

The Soller Gambit Chapter VI

By Mike Mays

Greetings! The game so far: 1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 f6 4.exf6 Nxf6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.e3 d5 7.Bd2 O-O 8.Be2 Bf5 9.O-O Qd7 10.Re1 Rae8 11.Na4 Be7 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Kh8 14.Be2 Bd6 15.Nc3 Nb4 16.Nd4 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.f3...

We have reached another interesting position with an interesting question of "what would you do in this position as Black?"

First, let's look at the position after White's 18.f3. Black is a pawn down with a lead in development and active minor piece placement once the Bishop gets moved from e4. Conversely, White has a positional move in Qb3, a passed pawn (e3) with a supporting pawn on f3 but is underdeveloped re his piece placement especially his two Bishops.

Black's Bishop is threatened with capture and Black needs to look how he can best utilize his lead in development.

White basically needs to look at how he can get his pieces into play and utilize his pawn structure/pawn advantage.

My choice for Black's 18th move is Bd5 to (1) remove the Bishop from threat of capture and (2) to eliminate Whites Qb3 positional developing move. What would be your move and why?

Now the surprise (!) — an offensive move I didn't expect — 18...Qe7 sacrificing the Bishop at e4. When I looked at this move, it was like a surprise lightning bolt. Totally unexpected. Now let's look at Rob's offensive creative play and sacrifice.

If 19.fxe4, Rob acknowledged he planned Bxh2+. If 20.Kxh2 Qh4+ 21.Kg1 Qf2+ and perpetual check. if 20.Kh1 Bg3 threatening Bishop capture Rook and Qh4 with active counter play for Black.

It was positionally clear to me that 19.Bxb4 was White's best move. Now I expected (Black) 19...Bxb4 20.fxe4 Bxe1 21.Qxe1 and Qxe4 with Black trading two minor pieces for White's Rook and e4 pawn. This is an unclear position but Black would have a Queen and two actively placed rooks. Rob your 18...Qe7 is interesting and a most creative offensive play!

Although I really admire Rob's offensive/creative play thinking with 18...Qe7, I still prefer (Black) 18...Bd5. Black's a pawn down but Black would have a position for active play due to Black's positional piece placement and lead in development.

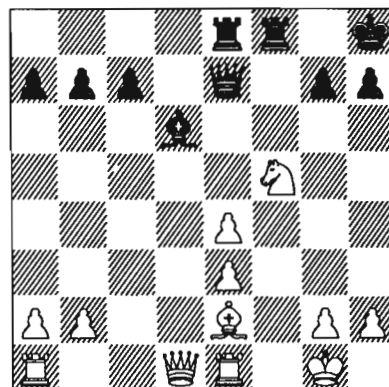
After White's expected 20.fxe4, Black responded 20...Bd6 in place of Bxe1—? At the time I thought this was a clear mistake because of 21.Nf5 (Diagram) — White's move forking Black's Queen and active Bishop. I considered 21...Rxf5 but "passed it over" overlooking Black's Qh6 after 22.exf5 Qxe3+ 23.Kh1 and now Qh6+ and White must sacrifice his Bishop at h5.

Now Black's 21...Rxf5 — is clearly the only move because of previous analysis to give Black hope to drawing. This after White's forced Bishop sacrifice at h5, results in a Queen/Rook and Queen/Bishop end game which should be quite interesting!

Can White win or does Black draw in this ending position —??

Stay tuned and let's see what the creative offensive minded Rob "displays" for the next chapter! I wait in suspense for his next reply!

Take care — see you next month!



Attention TD's

Coming this April to a tournament near you: The NW Grand Prix!

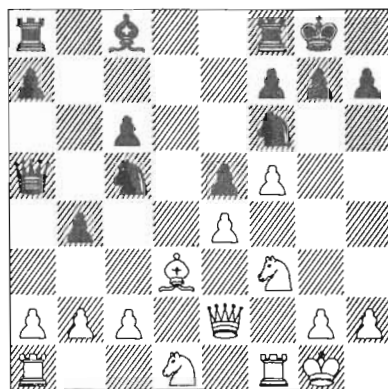
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(It is important for Black to take control over the dark squares and to slow White's development along with that. Now 8 Nf3? met by 8...Ng4.) **8.Qe2** (This is too slow. I believe the best was 8 Bd2 Nbd7 [8...Bxg1 9 Rxg1 Qb6 10 Rf1 Qxb2 11 Rb1 Qa3 wins a pawn, but after 12 g4 White is far advanced in his attack] 9 Qe2. Here 9...Qc7 is necessary, because 9...0-0 is met by 10 g4! and 9...b5?? loses to 10 Nxb5) **8...b5** 9.Nf3 Nbd7 **10.Be3** ("Toothless". Again, 10 Bd2 was the best. If 10...b4, then 11 Nd1 0-0 12 Ne3, taking over the c4 square. The text is helping Black's plan.) **10...0-0!** **11.Bxc5** (White can not be satisfied with 11 Nxe5 because of 11...Bxe3 12 Nxd7 Bxd7 13 Qxe3 Bxf5 14 0-0 Be6 with a good game for Black) **11...Nxc5 12.0-0** (Neil did not even take time to look at 12 Nxe5. After 12...Re8 13 Nxc6 [13 Nf3 (or g4) Nfxe4!] 13...Qb6 14 Bxb5 [14 Nb4 Nxe4!] 14...Nxe4 White is in trouble) **12...b4!** (If White played 13 a3 his game would be better, because of the troubled c8 Bishop) **13.Nd1** (Diagram top of next column)



(Here I was thinking about something like 13...Qb6 14 Kh1 Nfd7 15 Nf2 a5 16 g4 f6 15 g5 and concluded that my game is safe but passive and that surprised me, because I did not waste a single tempo in the opening. My experience convinced me that I should have something better.) **13...Bxf5!!** (Excellent tactical opportunity to finish development, to connect rooks, and to capture the initiative!) **14.exf5 e4** **15.Bc4** (It is hard to believe, but this natural move almost loses! The best here was

15 Nf2 exd3 16 cxd3 and a fight is ahead. After the text, there are too many tactical weaknesses in White's position and his pieces remain disorganized.) **15...exd3** **16.Rxf3** (16 Qxf3 is met by 16...Nce4) **16...Rfe8** **17.Ne3** (17 Re3 was not much better. After 17...Rxe3 18 Nxe3 Re8 Re1 Na4 Black must win.) **17...Rad8** **18.Ra4** (Loses instantly. Time trouble coup with a poor position.) **18...Nce4** **19.Ra5** **Ng5** **20.Rff1** **Rxd1** **21.Rxd1** **Qc5** (White resigned. 22 Re1 Nxe4 23 Qxe4 Rxe3 was hopeless enough and this was not the only way.) **0-1** (Orlov)

Matt Edwards Juan Leon Jimenez
Round 2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.c3 Qa5 5.dxe5 Qxc5 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Rd2 10.Nbd2 Ne5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Nf3 Qc7 13.Bf1 b6 14.g3 Bb7 15.Bg2 Nd7 16.Qe2 Kh8 17.Bd2 e6 18.Rac1 f5 19.Rf7 20.Red1 Nf6 21.f3 Ba6 22.Qe1 fxg3 23.fxg3 Nd7 24.Be3 Bf8 25.Rd2 Nc6 26.Nxc5 Bxc5 27.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 28.Kf1 Raf8 29.Rcc2 Bb7 30.Qg1 1-0

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TO PARTICIPATE: When sending your tournament announcement to NW Chess, be sure to mention that your tournament will be a Grand Prix event. After the event be sure to send the Grand Prix fees to Philip Peterson, 17107 100th Ave. E., Puyallup, WA 98373-9694.

QUESTIONS? Call Philip Peterson at (206) 770-1210.

Players

Now the perfect excuse to have an active tournament schedule. The more you play, the better your chances of getting a bonus next April! It's like getting a year's worth of entry fees back! Players in a NW Grand Prix tournament will receive 1 point for each win, 1/2 point for each draw, and 2 points for completing the tournament.

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Northwest Grand Prix Wrap-Up

By Phil Peterson

Several good players held leads for the first two prizes in this year's NW Grand Prix, before losing steam and being surpassed by the eventual winners. Michael Oshiro was an early leader, boosted by winning the first couple of game in 30 events held at the Portland Chess Club. Eventually a more active player, Karl Schoffstoll passed Michael, and was near the top at the half way point, only to be passed by Russell Miller, who played in just about every Grand Prix event held during the last half of the cycle. Eventually, the battle for first place in the Grand Prix turned out to be a struggle of quantity versus quality. Russell hit every tournament with Grand Prix status he could find his way to, from Oregon, to Eastern Washington, to his own stamping grounds of the Seattle-Tacoma area. Georgi Orlov wasn't able to play in as many NWGP tournaments as Rusty (Georgi was also doing well in Novag's Grand Prix, by scoring well at the big Swisses in other parts of the country), but in those ones he did play at he frequently received almost twice as many points as Rusty. Quantity ruled the day however, and Russell didn't even need to play in the final events to have secured the \$300 first prize with 99.5 Grand Prix points, leaving the \$200 second for IM Orlov's 93.5. The next five runners for the overall prizes were all Oregon players, with Richard Wood (76.5) and Karl Schoffstoll (75.5) the closest to the winners.

With almost twice as many points as the next "A" player, Oregon's Laszlo Szalvay has had "A" prize locked up for some time. Laszlo's 70.5 points compared quite well with the next best "A" player's (David Yoshinga) 39 points. His \$150 prize is enough to pay the entry and hotel costs if he chooses to get a good start on the next grand prix cycle by competing in the Washington Open (more than \$10,000 guaranteed prizes!).

With Russell Miller in line for either first or second overall, the cash for the "B" prize was the closest contest with Oregon's David White often just a half point ahead of Washington's Ben Delson. David managed to get in one extra tournament toward the end of the Grand Prix, so he managed to secure the "B" prize even before coming up for the last Grand Prix event in Washington and further widening his lead over Ben by going 4-1 a point ahead of Ben in this final event. Final scores: David White: 70. Ben Delson: 63.5.

David Golding of Seattle took the "C" prize with 61.5, a cool 25 Grand Prix points in front of John Litvin, and the "D" honors went to Everett's Jeremy Monahan.

38 tournaments participated in the Northwest Grand Prix, with 18 of them taking place in Oregon, and 20 taking place in Washington. Next year's prize structure and scoring

system has been restructured to cancel out inequities in the system. Below is a list of the highest finishers.

Overall				
Miller, Rusty	Wa	1700	99.5	\$300
Orlov, Georgi	Wa	2628	93.5	\$200
Wood, Richard	Or	2308	76.5	
Schoffstoll, Karl	Or	2206	75.5	
Szalvay, Laszlo	Or	1877	70.5	
White, David	Or	1695	70	
Raptis, Nick	Or	2182	66.5	
Delson, Ben	Wa	1671	63.5	
Golding, David	Wa	1514	61.5	
Haessler, Carl	Wa	2247	58.5	
Oshiro, Michael	Wa	2145	52.5	
Under 2000				
Szalvay, Laszlo	Or	1877	70.5	\$150
Yoshinaga, David	Or	1979	39	
McNall, Kent	Wa	1928	29	
Hackworth, Terry	Wa	1904	28.5	
Umipeg, Glenn	Wa	1863	27	
Imgrund, John	Or	1975	26.5	
Erion, Tim	Or	1964	25	
Under 1800				
Miller, Rusty	Wa	1700	99.5	
White, David	Or	1695	70	\$150
Delson, Ben	Wa	1671	63.5	
Higgins, Tony	Or	1656	50	
Monahan, Darby	Wa	1637	46	
Crenshaw, Russ	Or	1609	44	
Hubbard, Quinn	Wa	1635	42.5	
Bravo, Angelo	Wa	1679	34.5	
Under 1600				
Golding, David	Wa	1514	61.5	\$150
Litvin, John	Or	1468	36.5	
Mayer, Carol	Wa	1425	33	
Wilkinson, Scott	Wa	1572	31	
Putz, Anthony	Wa	1576	27.5	
Tumasonis, Roger	Or	1408	27	
Marr, Vincent	Wa	1440	26.5	
Under 1400				
Monahan, Jeremy	Wa	1293	32.5	\$150
Weller, Stephen	Wa	1256	21.5	
Carney, C. C.	Or	1362	20	
Grinstead, John	Wa	1348	19	
Monson, Heidi	Or	1036	18	
Davis, Joe	Wa	1147	17.5	
Bemis, Gary	Wa	1362	17	

Northwest Grand Prix.

The Northwest Chess Board of Directors recently met and overhauled the NWGP structure and prize fund format. We were given helpful suggestions from players and organizers as to what would improve the NWGP. The Grand Prix was a success as it made enough money to cover the advertising, prize fund and the NWGP administrators costs. The NWGP is designed to stimulate players to participate in more chess tournaments. It is also a vehicle organizers can use to help draw more players to their NWGP rated events. Remember the new cycle runs from 4/1/93 to 5/31/94.

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\$5000-\$9999.99,	FIVE;
\$10000-\$19999.99,	SIX;
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tised in NWC. Guaranteed dollar amounts must also be advertised in the magazine. "Based on" prizes are counted as 1/2 guaranteed.

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1st	\$1000
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3rd	\$400
< 2400	1st \$400, 2nd \$300
< 2200	1st \$350, 2nd \$250

Class Sections (6-round swiss)

<2000	1st \$350, 2nd \$250
<1800	1st \$300, 2nd \$200
<1600	1st \$250, 2nd \$150
<1400	1st \$150, 2nd \$75
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Received before May 14, 1993.....\$90

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Info: Call Bob Holmes, 604-882-9186.

1993/94 NWGP Winners

Angelo Bravo, of Seattle WA and a member of the J'Adoube Chess Club, is a double winner of the second installment of the Northwest Grand Prix. For his efforts he wins the Class "A" section (1800 - 1999) 1st prize of \$100 and also wins the most points scored by a Washington State resident prize of \$100, with his total of 286 points!! Angelo's phenomenal score was from the 33 NWGP events he attended in Washington and Oregon.

Oregon's top NWGP point scorer was Arliss Dietz, of Beaverton, who had a total of 182 NWGP points from only 16 events to earn him \$100 for his efforts!

Players are placed according to the highest rating obtained during the cycle per the USCF crosstables.

Tournament organizers remember: making your events a NWGP encourages people to travel and participate for the NWGP points.

Here is the list of NWGP winners from the second cycle.

Master:	1st.	NM Juan Jimenez	WA	239.0	\$100
	2nd	IM Georgi Orlov	WA	193.0	\$50
Expert:	1st	Jerry Prothero	WA	153.0	\$100
	2nd	Laszlo Szalvay	OR	141.0	\$50
Class A	1st	Angelo Bravo	WA	286.0	\$100
	2nd	Eric Woro	WA	135.5	\$50
Class B	1st	Ken Sorensen	WA	241.5	\$100
	2nd	F. Scott Wilkinson	WA	228.5	\$50
Class C	1st	Stephen Christopher	WA	237.0	\$100
	2nd	John Christy	WA	179.0	\$50
Class D/E	1st	Lois Ruff	WA	100.0	\$100
	2nd	Ed Dubois	WA	97.5	\$25
	2nd	Larry Maley	WA	97.5	\$25

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9-10	Puget Sound Open	Tacoma	7
16	SCC NWGP Quads	Seattle	5
23-24	Easy Does It #3	Olympia	6
24	PCC Sunday Action G/30	Portland	7
30	WA Class Action Champ	Tacoma	14

August

Date	Event	Where	Pts
6-7	Seattle Seafair Open	Seattle	14
13-14	High Desert Open	Bend	14
20-21	Paul Demaree Memorial	Tacoma	7
21	PCC Sunday Action G/30	Portland	7
27	SCC NWGP Quads	Seattle	5



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94-95 NWGP Wrap Up

Philip Peterson

It seems fitting that the overall leader in Grand Prix play, is perhaps the player who has played more games in the Northwest than any other player.

Stephen Christopher has been playing chess in this region since the mid 1960's, and judging by the number of events he played in to win the grand prix this year, is still going strong. Steve had more than a 30 point lead over the next highest player, allowing him to win both the Best Washington player prize (\$100), as well as the class "C" prize (another \$100!)

Ben Delson gave Christopher a pretty good run for the best Washington player, but Ben headed East to play in the World Open, and while he was doing that Christopher was continuing to work the Northwest Grand Prix circuit, creating an insurmountable lead.

The over 2200 prize turned out to be a three way race between **Juan Leon Jimenez**, **Georgi Orlov**, and **Viktors Pupols**. In the end Jimenez's greater activity did the trick, allowing him to take the \$100 master prize 10 points above Orlov.

David White was the Grand Prix's other double-prize winner, winning the Best Oregon player as well as gaining the most points in the expert class. His 245 points was just one less than the 2nd best total of Ben Delson. David's \$200 should take care of a couple of entry fees for the coming Grand Prix cycle! **Paul Bartron** was almost 100 points behind White, but this was good enough for the 2nd place \$50 prize.

Finishing fourth place overall, and having more than a hundred point lead in his class was **F. Scott Wilkinson**, 1995's class A winner. **Don Emigh** eked out a narrow victory for the second place prize, beating **David Williams** by a mere 7.5 points.

Ben Delson fought a hard battle for Best Washington player, but in the end had to settle for the \$100 Class "B" prize. The second place prize in this class was close too, with **Troy Pendergraft** finishing only 5.5 points ahead of **Darby Monahan** and 6 points of **Arliss Dietz**.

Chris Kalina had the misfortune to be in the same class as **Stephen Christopher**, and so could only attain the \$50 2nd place prize for class "C"

Lois Ruff nailed down the under 1400 prize, finishing 31.5 points ahead of the next player, 2nd place finisher **Stephen Weller**

In addition to the \$100 for first place in each class, the winners also received a plaque commemorating their chess prowess.

The Grand Prix also generated money for the Washington Chess Federation, Oregon Chess Federation and Northwest Chess Magazine. Hopefully, the Grand Prix also increased tournament attendance around the Northwest, and the extra attendance more than made up for the Grand Prix fees.

For you Tournament directors, remember to send the Grand Prix fees of \$1/player (\$15 minimum) to the new Grand Prix Administrator **Robert A. Karch** at PO Box 5006, Lacey, WA 98509-5006.

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Northwest Grand Prix Administrator: Robert A. Karch, PO Box 5006, Lacey, WA 98509-5006

Greetings to all! I will be your new Grand Prix administrator, the duties being integrated into those of the Northwest Chess Business Manager, rather than as a separate responsibility.

This cycle covers the period 1 August 1995 through 30 September 1996, a 14-month period. Eventually, it is intended that the Grand Prix cover the calendar year, from January 1st through December 31st. This month's report covers those Grand Prix eligible tournaments for the month of August 1995. You can play in both States, but the prizes will be awarded by State of residence.

In my early reports, I will list all the players, in order of Grand Prix totals, then alphabetically, as long as we have the space on the half-page. This way, all players will know where they stand. I will also show the rating which is being used. The leading player/s in each class are shown in **bold**. Prize details are on page 9, September 95 issue.

Oregon (65)

Laszlo Szalvay (1968) 18, Richard Gutman (2177) 14, Steve Lenhart (1786) 14, Frederico Gonzalez (2278) 13, Clark Harmon (2282) 13, J.J. Spencer (1584) 12½, Troy Pendergraft (1607) 12, Matt Goshen (2103) 11, Doug McMickle (1650) 11, Alan Petit (1700) 11, Karl Cardona (2077) 10, y Fortier (1309) 10, Tom Robinson (1600) 10, es Willis (1673) 10, Ben Lin (1939) 9½, Scott Smyth (1794) 9½, Richard Banner (1925) 9, Dave Carlson (1273) 9, David Cohen (1570) 9, Preston Polasek (2024) 9, Garry Singer (1714) 9, Albert

Babcock (1527) 8, Warren Chase (1606) 8, Loren Delaney (1534) 8, Chris Simon (1160) 8, John Roth (1086) 8, Sam McKibbin (1629) 7½, Bill Ellis (1754) 7, Jeffrey Pisan (1279) 7, Larry Rudin (1603) 7, Jay Collins (2155) 6, Carl Haessler (2200) 6, Dan Rogers (1800) 6, Richard Wood (2288) 6, Tom Crispin (2216) 5, John Martin (1775) 5, Seneca Nowland (1266) 5, Karl Schoffstoll (2234) 5, Carey Theil (1677) 5, William Gagnon (1712) 4½, John Hatala (2190) 4½, Bill Heywood (2100) 4½, Jim McClure (1921) 4½, Larry Ball (1947) 4, David Bannon (1725) 4, Jerry Barnes (1428) 4, Kendra Crispin (1138) 4, Alexis Evidente (1657) 4, Tony Kowalczyk (1957) 4, John Lai (1808) 4, Michael Ratliff (1462) 4, Steve Surak (2022) 4, David Ward (1782) 4, Sean Zlatnik (1560) 4, David White (1947) 3½, David Hands (1423) 3, Jeff Hanks (1704) 3, Dan Hardisty (1431) 3, Aaron Morelli (1465) 3, Laszlo Szalvay Jr (1650) 3, Eric Anderson (1286) 2, David Fix (1000) 2, Jon Strohen (1693) 2, Jim Davis (1926) 1½, Chedley Aouriri (1623) 1.

Washington (73)

Chris M. Kalina (1594) 17½, Robert J. Allen (1894) 16, Lois A. Ruff (1234) 15, Ben Delson (1655) 14½, Andrew M. Wall (1220) 14½, Elena Donaldson (2482) 13, Georgi Orlov (2588) 13, Jerry Prothero (2125) 13, Darby P. Monahan (1651) 12½, Paul R. Bartron (2125) 12, James McCormick (2200) 12, Christopher Wirfs (1937) 12, Stephen F. Weller (1332) 11½, David G.

Arganian (2152) 11, Philip Peterson (2003) 11, Michael A. Schemm (2037) 11, Joseph Anderson (2047) 10, Corey Bloom (1671) 10, Robert Brewster (2100) 10, Brian R. Day (1883) 10, Juan Leo Jimenez (2262) 10, Michael Kennedy (1776) 10, Pablo Manzoni (1605) 10, Steve Merwin (1980) 10, Sakchai Petchoom (1860), Ed M. Stoddard (1792) 10, Glenn Umipeg (1804) 10, Patrick Van Dyke (1774) 10, Eric Boissiere (1704), Thomas R. Craig (1438) 9, Donald C. Emigh (1725) 9, Erick Munzlinger (1852) 9, August Piper (1707) 9, John P. Scott (1460) 9, Neal Bonrud (1526) 8, Shon P. Brasfield (1258) 8, Bill Elliott (1563) 8, Chad S. Fondren (1517) 8, Drayton Harrison (1304) 8, Gerald Larsen (1362) 8, David N. Williams (1817) 8, Eric T. Wings (1260) 8, Richard Golden (1453) 7, Carol Mayer (1507) 7, Tony Suh (1464) 7, Steve Wing (1616) 7, Neil V. Salmon (2254) 6½, James Sullivan (1301) 6, Bryan M. Ward (925) 6, Jack Wiener (1278) 6, Kirk D. Wings (1500) 6, Riley Yates-Doer (1640) 6, Bruce W. Gregg (1949) 5½, Ernst Rasmussen (1900) 5½, Joseph P. Eversole (2049) 5, Dan Marshall (2140) 5, Randy A. Walther (1900) 5, Brad R. Bodie (1631) 4½, Carl Harder (1500) 4½, H.G. Pitre (1900) 4½, Richard Shtivelband (1366) 4½, Richard A. Bliss (1167) 4, Joel Bowen (1414) 4, Terence Farrell (1282) 4, Charlie Zarate (1322) 4, David Archer (1514) 3½, Robert A. Karch (1800) 3½, Austin Shorter (1400) 3½, Joshua Bowen (1008) 3, Seth D. Clemons (1300) 3, Michael W. Moore (1648) 3, Steven P. Johnson (1246) 3, Robert M. Bond (2103) 1½.

Final 1996 Grand Prix Report

by Mark Turner

1995-1996 NWGP

Washington \$1616

Oregon \$906

This will be the end of the Northwest Grand Prix unless something unusual happens. The Northwest Chess board has canceled this program. The money we had for the NWGP was \$1.00 per person and that dollar would be better spent on increasing the prize fund of the tournaments or decreasing the entry fees. If you disagree, then contact a member of the NWCC and let them know your displeasure. There is nothing stopping the program from starting back up again if enough people desire it.

The dollar amounts of the based on prizes given for each state and the total amounts received. I have deducted approximately \$150.00 for each section for trophies and other expenses then given out the rest.

Congratulations to all those that won this year. You have proven yourselves to be most active and successful in your year chess endeavors. Even those that did not make the winners lists still won. Your chess has undoubtedly improved. You met and played against many players and have made some new friends. Keep up the good chess work.

Top ten in Washington!

Kalina, Chris M.	275.0	1759	\$146
Delson, Ben	233.0	1734	
Monahan, Darby P.	217.0	1659	
Ruff, Lisa A.	197.5	1397	
Burton, Paul R.	192.5	2185	
Talbot-Dewar, Riley W.	190.0	1895	
Williams, David N.	189.5	1935	
Emigh, Donald C.	182.0	1784	
Harrison, Drayton J.	180.0	1653	
Papula, Wilton	164.0	2325	

Top ten Oregon!!!

Shtivelband, Richard	136.5	1621	\$75
Luick, Frederico	133.5	2306	
Szalvay, Laszlo	133.0	2024	
Hands, David	132.0	1648	
White, David M.	126.5	2017	
Smyth, Scott	123.0	1966	
Crispin, Thomas A.	118.5	2235	
Taylor, Benjamin	116.0	1494	
Cardona, Karl M.	110.0	2143	
Banner, Richard L.	105.0	1998	

Top five 2200 and up Washington

Papula, Wilton	164.0	2325	\$146
Orlov, M. Georgi	144.0	2593	\$73
Wassiluk, Steve	142.0	2404	
Edwards, Matthew B.	121.0	2226	
Problems, Jerry	120.0	2218	

Top five 2000-2199 in Washington!

Burton, Paul R.	192.5	2185	\$146
Roper, David C.	152.0	2186	\$73
Schemm, Michael A.	97.0	2064	
Burford, Ronald A.	87.5	2011	
Edwards, Gary B.	73.5	2002	

Top five 1800-1999 in Washington!

Talbot-Dewar, Riley W.	190.0	1895	\$146
Williams, David N.	189.5	1935	\$73

Full List for Oregon

Hicks, Ed	10.0	1917	
Hedstrom, Eric	2.0	1286	
Acosta, Chedy	58.5	1623	
Averitt, Ken	20.0	1778	
Harris, Sabak	9.0	1138	
Luick, Robert	28.0	1342	
Luick, Albert	28.0	1623	
Hoffman, Jack A.	40.0	1410	
Gill, Larry	77.0	2016	
Ballard, Lee	28.0	1679	
Banner, Richard L.	105.0	1998	
Bannon, David	96.0	1742	
Barnes, Jerry	42.0	1440	
Bell, Gary	9.0	0	
Beiges, Jamie	25.5	1558	
Bowen, Ron	17.0	1722	
Brandenburg, Joe	27.0	1695	
Bricher, Gary	4.0	1631	
Briggs, Gary B.	5.0	0	
Burgess, Stephen	14.5	1619	
Burges, John A.	27.0	1728	
Bush, Calley	51.0	1885	
Calvelo, Edgar	4.5	1913	
Cardona, Karl M.	110.0	2143	
Carlson, David	17.0	1773	
Carlson, David	9.0	1273	
Cavin, Richard	38.0	1726	
Chaffin, Allen J.	34.0	2010	
Chase, Warren	11.0	1608	
Cohen, David	18.5	1570	
Collins, Jay	92.0	2176	
Costa, Gerald	7.0	1457	
Crawford, Scott	18.0	1811	
Crispin, Kendra	89.0	1380	
Crispin, Thomas A.	118.5	2235	
Dais, Ryan	18.0	940	
Dale, Kornelius	50.0	1578	
Dew, Prehab	4.0	2000	

Hubbard, Quinn D.	156.0	1836
Rasmussen, Ernst W.	133.5	1931
Schmeeckle, Chris	98.0	1972

Top five 1700-1899 in Washington!

Kalina, Chris M.	275.0	1759	\$146
Delson, Ben	233.0	1734	\$73
Monahan, Darby P.	217.0	1659	
Emigh, Donald C.	182.0	1784	
Harrison, Drayton J.	180.0	1653	

Top five 1400-1699 in Washington!

Wall, Andrew M.	145.5	1530	\$146
Kliest, Carol	116.5	1511	\$73
Scott, John P.	113.0	1583	
Mead, John D.	94.0	1478	
Monahan, Jeremy	92.0	1510	

Top five under 1400 in Washington!

Ruff, Lois A.	197.5	1397	\$146
Weller, Stephen F.	112.0	1356	\$73
Wiener, Jack	101.5	1370	
Bowen, Joshua	84.0	1053	
Sjoberg, Robert J.	74.5	1394	

Top five 2200 and up in Oregon!

Gonzalez, Frederico	133.5	2306	\$75
Crispin, Thomas A.	118.5	2235	\$37
Haessler, Carl A.	63.0	2276	
Wood Jr., Richard	59.5	2294	
Harmon, Clark R.	50.0	2282	

Top five 2000-2199 in Oregon!

Szalvay, Laszlo	133.0	2024	\$75
White, David M.	126.5	2017	\$37
Cardona, Karl M.	110.0	2143	
Collins, Jay	92.0	2176	
Ball, Larry	77.0	2016	

Top five 1800-1999 in Oregon!

Smyth, Scott	123.0	1966	\$75
Banner, Richard L.	105.0	1998	\$37
Theil, Carey	90.0	1975	
Vaughn, Michael	86.0	1854	
Lai, John	80.5	1874	

Top five 1600-1799 in Oregon!

Shtivelband, Richard	136.5	1621	\$75
Hands, David	132.0	1648	\$37
Pendergraft, Troy	98.5	1792	
Wentz, Dale R.	92.0	1666	
Martin, John	68.5	1792	

Top five 1400-1599 in Oregon!

Taylor, Benjamin	116.0	1494	\$75
Nowland, Seneca L.	84.0	1572	\$37
Ratliff, Michael	63.0	1551	
Tangemann, Kylan	58.5	1528	
Barnes, Jerry	42.0	1440	

Top five under 1400 in Oregon!

Crispin, Kendra	89.0	1380	\$5
Fortier, Terry A.	44.0	1350	\$37
Humberston, Mark	36.5	1390	
McDowell, Tyson	35.0	1315	
Roth, John	31.0	1231	

SEPTEMBER REPORT FROM THE WIZARDS OF THE COAST GAME CENTER

The United States Chess Federation awarded its Silver Koltanowski Award for commitment to excellence in chess to The Wizards of the Coast Game Center at the U.S. Open just held in Orlando. The Game Center is working with the USCF to bring a major national chess event to Seattle in 1998, perhaps the 1998 US Junior Chess Championship.

The Wizards of the Coast Game Center continued its weekly schedule of Blitz, Siamese and Action events this month with a new cycle of winners outpacing the old: Farkhad Sabirov, David Roper, and Ken Tomkins in Blitz, Corey Bloom and Mikaila Leonardi in Siamese, and Mark Lawrence in Action have churned the waters and emerged champions. The Game Center successfully inaugurated a series of K-12 summer scholastic tournaments on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons which featured Blitz and Siamese play--these events were almost uniformly won by girls and young women!

USCF-rated play began at the Wizards of the Coast Game Center with the Action Championship on Saturday, August 23rd. During a \$2750 guaranteed prize fund with all entry fees returned as prizes, a total of 38 players competed across the three sections of G/30 play. The winners in each of the three sections emerged as follows.

Open

1st: IM Georgi Orlov (\$500)
2nd: Farkhad Sabirov (\$300)
3rd: Slava Mikhailuk and Viktors Pupols (\$75 each)
U2200: Denis Janky (\$100)

Journeyman (U2000)

1st: Nat Koons (\$400)
2nd-4th: Brent Baxter, Glenn Umipeg and Brooks Toll (\$100 each)
U1800: Rodolfo Apostol (\$100)
1st Woman: Carol Mayer-Kleist (\$100)

Apprentice (U1600)

1st: Sam Haynor (\$300)
2nd: Jeffrey Ching (\$200)
3rd: Edwin Dizon (\$100)
U1400: Joshua Bowen (\$100)
1st-2nd Woman: Kirsten Parker, Amanda Ferrier (\$50 each)

Special congratulations to the triumphant juniors in the Journeyman and Apprentice sections!

The Game Center will begin hosting scholastic tournament play on Saturday,

September 20th at the Wizards of the Coast Game Center Student Volcano. This 4 section (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) 100% pre-registered event will return all entry fees as scholarship prizes. The Game Center anticipates multiple chess eruptions at its Student Volcanoes (G/30, SD) throughout the scholastic chess season and another eruption is predicted for Saturday, October 25th.

The Seattle Wizards Classique on October 11th and 12th will let chess players take on someone their own size in a 4-section tournament featuring a Beginners section for players rated 1200 and below. The Chess Mates Foundation invites all student players to play against the chess master of their choice at the **CHESS AHoy!** Master-Student simultaneous event on Saturday, November 8th at the Game Center.

For more information about upcoming Game Center events please refer to the Regional Events Chess Calendar or call the Game Center Tournament Desk at (206) 675-1608.

--Leo Stefurak, Chess Consultant to the Wizards of the Coast Game Center

Shtivelband Wins Oregon Junior

The Oregon Junior Closed was held at the Portland Chess Club on July 26-27. The tournament did not start out on a high note for Richard Shtivelband. In round one he lost to Kendra Crispin by trying to win a drawn position. That turned out to be his only loss. David Messer was 2-0 going into round three, but then lost a hard-fought contest to Shtivelband. So at the end of the first day of play, there was a three-way tie for the lead: Shtivelband, Messer, and Forrest Ramey (who lost to Messer in round one).

In round four, Shtivelband defeated Ramey, and Messer fell a half-point off the pace due to a draw with Stuart Ward. Shtivelband went on to win his last round game against Seneca Nowland. Seneca was having a bad tournament and did not play up to his usual strength. In the remaining games, Ramey defeated Ward, and Messer beat Crispin. This resulted in clear-cut standings, with no ties whatsoever, as follows.

1. Shtivelband	4.0-1.0
2. Messer	3.5-1.5
3. Ramey	3.0-2.0
4. Crispin	2.0-3.0
5. Ward	1.5-3.5
6. Nowland	1.0-4.0

The tournament was fiercely contested--there was only one draw in the event.

TD and Report: Neil Dale

Williams Wins Newport Open

Held June 21-22 in Newport, Oregon, the Newport Open enjoyed its traditional strong attendance: 52 players (12 in the Open, 40 in the Reserve). The small Open section was won by John Williams (4.5-0.5), an expert from southern California. Tied for second at 3.5-1.5 were Ben Lin, Mat Goshen, and John Lai.

The Reserve section produced a three-way for first: Lon Brusselback, Mark Claiborne, and Danny DeMoss, each posting 4.5-0.5 scores. Other prize winners included David Cohen, Joe McGaffigan, Ray Peterson, and Dick Sharwood (U1600). Jon McGeehan and Adam Szalecki tied for first U1400. Heather Youngs won first U1200, and Bob Hahn took first unrated. The somewhat rainy weather was perfect for chess. The tournament took place at its usual location--the FLD building. The tournament was sponsored by the Central Coast Chess Club.

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The 1997-1998 Wizards of the Coast Game Center Grand Prix (WotCGP) Rules



A) One WotCGP point is earned for every point scored in a WotC Grand Prix event, two WotCGP points are earned for successful completion of a WotC Grand Prix event.
B1) Points earned as in A) are multiplied by a weighting based on the guaranteed prize amount advertised in *NORTHWEST CHESS* as follows:

Less than \$500 **One**; \$500-\$999.99 **Two**; \$1000-\$1999.99 **Three**; \$2000-\$4999.99 **Four**; \$5000-\$9999.99 **Five**; \$10000-\$19999.99 **Six**; \$20000 and above **Seven**.

B2) One (1) bonus point is added to each player's point total if the event is held at The Wizards of the Coast Game Center in Seattle.

C) The event must be a USCF-rated tournament advertised in *NORTHWEST CHESS* Magazine. (Advertised can mean just a 1 line listing on Tournament Calendar but must appear for two months at least) Guaranteed dollar amounts must also be advertised in the magazine. "Based on" prizes are counted as 1/2 guaranteed. For example, a 4 rd \$1200.00 Based on tournament, would put it in the \$500-\$999.99 range so it would be a 2 for 1 event with 12 points possible.

D) Cost: \$1.00 per player (\$15 minimum)

charged to the tournament.

E) Prizes: Plaques to the winners in each class, and:

2200 and up

\$100 1st Washington Resident

\$50 2nd Washington Resident

\$100 1st Oregon Resident

\$50 2nd Oregon Resident

2000-2199

\$100 1st Washington Resident

\$50 2nd Washington Resident

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1800-1999

\$100 1st Washington Resident

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\$100 1st Oregon Resident

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1600-1799

\$100 1st Washington Resident

\$50 2nd Washington Resident

\$100 1st Oregon Resident

\$50 2nd Oregon Resident

1400-1599

\$100 1st Washington Resident

\$50 2nd Washington Resident

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below 1400

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J) The Wizards of the Coast Game Center is pleased to support and encourage the regular participation of chess players at all skill levels in tournaments throughout Washington and Oregon. Play Chess! And please play often!!

My First U.S. Open

by SM Slava Mikhailuk

Dear friends, the editor (Mr. Roper) offered me the opportunity to produce a column for *Northwest Chess*. I will present annotations for some of my most interesting games. I hope the readers will find it stimulating to read my analyses and examine some of the lines that don't make it into the game.

In August, I took part in my first U.S. Open in Orlando, Florida. It was held in a nice hotel, with very pleasant playing conditions. The site, the numerous strong players, and the 600+ chessplayers made this event my most memorable tournament of the year.

The 12-round tournament had three main schedules: 13-day, 8-day, and 5-day. The 13-day was the best; the participants played one game a day at 40/120, SD/60, and had a rest day in the middle.

I played the 8-day, which I consider reasonable. The time control was the same. For four days, I played two games a day, then one a day for four days. I don't care for the 5-day schedule. People on this schedule had to play 9 games (!) on the first two days. Of course, the quality of the games was low, and the players were exhausted by the end of the second day. Even the section leaders failed to score well in the last few days of the tournament. For example, A. Reprintsev (a strong IM from Europe) won all 8 of the quick-time control games, but was only able to get 1 out of 4 during the slow games.

There were more than 10 grandmasters in the tournament and I played three of them. Unfortunately, I lost to all of them, including to Schwartzmann in the last round, when a win would have allowed me to tie for second in the tournament.

GM Alex Yermolinsky won the tournament

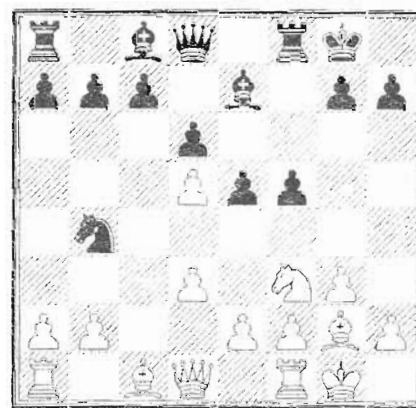
and \$7000 with a 10.5-1.5 score. A great result! I finished with 9.0-3.0, sharing sixth place with GMs Shabalov and Goldin, and a number of other titled players. Not bad, but it could have been better!

This first game is against John Curdo, an experienced master from New England who has won more than 500 tournaments. Curdo had drawn with GM Blatny in the previous round. We played in round 10--both of us had 7 out of 9.

Mikhailuk, SM Slava
Curdo, LM John
U.S. Open, Orlando, 1997

English Opening

1.c4 f5 2.g3 f6 3.fg2 d6 4.fxc3 e5 5.fxf3 fxe7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 The English Opening is one of my favorite openings. The resultant positions usually lead to a sharp game. White will attack on the queenside, Black on the kingside. The question is who is faster. However, in this game, the play was all on the queenside. 7...fxc6 8.fxd5 Usually I don't hasten to play this move, but here it forces Black to choose: either to give up the bishop or allow a White pawn to appear on d5 and make the c7-pawn a target for the White pieces. 8...fxd5 9.cxd5 fxb4 A risky move. White now can win several tempi by attacking the knight. More natural was 9...Nd4 and after 10.Nd4 cd 11.Bd2 followed by Rc1, b4, Qb3, and doubling the rooks on 'c' file with advantage for White.



10.fxb3 Starting tactical play. White's task is to stop c7-c6 and develop an initiative on the queenside. 10...f6 11.a5 then 11.Bd2 Na6 12.Qc4! (12.Ba5? Nc5 13.Qc3 Bf6 is good for Black) Nc5 13.f4 ed (13...Ne4 14.de) 14.Nd4 f1f. fxc4 A necessary move. First, White is threatening 12.Ne5 de 13.d6 Kh8 14.de getting the two bishops--note that this would be bad right away. 11.Ne5? Nc5 12.Qc4 b5! 13.Qb5 Ba6! 14.Qa5 de 15.d6 cd+ Second, the queen lets the 'b' pawn move and starts putting pressure on the c7-pawn. 11...fxc6 12.b4 fxa4 13.f4d2! White is completing his development and connecting the rooks. 13...f6d7 14.b5 Fixing the c7-

Davis, Jason C.	3.5	1326
Davis, Jim	23.0	1926
Deatherage-N, Blaine	12.5	1530
Delaney, Loren	8.0	1534
Demoss, Danny	22.0	1459
Dorset, Richard	12.0	1553
Dvorshak, Alan	3.0	1761
Eliasson, Armand	16.0	1127
Ellis, Bill	7.0	1754
Ellogott, Joe S.	4.0	1337
Enochas, Gilbert	8.0	1685
Evidente, Alexis	29.5	1657
Fix, David	2.0	1000
Fortier, Terry A.	44.0	1350
Francis, David A.	26.0	1611
Frazier, Frank	3.5	1814
French, Derel	5.5	1762
Fricks, David	14.0	1280
Frojen, Ken	4.0	1768
Gagnon, William	31.5	1735
Geary, Charles	3.5	1503
Gehring, Warren	13.5	1692
Gellings, William	20.0	2005
Geoff, Michael	13.0	978
Gilray, Joe	3.0	0
Gonzalez, Frederico	133.5	2306
Goodwin, Deon	5.0	1453
Goshen, Matt	73.0	2128
Guist, David	16.0	1186
Gulman, Richard	66.5	2177
Haessler, Carl A.	63.0	2275
Hager, Jared	18.0	1240
Hall, James	4.0	1370
Hall, Ralph	12.0	1720
Hamilton, Sam	22.0	2135
Hampton, Bob	20.0	1316
Hards, David	132.0	1648
Hansen, Neil	14.0	1707
Hardisty, Daniel	19.0	1522
Harkey, David	4.0	952
Harrison, Clark R.	50.0	2282
Hart, Derek	5.0	1146
Hartley, Alan	8.0	1828
Hasiuke, Michael	16.0	1736
Hatala, John	66.5	2199
Heibrun, Mel	12.0	1080
Hendershot, David	22.5	1812
Hennell, Eric S.	20.5	1954
Hevener, Dennis	24.0	2018
Heywood, Bill	72.5	2129
Hicks, Robert	16.0	1800
Hinojosa, Werner	20.0	986
Humberston, Mark	36.5	1390
Ivey, Aaron	3.0	0
Jensen, Aaron	3.0	1173
Johnson, Ari E.	4.0	1314
Kahane, Roger	22.0	1490
Kelly, George	13.0	1408
Kitley, Brian	2.0	1526
Koontz, Carl	4.0	2002
Kowalczyk, Tony	4.0	1957
Kruss, David	22.0	1585
Lai, John	80.5	1874

Lapham, William	33.5	2122
Lawyer, W. Severn	5.5	1694
Lee, Eric	30.0	1442
Lee, Nicholas	4.0	1709
Lehmkuhl, Alina M.	21.5	1225
Lehmkuhl, Jeffrey	20.0	1166
Lehmkuhl, Trent	21.0	1105
Lenhart, Steven J.	73.0	1970
Lessel, Stuart	4.0	1531
Lin, Benjamin	58.0	2031
Lin, Thomas	5.0	1844
Mahar, Isaac	4.0	0
Malone, Bob	25.0	1753
Margolis, Dan	2.0	1288
Martin, John	68.5	1792
Martin, Len	38.0	1920
Massey, Byron	20.0	1453
Mc Nown, Marc	24.0	1600
McClure	4.5	1921
McDowell, Hugh	22.0	1400
McDowell, Tyson	35.0	1315
McFarland, Andrew	7.0	0
McGaffigan, Joe	23.0	1480
McKibbin, Sam	57.5	1680
McLeod, Dan B.	32.5	1816
McMickle, Doug	11.0	1660
McNown, Marc	20.0	1709
Meeker, Bill	16.0	1500
Messer, Stephen	8.5	1487
Messing, David	3.0	0
Milbratz, Walter A.	24.0	2729
Moore, William	22.0	1348
Morales, Charles	4.0	1257
Morelli, Aaron	3.0	1465
Morris, Eli	37.0	1457
Morris, Gregg R.	4.0	1197
Morris, Michael J.	8.0	2138
Morris, Timothy R.	3.0	934
Motamedi, G. H.	40.0	2075
Murphy, Patrick	4.0	1394
Narizny, Boris	8.5	0
Nieh, Daniel	3.0	804
Nowland, Seneca L.	84.0	1572
Oates, William	26.0	1173
Oliger, Mark	20.5	1866
Page, Raymond	24.0	1470
Palmeri, Ralph P.	14.0	1818
Pasternak, Mark	4.5	1786
Pavlov, Igor	3.0	1535
Pendergraft, Troy	88.5	1782
Penka, Chris	20.0	1337
Peterson, Ray	5.0	1570
Pett, Alan	52.0	1700
Pisan, Jeffrey	7.0	1279
Polasek, Preston	58.0	2036
Powe, Michael	2.0	1494
Powers, Trip	4.0	0
Prusynski, Paul E.	25.0	1053
Prusynski, Reme	5.5	0
Putnam, Aaron	10.5	1813
Ramey, Forest	5.0	1399
Raptus, Nick	44.5	2132
Ratliff, Michael	63.0	1651

Reiner, Gerald	29.0	1726
Reyes, Hector	3.5	1587
Rhein, Alexis	14.0	1231
Richardson, Lewis	3.0	1702
Robinson, Thomas	23.0	1600
Rochau, Norman	4.5	1837
Rogers, Dan	6.0	1800
Rolston, John H.	22.0	1740
Romero, Paul	46.0	1655
Roth, John	31.0	1231
Rudin, Larry	7.0	1603
Saiu, Mircea	5.0	0
Schoffstoll, Karl	29.0	2234
Selkirk, Charles	4.0	1988
Serrano, Max	39.0	1761
Sharwood, Dick	38.0	1576
Shawyer, Ryan	9.0	959
Shtivelband, Richard	136.5	1621
Simeune, Mark J.	28.0	1564
Simon, Chris	28.5	1166
Singer, Gary	18.5	1714
Skeels, Stephen	26.0	1786
Slye, Damon	70.5	1974
Smyth, Scott	123.0	1966
Sparks, Charles	16.0	1326
Spencer, J. J.	14.0	1609
Strohbehn, Jon	6.5	1693
Surak, Steve S.	75.5	2036
Sutherland, Fred	16.0	1453
Syvain, Jody	4.0	1869
Szaboy Jr., Laszlo	29.0	1650
Szaboy, Laszlo	133.0	2024
Szaboy, Victor	18.0	1233
Tangermann, Kylian	58.5	1528
Taylor, Benjamin	116.0	1484
Theil, Gary	90.0	1976
Torres, Javier	22.0	2860
Tsuneta, Thomas	3.5	1410
Turner, Jesse	4.0	926
Turner, Mark	10.0	1804
Varner, Mutlin	46.5	1883
Vaughn, Michael	86.0	1854
Versteeg, James	12.5	1289
Volleque, J. P.	22.0	1284
Wade, Chris H.	31.5	1770
Wahlbrink, Anthony	3.0	0
Wanvig, Mark	48.0	1784
Ward, David	41.5	1782
Ward, Herk	46.0	1800
Ward, Stuart	27.0	1417
Waters, Patrick	2.5	0
Wertz, Dale R.	92.0	1685
Whipple, Evan D.	42.0	1977
White, David M.	126.5	2017
Wickersham, Larry	26.0	1701
Willis, James	48.0	1873
Wilson, Eric	9.0	1385
Wood Jr., Richard	59.5	2294
Yee, Ken	9.0	1642
Ysasaga, Dustin	24.0	1537
Zion, Peter	4.5	1454
Zlatnik, Sean	24.0	1690

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Abouelkhir, Admed	23.5	1795
Akin, Marc	6.0	1973
Albrecht, Paul	44.0	1604
Allen, Robert	34.0	1894
Allyn, Robert	16.0	1660
Anderson, Dale	10.0	1578
Anderson, Joseph	27.5	2047
Anderson, Larry A.	45.5	1816
Anderson, Mark C.	25.0	1578
Apostol, Rodolfo M.	60.0	1820
Archer, David	66.5	1533
Arganian, David G.	69.0	2152
Arquiza, Raden	15.0	1845
Bailey, Bruce W.	38.0	1832
Ballard, Clint	8.0	2063
Barron, Paul R.	192.5	2185
Bato, Dennis	24.5	1642
Berg, Rigel N.	36.0	1196
Bleier, Steve	8.5	1571
Bismark, Bernard M.	9.0	984
Bixby, Richard	20.0	0
Blacksten, Paul	5.0	1705
Bliss, Richard A.	17.0	1167
Bloom, Corey	69.0	1735
Blount, Brandon	22.0	1512
Bobkov, Vick	9.0	1465
Boissiere, Eric R.	59.0	1736
Bolin, Gary	22.5	1355
Bond, Robert	1.5	2103
Bonrud, Neal	109.0	1731
Borja, Matthew M.	3.0	0
Borja, Nicholas C.	3.0	0
Borgessier, Allison	12.0	0

Bowen, Joel	83.5	1452
Bowen, Joshua	84.0	1053
Bradley, Dan	34.0	1385
Bragg, David R.	22.0	2266
Brasfield, Shen P.	8.0	1258
Bravo, Angelo A.	51.0	1756
Brodie, Brad	3.0	1668
Brownlee, Kieft	80.5	1600
Brunton, Daniel	11.5	1476
Bryant, David	45.0	1492
Burford, Ronald A.	87.5	2011
Burke, Robert J.	24.0	1529
Burney, James L.	6.5	1293
Burns, Eric M.	7.5	828
Bustamante, Richard	22.0	2315
Buswell, Caben	26.0	1225
Butler, David J.	34.0	1824
Calderano, Sandra	3.0	921
Campos, Denk	4.0	1053
Campos, Holly	2.0	984
Campos, Vincent R.	4.0	1959
Canfield, Josh	6.0	0
Capli, Alfonso L.	66.5	1651
Carmichael, William	20.5	1421
Carter, James J.	2.0	1401
Carson, Phillip W.	31.0	1643
Cerminaro, John P.	4.0	1935
Chase Jr., Stephen L.	22.0	1697
Chastagner, Matthew	59.5	1548
Chen, David J.	12.0	1204
Cherng, Cary	26.0	1357
Ching, Jeffrey M.	36.0	1187
Christy, Jack	5.0	1488
Chu, Adam M.	54.0	1449
Clemmons, Seth D.	64.0	1640

Coley, Jerry	3.5	1208
Collins, Casey	20.0	1417
Comer, Brian T.	26.0	1508
Cook, Myron	22.5	1800
Copeland, Ben	3.0	0
Craig, Thomas R.	71.5	1438
Crudo, Joey	4.0	600
Crudo, Rick	4.0	600
Cruz, Luis B.	24.0	1688
Cunford, Greg C.	44.0	1888
Dannen, Daniel	3.0	154
Danzler, De Wayne	40.0	129
Daranciang, Darwin	12.0	195
Darby, Michael	12.0	194
Davidov, Uri	16.0	143
Davis, Joe P.	95.0	162
Day, Brian R.	30.0	180
Day, Theodore B.	55.0	154
De Guzman, Jesus	4.0	162
Dean, Randy	24.0	211
DeLong, Richard	3.0	177
Deison, Ben	233.0	177
Destasio, Douglas	47.5	177
Dewey, William	18.0	181
Dial, Dale M.	36.5	15
Dietsch, Kristen S.	55.5	18
Dightman-Kovak, C.	8.0	11
Dizon, Edwin	49.5	12
Dodge, Jarva	8.0	16
Dole, Michael N.	33.0	18
Donaldson, WGM Elena	41.0	24
Dorner, Gary J.	7.0	13
Downes, John R.	16.0	18
Dubois, Edward W.	19.5	18
Eddy, Kenneth	4.5	18

Edwards, David	73.5	2002	Mannakee, Dylan	1.5	0	Sarnoski, Robert	43.0	1168
Edwards, Matthew	121.0	2228	Manzon Jr., Pablo C.	133.5	1715	Schemm, Michael A.	97.0	2094
Edsall, Bill	8.0	1583	Marr, G. Vincent	39.0	1701	Schlumpf, Nick	9.0	0
Edsall, David C.	182.0	1784	Marshall, Daniel E.	51.0	2140	Schmeckle, Chris	98.0	1972
Edsall, James	3.0	1200	Martin, Edward R.	40.0	1642	Schmidt, Walter	18.0	1811
Edsall, John	3.5	772	Mauger, Frank	8.0	1714	Scholz, Fritz W.	13.5	1877
Edsall, John	15.0	1885	McCarthy, Michael	10.5	1050	Scholz, Philip E.	13.5	1216
Edsall, John	24.0	1741	McCormick, James H.	37.0	2200	Schubert, Paul F.	23.5	1764
Edsall, John	5.0	2048	McCreedy, Philip	73.0	2050	Schullen, Charles	33.0	2421
Edsall, John	20.0	1772	McGary, R. Shane	54.0	1567	Schwartz, Michael	4.0	1678
Edsall, John	38.5	1720	McGary, Bill H.	31.5	2206	Scott, John P.	113.0	1583
Edsall, John	34.0	1344	McGuire, Dennis	35.0	1448	Shear, John P.	34.0	1486
Edsall, John	80.0	1485	McKeever, David	16.0	1385	Shorter, Austin	3.5	1400
Edsall, John	42.0	1879	McMurray, David	26.5	1922	Siler, Ryan	9.0	0
Edsall, John	7.5	0	Mead, John D.	94.0	1478	Simmons, Brandon S.	0.9	982
Edsall, John	28.0	2176	Menwin, Steve	54.0	2029	Sjoberg, Joseph	24.5	924
Edsall, John	24.0	1726	Miesse, Lorin T.	13.0	1911	Sjoberg, Patrick	1.0	802
Edsall, John	3.0	1517	Mikhailuk, Slava	142.0	2404	Sjoberg, Robert J.	74.5	1394
Edsall, John	12.0	1058	Miller, Russell W.	21.0	1705	Sloan, Carl	10.5	2077
Edsall, John	34.5	2214	Milligan, Kerry	97.5	1985	Slutsky, Elon	4.5	0
Edsall, John	44.0	2257	Millikan, Erland	7.0	0	Smith, Tim	3.5	1543
Edsall, John	18.0	1850	Mills, Charles	31.0	1727	Southcote-Want, Colin	20.0	1640
Edsall, John	23.0	1175	Miner, Greg	16.0	0	Spitzer, Tyler B.	94.5	1774
Edsall, John	34.0	1878	Minogue, Rick	0.0	1253	Stensland, Brad	24.0	1380
Edsall, John	9.0	1579	Mitchell, Mika L.	22.0	1840	Stewart, A. George	44.0	1338
Edsall, John	12.0	1450	Mock, Marcus	57.5	2158	Stewart, David W.	16.0	1458
Edsall, John	80.5	1497	Monahan, Darby P.	217.0	1659	Stewart, Jesse P.	66.0	1554
Edsall, John	22.0	1507	Monahan, Jeremy	92.0	1510	Stoddard, Ed M.	96.5	1847
Edsall, John	22.0	1488	Moore, Litsun	21.0	1502	Strombom, Paul	12.0	782
Edsall, John	32.0	1183	Moore, Michael W.	25.5	1646	Suh, Tony	34.0	1477
Edsall, John	30.0	1996	Mora, Jesus	52.0	1753	Sullivan, James	59.5	1319
Edsall, John	42.0	2289	Mulford, Michael A.	8.0	1851	Svien, Jordan	28.0	1382
Edsall, John	55.5	1949	Muller, Dana	4.0	2094	Svien, Michael	13.5	1377
Edsall, John	5.0	1488	Munzinger, Erick	9.0	1852	Swan, Hudy N.	22.0	1051
Edsall, John	54.0	1449	Murray, Arthur A.	88.0	1897	Swan, Larry C.	20.0	1587
Edsall, John	88.0	1646	Naldo, Jesus	5.0	0	Swanson, Jason	4.0	0
Edsall, John	31.5	1971	Neet, Jon J.	58.0	1531	Takara, Kenn	5.0	0
Edsall, John	6.0	720	Neff, Elliott	26.0	2202	Tamarkin, Larry	12.5	2120
Edsall, John	45.0	1705	Neff, Ethan	22.0	1293	Taylor, Scott E.	21.0	1801
Edsall, John	6.0	1500	Neff, Raphael	24.0	1572	Thie, Ross David	11.5	1455
Edsall, John	180.0	1853	Nelson, Chris E.	18.0	0	Thompson, Douglas	4.0	1186
Edsall, John	5.5	1750	Neuhaus, Barry P.	27.0	1889	Toll, Brooks	6.0	1796
Edsall, John	35.0	1254	Neuhaus, Julia K.	22.0	1300	Tucker, David	4.5	1400
Edsall, John	3.0	0	Neuhaus, Tyson	32.5	1229	Umipeg, Glenn	10.0	1814
Edsall, John	2.5	1476	Nichols, Mike	0.5	0	VanDyke, Patrick	58.0	1882
Edsall, John	29.0	1970	Nomura, Jeff	5.5	1989	Vanpoucke, Vernon L.	12.5	1923
Edsall, John	48.0	1243	Norman, Allen G.	5.5	1322	Varma, Eric	2.0	1808
Edsall, John	18.0	1802	Noiskog, Robert	28.0	1768	Vega, Arif	20.0	808
Edsall, John	25.5	1887	O'Brien, Kevin	4.0	1885	Vega, Fernando	25.0	908
Edsall, John	6.0	1834	O'Gorman, Peter	42.5	2028	Vega, Tyler	41.0	1438
Edsall, John	60.5	1831	Olson, Eric J.	16.5	1449	Vergara, Greg	5.0	0
Edsall, John	9.5	827	Olson, Jerry	12.5	1227	Vicencio, Romulo	24.0	1789
Edsall, John	4.5	1580	Olson, Roy C. III	16.0	922	Vo, Tri	0.0	1508
Edsall, John	23.5	1126	Orlov, IM Georgij	144.0	2593	Vrana, Rudolf C.	43.5	1937
Edsall, John	19.0	2100	Orsland, Bryn	6.0	0	Wall, Andrew M.	145.5	1500
Edsall, John	158.0	1836	Oshiro, Michael S.	86.5	2256	Walther, Randy A.	20.0	1900
Edsall, John	7.5	942	Osseward, J. P.	7.0	0	Ward, Bryan M.	6.0	926
Edsall, John	16.5	1759	Ovall, John	1.0	1432	Ward, John R.	14.0	1701
Edsall, John	37.0	1785	Overton, Adam	4.0	1130	Warner, Eugene	20.0	1979
Edsall, John	2.0	0	Owre Jr., Alfred	33.5	1144	Watson, Phil	3.0	1045
Edsall, John	53.5	1680	Palmer, Matthew	27.0	1711	Watt, James W.	14.0	1762
Edsall, John	8.0	0	Parks, W. Hays Jr.	88.0	1078	Wei, Jonny	28.0	1822
Edsall, John	24.5	1452	Patterson, Gabriel	29.5	1714	Weiler, Stephen F.	112.0	1358
Edsall, John	15.0	1406	Pearson, Stuart R.	23.0	1500	Wetland, Wyatt	6.0	0
Edsall, John	3.0	1246	Pekkanen, Paul W.	2.0	1868	Weyer, Russell	2.5	0
Edsall, John	28.0	1500	Pennington, Fred	10.0	1956	White, Philip A.	26.0	1276
Edsall, John	275.0	1759	Perkins, Matt	6.0	0	Wickstrom, Jeff	42.5	1088
Edsall, John	1.0	1871	Petchoom, Sakchai	10.0	1860	Wiener, Jack	101.5	1370
Edsall, John	73.5	1830	Peterson, Philip L.	25.0	2003	Wight, David	4.0	1293
Edsall, John	35.0	1497	Peterson, Ray	16.0	1570	Wilbur, Marvin	84.0	1482
Edsall, John	7.0	1903	Phipps, Bill J.	17.0	2114	Wilkinson, F. Scott	88.0	1828
Edsall, John	10.0	1776	Piper, August T.	87.5	1707	Willatford, Loyd	3.0	1581
Edsall, John	10.5	2121	Pitre, H. G.	59.5	1908	Williams, David N.	189.5	1836
Edsall, John	2.5	1179	Plesset, Ken	24.0	2117	Wing, Steve	77.0	1870
Edsall, John	18.0	1279	Poole, Hansjon	9.5	1117	Winges, Eric T.	75.5	1461
Edsall, John	53.0	2082	Prothero, Jerry	4.5	0	Winges, Kirk D.	78.0	1803
Edsall, John	116.5	1511	Prothero, Jerry	120.0	2218	Winges, Scott C.	10.0	857
Edsall, John	54.0	1605	Pullin, Tim	26.5	1411	Wirts, Christopher	38.0	1958
Edsall, John	10.5	1293	Pupols, Viktors	184.0	2325	Yamanaka, Kieth I.	48.5	2039
Edsall, John	9.0	0	Radonich, Bud	20.0	2017	Yates-Doerr, Riley W.	190.0	1895
Edsall, John	16.5	1705	Ramos, Manuel F.	24.0	1517	Yee, Owen T.	28.0	1178
Edsall, John	16.0	1458	Rasmussen, Ernst W.	133.5	1931	Youiden, Brent	18.5	1825
Edsall, John	31.0	1453	Ratigan, William	9.0	1935	Young, Daniel P.	57.0	1419
Edsall, John	44.5	1374	Reeves, Brandon	6.0	1202	Zafra, Christopher	13.0	1684
Edsall, John	34.0	1474	Reininger, Michael T.	12.0	1475	Zakian, David	18.0	0
Edsall, John	6.0	2238	Reyes, Edgardo M.	32.5	2206	Zaragoza, Rogelio S.	20.0	1947
Edsall, John	5.0	232	Rhodes, Edward D.	11.5	1698	Zarate, Charlie A.	28.5	1650
Edsall, John	20.0	1346	Richardson, Gary D.	16.5	1413	Zatarnain, Roberto	4.0	1346
Edsall, John	4.0	1532	Ridenour, Joffrey A.	28.0	0	Zeiger, Ben	14.0	1142
Edsall, John	36.0	1033	Rodriguez, Luis	65.5	2126	Zeiger, Brad	16.0	1109
Edsall, John	24.0	1514	Rompogren, Michael	4.0	1756	Zeiger, Ernie E.	49.0	1578
Edsall, John	2.0	0	Roper, David C.	152.0	2186	Zeiger, Geoffrey	36.0	1314
Edsall, John	9.0	967	Riddell, Craig M.	3.0	1531	Zetervat, Jason	32.0	1007
Edsall, John	27.0	1879	Ruff, Lois A.	197.5	1397	Zetervat, Jay T.	52.0	1441
Edsall, John	36.0	1548	Rupel, David	17.5	2143	Zulgermain, Nadir S.	28.0	1716
Edsall, John	7.5	1717	Russell, Corey J.	33.5	2229	Zurybida, Paul	45.0	2039
Edsall, John	60.5	2055	Saarenas, Mark B.	24.0	1938			
Edsall, John	22.0	2197	Sahasrabudhe, San	4.0	1967			
Edsall, John	28.5	1377	Salmon, Neil V.	57.0	2288			
Edsall, John	18.5	1302	Sanchez, Tony	20.0	2089			

The 1997-98 Wizards of the Coast Grand Prix

The Final Report

by David Roper

Yet another glorious Grand Prix cycle has come to a close here in the beautiful, sunny Northwest. This year we were lucky enough to benefit from the sponsorship of a fairly new outfit in the world of games: The Wizards of the Coast and their Magic bucks. Although the links between Magic and chess have proved somewhat tenuous, we cannot thank them enough for taking a chance on chess and investing a little money to help that oft-neglected, woefully underappreciated animal, the tournament chess player.

Compiling the results has presented a continuous challenge for a spreadsheet novice such as myself. Sadly, Microsoft Excel could not always point me in the right direction (help files, anyone?). After wasting countless hours at the keyboard, I've calculated the standings, determined the prizewinners, and assembled the final list of WotCGP scores. I've focused above all on checking and rechecking the totals for the front-runners in each category. So while there may be a few errors reflected in the totals of infrequent tournament participants, I've done a global "reality check" to verify the prizewinners.

Next month we'll print the "big list" of grand prix scores. Space is simply at too much of a premium this month with all of the thrilling coverage of the Oregon Open...

The prizes listed here combine the Wizards' seed money with the additional revenue raised during the tournament cycle. In addition to the administrator's cut, er, salary (20%), we've deducted a small sum to cover the cost of plaques for the first place prizewinners. If you're a first place winner and you think the plaque is a waste of money, feel free to foist it off on the nearest passer-by. An executive decision "was made" to order plaques--who can argue with that logic?

Finally, I'd like to offer my personal feelings on the outcome of the Washington race. As he has so many times over the years, **Ben Delson** has reminded the local chess community how devoted he is to our fine game. The quads, the tornadoes, the weekend swisses, whew...I couldn't keep up with Ben this year, or any year. He earned far more points than anyone else in the Northwest, and he fully deserves his "double prize"--\$328 as first overall and first "B" player. Congratulations, Ben!

Washington

Overall

1st: Ben Delson 153.0 \$164

Master

1st: NM David Roper 135.0 \$164
2nd: IM Georgi Orlov 103.0 \$87

Expert

1st: Paul Bartron 92.0 \$164
2nd: Riley Yates-Doerr 84.5 \$87

Class A

1st: Tim Stewart 81.5 \$164
2nd: Chris Kalina 77 \$87

Class B

1st: Ben Delson 153.0 \$164
2nd: Stephen Buck 84.5 \$87

Class C

1st: Lois Ruff 79.5 \$164
2nd: Kirk Winges 73.5 \$87

Class D

1st: James Rader 64.5 \$164
2nd: Philip Cooper 55.5 \$87

Angus Pit Prize

Riley Yates-Doerr 84.5 \$55

Total Player/Results: 838
Total Extra Revenue: \$838

As one might expect, Seattle Chess club regulars dominated the prizewinners in Washington. While participating in both the Washington and Oregon opens was a big help, the aspiring prizewinner also had to attend some of the higher-prize fund seasonal swisses at the Seattle Chess Club to lock up a good result. **Ben Delson's** success demonstrates this simple principle. **Paul Bartron** showed that a steady diet of Tacoma swisses could also put a player on the board. **Ernst Rasmussen** almost made it into the "A" winner's circle playing almost exclusively in Tacoma. Finally, **Lois Ruff**, **Stephen Buck**, and **James Rader** put in plenty of hours down at the Taste 'n' Time. **Riley Yates-Doerr** unsurprisingly walks away with the special junior prize.

Oregon

Overall

1st: Charles Schulien 84.5 \$136

Master

1st: Charles Schulien 84.5 \$136
2nd: Mike Pendergast 46 \$73

Expert

1st: Scott Smyth 68 \$136
2nd: Nick Raptis 58 \$73

Class A

1st: David Bannon 77 \$136
2nd: Tom Kuge 74 \$73

Class B

1st: David Hands 51 \$136
2nd: Eli Morris 46 \$73

Class C

1st: Paul Cressman 61.5 \$136
2nd: Bryan Wise 49.5 \$73

Class D

1st: Ryan Dais 35 \$136
2nd: Albert Babcock 33 \$73

Total Player/Results: 518
Total Extra Revenue: \$518

David Bannon led the Oregon division early, but he didn't maintain enough activity to surpass the superior tournament record of **FM Charles Schulien**. While Schulien himself was not terribly active, rarely venturing "north of the border" into Washington, he played in the major Oregon events, and his results were consistently high.

While Mr. Bannon led the "B" section throughout the year, he stepped up to 1811 on the April 1998 rating list. So Bannon moved up to Class A, bumping **Richard Banner** out of second "A". **David Hands** and **Eli Morris** were the beneficiaries, as David moved up to first, and Eli picked up the second place prize in the "B" section.

Scott Smyth also enjoyed only a brief stay among the expert ranks--long enough to win the expert prize. Congrats to all the winners!!

THE NORTHWEST BOARD IS PLEASE TO ANNOUNCE

**The 1998-1998 Miller
Northwest Grand Prix
(MNGP) (In Memory of
Wallace J. Miller - Father of
Russell Miller)**

RULES OF MNGP

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D) Cost: \$1.00 per player (\$15 minimum) charged to the tournament.

E) Prizes: Plaques to the winners in each class, and:

2200 and up

\$50 1st Washington Resident
\$25 2nd Washington Resident

\$50 1st Oregon Resident
\$25 2nd Oregon Resident

2000-2199

\$50 1st Washington Resident
\$25 2nd Washington Resident

\$50 1st Oregon Resident
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1800-1999

\$50 1st Washington Resident

\$25 2nd Washington Resident

\$50 1st Oregon Resident
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1600-1799

\$50 1st Washington Resident
\$25 2nd Washington Resident

\$50 1st Oregon Resident
\$25 2nd Oregon Resident

1400-1599

\$50 1st Washington Resident
\$25 2nd Washington Resident

\$50 1st Oregon Resident
\$25 2nd Oregon Resident

below 1400

\$50 1st Washington Resident
\$25 2nd Washington Resident

\$50 1st Oregon Resident
\$25 2nd Oregon Resident

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F) Extra Prizes: \$50 for the most points scored by any Washington resident player no matter what rating. \$50 for the most points scored by any Oregon resident player no matter what rating. This is in addition to the regular rating group prizes listed above.

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WANTED

Oregon Desperados

Over 2200		
\$100	Mick Raptis	117.5
\$25	Peter Prochaska	99.0

Experts		
\$50	Jay Collins	99.5
\$25	Richard Guiman	76.5

Class A		
\$50	Richard Banner	75.5
\$12.50	Steven Surak	64.0
\$12.50	Scott Smyth	64.0

Class B		
\$50	Paul Cressman	82.5
\$25	Alan Petit	55.6

Class C		
\$50	Mark Olinger	65.0
\$25	David Cohen	51.6

Under 1400		
\$50	Tony Midson	46.5
\$25	William Woodruff	43.5

Washington Desperados

Over 2200		
\$50	Paul Bartron	189.5
\$25	Viktors Pupols	132.0

Experts		
\$50	Riley Yates-Doerr	84.5
\$25	Joel Barnes	70.0

Class A		
\$50	Pat Mickey	131.5
\$25	Chris Kalina	66.5

Class B		
\$100	Stephen Buck	234.0
\$25	Mike Ferrari	127.5

Class C		
\$50	Ben Delson	146.6
\$25	Darby Monahan	124.0

Under 1400		
\$50	John Mead	68.0
\$25	Lois Ruff	55.5

REWARD
FOR THE
FOLLOWING
MILLER NW
GRAND PRIX
WINNERS

The Complete List of the Miller Gang

Oregon

Over 2200

Nick Raptis	117.5
Peter Prochaska	99
Charles Schullen	77
Thomas Crispin	62
Carl Haessler	51
Richard Wood	40
Clark Harmon	33.5
Frederick Gonzalez	33
Karl Schoffstall	24
James Bricher	13
Martin Gorden	5

Oregon Experts

Jay Collins	99.5
Richard Gutman	78.5
Bill Heywood	62.5
Matthew Goshen	55
Richard Shivelband	50.5
Benjami Lin	45.5
Eric Dana	39
Michael Morris	23.5
John Katala	23
Paul Shannon	18
Carl Koontz	18
Karl Cardona	10

Oregon Class A

Richard Banner	75.5
Steven Surak	64
Scott Smyth	64
David Bannon	59.5
Eric Hennell	56.5
Thomas Kuge	44
Edward Addis	36
Larry Ball	34.5
Preston Polasek	20
David Messer	16
Mark Clairborne	16
Joseph Brandenburg	10

Oregon Class B

Paul Cressman	93.5
Alan Petit	55.5
Dale Wentz	46.5
Morgan Griffiths	45.5
Daniel Phillips	38
Russell Shitabata	35

William Gagnon	34
Le Clerc Ballard	30
Michael Vaughn	27
Sammy Shaw	26
Bryan Keagle	26
Casey Bush	23.5
Danny Demoss	22
Stephen Burgoon	21

Oregon Class C

Mark Olliger	65
David Cohen	51.5
Kendra Crispin	51
Artiss Dietz	38.5
Pete Good	36
Ryan Thurlow	35.5
Timothy McCants	34
Ken Sorensen	33
Dick Sharwood	33
Glenn Sage	33
Deatherage-Nelson	26
Roger Brownell	26
Wray Maxwell	24
Oleg Zaikov	23
Marc McEown	22
Byron Massey	22
Loren Delaney	22
William Barrese	22
Stephen Messer	20
Jerry Barnes	20

Oregon Under 1400

Tony Midson	49.5
William Woodruff	43.5
Sean Addis	34
Ivo Brouda	30.5
Roy Benson	30
Shane Hawke	29
Bryant Brownell	28
Landon Brownell	26
Chance Hamlin	25
John Fritz	24
Shawn Folkert	24
Lisa Wright	22
Dirk Carney	21
David Stetten	20
Paris Sinclair	20
Michael Herrett	20
Navi Gunawardena	20

Washington

Over 2200

Paul Bartron	189.5
Viktors Pupols	133
David Bragg	104.5
Slava Mikhailuk	74
Georgi Orlov	72
William Schill	66
James McCormick	47.5
David Roper	37.5
Elliott Weff	32
David Levine	16
Bill McGeary	15
Matt Edwards	12
Mark Lawrence	1

Washington Experts

Riley Yates-Doerr	84.5
Joel Barnes	70
Jeff Hipolito	64
Nat Koons	52
Matthew Fleury	49
David Arganian	40.5
Keith Yamanaka	40
David Rupel	37.5
Paul Zurybida	36.5
Michael Schemm	33
Harley Grewinger	32.5

Washington Class A

Pat Hickey	131.5
Chris Kalina	89.5
Timothy Stewart	81.5
Gary Edwards	81
H.G. Pitre	72
Bryan Black	72
Arnst Rasmussen	66
David Williams	60.5
Carl Sloan	58.5
John Rosell	58
F Scott Wilkinson	52.5
Kristen Ditsch	51.5
John Cerrinara	49.5
Bill Baxter	46
Bruce Gregg	42
Robert Allyn	34
Alexander Solos	30
Alper Ataman	22

Washington Class B

Stephen Buck	224
Mike Ferrari	127.5
Arthur Murray	113.5
Donald Chinn	90
Rigel Berg	89.5
Stephen Ju	83.5
Jeffery Anderson	76
Marlon Sandford	74.5
Tyler Spitzer	64.5
Donald Emigh	60.5
Sam Hayner	51
Rudolf Vrana	40.5
Steve Fabian	38.5
Nadir Zulgermain	36
Robert Karch	35.5
Glenn Umipeg	32
C. Southcote-Warr	31
Tony Fortier	31
Gregory Maestretti	28
Ahmed Abouelkhir	28
David Karch	27
Quinn Hubbard	26.5
Don Meyer	24
David Messing	24
Steven Kwan	24
Robert Kramer	23
Angela Johnston	22
David Butler	22
Arthur Iodice	20

Washington Class C

Ben Dekson	146.5
Darby Monahan	124
David Hendrick	105.5
Andrew Svehaug	68
August Piper	66
John Christy	60
Alex Larsen	57
Philip Cooper	55.5
Richard Bixby	52.5
Robert Sarnoski	47
Michael Munsey	35.5
Richard Golden	35
Jeffery Ching	34
Mark Stallman	33
Marlin Varner	32.5
Ethan Neff	30

Carol Mayer-Kleist	29.5
Philip Carson	29
Jesse Stewart	24
D. Chattopadhyay	23
Catheri Scrivens	22
David Lawson	22
Allen Jensen	22
James Burge	21.5
Jeremy Monahan	21
Joseph Cho	21
Alan Kwan	20

Washington Under 1400

John Mead	88
Lois Ruff	55.5
David Cutler	49
Alan Hsieh	47.5
Jason Zettervall	46
Stephen Weller	45.5
Jeff Wickstrom	37
Kelley Brown	34
Jeff Stallman	33
Ramone La Madrid	29
Aaron Jensen	27
Daniel Young	26
Don Schuhmacher	26
Brian Svehaug	25
Justin Dome	24.5
Dave Walter	22
W Hays Parks	22
Michael McDaniels	21

Final Events Rated
 SCC December Tornado
 SCC December Quads
 SCC October Quads

2000 Miller Grand Prix Standings

Over 2200 WASHINGTON

Viktors Pupols 61.5 \$139

William Schill 47.5 \$67

Experts

Paul Bartron 58.0 \$139

Riley Yates-Doerr 33.5 \$67

Class A

Stephen Buck 108.5 \$139+139 For top points overall

Chris Kalina 37.0 \$67

Class B

Mike Ferrari 101.0 \$139

Marlon Sandford 88.5 \$67

Class C

Ben Delson 95.0 \$139

August Piper 58.5 \$67

Under 1400

Laszlo Naszodi 31.0 \$139

Daniel Mathews 27.5 \$67

Masters OREGON

Nick Raptis 73.0 \$99 + \$99 For first overall

Peter Prochaska 35.0 \$49

Experts

Richard Shtivelband 44.0 \$99

Richard Gutman 32.5 \$49

Class A

David Bannon 31.0 \$74

Morgan Griffiths 31.0 \$74

Class B

Oleg Zaikov 55.0 \$99

Ryan Thurlow 42.0 \$49

Class C

Dirk Carney 60.0 \$99

Jim Grehan 27.0 \$49

Under 1400

Stephen Pettengill 16.0 \$99

Bryant Haynes \$49

OREGON

Masters

Nick Raptis 73.0

Peter Prochaska 35.0

Thomas Crispin 34.5

Richard Wood 34.0

Carl Haessler 28.5

Corey Russell 18.5

John Graves 18.0

John Hatala 17.5

Charles Schulien 13.0

Clark Harmon 11.0

Experts

Richard Shtivelband 44.0

Richard Gutman 32.5

Steven Surak 31.5

Karl Cardona 16.0

Bill Heywood 13.5

Carl Koontz 11.0

Benjamin Lin 10.5

Class A

David Bannon 31.0

Morgan Griffiths 31.0

Larry Ball 22.5

Edward Addis 20.0

Richard Banner 16.5

Joseph Brandenburg 10.0

Class B

Oleg Zaikov 55.0

Ryan Thurlow 42.0

Ray Lipin 36.0

Sammy Shaw 34.5

Michael Vaughn 25.5

William Gagnon 22.5

George Wilson 21.0

Garry Singer 19.5

Alan Petit 18.5

Lon Brusselback 16.0

Class C

Dirk Carney 60.0

Jim Grehan 27.0

Dick Sharwood 19.5

Vyacheslav Belaychuk

18.0

Corbin Yu 15.5

David Stubbs 15.0

Will Mason 15.0

Ronald Bowen 15.0

Tony Midson 14.0

Glenn Sage 13.0

Under 1400

Steve Pettengill 16.0

Bryan Haynes 13.0

Joshua Reshey 12.5

Roy Benson 12.5

Colin Field-Eaton 11.5

Gregor Markowski 11.0

Albert Babcock 11.0

Andrew White 10.0

Roxanne Samer 10.0

WASHINGTON

Master

Viktors Pupols 61.5

William Schill 47.5

Juan Jimenez 27.0

Bill McGeary 16.5

Georgi Orlov 14.0

Slava Mikhailuk 13.0

Neil Salmon 11.0

Expert

Paul Bartron 58.0

Riley Yates-Doerr 33.5

Harley Greninger 27.5

Joel Barnes 26.0

Randy Dean 22.0

Nat Koons 21.5

David Rupel 21.0

Paul Zurybida 17.5

Mike Franett 17.0

Matthew Goshen 14.0

Class A

Stephen Buck 108.5

Chris Kalina 37.0

Peter O'Gorman 34.0

Cecil Baxter 32.0

H.G. Pitre 29.0

Ernst Rasmussen 22.5

Kristen Dietsch 22.0

Timothy Stewart 20.5

Gary Edwards 19.0

Bruce Gregg 16.0

Class B

Mike Ferrari 101.0

Marlon Sandford 88.5

Arthur Murray 53.5

Stephen Ju 53.0

Donald Emigh 46.0

Pat Hickey 41.0

Rigel Berg 32.5

Rudolf Vrana 32.0

Andrew Svehaug 26.5

Steve Fabian 25.5

Class C

Ben Delson 95.0

August Piper 58.5

Darby Monahan 53.0

Jeff Gale 49.0

Dereque Kelley 31.0

Ata Moshiri 25.5

Micahel McDaniels 23.5

Alex Larsen 23.5

Peter Miller 23.0

Anna Tonkonogui 19.5

Under 1400

Laszlo Naszodi 31.0

Daniel Mathews 27.5

Jason Radabaugh 19.5

Stephen Weller 16.0

Mark Hanna 15.5

Lizz Miller 14.5

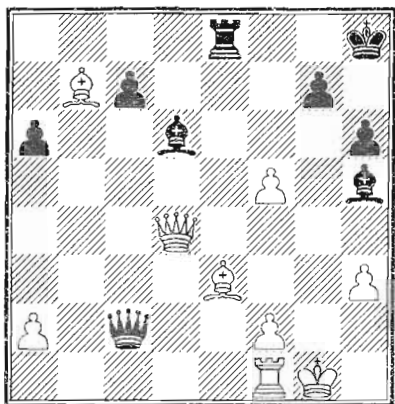
John Mead 14.5

Chris Copeland 12.0

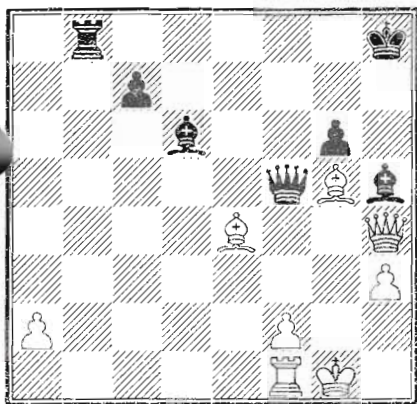
James Burge 11.5

Jonathan Worker 10.5

Ronald Sullivan 10.0



{The situation is thus: 1) White is in severe time pressure; 2) Black has won back his pawn; 3) Black, in consideration of "1" ignores "2" and continues to focus exclusively on play vs. white kingside and this sows the seed for the coming blunder; 4) Black sees 26. Qxc2 27. Bxh6 Be5 28. Qh4 Qxf5 29. Be4 (looks good, right?) Bh2+! and Rxe4, winning a piece.} 27. Bxh6 Be5 28. Qh4 Qxf5 {All according plan!} 29. Bg5! g6 30. Bxa6 Bb6 31. Bb7 Rb8 32. Be4



32...Qe5?? {Illustrating, for the nth time, that those who commit the sin of getting caught up in their opponents time trouble are going to be punished. Black had seven minutes on his clock, but only calculated 33. Qg3? Qxe4!} 33. Bf6+ {I had the feeling at the time that this check was due payback from the Fates for h4? in the Rupel game, Ne5? in the McCormick game, Ng4? in the Yates-Doerr game, etc. etc. I think chessplayers understand this feeling.} 33...Qxf6 34. Qxf6+ Kh7 35. Qf7+ Kh6 36. Kg2 Rb5 37. h4 Rb8 38. Qf6 Kh7 39. f3 Re8 40. Rf2 1-0 {And that's how the State Championship was decided. Congrats to Bill Schill and Harley Greninger, who managed to win a unfavorable bishop and pawn ending against Viktors Pupols in the last round to tie for 1st. Throughout this tournament Schill once again demonstrated his high class and deplorable time management practices - although, I guess I shouldn't be talking!}

The NWC Board is pleased to Announce

The Christopher Northwest Grand Prix

(CNWGP) For 2001

In Honor of Stephen Christopher

RULES OF CNWGP

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Christopher NW Grand Prix

2001 Top Fives!

Washington

Open

Viktors Pupols	50.5
William Schill	43.0
David Bragg	31.0
Harley Greninger	29.0
Slava Mikhailuk	24.5

Expert

Paul Bartron	102.5
Nat Koons	72.5
Matthew Goshen	64.0
Mike MacGregor	60.0
Riley Yates-Doerr	36.5

Class A

Stephen Buck	134.0
Jeff Gale	99.5
Peter O'Gorman	50.0
Danil Berezovsky	49.0
Chris Kalina	48.5

Class B

Darby Monahan	78.0
Dereque Kelley	75.5
August Piper	72.0
Arthur Murray	50.5
Elston Cloy	49.0

Class C

Ben Delson	85.0
Daniel Mathews	82.0
Laszlo Naszodi	40.5
Jonathan Worker	37.5
Anna Tonkonogui	28.5

Under 1400

Casey Fleck	64.0
Meir Lakhovsky	63.5
Stephen Weller	29.5
Thomas Poyneer	27.0
Eugenia Prezhdo	21.5

Oregon

Open

Nick Raptis	73.0
Charles Schulien	23.5
Clark Harmon	19.0
Peter Prochaska	16.5
Richard Wood	16.0

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Oleg Zaikov	53.5
Benjamin Lin	48.0
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Robert Herrera	25.5
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Greg Alpernas	39.5
Vyacheslav Belaychuk	36.0
William Gagnon	28.0
Alan Petit	21.0
Garry Singer	17.0
Lucien Cross	17.0

Class C

Dirk Carney	73.0
Roxanne Samer	32.5
Blake Phillips	22.5
Brian Schartz	22.5
David Stubbs	20.5

Under 1400

Andrew White	27.0
David Cohen	25.0
Zion Castor	19.5
Zoe Samer	18.0
Peter Green	17.5
Alex Quinoveva	17.5

Prize Winners

Highest Total State Scorers:

Stephen Buck	134.0
Nick Raptis	73.0

Over 2200 Oregon

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Final Events Tabulated

Portland Winter Open

SCC September Tornado

SCC November Tornado

WA Class

TCC Christmas Congress

SCC December Tornado

SCC December Quads

PCC December G/60



Northwest News

Lynnwood, WA

Brent Putman of Vancouver and **Meir Lakhovsky** of Redmond tied for first in the **Washington State Junior High/Middle School Individual Championship** on 4.5/5. Putman took home the first place trophy on tiebreaks. Stephen Ju of Vancouver, David Wyde of Mercer Island, Ricky Selzler of Bainbridge Island and Lane Van Weerdhuizen of Lynden finished on four points, tying for third-sixth in the 42-player Open section. Jayson Na of Kilo had a perfect score and was the clear winner in the fifty-player Reserve section. Zach Lee of Federal Way claimed the second place trophy with 4.5 points. Kirk Wings directed the February 1 event, which was held at Alderwood Middle School.

Tacoma, WA

The Tacoma Chess Club announced the results of its recent elections for 2003-2004.

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Vice-President	Bob Karch
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Treasurer	Mike MacGregor
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Publicity Dir.	George Sessions
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Rogers

Issaquah, WA

Issaquah High School hosted the annual **Washington State High School Team Championship** on February 28 and March 1. Forty five-player teams competed in the five-round event. **Lakeside A** (22.0 – Sam **Haynor**, 3.5; Jeremy **Weiss**, 4.5; Marcel **Knudsen**, 5.0; Case **Kiyonaga**, 4.5; Alan **Kwan**, 4.5) of Seattle won by a whopping 3.5 points over second place Meadowdale (18.5 – Dan Mathews, 4.0; Ed Mitte, 4.5; Jason Radabaugh, 3.5; Dan Mitte, 4.0; Matt Loftus, 2.5). Third place went to Garfield (17.0 – Christopher Pleasants, 3.5; Harry Cheadle, 3.5; Joshua Bowen, 2.5; Mychal Rushwald, 2.5; Ben Stephens, 5.0).

Puyallup, WA

2002 Grand Prix Administrator Phillip Peterson has completed his calculations and has made a determination of the winners.

Washington

Overall:	Stephen Buck	120.5
Open:	William Schill	39.5
	Huso Hadzic	16.5
Expert:	Paul Bartron	64.5
	Matthew Goshen	37.5
Class A:	Stephen Buck	120.5
	Elston Cloy	80.0
Class B:	August Piper	98.5
	Dan Mathews	60.5
Class C:	Casey Fleck	79.5
	Meir Lakhovsky	58.0
U1400:	Richard Selzler	47.5
	Kenan Hadzic	27.0

Oregon

Overall:	Nick Raptis	74.5
Open:	Nick Raptis	74.5
	Carl Haessler	23.0
Expert:	Benjamin Lin	61.5
	Richard Shtivelband	37.0
Class A:	Gregori Alpernas	57.0
	Dave Yoshinaga	40.5
Class B:	Dirk Carney	60.0
	William Gagnon	27.0
Class C:	Brett Becke	36.0
	Timothy Goodspeed	29.0
U1400:	Aditya Arun	30.5
	Robert Holler	17.5

Spokane, WA

The Eleventh **Dave Collyer Memorial** tournament attracted 54 players from six states to Spokane on February 22-23, 2003. Twenty-three players took home portions of the \$1,400 guaranteed prize money. **IM John Donaldson** won the title with a perfect 5-0 score and claimed the \$300 first place prize.

Play was sharp and only a dozen draws were recorded for the entire tourney – only three on the top five boards. Many games were decided in the last minutes of the time control. A fourth round battle between Donaldson and Missoula, Montana Expert Greg Nowak exemplified the fighting spirit. Donaldson worked

hard to win a rook and bishop vs. rook end game while Nowak was battling to last fifty moves to claim a draw.

Six players finished second at 4-1: Paul Bartron, Curt Collyer, Steve Merwin, Elston Cloy, Geoff Gale, and David Rowles. Each took home \$75 for covering the second and third place prizes, as well as the first and second "A" prizes. Michael Cambareri (3.5) won \$100 for the top "B" score, and five players split the \$50 second prize with 3.0 scores: Steve Buck, Gordon Higbie, Yacoub Omeish, Henry Pallares, and Phil Weyland. Dustin Benson of Richland returned to tournament chess by winning the \$100 "C" prize with a 3.5 score. Jeremy Younker claimed the \$50 second prize in that category with 3 points. Richard Eggleston of Clarkston and Joe Rivera of Richland each scored 3 points and won \$75 each for taking the "D" prizes. Jeremy Duncan won \$50 for the biggest upset by upending a C player rated 380 points higher.

Continuing a tradition started last year, an anonymous benefactor donated \$150 in special prizes for scholastic players in the event. This year players who scored upset victories over rated opponents shared the award. Garrett Morkill (1400) won \$50 for his victory over a 1700 player. Mark Cassell and Max Countryman each won \$25 for upset draws against stronger adult players. First-time tournament players Jeff Burkert and Ken Hunt also claimed \$25 each for scoring a win over a rated player.

The Collyer Tournament was begun in 1993 by the late Gary Younker in honor of longtime Spokane chess stalwart David Collyer. The Spokane Chess Club and the Gary Younker Foundation continue the tourney in honor of both men.

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