the Smoky Hill Public Library Annex, 15460 E. Orchard Rd., Aurora (ask for the chess club, they will bring you to the room). All levels are invited. Contact Tomer Kishoni (303) 617-4395 chess@b-sol.com

**Colorado Springs: Colorado College Chess Club** meets during the academic year, Weds. 7:30 to 11:00pm 2nd floor of Worner Center corner of Cascade & Cache LaPoudre, on CC campus. Weekly lectures & 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 Tues. evenings at Accacia Apartments, Platte Ave. (between Tejon and Nevada) starting at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Richard Buchanan (719) 685-1984

**Craig:** meets every Thurs. from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. School Admin. Bldg at 755 Yampa Avenue. Rick/Mary Nelson (970) 824-4780

**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., and a blitz tourney every week, at the VFW at 955 Bannock Street. Contact Paul Grimm via his **NEW** e-mail grimm\_p@msn.com or Andy Rea 7680 E Harvard Ave, #101 Denver 80231 (303)341-7089 abrea2@aol.com and for GOSHSAKES, check out [www.denverchessclub.com](http://www.denverchessclub.com)

**Durango Chess Club** meets Weds. at 6:15pm at the Steaming Bean on 915 Main Avenue. Contact John Mical jbovinski@cs.com.

**Estes Park** chess club "Stanley Steamers" does not meet during the summer but you can play Monday knights at Estes Park Library 6-9pm. Info: Estes Park Library 970-586-8116

**Fort Collins Chess Club** Info: on the web : [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort\\_collins\\_chess](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess), or Bret McKee at (970) 495-1787

**Fort Collins/Colorado State University Chess Club** meets Mon.

7:30 PM, in Lori Student Center's basement on CSU campus. Now officially recognized/funded by CSU.

**Fort Lewis College Chess Club** meets Thurs. nights in the X-treme room, College Union Building. Club sponsored by school and is USCF affiliate. Questions? Contact Andrea Browne at (970)247-6239 or e-mail flchessclub@hotmail.com.

**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.

**Glenwood Springs** meets Thurs., 6:30pm 'til ??, basement of Black Diamond Studios, 823 Cooper Ave., Call Jon Rietfors (970) 928-8344 or email jrietfor@sopris.net for more info. All ages/abilities welcome!

**Grand Junction: Grand Junction Jr. Chess Club** meets every 3rd Sat. at Knights of Columbus Bldg., 2853 North Ave. \$2.00 entry fee, reg. begins at 9:30 a.m., play begins at 10:00 a.m. Contact: Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

**Greeley: Greeley Chess Club** meets Thurs. 7 - 11 p.m. at Ramkota Inn, 8th Ave. & 8th St. Contact: Brad Lundstrom (970) 352-6642.

**Highlands Ranch Chess Knights** meets 2nd & 4th Weds. from 7-9pm. From 470 & Broadway, on Broadway go 1.3 miles south, at the light, turn right onto Highland Ranch Parkway, go 0.2 miles, to the first light, turn left onto Ridgeline Blvd., go 0.2 miles, library is on the left. Meet in the conference room. Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493

**Lakewood: Lakewood Chess Club** meets Thurs. 1-3 p.m. at the Clement Center, 16th & Yarrow and also on Sundays, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Higher Grounds Coffee House, 14th & Washington in **Golden**. For info, contact Bill Riley at 303-232-7671 or 303-232-6252.

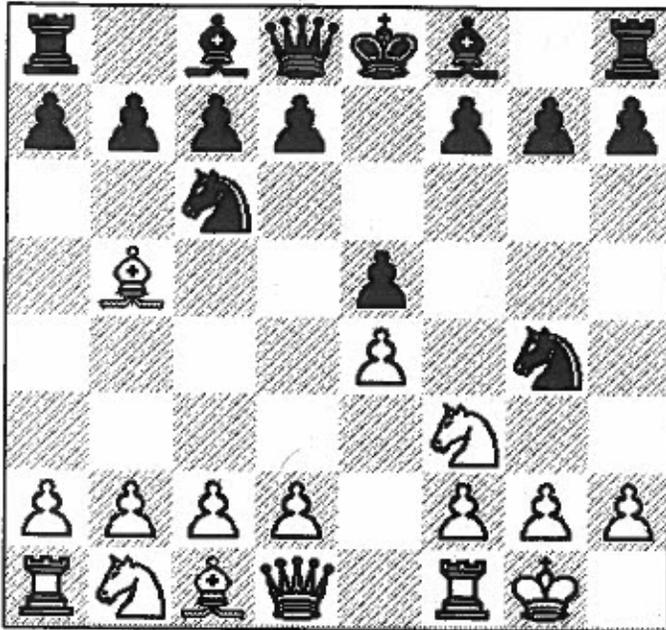
**Longmont Chess Club** meets Thurs., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Meeker Center, 831 Meeker Street, Longmont. (1 blk east of 9th & Lashley St.)

**Loveland Chess Club** meets Mon., 7 PM, at 425 W. 10th St. Call Charles Moore, (970) 667-7043.

**Pueblo:** meets Mon. from 6-10pm at the Barnes & Noble, 4300 N. Freeway Rd. Contact: Chris Clevenger, (719)647-1712.

**USAF Academy Cadet Chess Club** (August through May), most Fridays at 4 -6 p.m. in Fairchild Hall (Academic Building), Room 5d2 Contact: Jim Serpa or Pete Cohen (719) 333-4470.

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



### FISHING POLE BASICS

By BRIAN WALL

Below: Master-of-all-thing-Piscatorial, a.k.a. Brian Wall helps the uninitiated begin to probe the mysteries of this truly startling variation of the **Closed Ruy Lopez**. I advise all of you who may be new to Brian's concept, **WHATEVER** your rating may be, to pay attention! Refute it first, laugh at it later. The above diagram is your basic stem position. You have been warned....

#### Variation 1

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ng4 5 Re1** (played by two masters) **Bc5 6 d4 N:d4 7 N:d4 Qh4 8 Nf3 Q:f2+ 9 Kh1 Qg1+ 10 R:g1 Nf2 mate**

#### Variation 2

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ng4 5 d4 ed 6 N:d4 h5 7 Nc3 Bc5 8 Nb3** (favored by Robert Ramirez) **Qh4 9 h3 Qg3 0-1**

#### Variation 3

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ng4 5 d4 ed 6 N:d4 h5 7 Nc3 Bc5 8 N:c6** (favored by Andrew Smith) **Qh4 9 Bf4 B:f2+ 10 Kh1 N:h2 11 B:h2 Bg3 0-1**

#### Variation 4

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ng4 5 d4 ed 6 N:d4 h5 7 Nc3 Bc5 8 Nf5** (played by Katie-Roberts-

Hoffman in Denver Tuesday night blitz December 17, 2002 against me. Katie and her boyfriend John Cole basically kicked all our derrieres. The part that amused me is that John wore Christmas red nail polish and won the tournament! Katie won lots of games too. It was sort of like a David Lynch Kung Fu movie. Katie's ICC handle is Kix and John's is CyberTal if you want to hear their version.) **d6 9 N:g7+ Kf8 10 Nf5 B:f5 11 ef Qh4 12 Bf4 B:f2+ 13 Kh1 N:h2 14 g3 Qh3 15 R:f2 Nf3+ 0-1**

#### Variation 5

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ng4 5 h3 h5 6 d4 ed 7 N:d4 Bc5 8 Nf5 d6 9 N:g7+ Kf8 10 Nf5 B:f5 11 ef Qh4 12 Qf3 Nd4 13 Qb7 Re8 14 B:e8 Ne2+ 15 Kh1 Q:f2!! 16 R:f2 Ng3+ 17 Kg1 B:f2 mate** Jesse Cohen and I once teamed up on ICC (Internet Chess Club) blitz and rattled off this whole line on some poor "slob". It is almost certainly the prettiest line in the Fishing Pole.

#### Variation 6

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ng4 5 h3 h5 6 d4 ed 7 hg hg 8 Ng5 f6 9 Q:g4 fg 10 B:g5 Be7 11 Bf4?** (Played against me in a slow tournament game by GM Boris Kreiman in the Levy memorial 2002) **g5!** (missed by me) **12 Bg3 d6 13 Qe2 Be6 followed by Qd7, 0-0-0,** and doubling rooks on the h-file if we have time)

#### Variation 7

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ng4 5 c3 Bc5 6 d4 Bb6** (I drew US Champion, Grand Master Larry Christiansen in a simul from this position and I have a picture of the look on his face after 4 ... Ng4...Priceless!) **7 Bg5** (a common idea, done in order to block ... Qh4) **f6 8 Bh4 g5 9 Bg3 h5 10 h3 h4 11 Bh2 N:h2** and Black is slightly better with a "no-extra-charge" attack

Interested readers, would be refuters, or just the morbidly curious among you will find much more information on The Fishing Pole, The Nymph, The Brick, and many other "blasphemous" digressions from "good" chess at Brian's warped but wonderful web site. I won't give the exact web address as it seems to change too often. Just feed the words "Brian Wall" in to your internet browser and it shouldn't take too long to find it. Happy hunting all you Chess Heretics!

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68	Michael Jewett	unr.	765 ADAMSC12	L19	L58	W49	L66	W77	L39	2.0
69	Nicholas Kaltenmark	unr.	608 11	L22	L77	W70	L45	L48	W79	2.0
70	Will Edinger	unr.	568 GLENWO	L52	L32	L69	W76	L49	W84	2.0
71	Irineo Rodriguez	unr.	581 WEST 9	L31	L64	W78	L65	X81	L46	2.0
72	Paul Street	1261	1229 EAGLEC	W84	L16	W58	L17	F50	U---	2.0
73	Chris Lum	unr.	776 REGIS 11	W85	L56	L24	L43	D57	L60	1.5
74	Amy Lehr	unr.	701 HORIZO 11	L29	W51	L62	H---	L34	L54	1.5
75	Ryan Croy	unr.	581 REGIS 10	L26	L66	D46	W83	L55	L58	1.5
76	James Duran	unr.	450 ADAMSC	L3	L54	L67	L70	W80	D77	1.5
77	David Pritchard	unr.	625 ADAMSC	L41	W69	L61	L50	L68	D76	1.5
78	Andrew Dietz	unr.	500 REGIS 12	L33	L18	L71	H---	X83	L57	1.5
79	Paul L Friedman	546	506 BRIDGE 12	L9	B---	L33	L51	L47	L69	1.0
80	Chance Cox	unr.	201 ADAMSC	L23	L34	L65	L49	L76	B---	1.0
81	Martin Arreola	unr.	508 WEST 11	L35	L55	W82	L41	F71	U---	1.0
82	Boris Feldman	unr.	415 EAGLEC	L37	L30	L81	W84	F44	U---	1.0
83	Daniel Vizcarra	unr.	312 WEST 12	L24	D60	L53	L75	F78	U---	0.5
84	Summer Uyeno	unr.	241 ADAMSC	L72	L45	L51	L82	L60	L70	0.0
85	Aron M Davis	1151	1116 12	L73	F50	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

**State Scholastic Championships 7-9-- Standings**

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Team	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	Sam Galler	1767	1764	SUMMIT7		W27	W26	W5	W4	W2	D3	5.5
2	Joshua Suresh	1463	1481	SMOKY 9		W28	W17	W14	W7	L1	W16	5.0
3	Andrei Tarasov	837	1137	9		W42	D8	W21	W25	W6	D1	5.0
4	Garrick Talmage	1420	1434	RICKSC 7		W45	W13	W29	L1	W14	W11	5.0
5	Samuel D Meyer	1212	1254	7		W39	W52	L1	W28	W24	W19	5.0
6	Mitesh Shridhar	1424	1405	9		W50	W22	W18	W10	L3	D7	4.5
7	Marshall Carpenter	1320	1334	SUMMIT7		W55	W38	W24	L2	W10	D6	4.5
8	Christopher Wall	1149	1158			W54	D3	L25	W21	W20	W18	4.5
9	Ryan Cooksey	1020	1054	8		W53	L24	W30	D20	W25	W31	4.5
10	Matthew D Kasper	1020	1158	CASTLE 8		W12	W11	W19	L6	L7	W32	4.0
11	Sebastian Olariu	unr.	1187	EAGLEV8		W33	L10	W52	W26	W31	L4	4.0
12	Joshua Lum	unr.	1107	7		L10	W27	W22	L18	W43	W26	4.0
13	Sean T Green	958	1019	DEVELN8		W20	L4	W34	L19	W30	W27	4.0
14	Paul A Baxter	1131	1140	9		W34	W44	L2	W42	L4	W25	4.0
15	Shayan Khalafi	792	869	7		L24	W53	L20	W34	W33	W29	4.0
16	Matthew R Tucker	1247	1220	EAGLEV8		L30	W51	W44	W43	W29	L2	4.0
17	Nicholas Muscara	1002	1008	8		W49	L2	W39	L24	W45	W35	4.0
18	Steven Kichler	1065	1093	DEVELN9		W37	W35	L6	W12	D19	L8	3.5
19	Trevor Wa Thomas	1387	1333	PALMER9		W23	W43	L10	W13	D18	L5	3.5
20	Luke Levulis	unr.	929	IRVING		L13	W54	W15	D9	L8	B---	3.5
21	Bradley Wu	1131	1096	8		W57	D32	L3	L8	W44	W24	3.5
22	Dmitri Tarasov	979	969	9		W56	L6	L12	D32	W41	W38	3.5

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23	Evan M Appleton	338	428	CASEY	L19	B---	W46	L29	D38	X43	3.5
24	Kesley Goettling	unr.	1104	SMOKY 9	W15	W9	L7	W17	L5	L21	3.0
25	Jacob Hollman	900	945	PALMER	X59	W31	W8	L3	L9	L14	3.0
26	Aaron Lojewski	1008	995	AIRACA 9	W40	L1	W55	L11	W28	L12	3.0
27	Jasper Taylor	718	755	SOUTH8	L1	L12	W37	W40	W46	L13	3.0
28	Danny C Plain	624	738	7	L2	W40	W33	L5	L26	W48	3.0
29	Clay Gordon	1072	1038	CAMPUS	W51	W30	L4	W23	L16	L15	3.0
30	Nick Evans	unr.	913	DEVELN	W16	L29	L9	W48	L13	W47	3.0
31	Jackson Simmons	1236	1162		W36	L25	W32	W38	L11	L9	3.0
32	Aar Roberts-Gray	750	801	GLENWO9	W46	D21	L31	D22	W47	L10	3.0
33	Srikar Appana	unr.	749	SMOKY 9	L11	W36	L28	W55	L15	W45	3.0
34	Timothy Langr	unr.	786	IRVING	L14	W57	L13	L15	W51	W42	3.0
35	Matthew Jewett	unr.	915	ADAMSC9	X58	L18	L43	W52	W42	L17	3.0
36	James Thomas	unr.	600	IRVING 8	L31	L33	W53	L47	W49	W46	3.0
37	Frank Wise	unr.	610	ADAMSC	L18	L42	L27	W57	W50	W44	3.0
38	Vadim Zabaluyev	877	845	IRVING 7	W41	L7	W49	L31	D23	L22	2.5
39	Paul Weaver	unr.	617	SUMMIT7	L5	W48	L17	L46	W56	D40	2.5
40	Zachary Cabell-Kluchunr.	634	634	SOUTH 9	L26	L28	W54	L27	W52	D39	2.5
41	Shane Sloan	unr.	582	ADAMSC	L38	L55	D51	W53	L22	X52	2.5
42	Evan Lojewski	835	791	EAGLEV8	L3	W37	W56	L14	L35	L34	2.0
43	Todd Hanford	841	860	CAMPUS	W48	L19	W35	L16	L12	F23	2.0
44	Trent Blinkinsop	285	309	IRVING 8	B---	L14	L16	W56	L21	L37	2.0
45	James Marikle	508	499		L4	L46	B---	W49	L17	L33	2.0
46	David Pickering	unr.	477	IRVING	L32	W45	L23	W39	L27	L36	2.0
47	Andrew Thiele	unr.	522	IRVING 7	L52	L49	W57	W36	L32	L30	2.0
48	Anthony Barrows	unr.	524	IRVING 8	L43	L39	W50	L30	W54	L28	2.0
49	Thomas Davids	unr.	500	SUMMIT7	L17	W47	L38	L45	L36	W54	2.0
50	Brandon Baffo	522	446		L6	L56	L48	B---	L37	W53	2.0
51	Jonah Miller	unr.	439	SUMMIT8	L29	L16	D41	L54	L34	W56	1.5
52	Ryan Shaffer	762	722	CHALLE7	W47	L5	L11	L35	L40	F41	1.0
53	Austin Everett	unr.	122	CASEY 7	L9	L15	L36	L41	B---	L50	1.0
54	Keegan Boyle	unr.	372	SUMMIT7	L8	L20	L40	W51	L48	L49	1.0
55	Victor Almanza	unr.	661	IRVING 8	L7	W41	L26	L33	F---	U---	1.0
56	Barrett Sather	unr.	265	CASEY 8	L22	W50	L42	L44	L39	L51	1.0
57	Rachel Lakers	unr.	350	ADAMSC	L21	L34	L47	L37	F---	U---	0.0
58	Daniel Neligh	1015	1015	7	F35	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
59	Hansen Nordsiek	unr.	525	GLENWO9	F25	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

**State Schoolastic Championships 4-6-- Standings**

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Team	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	Richard E Herbst	1687	1697	CHALL	5	W38	W29	W16	W10	W3	D2	5.5
2	Zachary P Malone	1718	1724		5	W63	W66	W18	W5	W4	D1	5.5
3	Zachary Bekkedahl	1417	1436	WILLOW6		W44	W24	W9	W6	L1	W8	5.0
4	Asa W Harrington	1413	1426	ARRAKI 6		W52	W25	W12	W7	L2	W18	5.0
5	Grayson Zulauf	1266	1284	TELLUR 6		W43	W28	W23	L2	W13	W12	5.0
6	Jacob M Zax	1234	1247	LOGAN 6		W40	W50	W30	L3	W29	W11	5.0
7	Jake Coutlee	1184	1188	SUNNYS5		W51	W37	W11	L4	W24	D9	4.5
8	Peer V Seyferman	1258	1271	5		D45	W31	W13	W16	W10	L3	4.5
9	Matt Mc Glynn	1075	1104	COTTON4		W19	W61	L3	W40	W32	D7	4.5
10	Haoshuang Zhang	1326	1312	BASELI 6		W64	W17	W33	L1	L8	W14	4.0
11	Daniel Z Marks	948	1001	LOGAN 5		W46	W14	L7	W35	W23	L6	4.0
12	Charlie Schneiders	1023	1040	CHERRY4		W54	W56	L4	W45	W15	L5	4.0
13	Joseph Marikle	937	968			W70	W15	L8	W54	L5	W31	4.0

14	Jeffrey Olson	unr.	983	LOISLE W60	L11	W36	W17	W45	L10	4.0
15	Jeffrey Cutcliffe	unr.	924	CORONAW34	L13	W61	W38	L12	W29	4.0
16	Peter H Chen	1099	1097	5 W59	W36	L1	L8	W52	W37	4.0
17	Paul Asercion	719	816	FRANKLW35	L10	W53	L14	W48	W42	4.0
18	Ben R Martel	1161	1169	5 W57	W55	L2	W52	W30	L4	4.0
19	Michael Dawkins	unr.	929	CORON L9	W72	L25	W55	W34	W39	4.0
20	Payton M Rose	919	910	FRANKLL30	L53	W71	W26	W35	W32	4.0
21	Joey Gargotto	unr.	875	L66	W63	W34	L29	W36	W33	4.0
22	Zachary D Fry	870	879	W41	L23	L52	W57	W53	W30	4.0
23	Rebecca Hollmann	unr.	988	IRVING W26	W22	L5	W47	L11	D25	3.5
24	Zander Meitus	770	803	HIGHPL W65	L3	W41	W48	L7	D27	3.5
25	Billy Malmberg	780	837	DENNIS W62	L4	W19	L32	W54	D23	3.5
26	Max Thurston	622	709	SUNNYS4L23	W70	D27	L20	W47	W49	3.5
27	Ben Silbert	unr.	733	CORONAL55	W57	D26	W46	D31	D24	3.5
28	Chri Fahrenbruck	685	711	WILLOWW69	L5	D46	L31	W63	W45	3.5
29	Kyle Cooksey	821	838	6 W67	L1	W43	W21	L6	L15	3.0
30	Samuel Huntley	unr.	1017	DENNIS W20	W39	L6	W33	L18	L22	3.0
31	Rohit Powar	unr.	799	CHALL D47	L8	W65	W28	D27	L13	3.0
32	Seth Rojhani	unr.	858	W49	L33	W55	W25	L9	L20	3.0
33	Taylor Ra Sallee	989	962	DURAN W71	W32	L10	L30	W41	L21	3.0
34	Ryan Curley	680	692	KYFFIN L15	W71	L21	W43	L19	W46	3.0
35	Daniel Ladd	unr.	764	L17	W64	W37	L11	L20	W52	3.0
36	Tanon Brown	636	674	DENNIS W58	L16	L14	W64	L21	W53	3.0
37	Nick B La Farge	672	675	6 W48	L7	L35	W68	W58	L16	3.0
38	Tamair Curley	608	616	KYFFIN L1	W67	W58	L15	L42	W59	3.0
39	J P Harrington	1021	950	ARRAKI W53	L30	L45	W56	W40	L19	3.0
40	Kelsey Hilbrich	512	622	RICKS L6	W68	W66	L9	L39	W55	3.0
41	Mason Shoblo	unr.	765	5 L22	W60	L24	W66	L33	W56	3.0
42	Dan Quiat	unr.	640	LOISLE L56	L54	W59	W60	W38	L17	3.0
43	Kelcie J Scott	521	529	SUNNYS L5	W69	L29	L34	X71	W58	3.0
44	Mackenzi Bronson	586	596	TELLUR L3	D65	L47	H--	W67	W54	3.0
45	Barry Rabinovich	515	672	CHALL D8	W47	W39	L12	L14	L28	2.5
46	Matthew Fitzgerald	unr.	689	LOISLE L11	W49	D28	L27	W66	L34	2.5
47	Yolande Geyer	874	799	D31	L45	W44	L23	L26	W64	2.5
48	Conor Stewartson	unr.	607	DENNIS L37	W59	W56	L24	L17	H--	2.5
49	Eric Huckepahler	759	683	DENNIS L32	L46	W67	D63	W51	L26	2.5
50	Tom R Kirk	680	622	6 W68	L6	L54	L53	D64	W57	2.5
51	Tally Brown	289	327	DENNIS L7	L58	W68	H--	L49	W63	2.5
52	Jonath O'Connell	577	627	6 L4	W62	W22	L18	L16	L35	2.0
53	Caitlin Vera	unr.	676	CHALL L39	W20	L17	W50	L22	L36	2.0
54	Rachel Fry	unr.	653	5 L12	W42	W50	L13	L25	L44	2.0
55	Trent Loui Scott	670	669	SUNN4 W27	L18	L32	L19	W60	L40	2.0
56	John P Trudnak	620	611	GATE5 W42	L12	L48	L39	W62	L41	2.0
57	Wilson Scarbeary	195	261	4 L18	L27	W72	L22	W65	L50	2.0
58	Evan Magee	unr.	441	5 L36	W51	L38	W61	L37	L43	2.0
59	Andrew Frederick	unr.	471	CORONAL16	L48	L42	W65	W61	L38	2.0
60	David W Crockett	665	607	DENN14 L14	L41	W62	L42	L55	W69	2.0
61	Ryan C Chavez	653	572	CHALL5 W72	L9	L15	L58	L59	W70	2.0
62	Charlie Partheymuller	unr.	482	COR L25	L52	L60	W69	L56	W66	2.0
63	Jonas Smead	615	556	SOUTH6 L2	L21	W70	D49	L28	L51	1.5
64	Nicholas Shaffer	562	532	HIGH4 L10	L35	W69	L36	D50	L47	1.5
65	Mark Kizhner	unr.	313	EAGLEV6L24	D44	L31	L59	L57	W67	1.5
66	Kalen Orion Dear	818	715	DURAN 5W21	L2	L40	L41	L46	L62	1.0
67	Matthew Snyder	unr.	241	IRVING L29	L38	L49	W70	L44	L65	1.0
68	Jack Anderson	unr.	112	LOISLE 5L50	L40	L51	L37	L69	W72	1.0
69	Jeremy Harsh	unr.	218	IRVIN6 L28	L43	L64	L62	W68	L60	1.0
70	Ethan Rold	unr.	200	DENNIS6 L13	L26	L63	L67	W72	L61	1.0

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71	Samuel Papke	unr.	311	DENNIS L33	L34	L20	W72	F43	U---	1.0
72	Eric Vera	unr.	100	CHALL 4'L61	L19	L57	L71	L70	L68	0.0

**State Schoolastic Championships K-3-- Final Standings**

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Team/Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	David Twerskoi	1232	1259	WALN3	W14	W15	W4	W2	W9	W5	6.0
2	Erik M Elbieh	607	898	SOUTH2	W27	W26	W5	L1	W7	W6	5.0
3	Robert J Herbst	969	965	CHAL3	W6	W20	L9	W22	D4	W10	4.5
4	Ben D Reilly	894	923	LOG3	W31	W25	L1	W21	D3	W9	4.5
5	Curtis Crockett	1082	1053	DEN3	W23	W8	L2	W15	W10	L1	4.0
6	Jacob Oppenheim	unr.	879	2	L3	W19	W18	W14	W11	L2	4.0
7	Jeremy Mclinden	930	897	3	W29	L10	W12	W8	L2	W15	4.0
8	Joseph Hughes	459	721	CHAL2	W21	L5	W13	L7	W28	W14	4.0
9	Benjami Twerskoi	757	790	WALN2	W17	W16	W3	D10	L1	L4	3.5
10	Taylor B Graham	311	626	NEEDH3	W13	W7	W11	D9	L5	L3	3.5
11	Philip G Meyer	677	670	3	W30	D12	L10	W24	L6	W16	3.5
12	Joseph Huntley	unr.	747	DENN	W22	D11	L7	W20	L14	W21	3.5
13	James Pavek	unr.	662	DENN3	L10	W17	L8	D23	W24	W22	3.5
14	Peter Shi 904	860		MOUN3	L1	W30	W16	L6	W12	L8	3.0
15	Alexander Jensen	491	583	HACKB	W28	L1	W26	L5	W25	L7	3.0
16	Nick Baumgartner	285	393	DENN3	B---	L9	L14	W19	W18	L11	3.0
17	Webb Harrington	unr.	595	PK	L9	L13	L23	W31	W27	W28	3.0
18	Carl Ward Sallee	624	598	NEED3	L26	W28	L6	W27	L16	W20	3.0
19	Robert Chado	unr.	449	CORO3	L20	L6	B---	L16	W30	W26	3.0
20	Myles Vigoda	461	492	CHERR2	W19	L3	D24	L12	W23	L18	2.5
21	Bradley Magee	unr.	534	3	L8	W29	W25	L4	D22	L12	2.5
22	Caleb C Suresh	483	490	AURO1	L12	B---	W27	L3	D21	L13	2.5
23	Parker Fowler	unr.	555		L5	L27	W17	D13	L20	W25	2.5
24	Simon Hughes	unr.	466	CHALK	L25	W31	D20	L11	L13	W29	2.5
25	Andrew D Epstein	317	381	LINTO1	W24	L4	L21	W26	L15	L23	2.0
26	Grace Harrington	unr.	378	1	W18	L2	L15	L25	W29	L19	2.0
27	Ben Fry	unr.	438	3	L2	W23	L22	L18	L17	W30	2.0
28	Mark Zimmerman	unr.	428	DENNIS	3L15	L18	W31	W29	L8	L17	2.0
29	Benjamin Fowler	unr.	350		L7	L21	W30	L28	L26	L24	1.0
30	Justin Wilk	unr.	277	1	L11	L14	L29	B---	L19	L27	1.0
31	Rory McBride	unr.	494	GREEN1	L4	L24	L28	L17	B---	U---	1.0

Another very good turn out of 247 kids came to the Tivoli Center in Denver, Colorado to do battle for Championships in many different divisions. A skillful (or lucky?) boy or girl could take home a monster of a trophy for his or her premiere efforts in either grade, rating, or age categories. Although organizers were hoping for closer to 300 children, (the Tivoli site being secured for the express purpose of allowing the bigger turn out everyone was expecting) the number who did show up had a great time to say the least. I was in attendance supporting my older son (who had a lot of fun, and even won one game! Woo-hoo!). The comments I heard about the new site were nearly unanimous in praise. The small army of organizers did truly commendable and prodigious amounts of work on behalf of Colorado's chess kids. As I don't have an official report, I am not going to rely on memory for fear of leaving out a worthy director or volunteer. From tournament work to tee shirt sales, everything somehow got done. When all was over a lot of (mostly) happy kids had the memories and/or the determination to keep going in this game called chess. They, and us, are the better for it. Thank you, kids, organizers, parents, coaches, family members, media and volunteers. See you in 2004!!!

**2002-2003 Colorado Chess Tour Standings****Proudly Sponsored by The Collector's Edge Minerals, Inc**

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**OVERALL**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
1. Andrew Rea	2122	366.6	23
2. Ken Doykos	1812	323.3	24
3. Jeff Baffo	1791	313.5	21
4. Paul Grimm	1675	308.7	27
5. Billy Willson	1772	276.0	21
6. Brad L'strom	1975	266.4	15
7. Chris Mink	1983	261.6	14
8. Brian Wall	2225	247.0	18
9. James Hamblin	2113	239.0	13
10. J'sn Caldwell	1802	232.4	14

**MOST ACTIVE**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
1. Paul Grimm	1675	308.7	27
2. Kenneth Doykos	1812	323.3	24
3. Dean Brown	1429	211.1	24
4. Ted Doykos	1378	169.0	24
5. Allan Ufer	1057	152.0	24
6. Kathy Schneider	722	44.3	24
7. Andrew Rea	2122	366.6	23
8. JC MacNeil	1647	225.3	23
9. Albert Gardner	1579	169.4	23
10. Jeffrey Baffo	1791	313.5	21
10. Billy Willson	1772	276.0	21

**Expert**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
1. Andrew Rea	2122	366.6	23
2. James Hamblin	2113	239.0	13
3. Eric Billaux	2042	190.4	15
4. Markus Petters	2037	165.1	9
5. Alexander Gitis	2012	162.4	9
6. Christ'n Carvajal	2076	154.6	9
7. Adam W'sbarth	2086	137.2	9
8. Josh Bloomer	2050	131.3	7
9. Luis Rodriguez	2046	118.5	8
10. Buck Buchanan	2051	89.2	6

**Class A**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
1. Kenneth Doykos	1812	323.3	24
2. Brad Lundstrom	1975	266.4	15
3. Chris Mink	1983	261.6	14
4. Jason Caldwell	1802	232.4	14
5. Mark Sherbring	1962	170.1	11
6. James Dre'stedt	1836	142.2	8
7. Robert Ramirez	1848	113.8	9
8. Mitch Anderson	1907	86.2	4
9. Josh Smith	1885	83.8	5
10. Zebedee Fortman	1909	73.3	5

**Class B**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
1. Jeffrey Baffo	1791	313.5	21
2. Paul Grimm	1675	308.7	27
3. Billy Willson	1772	276.0	21
4. Paul Albano	1646	227.9	19
5. JC MacNeil	1647	225.3	23
6. Andrew Smith	1738	203.3	16
7. Jesse Cohen	1763	196.7	16
8. Michael Presutti	1678	184.7	11
9. Tyler Hughes	1744	165.7	11
10. Kevin Seidler	1768	155.5	11

**Class C**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
1. Dean Brown	1429	211.1	24
2. Randy Schine	1588	186.3	17
3. Anthea Carson	1558	184.0	18
4. Al Gardner	1579	169.4	23
5. Rod Santiago	1578	160.9	20
6. Phil Brown	1530	153.5	13
7. Joe Aragon	1442	131.9	14
8. Morgan Robb	1495	126.4	11
9. Rich Cordov'o	1470	125.3	13
10. John Schultz	1590	121.6	13

**Class D/E**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
1. Ted Doykos	1378	169.0	24
2. Allan Ufer	1057	152.0	24
3. Jon Fortune	1398	123.0	14
4. Cliff Daniel	1322	102.3	15
5. Mickey Wentz	962	98.2	15

**Class D/E**

Player	Rating*	Points	Gms
6. Emir Santana	1255	93.7	14
7. Garrick Talmage	1227	82.8	11
8. Robbie Caldwell	1394	79.9	11
9. Oscar Herrman	1308	69.7	11
10. Tim Fisher	1323	67.7	9

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6 Clifton K. Daniel	12854310	1343	17W	15L	28W	31W	3.0
7 Chaitanya Neuhaus	12611637	1416	26W	9L	27W	16W	3.0
8 Joseph R. Aragon	11345409	1466	DF	25D	20W	17W	3.0
9 Louis J. Koleszar	12880810	1577	22W	7W	4D	2L	2.5
10 Ann Davies	12708563	1429	35W	5W	3D	LF	2.5
11 Albert Gardner	11122043	1539	20W	DF	12W	1L	2.5
12 Gerard Sunderland	12559917	1448	24W	16D	11L	22W	2.5
13 Jonathan Ray Fortune	12707562	1547	19W	1L	14D	28W	2.5
14 Tim Fisher	12470788	1319	5L	32W	13D	23W	2.5
15 William Chandler, IV	12530954	1508	33W	6W	1L	LF	2.0
16 Brandon Cooksey	12835271	1591	29W	12D	2D	7L	2.0
17 Martin Abresch	12890746	0	6L	33W	21W	8L	2.0
18 Thomas Corbett	12417362	1482	32W	2L	19L	24W	2.0
19 John M. A. Williams	10073022	1166	13L	35W	18W	5L	2.0
20 Allan Ufer	10054362	1132	11L	26W	8L	27W	2.0
21 Randall Reiser	12477590	1335	28W	3L	17L	26D	1.5
22 Denton J. Dykes	10410240	1287	9L	24D	25W	12L	1.5
23 Jack Cooksey	12860045	995	3L	30D	34W	14L	1.5
24 John LeBoeuf-Little	12882878	836	12L	22D	33W	18L	1.5
25 Scott M. Guthrie	12880310	1389	2L	8D	22L	30W	1.5
26 Barbara Fortune	12717006	685	7L	20L	WF	21D	1.5
27 Christopher Warren Ridout	12859695	113	WF	4L	7L	20L	1.0
28 Len Fulmer	12841743	0	21L	34W	6L	13L	1.0
29 Shane R. Hutchinson	12665701	1335	16L	31W	5L	LF	1.0
30 Gary Dorsey	0	0	1L	23D	32D	25L	1.0
31 Kendel Crose	12670706	868	4L	29L	35W	6L	1.0
32 Michael Arnold	12777079	843	18L	14L	30D	34D	1.0
33 Roger M. Anderson	12815732	1025	15L	17L	24L	35W	1.0
34 James Joule	12590600	1037	LF	28L	23L	32D	0.5
35 Kathy A. Schneider	12545281	811	10L	19L	31L	33L	0.0

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### **400 Points in Four Years: A Quick Essay By Paul Grimm**

I started playing tournament chess in CO about 4 years ago in Sep 99 with a rating of 1353. My rating reached 1732 in the February 2003 USCF Ratings Supplement. **OK, not quite 400 points/4 years!**

I thought it might be beneficial to share how my attitude towards chess has changed since I'm on the cusp of gaining "400 points in 4 years". Without further ado, here goes:

#### **RATINGS:**

- The 1353 Grimm: Ratings are everything in predicting who wins!
- The 1732 Grimm: Ratings—schmatings! If I'm within 500 points of someone, an upset is entirely possible with sound play by the "weaker" side (and lousy play by the stronger)

#### **OPENINGS, MIDDLE GAME, and END GAME STUDY:**

- The 1353 Grimm: Memorize key opening lines
- The 1732 Grimm: Study middle games and basic end games; the return on your study will be much greater!

#### **TIME PRESSURE:**

- The 1353 Grimm: If I'm down to 5 minutes, I'm in serious time trouble!
- The 1732 Grimm: Five minutes—no problem! Pressure doesn't kick in until the last minute.
- The 1353 Grimm: My opponent's in time pressure; I'm going to blitz my moves out and hope!
- The 1732 Grimm: My opponent's in time pressure; I'm going to take my sweet time finding the absolute best move and only worry about my own clock.

#### **PAWNS:**

- The 1353 Grimm: If I lose one, two, or three pawns, no problem—I'm working on an attack to compensate!
- The 1732 Grimm: A single pawn can mean a lost endgame—I need compensation NOW!

#### **MATERIAL EVALUATION:**

- The 1353 Grimm: What material is off the board?
- The 1732 Grimm: What material is on the board? And what's it doing?

#### **OVERALL BOARD EVALUATION:**

- The 1353 Grimm: Look at the minor and heavy pieces first.
- The 1732 Grimm: Look at the pawns first—what do they allow the other pieces to do and not do? And what kind of end game will this set up?

#### **SUPERIOR MINOR PIECES, SPACE, WEAK SQUARES, and other IMBALANCES:**

- The 1353 Grimm: What are those?
- The 1732 Grimm: Those are what define your plans in the middle game.

#### **COMBINATIONS and TRAPS:**

- The 1353 Grimm: Find the most impressive combination possible! Set wicked traps.
- The 1732 Grimm: Build a good position first; combinations will flow from there. Don't set traps if they weaken your position against an opponent's best move.

#### **RESIGNATION:**

- The 1353 Grimm: I'm down material or facing checkmate—time to resign!
- The 1732 Grimm: I'm down material or facing checkmate—where's my counterplay! (If none, then I still won't resign if my opponent is under the slightest time pressure, even if he's about to queen a pawn.)

#### **FAVORITE BOOKS:**

- The 1353 Grimm: Combinations and tactics
- The 1732 Grimm: Anything emphasizing positional and judgement factors

#### **COMPUTERS and CHESS:**

- The 1353 Grimm: I hate 'em!
- The 1732 Grimm: I still hate 'em! (A good resource—but not a crutch!).

#### **DRAWS:**

- The 1353 Grimm: Avoid them at all costs unless you're clearly losing.
- The 1732 Grimm: Take them unless you're clearly winning.

#### **CHESS SPORTSMANSHIP:**

- The 1353 Grimm: Winning isn't everything.
- ⇒ The 1732 Grimm: Winning still isn't everything

Some things don't change...

**Hillside Fundraiser, April 5, 2003** 4 round Swiss system tournament**Time Control:** G/30 **Site:** Hillside Community Center, 925 S. Institute (Institute & Fountain)**Sections:** Hmmm... **Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30, **Rounds:** 10:00.**Entry fee:** \$20 (\$15 to juniors, seniors, unrated), \$2 off if received by 4/2.**Prizes:** Modest prizes per entries. Most income will go to help State HS Champion attend Denker Tournament of Champions.**Entries:** Richard Buchanan 844B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829**Phone:** (719) 685-1984 **E-mail:** buckpeace@pcisys.net

CSCA required. COLORADO TOUR EVENT.

**School of Mines Tourney--A DCC event, April 12, 2003**5 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** G/30**Site:** Ballroom D/E, Student Center, 1600 Maple Street, Golden, CO 80401.**Directions:** From I-70, take Colfax Exit turn right. Right on 6th Ave. West on 6th Avenue to 19th street, turn right. Left on Elm St. Student center is on the NW Corner of 16th & Maple.**Sections:** Open, Unrated **Entry fee:** \$6, \$5 for DCC members and Mines students/faculty.**Prizes:** \$4 from each entry fee goes to prize fund.**Registration:** 8:30-9:30, on-site only; no pre-reg., **Rds:** 10:00, 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 3:30..**Entries:** Paul Grimm **Phone:** 720-283-3996 **E-mail:** info@denverchessclub.com

USCF membership to play in rated section. Rated section will be a DCC Grand Prix Event.

**2003 Cheyenne Open, April 26 - 27, 2003**5 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** G/60**Site:** Laramie County Community College, Cafeteria, 1400 East College Drive**Open Section:** All. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 4/25. \$35 at site.**Scholastic Section:** 18 yrs. & under. **EF:** \$15 if rec'd by 4/25. \$20 at site.**Entry fee:** By section. **Prizes:** \$\$ b/entries: 80%. **Reg:** 8:30-9:30 am. **Rounds:** 9:45-12-5:30, 9-2:30..**Entries:** Allan Cunningham 4019 Golden Ct., Cheyenne. WY 82001.**Phone:** (307)635-3102 **E-mail:** adcdac@aol.com NS, NC.**Todd Bardwick Simultaneous Chess Exhibition, April 26, 2003****Site:** Southglenn Mall (South University & Arapahoe Road) **Sections:** **Entry fee:** \$5.00**Registration:** Signup begins at 11:30 A.M., **Rounds:** The simul begins at 12:00 noon.**Entries:** National Master Todd Bardwick **Phone:** 303-798-8828 **E-mail:** tbardwick@yahoo.com

All participants will be entered in a drawing to win a free chess set.

Coupons for 20% off all chess merchandise at the store (good only on April 26) will be given out at the exhibition. For more info; <http://www.coloradomasterchess.com/exhibition1.htm>.**Nikitovich/Wall Simul--A DCC Event, April 29, 2003**1 round system tournament. **Site:** VFW Post 1, 955 Bannock St.**Sections:** One open section **Entry fee:** \$6, \$5 for DCC members**Prizes:** Beat a Master! **Registration:** 6:45-7:30 pm., **Rounds:** 7:45.**Entries:** Paul Grimm **Phone:** 720-283-3996**E-mail:** grimm\_p@msn.com Will be either 1 or 2 games. Exact details TBD later. Unrated.

**2003 Boulder Open, May 3 - 4, 2003**

4 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** 40/2, SD/1

**Site:** CU Events Center, Regent Dr., Univ. of Colo.

**Open Section:** EF: \$48 by 4/30. \$\$400G-200G, U2200 130, U2100 120, U2000 110. (Unr. not elig. for U2000 prize.) **U1500 Section:** EF: \$40 by 4/18. \$\$160-80, U1300 70, U1200 70, U1100 60, Unr. 50. (Unr. elig. only for unr. prize.) **U1900 Section:** (No unr.) EF: \$44 by 4/18. \$\$240-120, U1700 100, U1600 90.

**Entry fee:** By Section **Prizes:** \$\$2000 b/100 **Reg:** Sat. 8:30-9:30am, Rounds: 10-4, 9-3:30.

**Entries:** Bela Geczy 7390 Brockway Dr., Boulder, CO 80303

**Phone:** 303-543-0143 **E-mail:** bgeczy@earthlink.net

EF \$10 more at site. CSCA memb. req'd, \$15/yr, Jrs. & Srs. \$8, or \$5/tourn., OSA. 25% off adv. EF to unr., age 65/over, age 13-20, 50% off to age 12/under, one disc./person.

1/2 pt. bye avail. rds. 1-3 (limit 1). Colorado Tour Event. NS, NC, W.

**2003 Denker Fundraiser, May 10, 2003**

4 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** G/45

**Site:** VFW Post #1, 955 Bannock St, Denver. **Sections:** One open section

**Entry fee:** \$25, \$20 for DCC members. \$21 for Scholastic and Senior; \$17 if DCC member.

**Prizes:** 1st: 10% of entry fees. 2nd: 5% of entry fees. U1800 and U1400: 5% each. This is mainly a fundraiser for the 2003 CO High School Champion (Kevin Seidler).

**Registration:** 8:30-9:30, on-site only; no pre-registration., Rounds: 10:00, 11:45, 1:30, 3:00.

**Entries:** Brad Johnson or Paul Grimm **Phone:** 720-283-3996

**E-mail:** info@denverchessclub.com

USCF & CSCA membership required; OSA. CO Tour event and DCC Grand Prix Event.

**Casper Windy City Open, May 17 - 18, 2003**

4 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** 40/2, SD/1 **Site:** Holiday Inn, 300 West F Street

**Open Section:** All **Reserve Section:** U1599/Unrated **Scholastic Section:** 18 yrs. & under

**Entry fee:** Open /Reserve, \$30 if rec'd. by 5/15, \$35 at site. Scholastic, \$15 rec'd. by 5/15, \$20 at site.

**Prizes:** \$\$ b/entries **Registration:** 8:30-9:30 am, Rounds: 10-4,9-3.

**Entries:** Danny Tanner 2430 Bonnie Brae, Casper, WY 82601

**Phone:** (307)234-3797 **E-mail:** dannytanner.1@juno.com

WCA memb. req. \$5, OSA. NS, NC. HR: \$69 (307)235-2531.

**2003 May Daze--A DCC Event, May 24 - 25, 2003**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** Rounds 1-2: G/90. Rounds 3-5: 35/90, SD/60.

**Site:** Glendale Community Ctr, 999 S Clermont St. **Directions:** NW corner S. Cherry & Tenn. Sts.

**Sections:** Open, U1800, U1400

**Entry fee:** \$30, \$25 for DCC members, \$23 for Scholastic or Senior players (\$19 if DCC member)

**Prizes:** \$1000 b/60. Open Section: \$200, \$130, U2000-\$80. U1800 (no unrated): \$120, \$80, U1600-\$80.

U1400: \$120, \$80, U1200-\$80, unrated: \$30. Unrateds only eligible for unrated prize in U1400 or overall prizes in Open.

**Reg:** 8:30-9:30, on-site only; no pre-registration., Rounds: Sat: 10:00, 1:15, 4:30; Sun: 9:00, 2:15.

**Entries:** Brad Johnson **E-mail:** info@denverchessclub.com

USCF & CSCA membership required, OSA. A CO Tour event and DCC Grand Prix Event.

**Southern Colorado Open, June 14 /15, '03**

6 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** G/90 **Site:** Satellite Hotel, 411 Lakewood Circle

**Directions:** Take I-25 to Exit 139, US 24 East. Make a left at the 3rd light onto Academy Blvd. The Satellite is the large hotel on your left 0.6 miles up Academ

**Open Section:** Open to all. \$250-150; A, B, U1600, each \$100. 6 USCF Grand Prix Points.

**Reserve Section:** Open to U1400/Unr. \$200-120; E, U1000, Unr., each \$80.

**Entry fee:** \$25 if rec'd by 6/11, \$30 at site; \$6 off jrs, seniors, unrateds. **Prizes:** \$\$1260 Guaranteed!

**Registration:** 8:30-9:30 am, Rounds: 10-1:30-5, 9-12:30-4.

**Entries:** Dean Brown 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

**Phone:** (719) 573-5176 **E-mail:** browndwl@mindspring.com

No advance registration accepted w/o payment. CSCA membership required: \$15,

\$8 for juniors & seniors; OSA. Players arriving for on-site registration after 9:30 am not guaranteed a 1st round pairing. At most two 1/2 pt. byes allowed.

Requests for 1/2 pt. byes in Rds. 5 or 6 must be made before start of Rd. 2. HR: \$52-58; call

(800) 423-8409 and mention the chess tournament. A **Colorado Tour Event**. Sponsored by Southern Colorado Chess. USCF membership required.

**2003 Denver Open, July 5 - 6, 2003**

4 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** 40/2, SD/1

**Site:** Ramada Inn, 1150 E. Colfax. **Sections:** Open, U1800, U1400

**Entry fee:** \$44, \$39 for DCC members, \$33 for Scholastic & Senior (\$29 DCC mem). On-site \$6 more.

**Prizes:** \$3,000+ b/100!! **Open Section:** \$500, \$300, \$200, U2000-\$200, \$135. U1800 Section (no un-

rated): \$300, \$180, \$120, U1600-\$180, \$120. U1400 Section: \$250, \$150, \$100, U1200-\$150, \$100, Un-

rated-\$50. Unrated only eligible for unrated prize in U1400 or overall prizes in Open.

**Reg:** 8:30-9:30, Rounds: Sat: 10:00, 4:00; Sun: 9:00, 3:00. **Entries:** Brad Johnson 4901 W 93rd Ave

#1634, Westminster, CO 80031 **E-mail:**

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**August 2-3: PIKES PEAK OPEN**

5-SS, 40/90 and G/1 rds 1-3, 40/2 & G/1 rds 4-5.

Manitou City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou

Springs. One open section. EF \$25 if rec'd by 7/31,

\$30 at site. \$6 disc. for jrs, snrs, unr. Cash prizes per entries. Reg 8:30 - 9:30, rds 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3. CSCA

required, OSA. **Entries:** Richard Buchanan, 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829. E-mail

buckpeace@pcisys.net (No e-mail entries!) Phone (719) 685-1984. **COLORADO TOUR EVENT.**

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