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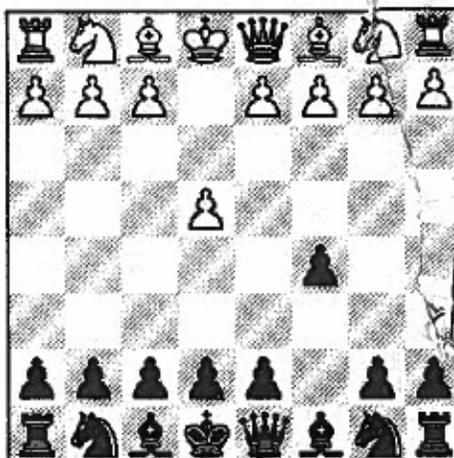
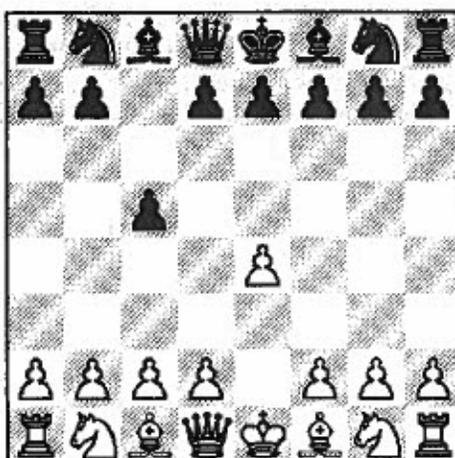
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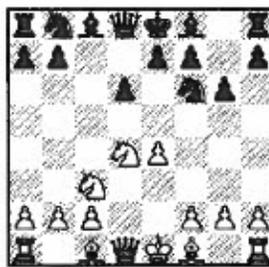
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The Sicilian Defense. Love it or hate it, black side or white side, Main Lines or sidelines, you have to know about it! If you do play this opening, then you know why it's called "The # 1 defense to 1.e4" How do Colorado/Rocky Mountain Chess Players handle it? Is it possible to play it without devoting your life to memorizing theory? See inside for some dynamic ideas!



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

Year # 2 my most respected readership. Glad to have you with me again. You will find Sicilian related material in this issue, of course. But there's lot's more than that. Tournament reports and games, articles and positions from amateur, local and historical events are represented. A new quick play champion is crowned. A certain tournament in Boulder, returns after a 1 year absence, see the announcement on the back cover. (Welcome back, Bela!!) Biographical short shots from our new board members...Josh Smith "finally plays a good game" (I think he plays lots of good games, the above quote are his words) what's more he even annotated it! Paul Grimm contributes to our knowledge with his "How to calculate Tour Points" article. Brian Wall shows us a clash-of-generations game. Damian Nash reports on the Game in 60 National Championship in Moab. In between trips to the Mall and sending Christmas cards, take a break with Tim Brennan's "Pop Quiz" on page 24. Find out just how dedicated to this game you truly are. Are you a certified 64 square freak or do you cling to a hopelessly normal life? Speaking of life...What is a "day in the life" like for our new Vice President, Todd Bardwick? Check it out on page 17. Hope you enjoy all the chess treats we have for you.

Yours in Chess fellowship,

Jeff

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On the cover: 400 years old and still kicking butt! What to do about (what may be) the most complicated, blood thirsty, and just plain exciting of all chess openings? Diagramed are 3 of the more virulent strains of this disease: (left to right) Najdorf, Dragon, and Scheveningen

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CSCA Sense by CSCA President Andy Rea

In this issue I would like to introduce our new CSCA Board to our membership- after all, not everyone was at the Membership Meeting! Leading off, many of our readers are aware I have had quite the checkered playing history, but my background as a TD and Organizer is may not be as well known... I have been Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Chess League, Member-At-Large on the Pittsburgh Chess Club Board, and Vice President of the Pennsylvania Chess Federation. I have also organized FIDE Futurities in Pittsburgh, and directed at several events, ranging from Club Championships to being an Assistant TD at the World Open, and more recently, the 1998 US Championship in Denver. Additionally I was part of the Organizing Committee for the 2002 Edward Levy while also chipping in as a TD at that event- oh, lets note now, never too early, that the 2003 edition will be in mid-September, stay tuned! Most recently I have been President of the Denver Chess Club and a Member-At-Large of the CSCA Board. I like playing more than the off the board stuff, but that's also why I try to make sure we don't have a one-person show for our chess activities; this has worked well for CSCA and DCC!! Lets hear from some of our other Board Members!

Meet the new CSCA board members.

Below are mini bio's of the newly elected board members and appointees for the CSCA.

Todd Bardwick - CSCA Vice-President

"I've has been involved in Colorado chess for almost 30 years and have 5 years of CSCA Board experience as Junior Rep, Member at Large, and Vice-President. Was on committees that brought both the 1998 US Championships and 2002 Levy Tournament to Denver. Since the passing of John Harris, I've taken over as the CSCA Historian" "I am also a master level retired (for now!) tournament player, and devote my time to being a full-time chess teacher, trainer, organizer, promoter, newspaper and magazine columnist and soon to be book author."

Paul Grimm: CSCA Secretary and Tour Statistician

"I started playing Colorado Chess in 1999. I love to win and love to have fun. More important than winning, however, I recognize that chess should be a vehicle to teach more important life-long lessons in self-discipline, problem-solving/prioritizing, time management, and sportsmanship. My goal on the CSCA board is to promote chess as a valuable character-enhancing activity."

Karen Herbst: is the new Director of Scholastics for the

CSCA. She received a degree in Biology from Duke and pursued doctoral studies in Microbiology and Immunology before becoming a full-time mom. Karen has three sons; avid chess players Richard (11), Robbie (8) and soon-to-be-chess player Will (4). Looking towards the future Karen hopes to bring chess to children throughout the State of Colorado involving as many kids as possible. She also hopes to continue to provide good venues for competition for the hundreds of children already hooked on this great game. Colorado Scholastic Chess is extremely strong on a National level. It is the goal of the new CSCA Scholastic Director to encourage the success that many of our young chess players have had at National tournaments and to make it possible for more of our young talent to compete at that high level through the GO CHESS Scholarship Program.

Richard Wyatt - Prison Chess

"Born to a poor peasant family in the republic of Georgia (USA). From living in a small General Store, moving up to a refurbished chicken coup, I grew up to realize my dream; 1st place in the Under 1200 group of the Denver Chess Club. My goals include beating Karpov, Kasparov and Fischer in a Quad, that's Sidney Karpov, Jerry Kasparov and Delbert Fischer."

Billy Willson - CSCA Member At Large

What is your occupation?

Physics teacher at Regis Jesuit High School. I also coach the chess team (currently 4-0!) and am an assistant cross-country and swim coach.

What is your favorite kind of food? Ethiopian.

Who is your favorite writer?

Alan Lightman. Senior Lecturer in Physics at MIT and author of *Einstein's Dreams* and *Great Idea's in Physics*.

What is the best chess game you have ever played?

Willson-Wall, 2002 Colorado Open

What was your best result ever?

The 2002 Colorado Open. With a game score of 2-1-3 (3.5 of 6) against the strongest opposition I have ever faced in six straight rounds (1 master, 1 expert, 3 class A players, and a B player)

Which is the best chess game you ever saw?

In Colorado Presuti-Hughes 2002 Elk Hunt comes to mind

Do you believe in the future of Colorado Chess?

Yes. The future looks bright with the increasing number of scholastic players and organized tournaments across the state.

As a member-at-large on the CSCA board, what will you do to improve chess in Colorado.

I see myself as a chess ambassador. I actively recruit high school students to the USCF and promote chess in the downtown Denver area. I will be helping the CSCA board in communicating with our membership and hope to establish a Colorado club team championship.

Letters to the Editor

Jeff,

Could you please post the new regulations to posting events on the Scholastics Upcoming on the website in the next Informant? I will attach them. Thanks!! Karen Herbst *email*

- 1) If a tournament is not successfully held after having ever been posted on the website's Scholastic Upcoming Events or Clearinghouse, it shall be in the complete discretion of the CSCA board to no longer provide CSCA website posting for the organization that requested the posting.
- 2) Tournament organizers are responsible for obtaining the following requirements and for providing information regarding the same requirements prior to requesting that an event be posted on the website's Scholastic Upcoming Events or Clearinghouse: a TD, a confirmed location for the tournament, a date for the tournament, and the contact information for the organizer. CSCA reserves the right to request proof of site reservation and TD at its sole discretion.
- 3) CSCA will only post 15 tournament dates outstanding for any individual or organization on the website's Scholastic Upcoming or Clearinghouse.
- 4) Posting of multiple events on the same date is permissible. It is up to the organizers to reconcile any problems.
- 5) CSCA provides the website's Scholastic Upcoming and Clearinghouse as a service so that organizers can see when other tournaments are and act accordingly. The clearinghouse was not meant to block organizers from scheduling tournaments.
- 6) CSCA will not post events that conflict with the following CSCA-sponsored event: The Colorado Scholastic State Championship. This does not mean that events may not be held on dates that conflict with these events, only that they will not be posted on the CSCA website.

Hi, Jeff. The CSCA site said that you wanted Sicilian comments...The Smith-Morra is an excellent practical 'refutation' of the Sicilian if you're playing someone A player or below. One time I was going over some of my tournament games, and noticed that in every single Smith-Morra game but one, I'd either won or else had a winning game - (a winning tactic or something) - and blew it. I don't think this is true of any other opening I play. It's probably because the Smith-Morra gives white a lasting initiative for his pawn and black has to defend so long and so precisely against such a variety of potential tactics, not to mention white's strategic play, that black almost always goes wrong somewhere. Regards, Dave Bowers (email) P.S. Of course free advice is worth what you pay for it. :0) (see David's games beginning on page 31. -ed.)

Hey Jeff, Here is that game I was telling you about. Feel free to use it in the informant. Let me know what you think.

Billy (email)

Petrino,R - Willson,B [B07] 2002 DCC Championships (3), 14.12.2002

[Billy Willson]

1.e4 d6 2.f4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bd3 c6 6.b3 b5 7.Bb2 Qb6 8.Qe2 0-0 9.0-0-0 a5 10.e5 Nd5 I felt the open c-file would be worth the lost pawn. 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Bxb5 Bf5 eyeing the c2-square 13.h3 Rc8 14.Nd4 I first thought that this move thwarts my attack and hands the initiative over to white. I didn't like any of the variations where the bishop retreats and I could not find any promising lines where I sack the bishop or rook on c2. I was about to play 14..Qc5 when I saw the text move. 14...Qxd4!?= fritz didn't like this move as much as I did, evaluating the position as equal [14...Bd7?+-15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.e6 Bxd4 17.exd7 Rd8 18.Qxe7 Bxb2+ 19.Kxb2 and white has an irresistible attack; 14..Be4?! 15.d3 Bf5 16.Nxf5 gxf5 17.d4 And whites future looks pretty bright] 15.Bxd4 Rxc2+ 16.Kb1 Rxd2+ 17.Qd3? [17 Kc1 Rxe2 18.Bxe2= would have been the better continuation] 17...Bxd3+ 18.Bxd3 Rxc2+ 19.Bb5 dxe5 20.fxe5 Na6 21 Bc6 Rd8 22.Bb6 I felt my good position slipping away until... 22...Bxe5! 23.Bxd8 temporarily sacking a rook 23...Rb2-24.Kc1 Nb4 threatening mate with Nxa2# 25.Rd2? [25.Rxd5 was whites best option 25...Nxa2+ 26.Kd1 Nc3+ 27.Kc Na2+ 28.Kd1 Nc3+=] 25...Nxa2+ 26.Kd1 Rb1+ 27.Ke2 Rxh1 28.Bxa5 Nc1+ 29.Kf2 In time pressure I make a sting o poor moves 29...Nxb3? [29...Rh2+ 30.Kf1 Rxd2 31.Bxd2 Nxb3 was the quickest rode to victory] 30.Rxd5 Nxa5? lose: the exchange [30...Bd4+ 31.Kf3 Rxh3+ 32.Kg2 Nxa5 33.Rxd4 Nxc6 34.Rc4] 31.Rd8+ Kg7 32.Bxh1 Nc4 33.Bd5 Nd1 and I went on to win with the passed pawns. 0-1

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

DCC Elk Hunt Open October 26-27, 2002

LaMoyné Splichal, Chief TD. Jon and Barbie Fortune, Assistant TD's Single Open Section.

Open Section

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	Place	Prize
1	JAMES M MC CARTY	2300	2301	W27	W18	W7	W3	D5	4.5	1st/2nd(1.Tiebreak)	\$230.00
2	Brad Lundstrom	1965	1978	W29	W21	D15	W4	W14	4.5	1st/2nd	\$230.00
3	Andrew B Rea	2137	2138	W50	W19	W11	L1	W22	4.0	3rd	\$56.00
4	Alexander Gitis	2025	2024	W39	W20	W12	L2	W18	4.0	3rd	\$56.00
5	Chris L Mink	1980	1988	W51	D34	W32	W15	D1	4.0	3rd	\$56.00
6	Mark W Sherbring	1958	1950	W40	L23	W26	W24	W19	4.0	3rd	\$56.00
7	Tyler B Hughes	1793	1813	W53	W8	L1	W20	W23	4.0	3rd	\$56.00
8	Paul Albano	1576	1621	W62	L7	W48	W36	W17	4.0	Top U 1700	\$105.00
9	Kevin M Seidler	1863	1855	W42	W24	D16	L14	W33	3.5		
10	Kenneth P Doykos	1821	1813	W52	W37	D22	D23	D16	3.5		
11	Andrew M Smith	1812	1817	W43	W38	L3	W25	D13	3.5		
12	James Drebenstedt	1791	1819	W13	W25	L4	H--	W30	3.5		
13	Jason D Caldwell	1787	1788	L12	W59	W52	W21	D11	3.5		
14	Mamed Sakhatov	1758	1774	W59	W26	H--	W9	L2	3.5		
15	Jesse Cohen	1735	1750	W64	W48	D2	L5	W34	3.5		
16	Sulia Mason	1673	1710	W55	W30	D9	H--	D10	3.5		
17	Jeffrey A Baffo	1790	1773	W44	W46	H--	D22	L8	3.0		
18	Vinh Nguyen	1717	1725	W45	L1	W29	W38	L4	3.0		
19	Richard E Herbst	1684	1686	W54	L3	W40	W47	L6	3.0		
20	Michael Presutti	1667	1668	W47	L4	W43	L7	W40	3.0		
21	Paul M Grimm	1636	1637	W60	L2	W51	L13	W41	3.0		
22	J C Macneil	1627	1662	W65	W31	D10	D17	L3	3.0		
23	Emanuel J Weiss	1612	1637	W66	W6	H--	D10	L7	3.0		
24	Anthea J Carson	1581	1590	W61	L9	W46	L6	W39	3.0		
25	Phil Brown	1525	1530	B--	L12	W61	L11	W42	3.0		
26	Morgan T Robb	1517	1527	W63	L14	L6	W53	W43	3.0		
27	Norbert Martinez	1500	1505	L1	D55	H--	W59	W47	3.0		
28	Dean W Brown	1470	1460	L30	L56	W66	W44	W46	3.0		
29	Joseph R Aragon	1426	1450	L2	W60	L18	W62	W38	3.0		
30	Richard Buchanan	2051	2020	W28	L16	W34	D33	L12	2.5		
31	Michael J Munafa	1954	1941	W41	L22	W50	H--	U--	2.5		
32	Billy P Willson	1753	1740	H--	W35	L5	L34	W48	2.5		
33	Salvad Menaamaro	1645	1631	L48	W45	W44	D30	L9	2.5		
34	Dustin H Eager	1627	1645	W56	D5	L30	W32	L15	2.5		
35	Randolph Schine	1604	1582	H--	L32	D41	D52	W55	2.5		
36	Zachary P Malone	1712	1678	L46	W64	W53	L8	U--	2.0		
37	Albert Gardner	1600	1554	W57	L10	L47	L43	W52	2.0		
38	Roderic Santiago	1563	1535	W58	L11	W56	L18	L29	2.0		
39	Scott Guthrie	1438	1414	L4	L47	W60	W54	L24	2.0		
40	Robbie Caldwell	1413	1412	L6	W58	L19	W56	L20	2.0		
41	Chaitany Neuhaus	1399	1410	L31	H--	D35	W61	L21	2.0	Top U 1400	\$13.12
42	Anthony R Laird	1391	1367	L9	L61	W65	W58	L25	2.0	Top U 1400	\$13.12
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44	Timothy M Fisher	1327	1326	L17	W57	L33	L28	W62	2.0	Top U 1400	\$13.12
45	Al Skarie	1280	1259	L18	L33	L58	W66	W63	2.0	Top U 1400	\$13.12
46	Emir Santana	1261	1314	W36	L17	L24	W51	L28	2.0	Top U 1400	\$13.12
47	Zamlin Bolorbold	1222	1290	L20	W39	W37	L19	L27	2.0	Top U 1400	\$13.12
48	C. Krishnan	1134	1240	W33	L15	L8	W50	L32	2.0	Top U 1400/upset	\$63.12
49	La Moyné Splichal	1600	1603	H--	U--	W55	U--	U--	1.5		

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In their own words: A Sicilian Tactical Theme, 3 Fold Rep., Touch move

My Favorite Sicilian Trap by Timothy E. Brennan

You asked for contributions related to the Sicilian. I think that is an interesting idea. While I do not play it often as black, I face it fairly often from Pete Short, a Denver Chess Club member that I work with, who plays it as black. I often like to play the Smith Morra Gambit as white. White can get good compensation for the pawn, and get a nice attack going, which is always fun, especially in blitz, which we play at lunch. Here is my favorite trap in the Smith Morra gambit. If you play the Smith Morra on a consistent basis, the opportunity to unleash this trap will come up again and again. It is something that all Sicilian players should be familiar with.

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3! (the main move that signifies the Smith Morra) dxc3 (black accepts the gambit) 4. Nxc3 d6 5. Bc4 Nf6 6. e5 (attacking the knight) dxe5 (removing the threat to the knight, but allowing...) 7. Bxf7+!! resigns

After the forced 7. ..Kxf7 white gets to play 8.Qxd8! winning a queen for a bishop.

I unleashed this against Pete once in a 5 minute, but he has not fallen for it again, which is the sign of a good chess player - to learn from your mistakes. This is a good theme to know in general. The tactic falls under the category of overloaded piece.

On 3-fold repetition
by James Kulbacki

Of all the laws of chess, none it seems, is more misunderstood than "Draw by three-fold repetition". At lower levels of play, this uncertainty can be expected, however, misunderstandings occur even at the very highest levels.

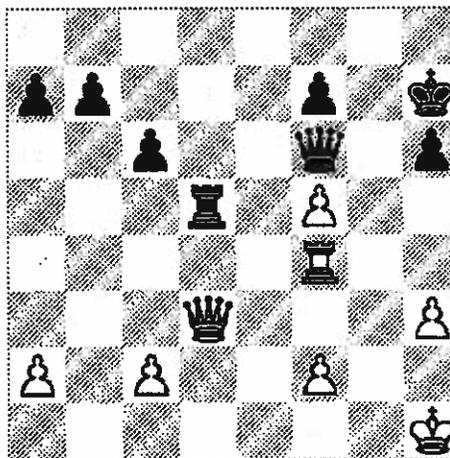
What follows is an graphic illustration. But first the reader should get a grasp of the conditions at the time of the game. It is

from the third game of the Candidates Final Match.

The second game of the match was a very satisfying victory for Petrosian, who not only leveled the score, but also ending -- finally--Bobby Fischer's unprecedented 20-game winning streak (which started from the last seven rounds of the 1970 Interzonal). Could the American possibly lose two games in a row?

Robert Fischer - Tigran Petrosian CM 3
Buenos Aires, 1971

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6. Bxf6 gxf6 7. g3 f5 8. Nc3 Bf6 9. Nge2 Nc6 10. d5 exd5 11. Nxd5 Bxb2 12. Bg2 0-0 13. 0-0 Bh8 14. Nef4 Ne5 15. Oh5 Ng6 16. Rad1 c6 17. Ne3 Of6 18. Kh1 Bg7 19. Bh3 Ne7 20. Rd3 Be6 21. Rfd1 Bh6 22. Rd4 Bxf4 23. Rxf4 Rad8 24. Rxd8 Rxd8 25. Bxf5 Nxf5 26. Nxf5 Rd5 27. g4 Bxf5 28. gxf5 h6 29.h3 Kh7 30. Qe2 Qe5 31. Oh5 Of6 32. Qe2 Re5 33. Qd3 Rd5



(Black has a comfortable advantage, and he would have excellent prospects of victory, if it weren't for one little thing...)

34. Qe2! Draw!

Huh? What Happened?

Bobby did not even make his last move on the board. Instead, he went to the arbiter and stated that his intended move, 34. Qe2, brings about the exact same position for a third time, and that he was claiming a draw.

A quick replay on a separate board back-

stage revealed this to be true. The game was declared a draw.

The ex-World Champion was embarrassed, to say the least. He believed that a draw resulted from a threefold repetition of MOVES, rather than from a threefold repetition of POSITION. He had squandered his chances in this game.

For once, a drawn result (!) had a depressing effect on the Armenian. The match was still tied, but he had already been psychologically beaten. Tigran Petrosian could only manage to draw two of the remaining six games in the match, and Fischer scored yet another one-sided triumph (+5,-1,=3). He thus became the Challenger to Boris Spassky in 1972, "and the rest", as they say, "is history".

Milan Matulovic's Tunisian (Touch Move) Travesty by James Kulbacki

One of the most rudimentary laws of chess is that of "Touch-and-Move". In its simplest form, if a player touches a piece, it must be moved (if legal). Similarly, if a player touches an opponent's piece, it must be captured (again, if it is a legal move). When one simply wants to adjust some men on the board, you politely say "jadoube" in the presence of your opponent, then proceed to do so. These are laws which all players need to know. Probably the most flagrant violation of these laws occurred in a games played 35 years ago.

The FIDE Interzonal Tournament took place in Sousse, Tunisia in the fall of 1967. It was a grueling, month-long tournament of 23 rounds, and the top six finishers would join Tal and Spassky in the 1968 Candidates Matches to determine Tigran Petrosian's challenger for the 1969 World Championship Match. This tournament was best remembered for Bobby Fischer's participation, disputes, and ultimately his withdrawal while still leading the field.

In round nine, the Yugoslav Champion, Milan Matulovic, squared off against Hungarian Grandmaster Istvan Bilek. The two

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Games from the...

Denver Membership Open

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[Black "Brennan, Timothy 1416

[ECO "B01"] Gm./1 hr

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nxd5 4. d4 Bg4 5. Be2 e6 6. O-O c5 7. Re1 Nc6 8. H3 Bxf3 9. Bxf3 Nxd4 10. Be4 Be7 11. c3 Nc6 12. Nd2 O-O 13. Nc4 Qd7 14. Qc2 Nf6 15. Bxc6 Qxc6 16. Ne5 Qc7 17. Bf4 Nd5 18. Bg3 Bd6 19. c4 Nb4 20. Qc3 f6 21. A3 Na6 22. Ng4 Bxg3 23. fxc3 e5 24. Rad1 Rad8 25. Ne3 Rxd1 26. Rxd1 Rd8 27. Nd5 Qf7 28. Qf3 Nc7 29. Nxf6+ Qxf6 30. Rxd8+ Qxd8 31. Qxb7 Ne6 32. Qe4 Qd4+ 33. Qxd4 cxd4 34. Kf2 e4 35. b4 Kf7 36. c5 Ke7 37. h4 Kd7 38. g4 Kc6 39. g3 Nxc5 40. bxc5 Kxc5 41. Ke2 Kc4 42. g5 Kb3 43. Kd2 Kxa3 44. g4 Kb2 45. h5 g6 0-1

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Brennan, Tim - "MacNeil, JC.

[Result "1-0"] [ECO "A00"]

WhiteElo 1416 BlackElo "1725

1. g4 b5 2. Bg2 d5 3. h3 e5 4. c4 bxc4 5. Nc3 c6 6. Nf3 (6. b3 6... cxb3 7. axb3) **6... Nd7** (6... e4 7. Nd4 h5 8. Qa4) **7. Qa4 Bb7 8. h3** (8. d3 8... cxd3 9. exd3) **8... cxb3** (8... Nc5 and Black has it in the bag 9. Qa3 Nd3+ 10. exd3 Bxa3 11. Bxa3 11... Qa5) **9. Qxb3 9... Rb8 10. d3 Bd6 11. Qa4 Bc5** (11... Nc5 12. Qc2 12... Ne7) **12. Nxe5** { Exerts pressure on the backward pawn } **12... Nxe5 13. d4 13... Nd7** (13... Bb6 14. dxe5 14... Ne7) **14. dxc5 Nxc5 15. Qd4 Ne6 16. Oxa7 Qc7 17. Rb1 Ne7 18. Ba3 O-O 19. Bxe7** (19. Qb6 Qd7 20. Na4) **19... Qxe7 20. O-O 20... Nc5** (20... d4 should be considered... 21. Nc4 21... Nf4) **21. Qa3** (21. Rfc1 21... Rfc8) **21... Rfe8 22. Rb2 22... Ba6** { e2 becomes the focus of attention } (22... Ra8 { was a good chance to save the game } 23. Qb4 23... Ba6) **23. Rxb8** { White terminates the opponent with strong threats } **23... Rxb8 24. Na4 24... Bxe2 25. Re1** (end of story) (25. Qxc5 25... Qxc5 26. Nxc5 Bxf1 27. Bxf1 Ra8) (25. Nxc5 \$6 25... Bxf1 26. Bxf1 26... h5) **25... Ra8 26. Qxc5 Qxc5 27. Nxc5 Rxa2 28. Bf3 Rc2**

29. Rxe2 Rc1+ 30. Kg2 Kf8 (30... g5 was the only chance to get some counter-play) **31. Nd7+ 1-0**

Denver Membership Open

Brennan, Tim - "Wall, Brian

[Result "0-1"] ECO "A00"]

WhiteElo "1416 BlackElo "2225

1. g4 d5 2. Bg2 Bxg4 3. c4 dxc4 4. Bxb7 Nd7 5. Bxa8 Qxa8 6. f3 e5 7. Qa4 Be6 8. Nc3 Ngf6 9. Nb5 Bd6 10. Qxa7 Qc6 11. Nxd6+ cxd6 12. b3 O-O 13. bxc4 Ra8 14. Qe3 Bxc4 15. a3 Nd5 16. Qg5 Nf4 17. d3 h6 18. Qg3 Bxd3 19. Bxf4 exf4 20. Qxf4 Qc3+ 21. Kf2 Qxa1 22. exd3 Ne5 23. Qe4 Rxa3 24. d4 Nxf3 25. Qe8+ Kh7 26. Qe4+ g6 27. Nxf3 Ra2+ 28. Kg3 Qb2 29. Rg1 Qf2+ 30. Kg4 f5+ 0-1

Willson, B (1783) - Wall, B (2222) [B07]

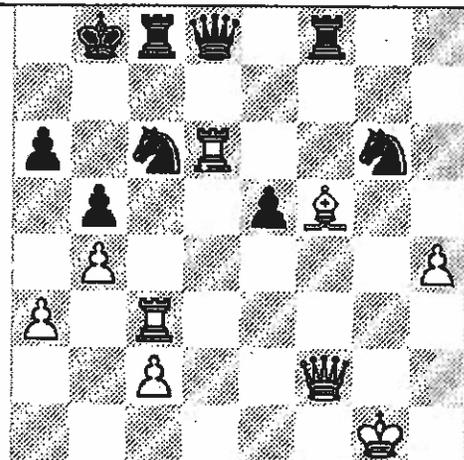
Colorado Open 2002 (1), 01.09.2002

1. d4 d6 2. e4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Be2 Nbd7 5. Nf3 e5 6. 0-0 Be7 7. h3 0-0 8. Be3 Qc7 9. a4 a5 10. Re1 Rd8 11. Bc4 h6 12. Qe2 Nf8 13. d5 g5 14. Nh2 Ng6 15. Ng4 Kg7 16. g3 Rh8 17. f3 h5 18. Nf2 h4 19. g4 Nf4 20. Bxf4 gxf4 21. Red1 Nh7 22. Qd3 Ng5 23. Kg2 Bd7 24. Ne2 Rad8 25. Qc3 f6 26. Rd2 Qb6 27. Qb3 Qa7 28. Rad1 Be8 29. Qc3 Rd7 30. Nc1 Bg6 31. Nb3 Ra8 32. Qd3 Bd8 33. Qc3 Bc7 34. Rf1 Rad8 35. Nd1 Bb6 36. Nc1 Qa8 37. Qd3 Qc8 38. Re1 Qc7 39. Qb3 Nf7 40. Na2 Ng5 41. Nac3 Bc5 42. Rd3 Qb8 43. Re2 Qa7 44. Nb1 ½-½

Baffo, J (1802) - Willson, B (1783) [B09]

Colorado Open 2002 (5), 02.09.2002

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. f4 Bg7 5. Nf3 c5 6. dxc5 Qa5 7. Bd3 Qxc5 8. Qe2 Bg4 9. Be3 Qa5 10. 0-0 0-0 11. Qe1 Bxf3 12. Rxf3 Nc6 13. a3 Nd7 14. b4 Qd8 15. Rd1 Rc8 16. Ne2 a6 17. Qf2 b5 18. g4 e6 19. g5 f6 20. h4 h5 21. gxh6 Bxh6 22. Rg3 Kf7 23. f5 Bxe3 24. fxe6+ Kxe6 25. Rxe3 Nde5 26. Nf4+ Kd7 27. Nxc6 Nxc6 28. e5 fxe5 29. Bf5+ Kc7 30. Rc3 Kb8



31. Rxd6!! Qxd6 32. Qb6+ Ka8 33. Qxa6+ ½-½

Willson, B (1783) - Doykos, K (1816) [D02]

Colorado Open 2002 (6), 02.09.2002

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. b3 g6 4. Bf4 Bg7 5. e3 0-0 6. Be2 c5 7. c3 Nc6 8. Ne5 cxd4 9. Nxc6 bxc6 10. cxd4 c5 11. Nd2 cxd4 12. exd4 Qb6 13. Nf3 Ne4 14. 0-0 Nc3 15. Qd2 Nxe2+ 16. Qxe2 Ba6 17. Qxe7 Bxf1 18. Rxf1 Qf6 19. Qe3 Rfe8 20. Ne5 Qf5 21. Qd2 Rac8 22. Bg3 Rc2 23. Qa5 Rec8 24. h3 Rc1 25. Rxc1 Rxc1+ 26. Kh2 Qb1 27. Qd8+ Bf8 28. Bf4 Rh1+ 29. Kg3 Kg7 30. Ng4 Qd3+ 31. f3 h5 32. Qf6+ Kg8 33. Be5 h4+ 34. Qxh4 Bg7 35. Bxg7 Kxg7 36. Qh6+ 1-0

Denver Chess Club G/90 10-29-02

White Richard Herbst (1684) Black Josh Smith (1801) "Josh Smith Finally Plays a good game!!" "Talent vs. Experience"

1. e4, c5 2. Nf3, Nc6 3. d4, cxd4 4. Nxd4, g6 5. Nc3, Bg7 6. Nxc6, bxc6

GM Larry Christiansen has taught me a lot about the Accelerated Dragon. I much prefer to see 6. Be3 as I love the ensuing tactics. **7. Bd3?** The normal response is 7. Bc4, Qc7 where the fight for d5 is still up in the air. **7. Nf6 8. Bd2?** I believe that black has equalized at this point as I can now play d5 without any resistance. **8... 0-0 9. 0-0, d5 10. exd5, cxd5 11. Rb1** Fritz7 choice #3, the beginning and the end of queenside play.

11. Bb7 To support central pawn

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pushes. **12. Re1** Played to develop and prevent 12. ..., e5. **12. ..., e5!** It took some time but Fritz 7 eventually agreed that this was good for black. The line 13. Rxe5, Ne4 14. Rxe4, dxe4 15. Nxe4 leads to =+. **13. Bg5** Fritz 7 choice #1. **13. ..., e4** Fritz 7 believes that I throw away most of my advantage with this move.

14. Bf1 I remember feeling like my position was over extended here and that I needed to trade off or I would be lost in a sea of an 11 year old's tactics! **14. ..., h6** **15. Bh4 g5** **16. Bg3, a6** **17. Be5, Re8** **18. Bd4, Rc8** **19. g3?** One of the things that I'm always trying to do on a chess board is minimize my opponents play. I'm not a very good tactician and like to keep things simple and wait for my opponent to make a positional blunder. I think that Richard didn't really know what to do since his pieces are restricted.

19. ..., Nd7 Fritz 7 had to think about this for a few minutes before it agreed with my move. It was the 1st thing that popped into my head with f3 now open. **20. Bxg7, Kxg7** **21. Bh3?, Ne5!** It took Fritz7 4 minutes to determine that this was best and that Bg2 is forced. 21. Bxc8, Qxc8 leads to -+. Ne5 was an instinctive move that just felt right. It is funny how long it takes Fritz7 to understand that it is correct. **22. Bg2, g4!** I knew that this allowed his knight into f4 and was planning on sacking a rook for it as that would destroy his kingside. I couldn't see how he could stop that plan. **23. Ne2, Nf3+** **24. Bxf3, gxf3** **25. Nf4, Re5** **26. Qd4, Of6** **27. c3, Rc4** **28. Qe3 h5!** Fritz7 choice #20! I thought that it was a pretty good plan but I guess computers know everything right?! **29. h4, Rc8** **30. Rbd1 Rg8** **31. Kh2 Kh7** **32. Qd4 Rg4** The knight can't move and the knight can't stay. It is ironic to me that Richard has been playing Fritz7's #1 moves since move 22. and the computer always felt that white was better. I have never played a game where my strategy was better than that of a computers. So this is what Masters feel like every time they play! **33. Nd3??** Richard has fought hard to come up with ideas all game long. It looks like his efforts will be finally be rewarded and he will be able to force the

trade of queens. I thought for 5 minutes here before finding the critical intermezzo that wins the game. I told you I wasn't a very good tactician! (*Heh-heh, not good at tactics...We believe you, sure we do...ed.*) Fritz7 is still in La La Land and feels that Nh3 gives white an edge. **33. ..., h4+!** **Kg1, Qf5!!** The double rook hanging intermezzo! **35. Qxe5, Rh1+** **36. Resigns 0-1**

To Karen and the Herbst family - Your son is truly talented and I won't be able to beat him very much longer. Richard and Tyler will be Masters very soon!
To Jeff - The above is my submission for your Sicilian theme issue. I have played many exciting lines of the Accelerated Dragon and this is my latest!

Colorado Open 2002 Open Section Round 1 Anderson,R- Baffo,J

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Be7 8.g4 h6 9.Rg1 Nc6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Qe2 Bd7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.h4 h5 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.f4 g6 16.f5 gxf5 17.exf5 d5 18.Nf3 Ng3 19.Qf2 Nxf5 20.Bxd5 Nb4 [20...Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Bd6] 21.Nd4Bxh4 22.Nxf5 Bxf2 23.Ne7+ Kb8 24.Bxf2 exd5 [24...Qf4+ 25.Rd2 Qf6] 25.Bg3 Rh2[25...Qxg3 26.Rxg3 Rh2] 26.Bxc7+ Kxc7 27.Nexd5+ Nxd5 28.Nxd5+ Kc8 29.Nb6+ Kc730.Nd5+ Kc8 31.Rg3 Be6? [31...Bc6 leaves a probable draw] 32.Ne7+ 1-0

Walker,B- Rea,A

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 Ne4 7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Qb3 0-0 9.Bd3dxc4 10.Qxc4 Ng5 11.Nbd2 Nc6 12.0-0 e5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.d5 Nb4 15.e4 a5 16.a3Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Ra6 18.Rac1 Rh6 19.Rc3 c6 20.Rfc1 Rd8 21.Qc2 Bd7 22.Nf1 cxd523. exd5 b5 24.Rc7 Qd6 25.Qd3 f5 26.Ra7 a4 27.Rcc7 Rf6 28.Ng3 Rf7 29.Qd2 g630.Qxg5 Rc8 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.Qxg6+ Kf8 34.Qh6+ Ke7 35.Qg5+ Kd636.Nxf5+ 0-1

Hughes,T- Bloomer,J

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.Bd3 d6 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Ne2 Nf6 9.c3 dxc3 10.dxc3 0-0 11.0-0 b5 12.

Be3 Ng4 13.Bf2 Nxf2 14.Rxf2 Rb8 15.f5 b4 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Bc4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Qa5 19.Qd3 Rbc8 20.Raf1 Qc5 21.Bb3 g5
DIAGRAM Black tries to shut down the pressure on the f-file, but White breaks through anyway! 22.f6! Bxf6 23.e5! Qxc3 [23...dxe5? 24.Bc2] 24.Qxc3 Rxc3 25.exf6 e6 26.Rd2 d527.Nf3 h6 28.Ne5 Bb5 29.Re1 Rfc8 30.Kf2 a5 31.Bd1 Ra3 32.Bh5 Be8 33.Rb1 Ra434.g3 Re4 35.Re2 Rxe2+ 36.Kxe2 Rc2+ 37.Ke3 Rxh2 38.g4 d4+ 39.Kxd4 Rd2+ 40.Ke3Rd5 41.Ke4 a4 42.Rb8 a3 [42...Kf8 43.Ng6+! fxg6 44.Bxg6] 43.Rxe8+ Kh7 44.Bxf7 1-0

Round 2 Mink,C- Nikitovich,P

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.h3 Nf6 6.a4 0-0 7.Be2 Nfd7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Be3 e510.Qd2 Re8 11.Rfd1 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Bf3 Nbd7 14.b4 Ne6 15.Rab1 Ne5 16.Be2Qe7 17.f4 Nd7 18.Bf3 Nb6 19.Qd3? Bxd4! 20.Bxd4 Nxf4 21.Qf1 Qg5 22.Kh1 Nd723.Bg4 Ne6 24.Bg1 Ne5 25.Rxd6 Nxc4 26.hxg4 Qxg4 27.Qf6? Nf4 28.Rd2 Nh5 White must give up his queen for a knight to prevent the mate starting with Ng3+. 0-1

Sherbring,M- Willson,B

1.e4 d6 2.f4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bd3 Qxc5 8.Qe2 Bg4 9.Be3 Qa510.0-0 Nc6 11.a3 0-0 12.Rad1 Nd7 13.Bc4 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qxc3 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3Nde5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Bb3 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Qe5 20.Qg2 a5 21.a4 b5 22.Bd4 Qh5 23.Bd5 Rab8 24.Ba7 bxa4 25.Bxb8 Rxb8 26.Qg4 Qe5 27.f4 Qc3 28.f5 Kg7 29.fxg6 hxg630.Rf1 e6 31.Rxf7+ Kxf7 32.Qxe6+ Kg7 33.Qf7+ Kh6 34.Qf4+ Kg7 35.Qf7+ Kh8 36.Kg2Qxc2+ 37.Kg3 Qc3+ 38.Kh4 Qe1+ 39.Kg5 Qg1+ 40.Kh6 Qe3+ 41.Kxg6 Qg3+ 42.Kh6 Qxh3+43.Kg6 ½-½

Caldwell,J- Evenson,K

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 a6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Qd2 Nf6 9.Be2 Bd710.h3 b5 11.Bf3 Rc8 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.fxe5 Nd7 16.e6Bxf3 17.exd7 Rxc3 18.Bb6+ Kxd7 19.gxf3 Rxc2 20.0-0 Rd2 21.Ba5 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Rd323.Rac1 Rc8 24.Rxc8

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Colorado Quick Chess Championships Saturday Qualifier Standings

1	James McCarty	2298	W36	L22	W7	W27	W4	W10	W6	6.0
2	Adam Weissbarth	1894	W40	W28	W11	W5	D10	D3	D4	5.5
3	Paul Nikitovich	2213	W15	W33	L22	W26	W16	D2	W10	5.5
4	Brian Wall	2249	W29	D7	W8	W14	L1	W22	D2	5.0
5	Tyler Hughes	1575	W20	W13	W27	L2	L6	W14	W15	5.0
6	Don Ogle	1905	W39	L14	W18	W23	W5	W9	L1	5.0
7	Mitch Anderson	1715	W41	D4	L1	W24	W13	W16	D12	5.0
8	James Hammersmith	1896	D24	W17	L4	W15	W25	D12	W19	5.0
9	Dan Avery	2018	L28	W24	W31	W11	W14	L6	W20	5.0
10	Steve Towbin	1991	W32	W25	W26	W22	D2	L1	L3	4.5
11	Robert Ramirez	1591	W43	W12	L2	L9	W18	D23	W22	4.5
12	Andy Rea	2084	W31	L11	W28	W33	D22	D8	D7	4.5
13	Mark Sherbring	1958	W18	L5	W32	D25	L7	W36	W23	4.5
14	Paul Yelton	1450	W17	W6	W16	L4	L9	L5	W26	4.0
15	Dustin Eager	1468	L3	W34	W30	L8	W33	W26	L5	4.0
16	Jeff Baffo	1797	W38	W44	L14	W29	L3	L7	W32	4.0
17	Brad Lundstrom	2046	L14	L8	W43	W36	L23	W25	W31	4.0
18	Emir Santana	1394	L13	W45	L6	W41	L11	W29	W33	4.0
19	Adam Fowler	1017	L26	L29	W35	W31	W37	W21	L8	4.0
20	J. C. McNeil	1545	L5	L38	W45	W40	W30	W27	L9	4.0
21	Vinh Nguyen	1549	L30	L40	W42	W39	W32	L19	W27	4.0
22	Josh Smith	1762	W34	W1	W3	L10	D12	L4	L11	3.5
23	Gene Strandberg	1530	W35	L26	W39	L6	W17	D11	L13	3.5
24	Billy Willson	1548	D8	L9	W37	L7	L36	W41	W30	3.5
25	Jesse Cohen	1539	W45	L10	W38	D13	L8	L17	W36	3.5
26	Mamed Sakhatov	1771	W19	W23	L10	L3	W28	L15	L14	3.0
27	Josh Bloomer	1791	W37	W30	L5	L1	W29	L20	L21	3.0
28	LaMoyne Splichal.	1444	W9	L2	L12	W34	L26	L30	W41	3.0
29	Morgan Robb	1517	L4	W19	W41	L16	L27	L18	W37	3.0
30	Jesse Hester	unr	W21	L27	L15	W38	L20	W28	L24	3.0
31	Shannon Fox	1468	L12	W43	L9	L19	W34	W38	L17	3.0
32	Al Gardner	1443	L10	W42	L13	W44	L21	W35	L16	3.0
33	Jay Shaeffer	1664	W42	L3	W40	L12	L15	W39	L18	3.0
34	Allan Ufer	1017	L22	L15	B--	L28	L31	W42	W39	3.0
35	Erik Ogle	unr	L23	L39	L19	B--	W43	L32	W38	3.0
36	Daniel Weissbarth	1522	L1	D37	W44	L17	W24	L13	L25	2.5
37	Michael Ely	1080	L27	D36	L24	W45	L19	W40	L29	2.5
38	Ted Doykos	1138	L16	W20	L25	L30	W42	L31	L35	2.0
39	Al Skarie	1335	L6	W35	L23	L21	W44	L33	L34	2.0
40	Dean Brown	1276	L2	W21	L33	L20	L41	L37	B--	2.0
41	Clay Cordova	777	L7	B--	L29	L18	W40	L24	L28	2.0
42	Allan Braverman	unr	L33	L32	L21	W43	L38	L34	W44	2.0
43	Cruz Mares	unr	L11	L31	L17	L42	L35	B--	W45	2.0
44	Kathy Schneider	759	B--	L16	L36	L32	L39	W45	L42	2.0
45	Steve Mares	unr	L25	L18	L20	L37	B--	L44	L43	1.0

FINALS, ROUND ONE

James McCarty 2 - Vinh Nguyen 0

Steve Towbin 2 - James Hammersmith 0

Tyler Hughes 2 - Mark Sherbring 0 (forfeit)

Brian Wall 2 - Jeff Baffo 0

Paul Nikitovich 1.5 - Brad Lundstrom 0.5

Andy Rea 1 - Don Ogle 1 (Rea won tiebreak game.)

Robert Ramirez 2 - Mitch Anderson 0

Adam Weissbarth 2 - Adam Fowler 0

ROUND TWO

McCarty 2 - Towbin 0

Wall 2 - Hughes 0

Rea 1 - Nikitovich 1 (Rea won tiebreak.)

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Irving Challenge Scholastic Tournament

Crosstables from the Englewood Elks 2002 Tournament September 21, 2002

7-12 Rated Standings

1	Hughes, Tyler	1793	1795	6	W19	W3	D5	W14	W4	4.5
2	Smith, Andrew M	1657	1668	10	W16	W13	W6	D4	W5	4.5
3	Talmage, Garrick	1227	1255	7	W17	L1	W8	W13	W9	4.0
4	Herbst, Richard	1684	1679	5	W10	W9	W12	D2	L1	3.5
5	Shridhar, Mitesh	1386	1414	9	W21	W8	D1	W12	L2	3.5
6	Kullback, Brendan	1346	1350	10	W15	W11	L2	D7	W12	3.5
7	Svyatlovsky, Alina	998	1078	10	W20	L12	W18	D6	W14	3.5
8	Tarasov, Dmitri	788	960	9	W14	L5	L3	W21	W13	3.0
9	Davis, Anthony	1099	1093	9	W23	L4	W22	W11	L3	3.0
10	Tarasov, Andrei	830	834	9	L4	W23	L11	W22	W15	3.0
11	Merrill, Scott	463	535	9	X--	L6	W10	L9	D18	2.5
12	Carpenter, Marshall	1404	1367	7	W22	W7	L4	L5	L6	2.0
13	Neligh, Daniel	1034	1007	7	W18	L2	W15	L3	L8	2.0
14	Harrington, Asa	1475	1412	6	L8	W21	W16	L1	L7	2.0
15	Khalafi, Shayan	747	780	7	L6	W19	L13	W16	L10	2.0
16	Yedidovich, Alexander	789	799	10	L2	W17	L14	L15	W21	2.0
17	Zuk, Peter	666	666	7	L3	L16	L19	B--	W22	2.0
18	Kumin, Max	540	525	7	L13	B--	L7	D20	D11	2.0
19	Nelson, Derek	899	877	7	L1	L15	W17	H--	H--	2.0
20	Lewis, Robert	unr	388	9	L7	L22	L21	D18	B--	1.5
21	Hung, Mendel	772	740	7	L5	L14	W20	L8	L16	1.0
22	Poelma, Justin	775	719	10	L12	W20	L9	L10	L17	1.0
23	Simmons, David	543	532	7	L9	L10	U--	U--	U--	0.0

4-6 Rated Standings

1	Seyferman, Peer	1077	1144	5	W6	W7	W5	W4	D3	4.5
2	McGlynn, Matt	1032	1067	4	W9	D11	D10	W6	W4	4.0
3	Twerskoi, David	1192	1180	3	W15	L4	W11	W5	D1	3.5
4	Schneiders, Charl	997	1020	4	W14	W3	W8	L1	L2	3.0
5	Tschudy, Christopher	850	887	6	W13	W16	L1	L3	W8	3.0
6	Malmberg, Billy	706	765	6	L1	W13	W14	L2	W12	3.0
7	Rose, Payton	909	917	4	W0	L1	W12	L8	W10	3.0
8	Marks, Daniel Z	787	933	5	W17	W10	L4	W7	L5	3.0
9	Fahrenbruck, Christian	528	671	4	L2	L12	W16	W13	W15	3.0
10	Harrington, J.P.	1057	1024	5	W12	L8	D2	W11	L7	2.5
11	Herbst, Robbie	1112	1069	3	W16	D2	L3	L10	W14	2.5
12	Kirk, Tom	668	676	6	L10	W9	L7	W14	L6	2.0
13	Chavez, Ryan	unr	643	5	L5	L6	W15	L9	W16	2.0
14	Hilbrich, Kelsey	512	520	5	L4	W15	L6	L12	L11	1.0
15	Curley, Ryan	776	678	5	L3	L14	L13	W16	L9	1.0
16	Curley, Tamair	717	608	4	L11	L5	L9	L15	L13	0.0
17	Zax, Jacob	1304	1271	6	L8	U--	U--	U--	U--	0.0

K-3 Rated Standings

1	Crockett, Curtis	914	975	3	W5	W7	W2	W3	W6	5.0
2	Reilly, Ben	unr	917	3	W6	W3	L1	W4	W5	4.0
3	Twerskoi, Benjamin	746	731	2	W4	L2	W7	L1	B--	3.0
4	Hughes, Joseph	405	440	2	L3	B--	W5	L2	W7	3.0

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Ramirez 1 - Weissbarth 1 (Ramirez won tie-break.)

ROUND THREE

Wall 2 - McCarty 0

Rea 2 - Ramirez 0

ROUND FOUR

Wall 1.5 - Rea 0.5 **Wall is CHAMPION!!**

CONSOLATION BRACKET**ROUND ONE**

Hammersmith beat Nguyen

Baffo beat Sherbring

Ogle beat Lundstrom

Anderson beat Fowler

ROUND TWO

Hammersmith beat Weissbarth

Nikitovich beat Baffo

Hughes beat Ogle

Towbin beat Anderson

ROUND THREE

Hammersmith beat Nikitovich

Hughes beat Towbin

ROUND FOUR

Hammersmith beat McCarty

Ramirez beat Hughes

ROUND FIVE (winner places 3rd place overall)

Ramirez beat Hammersmith

Colorado Quick Chess Championship Sunday Consolation Swiss Results

1	Jesse Cohen	1539	W25	W12	W9	W8	W2	W7	W5	7.0
2	Josh Bloomer	1791	W15	W20	W7	W10	L1	W9	W8	6.0
3	Mamed Sakhatov	1771	H--	W27	L8	D16	W15	W10	W7	5.0
4	Vinh Nguyen	1549	H--	H--	H--	D21	W16	W18	W9	5.0
5	Brad Lundstrom	2046	H--	H--	H--	W17	W6	W13	L1	4.5
6	Mark Sherbring	1958	H--	H--	H--	W22	L5	W12	W14	4.5
7	Dustin Eager	1468	X--	W8	L2	W26	W10	L1	L3	4.0
8	Josh Smith	1762	W16	L7	W3	L1	W11	W20	L2	4.0
9	Jay Shaeffer	1664	W29	W17	L1	W19	W20	L2	L4	4.0
10	J. C. MacNeil	1545	W11	W24	W19	L2	L7	L3	W16	4.0
11	Clay Cordova	777	L10	L15	W28	W23	L8	W17	W18	4.0
12	Jesse Hester	unr	X--	L1	L18	W27	W19	L6	W20	4.0
13	Adam Weissbarth	1894	H--	H--	H--	H--	W17	L5	W15	4.0
14	Jeff Baffo	1797	H--	H--	H--	H--	H--	W22	L6	3.5
15	Al Skarie	1335	L2	W11	L26	W24	L3	W21	L13	3.0
16	Ted Doykos	1138	L8	W25	D22	D3	L4	W19	L10	3.0
17	Emir Santana	1394	W28	L9	W24	L5	L13	L11	W22	3.0
18	Al Gardner	1443	L19	W23	W12	L20	W21	L4	L11	3.0
19	LaMoyne Splichal	1444	W18	W22	L10	L9	L12	L16	W23	3.0
20	Daniel Weissbarth	1522	X--	L2	W27	W18	L9	L8	L12	3.0
21	Adam Fowler	1017	H--	H--	H--	D4	L18	L15	W27	3.0
22	Billy Willson	1548	W23	L19	D16	L6	W27	L14	L17	2.5
23	Allan Ufer	1017	L22	L18	W25	L11	D28	W24	L19	2.5
24	Allan Braverman	unr	X--	L10	L17	L15	D25	L23	W28	2.5
25	Kathy Schneider	759	L1	L16	L23	W28	D24	L27	B--	2.5
26	Norbert Martinez	1613	H--	H--	W15	L7	H--	U--	U--	2.5
27	Dean Brown	1276	B--	L3	L20	L12	L22	W25	L21	2.0
28	Erik Ogle	unr	L17	L29	L11	L25	D23	B--	L24	1.5
29	Michael Ely	1080	L9	W28	U--	U--	U--	U--	U--	1.0

THE CHESS DETECTIVE

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Have you ever dreamed of solving complicated mysteries like Sherlock Holmes?

Actually, every time you play chess you can pretend that you are the famous detective. The better you become at observing clues and putting together all the pieces of the puzzle, (the way Holmes did) the stronger your game will be.

Before jumping into analyzing the position, you should first make observations about the position. Pick up all the clues you can find. Then you can try to solve the chess mystery of figuring out the correct plan and finding the best move. A good time to gather clues is when your opponents clock is running.

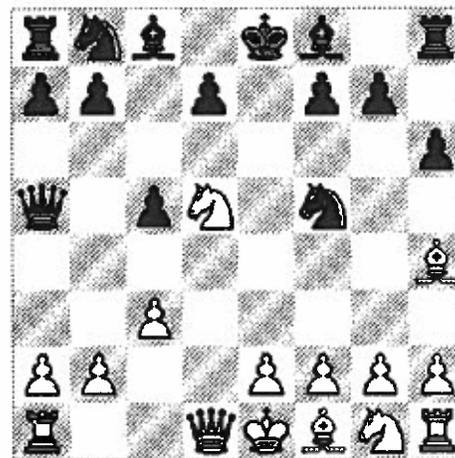
An example of chess observations from a tactical perspective is noticing simple things about the position like how the pieces are positioned in relationship to one another. For example if the King and Queen end up on the same diagonal, see if there is a Bishop that can pin or skewer them. Maybe they are on the same file or rank. Then you can look and see if a Rook is nearby. Maybe you observe in one variation that there is potential for a back rank mate. Well, that is an important clue that might come up in other lines of analysis - don't forget about it!

From a positional point of view, say you observe your opponent has some weak pawns. Then try to figure out the best way to attack them. You may also

try to imagine where the best square is for each of your pieces and then figure out how to get them there. Another observation you might make is that the Queens are off the board. This may be a clue that it is safe to centralize your King. Of course, all these questions can be flipped around to observe the same things about your opponent's pieces and position.

Consider this position from the 2001 Western States Open, Reno, Nevada.

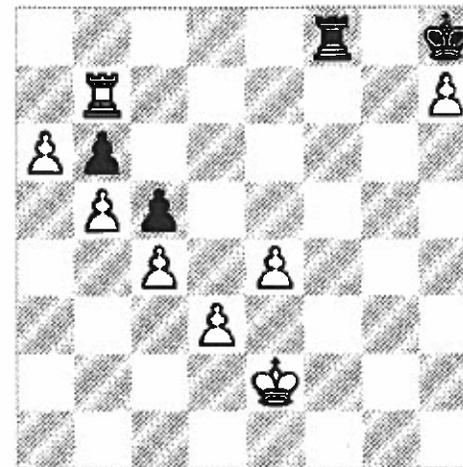
Black, FM Emory Tate



White, GM Alex Yermolinsky
Position after 7...Nf5?

Let's pretend you are white and are ready to gather clues about the position above. Obviously, black's last move attacked the Bishop on h4. You might also notice that if you could play Nc7+, you would fork the black King and Rook. Upon further investigation, you discover that if this were possible, it would actually be checkmate! The black King would not have any escape squares. Unfortunately, the black Queen guards c7. Ok, well the next question you ask yourself is, Can white force the black Queen to drop her pro-

tection of the c7 square? 8.b4 doesn't work due to 8...cxb4 9.cxb4 Bxb4+. Are there any other ways to deflect the Queen? Yes! White played **8.Qa4!** (If 8...Nc6, then 9.Qxa5 would win the Queen and renew the Nc7 mate threat.) The game continued **8...Qxa4 9.Nc7** Checkmate!



Let's look at another position. (See the diagram above) Black to move. First pick up some clues. Well, at first glance, it looks like black is in a lot of trouble. He is down four pawns and white's Queenside pawns seem quite dangerous. It is black to move though, and you won't give up without a fight! Note that neither of black's pawns can move and his King can't either. That is your clue! If the black Rook didn't exist, it would be stalemate. So, can black force white to take the Rook? No! But, black has noticed the key clue. Buy asking himself "What happens if White takes my Rook?" Black is able to solve the mystery of how to escape his desperate position. He plays **Rf2+!** and then continues to endlessly check the white King, fearlessly offering his Rook on each move, since if White captures the Rook it's stalemate!

(ed. Comment) Well done chess detective!
Or as the great one might say,
"Elementary, my dear Watson!"

Four Corners Team Tournament

Moab, Utah September 14, 2002 Mary Nelson, Director

Open Section

Pl	Name		Pre	Post	Team	1	2	3	4	Score
1	Tony X Chen	12738081	1576	1636	Firedr	W15	W17	W3	W5	4.0
2	Anand Kalyanaraman	12874194	2004	1988	Durang	W22	W16	L6	W15	3.0
3	Damian Nash	11520359	1983	1968	Dragon	W10	W18	L1	W6	3.0
4	John S Mical	10495636	1897	1879	Durang	L6	W12	W7	W19	3.0
5	Rick Nelson	12546409	1587	1591	Knight	W14	W26	W8	L1	3.0
6	Zhidong Chen	12868373	1257	1390	Firedr	W4	W19	W2	L3	3.0
7	Bob Phillips	12874202	1172	1229	Dragon	W24	W27	L4	W13	3.0
8	Nick Pearson	New	unr	1546	Royal	W25	W13	L5	W14	3.0
9	Steven P Tomczak	10018552	1561	1528	Durang	D12	L10	W24	W21	2.5
10	Janice S Chen	12756646	1294	1320	Firedr	L3	W9	W17	D11	2.5
11	Daniel Pa Reilly	12869364	1195	1196	Durang	L13	W20	W27	D10	2.5
12	Jon R Fortune	12707562	1180	1239	Knight	D9	L4	W25	W22	2.5
13	Dan Nelson	12547734	1489	1455	Knight	W11	L8	W16	L7	2.0
14	Chad Mcintire	New	1200	1194	Stale	L5	W29	W18	L8	2.0
15	A. Mathaeussen	New	1200	1198	Stale	L1	W28	W26	L2	2.0
16	Karsten Hansen	12872513	931	936	Rising	W20	L2	L13	W26	2.0
17	Luis Elguera	12866144	745	763	Stale	W28	L1	L10	W27	2.0
18	Dayton Minor	12872516	738	742	Royal	X29	L3	L14	W28	2.0
19	Joel W Pomije	12808378	737	901	Knight	W21	L6	W22	L4	2.0
20	Taylor Ringer	12866148	283	377	Stale	L16	L11	B--	W23	2.0
21	Joseph Seely	New	unr	1062	Stale	L19	W24	W23	L9	2.0
22	Stephen Stocks	12872511	1311	1254	Royal	L2	W25	L19	L12	1.0
23	Avery Taylor	12872512	1080	968	Dragon	L27	W30	L21	L20	1.0
24	Colin Chen	12867243	950	923	Firedr	L7	L21	L9	W30	1.0
25	Bridget Phillips	12872514	817	808	Rising	L8	L22	L12	B--	1.0
26	Rodney Taylor		575	570	Dragon	W30	L5	L15	L16	1.0
27	Barbara Fortune	12717006	496	553	Knight	W23	L7	L11	L17	1.0
28	Russell Minor	12874204	426	417	Rising	L17	L15	W30	L18	1.0
29	Sam Demars-Conoly		198	197	Rising	F18	L14	U--	U--	0.0
30	Ben D Copeland	New	unr	100	Royal	L26	L23	L28	L24	0.0

Four Corners Team Tournament A report by Jon Fortune.

I'm not sure I'm the most qualified one to do a report on this event. Mary Nelson the Tournament Director, Damian Nash, the principal organizer, or Rick Nelson our team (Named "Knight Riders", named so because we had to drive a lot at night, grin) leader might be better able to sum up whole event, but here goes anyway. It was pleasant tournament (as is always true when Mary directs). Nice town, great surroundings, pleasant drive. Very friendly people in Utah. Very pleasant tournament hall.

These are rough perceptions since I was a preoccupied as a player in the tournament, but it is a point to start with: Durango team won club championship, the remarkable Chen (Tony, Zhidong, Janice, and Colin in order of their finish-ed.) family from Salt Lake City won Family Championship, I believe the Moab scholastic teams won their events at three grade groupings? Knight Riders from Craig, Colorado and Cheyenne, Wyoming won U1800. Lots of good chess and fine atmosphere.

2002 Pikes Peak October

Colorado Springs, Colorado October 12, 2002

Open Section

1	Caldwell, Jason	1848	W16	W9	W2	W3	W4	5.0
2	Smith, Victor	1816	W15	W4	L1	W5	D6	3.5
3	Caldwell, Robbie	1409	W12	D5	W14	L1	W8	3.5
4	Surla, Vijaya	1975/15	W10	L2	W9	W6	L1	3.0
5	Brown, Dean	1484	D8	D3	W16	L2	W11	3.0
6	Reynolds, Randy	1482/24	D14	W13	W8	L4	D2	3.0
7	Garcia, William	1344	D13	L8	L11	W12	W16	2.5
8	Santana, Emir	1362	D5	W7	L6	W11	L3	2.5
9	Heath, Roy	1457	W11	L1	L4	W14	L12	2.0
10	Lee, David	1355	L4	L14	W13	W16	L15	2.0
11	Trudnak, Michael	1253	L9	W15	W7	L8	L5	2.0
12	Ufer, Allan	1241	L3	L16	W15	L7	W9	2.0
13	Spell, Fred	Unr	D7	L6	L10	W15	D14	2.0
14	Jakubczyk, Paul	Unr	D6	W10	L3	L9	D13	2.0
15	Biber, Joshua	1209	L2	L11	L12	L13	W10	1.0
16	Hopfe-Heintz, C	1178	L1	W12	L5	L10	L7	1.0

"Fast and Fun"! would probably sum up this tournament. Quite the nice win for Jason Caldwell. Jason won all five games at this quick play event and left the field 1.5 points behind. Not too shabby in a five round event! A smallish turn out of 16 players for October's rendition of this (sort of) monthly event. Dean Brown is the instigator/organizer for these events. Please contact him for further information on upcoming Pike's Peak Quick Play events. Dean's contact information is in the masthead under his listing as Treasurer.

US G/60 Championship Warm-up

Moab, Utah October 12, 2002

Open Section

1	Damian Nash	1917	1930	W10	W5	H---	W3	3.5
2	Tony X Chen	1590	1611	D9	D6	W11	W8	3.0
3	Zhidong Chen	1560	1588	W11	W4	W8	L1	3.0
4	Sean Halls	1539	1600	W12	L3	W5	W9	3.0
5	John S Mical	1891	1870	W6	L1	L4	W11	2.0
6	Rick Nelson	1600	1599	L5	D2	D10	W12	2.0
7	Steve W Pope	1419	1414	L8	L11	W12	W10	2.0
8	Bob Phillips	1172	1255	W7	W12	L3	L2	2.0
9	Scott M Thiele	1849	1819	D2	D10	H---	L4	1.5
10	Michael Wright	1613	1594	L1	D9	D6	L7	1.0
11	Anthony R Frank	1410	1408	L3	W7	L2	L5	1.0
12	William Barfuss	1385	1328	L4	L8	L7	L6	0.0

U1200 Section

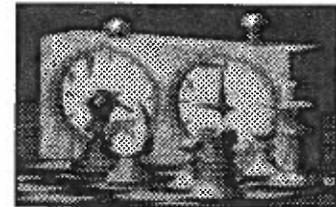
1	Daniel Patrick Reilly	1195	1229	W5	W12	W3	W4	4.0
2	Seiya Bryant	1146	1155	W7	W10	L4	W6	3.0
3	Rodney L Taylor	597	741	W14	W9	L1	W8	3.0
4	Shane Brewer	unr	1200	W12	W11	W2	L1	3.0
5	Colin Chen	932	941	L1	D6	W13	W10	2.5
6	Avery Taylor	1134	1090	D8	D5	W9	L2	2.0
7	Dayton Minor	881	865	L2	L8	W12	W11	2.0
8	Glen Cur Marlman	817	816	D6	W7	D10	L3	2.0
9	Tonya Wright	unr	753	W11	L3	L6	W13	2.0
10	Russell Minor	490	527	W13	L2	D8	L5	1.5
11	Karsten Hansen	874	806	L9	L4	X14	L7	1.0
12	Peggy Harty	390	397	L4	L1	L7	W14	1.0
13	Ben Pope	unr	335	L10	W14	L5	L9	1.0
14	Sa Demars-Conoly	184	146	L3	L13	F11	L12	0.0

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5	Vigoda, Myles	510	506	2	L1	W6	L4	B--	L2	2.0
6	Jensen, Alexander	700	642	1	L2	L5	B--	W7	L1	2.0
7	Kirk, Tim	100	100	2	B--	L1	L3	L6	L4	1.0

K-3 Unrated Standings

1	Gustafson, Mac	unr.	3	W5	W6	W2	W3	W7	5.0
2	Edgar, Jack	unr.	3	W13	W11	L1	W4	W3	4.0
3	Katz, Francisco	unr.	3	W7	W8	W4	L1	L2	3.0
4	North, Gary	unr.	3	W10	W12	L3	L2	W9	3.0
5	Harrington, Webb	unr.	K	L1	B--	W10	L7	W11	3.0
6	Hughes, Simon	unr.	K	B--	L1	W11	H--	H--	3.0
7	Byrne, Zach	unr.	2	L3	W14	D8	W5	L1	2.5
8	Karr, Jonathan	unr.	3	W15	L3	D7	L9	W12	2.5
9	Curley, Caitlin	unr.	2	L11	W13	D12	W8	L4	2.5
10	Harrington, Grace	unr.	1	L4	W15	L5	D12	W14	2.5
11	Gombart, Meagan	unr.	3	W9	L2	L6	W14	L5	2.0
12	Harhai, John	unr.	3	D14	L4	D9	D10	L8	1.5
13	Lang, Aidan	unr.	1	L2	L9	W14	U--	U--	1.0
14	McGlynn, Laura	unr.	1	D12	L7	L13	L11	L10	0.5
15	Cabrera, Tomas	unr.	k	L8	L10	U--	U--	U--	0.0



Results of the Prarie Hills Challenge (CSSBT # 2)

4-12 Varsity

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Trudnak Micheal	12835004	1166	12	W14	W8	W7	W6	W4	5.0
2	Tucker Matthew	12728765	1212	8	W13	W12	W3	D4	D5	4.0
3	Davis Anthony	12700681	1099	9	W17	W18	L2	W7	W8	4.0
4	Meyer Sam	12769804	1216	7	W11	W10	W6	D2	L1	3.5
5	Brown Stephen	12788920	1015	11	W19	L6	W18	W15	D2	3.5
6	Wood Daniel	12765454	1150	11	W16	W5	L4	L1	W9	3.0
7	Marikle Joseph	12877148	unr.	6	W15	W11	L1	L3	W12	3.0
8	Jack Carl	12791161	1028	10	W9	L1	W16	W13	L3	3.0
9	Avramov Tsonio	unr.	1100	L8	W14	W15	W17	L6		3.0
10	Tverskoi David	12844819	1078	3	W21	L4	L13	W14	W16	3.0
11	Simmons Jackson	12824174	988	8	L4	L7	W20	B---	W13	3.0
12	Herbst Robbie	12792171	1045	3	W20	L2	W21	W19	L7	3.0
13	Rickards Eric	12859057	910	9	L2	W20	W10	L8	L11	2.0
14	Dear Kalen	12833557	896	5	L1	L9	W19	L10	W18	2.0
15	Hronik Nick	12644381	1000	12	L7	W17	L9	L5	W21	2.0
16	Pack Andrew	12832568	841	5	L6	W19	L8	W18	L10	2.0
17	Smith Kaila	12856268	819	7	L3	L15	B---	L9	W20	2.0
18	Crockett David	12832484	525	4	B---	L3	L5	L16	L14	1.0
19	Marikle James	12877149	unr.	8	L5	L16	L14	L12	B---	1.0
20	Trudnak John	unr.	5	L12	L13	L11	W21	L17		1.0
21	Johnson Troy	12856865	563	5	L10	B---	L12	L20	L15	1.0

4-12 Junior Varsity

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1	Wall, Brian.....	2266	W 20	W 5	W 13	W 3	D 2	W 6	W 8	6.5
2	Bloomer, Josh.....	1960	W 17	W 14	W 7	W 13	D 1	W 3	W 6	6.5
3	Rea, Andrew.....	2084	W 19	W 8	W 6	L 1	W 4	L 2	W 10	5.0
4	Bolorbold, Zamlin.....	1411	W 24	L 6	W 21	W 19	L 3	W 17	W 12	5.0
5	Smith, Victor.....	1575	W 18	L 1	W 20	L 16	W 21	D 8	W 13	4.5
6	Smith, Josh.....	1762	W 9	W 4	L 3	W 14	W 16	L 1	L 2	4.0
7	Roderick, Santiago.....	1590	W 21	W 11	L 2	D 8	D 10	L 12	W 17	4.0
8	MacNeil, JC.....	1509	W 10	L 3	W 17	D 7	W 13	D 5	L 1	4.0
9	Davies, Ann.....	1272	L 6	W 24	L 16	L 11	W 23	W 18	W 19	4.0
10	Bolorbold, Luvsantseren.....	unr.	L 8	D 19	W 15	W 20	D 7	W 16	L 3	4.0
11	Butler, Tim.....	unr.	W 15	L 7	L 14	W 9	L 17	W 20	W 16	4.0
12	Hester, Jesse.....	unr.	L 16	W 23	L 19	W 15	W 14	W 7	L 4	4.0
13	Drebenstedt, James.....	1822	W 23	W 16	L 1	L 2	L 8	W 19	L 5	3.0
14	Sneed, David.....	1522	W 22	L 2	W 11	L 6	L 12	W 21	U---	3.0
15	Heath, Roy.....	1457	L 11	L 21	L 10	L 12	W 24	W 23	W 22	3.0
16	Grimm, Paul.....	1456	W 12	L 13	W 9	W 5	L 6	L 10	L 11	3.0
17	Garcia, William.....	1316	L 2	W 22	L 8	W 18	W 11	L 4	L 7	3.0
18	Ufer, Allan.....	1171	L 5	L 20	W 24	L 17	W 22	L 9	W 21	3.0
19	Trudnak, Mike.....	1327	L 3	D 10	W 12	L 4	W 20	L 13	L 9	2.5
20	Lee, David.....	1334	L 1	W 18	L 5	L 10	L 19	L 11	W 24	2.0
21	Spell, Fred.....	1254	L 7	W 15	L 4	W 22	L 5	L 14	L 18	2.0
22	Wentz, Mickey.....	846	L 14	L 17	W 23	L 21	L 18	W 24	L 15	2.0
23	Brown, Dean.....	1287	L 13	L 12	L 22	W 24	L 9	L 15	U---	1.0
24	Madrid, Jeremy.....	unr.	L 4	L 9	L 18	L 23	L 15	L 22	L 20	0.0

Colorado Chess History, Part 3

Colorado Chess Tour, overall winners:

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 1986-87 Mark Wood 1987-88 Rob Karnisky 1988-89 Rob Karnisky 1989-90 Steve Towbin
 1990-91 Jim Burden 1991-92 Michael Mulyar 1992-93 Michael Mulyar 1993-94 Andres Hortillosa
 1994-95 James McCarty 1995-96 Todd Bardwick 1996-97 Renard Anderson 1997-98 Renard Anderson
 1998-99 Andy Rea 1999-00 Andy Rea 2000-01 Andy Rea 2001-02 Andy Rea

Denver Open champions:

1950 Arthur K. Underwood, Jr. 1951 Jack L. Hursch, Jr. 1952 Virgil W. Harris, Jr. 1953 Jack L. Hursch, Jr.
 1954 Max Wilkerson, Jr. 1955 Alfred Hulmes, Jr. 1956 Charles E. Sponagle, Jr. 1957 Alfred Hulmes, Jr.
 1958 Dennis G. Naylin 1959 Robert G. Shean 1960 Al Wallace 1961 Robert W. Walker
 1962 Robert W. Walker 1963 Richard H. Moore 1964 Richard H. Moore 1965 Malcolm D. Kaiser
 1966 Dennis G. Naylin 1967 Val Matley 1968 Harlan J. Graves 1969 David W. Baker 1970 Vance Aandahl
 1971 Robert N. Wendling 1972 James E. Hamblin 1973 Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr. 1974 Edward J. Roche
 1975 Curtis W. Carlson 1976 James E. Hamblin 1977 Brian Wall 1978 Dmitry Agrachov
 1979 Curtis W. Carlson 1980 Steven Henderson 1981 Randy Canney 1982 Randy Canney
 1983 Robert G. Shean 1984 Alexander Fishbein 1985 Craig Gallo 1986 David Jellison
 1987 J. Mann de Toledo 1988 Joe Abbott, David Jellison 1989 Eric Beckman 1990 James E. Hamblin
 1991 James McCarty 1992 Todd Bardwick 1993 Todd Bardwick 1994 Todd Bardwick 1995 David Gliksman, Todd Bardwick,
 Michael Mulyar 1996 Todd Bardwick 1997 James McCarty 1998 Sage Mo
 1999 James McCarty 2000 James McCarty, Brian Wall, Andres Hortillosa 2001 Andy Rea
 2002 James McCarty

Chess Humor, by YHE. (Anyone who's seen my games, knows I am fully qualified in chess related humor.) See answers on pg. 19

1. If a player drank "Mug" brand root beer, and the resulting caffeine and sugar "buzz" energized his or her combinative vision, what would those combinations be called?
2. Did you hear the one about the lonely pawn who joined a dating service?
3. Why is the Invisible Man so easy to beat at Chess?
4. What was the snail's excuse when he lost a chess game to the turtle?



A Day at the Office.

Todd Bardwick reports on his latest Simultaneous Exhibition. (Photo at left)

The simul went great...54 players on 39 boards...lasted over six hours(!)...The first 15 players done were immediately replaced with fresh opponents. About half the players were 1200 strength or better. The most amazing thing was I went the first 4 hours with only blundering away 2 pawns! (At that time I was even on 6 or 7 boards and winning everywhere else...then my brain "hit the wall" and I couldn't calculate more than 2-3 moves ahead!) Final score, 46-6-2

(Continued from page 5) Results of the Elk Hunt Open continued

50	Robert Overdorff	1500	1477	L3	W54	L31	L48	H--	1.5		
51	Gregory Bonifate	1435	1393	L5	W66	L21	L46	D57	1.5		
52	Clifton K Daniel	1335	1336	L10	W65	L13	D35	L37	1.5		
53	Oscar C Herrman	1333	1316	L7	W62	L36	L26	D56	1.5		
54	Stephen R Wilson	1245	1230	L19	L50	W63	L39	D58	1.5		
55	Garrick Talmage	1227	1251	L16	D27	L49	W64	L35	1.5		
56	Adam Fowler	1017	1080	L34	W28	L38	L40	D53	1.5	Top U 1100/Unr	\$35.00
57	J. LeBoeuf-Little	unr	1134	L37	L44	L59	X65	D51	1.5	Top U 1100/Unr	\$35.00
58	Michael B Robbins	unr	1200	L38	L40	W45	L42	D54	1.5	Top U 1100/Unr	\$35.00
59	Jerry Tancredo	1318	1314	L14	L13	W57	L27	U--	1.0		
60	Allan Ufer	1020	996	L21	L29	L39	L63	W66	1.0		
61	Imad Lyczaik	unr	1275	L24	W42	L25	L41	F--	1.0		
62	Roger M Anderson	unr	1139	L8	L53	W64	L29	L44	1.0		
63	Dietmar Grimm	unr	1014	L26	L43	L54	W60	L45	1.0		
64	Louis Berman	1317	1262	L15	L36	L62	L55	F--	0.0		
65	Mickey U Wentz	911	903	L22	L52	L42	F57	U--	0.0		
66	Kathy Schneider	748	733	L23	L51	L28	L45	L60	0.0		

This year's Elk Hunt was a true open, with all the excitement and upsets that this format is famous for. Congrats to our prize winners, all 18 (!) of them. That means about 25% of the players won a prize. Not bad. The "one-two punch" was delivered by McCarty and Mink. Mr. Kreishan scored a double dip, taking out Sal Menamaro in round 1 to nab the upset prize to go with his U 1400 check. There were some incredible games played. I sat next to one *multiple Queen sac* game that just blew my mind! Thanks to the DCC, LaMoyne, Andy, and Jon and Barb Fortune for helping us Cassia junkies get our fix one more time.

CALCULATING COLORADO TOUR POINTS**BY PAUL GRIMM**

I've always wondered how CO Tour points were calculated. Upon assuming the position of CSCA Secretary, out-going secretary Mike Fuchs showed me how this works. Now I will pass this knowledge onto you for information's sake. It's actually quite simple, not requiring any advanced math degrees. For new readers, the CO Tour is a series of CO Chess tournaments starting w/the CO Open in September and ending with the NW CO Open in August. Winners are announced at the CO Open and receive cash prizes based on score (i.e., performance). See www.colorado-chess.com for more details. I'll demonstrate by using examples, starting with me!

EXAMPLE 1 (one open section):

I played in the CO Membership Open, (3 games) which had one open section. My post-tournament rating from those 3 games is 1655, as calculated by Swiss Sys paring program. Twenty other players played.

STEP 1: I add up every players post-tourney rating and divide by 1000. That number is 30.54.

STEP 2: I take my score of 2 points and divide by the max points possible, then multiply by 30.54. So: $2/3 * 30.54 = 20.36$ tour points. That's basically it!

Now this was easy because there is only 1 section. What if there's more than one section?

EXAMPLE 2 (multiple sections):

Let me make an example of 2 up-and-coming "scholastic chess monsters" from 2 different sections of the 2002 CO Open: The "Incredible" Tyler Hughes (open section), and the "Cool" Richard Herbst (reserve section).

STEP 1 (open section): I add up every open players' post-tourney rating (calculated automatically by Swiss Sys using USCF rating formulas) and divide by 1000 to get 53.11.

STEP 2 (open section): Tyler Hughes bamboozles 3 of his opponents with a score of 3. I calculate $3/6$ (6 total games) times 53.11 to get 26.56. Am I done? NOT!

STEP 3 (open section): Since Tyler is bravely playing in the Open section instead of lower sections, he gets extra credit in this way: There are 58 other people in lower sections, in this case just one section, namely the reserve. Add 58 to 26.56 to get 84.56. That's Tyler's score. Simple, eh?

Note, even if someone loses every single game in the open section, they still get 58 points by virtue of the fact they entered that section. (Even if someone plays only 1 game, loses, and withdraws from the tourney, they still get 58 points. Of course, they only get credit for 1 game played—not 6—when it comes to total games played when calculating "Most Active" award. OK, what about "Cool" Richard Herbst in the reserve section?

STEP 1 (reserve section): Sum of all post-tourney ratings divided by 1000 in the reserve section is 78.66.

STEP 2 (reserve section): Richard scores 3.5 so his tour points are $3.5/6 * 78.66 = 45.89$. Done!

If there were a third lower section, then we wouldn't be done.

Theoretical STEP 3 (Reserve section): Richard's CO Tour points would be $45.89 + \text{number players in lowest section}$. (And then Tyler Hughes' points would be $26.56 + 58$ (people in reserve) + number of players in lowest section.)

That's basically it, but let me add one more nuance to complete the full picture here. People who opt for 1/2-point byes do not have the 1/2 point count towards CO tour points. For example someone who scores 2.5 with a single half-point bye really has a score of 2 for points calculation purposes. On the other hand, if someone is FORCED to have a 1-point bye, then that point does count towards calculating tour points.

You may wonder how Average Ratings are calculated throughout the course of the year. This is important in determining who the top players in each Class are. Average rating at any point in time is calculated by taking the sum of games played from each tournament times that tournament's pre-tournament rating. This sum is then divided by the total games played. Basically it's a weighted average. Here's my last example:

EXAMPLE 3 (calculating average rating):

Dustin "Deepkeyz" Eager (ICC handle) played 6 games in the CO Open and 5 games in the Elk Hunt with pre-tournament ratings of 1568 and 1627, respectively (nice improvement!). So his average rating at this point is merely $(6*1568 + 5*1627)/11 = 1595$. If the CO Tour ended today, "Deepkeyz" Eager would be compared to other Class C players (1400 to 1600) in determining the top Class C player, NOT Class B players!

Note: pre-tournament ratings (from USCF Supplement) determine average rating; post-tournament ratings determine CO Tour points. This should make sense, right?

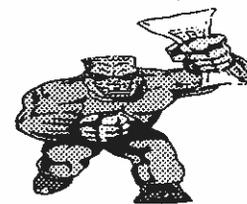
That's how CO Tour points are calculated. While mathematically simple, in practice updating the tour standings after each event is actually somewhat tedious. The easy part is doing the math—I let Microsoft Excel spreadsheet program do the work. The tedious part is setting up the math formulas in the beginning (luckily, this is done only once), ensuring new people are added to an ever-growing list of participants, and doing "editing", such as re-sorted names in order of most games, points, and rating categories. (This could probably be done easier in MS Access Database, but I don't it on my home PC, nor do I have the time to learn it).

Time permitting, it's my goal to increase CO Tour publicity by updating Tour standings within two weeks of each event. This, plus announcements at each CO Tour event should "hype" the race up a bit more.

Let me add a note that the job of calculating the CO Tour *IS* NOT specifically a CSCA Secretary responsibility; *ANY* volunteer can perform this task. If you have the interest, time, and a comfortable use of the MS Excel (or Access), let me know. Otherwise, see you somewhere on the CO Tour! ☺



- Answer to Chess Humor.**
1. Mug shots, of course
 2. He said he felt isolated.
 3. His combinations are always so transparent.
 4. "I played too fast!"



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#	Name	ID	Rtng	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Thomas Jedediah			unr.	6	W31	W2	W23	W10	5.0
2	Skinner Sam			unr.	8	W13	L1	W29	W7	4.0
3	Moding Everett			unr.	11	W15	W18	W11	L8	4.0
4	Paetsch Nicholas			unr.	6	W19	L10	W12	W13	4.0
5	Raj Shaun			unr.	5	W36	W12	W30	W11	4.0
6	Schmit Matt			unr.	5	L18	W15	W35	W23	4.0
7	Anderson Troy			unr.	7	W9	W17	D8	L2	3.5
8	Walker Damon			unr.	7	W29	W22	D7	W3	3.5
9	Thomas James			unr.	8	L7	W34	W32	D19	3.5
10	Meehan James			unr.	5	W26	W4	W16	L1	3.0
11	Best Jason			unr.	5	W28	W24	L3	L5	3.0
12	Cantwell Sarah			unr.	4	W25	L5	L4	W26	3.0
13	Carey Dallin			unr.	6	L2	W37	W24	L4	3.0
14	Greenfield Ryan			unr.	7	W33	L16	W25	W22	3.0
15	Bista Bobby			unr.	5	L3	L6	W37	W33	3.0
16	Rivera Sean			unr.	5	W32	W14	L10	L18	3.0
17	Ashton Matthew			unr.	4	W21	L7	L19	W29	3.0
18	Woodard Taylor			unr.	6	W6	L3	D20	W16	2.5
19	Witte Nick			unr.	11	L4	W33	W17	D9	2.5
20	Gonzales Jesse			unr.	5	L35	W38	D18	W30	2.5
21	Melton Ginny			unr.	6	L17	L30	D27	W37	2.5
22	McKinney Daniel			unr.	9	W27	L8	W31	L14	2.0
23	Evans Daniel			unr.	5	W38	W35	L1	L6	2.0
24	Montgomery Russell			unr.	5	W34	L11	L13	W31	2.0
25	Corley David			unr.	4	L12	W36	L14	W32	2.0
26	Talbot Ben			unr.	4	L10	L31	W36	L12	2.0
27	Montgomery Colt			unr.	6	L22	L29	D21	D34	2.0
28	Johnson Marin			unr.	4	L11	L32	W38	W35	2.0
29	Gibbs Andrew			unr.	6	L8	W27	L2	L17	1.5
30	Gardiner Ryan			unr.	5	D37	W21	L5	L20	1.5
31	Shoptaugh Jaron			unr.	5	L1	W26	L22	L24	1.5
32	Rickard Eric			unr.	5	L16	W28	L9	L25	1.5
33	Wilkinson Matt			unr.	6	L14	L19	W34	L15	1.5
34	LaRock James			unr.	5	L24	L9	L33	D27	1.5
35	Shah Alex			unr.	4	W20	L23	L6	L28	1.0
36	Polyanska Natasha			unr.	5	L5	L25	L26	W38	1.0
37	Gardner Zach			unr.	5	D30	L13	L15	L21	0.5
38	Draeger Cody			unr.	4	L23	L20	L28	L36	0.0

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Crockett Curtis	902		3	W6	W2	D4	W5	W3	4.5
2	McLinden Jeremy	534		3	W5	L1	W6	W3	W4	4.0

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The Sicilian Defense as seen by Opening Theorists By Jeffrey A. Baffo (part 1, "Before the Databases")

In this article, I endeavor to survey the opinion of the "authorities" down through time. By reading the descriptions of those who have to review and purport to analyze "all important openings" I felt that I could get a good sampling of the opinion of this defense as it changed and evolved over time. Below is a survey of the accepted wisdom regarding this opening. You will not find analysis below. What you will find are the thoughts, judgements and emotions aroused in the minds of the leading chess thinkers and writers. Think of what follows as a "Consumer's Reports" review of a product. Read them, then decide if you want to "buy" yourself a new opening.

More than a century ago, (circa 1898) writing in Chess Openings, Ancient and Modern (COA&M) the authors directed scant attention to our subject, considering it mainly as one of the closed defenses to the King Pawn openings. In fact, the open variation 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 ... 3.d4 which has dominated theory and practice for the last 75 years or so is basically dismissed out of hand. "The...Sicilian Defense may be converted into (an open game) by an early exchange of Pawns, but experience has shown *that the first player derives no benefit from this...*"¹ Wow. Talk about your out dated advice! But this much is still true. The first and most basic question, and this is white's most far reaching decision, is this: Will the white d pawn be exchanged for the black c pawn (The open Sicilian) or not? (The closed Sicilian)

By the time that Modern Chess Openings, 4th edition (MCO IV) had rolled around, the standing of 1.e4 c5 as a way to open the game had improved. Now, the esteemed theoreticians had this to say: "The Sicilian has claims to be considered as the best of the irregular defenses to 1.P-K4 at black's disposal..."² O.K. so things had a ways to go yet. The Sicilian defense (along with the other asymmetrical defenses) was still labeled with "irregular". Remember, this was still the day of the double King pawn (1.e4 e5) as the Alpha and Omega of opening praxis. But these were to be the last of such days.

Continuing in the MCO series, the 5th edition (MCO V), begins to recognize the outstanding militancy of this opening strategy. "It's (defining) characteristic ... (is) struggle in the opening, and struggle in the middle-game, so that it is not for those who are contented with a draw."³ Space for the analysis of it's intricacies almost doubles to 40 columns, containing many game reference from top player of the day.

MCO VI grew again in size over it's predecessor volumes. Now 32 pages longer and with seven years of accumulated master tournaments, matches and exhibitions and significant games therefrom. The year of this edition was 1939, and who should approach MCO's editors to ask for the job of reviser but Reuben Fine. The Reuben Fine fresh from his shared 1st place at the super strong A.V.R.O 1938 tournament, no less. Never shy about the primacy of his own beliefs, (even when compared to other Grandmasters) Mr. Fine wielded his reviser's pen with Olympian severity. He refused to even consider some openings, pruning whole branches from the opening tree with breathtaking efficiency. For example, in the Universe of Fine, the entire Galaxy of Irregular Openings is reduced to 3 pages! Even in spite of this editorial strictness, the Sicilian Defense grew to 60 columns.

The year is 1948 and MCO VII is now under the editorship of the young and enthusiastic Walter Korn. Mr. Korn begins what still stands today as one of the longest and most successful stewardships in all of recorded chess publishing history. He will go on to steer the MCO franchise for nearly half a century. Text introduction is largely unchanged, but space for the Sicilian defense now stands at 90 columns.

Moving ahead slightly to 1952, MCO VIII shows the reputation of the Sicilian moving steadily up. Gone is the back handed compliment "best of the irregular defenses" and in it's place is this out right commendation. "...the Sicilian is certainly the most dynamic of Black's...replies to 1.P-K4, and give rise to a fierce fight."⁴ Coverage swells to 140 columns.

In 1957 Walter Korn enlists the aid of John W. Collins and a major revision is seen in MCO IX. Opening groups now have much more verbal explanations and background information. For example, our subject opening has a preview of 8 full pages. That is more space consumed in merely introducing the opening in MCO IX than was given to it's entire analysis in previous editions! The prose is unabashedly enthusiastic, calling it a search for "...bold, imaginative ideas..." and describing it as "...Black's most dynamic reply....produce(ing) the best in modern play..."⁵ Analysis space now stands at 175 columns.

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CLUB DIRECTORY: PLACES FOR YOU TO PLAY CHESS

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Alamosa Chess Club meets Thursdays, 7-10 PM, Adams State College Student Center in the food court. For info 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.

The 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 new meeting room). All levels are invited. Contact Tomer Kishoni (303) 617-4395 chess@b-sol.com

Boulder: CU/Boulder Chess Club meets at the University of Colorado Stadium Building, room 140, every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. Enter through gate 7 on the east side, halfway down the corridor on the left. Contact: Bela Geczy (303) 543-0143. Free rated tournaments held every month. Every Sunday at 11:00am in Boulder on Pearl Street at the Penny Lane cafe there is a G/30 unrated tournament. Registration 10:30, EF \$2 usually 4-5 rounds. For information: Karnisky@yahoo.com

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

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

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets on Tuesday evenings at the Accacia Hotel on Platte Ave. (between Tejon and Nevada) starting at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Richard Buchanan (719)685-1984

USAF Academy Cadet Chess Club meets during the school year (August through May), every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Fairchild Hall (Academic Building), Room 5LA (southeastern-most room on the 5th floor). Contact: Trae Holcomb or James Serpa (719)333-4470.

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

Denver: Denver Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. with an optional rated game (G/90) at 7:30 p.m., and a blitz tourney every week, at the VFW at 955 Bannock Street. The Denver

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

Golden: Golden Chess Club meets every Monday evening at 7pm, at the Barnes and Noble Booksellers in the Denver West Shopping Center, 14347 West Colfax. Non-rated games, open membership, free lessons first Monday. Contact: Larry Leeper (303)988-1408.

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

Greeley: Greeley Chess Club meets Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Ramkota Inn at 8th Avenue and 8th Street. Contact: Brad Lundstrom (970)352-6642.

Lakewood: Lakewood Chess Club meets on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Clement Center, 16th and Yarrow (one block north of Colfax and one (or two) block(s) west of Wadsworth. Contact: Bill Riley (303) 232-7671.

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

Westminster: There ain't one! But...you could contact Larry Hawthorn's and help get this once proud club back in business again, couldn't you?

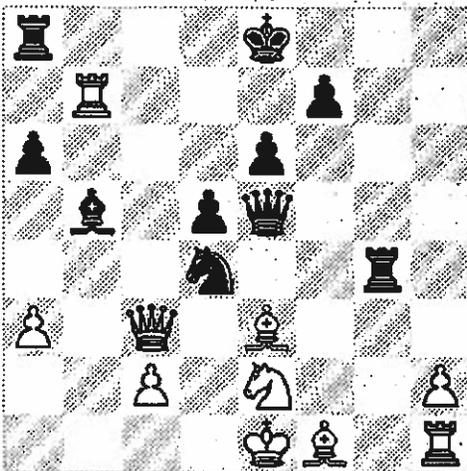
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Games from the 2002 Colorado Open

Josh Bloomer 2068 Kevin Seidler 1689
Colorado Open, rd 3
C18 French Defense, Main Line Winawer

1.e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Og4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 Bd7 12.Qd3 dxc3 13.Nxc3 a6 14.Rb1 Nf5 15.g4 Nxe5 History repeats. Josh lost to a nearly identical line at the 2001 quick play championship in Manitou Springs.
16.fxe5 Qxe5+ 17.Ne2 Rxg4 18. Rxb7 Bb5 19.Qc3 Nd4 20.Be3? diagram



20... Qxe3! 21.Qxe3 Nxc2+ 22.Kd2 Nxe3 23.Kxe3 Bc6 24.Rb1?! Dare I suggest that Josh is a bit shell shocked? **24.Kf3** keeps damage to a minimum. **d4+! 25. Nxd4 Bxh1 26.Be2 Re4+ 27.Kf2 Rxd4 28.Rxh1 Ke7 29.h4 Rh8 30.h5 Ra4 31. Rh3 Rh6 32.Rb3 f5 33.Ke3 e5 34.Bd1 f4+ 35.Kf2 Rd4 36.Be2 Rd2 37.Ke1 Ra2 38.Rb7+ Kf6 39.Rb3 Kf5 40.Rc3 Rxe2+ 41.Kxe2 Rxh5 42.Rc6 Rh2+ 43.Kf1 Ra2 44.Rxa6 Ke4 45.a4 Ke3 46.a5 f3 47.Kg1 e4 48.Ra8 Ra1+ 49.Kh2 f2 0-1**

Sicilian Brilliances, by James Kulbacki

Both of these were played by GM Ratmir Kholmov against world class opponents. Kholmov (born May 13, 1925 in the northern Russian city of Shenkursk) is not well-known in the USA, and this is unfortunate. He has played in no fewer than 17

USSR Championship finals (tying for first with Stein and Spassky in 1963!), and has excellent records against his contemporaries. To wit: plus scores against Petrosian, Geller and Kasparov; equal vs Bronstein, Korchnoi, Fischer and Karpov.

Ratmir Kholmov - Paul Keres, 26th USSR Championship, Tbilisi, 1959

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 (3...g6 is usually considered best.) 4. e5 Ng4 (And here 4...Nd5 is simpler, but Keres aims to force White to concede the bishop pair.) 5. Bxc6 dxc6 6. 0-0 g6 7. Re1 Bg7 8. h3 Nh6 9. Nc3 b6? (Black should just castle, but Keres was concerned about 10. g4 in reply, cutting off his knight from play. But Black has little to fear: 10. g4 f5 11. g5 Nf7 12. e6 Nd6 13 d3 f4! with counterplay.) 10. d4! cxd4 11. Nxd4 c5 (11...Bb7 is better, but then White can try 12. Bxh6 Bxh6 13. Qg4 0-0 14. Rad1 with some advantage.)

[Diagram] (No room!—ed)
12. Nc6!! Qd7 (On 12...Qxd1 13. Rxd1 Bb7 14. Nb5! Bxc6 15. Nc7+ Kf8 16. Nxa8 wins since the Knight cannot be taken on the pain of mate. But where does the Knight go now?) 13. Nxe7! Kxe7? (Trading Queens first doesn't help: 13... Qxd1 14. Rxd1 Kxe7 15. Bg5+! Ke6 16. Rd6+ Kf5 17. f4! Here White threatens 18. Bxh6 Bxh6 19. Rf6#. 17...Be6 is met by 18. Ne2! Ke4 19. Ng3+ Ke3 20. Re1#. While if 17...Bxe5 18. Rd5 f6 19. Bxh6 Bb7 20. fxe5 Bxd5 21. Nxd5 fxe5 [21... Kxe5 22. c4 is very favorable for White] 22. g4+! Ke4 23. Nc3+ Kf3 24. Re1 Kg3 25. Re3+ Kh4 26. Ne4! forcing mate. Relatively best was 13...Qxe7 14. Nd5 Qd8 15. Nf6+! Bxf6! [Not 15...Ke7? 16. Bg5 Qxd1 17. Raxd1 Be6 18. Nh5+! Kf8 19. Nxc7 Kxc7 20. Bf6+ Kg8 21. g4!] 16. exf6+ Be6 17. Bxh6 Qxf6! But even here, 18. c3! tips the scale in White's favor.) 14. Bxh6! Bxh6 (On 14...Qxd1 15. Bg5+!) 15. Qf3 Bg7 (On 15...Re8 16. e6! fxe6 17. Rad1 Qb7 18. Nd5+ Kd6 19. Nb4+! Kc7 20. Qg3+ e5 21. Rxe5! winning easily.) 16. Nd5+ (Not, however, 16. Qxa8? Bb7 17. Qxa7 Qc6 18. f3 Ra8!) Kd8 (16...Ke8 is no better due to 17. Nf6+ Bxf6 18.

exf6+ and 19. Qxa8. Nor is 16...Kf8 of any help due to 17. e6! Qb7 18. e7+ Ke8 19. Qf6! Qxd5 20. Qxg7 Qd4 21. Re5!) 17. Rad1 Bb7 (On 17...Qb7 18. e6!! Bxe6 [or 18...fxe6 19. Nb4+ winning in all lines] 19. Rxe6! fxe6 20. Nxb6+ Kc7 21. Rd7+ etc.) 18. Qb3 Bc6 (If 18...Kc8 19. Nxb6+! or 18...Ke8 19. Nf6+. Finally if 18...c4 19. Qxc4 Rc8 20 Qb3) 19. Nxb6 axb6 20. Qxf7! Bxe5 21. Rxd7+ Bxd7 22. Rxe5 Kc7 23. Re7 Rad8 24. a4 g5 25. Qd5 Rhe8 26. Rxh7 g4 27. a5 gxh3 28. axb6+ Kxb6 29. Rxd7 1-0

Ratmir Kholmov - David Bronstein, 32nd USSR Championship, Kiev 1964/5
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 d6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 Qc7 9. 0-0-0 Nbd7 10. g4 b5 11. Bxf6 gxf6 (11. Nxf6 is also possible.) 12. f5 (Up to here, we have followed Kholmov-Suetin, played a few months earlier in Moscow. There, Kholmov tried the slower 12. h4? and even lost later on.) Ne5 (Good for White is 12...b4 13. fxe6 bxc3 [not 13... Ne5? 14. Nd5!]) 14. exd7+ Bxd7 15. e5 Rb8 16. exf6) 13. Qh3 0-0 (Somewhat risky, but 13...b4 is met by 14. Nce2, followed by Nf4, and concentrating on the Pawn on e6.) 14. g5 b4? (Best is 14...fxg5 15. fxe6 fxe6 16. Nxe6 Qd7 17. Nd5 Qxe6 18. Qxe6 Bxe6) 15. gxf6 Bxf6 16. Rg1+ Kh8 17. Qh6 Qe7

[diagram] (No room!—ed)
18. Nc6!! (Just as in the Keres game! Only this is a deflection sacrifice to be followed up by a line-clearance sacrifice.) Nxc6 19. e5!! Bg5+? (The best defense was not easy to find. 19...dxe5? 20. Ne4 Bg5+ 21. Nxc5 f6 22. Nxc7! wins easily for White. 19... Bxc6 is met by 20. f6! Bxf6 21. Bd3 Bg5+ 22. Rxc6 f5! [not 22...f6? 23. Rg3! bxc3 24. Bxh7!]) 23. Rdg1! Ra7 24. Ne2! Ne5 25. Nf4 when Black has no defense to the idea of Nh5 and Rg7. Here 25...Rc7 is met by 26. Bxf5! The toughest defense was 19...Nxe5! 20. Ne4 Ng6! [not, however, 20...Nd7 21. Rxd6 exf5 22. Rxf6! Rg8 23. Rxc6+ Kxc6 24. Rxf5 Nf8 25. Nf6+ Kh8 26. Re5! Be6 27. Rg5] 21. Nxf6 Qxf6 22. fxc6 Qg7! 23. Qxg7+ Kxc7 24. gxf7+ Kxf7 25. Rxd6, but White is still better.) 20. Rxc6 f6 21. exd6 Qf7 22. Rg3 bxc3

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MCO X The year is 1965, and MCO once more brings a top Grandmaster. Larry Evans takes over as reviser. GM Evans produces a classic. ⁶ Evans leaves the introductory prose virtually identical to MCO IX, for the reason of concentrating on columns of analysis it would seem. Coverage is at 200 columns with fully 20 pages (!) of foot notes.

Chess Openings, Theory and Practice. (COT&P) Around the same time (1964) as MCO X there appeared another the one volume opening manual. Chess players were presented with Israel Albert Horowitz's opus maximus. At nearly 800 pages it contained 439 complete games, numerous fragments and 2660 columns of analysis. Coverage on our subject was also quite robust. Calling the Sicilian simply "...rich in complications..." the author lavishes 83 pages on it's games and analysis. ⁷

MCO XI Walter Korn, is the sole author of the 11th (1972) edition. Now 30 years into his tenure as the owner of the MCO franchise he is not so young or enthusiastic, it would seem. The verbal assessment and background are virtually word for word as found in MCO X. But far worse for Sicilian fans and foes, coverage actually shrinks to 185 columns. This sad fact is explained only with the cryptic comment "As against previous editions, the structure has been revamped and tightened..."⁸ Your guess is as good as mine what he means by that. If I were to run that through my "happy talk" translator, it might come out so: "The Sicilian has way too much theory, so I'm cutting it's coverage back. Get over it..."

MCO XII 1982. Another decade brings us to the 40th year of Walter Korn's editorship. The passage of time has not improved Walter's elan. Despite 10 years of chess advances, he has nothing new to say in the introduction and analytical coverage of the Sicilian and this section is identical to MCO XI's level of 185 columns. If one were cynical enough, one might accuse Mr. Korn of deciding that this opening had been played out.

MCO XIII The year is now 1990. After nearly 50 years (!) Walter begins to pass the torch. He is still listed as a contributor for unusual openings, but for the most part, MCO has passed beyond him. Mr. Korn speaks of wishing to "broaden the scope and analytic prowess..."⁹ One may speculate one's own reasons as

The Sicilian Defense as seen by Opening Theorists By Jeffrey A. Baffo, Part 2, "Pawns and Pieces meet Databases and Engines"

well. I tend to think it is because of Mr. Korn's advanced age or as a reaction to the dismal sales and poor reviews of his 11th and 12th offering in this series, or some combination of the two. But such speculation is unimportant. The chess players of the world can put that negativity aside and focus on the wonderful result. MCO XIII is simply fabulous. Several important innovations are seen. This 1st ever algebraic edition employs not only a top Grandmaster as chief reviser, (Nick DeFermian) but even allows him to engage a team of competent professionals to assist him. From his verbal evaluation, we can see that things have come full circle, from the Sicilian being called "irregular" to "1...c5 is classically motivated..." The definition of what is classical has certainly changed since earlier times! What has not changed is the recognition of what makes this opening so popular. "The (Sicilian) results (in)...attack, defense, and counter attack—(and) displays all the richness and excitement of modern chess."⁹ The coverage reflects this, standing at 228 columns and 81 pages.

Batsford Chess Openings 2 (BCO2) Shortly before the release of MCO XIII, (1989) The English chess community comes out with the 2nd edition of BCO, its would be rival to the long running MCO series. While certainly a competent and valuable work, many were disappointed. It had the feel of being simply "Batsford's

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Pop Quiz, Hotshot!

Many popular magazines feature articles that give their readers a pop quiz to test various things such as how romantic or spontaneous a person is. This pop quiz will help you to determine how much of a chess nut you were in 2002!

1. Which of the following happened in one of your USCF rated games in 2002:
 - The game was decided by one person running out of time (1 point)
 - One player checkmated the other (1 point)
 - One player stalemated the other (5 points)
 - 3 move repetition rule was enforced (3 points)
 - 50 move rule was enforced (5 points)
 - a pawn was captured En Passant (1 point)
 - one of the players made an illegal move (2 point)
 - One player had two or more queens on the board at one time (3 points)
 - One player did an underpromotion (5 points)
 - One player mated the other with Knight, Bishop and King vs King (5 points)
 - One player mated the other with 2 Bishops and King vs King (5 points)
 - One player mated the other with King and Rook vs King (3 points)
 - Both players castled queenside (5 points)
 - You or your opponent played a move other than e4, d4, c4 or Nf3 as the first move. (2 points)
 - Your opponent made an obnoxious remark after the game, like "you got lucky" (3 points)

2. Which of the following playing conditions were you in during 2002:
 - Played in a tournament with more than 200 people in it? (5 points each)
 - Played in a tournament outside your home state? (5 points each)
 - Played a game at 16th Street Mall (3 points)
 - Played in a tournament which required you to spend at least one night in a hotel (3 points each)
 - Won more than 100 dollars in prize money in a tournament (3 points each)
 - Played a game over the internet (1 point)
 - Played a correspondence chess game (3 points)
 - Played a chess variant (3 points)
 - Played in a simul (3 points)
 - Played a game without a clock (1 point)
 - Had a paid membership to Internet chess club (3 points)
 - You played a game during your lunch break at work (3 points)
 - You are a member of the Denver Chess Club (3 points)
 - You are a member of the Colorado Chess Association (3 points)
 - You are a member of the USCF (3 points)
 - You are on the board of any of these organizations (5 points each)

3. Study:
 - How many magazines did you subscribe to in 2002 other than chess life (2 point each)
 - How many chess books did you purchase? (2 points each)
 - Do you go directly to the chess book section as soon as you enter a bookstore? (3 points if yes)
 - How many chess email newsletters did you subscribe to? (2 points each)
 - How many chess books did you check out from the library? (1 point each)
 - Do you know the Dewey Decimal number for chess books? (3 points if yes)
 - How many chess videos or software purchases did you make? (2 points each)
 - Did you subscribe to the Denverchessclub Yahoo! Group? (2 point if yes)

Handwritten tally marks for the quiz questions:

Question 1: 11 items marked with tally marks (11 points total).

Question 2: 11 items marked with tally marks (11 points total).

Question 3: 7 items marked with tally marks (14 points total).

- Did you buy a new chess set this year? (3 points if yes)
- Did you purchase a new chess clock this year? (2 points if analog, 3 if digital)
- Do you own more than 2 chess clocks? (2 points if yes)
- Did you take (or give) any paid chess lessons this year? (3 points if yes)
- Have you visited the new denverchessclub.com? (1 point if yes)
- Have you visited colorado-chess.com? (1 point if yes)
- Are you on Brian Wall's email list? (1 point if yes)
- Watch a MrSpock Lecture on ICC? (3 points)
- Have a chess website bookmarked in your webbrowser? (1 point for each one)
- Have your own chess website? (5 points)
- Did you watch Searching for Bobby Fischer in the past year? (2 points if yes)
- Did you watch the movie The Luhzin Defense in the past year? (3 points if yes)
- Have a game published in the Colorado Chess Informant? (3 points each)
- Read a chess book on an airplane? (3 points)
- Take a chess book on vacation? (3 points)

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4. Opponents –

- Did you play a USCF rated game against a woman? (3 points)
- Did you play a USCF rated game against someone less than 12 years old? (2 points)
- Did you play a USCF rated game against someone who used descriptive notation? (1 point)
- Did you win against anyone 400 points or more higher than you? (5 points each)
- Did you draw anyone 400 points or more higher than you? (2 points each)
- Did you lose to anyone rated 400 points less than you (not including unrated) (3 points each)?
- Did you play against any grandmaster (including simul)? (5 points each)
- Did you play against any International Master? (4 points each)
- Did you play any Masters? (3 points each)
- Did you play any experts? (2 points each)
- Did you play Paul Grimm (1 point if yes, or you are Paul Grimm)?
- Did you gain more than 200 USCF rating points from your rating a year ago? (3 points)
- Did you gain more than 100 (but less than 200) USCF rating points from a year ago? (2 points)

Scoring:

- ⇒ **Over 100 points: Excellent!! You are a certified chess freak! Keep up the great work!**
- ⇒ **80-100 points: Your heart was in the right place, but you probably need to ignore your wife and kids a little bit more, and concentrate on chess.**
- ⇒ **60-80 points: You are close to having a life. Please try and get your priorities in order.**
- ⇒ **40-60 points: You know how the pieces move, but need to focus more on being obsessive about chess.**
- ⇒ **20-40 points: I hear bridge is an interesting game.**
- ⇒ **0-20 points: You weirdo! Get away from me. Checkmate. You lose.**

Feedback is very welcome. I would love to know how you did, and how accurate my scoring system was. Contact me at TimmyBx@aol.com

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Greatest Hits". Meaning a compilation of prose and analysis from Batsford's many opening monographs and repertoire books rather than a work of scholarly independence. It's main distinguishing feature seemed to be that Garry Kasparov had annotated two of his own games for the introduction. When it comes to our subject opening, a heavy favorite of Garry's, the introduction is a huge let down. Understated in the extreme, it merely notes that the reply 1...c5 "...steers clear of symmetrical defense in favor of a more dynamic pawn structure." 10 I know the British are famous for their reserved style, but come on! This is a little like saying Jeffrey Dahmer had relationship problems. Analysis is a healthy 261 horizontal rows.

MCO XIV The dawn of the 21st century (1999) sees grandmaster DeFirmian as not just the reviser but as the author. This came as a result of Mr. Korn's death in 1997. Walter's obituary stated "Walter Korn, author of numerous chess books and articles, passed away on July 10, at the age of 89" The GM is again joined by collaborators, but this time, one of them is not human. Although not named specifically, the GM does note that MCO XIV was put together with the aid of "...months of Super Computer calculations". In the introduction we hear a clear statement of the Sicilian's arrival at the top. "...the Sicilian has been the defense of Champions. Kasparov and Fischer became World Champions with almost religious devotion to (it)..." 11 Coverage now stands at 240 columns, a far cry from the 15 columns seen in Chess Openings, Ancient and Modern

And so, dear readers, what does this "longitudinal study" tell us? Does the Sicilian merit the near universal acclaim it has had now for over a hundred years? Does "the" Defense to 1.e4 deserve to be thought of as the apogee of the modern chess struggle? Whatever you may think of it, this much is undeniable and is a theme though out all reviews of our subject. It is not boring! It is a refusal to go quietly, an abandonment of the safety first mentality, and an outright repudiation of laziness and routine. If you enjoy being tested to the utmost limits of your abilities and beyond. If you relish the sting of battle, then I urge you to investigate this opening. Yes, it is a treacherous passage, one that must navigate shark infested waters and many a dangerous reef, but with this great risk comes the possibility of great reward. What reward? What treasure are you chasing? Only the best chess treasure of all, a grand, glorious and memorable fight!

Notes: 1) COA&M, Pg.246 Freeborough, E, Ranken, Rev. C.E., New Amsterdam Book Co. NY, USA, undated. So fully did the "hegemony of the open game" dominate the chess scholarship of those days that this wonderful book gave fully 245 of it's 293 pages to openings beginning 1. e4 e5, exactly one page to Queen pawn openings and a scant 24 pages (!) to **all other** (not including games at odds) **openings!**

2) MCO IV, Pg.191 R.C. Griffith, Whitehead and Miller, Ltd., Leeds, UK, 1925 This 4th impression of the seminal MCO series beefs up the coverage to 25 columns and allows that "Black obtains a sound game..."

3) MCO V, Pg.254 R.C. Griffith, Whitehead and Miller, Ltd., Leeds, UK, 1932

4) MCO VIII, Pg. 261 Walter Korn, Pitman Publishing, NY, USA, 1952

5) MCO IX, Pg. 113 Walter Korn, John Collins, Pitman & Sons Ltd., London, UK, 1957

6) MCO X, PP. 182-247 Walter Korn, Larry Evans, Pitman Publishing, NY, USA, 1965 The decision to bring in a touring Grandmaster at the peak of his powers is a brilliant success. Even today, most of MCO X stands the test of time with cogent analysis and lucid prose. Even in the age of database chess it still forms the bedrock for beginning research for many players. The importance of his job here prompted GM Evans to utter his famous "Keys to the Kingdom" remark when he was asked about what it was like to be trusted to revise the chess players "Bible".

7) COT&P, PP. 363-446 I.A. Horowitz, Simon & Schuster Publishing, NY, USA, 1964

8) MCO XI, Pg. 145 Walter Korn, Pitman Publishing, NY, 1972

9) MCO XIII, Pg. 243 Walter Korn, Nick DeFirmian, David McKay Publishing, Inc, NY,

1990

10) BCO 2, Pg. 285 Garry Kasparov, Raymond Keene, Henry Holt and Co. Publishing, NY, 1989 The suspicion that BCO2 was a "cut and paste" job is not allayed by consulting the "reference" books cited in the introductions, almost all of which are other Batsford books and many of which have main lines and analysis lifted word for word and mover for move from those other books.

11) MCO XIV, pg. 242 Nick DeFirmian, David McKay Publishing, NY, 1999

The Incredible Tyler

Hughes-Part Cinco by Brian Wall

I have known James McCarty for almost 30 years - he's a great guy. Back around 1979-80 my fiancée Debbie Perkins would invite everyone over to our place at 1560 Ogden, Denver, Colorado. Debbie would make awesome burritos and on Friday Chessplayers would come over for free food and blitz chess with the 1977 Colorado Open champ - me! The apartment was awesome - 2200 square feet shaped like a very long rectangle - My best friend Steve Murray said his favorite memory of me was when I wanted to get everyone out of my apartment after a party, so I set an oven timer for 5 minutes and announced that everyone had to leave when it dinged. They did too, almost like robots! It must have all those years of public education. The apartment now is a \$225,000 condo, but back then the rent was probably \$300. James McCarty came over a few times - since then his rating has climbed to 2400, a peak I never reached in slow Chess. There was a tournament today at Smitty's Coffee House in Denver - I didn't feel like playing, one of the reasons being - "Who wants to lose to McCarty again?" - I was most astonished when I got a call from my 11 year old student Tyler Hughes telling me how he beat Jimbo!

White Tyler Hughes (1827 unofficially) - Age 11 (officially)
 Black - James McCarty (2301 - formerly a Senior Master)
 Age - unknown (records lost in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871)
 Smitty's Coffee House
 Sept 28, 2002 game/60 minutes
1. e4 c6 2. d4

Tyler has a few wins under his belt with Jack Young's Nymph attack 2 Nf3 - Curtis Carlson is the latest addition to the bishop-collector

team - Tyler beat Mark McAdams and Brad Lundstrom with it but felt that McCarty wouldn't fall for it so ...

2 ... d5 3. e5

Tyler tries this for the 1st time in tournament Chess.

3 ... Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. g4 Bg6 6.

Ng2 c5 7. h4 h6

When I tell new students that I want to study Chess by looking at their games, I am often told that there is nothing good to look at. I tell them there are fantastic ideas in their games, they just don't know it. "Everything has beauty but not everyone sees it." -

Confucius

8.f4?! Be7 9. Bg2 Bxh4+ 10. Kf1

cx4? 11. Nxd4 Be4? TL

Theoretical Lemon by James McCarty OK, let's talk about the opening. Tyler was shocked, this had all been played before - Vlassov-Guliev 1994 continued 11 ... Nc6? 12 f5! N:d4! 13 Q:d4 Bh7 14 f6! winning and 14 Qa4+!! Kf8 15 f6! was even stronger. Fritz says Tyler is already winning with the threat of f5. The problem is that 10 ... cd? is a big mistake - Fritz 7 says that 10 ... Bh7 is about =, 10 ... Nc6 played in Grigorian - Dongart 1997 is slightly better for Black and 10 ... Be7! played in the famous game Shirov - Nisipeanu 1999 is the best move for Black. This is the Las Vegas upset that knocked Shirov out of the 1999 FIDE World Championship tournament. Having already worsened his position with 10 ... cd, then after 11 N:d4 Jim can limit the damage with 11 ... Nd7 or 11 ... Bh7. These irrational positions are very difficult to judge for GMs, let alone us mortals. That's why this line is so popular - mistakes come in droves. Jim's move is a 2nd mistake in a row and Tyler could get an easy advantage with a double capture on e4 - (I would preserve my light-squared bishop

with 12 N:e4). 12 f5 is a little better for Tyler but he went psycho-Shirov crazy just like I taught him!

12. g5?!

You gotta love the kid's nerve!

12 ... Bxg2+

Tyler would still have some advantage after the almost equivalent line 12 ... hg 13 B:e4 de 14 N:e4 Qd5 15 Qd3

13. Kxg2 hxg5 14.fxg5

It takes a while for the computer to see that Tyler's move is better than 14 f5 - I love it when the computer eventually agrees with my choice!

14 ... Ne7!

Best. The 2nd best move 14 ... Qb6 is met by 15 g6! so Jim's move is understandable.

15. Qg4!

The only good move.

15 ... Ng6!

Best again. Tyler could win a piece with 16 Nf3. Jim would get a lot of compensation in many lines but not quite enough. My trained pit bull goes psycho-Shirov crazy again!

16. Nxe6?! fxe6?

Jim could turn the game around with the non-capture 15 ... Qb6!! with the killer threat of 15 ... Qf2+ 16 Kh3 B:g5 discovered check and eventual mate - after 15 ... Qb6!! 16 Nd4 is best then 16 ... Nc6! and the squares d4-e5 are collapsing and the advantage swings to Jim. The key point is that the awkward h4 bishop is converted into a dangerous piece, a subtlety very easy to miss. I have written many times about the compulsion of humans to make capturing moves, especially under a fast time control. In my Game/20 against Paul Grimm 2002 I made an "automatic" recapture when I had fantastic wins available. Jim convinced himself ... "that e6-knight HAS to go". I am only telling you this so maybe one of you will double-check those recaptures and save yourself a lot of grief. It is no *continued on pg 30*

Tournament Clearinghouse

Some of the tournaments listed below are tentative! **Please** check the Upcoming Tournaments section of the web site, or the listings in the Informant, or contact the organizer, if you need details or confirmation. * = Tour Event

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 28 2002	Pikes Peak December	Colorado Springs
January 18 2003	M.L.K. Memorial Quick Chess	Denver
January 25 2003	DCC Tabor Center Blitz Tourney #1	Denver
February 1,2	State Scholastic Championships	Denver (see pg. 29)
February 15-16 2003	Loveland Open *	Loveland
March 8-9 2003	Colorado Springs Open *	Manitou Springs
April 5 2003	Hillside Fundraiser *	Colorado Springs
May 3-4 2003	Boulder Open *	Boulder
June 14-15 2003	Southern Colorado Open *	Colorado Springs
August 16-17 2003	Northwest Colorado Open *	Craig
Mid September	2003 Edward Levy Memorial (*)	Watch for details

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3	<i>Shankar Rahul</i>	12875799	unr.	3	W4	W6	W5	L2	L1	3.0
4	<i>Twerskoi Benjamin</i>	12844820	683	2	L3	W5	D1	W6	L2	2.5
5	<i>Vigoda Miles</i>	12854948	510	2	L2	L4	L3	L1	W6	1.0
6	<i>Jensen Alex</i>	12873679	700	1	L1	L3	L2	L4	L5	0.0

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	
1	<i>Turcek Kyle</i>		unr.		3	W2	W6	D4	W3	W5 4.5	
2	<i>Flanegin Kyle</i>		unr.		3	L1	W10	W6	W11	W4 4.0	
3	<i>Schmit Drew</i>		unr.		2	B---	W8	W7	L1	W9 4.0	
4	<i>Jahelka Thomas</i>		unr.		3	W14	W5	D1	W7	L2 3.5	
5	<i>Evans Jordan</i>		unr.		2	W16	L4	W13	W8	L1 3.0	
6	<i>Cousins Chris</i>		unr.		3	W10	L1	L2	W16	W13 3.0	
7	<i>Taylor Evan</i>		unr.		2	W17	W9	L3	L4	W12 3.0	
8	<i>Ebersole Joey</i>		unr.		3	W12	L3	W11	L5	D10 2.5	
9	<i>Murphy Steven</i>		unr.		2	W15	L7	D12	W13	L3 2.5	
10	<i>Pak Brianna</i>		unr.		3	L6	L2	B---	W15	D8 2.5	
11	<i>Wieman Tyler</i>		unr.		3	D13	W14	L8	L2	W17 2.5	
12	<i>Pauly Carolyn</i>		unr.		3	L8	B---	D9	W14	L7 2.5	
13	<i>Cantwell Reece</i>		unr.		1	D11	W15	L5	L9	L6 1.5	
14	<i>Milton Chloe</i>		unr.		3	L4	L11	W17	L12	D15 1.5	
15	<i>Flanegin Kevin</i>		unr.		1	L9	L13	W16	L10	D14 1.5	
16	<i>Milton Cara</i>		unr.		1	L5	D17	L15	L6	B---	1.5
17	<i>Avramov Tinka</i>		unr.		3	L7	D16	L14	B---	L11 1.5	

NOT affiliated with Awesome Knights Chess Club (AKCC) or it's events in any way. Wendell Derritt may be retired, but his commitment to chess events benefiting kids and schools continues to grow. Rocky Mountain Chess and Lee Simmons, who have worked in partnership with Wendell the past two years, is excited to announce the first annual Colorado Springs Scholastic Benefits Tour. Two years in the planning, this series of Tournaments will give all levels of scholastic players the opportunity to play in monthly events for trophies. All competitors will also build points toward over-all Tour prizes. Proceeds will benefit local schools chess clubs.

Special announcement for Scholastic Players!!

The 2003 official CSCA Colorado Scholastic Championships will be held at the Tivoli Student Union, Auraria campus. 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO 80204 Contact Karen Herbst 303-741-9779, for information. The important thing to know is this: This is the biggest, most important, and most fun scholastic event of the year. Every year this tournament fills up to capacity, and...THERE IS NO AT-THE-DOOR REGISTRATION!! Period. Pre-Register only. So, if you are a parent/family member, coach, teacher, friend, or just plain interested party of a scholastic chess player tell him or her to get a move on! Ask their parent or guardian to sign them up, now. This year, the event is being held at a beautiful new location. You can also get more information and print out all necessary tournament forms by visiting the Colorado State Chess Association's stellar web site: WWW.Colorado-Chess.com Entries can be mailed care of this address: CSCA 6216 S. Macon Way, Englewood, CO 80111. Entries must be received no later than 26 January 2003.

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accident that 16 ... Qb6!! exists. I have often noticed that many captures lead to a rebound effect, a reverse initiative. This is based on the simple idea that we rarely capture something on a square we actually want - we only go there to gain material and then look for a "good" square to rest on - in effect it takes 2 or more moves to make a capture. In the meantime our opponent is striving mightily for counter play. Two moves is a long time and sometimes we regret it. Tyler is ruthless the rest of the way and Jim doesn't get a 2nd chance. **17. Qxe6+ Ne7** 17 ... Kf8 18 Rf1+ is MegaDeath and 17 ... Qe7 18 Q: g6+ is depressing, too. **18. Nb5! Qd7** 19. Nd6+ Kd8 20. Nf7+ Kc7 21. Qd6+! Qxd6 22. exd6+ Kd7

23. Nxb8 Nf5 24. Bf4! Crushing (as is 25 Ng6!) **24 ... Nc6 25. Ng6 Re8 26. Nxb4 Re2+ 27. Kf3 Ncd4+ 28. Kg4 g6 29. Nxf5 gxf5+ 30. Kg3 Re4 31. Rae1 Ne2+ 32. Kf3** Tyler remembers what I say better than I do! This is the famous Russian "repeat-the-position-to-gain-time" trick (As well as demonstrating the opponent's helplessness.) **32 ... Ncd4+ 33 Kd3 Ne2+ 34 R:e2** I don't know if Fritz was joking but it claims a mate in 84 moves here! Jim didn't last long enough to find out. **34 ... R:e2 35 Rh7+** 1-0 McCarty resigns. I am sure that Jim will recover and win many more tournaments. Tyler is very modest and would be the first person to say that he was lucky - maybe so, but Jim doesn't lose like this

very often!
How it is possible for a player with less than 3 years tournament experience to beat players with decades of experience? Let us turn to the animal kingdom for the answer - "Caribou are born to run. After a few days a baby caribou can outrun a man."
Tyler is merely fulfilling his true destiny - to outthink all of us. Even at age 9 he showed amazing attacking prowess, sacking rooks on speculative attacks. This was the 1st Master Tyler has beaten in tournament play. I told him to move to Moscow for competition. he has already depleted his resources around here! Tyler's Mom Carol was very excited about his victory, but so far has not contacted a Russian Realtor.

2002 DCC Club Championship: 14-15 Dec, VFW, Denver, CO

	#Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	Chris L Mink	1999	1998	W19	D22	D7	W4	W6	W2	5.0	
2	Michael Presutti	1650	1720	W28	W25	W9	W17	W5	L1	5.0	
3	Andrew B Rea	2117	2105	D8	D9	W12	D5	W10	W7	4.5	
4	Mamed Sakhatov	1720	1755	W14	W20	D5	L1	W22	W18	4.5	
5	Alexander Gitis	2008	1994	W26	W15	D4	D3	L2	W13	4.0	
6	Dustin H Eager	1683	1703	W21	W11	L17	W8	L1	W15	4.0	
7	Kenneth Doykos	1809	1804	W27	D12	D1	D22	W21	L3	3.5	
8	Norbert Martinez	1516	1553	D3	D10	W16	L6	D12	W21	3.5	
9	Ted K Doykos	1378	1482	W10	D3	L2	L26	W20	W25	3.5	
10	Paul M Grimm	1678	1671	L9	D8	W23	W20	L3	W12	3.5	
11	Brad Johnson	1598	1579	W32	L6	D30	L21	W27	W19	3.5	
12	JC Macneil	1603	1608	W23	D7	L3	W19	D8	L10	3.0	
13	Richard H Wyatt	1182	1308	L22	L19	W14	W16	W26	L5	3.0	
14	Emir Santana	1408	1385	L4	L16	L13	W23	W29	W28	3.0	
15	Albert D Gardner	1634	1629	W31	L5	D19	W30	D18	L6	3.0	
16	Jesse R Hester	unr.	1400	L20	W14	L8	L13	W31	W26	3.0	
17	Josh D Smith	1820	1820	W30	W24	W6	L2	U---	U---	3.0	
18	Billy P Willson	1823	1790	L25	W28	W26	H---	D15	L4	3.0	
19	Joseph R Aragon	1495	1497	L1	W13	D15	L12	W30	L11	2.5	
20	Timothy Brennan	1536	1520	W16	L4	D25	L10	L9	W30	2.5	
21	Clifton K Daniel	1400	1409	L6	W32	D27	W11	L7	L8	2.5	
22	Emanuel Weiss	1612	1625	W13	D1	H---	D7	L4	U---	2.5	
23	Michael N Ely	1172	1191	L12	D27	L10	L14	W32	W31	2.5	
24	LaMoyne Spichal	1600	1603	W29	L17	H---	W25	U---	U---	2.5	
25	Dean W Brown	1472	1461	W18	L2	D20	L24	D28	L9	2.0	
26	Richard G Petrino	1515	1483	L5	W31	L18	W9	L13	L16	2.0	
27	Ann Davies	1452	1428	L7	D23	D21	W29	L11	U---	2.0	
28	Stephen R Wilson	1263	1257	L2	L18	W32	H---	D25	L14	2.0	
29	Tony Phillips	818	883	L24	L30	W31	L27	L14	W32	2.0	
30	William Chandler	1458	1426	L17	W29	D11	L15	L19	L20	1.5	
31	Allan O Ufer	1230	1158	L15	L26	L29	W32	L16	L23	1.0	
32	Kathy Schneider	741	716	L11	L21	L28	L31	L23	L29	0.0	

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23. Bc4! cxb2+ 24. Kb1 Nd8 25. Rdg1 (Not bad, but 25. d7! Bb7 26. Rdg1 was immediately decisive.) 25...Ra7 26. d7! Rxd7 27. fxe6 Nxe6 28. Bxe6 Rd1+ 29. Rxd1 Bxe6 30. Kxb2 Rb8+ 31. Ka1 Bxa2 32. Rgd3! Qe7 33. Kxa2 Qe6+ 34. Rb3 1-0

Smith Morra Gambit vs the Sicilian. by David Bowers

Bowers 1918 - J.C. McNeil 1600 Denver CC Tuesday Night 1996

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP P-K3 5 B-KB4 N-K2? 6 N-N5 N-R3 7 N-Q6 mate

Bowers 1980- Jeff Norhden 1877 Colorado Action Chess Ch. 1988

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 P-QB3 PxP 5 NxP P-Q3 6 B-QB4 N-KB3 7 0-0 B-N5 8 Q-N3 P-K3 (Black is giving back the gambit pawn for development and apparent safety.) 9 QxNP R-B1 (If 9...Q-B1, 10 B-R6 N-K2 (forced) 11 Q-N5+ and white has a small attack.) 10 B-N5 Q-B2 (This looks sensible enough, trying to trade off black's undeveloped queen for white's attacking queen, but it loses. 10...Q-Q2 may be better because if 11 QxQ+, ...NxQ breaks the pin. But 11 QxR+ is an interesting reply. One line: 11...QxQ 12 N-Q4 P-K4 13 NxN B-Q2 14 NxRP Q-N2 15 BxB+ QxB 16 N7-N5. Now black has a queen, a backwards Q-pawn and a bad bishop; white has a rook, knight, pawn, superior development and two connected passed pawns.) 11 QxQ RxQ 12 N-Q4 K-Q2 13 P-KB3 (White could settle for winning the exchange with 13 NxN+ RxN 14 BxR+ KxB, but as they say in the movie "Greed works." White might as well do both; develop and win more material.) 13...B-R4 14 B-K3 B-K2 15 KR-QB1 KR-QB1

16 N/3-K2 P-K4 (to prevent 17 NxN RxN 18 N-Q4) 17 NxN RxN 18 RxR resigns. (18...RxR 19 R-QB1, white will be a rook up.)

Bowers 1956-David Quint 1810 Boulder CC Tournament 1994

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP P-K3 5 B-KB4 B-N5 6 R-B1 N-KB3 7 B-Q3 O-O 8 P-QR3 B-K2 9 P-K5 N-K1 10 N-K4 P-B4 11 e.p. NxP 12 N-R3 Q-R4+ 13 R-B3 NxN (If 13...N-Q4 14 B-Q2 NxR 15 BxN Q-Q4 - the only move to stay on the fifth without losing the queen - 16 Q-N4 R-B2 17 N-B4 Q-B3 and it would be surprising if black could stave off the attack.) 14 BxN B-B3 15 B-Q2 Q-K4 (If 15...BxR 16 BxB Q-B4, again it's hard for black to defend, though it's not as clear. One possible line is 17 Q-N4 Q-K2 18 Q-R5 P-KR3 - if 18...P-KN3 19 BxP - 19 Q-N6 (threatening 20 Q-R7+ K-B2 21 B-N6 mate) ...R-B3 20 BxR QxB 21 Q-K8+ Q-B1 22 B-R7+.) 16 R-K3 QxNP (Black's queen can be forced off the fifth rank, allowing Q-R5 regardless.) 17 Q-R5 P-KN3 18 BxKNP PxP 19 QxP+ B-N2 20 B-B3 R-B3 21 QxB+ KxN 22 BxQ K-B2 23 N-N5+ K-K2 24 BxP+ KxB 25 P-KR4 N-B3 26 R-B3+ K-N3 27 N-K4 P-Q4 28 P-R5+ K-R3 29 R-B6+ 1-0 (as now white can force a queen or mate.)

Bowers 2039-Mike Kuepper 1900 Boulder CC Tournev 1998

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP N-QB3 5 N-KB3 P-Q3 6 B-QB4 P-K3 7 B-B4 B-K2 8 N-QN5 P-K4 9 B-N5 N-B3 10 BxN PxP 11 Q-N3 P-Q4 12 BxP B-N5+ 13 K-B1 Q-K2 14 P-QR3 B-B4 15 R-QB1 O-O 16 N-R4 N-Q5 17 NxN BxN 18 RxR KRxR 19 N-B5 Q-B1 20 Q-N3+ K-R1 21 Q-R4 P-KR3 (21...R-Q8+ looks good because if 22 K-K2 RxR 23 QxP+ K-N1 24 N-R6+ QxN 25 QxQ

black is out of trouble with two rooks for a queen and pawn. But black saw that white could instead play 24 BxP+ QxB 25 N-R6+ K-B1 26 QxQ mate.) 22 NxP (If 22...QxN then it's mate in. I believe. 9.) 22...R-B2 23 NxP+ resigns

Bowers 1967-Mark Krowczyk 1800 Colorado Class Championship (A section) 1997

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP P-K3 5 B-KB4 P-Q3 6 B-B4 P-K4 (The bishop now hangs for seven moves, whereupon it finally... offers itself to a different pawn.) 7 Q-N3 B-K3 8 BxB PxP 9 QxP+ Q-K2 10 Q-B8+ K-B2 11 N-Q5 Q-Q2 12 Q-B4 Q-K3 13 N-KB3 P-KR3 14 BxKP N-QB3 (If 14...PxP, 15 N-B7 QxQ 16 NxP+ K moves 17 NxQ leaves white up a rook and two pawns for a bishop and knight even if there's nothing better than 15 N-B7.) 15 B-B3 R-QB1 16 Q-N3. (A small trap; most players have a hard time resisting the temptation of taking material with check.) 16... QxP+? 17 K-Q2! KN-K2 (There are more interesting lines, like 17...K-N3 18 KR-K1 Q-N5 (forced) 19 P-KR3 Q-Q2 (forced) 20 Q-B2+ K-B2 (forced) 21 N-R4 KN-K2 22 NxN NxN (forced) 23 RxN+ KxR (forced) 24 N-N6+ K-Q1 25 NxR.) 18 NxN+ resigns

Bowers 2006 - David Quint 1780 Boulder CC Tournev 2001

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP P-Q3 5 B-QB4 N-KB3 6 P-K5 (If 6...PxP 7 BxP+ wins the queen; if 6...KN-Q2 7 PxP PxP 8 N-KB3 white has a lead in development and pressure on black's isolated backward pawn.) N-N5 7 P-K6 P-B4 (If 7...N-K4 8 B-N5+ KN-B3 - if 8...QN-B3 9 P-B4 N-N3 10 P-B5 N-K4 11 N-KB3 and chaos rules - 9 PxP+ KxP

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Press Release:**Moab Chess Club 3820 Kerby Lane Moab, Utah Damian Nash, Organizer (435) 259-1720
International Chess Master Ernesto Sevillano Wins US Championship in Moab**

A hundred and fifty-five chess players from around the United States converged in Moab, Utah, November 8-10th, to compete for several national championship titles. This event, sponsored by the Moab Chess Club and the United States Chess Federation, determined the best players of the year at the fast, game/60 time control where each player has one hour to complete all moves. Each participant played 7 games in a Swiss-style competition: the more games a player wins the tougher the next game becomes until there is usually only one undefeated person left at the top. In this event the top prize was \$1000 in cash, and second place was \$500; an excellent prize fund made possible by a grant from the county Recreation and Special Service District.

In the Open section, Ernesto Sevillano won the \$1000 prize. Hailing from the Phillipines, and now a resident of Las Vegas, Sevillano has established himself as one of the better players in the US. After seven games he had six and a half points: Six wins against amateurs and lesser masters, and one draw with Alex Wojtkiewicz of Maryland, an International Grandmaster rated 2683 and ranked #8 in the United States. The game between the #1 and #2 seeded players ended in a "grandmaster draw" on Sunday morning, where they agreed to a tie after just a few moves, saving their strength for their last two games. Sevillano defeated Las Vegas rival Emory Tate (a 7-time US Armed Forces chess champion) in round six, and Utah Champion Laszlo Bekefi in round 7 to finish ahead of Wojtkiewicz.

In the final round, 19-year-old Philip Ponomarev of Denver held Wojtkiewicz to a draw in perhaps the greatest upset of the tournament. Rated exactly 500 points below Wojtkiewicz, his theoretical chances for a draw were considered less than one in twenty, and his chances for a win infinitesimal. Nevertheless, this former Colorado State Champion played an extraordinarily accurate game and Wojtkiewicz could not find a win against the young prodigy. Ponomarev finished in a tie for third at 5.5 points, tied with his father Mikhail, a seasoned chess master, and with the other young standout in the tournament, 16-year-old Tory Anderson of Levan, Utah. Wojtkiewicz took home the \$500 second place prize as his consolation, plus some extra money he earned by playing 15-players at once on Saturday evening, winning against all. 15-year-old Stephanie Pitcher of Salt Lake City edged 11-year-old Janice Chen on tie-break points to take home the trophy for US G/60 Women's Champion. Pitcher is currently the reigning Utah women's champion.

In the Scholastic Section, open to players under age 20, Andrew Smith of Laramie, Wyoming took top honors. Seeded number one in the event, he held off all challengers until the seventh round when he agreed to a draw with Katie Kormanik of Salt Lake City. The two of them took home trophies for the US Scholastic G/60 Champion and Female Champion. Nate Anderson, a star running back on the Durango High School football team, showed his equal agility on the chess board to finish second in the event, tied at 5.5 points with Derek Christensen of Albuquerque. Sean Halls of Provo, Zachary Malone of Colorado Springs, Katie Kormanik and Maxfield Taylor of Salt Lake City. Grade level championship trophies were awarded at every level from 12th to kindergarten, the youngest national championship award won by 5-year-old Emily McIntosh of Salt Lake City.

US G/60 Open Section Trophy Winners:

US G/60 Chess Champion: Ernesto Sevillano (Las Vegas)
 Women's Champion: Stephanie Pitcher (Salt Lake City)
 Amateur Champion: Philip Ponomarev (Denver)
 Senior Champion: Mikhail Ponomarev (Denver)
 Category A Champion: Jason Mielke (Salt Lake City)
 Category B Champion: Tory Anderson (Levan, UT)
 Category C Champion: Jess Mickelson (Salt Lake City)
 Category D Champion: Majid Kahhak (Carbondale, CO)
 Category E Champion: Bob Phillips (Moab, UT)
 Under 1000 Champion: Sherri Astle (Salt Lake City)

US G/60 Scholastic Section Trophy Winners:

Champion: Andrew Smith (Laramie, WY)
 Second Overall: Nate Anderson (Durango, CO)
 Third Overall: Sean Halls (Provo, UT)
 Female Champion: Katie Kormanik (Salt Lake City)
 12th Grade Champion: Tim Snow (Salt Lake City)
 11th Grade Champion: Robert Mulvey (Salt Lake City)
 10th Grade Champion: Mackenzie Mical (Durango, CO)
 9th Grade Champion: Derek Christensen (Albuquerque)
 8th Grade Champion: Kevin Patraw (Las Vegas)
 7th Grade Champion: Taylor Maxfield (Salt Lake City)
 6th Grade Champion: Scott Wade (Albuquerque)
 5th Grade Champion: Zachary Malone (Colorado Springs)
 4th Grade Champion: Kolbie Astle (Salt Lake City)
 3rd Grade Champion: David Twerskoi (Denver)
 2nd Grade Champion: Benjamin Twerskoi (Denver)
 1st Grade Champion: Colin Chen (Salt Lake City)
 Kindergarten Champion: Emily McIntosh (Salt Lake City)

and white's down a pawn but up development vs. black's cramped position and vulnerable king.) 8 Q-B3 P-KN3 (Bad, but there probably aren't any good choices. If 8...P-QR3 9 QxBP N-K4 white has his gambit pawn back and all kinds of pressure on black's position.) 9 B-N5+ N-Q2 (If 9...N-B3 10 BxN+ PxB 11 QxP+ B-Q2 12 PxB+ K-B2 and white's up a piece.) 10 PxN+ BxP 11 QxNP (threatening to win the rook) BxB 12 QxB+ K-B2 13 N-B3 B-N2? 14 N-N5+ K-B3 (If 14...K-N1 it's mate, while 14...K-B1 loses the queen.) 15 N-Q5+ resigns (Otherwise 15...K-K4 16 B-B4+ K-Q5 17 O-O-O mate.)

Bowers (1922)-Farhad Farhangnia (1979) Boulder Chess Club July Action Tournament 1996

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 N-KB3 N-QB3 4 P-QB3 PxP 5 NxP P-Q3 6 B-QB4 P-KN3 7 B-B4 B-N2 8 Q-N3 P-K3 (Black could just play 8...N-R4 now (because 9 BxP+ would lose white's bishop after 9...K-B1 10 Q-Q5 N-KB3) and then 9 Q-R4+ B-Q2 10 B-QN5 N-QB3 - or 10 ...BxN+ 11 PxN-QB3) and black seems to be doing just fine.) 9 R-Q1 N-R4 10 Q-R4+ B-Q2 11 B-QN5 P-K4 12 RxP N-QB3 13 NxP BxN 14 BxB NxN 15 Q-Q4 Q-K2 16 RxN NxR 17 N-Q5 (If 17 QxR 0-0-0 and though white'll be up a pawn or two black will be equal or ahead in development.) 17...Q-Q1 (If 17...Q-Q3 perhaps 18 0-0, and if 18...P-B3 19 P-B4 and it's not easy for black to come up with a move that doesn't out and out-lose.) 18 QxR K-B1 19 BxN QxB 20 QxN+ KxQ 21 N-B6+ K-N2 22 NxQ R-Q1 23 N-B5 P-N3 24 N-N3 R-K1 25 P-B3 P-B4 26 N-Q2 R-QB1 27 K-Q1 K-B3 28 R-K1 R-B2 29 P-K5+ K-K3 30 P-B4 R-Q2 31 K-B2 R-KN2 32 N-B3 P-R3 33 P-KR4 R-Q2 34 R-Q1 R-B2+ 35 K-N3 R-Q2 36 RxR KxR 37 P-R5

PxP 38 N-Q4 P-R5 39 NxP resigns

Bowers 1920 - Eric Perlman 2047 Denver Open 1993

There were a number of inferior moves played in the opening, but I believe the slugfest that follows and the ending make it worth the reader's time.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP N-QB3 5 N-KB3 P-Q3 6 B-QB4 P-K3 7 B-B4 N-B3 8 Q-K2 P-K4 9 B-KN5 B-K2 10 0-0 0-0 11 KR-Q1 B-N5 12 B-K3 P-QR3 13 P-QR3 R-QB1 14 P-KR3 BxN 15 QxB P-KR3 16 R-Q3 P-QN4 17 B-R2 Q-B2 18 Q-B5 K-R1 (Black was worried about possibilities like 19 BxP PxB 20 N-Q5 NxN 21 PxN N-Q5 (forced) 22 RxN PxR 23 B-N1 Q-B8+ 24 K-R2 QxB+ (forced) 25 RxQ and black's king and pawns are vulnerable.) 19 R-QB1 Q-N2 20 P-KN4 P-N5 21 N-K2 (Perhaps 21 P-N5, leading to wild complications, is better.) 21...PxP 22 PxP Q-N7 23 R-Q2 QxP 24 BxBP N-Q5! (This move took me completely by surprise; didn't he know he was supposed to be a positional player? I think I'm completely lost now. 25 QxR ALMOST works but 25...N-B6+ 26 K-N2 NxR leaves him up material. At the time I hadn't seen to the end of his combo and thought 25 RxN left me up material. I knew he 'had to' play 25 ...PxR because if he played 25...RxR+ with 26 BxR I was attacking his queen and so could then retreat my other rook. Unfortunately, HE didn't know he 'had to' and played 25 RxR+!) 25 RxN RxR+ 26 BxR QxP (Only now did I get the point; if I retreat my rook he just plays 27 RxB and he's up.) 27 B-K6 (Since I'm lost anyway, I set a trap with this move. He's now forced to play 26...NxP 27 QxN (forced) QxQ+ 28 BxQ PxR 29 NxP and now I presume I'm lost but still-it's complicated and I

have some drawing chances.) 27...PxR?

(Fortunately he missed the point of my move as well. Now should at least have a draw.) 28 N-B4 QxP+ (If 28...Q-QB6 29 N-N6+ K-R2 30 NxR+ K-R1 31 Q-R7+ NxQ 32 N-N6 mate.) 29 QxQ NxQ 30 N-N6+ K-R2 31 NxR+ BxN 32 BxN B-K2 33 B-Q2 (It's complicated but I think I win either his queen rook pawn or one of his queen pawns automatically. I'm not sure it was wise of him to let me have the outside passed pawn, though; now he has no winning chances so I can entirely focus on trying to win, myself.) 33...P-N4 34 B-B8 B-B3 35 BxP B-K4 36 K-N2 K-N3 37 B-N5 (To prevent the king from advancing; if 37...K-R4 he gets mated, loses his bishop, or both.) 37...K-B3 38 K-B3 P-R4 39 B-K8 P-N5+ 40 K-N2 P-R5 41 B-KR5 P-R6+ 42 K-R1 P-N6 43 P-B4 P-Q6 44 PxB+ KxP 45 B-B3 K-Q5 46 K-N1 K-B5 47 B-B4 K-Q5 48 K-R1 P-N7+ 49 K-N1 resigns

Bowers 2012-David Quint 1800 Boulder CC July Tourney 2000

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP P-Q3 5 B-QB4 N-QB3 6 P-KB4 B-Q2 7 N-B3 N-B3 8 0-0 P-KN3 9 P-K5 N-KN5 10 Q-K2 PxP 11 N-KN5 N-R3 12 PxP P-K3 13 N/5-K4 B-N2 14 N-Q6+ K-K2 15 BxN BxP 16 RxP+ KxN 17 N-N5+ K-B4 18 B-K3+ B-Q5 19 BxB+ NxN 20 Q-K5+ KxB (20 ... K-N3 21 QxN+ This leads to checkmate, so black makes the practical decision to scarf up material; should the attack falter then he's winning and he's no worse off otherwise.) 21 N-Q6+ K-Q6 22 R-Q1+ K-B7 22 R-B2+ KxR 24 QxN+ resigns

That's all, folks!

Winter Springs Open

Manitou Springs December 7-8, 2002

June Standings

1	Brian Wall	2225	2235	W2	D4	W5	W3	3.5
2	Luis Rodriguez	2040	2051	L1	W3	W7	D5	2.5
3	Adam Weissbarth	2091	2087	W7	L2	W4	L1	2.0
4	Eric Billaux	2040	2036	W8	D1	L3	D6	2.0
5	Andy Rea	2137	2132	W6	H--	L1	D2	2.0
6	Billy Willson	1823	1824	L5	L7	W8	D4	1.5
7	Ken Doykos	1821	1819	L3	W6	L2	L9	1.0
8	Jeff Baffo	1797	1782	L4	B--	L6	U--	1.0
9	Richard Buchanan	2051	2054	U--	U--	U--	W7	1.0

July Standings

1	Jeffrey R Fox	1785	1798	W10	W6	W5	D2	3.5
2	Paul M Grimm	1636	1673	W18	W9	W4	D1	3.5
3	Zachary P Malone	1697	1699	W12	L5	W9	W10	3.0
4	Paul Albano	1693	1684	W14	W11	L2	D8	2.5
5	John F Schultz	1595	1607	W20	W3	L1	D6	2.5
6	Albert D Gardner	1600	1601	W19	L1	W16	D5	2.5
7	Paul D Anderson	1755	1738	L9	W16	D13	W11	2.5
8	Jon Fortune	1422	1454	H--	H--	W15	D4	2.5
9	Dean W Brown	1470	1493	W7	L2	L3	W18	2.0
10	Randolph Schine	1527	1523	L1	W19	W17	L3	2.0
11	Anthea J Carson	1560	1558	W17	L4	W12	L7	2.0
12	Richar Cordovano	1451	1443	L3	W20	L11	W17	2.0
13	J C Macneil	1603	1584	L16	W18	D7	D15	2.0
14	Gerard Sunderland	1440	1427	L4	L17	W19	W16	2.0
15	Joseph R Aragon	1495	1481	H--	H--	L8	D13	1.5
16	Majid Kahhak	1319	1328	W13	L7	L6	L14	1.0
17	Louis Koleszar	unr	1288	L11	W14	L10	L12	1.0
18	Ted K Doykos	1355	1332	L2	L13	W20	L9	1.0
19	Richard H Wyatt	1182	1169	L6	L10	L14	W20	1.0
20	Clay Ale Cordova	777	768	L5	L12	L18	L19	0.0

August Standings

1	Rob Jamison	1213	1310	W12	W8	W7	W5	4.0
2	Anthony Davis	1099	1181	W9	W3	L5	W7	3.0
3	Frank Shotwell	1220	1219	W10	L2	W11	W8	3.0
4	Allan Ufer	1020	1093	D5	W13	D6	W12	3.0
5	Randall Reiser	1331	1328	D4	W14	W2	L1	2.5
6	Fred Spell	1254	1227	W13	L7	D4	W11	2.5
7	Michaél Ely	1172	1171	W11	W6	L1	L2	2.0
8	Dietmar Grimm	1070	1095	W14	L1	W9	L3	2.0
9	John Piquette	unr	919	L2	W10	L8	W13	2.0
10	Barbara Fortune	699	684	L3	L9	D13	B--	1.5
11	Bear Meade	unr	927	L7	W12	L3	L6	1.0
12	Andrew Furze	unr	954	L1	L11	X14	L4	1.0
13	Kathy Schneider	748	718	L6	L4	D10	L9	0.5
14	Michael Trudnak	1343	1293	L8	L5	F12	U--	0.0

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Kxc8 25.Rc1+ Kd7 26.Rc7+ Kd6
27.Kg2 Rd2+! 28.Kg3 Bf2+29.Kg4
h6 30.Rxe7 Rd4+ 31.Re4 f5+ 0-1

Round 3 Nikitovich,P- Billaux,E
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.e3 Bb7
5.Bd3 c5 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7
8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 d510.Re1 dxc4 11.
Bxc4 Nc6 12.Be3 Nb4 13.Rad1
Rc8 14.Ne5 Nbd5 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.
Bd3Nb4 17.Bb1 a6 18.a3 Nbd5 19.
Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Nf6 21.Qh4 g6
22.Bg5 Nd5 23.Bxe7Qxe7 24.Qxe7
Nxe7 25.Nd7 Rfd8 26.Nxb6 Rc6
27.Na4 Rcd6 28.Nc5 Bc8 29.b4
Rxd430.Rxd4 Rxd4 31.Bd3 Nc6
32.Bxa6 Bxa6 33.Nxa6 Rd3 34.Ra1
Nd4 35.Nc5 Rd2 36.Kf1Nc2 37.
Nb3 Rd3 38.Nc5 Rxa3 39.Rb1 Rc3
40.Na6 Na3 41.Rb2 Nc4 42.Ra2
Rb3 43.Ke2Kf8 44.Rc2 Nb6 45.
Rc7 Nd5 46.Rb7 Nf4+ 47.Kd2
Rb2+ 48.Ke3 Nxc2+ 49.Ke4 g5 50.
b5Nh4 51.Ke5 Kg7 52.Nc5 Ng6+
53.Ke4 Nf4 54.b6 Rb4+ 55.Ke5
Rb5 56.Kd6 Kg6 57.Rb8Nd5 58.b7
Rb6+ 59.Kd7 Nf6+ 60.Kd8 Ng4
61.Kc7 Rb1 62.Rg8+ Kf5 63.b8Q
Rxb864.Rxb8 Nxb2 65.Rf8 Kg6
66.Rg8+ Kf6 67.Nd7+ Kf5 68.Rf8
Kg6 69.Rg8+ 1-0

Lundstrom,B- Anderson,R
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2
Ne7 5.e4 0-0 6.Nge2 d6 7.0-0 c6 8.
d3 Na6 9.Be3 Be610.Qd2 Qd7 11.
f4 f5 12.Rae1 Kh8 13.b3 b6 14.d4
Rad8 15.d5 cxd5 16.exd5 Bg817.
fxe5 dxe5 18.Bg5 Rde8 19.Nc1
Nc8 20.Nd3 Nd6 21.Bh3 Qc7 22.
Bh6 e4 23.Bxc7+Qxc7 24.Nf4 Nc5
25.Nd1 Bf7 26.Qb2 g5 27.b4 Nxc4
28.Qxc7+ Kxc7 29.bxc5 gxf430.
Rxf4 Bxd5 31.cxb6 axb6 32.Rxf5
Rxf5 33.Bxf5 Nd2 34.Kf2 Nf3 35.
Re3 Nd4 36.Bg4Kg6 37.Nc3 Bc6
38.Kg2 Nc2 39.Re2 e3+ 40.Kg1
Nd4 41.Rb2 b5 42.Ne2 Nf3+ 43.
Bxf3Bxf3 44.Kf1 Re5 45.Nd4 Bd5
46.Ke1 Bc4 47.Ne2 Kf5 48.Nf4
Ke4 49.Rc2 Re7 50.Rb2Ra7 51.

Ne2 Kd3 52.Nc1+ Kc3 53.Rg2 Ra4
[53...Rd7 perhaps?] 54.Kd1 Ra7
55.Rc2+Kb4 56.Ke1 Rf7 57.Ne2
Rf2 58.h4 Rh2 59.Kf1 Rh1+ 60.
Kg2 Bd5# a long ending, but one
well worth playing over. 0-1
Avery,D- Wall,B
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e3 Bf5 8.
Qb3 Qb6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Be2 b5
11.0-0 Nbd7 12.a3 Nb6 13.Ne5
Nc4 14.Nxc4 bxc4 15.a4 Kd7 16.
f3Ra5 17.e4 Be6 18.e5 Ng8 19.Bd2
Bb4 20.Ne4 Bxd2 21.Nxd2 c5 22.
f4 Ne7 23.dxc5Rha8 24.b3 Rxc5
25.bxc4 dxc4 26.Ne4 Rca5 27.Rab1
Bd5 28.Nc3 Be6? 29.Rxb7+
Ke830.Bf3 Kf8 31.Rxe7 Kxe7 32.
Bxa8 Rxa8 33.f5 Bd7 34.Nd5+
Kd8 35.Nb6 Ra6 36.a5 Bb537.
Rd1+ Ke8 38.Ra1 and blacks flag
fell 1-0

Bell,E- Nyberg,K
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.
Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Bd710.g4 Rc8 11.
h4 h5 12.gxh5 Nxh5 13.f4 Bg4 14.
Nce2 Qa5 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Rg1
Nc4117.Rd3 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bxe2
19.Nxe2 Nxf4 [19...Bh6] 20.Nxf4
Bd4 21.Reg3 Bxc122.Rxc1 Kh7
23.Nd5 e6 24.Nc3 a6 25.Be2 Rc7
26.Rd1 Rd8 27.Na4 Rdc8 28.Rd2
Rc629.b3 Kg7 30.h5 Rh8 31.hxc6
Rh1+ 32.Kb2 fxc6 33.Bg4 Kf6 34.
e5+ dxe5 35.Bf3 Rh336.Bxc6 bxc6
37.Nc3 Re3 38.Nd1 Re1 39.Nc3 e4
40.Rd6 e3 41.Rxc6 e2 42.Ka3!
g543.Rxa6 g4 44.Ra4 Kf5 45.Rd4?
now things are drawish [45.Re4]
45...g3 46.Rd8 g247.Rf8+ Ke5 48.
Nxe2 Rxe2 49.Rg8 Rxc2 50.b4
Kd4 51.Rg4+ Ke3 52.Kb3 Rf2 53.
a4 Kf354.Rg6 Rf1 55.Rf6+ Ke4 56.
Rxe6+ Kd5 57.Rg6 g1Q 58.Rxc1
Rxc1 59.a5 Kc6 60.Kc4Rc1+ 61.
Kb3 Kb5 62.Kb2 Rc4 0-1

Round 4

McCarty,J- Nikitovich,P
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6

5.Be2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.b3
Nh6 9.c3 Ng4 10.Bclh5 11.h3 Nh6
12.Na3 a6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7
15.Qa4 Qd8 16.Nd4 Kf8 17.
Bxh6Nxd4 18.Bxc7+ Kxc7 19.
cxd4 Qb6 20.Nc2 Bxc2 21.Qxc2
Qxd4 22.Qc7 Bxb4 23.Qxb7
Ra724.Qc6 Qxe5 25.Qb6 Bc3 26.
Qxa7 Bxa1 27.Qxa6 Bd4 28.Qd3
Rh6 29.Kh1 Rf6DIAGRAM 30.f4
Qe3 [30...Rxf4? 31.Qg3+]31.Qxe3
Bxe3 32.f5 h4 33.Rf3 Bb6 34.fxe6
fxe6 35.Rb3 e5 36.Rb5 Rd6 37.a4
e438.a5 Bf2 39.a6 Kf6 40.Rb1 Ke5
41.Rf1 Rf6 42.Rb1 Bd4 43.Rb5
Rc6 44.Rb1 Rc745.Bf1 Ba7 46.Re1
Kf4 47.Bb5 d4 48.Rf1+ Kg3 49.
Bd3! Rc3 50.Bxe4 Re3 51.Rf3+ ½-
½

Rea,A -Avery,D

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4
cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be3 Nge7 7.Be2
Nxd4 8.Bxd4 Nc6 9.Be3b5 10.0-0
Qc7 11.f4 Na5 12.Qd4 Nc6 13.Qd2
Na5 14.f5 Nc4 15.fxe6 dxe6 16.
Bxc4bxc4 17.Qf2 f6 18.Rad1 Bd6
19.Bb6 Qe7 20.e5 Bxe5 21.Rd8+
Qxd8 22.Bxd8 Kxd823.Qb6+ Ke7
24.Qc5+ Bd6 25.Qxc4 Bb7 26.Re1
e5 27.Nd5+ Bxd5 28.Qxd5 Ra7 29.
Rd1Rd8 30.Rd3 Rc7 31.Qb3 g6 32.
Kf1 Rdc8 33.c3 Rd7 34.Qa4 Rb8
35.b3 Rb6 36.Qc4 f537.Qg8 Kf6
38.c4 e4 39.Rd5 Rc6 40.Qh8+ Ke6
41.Qe8+ Re7 42.Qxc6 1-0

Mink,C- Hughes,T

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3
Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nge2 Nbd7 7.h3
c5 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 b610.Be3 Bb7
11.d5 a6 12.f4 Ba8 13.g4 b5 14.
axb5 axb5 15.g5 Ne8 16.Qe1 Nc7
17.h4b4 18.Nd1 e6 19.dxe6 fxe6
20.h5 Qe8 21.Qh4 Nb5 22.Nf2 Nd4
23.Bxd4 Bxd4 24.Nxd4cxd4 25.
Ng4 Nc5 26.hxc6 Qxc6 27.f5 Qg7
28.f6 Qg6 29.Ra7 Rb7 30.f7+ Kh8
31.
Rxa8Rxa8 32.f8Q+ Rxf8 33.Rxf8+
Kg7 34.Rf6 1-0

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The Denver Chess Club in 2002:

Fast Facts by Paul Grimm

If 2001 was a year of revival for the Denver Chess Club (DCC), then Denver's only chess organization to promote rated play continued on that trajectory in 2002. Here's some fast facts:

- DCC got "More-Stronger-Better"! DCC player participation, player strength, and prize money payouts all increased over the same months in 2001. Here's the annual averages:

	2001	2002 (thru Nov)
Monthly Player Participation	28	52
Average Player Strength	1428	1468
Average Monthly Prize \$	\$270.50	\$387.27
Total Prize \$	\$3,246	\$4,260

- DCC got a web site: www.denverchessclub.com!! Muchos gracias to the club webmaster, Brad Johnson, who put in over 100 hours creating it and maintaining it monthly!
- DCC started annual membership dues and have collected in excess of \$2600, growing to 80 players including 14 scholastic players, and 6 out-of-town folks (including 3 from Cheyenne, WY)
- DCC started the DENVER GRAND PRIX paying out \$800 in additional money. Winners were announced at the DCC Club Championship Tourney.
- DCC resumed the DCC Club Championship Tourney, which was held 14-15 Dec 02.
- DCC improved the playing environment by the following actions:
 - Non-toleration of poor-sportsmanship conduct;
 - Separation of blitz players and G/90 players into different rooms to reduce noise;

I conclude this article by recognizing monthly winners this year. I hope you support the DCC in 2003 by dropping by the VFW on a Tuesday night soon!

	Open Winner	Reserve Winner
Jan	Valvo, Shauck, Willson, Sparks: \$260	
Feb	IM Mike Valvo: \$180	
Mar	IM Mike Valvo: \$184	
Apr	IM Mike Valvo: \$100	Shannon Fox & Joe Aragon: \$170
May	Josh Smith: \$137	
June	Josh Smith: \$132	Pete Short & Tim Brennan: \$120
Jul	QUADS	QUADS
Aug	Billy Willson: \$81	James Williams: \$104
Sep	Smith, Hughes, Frohardt: \$153	Brad Johnson: \$96
Oct	Josh Smith: \$136	Tim Brennan & John Mitchell: \$172
Nov	Daoud Zupa: \$95	Tim Brennan: \$80
Dec	Not available at press time	Not available at press time

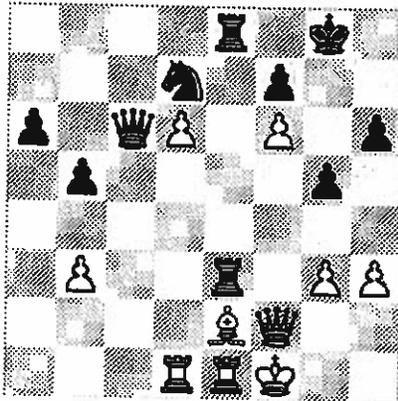
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combatants left established theory at an early stage and had a complicated middlegame:

Milan Matulovic - Istvan Bilek,
Sousse Interzonal, October 26,
1967

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Nbd5 h6 7. b3 Bc5 8. Nd6+ Ke7 9. Nf5+ Kf8 10. Bc4 Bb4 11. Bd2 Qa5 12. Of3 d5 13. exd5 Nd4 14. Nxd4 exd4 15. Nb1 Bxd2+ 16. Nxd2 Bg4 17. Of4 Re8+ 18. Kf1 Qc3 19. Rb1 Oxc2 20. f3 Bf5 21. Qxd4 Oxa2 22. Ra1 Bd3+ 23. Bxd3 Qxd2 24. Qc5+ Kg8 25. Bc4 g6 26. Qf2 Qc3 27. Rd1 b5 28. Be2 Re3 29. g3 Kg7 30. Kg2 a6 31. d6 Rhe8 32. Rhe1 Nd7 33. f4 Ob4 34. f5 g5 35. f6+ Kg8 36. h3 Qc3 37. Kf1 Qc6

(Black threatens 38...Qh1+ 39. Qg1 Qxg1+ 40. Kxg1 Rxe2, winning



easily.)

At this point, allegedly, Matulovic first played 38. Bf3, quickly realized how horrible it was, and then he said in an assured voice 'Ich spreche j'adobe'. Then he placed his bishop back on e2, and played **38. Kg1!** Bilek stopped his clock three times in order to protest, but on each occasion the Tunisian judge, Bouraoui Ben Chiek, restarted the clock and ordered the game to resume. He seemed more intent on having the players reaching the time control than anything else.

Black stands better, but after the incident he was unable to bring home the full point:

38. Kg1 Oe4 39. Rd2 Re6 40. h4 Rxf6 41. Qg2 Qxg2+ 42. Kxg2 Rfe6 43. hxg5 hxg5 44. b4 R3e4 45. Kf1 Rf6+ 46. Kg2 Rfe6 47. Kf1 Rf6+ 48. Kg2 Rfe6 49. Kf1 Rf6+ 50. Kg1 Rfe6 Drawn

Superficially, it seemed as though Matulovic's indiscretions went unpunished. Nobody in the tournament believed his version of the incident, not even the other Yugoslav Grandmasters. But the story does not end here...

One week later, Matulovic's lunch was rudely interrupted. He had to be taken to a hospital in an ambulance. He had gotten a fish bone stuck in his throat! Needless to say, he was in no condition to play that afternoon, and his game against Ortvin Sarapu had to be postponed until the next day.

After 19 rounds, Matulovic was still in contention for one of the top six places. His hopes for qualifying were dashed in round 20 when he blundered on the last move of the time control in his game against Sammy Reshevsky. The veteran American Grandmaster won a pawn, the endgame, and ultimately the sixth and final spot in the Candidates Matches (but just how Reshevsky accomplished this is the topic of another bizarre story).

In the opinion of many, it is just as well that Milan Matulovic did not qualify for the next stage. If he had done so by only the disputed half point, the arbiter's decision would undoubtedly have been appealed. And it is anybody's guess what the result of this appeal might have been.

Milan Matulovic has had a long and distinguished career. At age 67, he still plays in tournaments and maintains a FIDE rating of over 2400. But, nevertheless, it is for his con-

troversial brush with Bilek that he is best remembered. And to many chessplayers worldwide, he is still known as "J'adoubovic".

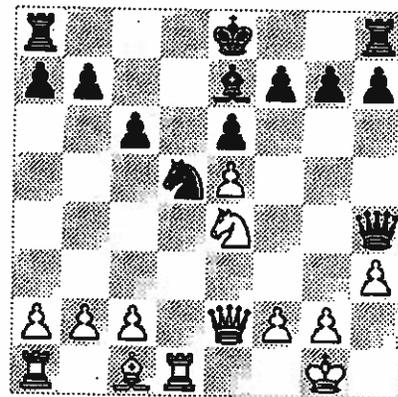
Games from the Colorado Open-continued

Wall, B- Baffo, J

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.f3 Nf6 7.fxe4 Nxe4 8.Qf3 Nf6 9.Bd30-0 10.Ne2 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nbd7 13. Bg5 h6 14.Bf4 Qa5 15.Ng3 e5 16. Bxh6 e4 [it would be interesting to see how the game would continue after 16...gxh6] 17.Nxe4 Qh5 18. Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Bc1 Ndf6 20.c4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Nf6 22.Bf3Be6 23. d5 Bg4 24.Bb2 Bxf3 25.Rxf3 Nd7 26.Raf1 Rac8 27.Bxg7?! Kxg7 28. Rg3+ Kh6!forced 29.Rf4 Kh5 30. Rf5+ Kh6 31.Rf4 Kh5 ½

Thompson, R- Whittaker, B

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4. Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nd7 6.h3 Bh5 7. Ne5 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Nxe5 9.dxe5 e6 10.0-0 c6 11.Rd1 Qh4 12.Nd2 Bc5 13.Ne4 Be7



This move cuts off a crucial escape square, allowing White to setup a devastating ambush attack! 14. Rd4! Kf8 Horrible, yes, but what else can Black do? 15.c3 c5? A bad move in a bad position. 16.Nxc5 1-0

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

Tournaments included: Colorado Open, Membership Meeting Open, Elk Hunt, Winter Springs Open *Note: Rating is average rating over course of tour year.*

Top Most Active

Name	Rating	Points	Games
1 Paul Grimm	1651	167.01	18
2 J. C. MacNeil	1670	162.45	18
3 Ken Doykos	1819	189.60	15
4 Paul Albano	1633	179.18	15
5 Anthea Carson	1561	142.09	15
6 Dean Brown	1405	135.53	15
7 Al Gardner	1600	105.85	15
8 Ted Doykos	1319	94.74	15
9 Allan Ufer	1014	77.50	15

Top Ten Overall

Name	Points	Rating	Games
1 Andy Rea	206.41	2143	14
2 Jim McCarty	189.07	2301	11
3 Brian Wall	173.71	2228	13
4 Eric Billaux	127.57	2064	10
5 Paul Nikitovich	106.68	2213	6
6 Renard Anderson	97.83	2273	6
7 Jim Hamblin	93.41	2107	6
8 Richard Buchanon	89.19	2051	6
9 Jim Hammersmith	88.98	2020	6
10 Alexander Gitis	81.10	2025	5

Top Experts

Name	Points	Rating	Games
1 Eric Billaux	127.57	2064	10
2 Paul Nikitovich	106.68	2213	6
3 Renard Anderson	97.83	2273	6
4 Jim Hamblin	93.41	2107	6
5 Richard Buchanon	89.19	2051	6
6 Jim Hammersmith	88.98	2020	6
7 Alexander Gitis	81.10	2025	5
8 Dan Avery	80.13	2027	5
9 Josh Bloomer	58.00	2068	2
10 Luis Rodriguez	45.26	2040	4

Top Class A

Name	Points	Rating	Games
1 Ken Doykos	189.60	1819	15
2 Brad Lundstrom	180.22	1967	11
3 Mark Sherbring	170.08	1962	11

4 Chris Mink	165.65	1980	10
5 Robert Ramirez	113.77	1848	9
6 Michael Munafa	40.55	1954	3
7 Timothy Tobiason	15.27	1807	3

Top Ten Class B

Name	Points	Rating	Games
1 Paul Albano	179.18	1633	15
2 Billy Willson	170.29	1786	14
3 Paul Grimm	167.01	1651	18
4 Tyler Hughes	165.65	1744	11
5 Jeff Baffo	164.82	1797	12
6 J. C. MacNeil	162.45	1670	18
7 Kevin Seidler	155.52	1768	11
8 Jason Caldwell	151.09	1763	10
9 Andrew Smith	129.96	1708	11
10 Mike Presutti	127.68	1684	9

Top Ten Class C

Name	Points	Rating	Games
1 Anthea Carson	142.09	1561	15
2 Dean Brown	135.53	1405	15
3 Randy Schine	128.37	1551	13
4 Morgan Robb	126.37	1495	11
5 Dustin Eager	109.68	1595	11
6 Joseph Aragon	104.75	1435	11
7 Phillip Brown	100.15	1525	10
8 Norbert Martinez	90.02	1504	11
9 Roderick Santiago	86.43	1574	11
10 Brit Whittaker	62.43	1598	5

Top Ten Class D/E

Name	Points	Rating	Game
1 Ted Doykos	94.74	1319	15
2 Emir Santana	93.68	1252	14
3 Garrick Talmage	82.85	1227	11
4 Robbie Caldwell	79.88	1394	11
5 Allan Ufer	77.50	1014	15
6 Clifton Daniel	69.74	1314	11
7 Oscar C Herrman	69.74	1308	11
8 Al Skarie	66.77	1280	11
9 Jon Fortune	64.45	1261	6
10 Steve Wilson	63.19	1260	11

*Tour year runs from the Colorado Open (start) to the North-West Colorado Open (finish) see related article on page 18

Tournament Announcements:**Pikes Peak December, December 28, 2002**

5 round Round Robin system tournament. **Time Control:** Game in 30 Minutes

Site: Pikes Peak Christian School 5905 Flintridge Dr Colorado Springs CO

Directions: From North Academy Blvd, turn east onto Flintridge or Vickers

Sections: USCF Rated, Non-USCF Sections **Entry fee:** \$5.00

Prizes: (each section): 1st: \$15 2nd: \$ 7

Registration: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM, **Rounds:** 10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15

Entries: Dean Brown **Phone:** 719-573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com Players arriving after the end of registration are not guaranteed play in this tournament.

DCC Martin Luther King Quick Saturday only, 18 January 2003 at VFW@1955 Harinock

Chess! 7rd SS EF \$20 if paid by 1/22, \$25 at site Reg. 8:30-9:45 G/15

Schedule is 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15 and 3:00 Quick Ratings used.

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@101/Denver, CO 80231 PRIZES \$130-80-40 Top A,B,C,D/E ea 80-40, Top UNR 60

DCC Tabor Center Blitz Tourney #1 (G/5)

When: Sat., 25 January 2003

Where: Tabor Center Food Court, Lawrence and 16th Street, Denver CO

Cost: \$12; No USCF, CSCA, or DCC membership required

Note: \$10 of every entree fee goes towards prize fund

Registration: 8:30-9:30 AM

Format: 10-person round-robin groups compete for preliminary prize \$ (1st & 2nd in each group). Winners of each group compete for additional prize \$ (1st & 2nd overall and 1st & 2nd U1800); everyone else competes for consolation prizes (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Entries: Make checks payable to DCC. Pay on-site. No pre-registration.

2003 Loveland Open, February 15 - 16, 2003

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: TC 40/2 2nd and later 20/1 **Site:** Loveland Community Building 545 Cleveland Ave

Open Section Section: Open to all \$20 advance entry, \$25 at site. Prize fund \$600: 1st: \$250, 2nd: \$150, 3rd: \$100, under 2003: \$100

Loveland Section Section: Under 1877 and unrated \$16 advance entry, \$21 at site. Prize fund \$350: 1st: \$150, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50, special: \$50

Santa Fe Section Section: Under 1610 and unrated \$14 advance entry, \$19 at site. Prize fund \$190: 1st: \$80, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$30, unrated: \$30

Entry fee: By Section **Prizes:** Guaranteed Prize fund: \$1140. Breakdown by section.

Registration: 8:00-9:30AM, **Rounds:** 10:00AM, 3:30PM, 9:00AM, 3:00PM.

Entries: Charles Moore 425 W. 10th St. **Phone:** (970) 667-7043 **E-mail:** thewizCM@netscape.net

Colorado State Chess Association required \$15/year. Other state membership accepted.

A Colorado Chess Tour Event. No Smoking, no Wheelchair Access.

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Colorado Springs Open, March 8 - 9, 2003

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/90 and G/1 for rds 1-3, 40/2 and G/1 for rds 4-5

Site: Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave. **Sections:** Open

Entry fee: \$26 if rec'd by 3/6, \$31 at site. \$6 discount for juniors, seniors, unrated. \$1 from each EF is voluntary contribution to Professional Players Health & Benefits Fund.

April 5, Colorado Springs : HILLSIDE FUNDRAISER

4-SS, G/30, Hillside Community Center, 925 S. Institute (Institute & Fountain), held in connection with Scholastics tournament. EF \$20 (\$15 to juniors, seniors, unrated), \$2 off if received by 4/2. Modest cash prizes per entries. Most of tournament income will go to help Colo State HS Champion attend Denker Tournament of Champions. Register 8:30 - 9:30, 1st rd 10:00. CSCA required. EF to Richard Buchanan, 844B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829. E-mail buckpeace@pcisys.net or phone (719) 685-1984 for information. **COLORADO TOUR EVENT.**

2003 Boulder Open, May 3 - 4, 2003

4 round SS tournament. Time Control: 40/2, SD/1 Site: CU Events Center, 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

Registration: 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.

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