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1966 Clark Harmon	1984 Richard Wood	Carl Haessler
1967 Clark Harmon	1985 Richard Wood	1996 Carl Haessler
1968 Ivars Dalbergs	1986 Tom Crispin	Tom Crispin
1969 Clark Harmon	1987 Mike Montchalin	1997 Richard Wood
1970 Clark Harmon	John Hatala	1998 Chuck Schulien
1971 Clark Harmon	1988 Mike Montchalin	1999 Richard Wood
1972 Clark Harmon	Herman Chiu	2000 Chuck Schulien
1973 Mike Morris	1989 Richard Wood	Corey Russell
1974 Mike Montchalin	Tom Crispin	2001 Nick Raptis
1975 James Bricher	1990 Tom Crispin	2002 Corey Russell
1976 Clark Harmon	1991 Richard Wood	2003 Oleg Zaikov
1977 Mike Montchalin	Carl Haessler	2004 Oleg Zaikov
1978 Mike Montchalin		2005 ??

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Greetings from the Editor

Well, maybe this issue isn't coming out as early as I would have liked, but it is loaded! By the time you get this in your hands, Carol and I will be in France. We'll be returning on April 19; so keep on sending in the material!

Remember, I do need relevant photos, especially for the cover. If you do send a photo, please identify the people in the photo as well as the place, if not obvious.

Best Wishes,

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	USCF	FIDE
1 Janniro, Mike	2130	2192
2 Rowan, Tom	2176	2202
3 Harmon, Clark	2243	2162
4 Pendergast, Mike	2250	2196
5 Haessler, Carl	2202	2234
6 Morris, Mike	2094	2130
7 Lin, Ben	2110	
8 Zaikov, Oleg	2332	2367
9 Raptis, Nick	2312	2270
10 Martin, Roger	2205	

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Drawless in Bellevue, Part II

Decisive Games Continue; Mikhailuk-Champ, Fleury-Premier Winner

The second weekend of the Washington State Championship, though not as bloody as the first, still featured about 75% decisive games. In a surprising result, SM Slava Mikhailuk fell to the second lowest-rated player in the event, Adam Weissbarth, in round five. Weissbarth promptly turned around and lost to the even lower-rated Eduard Shamilov in the following round. Mikhailuk's loss allowed LM Viktors Pupols and FM William Schill to gain a share of first to start round six. Schill immediately dropped to a point off the pace, losing to NM Harley Greninger in round six. Pupols kept pace in round six, but dropped a half point in round seven to NM Curt Collyer. Though Pupols drew with Mikhailuk, he lost to Schill in the final round. Thus Mikhailuk gained his third Washington Championship in a row, while Pupols and Schill shared second-third. Greninger scored three from five in the second weekend to take fourth place. The other plus score for the weekend belonged to Weissbarth, who also scored three.

In the Premier, Matt Fleury and David Rupel set the pace, as both scored one-and-a-half points on Saturday to take a full point lead over the field. This set up a Sunday morning showdown which Fleury won. Both concluded the event with two draws. Elston Cloy, who scored 3.5 from five, joined Rupel in a tie for second-third. The big scorer of the second weekend, however, was Mark Ryan (+3=2-0) who pulled himself up from a last-place tie to share fourth-sixth with Chris Kalina and Geoff Gale. Once again, the number of decisive games was just shy of that in the Championship (17 vs. 18).

Round Five

Championship Standings

- 4.0 Mikhailuk
- 3.0 Pupols, Schill
- 2.0 Greninger, Koons, MacGregor
- 1.5 Bragg, Collyer

Premier Standings

- 3.0 Fleury, Rupel
- 2.5 Gale, Kalina
- 2.0 Ballard, Bartron, Cloy
- 1.0 Arganian, Pitre, Ryan

Slav Exchange

NM Curt Collyer {1.5}

NM Harley Greninger {2.0}

Bellevue, WA Championship (5) 2005

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗f4 a6 7.e3 ♗g4 8.♗e2 e6 9.O-O ♗e7 10.♖c1 O-O 11.♘d2 ♗xe2 12.♞xe2 ♖c8 13.♘b3 b5 14.a4 b4 15.♘b1 ♞b6 16.♘1d2 ♘d7 17.♖c2 ♘a7 18.♖fc1 ♖xc2 19.♖xc2 ♖c8 20.♞d1 ♖xc2 21.♞xc2 ♞c6 22.♞xc6 ♘xc6 23.♗c7 f6 24.♘f1 ♘f7 25.♘e2 e5 26.f3 ♘e6 27.♘a5 ♘xa5 28.♗xa5 ♘b8 29.♘d3 exd4 30.exd4 ♗d6 31.♘b3 ♘c6 32.

♗b6 ♘d7 33.g3 h5 34.♘a5 ♗c7 35.♗xc7 ♘xc7 36.♘b3 a5 37.h4 ♘d6 38.g4 g6 39.♘e3 ♘e6 40.♘f4 ♘f7 Draw

French Burn

FM David Bragg (2244)

LM Viktors Pupols (2207)

Bellevue, WA Championship (5) 2005

Annotations by LM Viktors Pupols

1.d4 d5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 e6 4.e4 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♗e7 6.♗xf6 gxf6 7.f4 b6 8.♗b5+ c6 9.♗e2 ♗b7 10.♗f3 ♞c7 11.♘e2 ♘d7 12.c4 f5 13.♘4c3 ♘f6 14.♞a4 a6 15.c5

A speculative pawn sacrifice (as so much of David's play) that has to be accepted. If 15..b5, Black's Bishops are hemmed in and White's Knights head for e5 (as in one of the stem games for this variation, Fischer-Minev). Black pawns are now ripped up, but, on an open board, the Bishops prevail.

15...bxc5 16.d5 exd5 17.♘xd5 ♘xd5 18.♗xd5 ♖d8 19.♗f3 ♗h4+

Stops ♘e2-g3 and loosens the other Bishop's diagonal.

20.g3 ♗f6 21.O-O O-O 22.♖ac1

If instead 22.♞c2 with a double at tack, what then? 22...c4!, clearing the way for the Bishops.

22...♖fe8 23.♘h1 ♖d2 24.♖c2 ♞d2 25.♞c4 ♖e3 26.♗h5 ♖xc2 27.♞xc2 ♞d5+ 28.♘g1 c4 29.♞d1 ♖d3 30.♞a4 c5 31.♘f2 ♗xb2 32.♖b1 ♖d2 33.♞e8+ ♘g7 34.♘e1 c3 35.♘xc3 ♗xc3 0-1

Sicilian Dragon, Yugoslav Attack

Schill William (2277)

Shamilov Eduard (2150)

Bellevue, WA Championship (5) 2005

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♞d2 O-O 9.♗c4 ♗d7 10.O-O-O ♖c8 11.♗b3 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.♗xa7 b4 14.♘d5 ♘xd5 15.exd5 ♞a5 16.♗d4 ♗a4 17.♞e3 ♖a8 18.♗xg7 ♘xg7 19.♖he1 ♖a7 20.♖d4 ♖c8 21.♘b1 ♗xb3 22.♞xb3 ♞c5 23.♖xb4 ♞f2 24.♖c1 ♞xg2 25.♖b7 ♖xb7 26.♞xb7 ♖e8 27.a4 ♞xf3 28.a5 e5 29.a6 ♞g4 30.♖f1 ♖f8 31.a7 ♞a4 32.♖f3 e4 33.♖a3 ♞d4 34.a8=♞ ♖xa8 35.♖xa8 e3 36.♖e8 e2 37.♞e7 ♞d1+ 38.♘a2 ♞xd5+ 39.b3 ♞a5+ 40.♘b1 ♞d5 41.♞xe2 h5 42.♞e7 ♞d1+ 43.♘b2 1-0

Sicilian Rossolimo

Adam Weissbarth (2156)

SM Slava Mikhailuk (2424)

Bellevue, WA Championship (5) 2005

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.♗xc6 dxc6 5.d3 ♗g7 6.h3 e5 7.♘c3 ♞e7 8.♗e3 ♘f6 9.♞d2 ♘d7 10.♗h6 f6 11.♗xg7 ♞xg7 12.♞e3 ♞e7 13.♘d2 ♘f8 14.f4 ♘e6 15.fxe5 ♘d4 16.O-O-O fxe5 17.♘f3 ♗d7 18.♖hf1 O-O 19.♘e2 ♘xf3 20.♖xf3 ♖xf3 21.♞xf3 ♞g5+ 22.♘b1 ♖f8 23.♞g3 ♞xg3 24.♘g3 ♖f2 25.♖g1 ♗e6 26.♘h1 ♖f4 27.c4 b5 28.b3 g5 29.♘c2 g4 30.g3 ♖f7 31.h4 ♘g7 32.♘d2 ♖b7 33.♘f2 a5 34.♖c1 b4 35.♖f1 ♖f7 36.♘e2 a4 37.♖a1 ♖a7 38.bxa4

♖xa4 39. ♘d1 ♖a3 40. ♘e3 ♔f6 41. ♘c2 ♖a8 42. a3 ♔e7 43. axb4 ♖xa1 44. ♘xa1 cxb4 45. ♘b3 ♔d8 46. ♘c5 ♘c8 47. d4 ♔e7 48. dxe5 ♘e6 49. ♔d3 ♘f7 50. ♔d4 h6 51. ♘d3 b3 52. ♔c3 b2 53. ♘xb2 ♔e6 54. ♘d3 c5 55. ♘xc5+ ♔xe5 56. ♔d3 ♘g8 57. ♘d7+ ♔e6 58. ♘b6 ♔e5 59. c5 ♘a2 60. ♘c4+ ♔e6 61. ♔d4 ♘b1 62. ♘e3 h5 63. ♘g2 1-0

I remember reading somewhere that you couldn't prepare for David Bragg; so there was no purpose in trying. With due respect, the same can be said of Nat: he has a vast opening repertoire. The last time I played him he offered the King's Gambit.

Slav Schlechter

NM Nat Koons (2263)

Michael MacGregor (2190)

Bellevue, WA Championship (5) 2005

Annotations by Michael MacGregor

1. ♘f3

Ok, so no King's Gambit this time.

1... ♘f6 2. c4 c6 3. d4 d5 4. e3 g6

4... ♘f5 5. ♘c3 e6 6. ♘h4 ♘e4 7. f3 ♘g6 8. ♖b3 ♖c7 9. ♘d2 ♘bd7 10. ♖c1 ♖c8 11. g3 ♖b8 12. ♔f2 ♘e7 13. cxd5 exd5 14. ♘h3

5. ♘c3 ♘g7 6. cxd5 cxd5 7. ♘b5+ ♘bd7

Out of book. I played this line because I didn't like the look of a backward c-pawn in the main variation, i.e., 7... ♘c6 8. ♘e5 ♘d7 9. ♖a4 ♖c7 10. ♘xd7 ♖xd7 11. O-O O-O 12. ♘xc6 bxc6 13. b3 ♖fc8 14. ♘a3 a5 15. ♖ac1 ♘f8.

8. O-O O-O 9. ♖b3 ♘b6 10. a4 a5 11. ♘d2 ♘e4 12. ♘e1 ♘f5 13. ♘e5 ♘d6 14. ♖c1 ♖c8 15. ♘d2 ♘dc4 16. ♘xc4 dxc4 17. ♖b5 f6 18. ♘f3 ♘d7 19. ♖xa5 ♘xa4 20. ♖b4 ♘xc3 21. ♘xc3 b5 22. d5 ♖e8 23. ♘d4 ♖b6 24. ♖fd1 ♖c5 25. ♖xc5 ♖xc5 26. e4 f5 27. f3 ♖cc8 28. ♖a1 fxe4 29. fxe4 ♘g4 30. ♘f3 ♖a8 31. ♔f2 ♖eb8 32. ♘g7 ♔xg7 33. ♔e3 e5 34. ♖dc1 ♔f6 35. h3 ♘xf3 36. gxf3 ♔e7 37. ♔d2 ♔d6 38. b3 ♔c5 39. ♔c2 ♖xa1 40. ♖xa1

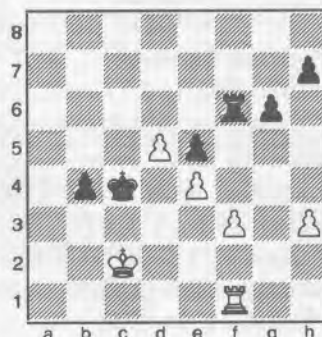
I'm submitting this game because I believe the variations not played in the ending may be of some educational value.

40... ♖f8 41. bxc4 ♔xc4 42. ♖a3 b4

43. ♖d3 ♔c5 44. ♔b3

Here, White can easily draw (44. d6 ♖d8 45. d7 ♔c6 46. ♔b3 ♖xd7 47. ♖xd7 ♔xd7 48. ♔xb4 ♔c6 49. ♔c4 g5 50. ♔b4 ♔b6=), which Nat noted after the game. However, he was playing for a win.

44... ♖a8 45. ♔b2 ♖a6 46. ♖d1 ♖f6 47. ♖c1+ ♔b5 48. ♖f1 ♔c4 49. ♔c2?



This lets Black penetrate the position. Better is 49. ♖c1+, when 49... ♔b5 repeats the position. Black can also choose 49... ♔d3, but this appears to lead White to victory, e.g., 50. d6 ♔e2 51. ♖c6 ♖f8 (51... ♖xf3 52. ♖c5 ♖f8 53. ♖xe5 ♔d3 54. d7 ♖d8 55. ♖e7 ♔c4 56. e5 ♔d5 57. ♔b3, winning) 52. f4 exf4 (52... ♖xf4? 53. d7 ♖f8 54. ♖c8)

A) 53. d7 ♖d8 54. ♖d6 f3 55. e5 f2 56. e6 f1=♖ 57. e7 ♖xd7 (57... ♖f3 58. e8=♖+ ♔f1 59. ♖e5 ♖a3+ 60. ♔b1 ♖b3+ 61. ♖b2 ♖xb2+ 62. ♔xb2 g5 63. ♔b3 h5 64. ♔xb4 g4 65. hxg4 hxg4 66. ♖g6 ♖xd7 67. ♖xg4) 58. e8=♖+, winning;

B) 53. e5 f3 54. e6 f2 55. ♖c1 f1=♖ 56. ♖xf1 ♔xf1 57. d7 ♖d8 58. ♔b3 ♔g2 59. ♔xb4 ♔xh3 60. ♔c5 g5 61. ♔d6 h5 62. e7, winning.

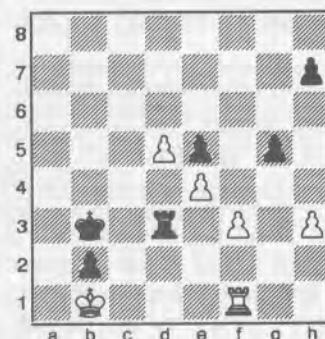
49... g5!

This effectively eliminates the dangerous variations where White sacks the f-pawn to create a passed pawn duo in the middle of the board.

50. ♖f2 b3+ 51. ♔b2 ♖a6

51... h5 52. ♖g2 ♖xf3 53. ♖xg5 ♖f2+ 54. ♔c1 ♖c2+ 55. ♔b1 ♖d2 56. ♖g3 h4 57. ♖e3 ♔b4 58. ♖f3 ♔a3 59. ♖f1 ♖d3 60. ♖h1 b2 61. ♖f1 ♔b3 62. ♖e1 ♔c3 63. ♖h1 ♖e3 64. ♖f1 ♖xh3 65. ♖d1 ♖g3 66. d6 ♖g8 67. ♖h1 ♖g7—+

52. ♖f1 ♖a2+ 53. ♔b1 ♖d2 54. ♖c1+ ♔b4 55. ♖g1 ♔a3 56. ♖e1 ♖d3 57. ♖f1 b2 58. ♖e1 ♔b3 59. ♖f1 ♖d4 60. ♖e1 ♖d3 61. ♖f1



And with just over a minute to play the game in sudden-death, I could not come up with the winning plan [61... ♔c3 62. ♖e1 ♖xf3 63. ♖d1 h6 64. d6 ♖f8 65. ♖e1 (65. d7 ♖a8) 65... ♖d8 66. ♖e3+ ♔c4 67. ♔xb2 ♖xd6 68. ♖a3 ♖d2+ 69. ♔c1 ♖d3 70. ♖a4+ ♔c5 71. ♔c2 ♖xh3—], and so we repeated the position, I offered a draw, and Nat accepted.

61... ♖d4 62. ♖e1 ♖d3 Draw

Sicilian Hungarian

David Arganian (2067)

Mark Ryan (1864)

Bellevue, WA Premier (5) 2005

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♘c3 d6 4. ♘b5 e6 5. d4 cxd4 6. ♖xd4 ♘d7 7. ♘xc6 bxc6 8. ♘g5 ♖b6 9. ♖d2 h6 10. ♘e3 ♖a6 11. ♖d1 d5 12. ♘e5 ♘f6 13. ♘xd7 ♘xd7 14. exd5 cxd5 15. ♖e2 ♖xe2+ 16. ♔xe2 ♘c5 17. ♘b5 ♔e7 18. c4 ♘xe3 19. ♔xe3 dxc4 20. ♖d4 ♘b6 21. ♔e2 ♖hc8 22. ♖c1 ♖c6 23. b3 a6 24. ♘c3 ♖ac8 25. b4 e5 26. ♖g4 g6 27. a4 ♔e6 28. ♖h4 h5 29. g4 hxg4 30. ♖xg4 ♘d5 31. ♘xd5 ♔xd5 32. ♖d1+ ♔e6 33. ♖e4 ♔f5 34. f3 ♔e6 35. h4 c3 36. b5 axb5 37. axb5 ♖b6 38. ♖b4 ♖c5 39. ♔d3 ♖xb5 40. ♖xb5 ♖xb5 41. ♔xc3 ♖c5+ 0-1

London System

Kalina Chris (1917)

Rupel David (2092)

Bellevue, WA Premier (5) 2005

1. d4 ♘f6 2. ♘f3 e6 3. ♘f4 c5 4. c3 a6 5. e3 ♘c6 6. ♘e2 d5 7. h3 ♘d6 8. ♘xd6 ♖xd6 9. ♘bd2 e5 10. dxe5 ♘xe5 11. ♘xe5 ♖xe5 12. ♘f3 ♖e7 13. c4 dxc4 14. ♘xc4 O-O 15. a4 ♘f5 16. O-O ♖e4 17. ♖b3 ♘xh3 18. ♘xf7+ ♔h8 19. gxf3

♖xf3 20. ♗e6 ♖ae8 21. ♖ad1 ♖e4
22. ♗d5 ♖f5 23. ♗g2 ♖e7 24. ♖d2
♗e4 25. ♗xe4 ♖xe4 26. ♖d5 ♖e5
27. ♖d7 ♖f3 28. ♖fd1 ♖g5+ 29. ♗f1
♖xe3 30. ♖d8 ♖xh3+ 31. ♗e1 ♖e5+
32. ♖e2 ♖h1+ 33. ♗d2 ♖xd8+ 0-1

French Alekhine-Chatard

Matthew Fleury (2117)
Elston Cloy (1938)

Bellevue, WA Premier (5) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♗g5
♗e7 5.e5 ♗fd7 6.h4 ♗xg5 7.hxg5
♖xg5 8.♖d3 h5 9.♗f3 ♖e7 10.O-O-
O ♗c6 11.g4 h4 12.♖e3 ♗b6 13.g5
♗d7 14.♖f4 O-O-O 15.♖xh4 ♖xh4
16.♖xh4 ♗b8 17.♗e2 ♗a5 18.♗d2
♖c8 19.♗b3 Draw

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FM Paul Bartron (2066)
Clint Ballard (2040)

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1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗e3 c5 4.c3 cxd4
5.cxd4 ♗c6 6.♗f3 d6 7.h3 ♖a5+
8.♗c3 ♗f6 9.♗d2 O-O 10.♗e2 e5
11.♗b3 ♖d8 12.d5 ♗e7 13.O-O ♗e8
14.f3 f5 15.g4 f4 16.♗f2 h5 17.♗g2
hxg4 18.hxg4 g5 19.♖h1 ♗f6 20.♖c1
a6 21.♗a4 ♗d7 22.♗b6 ♖b8 23.♗a5
♗c8 24.♖b3 ♗b5 25.♗xb5 ♗xb6
26.♗c6 ♗bd7 27.♗xb7 ♖c8 28.♗a7
♗c5 29.♗xc5 dxc5 30.d6+ ♖f7 31.d7
♗xd7 32.♗d5 ♗f8 33.♗xf7 ♖xb7

34.♖d5 ♖xb2+ 35.♗g1 ♗f6 36.♖e6
♖c7 37.♗g6 ♖b6 38.♖c4 ♗xg4 39.
fxg4 ♖xg6 40.♖xc5+ ♖xc5+ 41.
♖xc5 ♖b6 42.♖c8+ ♗f7 43.♖h2
♖b1+ 44.♗g2 ♖b4 45.♗f3 ♖a4 46.
♖b2 ♖a3+ 47.♖b3 ♖xa2 48.♖b7+
♗g6 49.♖g8 ♖a3+ 50.♗f2 ♖a2+
51.♗f1 ♖a1+ 52.♗e2 ♖a2+ 53.♗d3
♖a3+ 54.♗c4 f3 55.♖gxc7+ ♗f6
56.♖gc7 ♖a4+ 57.♗b3 1-0

Catalan

Geoffrey Gale (1946)
H. G. Pitre (1815)

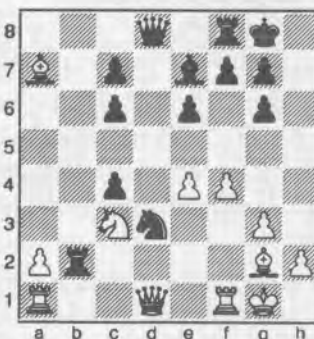
Bellevue, WA Premier (5) 2005

Annotations by H. G. Pitre

1.g3 d5 2.♗g2 ♗f6 3.♗f3 ♗c6 4.d4
♗f5 5.O-O e6 6.c4 ♗e7 7.♗c3 O-O
8.♗h4 ♗e4 9.f3 ♗g6 10.♗xg6 hxg6
11.♗e3 dxc4 12.♗f2 ♗d5 13.f4 ♖b8
14.e4 ♗db4 15.d5 ♗d3

One of these days I am going to re-
frain from sacrificing my pieces. Geoff
is helping me arrive at this understand-
ing in chess. I had not appreciated that
15...♗a5 16. ♗xa7 ♖a8 gains a half-
open a-file and my Knight will get to d3;
all this for only a pawn.

16.dxc6 bxc6 17.♗xa7 ♖xb2



I've lost a Knight, but gained an open
b-file and some effect on the second rank
of White. However, with my tripled c-
pawns, there is just not enough compen-
sation for the Knight. But White has to
play carefully to prove it

18.♗e3 ♖a8 19.♖a4 ♖xa4 20.♗xa4
♖e2 21.♗d4 ♖a8 22.♗f3 ♖c2
23.♗d1 ♖d2 24.♗c3 ♗xf4 25.gxf4
♖xd4 26.a4 ♗b4 27.♖f3 ♖d3
28.♖xd3 cxd3 29.♗a2 ♗d2 30.♗c1
♖d8 31.♗f2 ♗xf4 32.h3

Wasting an important tempo. The
passed a-pawn should be sent on a mis-
sion to a8 as rapidly as possible, and the

White King can assist with an attack on
my Bishop.

32...c5

I gained the upper hand and won af-
ter another 5 1/2 hour struggle.

33.♗f3 ♗e5 34. ♖a2 c4 35.♗e3 g5
36.♗e2 dxe2 37.♗xe2 ♗f4+ 38.♗f3
c3 39.a5 ♖a8 40.a6 ♖a7 41.h4 ♗f8
42.hxg5 ♗xg5 43.e5 ♗e7 44.♗e4
♗d7 45.♗d4 ♗d2 46.♗d3 ♗c6
47.♗e4+ ♗b5 48.♗b7 ♗b4 49.♗d3
c5 50.♗c2 ♗f4 51.♖a1 ♗xe5
52.♖h1 ♗a5 53.♖d1 ♗d4 54.♖f1 f5
55.♗d3 g5 56.♖h1 e5 57.♖h5 c4+
58.♗c2 ♖xa6 59.♗xa6 ♗xa6
60.♖xg5 f4 61.♖f5 ♗b6 62.♖f8 ♗c5
63.♖d8 f3 0-1

Round Six

Championship Standings

- 4.0 Mikhailuk, Pupols, Schill
 - 2.5 Greninger, Koons, MacGregor
 - 2.0 Collyer
 - 1.5 Bragg, Weissbarth
 - 0.5 Shamilov
- Premier Standings**
- 4.0 Rupel
 - 3.5 Fleury
 - 3.0 Bartron
 - 2.5 Cloy, Gale, Kalina
 - 2.0 Ballard, Pitre, Ryan
 - 1.0 Arganian

Grünfeld Exchange

SM Slava Mikhailuk {4.0}
NM Nat Koons {2.5}

Bellevue, WA Championship (6) 2005

1.c4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 c5 3.♗f3 d5 4.cxd5
♗xd5 5.d4 ♗xc3 6.bxc3 g6 7.e4 ♗g7
8.♗e3 ♖a5 9.♖d2 ♗c6 10.♖c1 cxd4
11.cxd4 ♖xd2+ 12.♗xd2 O-O 13.d5
♖d8 14.♗e1 ♗b4 15.♖c7 f5 16.♗c4
fxe4 17.♗g5 ♗c2+ 18.♗d2 ♗xe3 19.
♗xe3 b5 20.♗b3 ♗h6 21.h4 ♗d7 22.
♗xe4 ♗g7 23.♗e6+ ♗xe6 24.dxe6
♗f8 25.♖h3 ♗g7 26.♖f3+ ♗e8 27.
♗d5 1-0

French Burn

FM David Bragg {1.5}
NM Curt Collyer {2.0}

Bellevue, WA Championship (6) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♗g5
dxe4 5.♗xe4 ♗bd7 6.♗f3 h6 7.♗xf6+
♗xf6 8.♗h4 c5 9.♗b5+ ♗d7 10.
♗xd7+ ♖xd7 11.dxc5 ♖b5 12.♖e2
♖xe2+ 13.♗xe2 ♗xc5 14.♖hd1 ♗e7

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15. ♖e5 g5 16. ♗g3 ♖hd8 17. ♖d3 ♖xd3 18. ♗xd3 ♗b6 19. f3 ♗d7 20. c4 ♗d4 21. ♖d1 ♖c8 22. b3 a5 23. ♗f2 e5 24. ♗e4 ♖c6 25. ♗f2 ♗xf2 26. ♗xf2 a4 27. ♖d5 axb3 28. axb3 ♗e6 29. g4 b6 30. ♗e3 ♗f8 31. ♗g3 ♗g6 32. ♗f5 h5 33. ♗g7+ ♗e7 34. gxh5 ♗f4 35. ♖xe5+ ♗f6 36. ♖f5+ ♗xg7 37. ♖xg5+ 1-0

French

Eduard Shamilov {0.5}
Adam Weissbarth {1.5}

Bellevue, WA Championship (6) 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. ♗d2 ♗f6 4. ♗gf3 ♗c5 5. e5 ♗fd7 6. g3 ♗c6 7. ♗b3 ♗e7 8. d4 f6 9. ♗f4 O-O 10. h4 fxe5 11. dxe5 ♗c5 12. ♗xc5 ♗xc5 13. ♗d3 ♖e7 14. ♗g5 g6 15. c3 ♖g7 16. ♖e2 h5 17. O-O-O ♗d7 18. ♗h3 ♖f7 19. ♗g5 ♖ff8 20. ♖hg1 ♗e7 21. ♗h3 ♖f7 22. ♗g5 ♖ff8 23. ♗h3 ♖f7 24. ♖de1 a6 25. ♖d2 ♗f5 26. ♗g5 ♗e7 27. g4 ♗xh4 28. ♗xh4 ♗xh4 29. ♗xg6 ♖f3 30. gxh5 ♖xh3 31. ♗f7+ ♗xf7 32. ♖f4+ ♗g8 33. ♖xg7+ ♗xg7 34. ♖g4+ ♗f7 35. ♖xh3 ♗g5+ 36. ♗b1 ♖h8 37. ♖g1 ♗h6 38. ♖f3+ ♗e7 39. ♖f6+ 1-0

King's Indian Sämisch

NM Harley Greninger {2.5}
FM William Schill {4.0}

Bellevue, WA Championship (6) 2005

Annotations by FM William Schill
1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♗c3 ♗g7 4. e4 d6 5. f3

The Sämisch variation, not much played these days.

5... O-O 6. ♗e3 ♗c6

Much too early to be neglecting development.

7. ♖b1?! e5 8. d5 ♗d4!? 9. ♗ge2

Of course not 9. ♗xd4 exd4 10. ♖xd4 (10. ♗b5 c5 11. dxc6 bxc6 12. ♗xd4 ♖a5+ ♖) 10... ♗xe4 11. ♖xe4 ♖e8.

9... c5 10. dxc6 ♗xc6!

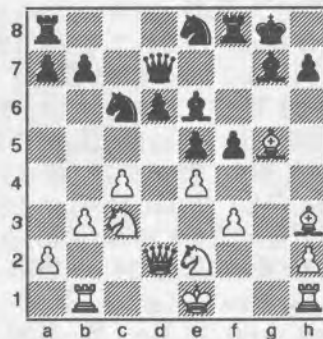
Think of this as a Sveshnikov Sicilian, my pawns look bad, but his pieces have trouble moving about.

11. ♖d2 ♗e6 12. b3

12. ♗d5 would keep some advantage for White.

12... ♗e8 13. g4 f5 14. gxf5 gxf5 15. ♗g5 ♖d7 16. ♗h3?!

Better is 16. ♖g1 ♗h8±.



16... ♗d4?!

I see the right idea, but play it in the wrong order. 16... fxe4! 17. ♗xe6+ (17. ♖d5?! ♗c7 ♖) 17... ♖xe6 18. fxe4 ♗d4! is the right way to do it (19. ♗d1? ♖h3 ♖).

17. ♗g2 fxe4 18. fxe4 ♗h3 19. ♗xd4

Now we begin to see the problem: if I had never had the idea of ... ♗d4, I could have built up slowly with ... f5-f4 and not have a weak pawn structure.

19... exd4 20. ♗d5 ♖g4 21. ♖g1 ♗h8

Here comes my last chance to claim to be winning. Better is 21... ♗e5! and White can hardly move.

22. ♗e7 ♖f7?!

Better is 22... ♖g8 23. ♖g5 ♗e5 ♖.

23. ♖g5! d3?!

23... ♗e5 24. ♖xg4 ♗xg4 25. ♖f1= 24. ♖xg4 ♗xg4 25. ♗g5 ♗e2 26. ♗f1 ♗d4 27. ♗e3 ♗xe3 28. ♗xe3 ♗f6?!

28... ♗xf1 29. ♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 30. ♗xf1 ♗f6 was a little better.

29. ♗xe2 dxe2 30. ♖b2 ♖e8 31. ♖xe2 ♖xe4 32. ♗f5 d5 33. c5

Risky!

33... ♗d7?

Just bad! I should have played 33... ♖xe2+ 34. ♗xe2 ♗e4 35. ♗d6 ♗xd6 36. cxd6, equal.

34. ♖xe4 dxe4 35. ♗d6 ♖e7 36. ♖g5 ♗e5?? 37. ♖xe5 1-0

King's Indian Reversed

LM Viktors Pupols {4.0}
Michael MacGregor {2.5}

Bellevue, WA Championship (6) 2005

1. ♗f3 ♗f6 2. g3 g6 3. ♗g2 ♗g7 4. O-O d5 5. d3 O-O 6. ♗bd2 c5 7. e4 dxe4 8. dxe4 ♗c6 9. ♖e1 e5 10. c3 h6 11. ♖e2 ♖c7 12. ♗c4 ♗e6 13. a4 ♖ad8 14. ♗fd2 ♖fe8 15. ♗e3 ♖d6 16. ♗f1 ♖d7 17. ♗ec4 ♖c7 18. ♗b3 b6 19. ♗bd2 ♖ed8 20. f3 ♗e8 21. ♗e3 ♗h7 22. ♖f2 ♗a5 23. ♗b5 ♖d6 24. ♗dc4 ♗xc4 25. ♗xc4 ♖d1 26. ♗e3 ♖xa1 27. ♖xa1 ♗d6 28. ♗xd6 ♖xd6 29. a5 bxa5 30. ♗f1 ♖d8 31. ♗xc5 ♖d2 32. ♖e1 ♖xb2 33. ♗xa7 ♖c7 34. ♗e3 ♗f8 35. ♗h1 ♖b3 36. ♗d2 ♖b6 37. ♗d3 ♖b2 38. ♖e3 ♖xe3 39. ♗xe3 ♖a2 40. ♖xa2 ♗xa2 41. ♗c2 ♗e6 42. ♗b6 ♗h3 43. ♗xa5 ♗c5 44. ♗b4 ♗e3 45. ♗d6 f6 46. ♗b3 ♗d2 47. c4 ♗c3 48. c5 ♗b4 49. ♗g1 h5 50. ♗f2 g5 51. ♗f7 h4 52. g4 ♗g7 53. ♗c4 ♗a3 54. ♗e1 ♗b4+ 55. ♗d1 ♗g2 56. ♗e2 ♗f7 57. ♗c2 ♗e6 58. ♗b3 ♗d2 59. ♗c4 ♗f4 60. ♗b5 ♗xh2 61. ♗b6 ♗g1 62. ♗b7 h3 63. c6 ♗xd6 64. c7 ♗c5 65. c8= ♖+ ♗d4 66. ♖c1 h2 67. ♖d2+ ♗c5 68. ♖c3+ ♗d6 69. ♖c7+ 1-0

French Advance

Geoffrey Gale {2.5}
Chris Kalina {2.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (6) 2005

1. e4 ♗c6 2. ♗f3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5 ♗e7 5. c3 f6 6. ♗d3 ♗d7 7. O-O f5 8. c4 ♗b4 9. ♗e2 dxc4 10. ♗xc4 b5 11. ♗e2 ♗d5 12. ♗c3 c6 13. ♗e1 ♗g5 14. ♗xd5 cxd5 15. ♗d3 ♗h6 16. ♗c5 ♗f7 17. ♗xg5 ♗xg5 18. ♗b7 ♖b6 19. ♗d6+ ♗e7 20. ♖b3 ♗e4 21. ♗xe4 dxe4 22. d5 exd5 23. ♖xd5 ♗e6 24. ♖d2 ♖hd8

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25. ♖f4 h6 26. ♙h5 g5 27. ♖g3 ♘d3
28. ♙f3 f4 0-1

Dutch Leningrad

David Rupel (2092)
FM Paul Bartron (2066)

Bellevue, WA Premier (6) 2005

1. c4 f5 2. d4 ♘f6 3. ♘c3 g6 4. g3 ♙g7
5. ♙g2 O-O 6. ♘f3 d6 7. O-O ♘c6 8. b3
♘e4 9. ♙b2 e5 10. d5 ♘xc3 11. ♙xc3
♘b8 12. b4 ♘d7 13. e3 ♖e7 14. ♖b3
b6 15. ♘d2 ♙b7 16. ♙fe1 a5 17. a3 e4
18. f4 ♙a7 19. ♖b2 axb4 20. axb4 ♙fa8
21. ♙xa7 ♙xa7 22. ♙a1 ♙xa1+
23. ♖xa1 ♙xc3 24. ♖xc3 b5 25. cxb5
♘b6 26. ♙f1 ♖g7 27. ♖a3 ♙xd5
28. ♘b1 ♖f7 29. ♘c3 ♙c4 30. ♙e2
♙xe2 31. ♘e2 ♖c4 32. ♘d4 ♖d3
33. ♖c1 ♘d5 34. ♘e6 ♘c3 35. ♖a1
♖xe3+ 36. ♘g2 ♖d2+ 37. ♘h3 ♖d3
38. ♖a8+ ♘f7 39. ♘g5+ ♘e7 40. ♖c8
♖c4 41. b6 ♘e2 Draw

I did not make any special preparations for this game. Mark told me later that he had some improvements over a game of ours from the past year or so.

Sicilian

H. G. Pitre (1815)
Mark Ryan (1864)

Bellevue, WA Premier (6) 2005

Annotations by H. G. Pitre

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♙c4 e6 4. O-O
d6 5. ♙e1 ♘f6 6. ♘c3 a6 7. a4 ♖c7
8. d3 ♙b8 9. h3 ♙d7 10. ♙f4 ♘e5 11.
a5 ♙e7 12. ♙e3 O-O 13. ♘xe5?! dxe5
14. ♙g5 ♙c6 15. ♙g3 ♘h8 16. h4 ♖d7
17. h5 ♙bd8 18. ♖f3 ♘e8 19. h6 g6
20. ♖g4 ♙xg5 21. ♖xg5 f6 22. ♖g4
♘c7

The toll of the long game just concluded with Gale begins to show. I was miscalculating. I thought that e6 could not be protected sufficiently. 22... ♘c7 was a complete surprise to me.

23. ♙e1

Ryan said he thought that White's h-pawn advance would be an endgame liability and that organizing to get in f2-f4 was a better try. Indeed, I would now say that I would live with the benefits of h2-h4-h5-h6, but probably that I should start with 23. ♘d2 to get ready for f4.

23... ♙de8 24. ♙f3 ♘b5 25. ♖h4 g5
26. ♖g3 ♘d4 27. ♙xf6

I hurled this stupid, doomed Rook sacrifice because of my prior inattention to the arrival of the Black Knight-marauder at b5. It should have been eliminated with 25. ♙xb5. The rest is ugly chessically, but praise to Mark for holding solidly during the early play and rapidly dispatching me at the end.

27... ♙xf6 28. ♖xe5 ♖e7 29. ♙e3 ♘g8
30. ♖xg5+ ♙g6 31. ♖h5 ♙g5 32. ♙g3
♙xg3 33. ♙xg3 ♙f8 34. ♖e5 ♖f6
35. ♖xc5 ♖f2+ 36. ♘h1 ♖xg3 37. ♘e2
♙f1+ 38. ♘g1 ♖h4 mate

Nimzo-Indian

Elston Cloy {2.5}
David Arganian {1.0}

Bellevue, WA Premier (6) 2005

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♘c3 ♙b4 4. e3 b6
5. ♘ge2 ♙a6 6. a3 ♙xc3+ 7. ♘xc3 d5
8. b3 O-O 9. ♙d3 dxc4 10. bxc4 ♖d7
11. O-O ♘c6 12. ♖c2 ♘a5 13. ♘e2
♖c6 14. ♙b2 ♙xc4 15. ♙ac1 ♙xd3
16. ♖xd3 ♖d7 17. e4 c5 18. d5 exd5
19. ♙xf6 gxf6 20. exd5 ♙ae8 21. ♘g3
♙e5 22. ♖f3 ♖xd5 23. ♖xf6 ♖e6
24. ♖f4 ♘b3 25. ♙cd1 ♘d4 26. ♖h4
♖g6 27. ♖f4 ♙fe8 28. h3 ♘f5 29. ♘xf5
♙xf5 30. ♖c7 ♙g5 31. g3 ♖f5 32. h4
♙g4 33. ♖xa7 ♙e6 34. ♙d8+ ♘g7
35. ♖a8 ♘h6 36. ♙d5 ♖g6 37. ♖f8+
♖g7 38. ♖b8 ♙xh4 39. ♙d6 ♙g4 40.
♙xe6+ fxe6 41. ♘g2 ♙g5 42. ♙e1
♖f6 43. ♖xb6 ♙e5 44. ♙h1+ ♘g6
45. ♖c7 h6 46. ♖b8 ♘h7 47. ♙h4 ♙f5
48. ♖b1 ♖g6 49. ♖b7+ ♖f7 50. ♖xf7+
♙xf7 51. ♙e4 ♙a7 52. ♙xe6 Draw

Veresov

Clint Ballard {2.0}
Matthew Fleury {3.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (6) 2005

1. d4 d5 2. ♘c3 e5 3. dxe5 d4 4. ♘e4
♖d5 5. ♘g3 h5 6. e4 ♖xe5 7. ♘f3
♖a5+ 8. ♙d2 ♖b6 9. ♙c4 ♘c6 10.
♙xf7+ ♘xf7 11. ♘g5+ ♘e8 12. ♘xh5
♘f6 13. ♘f4 ♙b4 14. ♘d5 ♘xd5 15.
exd5 ♘e7 16. c3 ♙d6 17. ♖f3 ♙f8
18. ♖e2 d3 19. ♖h5+ g6 20. ♖h4 ♖xb2
21. ♙d1 ♖xa2 22. O-O ♖xd5 23. ♘h7
♖h5 24. ♖xh5 gxh5 25. ♘xf8 ♘xf8
26. ♙h6+ ♘f7 27. ♙xd3 ♙f5 28. ♙f3
♘g6 29. ♙f4 ♙xf4 30. ♙xf4 ♘d5 31.
♙f3 ♙e8 32. h3 h4 33. c4 ♘b6 34. ♙b3
♙e5 35. ♙c1 ♙e6 36. ♙b5 c5 37.
♙cb1 ♙xc4 38. ♙xb6+ axb6 39.

♙xb6+ ♙e6 40. ♙xb7 ♙d5 41. ♙b1
♘f5 42. ♙c1 c4 43. g3 hxg3 44. ♙xg3
♙e3 45. g4+ ♘f4 46. ♘f2 ♙xh3 0-1

Round Seven

Championship Standings

- 5.0 Mikhailuk, Pupols
- 4.0 Schill
- 3.5 Greninger
- 2.5 Bragg, Koons, MacGregor
- 2.0 Collyer

Premier Standings

- 1.5 Shamilov, Weissbarth
- 4.5 Fleury, Rupel
- 3.5 Bartron, Kalina
- 3.0 Cloy, Ryan
- 2.5 Gale
- 2.0 Ballard, Pitre
- 1.5 Arganian

Sicilian Wing Gambit

NM Nat Koons {2.5}
Eduard Shamilov {1.5}

Bellevue, WA Championship (7) 2005

1. e4 c5 2. a3 ♘c6 3. b4 cxb4 4. axb4
♘xb4 5. c3 ♘c6 6. d4 d6 7. ♙g5 g6 8. f4
♙g7 9. ♘f3 ♘f6 10. ♙d3 O-O 11. ♘bd2
♘h5 12. g3 h6 13. ♙h4 ♙h3 14. ♖e2
♖c7 15. f5 gxf5 16. exf5 ♖d7 17. d5 ♘b8
18. ♖e4 ♘f6 19. ♙xf6 ♙xf6 20. ♘d4
♘h8 21. g4 ♙g8 22. ♙g1 h5 23. g5 ♙g7
24. ♙g3 ♙xg5 25. ♙xh3 h4 26. ♘2f3
♙f6 27. ♘xh4 ♙g1+ 28. ♙f1 ♘g8 29.
♘g2 ♘a6 30. ♘f2 ♙h1 31. ♙b5 ♙xd4+
32. cxd4 ♖xb5 33. ♖g4+ 1-0

French Winawer

Adam Weissbarth {1.5}
NM Harley Greninger {3.5}

Bellevue, WA Championship (7) 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♘c3 ♙b4 4. e5 c5
5. a3 ♙xc3+ 6. bxc3 ♖c7 7. ♖g4 f5
8. ♖h5+ g6 9. ♖d1 cxd4 10. cxd4 ♖c3+
11. ♙d2 ♖xd4 12. ♘f3 ♖b6 13. ♙b1
♖c7 14. h4 h6 15. ♙h3 ♙d7 16. ♙b4
♙a4 17. ♘d4 ♖d7 18. g4 ♘c6 19. gxf5
♘xd4 20. ♖xd4 gxf5 21. ♙e2 b6
22. ♙d6 ♙c8 23. c4 ♙c6 24. ♙g3 ♙a8
25. ♙g6 ♘e7 26. ♙g7 ♘c6 27. ♙xd7
♘xd4 28. ♙xa7 ♘e2 29. ♘e2 dxc4
30. ♙g1 ♙d5 31. ♙gg7 ♙a8 32.
♙ae7+ ♘d8 33. ♘d2 f4 34. ♘c3 b5
35. ♘b4 ♙c6 36. ♘c5 ♙e8 37. ♘b6
♙h5 38. ♙d7+ ♘c8 39. ♙c7+ ♘d8
40. ♙e7+ ♘e8 41. ♙f6 ♘f8 42. ♙ge7
♙g8 43. ♙g7+ ♙xg7 44. ♙xg7 ♙e8
45. ♙h7 ♘g8 46. ♙cg7+ ♘f8 47. ♙g4
♙xa3 48. ♙h8+ ♘f7 49. ♙xf4+ ♘e7
50. ♙h7+ ♘d8 51. ♙d4+ 1-0

2005 Washington Championship and Premier

	USCF FIDE	SM	WS	VP	HG	NK	AW	CC	MM	DB	ES	Total	Rtg	S-B
SM Slava Mikhailuk	2424 2437	♔	1	1/2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	7.5	2432	31.00
FM William Schill	2277 2295	0	♔	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	6.0	2289	23.00
LM Viktors Pupols	2206 2216	1/2	0	♔	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	6.0	2231	22.75
NM Harley Greninger	2235 2251	0	1	1/2	♔	1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	5.0	2242	20.75
NM Nat Koons	2248 2272	0	0	1/2	0	♔	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	4.5	2245	15.50
Adam Weissbarth	2157 2251	1	0	0	1	1/2	♔	1	0	0	0	3.5	2158	18.25
NM Curt Collyer	2217 2195	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	0	♔	1	0	1/2	3.5	2206	16.00
Michael MacGregor	2197 2160	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	0	♔	1	1/2	3.5	2190	12.75
FM David Bragg	2236 2278	0	0	0	1/2	0	1	1	0	♔	1	3.5	2222	11.50
Eduard Shamilov	2144 2188	0	0	0	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	♔	2.0	2126	7.00

	USCF FIDE	MF	DR	EC	CK	GG	MR	PB	HP	CB	DA	Total	Rtg	S-B
Matt Fleury	2132 2109	♔	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	6.5	2134	27.25
David Rupel	2088 2085	0	♔	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	5.5	2083	23.00
Elston Cloy	1941 ----	1/2	1/2	♔	1/2	0	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	5.5	1968	22.50
Chris Kalina	1916 ----	1/2	0	1/2	♔	1	1/2	1	0	1	1/2	5.0	1941	22.00
Geoffrey Gale	1924 2173	1/2	0	1	0	♔	1	1	0	1/2	1	5.0	1947	21.75
Mark Ryan	1887 ----	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	♔	0	1	1	1	5.0	1922	19.25
FM Paul Bartron	2090 2250	0	1/2	0	0	0	1	♔	1	1	1	4.5	2071	15.75
H. G. Pitre	1818 ----	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	♔	0	1	3.0	1831	12.00
Clint Ballard	1995 ----	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	0	0	1	♔	1	3.0	1970	10.25
David Arganian	2067 2140	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	♔	2.0	2016	11.25

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Caro-Kann

FM William Schill {4.0}
FM David Bragg {2.5}

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Annotations by FM William Schill

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 dxe4 4.♗xe4
♘f6 5.♗xf6+ gxf6 6.c3

6.♗f3 ♗g4 is easier on the defense.

6...♗f5 7.♗f3 ♖c7

7...♗g7 8.g3 ♘d7 9.♗g2 O-O 10.
O-O e6 11.♗h4 ♗g6 12.g4 (12.f4 f5±)
12...f5!

8.g3

This setup makes it very hard on
Black. Playing ...♗f5-e4 at some point
is the only way to stay in the game.

8...♘d7 9.♗g2 ♗g7

This plan of castling kingside can be
attempted only without ...♖c7, because
on d8 the Queen can 'see' the Knight on
h4. Hence the line above to illustrate.

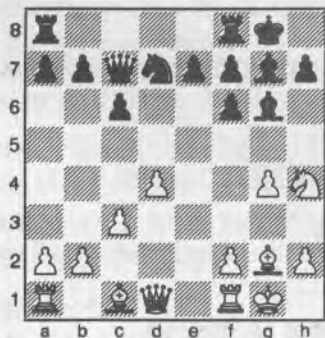
10.O-O O-O 11.♗h4

This is often good even when Black
has castled queenside, as it opens the
Bishop on g2. Here it is even better.

11...♗g6

11...♗e6 12.f4 f5 13.♗h3 Ouch!

12.g4!



Preventing ...f6-f5 and preparing f2-
f4-f5.

12...e5 13.f4 exf4 14.♗xf4 ♖b6 15.
♗f2

Multi-purpose, like ...♗f7 in another
game.

15...♗ad8 16.♖f3 ♗fe8 17.♖g3 ♗c8
18.b4

Might as well stop ...c6-c5, he has
never quite gotten around to it!

18...a5 19.a3 ♖a7 20.♗af1

Northwest Chess

Quite a group!

20...axb4 21.axb4 ♗e6 22.♗f5 ♗ce8
23.♗h6

Removing a defender of the f-file.

23...♗xh6 24.♗xh6+ ♗g7 25.g5

Finally! Charge!!

25...fxg5 26.♗xf7 ♗e2 27.♗d6 ♗8e7

27...♗xf2? 28.♗xe8+ ♗xe8 29.
♖xg5+ ♗g6 30.♗xf2

28.♖xg5 1-0

David said, "That's enough." It is
really bad, just try and find a move for
Black.

Queen's Gambit Declined

NM Curt Collyer {2.0}

LM Viktor's Pupols {5.0}

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1.♗f3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 c6 4.♖c2 ♗f6
5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.e3 h6 7.♗h4 ♗e4
8.♗xe7 ♖xe7 9.a3 ♘d7 10.♗c3 ♗xc3
11.♖xc3 O-O 12.♗c1 ♗e8 13.h3 dxc4
14.♗xc4 e5 15.O-O e4 16.♗d2 ♗f6
17.♖c2 ♗d5 18.♗xd5 cxd5 19.♖c7
♖g5 20.♖f4 ♖xf4 21.exf4 b6 22.♗c3
♗a6 23.♗fc1 ♗ac8 24.♗b1 ♗c4
25.♗xc4 dxc4 26.♗c3 f5 27.g4 ♗d8
28.♗d1 ♗c8 29.gxf5 ♗xf5 30.h4 a6
31.d5 ♗d6 32.♗f1 ♗f7 33.♗d4 b5
34.♗e2 ♗e7 35.♗e3 ♗d7 36.♗xe4
♗xe4 37.♗xe4 ♗g6 38.h5 ♗g1
39.♗f5 ♗d6 40.♗d2 a5 41.♗d4 a4
42.♗d2 ♗g2 43.♗e2 ♗xd5 44.♗e5+
♗c6 45.♗e6+ ♗c5 46.♗e5+ ♗c6
47.♗e6+ ♗c5 48.♗e5+ Draw

Sicilian Sozin Benko

Michael MacGregor {2.5}

SM Slava Mikhailuk {5.0}

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1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4
♗f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♗c4 ♖b6 7.♗b3
e6 8.O-O a6 9.♖e2 ♗e5 10.♗d3 ♗e7
11.a4 ♗xd3 12.♖xd3 ♖c7 13.♗d1 O-
O 14.♗f4 ♗d8 15.♗d2 e5 16.♗g5
♗e6 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♗d5 ♗xd5
19.exd5 b5 20.♗e4 ♗e7 21.axb5 axb5
22.♗c3 b4 23.♗b5 ♖c5 24.c4 ♗f6
25.♗ab1 ♗a2 26.g3 g6 27.♖b3 ♗da8
28.♖f3 ♗d8 29.♖e3 ♗b6 30.♖xc5
♗xc5 31.♗f1 ♗f8 32.♗e2 ♗e7 33.f3
♗d7 34.♗d3 f5 35.♗e1 g5 36.♗c2 h5
37.♗f1 f4 38.gxf4 gxf4 39.♗be1 ♗g8
40.♗e2 h4 41.♗b3 ♗aa8 42.♗c2 h3

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43.♗b3 ♗g2 44.♗fe1 ♗ag8 45.♗c2
e4 46.fxe4 f3 47.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 48.
♗xd2 ♗g2+ 49.♗d3 f2 0-1

I departed from my usual Grünfeld
Defense. But inattention explains this
short game. And I very much needed the
break. — H. G Pitre

English

Chris Kalina {3.5}

H. G. Pitre {2.0}

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1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 c5 4.♗f4
cxd4 5.♗xd4 e5 0-1

Caro-Kann

Matthew Fleury {4.5}

David Rupel {4.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (7) 2005

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 dxe4 4.♗xe4
♗d7 5.♗f3 ♗gf6 6.♗g3 g6 7.♗c4
♗g7 8.c3 ♗b6 9.♗b3 ♗bd5 10.O-O
O-O 11.♗e5 ♗e6 12.f4 ♗c7 13.♗xe6
♗xe6 14.f5 ♗c7 15.♖b3 ♗d7 16.
♗xf7 ♗xf7 17.fxg6 e6 18.gxf7+ ♗h8
19.♖xb7 c5 20.♗g5 ♖xg5 21.♖xc7
♖e7 22.dxc5 1-0

Modern Averbakh

David Arganian {1.5}

Clint Ballard {2.0}

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1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.e4 ♗c6 4.♗f3 d6
5.h3 e5 6.d5 ♗ce7 7.♗c3 f5 8.♗e2
♗f6 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗xf6 ♗xf6 11.♗d2
♗g7 12.b4 b6 13.♗c1 O-O 14.♖b3
♗h7 15.c5 fxe4 16.♗cxe4 ♗f5 17.
♗f3 ♗h4 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.♗c6
♗xg2+ 20.♗d2 ♗f4 21.♗xd6 ♖e8
22.♗h4 ♗xe2 23.♗xe2 ♖b5+ 24.
♖d3 ♖xd3+ 25.♗xd3 g5 26.♗g6
♗f3+ 27.♗e2 ♗xh3 28.♗xh3 ♗xh3
29.♗e7 ♗f8 30.♗c6 ♗xd6 31.♗xd6
♗g2 32.f3 g4 33.♗xe5 ♗xf3+ 34.
♗xf3 gxf3+ 35.♗xf3 ♗d8 36.♗e4
♗g6 37.d6 ♗f5 0-1

French Advance

Mark Ryan {3.0}

Elston Cloy {3.0}

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♗c6
5.♗f3 ♖b6 6.a3 c4 7.♗bd2 f6 8.exf6
♗xf6 9.g3 ♗d6 10.♗g2 O-O 11.O-O
e5 12.dxe5 ♗xe5 13.♖c2 ♗d6 14.b4
♗g4 15.♗b1 ♗ae8 16.♗e3 ♗xe3

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17.fxe3 ♖xe3+ 18.♗f2 ♗h6 19.♗e1 ♗h5 20.♘bd2 ♗e8 21.♗f2 ♗c7 22.♗ae1 ♗b6 23.♗xe8+ ♗xe8 24.♘d4 ♘d4 25.cxd4 c3 26.♘b3 h6 27.♘c5 ♗xc5 28.bxc5 ♗a4 29.♗xd5+ ♘xd5 30.♗f7+ ♘h7 31.♗xd5 ♗h3 32.♗e4+ ♘g8 33.♗c1 ♗c4 34.♗e3 c2 35.g4 h5 36.♗e8+ ♘h7 37.♗xh5+ ♘g8 38.♗xh3 ♗xd4+ 39.♘h1 ♗d2 40.♗f1 ♗d5+ 41.♘g1 ♗d4+ 42.♘h1 ♗d5+ 43.♗g2 ♗d1+ Draw

Sicilian Hedgehog

FM Paul Bartron {3.5}

Geoffrey Gale {2.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (7) 2005

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 a6 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.♗e2 b6 8.f4 ♗b7 9.♗f3 ♗c7 10.♗e2 ♗e7 11.♗e3 O-O 12.♗c1 ♘bd7 13.O-O ♗ac8 14.b3 ♗fe8 15.♗f2 ♘c5 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 ♘d3 18.♗g3 ♘xe5 19.♗xb7 ♗xb7 20.♗xe5 ♘g4 21.♗f4 ♘xe3 22.♗xf7+ ♘h8 23.♗f3 ♘f5 24.♗xf5 exf5 25.♘d5 b5 26.♘f1 ♗b8 27.♘xf5 ♗f6 28.♘g1 ♗e5 29.♗f1 ♗f8 30.♗b7 bxc4 31.bxc4 ♗xc4 32.♘xf6 ♗xf6 33.♘g3 ♗f4 34.♗d1 ♗f2 35.a4 ♗a2 36.♗f1 ♗a1 0-1

Round Eight

Championship Standings

- 6.0 Mikhailuk
- 5.5 Pupols
- 5.0 Schill
- 3.5 Greninger, Koons
- 2.5 Bragg, Collyer, MacGregor, Weissbarth
- 1.5 Shamilov

Premier Standings

- 5.5 Fleury
- 4.5 Rupel
- 3.5 Bartron, Cloy, Gale, Kalina, Ryan
- 3.0 Ballard, Pitre
- 1.5 Arganian

Polish

NM Harley Greninger {3.5}

NM Nat Koons {3.5}

Bellevue, WA Championship (8) 2005

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 b5 3.♗f4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 ♗b6 6.♗e2 ♗b7 7.♘bd2 ♘c6 8.O-O ♘h5 9.♗g3 ♘xg3 10.hxg3 d5 11.a4 bxa4 12.♗xa4 ♗e7 13.♘e5 ♗f6 14.♘df3 ♘e7 15.♘xc6+ ♗xc6 16.♗xc6 ♗xc6 17.dxc5 ♗hb8 18.♗a2 ♗b5 19.♗xb5 ♗xb5 20.♘d4 ♗xc5 21.♗fa1 a5 22.♗xa5 ♗axa5 23.♗xa5 ♗xa5 24.♘c6+ ♘d6 25.♘xa5 ♘c5 26.♘f1 ♘b5 27.♘b3 ♘c4 28.♘c1 h5

29.♘e2 g5 30.♘d2 ♗e5 31.b3+ ♘b5 32.♘e2 ♗c7 33.♘d4+ ♘c5 34.♘d3 ♗b6 35.b4+ ♘d6 36.c4 dxc4+ 37.♘xc4 ♘c7 38.♘f3 1-0

French MacCutcheon

FM David Bragg {2.5}

Adam Weissbarth {2.5}

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗b4 5.e5 h6 6.exf6 hxg5 7.fxg7 ♗g8 8.♗h5 ♗f6 9.♘f3 ♗xg7 10.h4 gxh4 11.♗xh4 c5 12.O-O-O ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♗d7 14.♘e5 ♘c6 15.♗g4 ♗f8 16.♘xf7 ♗xg4 17.♘e5+ ♘d8 18.♗xg4 cxd4 19.♘xc6+ bxc6 20.♗g5+ ♘c7 21.♗e5+ ♘d8 22.♗xd4 ♗a3+ 23.♘d2 ♘e7 24.♗g4 ♗f8 25.♗g7+ ♗f7 26.♗g5+ ♘e8 27.♗g6 1-0

Grünfeld Exchange

LM Viktor Pupols {5.5}

SM Slava Mikhailuk {6.0}

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 c5 8.♘e2 O-O 9.O-O ♘c6 10.♗e3 ♗g4 11.f3 ♘a5 12.♗d3 cxd4 13.cxd4 ♗e6 14.d5 ♗xa1 15.♗xa1 f6 16.♗h6 ♗b6+ 17.♘d4 ♗d7 18.♗xf8 ♗xf8 19.♗b1 ♗d6 20.♗c3 b6 21.♗c1 ♗c8 22.♗xc8+ ♗xc8 23.♗xc8+ ♘g7 24.♘e6+ ♘h6 25.g4 ♗b4 26.♘f2 ♗d2+ 27.♗e2 b5 28.f4 g5 29.h4 ♘c4 30.hxg5+ fxg5 31.fxg5+ ♘g6 32.♗g8+ Draw

King's Indian Smyslov

NM Curt Collyer {2.5}

FM William Schill {5.0}

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Annotations by FM William Schill
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♘c3 O-O 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗h4 d6 7.e3

The Smyslov system. I have always managed to get a good game against this, but I never seem to win any of them. Maybe it is just a bad luck opening!

7...g5 8.♗g3 ♘h5

To tell the truth, every time I play this move I am afraid that somehow ♘xg5 will work this time!

9.♗e2 f5

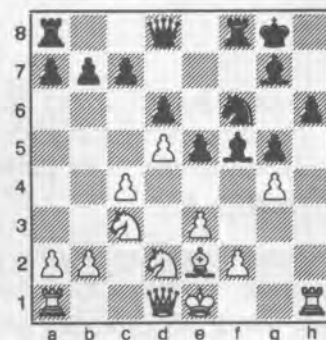
The most aggressive move. (Ed. — Among the two dozen games in my data-

base that reached this position, 9...e6 was the most popular reply, scoring +2=4-2, with 9...c5 coming in second with 5 games. However, the position after 9...c5 can be reached through various transpositions; in 50 games from that position Black scored +14=21-15.)

10.♘d2 ♘xg3 11.hxg3 e5 12.d5 ♘d7 13.g4 ♘f6

13...f4 just looks wrong.

14.gxf5 ♗xf5 15.g4



It is a good plan to control the white squares, however, it may have been better to get the King to safety first. [15.♘b3 a5=]

15...♗g6 16.e4

Clearly, White would like to play a Knight to f5, but Black has time to create threats and keep the White pieces disorganized.

16...♗f7

A multi-purpose move, f8 is open for a Bishop, Rook or Knight, or even a Queen!

17.♗f3

Up to this point, I was not sure if White's plan would work; now I was sure it would not.

17...♗f8 18.♗e2 c6

An important idea, opening a second front.

19.♗g2 ♗c8

The Queen swings back and forth; White is helpless, hoping for a repetition.

20.♗f3 ♗b8?!

I intended this to keep White from castling long. However, I think this move is off target. I should play either ...a6 and ...b5 after ...cxd, or the plan in the game one tempo up!

21. ♖g1?!

The White Rooks will be misplaced and the Black advantage slowly increases.

21... ♖c7 22. ♖g3 ♖b6 23. ♖b1 ♖bf8

Tactical threats begin to appear, ideas include taking on e4 to get to f2 and taking on d5 to take on b1.

24. ♖d1 ♖a5 25. ♖c3 ♖b6 26. ♖d1

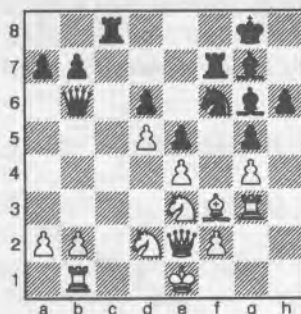
Demonstrating control of the game once again.

26... cxd5!

Finally, the right play, switch to the c-file.

27. cxd5 ♖c8 28. ♖e3

We were both in real time pressure, and this move was just not on my list. Why this leads me to blunder, I cannot explain.



28... ♖xe4??

Oh brother! After 28... ♖fc7, White has to find some only moves to even make the time control, i.e., 29. ♖d3 ♖c1+ 30. ♖e2 ♖d4!?

29. ♖xe4 ♖xe4 30. ♖xe4 ♖b4+ 31. ♖d2 ♖fc7 32. ♖d1 ♖c2 33. ♖c3 ♖c5

33... ♖8xc3 34. bxc3+-

34. ♖xc5 dxc5 35. d6

Pity that this pawn is so close!
35... ♖xd2 36. ♖xd2 ♖e4+ 37. ♖f1 ♖h1+ 38. ♖e2 ♖e4+ 39. ♖e3 ♖xb1 40. d7 ♖f6 41. d8=♖+ ♖xd8 42. ♖xd8+ ♖f7 43. ♖d7+ ♖f8 1-0

Two Knights

Eduard Shamilov {1.5}

Michael MacGregor {2.5}

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1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 ♖c6 3. ♖c4 ♖f6 4. d4 exd4 5. e5 d5 6. ♖b5 ♖e4 7. ♖xd4 ♖d7

8. ♖xc6 bxc6 9. O-O ♖c5 10. f3 ♖g5 11. f4 ♖e6 12. c3 f5 13. ♖e3 O-O 14. ♖d2 ♖b6 15. ♖2b3 ♖e7 16. ♖d2 a5 17. ♖xe6 ♖xe6 18. ♖f2 a4 19. ♖c5 ♖fb8 20. b4 axb3 21. axb3 ♖c8 22. b4 ♖xc5 23. ♖xc5 ♖e6 24. ♖a7 ♖b5 25. ♖c5 ♖bb8 26. ♖a2 ♖a6 27. ♖xa6 ♖xa6 28. ♖a1 ♖d3 29. ♖a7 ♖c8 30. ♖h4 h6 31. ♖xc7 ♖xc7 32. ♖d8+ ♖h7 33. ♖xc7 ♖g6 34. ♖a7 ♖g4 35. ♖a1 ♖xf4 36. ♖e1 ♖e4 37. ♖xe4 dxe4 38. e6 ♖g6 39. ♖f2 ♖c4 40. e7 ♖f7 41. g3 ♖h5 42. h4 g5 43. hxg5 hxg5 44. ♖e3 ♖g4 45. ♖d6 ♖g6 46. ♖c7 ♖e8 Draw

Dutch Leningrad

Chris Kalina {3.5}

FM Paul Bartron {3.5}

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1. c4 f5 2. ♖c3 ♖f6 3. d4 g6 4. f3 ♖g7 5. e4 d6 6. exf5 ♖xf5 7. ♖d3 ♖c6 8. ♖ge2 ♖d7 9. O-O O-O 10. ♖e3 e5 11. ♖xf5 ♖xf5 12. ♖g3 ♖d7 13. d5 ♖e7 14. ♖ce4 ♖f5 15. ♖f2 ♖h6 16. ♖d3 b6 17. b3 ♖g7 18. ♖ad1 a5 19. a4 ♖e7 20. ♖xf5+ gxf5 21. ♖g3 e4 22. ♖xf5+ ♖h8 23. ♖xe7 exd3 24. ♖xd3 ♖d7 25. ♖d4+ ♖g7 26. ♖xg7+ ♖xg7 27. ♖e3 ♖ae8 28. ♖fe1 ♖f7 29. ♖c6 ♖xe3 30. ♖xe3 ♖c5 31. ♖d4 ♖f6 32. ♖f2 ♖g8 33. ♖e6 ♖xe6 34. ♖xe6+ ♖f7 35. f4 ♖g4 36. ♖f3 ♖h4 37. h3 h6 38. ♖g3 1-0

Nimzo-Indian

David Rupel {4.5}

David Arganian {1.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (8) 2005

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♖c3 ♖b4 4. e3 b6 5. ♖ge2 ♖a6 6. a3 ♖xc3+ 7. ♖xc3 d5 8. b3 O-O 9. ♖d3 dxc4 10. bxc4 ♖c6 11. ♖e4 ♖a5 12. ♖c2 h6 13. ♖d2 ♖xe4 14. ♖xe4 ♖xc4 15. ♖a4 ♖xd2 16. ♖xa8 ♖xa8 17. ♖xd2 ♖b7 18. f3 c5 19. dxc5 ♖d8+ 20. ♖e1 bxc5 21. ♖d1 ♖xd1+ 22. ♖xd1 ♖b2 23. ♖d8+ ♖h7 24. ♖d2 ♖b1+ 25. ♖d1 ♖b2 26. ♖d2 Draw

King's Indian Attack

Geoffrey Gale {3.5}

Matthew Fleury {5.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (8) 2005

1. e4 c5 2. d3 e6 3. g3 d5 4. ♖g2 ♖c6 5. ♖f3 ♖f6 6. ♖c3 ♖e7 7. O-O h6 Draw

Veresov

Clint Ballard {3.0}

Mark Ryan {3.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (8) 2005

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖c3 c5 3. dxc5 ♖a5 4. e4 ♖xe4 5. ♖f3 ♖f6 6. ♖d2 ♖xc5 7. O-O O a6 8. ♖d3 g6 9. ♖e4 ♖xe4 10. ♖xe4 ♖g7 11. ♖b3 ♖c6 12. ♖f3 d6 13. ♖g5 O-O 14. h4 ♖d4 15. ♖d3 d5 16. ♖xg6 hxg6 17. ♖e3 e5 18. c3 ♖f5 19. ♖d2 ♖a5 20. b4 ♖a3+ 21. ♖b2 ♖e2+ 0-1

Sicilian Wing Gambit

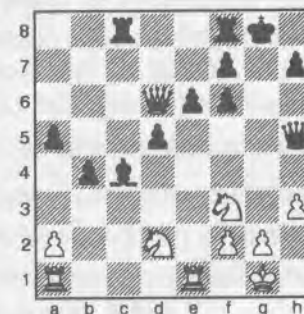
H. G. Pitre {3.0}

Elston Cloy {3.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (8) 2005

Annotations by H. G. Pitre

1. e4 c5 2. b4 cxb4 3. ♖b2 e6 4. e5 d6 5. exd6 ♖xd6 6. ♖f3 ♖c6 7. ♖b5 ♖d5 8. ♖e2 ♖f6 9. O-O a6 10. c4 ♖h5 11. ♖xc6+ bxc6 12. ♖e1 ♖d6 13. d4 O-O 14. ♖bd2 a5 15. h3 ♖a6 16. ♖e3 ♖ac8 17. d5 cxd5 18. ♖xf6 gxf6 19. ♖b6 ♖xc4 20. ♖xd6



I was confident in my position: having a piece for three pawns. But by the next move, I did not see a clear path and I would soon make, or have to make several critical decisions. Some I made were undoubtedly not the best.

20... ♖h8 21. ♖xc4 dxc4 22. ♖e4 ♖g8 23. ♖h2 ♖c5 24. ♖f4 ♖c7 25. g3

I had seen the variation 25. ♖xc4 ♖xc4 26. ♖xf6+ ♖g7 27. ♖e5 ♖c7 28. f4, but I could not see the best way to for him, or me, to continue. Had I not played a similar, but far less appropriate, sacrifice against Ryan the previous round, I would probably have gone this way. It seems to lead to a draw. Instead, I accepted the trade of Queen's, ruing that I had played 21. ♖xc4 and 23. ♖h2. And now I had to answer a new hard question: How to stop Black's queenside pawns?

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Washington Open

May 28-30 or 29-30, 2005

Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196 St SW, Lynnwood WA 98036

A 4-section, 6-round Swiss System chess tournament with time controls of 40/2 & SD/1 (except Rds 1-3 in the 2-day schedule - G/60). A *Christopher Northwest Grand Prix* event.

Open (FIDE rated) — \$2000-1000-500-400-300-200-100-100, U2150 600-400-200-100-100

Premier (U2000) — \$1000-500-250-200-150-100-50-50, U1850 300-200-100-50-50

Reserve (U1700) — \$670-330-160-130-100-70-35-35, U1550 200-130-70-35-35

Booster (U1400) — \$330-160-80-65-50-35-20-20, U1200 100-72-36-20-20, UNR 250-122-40-40-40

EFs: **Open**—\$90 if rec'd by 5/20, \$102 thereafter; **GMs, IMs, & WGMs:** Free. **Premier**—\$80 if rec'd by 5/20, \$92 thereafter. **Reserve**—\$70 if rec'd by 5/20, \$82 thereafter. **Booster**—\$60 if rec'd by 5/20, \$72 thereafter. **All Sections**— **Canadians** may pay \$C at par. Add \$4 to any EF for 2-day schedule. Ten free raffle tickets for Laptop Raffle, if rec'd by 3/1; five free tickets, if rec'd by 5/1.

Hotel: \$69 includes continental breakfast. Best Western Alderwood (one block from Convention Center), 19332 36 Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036; 425-775-7600. Reserve by May 20th.

Rounds: (3-day) Sat. 12:30-6:45, Sun. 10-6, Mon. 9-3. (2-day) Sun. 10-12:30-3-6, Mon. 9-3.

Miscellaneous: USCF and WCF/OCF membership required. OSA. NS. NC.

Registration: (3-day) Sat 10-11:45, (2-day) Sun 9-9:45.

Byes: 2 (Rds 4-6 commit by end of Rd 2).

WA Open Scholastic

Saturday, May 28

A 3-section (K-3, 4-6, 7-12), 5-round, USCF-rated Swiss chess tournament with a time control of G/30. Generous trophy awards. EF: \$15 rec'd by 5/26; a 100% pre-registered event, check-in at 9:30. Rds: 10-11:15-1-2:15-3:30. Ent/Info: WCF Scholastic Director, David Hendricks, 2439 220 Pl NE, Sammamish WA 98074. 425-868-3881. DavidCHendricks@comcast.net.

WA Blitz Championship
10:00 p.m. Sunday EF: \$10

Clock Simul

Monday 12.30

G/75

Blindfold Mini-Tnmt

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.



Lecture - Sat. 10:30-noon

Send all entries (except Scholastic—see box above) to: WCF Tnmt. Coordinator, Carol Kleist, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. Checks payable to Washington Chess Federation (WCF). Info: 206-242-7076, wcfntmcor@cs.com. Also see www.nwchess.com and www.whsca.org.

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Address _____ W/OCF Exp _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Rating _____ Birthdate (Jrs.) _____

Section (circle) Open Premier Reserve Booster Blitz Schedule (circle) 2-Day 3-Day Byes 1 2 3 4 5 6

Scholastic (circle) K-3 4-6 7-12 Other payments _____

Dues (circle) USCF (\$49, \$36 sr, \$25 jr, \$19 sch) WCF (\$25, \$17 jr, \$10 jr-6 mo) Total \$ _____

25...xf4 26.xf4 g7 27.xc1 c3
28.g4+ f8 29.xg8+ xg8 30.
d4

I spent a long time before wrongly rejecting 30.d2. I was conflicted about using tactics unnecessarily, but it was necessary. The Knight thereby can reach a more stable position on b1. The endgame stands up much better for me with the Knight there. Elston, to his credit, quickly shows that on d4 this Knight stands badly. The only question that remains is how it will die. The ending will be lost for White.

30...a4 31.g2 xc4 32.d2 b3
33.a3 xc5 34.f3 c2 35.axb3 axb3
36.dxc2 xc3+ 37.e2 b2 38.xb1
xc2+ 39.e3 g7 40.h4 f5 41.f3
g2 42.f4 f6 43.e3 e5 44.g4
fxg4 0-1

Round Nine

Championship Standings

- 6.5 Mikhailuk
- 6.0 Pupols
- 5.0 Schill
- 4.5 Greninger
- 3.5 Bragg, Collyer., Koons
- 3.0 MacGregor
- 2.5 Weissbarth
- 2.0 Shamilov

Premier Standings

- 6.0 Fleury
- 5.0 Rupel
- 4.5 Cloy, Kalina, Ryan
- 4.0 Gale
- 3.5 Bartron,
- 3.0 Ballard, Pitre
- 2.0 Arganian

French

Adam Weissbarth {2.5}

NM Curt Collyer {3.5}

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.c3 h6 4.xd3 dxc6
5.xe3 f6 6.e5 d7 7.a3 xd4 8.
xd4 c5 9.xe3 d4 10.xd2 dxc3 11.
xc3 c7 12.e2 b6 13.xa5 xd7
14.c4 xc6 15.xe4 xe4 16.xe4
c6 17.xc6+ bxc6 18.b3 d7 19.f4
xb8 20.xb1 g5 21.g3 g8 22.f2
h5 23.f3 gxf4 24.gxf4 xh6 25.xd2
xd8 26.xe3 f6 27.xhg1 g7 28.
xbd1 fxe5 29.fxe5 xg1 30.xg1
xe3+ 31.xe3 f7 32.g5 xb8
33.d2 g8 34.xg8 xg8 35.f4
g7 36.d4 g6 37.d6 b6 38.
b7 d7 39.d8 f8 40.dxc6 a6
41.d8 a5 42.a4 h6 43.d6 d6+

Northwest Chess

44.e4 g5 45. xa5 g4 46.d7
h4 47.a5 1-0

French Winawer

Michael MacGregor {3.0}

NM Harley Greninger {4.5}

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.c3 xb4 4.e5 c5
5.xd2 d7 6.d5 xd2+ 7.xd2
O-O 8.f4 a6 9.d6 cxd4 10.f3 dcb6
11.xd3 f6 12.O-O fxe5 13.fxe5 f5
14.xf5 exf5 15.f4 b6 16.h1
xb2 17.xab1 c3 18.xfe1 b5
19.e6 d7 20.dxd4 c7 21.e5
xa7 22.xb3 g6 23.xd5 d7
24.e5 g6 25.d5 d7 26.e5
d6 Draw

Caro-Kann Classical

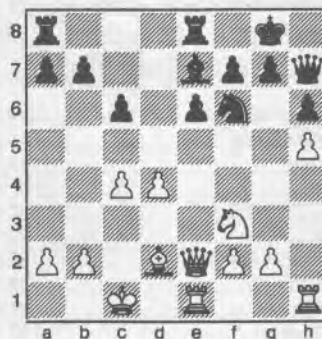
FM William Schill {5.0}

LM Viktors Pupols {6.0}

Bellevue, WA Championship (9) 2005

Annotations by LM Viktors Pupols

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.d2 dxe4 4.dxe4
xf5 5.dg3 g6 6.f3 d7 7.h4 h6
8.h5 xh7 9.xd3 xd3 10.xd3 e6
11.xd2 dgf6 12.O-O-O xe7 13.d4
xe4 14.xe4 f6 15.e2 d5
16.c4 e4 17.f1 O-O 18.xe1 h7
19.e2 fe8



Too timid. I was concerned about
f3-e5xf7. However, either Rook could
go to d8 immediately, e.g., 19...fd8
20.d5 (20.xc3 f5 21.d5 d6
22.g4 f4+ 23.b1 xe5 24.dxe5
d4!!) 20...xd4 21.f7 e4.
20.d5 ad8 21.xc3 d7 22.f4
xe5 23.dxe5 d3 24. h3 xe2
25.xe2 d7

Ever since 16.c4, the move ...b7-b5
has been in the air. Black backs off for
fear of creating an avenue of entry for
White's King in the endgame: one weak-
ness might be tolerable, but two would

not. Eventually, the pawns on the
queenside are fixed even less favorably
and the tournament ends on a sour note
for Vik.

26.xd2 ed8 27.xd7 xd7 28.a4
b6 29.c2 f8 30.xd3 e8 31.g4
xh4 32.xd7 xd7 33.d3 c5 34.a5
e8 35.xd2 xd8 36.xe3 f5 37.exf6
xf6 38.b3 xe7 39.axb6 axb6 40.e4
xd6 41.xd2 f7 42.g5 g6 43.hxg6+
xg6 44.gxh6 xf8 45.e5 f7 46.f5
1-0

Sicilian Paulsen

NM Nat Koons {3.5}

FM David Bragg {3.5}

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1.e4 c5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4
e6 5.d3 a6 6.dxc6 bxc6 7.e5 f5
8.xd3 d5 9.exd6 xd6 10.g4 f6
11.gxf5 exf5 12.e2+ e7 13.g5
O-O 14.xc4+ xh8 15.O-O-O h6 16.
xe7 xe7 17.xhe1 xa7 18.xe3 c5
19.d4 d4 20.xc5 xc5 21.dxc5
xf2 22.xd2 d4 23.xd1 xc7
24.b4 xf6 25.xe1 f4 26.xd8+ xh7
27.xd3+ xf5 28.d7 xd7 29.
xf5+ xf5 30.xd7 xh2 31.g1
g5 32.xg5 hxg5 33.xd2 f3
34.a4 g4 35.b5 axb5 36.a5 g3 37.xd1
d5 38.a6 d6 39.d2 g6 40.e2
f5 41.f3 e5 42.xd7 g5 43.a7
xa7 44.xa7 d4 45.g7 c3 46.
xg5 b4 47.xc5+ d4 48.xc8 g2
49.xg2 e3 50.xc4 1-0

King's Indian Sämisch

SM Slava Mikhailuk {6.5}

Eduard Shamilov {2.0}

Bellevue, WA Championship (9) 2005

1.c4 g6 2.d3 g7 3.d4 f6 4.e4 d6
5.f3 O-O 6.xe3 e5 7.dge2 exd4
8.dxd4 xe8 9.d2 c6 10.O-O-O d5
11.exd5 cxd5 12.xh6 d6 13.xg7
xg7 14.g4 dxc4 15.dxc6 xd2+
16.xd2 bxc6 17.xc4 xe6 18.xe6
xe6 19.g5 d5 20.dxd5 cxd5 21.
xd5 xc8+ 22.d2 xec6 23.e3
xe8+ 24.d3 xce6 25.xd1 xe3+
26.c4 xf3 27.b4 h6 28.gxh6+
xh6 29.a4 xe7 30.xd7 fe3 31.
xe7 xe7 32.b5 f5 33.a5 f4 34.b6
axb6 35.axb6 f3 36.f1 f7 37.d3
g5 38.e3 xf6 39.xb1 f2 40.b7
xb6 41.xb6 f1= 42.b8= 43.d4 f2+
44.d5 f3+ 45.e6
ff6+ 46.d7 ff7+ 47.c6 ff3+

48.♠c7 ♡f7+ 49.♠c8 ♡e8+ 50.♠b7 ♡e4+ 51.♠c6 ♡b4+ 52.♠b6 ♡e4+ 53.♠a7 ♡e7+ 54.♠b7 ♡a3+ 55.♠b8 ♡f8+ 56.♠c8 ♡f4+ 57.♠c7 ♡f8+ 58.♠b7 ♡f3+ 59.♠c6 ♡b3+ 60.♠c8 ♡h3+ 61.♠d7 1-0

Center-Counter

Matthew Fleury {6.0}
Chris Kalina {4.5}

Bellevue, WA Premier (9) 2005

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♠f6 3.♠b5+ ♠d7 4.♠c4 ♠g4 5.f3 ♠f5 6.♠c3 c6 7.g4 ♠g6 8.dxc6 ♠xc6 9.d3 e6 10.♠e3 ♠e7 11.♠ge2 ♠e5 12.♠b5+ Draw

Sicilian Maroczy Bind

Mark Ryan {4.5}
David Rupel {5.0}

Bellevue, WA Premier (9) 2005

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 g6 3.c4 ♠g7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♠xd4 ♠c6 6.♠e3 ♠f6 7.f3 d6 8.♠c3 O-O 9.♠d2 ♠d7 10.♠c1 ♠xd4 11.♠xd4 ♠a5 12.♠e2 ♠e6 13.O-O ♠fc8 14.b3 ♠d7 Draw

Catalan

David Arganian {2.0}
Geoffrey Gale {4.0}

Bellevue, WA Premier (9) 2005

1.d4 d5 2.♠f3 ♠f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 ♠e7 5.♠g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♠c2 a6 8.♠xc4 b5 9.♠c2 ♠b7 10.♠g5 ♠bd7

11.♠xf6 ♠xf6 12.♠bd2 ♠c8 13.♠b3 ♠e4 14.♠c3 ♠d6 15.♠ac1 ♠d7 16.♠fd2 ♠xg2 17.♠xg2 c5 18.dxc5 ♠xc5 19.♠f3 ♠a4 20.♠b7 ♠d5+ 21.♠xd5 exd5 22.♠d4 ♠xb2 23.♠f5 ♠c5 24.♠b3 ♠a3 25.♠b1 ♠a4 26.♠bd4 g6 27.♠e3 ♠b2 28.♠xd5 ♠xd4 29.♠e7+ ♠g7 30.♠xc8 ♠xc8 31.♠bd1 ♠c4 32.e3 ♠b6 33.♠d2 ♠a5 34.♠d7 ♠c2 35.e4 ♠c5 36.♠d6 ♠xa2 37.e5 ♠b4 38.♠f3 ♠b3 39.♠d7 ♠d2+ 40.♠g2 ♠xf1 41.♠xf1 ♠f8 0-1

I was doing okay in a Blackmar-Diemer Gambit variation that we have skirmished over several times before. Instead of 18...♠e4, I was considering 18...♠e7 which may have a lot of merit. I spent a lot of time thinking around move 18 through 21 and still made errors. After Bartron tagged me with 24.♠a4+, things did not look good for Black. Good play by Paul. — H. G. Pitre

Blackmar-Diemer

FM Paul Bartron {3.5}
H. G. Pitre {3.0}

Bellevue, WA Premier (9) 2005

1.e4 d5 2.d4 dxe4 3.♠c3 ♠f6 4.♠g5 ♠g4 5.♠e2 ♠xe2 6.♠gxe2 ♠bd7 7.♠g3 c5 8.O-O ♠b6 9.♠xf6 ♠xf6 10.♠a4 ♠c6 11.♠xc5 e6 12.♠b3 h5 13.c4 h4 14.♠e2 ♠d6 15.h3 ♠xc4 16.♠c1 ♠d5 17.f3 exf3 18.♠xf3 ♠e4 19.♠f4 ♠f5 20.♠d3 ♠h5 21.♠bc5

♠xc5 22.♠xc5 ♠xc5 23.♠xc5 ♠g6 24.♠a4+ ♠f8 25.♠c7 ♠g8 26.♠fx7 ♠xf7 27.♠xf7 ♠xf7 28.♠d7+ ♠f6 29.♠xb7 ♠ab8 30.♠f3+ ♠e7 31.d5 exd5 32.♠xd5 ♠f6 33.♠d4+ ♠f5 34.♠xg7 ♠hg8 35.♠h7+ ♠g5 36.♠xa7 ♠f4 37.♠f2+ ♠g5 38.b4 ♠gf8 39.♠e3+ ♠h5 40.a4 ♠fe8 41.♠f3+ 1-0

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Elston Cloy {4.5}
Clint Ballard {3.0}

Bellevue, WA Premier (9) 2005

1.♠f3 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.♠a3 g6 4.♠xc4 ♠g7 5.g3 ♠f6 6.♠g2 O-O 7.O-O ♠bd7 8.b3 c6 9.♠b2 ♠b6 10.♠c2 ♠f5 11.d3 ♠d7 12.♠fe1 ♠h3 13.♠h1 h6 14.e4 ♠xc4 15.bxc4 c5 16.♠e5 ♠c7 17.f4 ♠ad8 18.♠f3 ♠h5 19.♠xg7 ♠xg7 20.♠g2 ♠c8 21.a4 ♠e6 22.a5 ♠d4 23.♠xd4 ♠xd4 24.♠a3 ♠fd8 25.♠e3 ♠g7 26.♠e1 ♠d8 27.e5 ♠d8 28.♠e4 ♠d7 29.♠g2 ♠c6 30.♠xc6 ♠xc6 31.♠xc6 bxc6 32.♠e3 ♠b8 33.♠f2 ♠d7 34.e6 ♠db7 35.a6 ♠b2+ 36.♠f3 ♠xh2 37.exf7 ♠bb2 38.♠xe7 h5 39.♠e3 ♠f8 40.♠e4 ♠a2 41.d4 ♠he2 42.♠xa2 ♠xa2 43.dxc5 ♠a4 44.♠d3 ♠xa6 45.♠d6 ♠xf7 46.♠e5 ♠a3 47.♠xc6 ♠e3+ 48.♠d4 ♠e7 49.♠d6 ♠c7 50.c6 ♠e7 51.♠d7 ♠e6 52.♠c5 ♠xd7 53.cxd7 ♠xd7 54.♠b5 1-0

**WCF Board Meeting
1/27/05**

Present:

- Pres. Kent McNall
- V.P. Duane Polich
- Sec. Gary Dorfner
- Treas. Robert Allen
- T.C. Carol Kleist
- NWC Rep. Absent
- Business Manager NWC Eric Holcomb

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. The minutes were read, corrected & approved.

Financial report:

There is \$7456.00 on hand as of 1/27/05.

Wash. Class Championship report:

Revenue	
Wash. Class	\$6680.00
Wash. Class Scholastic	989.00
Wash. Class Blitz	180.00
Wash. class Novice	96.00
Total	\$7945.00
Expenses	
Wash. Class Advertising	\$ 301.00
Canadian at par	10.65
Cash Shortage(Over)	(66.16)
FIDE rating fee	70.00

NW Grand Prix Fee	111.00
Postage & copies	70.62
Prize fund	4164.98
Site rental	2100.00
TD Fee	450.00
Trophies	76.16
Scholastic TD Fee	50.00
Trophies	89.55
Rating Fee	21.00
Blitz Prize fund	152.50
Total	\$7733.62
Profit	\$211.38

There were 124 players in all: 11 in the Master Class, 17 in the Expert Class, 19 in Class A, 18 in Class B, 29 in Class C, 22 in Class D & 8 in the Novice Class. There were 18 in the Blitz Class. In the Scholastic Class K-3 there were 20, 25 in the 4-6 Class & 16 in the 7-12 Class.

NWC Membership report:

There are 400 members/subscribers as of 12/31/04. NWC is holding its own at this time. The financial report will be sent out at a later date. There is around \$2000.00 on hand. The NWC Board will meet later on this year. Board needs to find ways & means to increase subscriptions.

Officer reports:

Pres.

The Bellevue Convention Center is scheduled to open on March 1st. Kent said he is going to take

the laptop which is to be raffled off at the Wash. Open over to the Collyer Memorial & Wash. Jr. Open along with several posters to be used in promoting the Wash. Open.

V.P.

America's Foundation for Chess is donating \$3000.00 to the State Championship as a way to attract high rated masters to play in the tournament. Duane will meet with Jim Roberts & Eric Anderson & discuss any limitations & conditions that they may have.

T.C.

Kent suggested changing the qualifications for the State Championship & Premier starting next year. Greg Serper, Eduard Shamilov & Harley Greninger did not meet the qualifications to play in the State Championship. They did not play in 3 tournaments in 2004. The latter two petitioned the board to waive the 3 tournament rule. The board voted as follows: Shamolov 5 yes & 1 no, Greninger 5 yes & 1 no, Serper 1 yes & 5 no.

Scholastic Director:

The Wash. Jr. Open will be held on March 26th at Bellevue Christian High School in conjunction with the Stevenson Tournament. A motion was made by Duane & 2nd by Dave to authorize cash prizes for the Open section & trophies/medals for the Reserve section, passed, 3 yes, 2 no. The Open section will

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Upgrade Your Results by “Downgrading” Your Openings !?

by NM Tom Rowan

[This is the latest in a series of articles on improving your chess by NM Tom Rowan. Earlier articles in this series are available for viewing at Tom's chess website, www.tomrowan.com. Send your questions, comments, and suggestions for future articles to Tom at chess@tomrowan.com.]

Chess players are always being advised to study their own games, and to study the classics. The recommendation to study their own games usually gets grudging agreement. It may not always be fun, but it's pretty obviously necessary to improve.

The recommendation to study the classics often brings an objection that runs something like this. “I have limited study time. I can't afford to waste it playing over games whose openings are about 100 years out of date.”

The chess coach responds, “Yes, but . . .,” and then proceeds to point out how the benefits outweigh the problem with the outdated openings. Well-annotated game collections, such as those of Alekhine and Botvinnik, may be the best value for your chess dollar. You've got the most instructive annotations packed into the least expensive chess books.

The last couple of times I've uttered that response, I've wondered if the outdated openings of the classics really are a problem. In fact, could bypassing modern theory and playing those outdated openings actually give you a practical advantage? If true, that could be a chess player's dream. You wouldn't have to go through the inefficient gear-switching between classic games and recent games. You'd be learning the chess lessons from the great masters of the past and building yourself an opening repertoire at the same time.

That's a pretty radical proposition. As such, it's not hard to raise some skeptical points.

Proposition: Playing the openings of the classics are better than modern openings for your improvement and for your results.

Point: Following modern day opening theory closely is a good way to pose problems for your opponents.

Counterpoint: True, and, in fact, posing problems for your opponents is the whole point of staying on the cutting edge of opening theory. However, that doesn't mean that following modern theory is the only, or best, way to pose problems. When you and your theory-minded opponents are all looking at the same material, it's going to be difficult to pull too far

ahead of your opponent in the problem-posing game. You pose problems by knowing the opening (not to mention chess) better than your opponent. If your opening is out of fashion, but still sound, you'll almost certainly know it better than your opponent does.

Point: If this proposition had merit, modern day GMs would be playing old openings instead of modern openings.

Counterpoint: GMs are generally familiar with the history and evolution of the openings they play. They'll generally know why the old variations have been replaced by the new. At the GM level, you can't assume an old variation will be unfamiliar to your opponent. GMs do revisit old openings with success, but they usually add their own new ideas; so they're not simply relying on surprise value to get an edge. Adding your own ideas is always a good approach — critical at the GM level — less critical at lower levels.

Point: What you're describing is dead-end improvement. The more I improve, the stronger my opponents will be. The stronger my opponents, the more they'll know how to deal with the older openings. I'll get diminishing returns with this approach.

Counterpoint: You'll get diminishing returns only if you stand still. You should strive to improve all aspects of your play, including your openings. As you examine the strengths and weaknesses of the opening you currently play, you'll be in a perfect position to appreciate how the opening needed to evolve, and you can compare your assessment with how the opening actually did evolve.

Point: That sounds like you're reinventing the wheel. We should take advantage of what's been learned in opening theory since the classics were played. It's a waste of time to turn back the clock 100 years or so and start from there. It makes more sense to start at the current state of the art and work from there.

Counterpoint: Chess is a skill to be learned, like math. To learn it you work through the exercises in the early chapters before moving on

to later chapters. You won't become a mathematician or a Master if you start with the answers someone else has worked out for you.

Point: The approach won't work with sharp modern openings that barely existed 50 years ago.

Counterpoint: I agree. Certainly, the approach would work best with the openings that have the longest history, such as double e-pawn openings and double d-pawn openings. If your repertoire includes the Benoni and Najdorf Sicilian, Tal and Fischer would be better "classical" starting points than Alekhine and Capablanca.

Point: I agree that following modern opening theory as the way to pose problems is overrated. I don't have time to follow theory anyway. I prefer posing problems with offbeat openings.

Counterpoint: Offbeat openings do get your opponents into unfamiliar territory, but they have drawbacks. Usually, the moves are second- or third-rate. If the moves were first-rate, the opening would be an established opening with the theory you're trying to avoid. Another drawback is that an offbeat opening doesn't give you a quality foundation for learning basic chess concepts and for posing problems on a long term basis. In contrast, playing a

good solid opening from the past gives you that sound foundation along with the benefit of putting most of your opponents into unfamiliar territory. Your repertoire won't be a handicap. You'll have the opportunity to demonstrate that you can outplay your opponent over the board, which is really all that you can realistically hope for when you start a chess game.

We all have limited study time. The less time we spend tracking the latest opening theory, the more time we have to focus on the other aspects of our chess. The SuperGMs of the past — Morphy, Tarrasch, Lasker, Rubinstein, Capablanca, Alekhine, Botvinnik — beat up on very strong players using variations that are unfashionable or forgotten today. I don't doubt that very few players today would fare any better when facing those unfashionable and forgotten variations.

Basing your openings on what was played in classic games gives you a sound repertoire with a solid foundation. As you progress, you can "upgrade" your openings, growing them with your own explorations and with your knowledge of how the openings evolved in games played later.

The approach may sound strange, but in a sense it's completely traditional. Even if your eventual goal is to catch up to and follow modern opening theory, the best way to learn and understand the openings is to know how the openings began and how they evolved. ■

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be rated USCF & the Reserve will be rated WSRS. David will work up a budget & then e-mail it to all of the officers for approval.

Sec.

Redid the 2003 Wash. Class Scholastic, 2004 Wash. Jr. Open & Wash Open Scholastic & sent in the rating reports to USCF. Tony Hunting did not send them in. Still updating the WCF archives.

Old Business:

The ballot to change the constitution passed by a 9 to 2 vote. 11 people voted. The survey taken at the 2004 Wash. Class Championship was filled out by 11 players. (Copy Enclosed)

The WCF purchased 10 boards & sets for \$140.00 & 5 analog clocks at \$28.00 each for a total of \$140.00 from the Wash. Class Vendor. A motion was made by Duane to purchase the equipment, 2nd by Gary, passed. Total amount of the purchase \$280.00.

New Business:

Discussed obtaining a credit card or Debit card to be used in submitting rating reports & memberships on line. A motion was made by Duane to authorize the Treas. to obtain a credit card with a \$1000.00 limit, 2nd by Carol, passed.

Sub Committee Reports:

Polgar/Denker Tmnt—Robert Allen, chairman

Highest finishing girl in the Wash. Jr. Open section will be seeded into the Polgar tournament at the US OPEN in Aug. It was suggested adding a Girls Only tournament to the tournament calendar.

Carol to find out who highest rated girl in state is & then send her an invitation to the Wash. Jr. Open.

Wash. Woodpushers Under 1800 Tmnt—Duane Polich, chairman

It was to have been held during the State Championship but the committee decided to postpone it until later in the year as there was not enough time to plan & organize it.

Web Site report—Kent McNall, chairman.

Kent said that he hopes to have the Web Site up & running by March 1st & then the NWC Web Site would be set up after that.

US Jr. Open/US Open Committee—Duane Polich, chairman.

Nothing more has been done on this, but Duane hopes to move ahead on it this year.

State Championship/Premier Committee—Duane Polich, chairman

America's Foundation for Chess is donating \$3000.00 to the State Championship this year.

The proposed prize fund is as follows;

Championship	Premier
1 st \$1000	1 st \$400
2 nd 800	2 nd 320
3 rd 600	3 rd 240
4 th 400	4 th 160
5 th 200	5 th 80

Proposed expenses:

Bulletins	\$100.00
TD Fee	250.00
Refreshments	100.00
Rating Fee, USCF	18.00
Rating Fee, FIDE	70.00

Misc	20.00
Total	\$1758.00

A motion was made by Gary & 2nd by Duane to accept the budget, & to not exceed \$2000.00, passed.

Discussed obtaining extra tables for the tournament & transporting them to the playing site & where to store them after words. AF4C must give final approval of prize fund.

Dave Weinstock wants to do a Chess Head tournament & have a vendor table at the Wash. Open. WCF would get 10% of his sales & tournament entry fees. This was discussed but no decision was made at this time.

Discussed the Wash. Open Novice Section. It was suggested that cash prizes may bring in more players. Gary to work up a format & budget.

Gary to talk to Mr. Karch about his Wash. Open plan to increase attendance.

A Tournament Calendar Committee was appointed. Chairman Gary Dorfner, members Bob & Carol & Kent.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm. Will reconvene on Sunday Feb. 13th at 2:00 pm.

Gary J. Dorfner, Sec.

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Seattle, WA

B.C. Wins InterMat

The annual Washington versus British Columbia scholastic match, the InterMat, was held on December 4 at the the History House in the Fremont District of Seattle. BC won the event 28-20, thanks to a whopping 13-3 score in the high school grades (9-12). Meanwhile, Washington held a more modest edge, 12-8, in the elementary grades (1-5). Top scorers for Team Washington were first-graders Zamir Birnbach (Evergreen School) and Wesley Yu (Lowell ES, Seattle), fifth-grader Igor Ummel (Marysville), all of whom went 2-0, and fourth-graders Michael Omori and David Inglis, both of the Evergreen School, who went 1.5-0.5. Scoring 2-0 for BC were Donovan Zhao (2nd grade), Louie Jiang (6th grade), Richard Huang (7th grade), Tiffany Tang (fresh.), Valentina Goutor (soph.), Fanhao Meng (jr.), Lucas Davies (jr.), Jason Lee (sr.), and Ben Daswani (sr.). Tanraj Sohal (3rd grade) scored 1.5.

In the first round, I dropped three pawns and resigned in an endgame where I could have won due to my major pieces. This was a great drawback for me and I knew I had to win this round. My opponent in this round had a really high rating compared to mine. Facing a difference of 547 Elo points, I was not really confident about winning or even drawing this game. So, here goes . . .

Northwest Chess

Sicilian ... ♖b6

Noam Davies (1996)
Vishnu Warriar (1449)

Seattle, InterMat (2) 2004

Annotations by Vishnu Warriar

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♟xd4
♟f6 5.♟c3 ♟c6 6.♟e2

Typically, either 6.♟g5, the Richter-Rauzer, or 6.♟c4, the Fischer Variation, is played. In the Najdorf, White often plays 6.♟e3, a slight mistake here due to 6...♟g4. Play can follow 7.♟g5 ♖b6, double-attacking the Knight. If White moves the d4-Knight, Black simply captures the f2-pawn and checkmates his blundering opponent. If White plays 8.h3 or 8.f3, then 8...♖xd4 9.h(f)xcg4 (9.♖xd4 ♟xd4 and Black threatens 10...♟xc2+ and so can save the g4-Knight) 9...♖xd1+ 10.♟xd1 ♟xc4 and Black is a pawn up.

[Ed. — The main line after 6.♟e3 ♟g4 is 7.♟b5 ♟xe3 8.fxe3 ♟d7 9.O-O e6 10.♟xc6 bxc6, when White usually chooses either 11.♖f3 or 11.e5, using his development advantage and open lines to compensate for his poor pawn structure and Black's two Bishops.]

6...♖b6 7.♟e3 ♖xb2

Now it gets pretty tricky. Black is a pawn up, but White has the initiative. Let's see where White messes up.

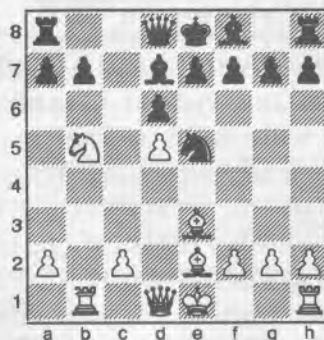
8.♟db5

The better move. After 8.♟cb5 ♟xd4, Black may have chances in the more complex positions that arise.

8...♖b4 9.♟b1 ♖a5 10.♟d2 ♖d8

Thank gosh I got to retreat! Now I have to be careful in my development.

11.♟e3 ♟d7 12.♟d5 ♟xd5 13.exd5
♟e5



White is better, but I still have fighting chances. So, I won't give up.

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14.♟xa7 ♟xa7 15.♟xa7 ♖a5+

Interesting, we have an imbalance — Knight + Bishop vs. Rook.

16.c3 ♖xa7 17.♖b3 ♟c8

A little bad, but a fine position. Now I have a better retreat square for my Knight.

18.f4 ♟d7 19.♟b5 g6 20.♟e2 ♟g7
21.♟he1 O-O 22.♟xd7 ♟xd7 23.♟f1

If 23.♖xb7, I would play 23... ♖xa2+ and if 24.♟b2 ♖c4+!

23...♟f5!

I played this move by intuition alone.

24.♟bd1

Else White must suffer after the extremely strong move 24...♟d3+! which results in an extra piece for Black.

24...♟f6

I did not see anything great and just decided it is important to keep my pawn chain.

25.h3 h5 26.c4 ♟c8 27.♟e2 ♖a6
28.♟c1? b5 29.c5? dxc5 30.♖f3 c4
31.♟g1 ♖a7+

I really liked this move, because, instead of defending the b5-pawn from a6, I wanted to go to d7. Also, I have sac'ing ideas on the kingside if the Queen goes to d7 and, finally, I stop White's plan of g2-g4 trying to open up my kingside.

32.♟h1 ♖d7 33.♟g1 ♟d3

No other way to say it, but it's over.

34.♟d2 b4 35.♟c1 ♟d8 36.f5

A hope and a prayer. White is in Zugzwang and is fighting on the last straw. Now I need to do is sit back, relax, throw the feather and the cart (White's position) will tip.

36...♖xd5?

According to the computer 36... ♖xd5 is a mistake, better is 36...♟g5, winning a Rook.

37.fxg6 ♖xf3 38.gxf3 ♟g5 39.gxf7+
♟xf7 40.f4

After my next move, my opponent resigned, as he saw he had no compensation for the piece.

40...♟e4+ 0-1

The thing to remember in a game you must win, where a draw is not enough, is to play calmly, coolly, and to give it your best shot. I had a disadvantage of 500+ Elo points and in chess it is a serious upset if you win against a guy rated 400+ above you. Just sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride. Play for fun, toy around with your opponent and bring them down. Play serious but not so serious that your desire to win goes to the extreme. NEVER play to win at all costs cause then your suicidal attempts will ultimately fail, and your attack shall backfire. Only when you are losing can you look for sucker punches, because then you have got nothing to lose. Fight till the end till you can't fight no more, only when you have no, absolutely no resources, only then do you have a right to resign. Never give up, fight on, it is never over till it's over.

Lynden, WA

220 young chessplayers braved the icy roads to compete in the Whatcom County Scholastic Chess Championships held Saturday, January 15 at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden. This year's competition was different in two aspects. First, the site was moved from the Lynden High School cafeteria to the fairgrounds, which made for a more spacious venue with two distinct playing sections, one for the tournament, another for relaxation, socializing and bughouse chess. Second, the tournament's significance as a qualifier for State was increased, as for the first time the State Championships will be held in Northwest Washington this Spring.

Without volunteers, we wouldn't have a tournament. Many thanks to the volunteer registration team of Jeanne Petersen, Tami Blankers, Zach Blankers and Brady Roof. And big thanks to the volunteer floor judges Dave Mauro, Brian Weese, Allen VanderVeen, Eric Graham and Ricardo Garza.

The new Whatcom County champions are as follows:

High School Division

1st:	Lane VanWeerdhuizen (Lynden)	5.0
2nd:	Mark Jordan (home school)	4.0
3rd-5th:	Zach Blankers (Lynden Christian)	3.0
	Alex Fahad (Nooksack Valley)	
	Tony Burr (Ferndale)	

Team Champions:

1st:	Ferndale High School
2nd:	Lynden High School
3rd:	Nooksack Valley High School

Middle School Division

1st-3rd:	Sterling Dietz (Lynden MS)	4.5
	Thomas Witecki (Assumption)	
	Jason Dibble (Liberty Fundamental Baptist)	
4th:	Eli Blankers (Lynden Christian)	4.0
5th:	Nathaniel Dykstra (home school)	4.0

Team Champions:

1st:	Lynden Christian
2nd:	Lynden MS
3rd:	Assumption School

Elementary School Division (3rd-5th grades)

1st:	Mikayla Chang (Assumption)	5.0
	Andrew Ronson (Assumption)	
3rd:	Grant Bennett (Assumption)	4.5
4th-5th:	Chase Mauro (Larrabee)	4.0
	Arthur Vartanyan (Larrabee)	

Team Champions:

1st:	Assumption School
2nd:	Larrabee Elementary
3rd:	Parkview Elementary

Primary Division (K-2)

1st:	Lake Sullivan (Mountain View)	5.0
	Isaac Devange (Larrabee)	
3rd-5th:	Kenneth Brown (Lowell)	4.0
	Michael Burma (home school)	
	Riley Zehnder (Bellingham Home School Club)	

Team Champions:

1st:	Larrabee Elementary
2nd:	Bellingham Home School Club
3rd:	St. Paul's

Lynnwood, WA

The Washington State High School Individual Championships were held on January 28-29 at Meadowdale HS. Finishing in a tie for first-second were Ricky Selzler (Bainbridge Island HS) and David Wyde (Lakeside School, Seattle). Wyde won the playoff and will represent Washington at the Denker Tourna-

ment of High School Champions which will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, in conjunction with the U. S. Open. Peter June (Sehome HS, Bellingham) and Ben Wyde (Lakeside School) came third-fourth in the 35-player event.

Matt Kurtis of Sehome HS scored a perfect 5-0 to win the 83-player Reserve section. Kevin Ting (Mercer Island HS) and Scott Franz (Ferndale HS) placed second-third.

Sicilian Kan

Ricky Selzler

David Wyde

Lynnwood, Denker Playoff 2005

1.e4 c5 2.d3 f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4 a6 5.dxc3 ♖c7 6.♗d3 ♗f6 7.O-O ♗c5 8.♗b3 ♗e7 9.f4 d6 10.♖e2 ♗c6 11.♗d2 b5 12.♗ae1 b4 13.♗d1 ♗d7 14.c3 ♗f6 15.♖f2 ♗b8 16.g4 O-O 17.g5 ♗e7 18.♖h4 g6 19.♗f3 f6 20.♗h3 ♗f7 21.gxf6 ♗xf6 22.♖g3 ♗g7 23.♗h1 a5 24.♖f2 a4 25.♗d4 ♗c5 26.♗b1 bxc3 27.♗xc3 ♗xd4 28.♗xd4 ♗xd4 29.♖xd4 e5 30.♖e3 ♗xh3 31.♖xh3 ♖d7 32.f5 gxf5 33.exf5 ♖c6+ 34.♗e4 ♗xe4 0-1
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Coos Bay, OR

Forty-two young chess players from Coos and Curry counties competed in the South Coast Regional Scholastic, held on February 5. The event, a qualifier for the Chess for Success State Championship in Portland, was organized and run by Dr. Nancy Keller and Lynn Kindred.

In the 24-player grade school competition, Matthew Crim (Lincoln ES) and Ty Bunnell (Blossom Gulch ES) captured the 4th grade-and-under seeds. Mark Fontaine and Jessi Ross, both from Coquille Valley MS, will be the 5th grade representatives. The elementary team from Coquille Valley MS (Fontaine, Ross, Tasha Daily and Ivy Hallmark) also advanced to the state competition.

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Tournament Location	Directions / Accommodations
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Parents Only	Novice	Under 1000	Under 1400	Championship
<p>No Entry Fee 1st - 3rd Place trophies 5 Round Swiss G/30 April 23 ONLY</p>	<p>U500 Age 5-19 Unrated Age 5-12 USCF not required. Fee \$10 (\$20 at the door) Trophies 1st - 5th Place 5 round G/30 April 23 ONLY</p>	<p>U1000 Age 5-19 Unrated Age 5-15 USCF is required Fee \$15 (\$30 at the door) 2 Championship trophies Trophies 1st - 5th Place 5 round G/30 April 23 ONLY</p>	<p>U1400 & Unrated Age 5-19 USCF is required Fee \$15 (\$30 at the door) 2 Championship trophies Trophies 1st - 5th Place Clocks & Notation required 4 round G45 April 23 ONLY</p>	<p>Open to all players Age 5-19 OCF & USCF both required Fee \$20 (\$35 at the door) Championship & Travel Awards Trophies 1st - 5th Place 5 round G60 2 rds /G90 3 rds April 22 & 23</p>

PLEASE NOTE: The Tournament Director reserves the right to add sections depending on the number of entries. All guaranteed prizes will be awarded. Place tie breaks determined by computer. All Championship tie breaks determined by blitz. Additional trophies based on entries.

Schedule/Events	Special Awards
<p>Championship Section Friday 3:30 -4 pm check in, rds 4:30 & 6:45 pm Saturday rds 9, 12:30, 3:45, Awards ASAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OREGON JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPION (Invited to the OR. Jr. Invitational Championship, top Oregon finisher only) OREGON JUNIOR ACTION CHAMPIONS (class D, E, F & G) (Top Oregon finishers only) DENKER TOURNAMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS (Top Oregon <u>High School</u> player will represent Oregon in the Denker National) ** Travel Scholarship Awarded ** SUSAN POLGAR NATIONAL INVITATIONAL FOR GIRLS (Top Oregon Female player will represent Oregon in the Polgar Invitational) ** Travel Scholarship Award ** ADDITIONAL AWARDS: Sportsmanship & Others
<p>U1400 Section Saturday Only! 8-8:30 check in, rds 9, 10:45, 12:30, 2:15, Awards ASAP</p>	
<p>U1000/Novice/Parent Section Saturday Only! 9-9:30 check in, rds 10, 11:15, 12:45, 2, 3:15, Awards ASAP</p>	
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MISC	CONTACT INFORMATION
<p>CONCESSIONS: Beverages, meals and snacks will be available onsite.</p> <p>BRING: Folding chairs, Clocks & sets if you have them!</p> <p>FREE EVENTS: Master Simul & Giant Chess Set</p>	<p>QUESTIONS? Contact Kate Taylor 503-728-3754 or katetaylor@clatskanie.com</p> <p>Visit our website for additional information: http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com</p>

Of the thirteen middle-schoolers, three will be going to Portland: Josh Thompson (6th grade, Millicoma Intermediate School), Justin Thomas (7th, Coquille Valley MS), and Anthony Ray (8th, Coquille Valley MS). In addition, the Coquille Valley MS team (Thomas, Michael Daily, Tasha Napier, and Stephen Mast) will represent the region in Portland.

Only five high school players showed up. Ryan Biasca, a sophomore from Marshfield High School, won the section and will represent the South Coast at the state tournament.

Lynnwood, WA

The Washington JHS/MS Individual Championship was held on February 5. Alex Glass (MCR) topped the 41-player field with a 5-0 score. Vishnu Warrior (ICS), Adam Shankland (Lakeside School), Alexander Vining (CKT), and Jeremy Kohlenberg (Evergreen School, Shoreline) came second-fifth on four points.

Sicilian Alapin

Vishnu Warrior
Meir Lakhovsky

Lynnwood, WA JHS/MS Champ. 2005

Annotations by Vishnu Warrior

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 ♗c6 5.♗f3 ♕g4 6.♗e2 e6 7.O-O ♖d8?!

Though aggressive on the surface, this is not a very good move. Better is 7...♗e7 8.♗f4 ♗f6 9.♗bd2 O-O. 7...♖d8 may seem like a natural move, but turns out to be a mistake. White should play 8.c4!, kicking the Queen, and then a very strong 9.d5!, ripping open the center, will give White more than enough counterplay for a mere pawn. Then moves such as ♖a4, ♗c3, ♗f4, ♖ad1, ♖fe1, and ♗b5 all come into mind, killing the Black position.

8.♗e3

What an inferior move!?! This is very weak; Black should take an advantage by playing ...♗f6, ...♗e7, and ...O-O.

8...♗f6 9.♗bd2 ♗e7 10.♗e5

Desperation. I really wanted to keep his King in the center as long as I could, even if it meant giving up a pawn.

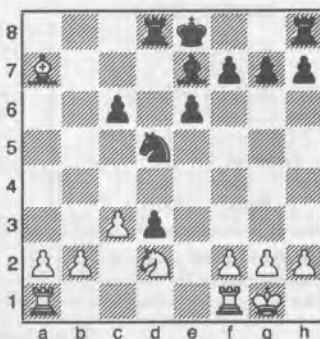
10...♗xe2

Expected!

11.♖xe2 cxd4 12.♗xc6 d3

Oh Man! Since this was a G/30, it's impossible to calculate all variations, and I missed this really strong move, pushing a monstrous passed pawn to d3.

13.♖f3 bxc6 14.♖xd5 ♗xd5 15.♗xa7



Grabbing the bull by the horns. At this point, we were both in some time pressure, I had 12 or 13 minutes on my clock and he only had eight or nine. I did not want to go into an inferior endgame; so I decided to take the free pawn. Since I had more time, I saw that my Bishop, at first glance vulnerable to being trapped, was, in fact, safe because of the variation I played in the game. At move 15, White has a difficult game, the pieces are cramped and the Rooks are not playing, but White has one distinct advantage: the Rook on h8 is not playing.

15...c5 16.♗e4 ♖c8 17.c4 ♗b4 18.a3 ♗c2 19.♖ad1 f5 20.♗c3 ♖d8 21.♗b6 ♖d4 22.♗b5 ♖xc4 23.♖xd3 O-O

Castling in the endgame is not a wise idea. You generally want to centralize the King as fast as possible and Black, though offered the chance, refuses to do so. This yields a more difficult endgame than it should be.

24.♖d7

Bombard the seventh with Rooks!

24...♖b8

Tactical! Now is the time to get tricky.

25.b3 ♖g4 26.h3

Creating *Luft* for the King with tempo. Now White can freely move his f1-Rook off the back rank.

26...♖g6 27.♖xe7 ♖xb6 28.a4

Maybe 27.♖d1 was better.

28...♗d4 29.♖d1 ♗f8 30.♖c7 ♗c6 31.♖d6 e5

White eventually went on to win the game, but at this point got into time pressure.

1-0

The Reserve section, also with 41 players, was won by Zach Oseran (Pine Lake MS) with a 5-0 score. Tal Levy (WMS), Nevin Ramanujan (Federal Way Public Academy), Will Huiras (AWA), Eric Pang (Eckstein MS, Seattle) and Ronald Hong (Federal Way Public Academy) came second-sixth with four points. Paul Zurybida directed.

Yakima

The WA State High School Team Championship was held on February 25-26. Thirty-two five-player teams participated. Topping the field was Lakeside School of Seattle (David Wyde, Ben Wyde, Marcel Knudsen, Ben Bishop, Michael Spillane) which scored 21 out of 25 possible points. Garfield HS (Seattle) A (Harry Cheadle, Kyle Lam, Chris Morris-Lent, Andrew Girardeau-Dale, Kyle Blum) came second on twenty and Mercer Island HS (Adi Lanka, Steven Taki, Grgeory Lee, Kevin Ting, Stewart Summerfield) was third with 17 points. D. Wyde, Lanka and Lane VanWeerdhuizen (Lynden HS) all scored 5-0 on Board One. Board Two had two 5-0 scorers.

Taki and Jonathan Perry (Seattle Preparatory Academy). The other boards each had one perfect score. Bd 3 - Morris-Lent, Bd 4 - Colin Parker (Seattle Preparatory Academy), and Bd 5 - Keyan Hanson (Ballard HS, Seattle).

David Ellinger and Paul Zubrida directed.

Tacoma, WA

The Sheridan Elementary tournament was held on Saturday, February 26. There were 144 kids: 52 in the K-2 Section, 77 in the 3-5 Section & 15 in the 6-8 Section.

In the K-2 Section, the winners were: 1st Davin Hanton, 2nd Dacin Titus, 3rd Deandre Miller, 4th Grace Johnson, 5th Aidan Teodoro. They each received a trophy. Seventh through 24th

places also received trophies & medals. Team awards: 1st Downing, 2nd Seaburu, 3rd Washington, 4th Lister, 5th Grant. Sixth through tenth places also received trophies.

In the Grades 3-5 Section, the winners were: 1st Phuong Truong, 2nd Nate Broughton, 3rd B. J. Hanson, 4th Josh Jablon, 5th Justin Matthews. Each received a trophy. Sixth through 24th places also received medals or trophies. Team awards: 1st Lister, 2nd Sheridan, 3rd Washington, 4th Downing, 5th Blix. Sixth through tenth places also received trophies.

In the Grades 6-8 section, the winners were: 1st Puneet Dewan, 2nd Ian Southcote-Want, 3rd Peter Lessler, 4th Brendan Bartanen, 5th Jeff Heritage. They

each received a trophy. Joey Lucas won the Good Sportsmanship award.

The Sheridan Blitz winners were: 1st Charlie Grumer, 2nd Peter Lessler, 3rd Sam Mullen, 4th Phuong Truong, 5th Kramer Lewis, 6th Jared West. The Sheridan Bughouse winners were: 1st Phuong Truong, 2nd Joel Bergman, 3rd Matt Philich, 4th Josiah McDonald, 5th Peter Lessler. The tournament was well organized and run. The organizers were Nelson Hanton and Carl Nighswonger.

Courtesy of Gary Dorfner

Mercer Island, WA

Islander MS hosted the Washington MS/JHS Team Championship on March 5. Two

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2005 SPRING FLING SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

April 30th at South Eugene High School, 19th and Patterson St, Eugene, OR

A USCF-rated scholastic tournament in four sections

Premier (Open) Section: Grades K-12, USCF rated over 1200. Four rounds, 6/60.

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Scholastic Checkup with Dr. Leo

How does the play and practice of chess change for students as they progress from elementary to middle school to high school?

Chess serves many and varied educational roles in the mental lives of children. Initially, in pre-school and kindergarten, chess is a game that allows children to communicate their feelings and social natures while having fun playing at leading a troupe of "action figures" in barely contained antics on the chessboard. Just as young children will speak to and through puppets and dolls, kindergarteners will use chess pieces as surrogate selves to express their thoughts and feelings to their "opponents." Among young children, however, the concept of an opponent is usually quite different than one might suppose! Young children, as opponents, act much more as cooperative partners in orchestrating a chess game than as competitors in conflict. Chess is a venue where two children work together to compose a game against the external forces of confusion and uncertainty. A chess game for young children is simply one more communicative venue in which they relate to their parents and fellow students. Chess for young children is artistic expression (both as actor and as director). Chess can be a three-ring circus in which the child plays the part of ringmaster and generally directs, but does not determine, the actions of the pawns and pieces. The pawns and pieces seem to have lives and intentions of their own! A child gradually learns to "tame" these wild beasts and internalize their actions and potential for action.

Young children love to talk as they play chess. Playing and talking are simply converging ways to express their hopes and dreams and thoughts and feelings. Playing and talking are barely distinguished as means of personal expression in the minds of young children: each mode is simply an extension of the other. Chess play provides a buffer and a transducer for children to feel secure within and behind. Chess play allows children to experience an "other" within a safe and

secure medium which every child recognizes as part of their childhood world: chess is a child's game after all!

As children enter grade school, chess becomes a facilitator of reading and creativity. The mental steps needed to think through a move are similar to the mental steps needed to think through a word. Chess moves are woven into a variation of play in much the same way that words are woven into sentences. Studies by Drs. Margulies and Ferguson have shown that children who received chess instruction read at a higher level than children in control groups who did not receive chess instruction. This, of course, is not of particular interest to children, however! For elementary school children, chess becomes a way to assert one's self, to socialize with other students in a club environment, to play together as a group, and to further one's human understanding of other students and adults. Chess is a game and children know that they have scored a victory simply by having their game played in an academic setting. Chess club provides a refuge of childhood within the confines of the school environment. Chess makes learning fun.

Chess also provides a way for elementary school children to engage and come to grips with their own competitive natures. Human beings compete for physical and intellectual resources, social status, and the opportunity to express their own individual personalities in culture and society at large. Chess competition is good competition and children learn from chess what it means to be a worthy opponent, a civilized and dignified competitor, and what good sportsmanship truly consists of. As a capitalistic and economic-resource-driven society, it is valuable to have the vehicle of chess available to children so that they can learn to develop and drive their own sense of

resource allocation and need for competition. Chess educates children to understand and proactively manage their own competitive drives within a beneficial context of learning and logic. Chess builds character, teaches players to accept the consequences of their own actions, rewards intellectual creativity and resourcefulness, and directs children towards a successful life of the mind. Chess for grade school children is the beginning practice and appreciation of social and political science.

Elementary school children compete individually in the martial art of the mind at chess tournaments. Children are given recognition for their individual accomplishments and "team" recognition is given for the overall accomplishments of children from a given school. Elementary school students always compete individually (in Washington state), however, and not as designated and "board-ordered" members in a team competition. This distinction is the primary difference between elementary and middle school chess play and practice. Some middle school tournaments are designed for "pure" team competition between set school teams (of say 5 members) where the first board of school A plays the first board of school B, the second board of school A plays the second board of school B, etc. Middle school chess, therefore, has the possibility of generating true team effort, spirit, and aspiration. Players on such a team will have various formal ways of improving their board standing and gaining upward mobility within the team hierarchy.

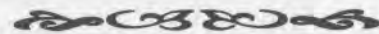
Middle school chess holds the promise of developing cooperation between team members as they congeal as a team, learn to take on team roles, and begin to strive for mutual as well as personal success in chess. Chess can be a team sport and this phase of group chess development and expression really begins in middle school. Students begin to learn to make an effort for a cause outside of themselves. The private social beginnings of younger years are now expressed in efforts invested in group outcomes. Students learn to become social beings and begin to make the cooperative efforts and contributions that signify mature social membership. Middle school students continue to play in "individual" tournaments while also playing in team tournaments. Chess for middle school students is the assertion of self within a growing awareness of group, team, and society. Middle school is the meeting ground be-

tween individual elementary school competition and the near-exclusive team competition seen in high school.

High school chess involves league play between designated school teams. High schools do not have chess clubs as much as they have chess teams. In high school, the object of chess becomes to win as a team. Individual development is important in so much as it strengthens team play and the chances for team success. Chess for high school students is sport both in the glory of victory and the agony of defeat. Chess playing high school students "come of age" through their chess play and practice: chess is a way to bring self into team and team into self.

To play chess is to learn. Chess is the expression of a continuing education and lifelong learning. Chess is pro-education, pro-family and pro-social. Chess is an important fabric woven within the tapestry of global civilization. Chess is many things to millions of people. Dr. Leo believes, however, that chess has a particularly valuable mission to play in childhood development and education. Chess is a window through which only the sunshine and rainbows of the adult world are allowed to illuminate the minds and emotions of children. Open the window! And let the sun shine in!

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Seattle teams, Washington MS (Devon Manber, Shinichiro Tanaka, George Fan, Alexander Ostrow, and Gabriel Armancas) and Lakeside School (Adam Shankland, Eliot Knudsen, Ethan Gottlieb, Alexander Isik, Andrew Haeger) tied for first-second on 17.5/25. The "A" team from the host school (Kevin Taki, Michael Choi, Andrew Goldberg, Bryan Solomon, Jennifer Apacible) finished third with 16.5 points. Board prizes went to Adam Shankland (Bd. 1, 4.5/5, Lakeside), Jimmy Hooper (Bd. 2, 4.5, SAS), Andrew Goldberg (Bd. 3, 5.0, Islander MS), Alexander Ostrow (-Bd. 4, 4.0, Washington MS), Michael Stead (-Bd. 4, 4.0, Pine Lake MS), and Gabriel Armancas (Bd. 5, 5.0, Washington MS). Eighteen teams took part.

In the Junior Varsity event, composed of extra players and players from schools without enough players to form teams, Stone Jiang (homeschooled) finished first with a 5-0 score. Matthew Wiens of Islander MS came second on 4.5 in the 52-player section. ■

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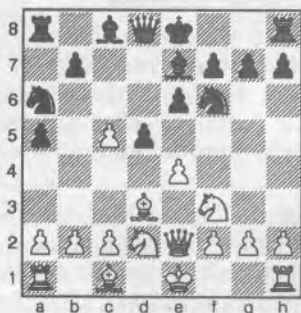
Watch for the Apropos Invitational #4, coming Summer 2005!

French Defence 2005

The 2005 WA State Championship and Premier was the testing ground again for everybody's favorite defence, and once again new and rare moves were tried. This survey will only highlight the opening moves, for complete games, please refer to the appropriate issue of *NWC*.

Schill-Weissbarth, Rd 1

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗e7 4.♗d3 c5 5.dxc5 ♘f6 6.♖e2 a5 7.♘gf3 ♘a6



This maneuver (6...a5, 7...♘a6), the idea of which is to take on c5 with the Knight, is perfectly good, but only if Black plays 7...O-O first. White now threw in 8.♗b5+, taking the initiative and winning a model game. (1-0, 25)

Bragg-Pupols, Rd 5

1.d4 d5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 e6 4.e4 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♗e7 6.♗xf6 gxf6 7.f4

This rarely played move grabs space, but leaves the King's wing vulnerable to a counterattack, which is eventually what happened. (0-1, 35)

Fleury-Cloy, Rd 5

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e5 ♘fd7 6.h4 ♗xg5 7.hxg5 ♖xg5 8.♖d3

An attempt to refute the acceptance of the Alekhine-Chatard pawn. Garry Kasparov once played it against Viktor Kortchnoi.

8...h5!

A very good move, planning to give the pawn back at some point with a playable game, or to setup the f7, g6, h5 pawn

chain whereupon the thematic move ♗h1-h6 is taken away from White.

9.♘f3?

Too soft. 9.♘h3 is more in the spirit of things.

9...♖e7 10.O-O-O ♘c6 11.g4 h4! 12.♖e3 ♘b6 13.g5 ♗d7 14.♖f4 O-O-O 15.♗xh4 ♗xh4 16.♖xh4 ♘b8!

Black has given the pawn back and already stands better (Draw, 19)

Gale-Kalina, Rd 6

1.e4 ♘c6 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 ♗e7 5.c3 f6

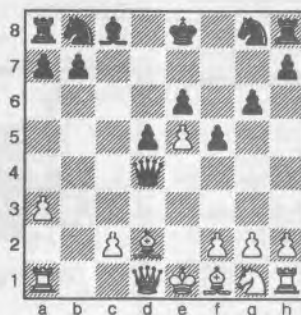
An interesting idea. Usually, in the Advance French, Black attacks the b2-c3-d4-e5 pawn chain at the base, which right now is b2, but eventually becomes d4. Here, the plan seems to be to attack the chain at the head (e5), although this plan was rejected a few moves later with 7...f5. Black has a lot less space than in the normal push French, but somehow made it work. (0-1, 28)

Weissbarth-Greninger, Rd 7

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4

Much respect to Mr. Greninger for being one of the few in the Northwest to uphold the Winawer variation, and double that for the pawn accepted on move 11.

4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♖c7 7.♖g4 f5 8.♖h5+ g6 9.♖d1 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♖c3+ 11.♗d2 ♖xd4



Not many have taken this pawn.

12.♘f3 ♖b6 13.♗b1 ♖c7 14.h4 h6 15.♗h3 ♗d7 16.♗b4

And White has pressure for the pawn.

[Question: Did White really have 27. ♗h5+ ♘d8 28. ♗xd7+? (1-0, 51)]

Ryan-Cloy, Rd 7

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♖b6 6.a3 c4 7.♘bd2 f6 8.exf6 ♘xf6 9.g3!

This little-played move may be white's best line, according to GM Uhlmann, who is a French defence devotee.

9...♗d6 10.♗g2 O-O 11.O-O e5 12.dxe5 ♗xe5 13.♖c2!

"Possibly the best move is 13.♖c2" — Uhlmann (Draw, 43).

[Question: Did White have 40.♖b3+ ?]

Bragg-Weissbarth, Rd 8

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗b4 5.e5 h6 6.exf6 hxg5 7.fxg7 ♗g8 8.♖h5 ♖f6 9.♘f3 ♖xg7 10.h4 gxh4 11.♗xh4 c5

New move. Black typically plays 11...♘c6 followed by ...♗c8-d7 and ...O-O-O, with a solid position. Instead, Black could not castle fast enough, as his center and kingside were being paged. (1-0, 27)

And finally,

Weissbarth-Collyer, Rd 9

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 h6!?

Elston Cloy explained this move as designed to trick White into an inferior line, for example, if 4.e5, then White has his Knight on c3 in an Advance French instead of his c-pawn. If 4.♘f3, then 4...♘f6 and White has his Knight on f3 in a Classical French, instead of having the option of f2-f4.

The move is also an admission that ♗c1-g5 is such a strong move that Black must prevent it, even at the cost of development. White reacted to this by putting his pieces in the center and eventually won a nice game. ■

55-50-45-40-35-30 Years Ago
in the pages of
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by **Russell (Rusty) Miller** (from April 1985 *Northwest Chess*)

APRIL 1950

Editor Jack Finnigan had 6 pages in this issue. The cover was "an on-the-spot picture of a recent event," which was of the presentation of trophies for the team and individual championships for the year. It was reported that Latvian Chess master Elmars Zengalis was due to arrive soon. The Seattle CC team won the Puget Sound League, with Olympia second. Twenty players took part in the Puget Sound Open, with Bob Stork winning 5-1. Jack Strong and Gerald Schain were next. The Washington State Speed crown was won by Jim Amidon. The event was held in Everett. Bob Neale won the Seattle CC Championship with 15 wins and 1 loss. Next was Glenn Muller.

APRIL 1955

G. B. Schain was the editor of this 18-page issue. Ted Warner won the 2nd annual Inland Empire Open with 5½-½. Robert Oycus was 2nd with 5 and Dan Wade was the top of the 4½ score group. Wade would have won on tiebreak had he accepted Warner's draw offer in the last round. Warner made the offer, because he thought he would win on a tiebreak. Wade thought so, too, and played on. Forty players took part. The minutes of the 1955 WCF annual meeting were printed. Ken Mulford was elected President; Dr. Parker, V-P; Peter Husby, Sec.; W. H. Raleigh, Treasurer; Gerald Schain, editor; and Viktors Pupols, tournament director. Franklin High of Seattle defeated both Cleveland and Lincoln Highs of Seattle in matches.

APRIL 1960

Buz Eddy was the editor of this 20-page issue. I guess he must also take credit for the page that was run upside down. Clark Harmon won the 12-player Oregon Junior. Mike Franett topped the North Idaho Junior 5-0. Willy Brandal and John Braley tied for 2-3. The quarterly rating by Robert Karch appeared. The Northwest Senior Masters on the list were James H. McCormick, Olaf Ulvestad, and Elmars Zengalis. There were three Northwest masters: Dr. Peter Lapikan, Viktors Pupols, and Viesturs Seglins. The list consisted of 285 players. Phil Dolph won the Boise City Championship 7-0. Dick Vanderburg was next 6-1. Neil Power and Jerry Wolfe were winners over Viktors Pupols in a 20-board simul held in Everett. The Yakima CC topped Kennewick High Club 8½-3½. Danny Towne topped the Yakima Junior College Event. William Hoge was elected president of the Yakima CC.

APRIL 1965

This 22-page issue was put out by Dan Wade. The WCF Treasurer's report shows 310 members and \$768 on hand. The Ashland team topped one from Klamath Falls 5½-4½. The minutes of the WCF annual meeting appeared. Clark Harmon was elected President and Dick Parsons, editor. Fred Howard continued in the rating post as did V-P Col Bosse. WCF membership dues were raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00, the first raise in 14 years. Dr. Anton Walloch won the Pierce County title. Members of the Puget Sound League All-Star team were 1. Andy Schoene, 2. John Braley, 3. Harmon, 4.

Matt Kenney, 5. Eddie Sonier. Glenn Muller won the 1965 Seattle CC title. Braley topped the 12-man upper section of the Puget Sound Open. Jim McCormick was 2nd, a half-point behind Braley's 4½ winning score. David Fulton won the "B" section. Bruce Betzer of Portland won the Washington Junior on tiebreak over Eugene Fomin and Bill Blackmore. They all scored 4-1 in the 10-man event. Peter Hashisaki won on tiebreak in the Washington High tournament over Randy Dean and Eugene Fomin. 16 players took part. Greg Kern and Ivars Dalbergs tied for 1st-2nd in the Grays Harbor Open, both with a 4½-½ and the same tiebreaks. 38 players took part. Harmon won and Buz Eddy directed the U of Washington Championship. 14 players took part. In the quarterly rating report, Ivars Dalbergs and Andy Schoene were tops. There were 250 players on the list. Brian Potter won the B.C. Championship.

APRIL 1970

Editor Willie Skubi put out a 24-page issue of *Northwest Chess*. This was issue 269. A three-way tie was the result of the Astor Open. George Krauss of Tacoma, Gerald Van Deene of Aberdeen, and Jerry Weikel of Eugene all scored 4-1 in the 17-player event directed by Esther Schrader.

Mike Franett won the 1970 Washington State Championship with a 5-2 score. Vik Pupols was 2nd with 4½. Other scores were: Jim McCormick 4, Kent Pullen and Peter O'Gorman 3½, Mike Murray 3, Johnny Walker 2½ and Alan Clark 2. Rex Wilcox of Pocatello won the Idaho State Championship.

Bob Eldridge reported in the British Columbia section that Robert Zuk won the 25-player Lower Mainland Open. Ken Morton and Charles Balmer tied for 1st at 4½-½ in the Mary Hill Students Tournament.

Harry Glidden reported in the Oregon Chess News Section that David Mitchell was the Oregon Jr. Champion scoring 4-1 in a six-player round-robin. Twelve teams took part in NW Interzonal High School Tournament. Three tied for first with 4-1 match scores: Roosevelt Seattle, David Douglas of Portland and Sonora, California. David Douglas was top team in the Oregon Metro League as of February 19 with a 10-0 match score. Top players on club ladders were: Seattle CC - Svend Monrad; Spokane - Jim Hanlen, Seattle U - Howard Chin.

David Groenig won the Spokane City Championship. The WCF annual report listed WCF as having \$796.83 cash on hand. Only one contested office was to be placed on the ballot, V-P Angus Pitt against Willie Skubi. Elected Officers were Russell Miller-Pres, Norm Hardy - Sec., Kathy Miller-Tres, Casey Nyman-Publicity Director, Tim Kauppila-Tournament Director, Vik Keiser-Rating Director, Willie Skubi-Editor NWC, Jeff Hanson Publisher, Don Eisenberg-Circula-



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tion Director, Ron Norman-Postal Director, Howie Chin-High School Director.

Richard Schultz was the top player on the Post Chess Rating List.

APRIL 1975

Dan Bailey was the Editor of a full 32-page issue of *Northwest Chess*. Oregon Editor Aaron Means reported William Kiplinger, Clay Kelleher and Alan Dvorshak tied for 1st in the 40-player Open Section of the Portland Winter Open. They had 4½-½, good for \$61.75 each. Richard Backer won the Reserve Section 5-0, good for \$70.00. That was the largest 2-day Open ever held in Portland to that time. The 3rd Annual Oregonian-OMSI Chess Tournament results listed Mark Witty of Adrian School as Grade 5 top player in the State, Greg Mase of Whitaker (Portland) as tops for Grade 6, Greg Vitko of Markam (Portland) tops of Grade 7 and Teddy Leong of Astoria Jr. High 1st in Grade 8 competition. Tom Kuge of Reynolds High in Portland won the Grade 9-12 event.

Yakima Valley College Feb Quad winners were Teddy Garoutte, David Klinetobe, Frank Koch, Bill Misemer, and Danny Estes. Ernst Rasmussen and Neil Salmon scored 4-0 to top a Tacoma Tornado. John Donaldson edged out Matt Edwards and Bob Haukap to win the Washington High School Individual of 26 players. Yasser Seirawan took part, but finished last after winning in round 1, losing to Doug Walker in rd 2 and then dropping out. Robert Morris won the 40-player King County Tornado 4-0. The 21-player Ellensburg Open had 3 players all scoring 3-0, Don Taylor, Russell Miller

and Larry Rude. Ellensburg won the Eastern Washington League with 4-0 match score. Top league scorers were 1-Wayne Hatcher, 2 - Steve Wilson, 3-Jim Klingele and Bill Horton, 4-Dennis Vaguhan and 5-Jay Schrader. The \$100 first Prize in 1975 Fort Vancouver Open went to Yasser Seirawan for his 5-0 score, besting 58 others.

The Salem CC beat a team from Portland State 5-0. There was a full page ad for the \$1000.00 Continental Life and Accident Idaho Open. Randy Dean was the best of 14 5-minute players taking part in the Championship Section of the King County 5-Minute Championship. Robert Karch announced his resignation as President of Washington Chess Federation and Northwest Postal Chess Director. Sixteen 5 player teams took part in the Washington State Jr.High Team event which was won by Meany-Madrona Middle School 4-0. Thirty-four teams took part in the Washington High School Team event which was won by Juanita High of Kirkland 5-0. Top board scorers were: Yasser Seirawan on 1, Dan Ryan on 2, Randy Walter on 3, Leonard Coglass on 4, and Byron Biystone on 5. Dan Bailey reprinted Ben Franklin's 1779 "Morals Of Chess." ■

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Spokane News

by Kevin Korsmo

Thirteenth Dave Collyer Memorial

Familiar themes were played out at the Thirteenth Dave Collyer Memorial tournament in Spokane on February 26-27, 2005. The event attracted 57 players from six states (Montana had the largest out of state contingent with 12). IM John Donaldson again won the title with a 4.5 score.

A number of up-and-coming youngsters again showed up to wrest rating points away from their elders. The twist this year was that the youngsters were liberally sprinkled in the upper half of the draw and, thus, the number of upsets dropped from last year. The youth contingent was led by Bellevue 11-year-old Michael Lee (1964) who was seeded sixth in the event. The Portland-Vancouver area sent four of its strong youngsters: Drew Serres, Daniel and Patrick Gay, and Andy May, and the Spokane area provided several more.

When all was said and done, six players shared second place with 4.0 scores: IM Eric Tangborn, FM David Sprenkle, NM Curt Collyer, Geoff Gale, Daniel Gay, and Phil Weyland. Lee was one of five perfect scores after the first day and spent the last two rounds playing the two IM's on the top two boards. Lee secured a draw with Eric Tangborn in round four, while Donaldson and Sprenkle also played to a draw. Curt Collyer (who had taken the third round off to attend to homework) then dropped Gale from the ranks of the unbeaten with a nice win to force a six-way tie heading into the last round.

The six 3.5 scores faced off in the final round. Sprenkle and Weyland drew on board three. Donaldson broke through against Lee and forced the youngster to resign. The Collyer-Tangborn game on board one went into its last few minutes before agreeing to a draw. Meanwhile,

Daniel Gay and Geoff Gale won their final rounds to join the tie at 4.0.

Donaldson won \$300 for his victory. Gale received \$120 as the top A player, while the other second place finishers each received \$96 for their share of the second and third prizes, as well as the B Class prizes. Other winners included six players tied for second in A with 3.5 scores: Elston Cloy, John Julian, Chris Kalina, Michael Lee, Dave Rowles, and Drew Serres. James Stripes and Scott Young won the Class C prizes with 3.0 scores, which netted each of them \$80. The Class D prizes (also \$80 each) were shared by newcomer Bogdan Stepchin and young veteran Zach Countryman, 11, who also scored 3.0. Countryman also claimed the top upset prize of \$100 with a first round conquest of an A player 560 points above him. Spokane veteran Vern Johnson took the \$50 prize for the second largest upset (378 points). A total of \$1520 in prizes was awarded. The Spokane Chess Club and the Gary Younker Foundation again jointly sponsored the tourney.

The Collyer weekend kicked off with Donaldson and Tangborn conducting a simultaneous exhibition at Auntie's Bookstore on Friday, February 25. The IM duo played in tandem against 29 players, with the IM's winning 24 games, losing three, and drawing two.

Spokane CC Winter Championship

John Julian won the five-round Winter Championship with a 4.5 score. The event was played over six weeks beginning January 20 and ending February 24. Kirk Steinocher was runner up with four points and claimed the prize for best over 1700.

Other prize winners were Adam Attwood and Ron Weyland in the 1300-1700 category with 3 points, and Ted Baker and Zach Countryman in the under 1300 section. They each scored 2.5. Vern Johnson scored the biggest upset. Each of these seven won WCF memberships as part of the prize packages. ■

Tacoma Report

by Gary Dorfner

The TCC membership meeting was held on Friday night Jan. 28th. New club officers elected for 2005 are: Pres. – David Wight, V.P. – Vivi Bartron, Sec. – Eric Holcomb, Treas. – Mike MacGregor, TD – Gary Dorfner, Publicity Director – Bill Rogers, Sarg.-At-Arms – Paul Bartron.

The Stephen Christopher Memorial Open was held on Jan. 29-30. There were 13 players in all. The winners were: 1st Paul Bartron \$60.00, 1st Group #1 Mark Ryan & Eric Holcomb \$24.50 each, 1st Group #2 Lisa Still \$45.00. TD Gary Dorfner.

A G/30 Action tournament was held at McChord AFB on Sat. Feb. 19th. There were 10 players in all. The tournament was held in 2 sections, 4 adults in the open section & 6 Jr.'s in the Reserve section. The winners were: Open Section 1st Rick Martin, 2nd Al Meyer, 3rd Robert Hadley. Alex Chickanchi was to have been in a 3rd section but seeing as there were only 4 adults they were put into 1 section. Alex was still given 1st place for that section. Reserve. 1st 9-12 Chris Martin, 2nd 9-12 Trent Meyer, 3rd 9-12 Holly Martin, 1st 13-18 Andy Lane, 2nd 13-18 Heidi Martin, 3rd 13-18 Heather Martin. They all won trophies in both sections. TD Gary Dorfner, Organizer Jill Rector.

The Pierce County Championship was held at the club last Feb. There were 15 players in all. The winners were: 1st Mike MacGregor \$20.00, 1st Under 1700 Eric Holcomb \$20.00, 1st Under 1500 David Wight & Bill Rogers \$10.00 each. TD Gary Dorfner

The Northwest Open was held at the Seattle Chess Club on March 5-6. There were 23 players in all. There were 9 kids in the tournament as well. These kids were Jack the Giant Killers. Michael Wang 1179 beat players rated nearly 700 and 350 points higher. Darryl Wu scored a 250-point upset; Megan Lee, 500- and 680-point upsets. The winners were: 1st Paul Bartron \$102.50, 1st Group #1 Geoff Gale & H.G Pitre \$30.75 each, 1st Group #2 Stephen Buck & Kamran Hughes each, 1st Group #3 Alex Guo \$53.50. TD Gary Dorfner Special Jr. Prizes: 1st Megan Lee & 2nd Nathan Lee, they each received a set of *Yasser's Flash Tactics*. Michael Wang won the Upset Prize, a book called *Winning Chess Traps*. ■

Future Events

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

♣ **April 7, 14, 21 Taxing Quads** ♣
Site: Herak 101, Gonzaga Univ. **Format:** 3-RR. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$16 (can be paid at the club or on day of tnmt). **Reg:** 6:45-7:15 p.m. **Info:** Dave Griffin 509-928-3260; dbrgrffn@hotmail.com.

♣ **April 16 Daffodil Open** ♣
Site: Freighthouse Square, 430 E 25 St, Tacoma WA (2 blks downhill from the Tacoma Dome). **Format:** 5-round Swiss. **TC:** G/30. **EF:** \$20. **Prize Fund:** \$200 b/20. **Prizes:** \$60, U2000 55, U1700 45, U1500 40. **Reg:** 10-10:30 am. **Rds:** 10:30-12:1:30-3-4:30. **Misc:** USCF & WCF memb. req'd. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445; 253-535-2536; ggarychess@aol.com. **NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE & FORMAT**

♣ **April 23, May 14 SCC Saturday Quads** ♣
Site: Seattle CC, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155. **Format:** 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$6 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future quad. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-ASAP. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC. **Info:** 206-417-5405 (recorded message); cfkleist@cs.com. **NOTE NEW TIME CONTROL**

April 23-24 70th Montana Open
Site: Townhouse Inn, 1411 10 Ave S, Great Falls MT 59405. **Format:** 5-SS. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$25 by 4/22, \$30 site, jrs ½ fee. **Prize Fund:** \$215 b/25. **Prizes:** \$75-55-40, 2 biggest upsets \$25-20. **Trophies** to top MT senior, top MT junior, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and top in class A-E, unrated. **Reg:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Rds:** 10-2:30-7, 9-3. **Byes:** ½ pt bye for rounds 3, 4 or 5 must be requested before player's 1st game. **HR:** \$50+ tax, mention chess. **Reserve** by 4/9. 406-761-4600 or 800-422-4667. **Misc:** USCF, MCA memb. req'd, OSA. **Coffee, juice, tea, bagels, and donuts** will be provided. **NS, NC, W. Ent/Info:** Nick Doulas, 523 27 St S, Great Falls MT 59405 (checks payable to MCA); 406-899-4664; doulas41@bresnan.net.

♣ **Apr. 24, May 8 SCC Sunday Tornado** ♣
Site: Seattle CC, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155. **Format:** 4SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$14 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. ½-K rated. **NS, NC. NOTE NEW DATE**

Apr. 29, May 6, 13, 20 King County Championship
Site: Seattle CC, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155. **Format:** 4-round Swiss. **TC:** 40/100 & 25/60. **EF:** \$20 if rec'd by 4/27, \$27 at site. **SCC memb req'd** (\$10 tnmt memb.). **Prize Fund:** 75% of EFs. **Prizes:** 27%-20%, U1600 15%, U1400/Unr 12%. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rds:** 8 p.m. each Fri. **Byes:** 2, rds 3 or 4 commit at reg. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. **NC, NS. Ent/Info:** SCC Tnmt Director, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); cfkleist@cs.com

♣ **April 30 PCC Game-in-45** ♣
Site: Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th, Portland OR 97219. **Format:** 5-round Swiss (TD may switch to 4SS and G/60 if under 20 entries). **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20 at site. \$5 discount for PCC members. **No advance entries!** **Prize Fund:** \$200 b/20. **Prizes:** \$60-40-30, U1800 35, U1500 35. **Reg:** 9-9:30 a.m. **Byes:** One half-point bye

avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd, OSA. **Info:** Neil Dale 503-256-5233 www.aboutchess.org.

♣ **April 30-May 1 SCC Plus-Score Swiss** ♣
Site: Seattle CC, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155. **Format:** 4-round Swiss. **TC:** G/125. **EF:** \$25 if rec'd by 4/28, \$35 at site; 20% discount for SCC members, 10% for members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA. **Prize Fund:** b/12. **Prizes:** 4.0 - \$100, 3.5 - \$60, 3.0 - \$35, 2.5 - \$18. **Reg:** Sat. 10-10:45am. **Rds:** 11-3, 11-3. **Byes:** One half-point byes avail.; Sunday rds, commit at reg. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd. **OSA, NC, NS. Ent/Info:** SCC Tnmt Director, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); cfkleist@cs.com.

May 7 SCC Novice
Site: Seattle CC, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155. **Format:** 4-round Swiss open to unrated players and U1200. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10 by 4/30, \$15 at site; 20% discount for SCC members, 10% for members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA. **Prizes:** Memberships (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-12:45-3:30-6. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. **NS, NC. Ent/Info:** SCC Tnmt Director, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); cfkleist@cs.com.

♣ **May 14-15 Grants Pass Open XXXI** ♣
Site: Rogue Community College, 3345 Redwood Hwy, J Bldg, Grants Pass OR. **Format:** 5-round Swiss. **TC:** 40/90 & SD/30. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 5/12, \$35 at site; \$10 discount for PCC Members. **Prize Fund:** \$940 gtd. **Prizes:** \$150-100, X 100-50, A 100-50, B 80-40, C 80-40, D & under 50-25, UNR 50-25. **Reg:** 8-9 am. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-2-6:30, Sun 9-2. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. **Ent/Info:** Wray A. Maxwell, 740 NW 4th St, Grants Pass OR 97526; 541-476-5000.

♣ **May 15 PCC Sunday Quads** ♣
Site: Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th, Portland OR 97219. **Format:** 3-RR. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$15, \$5 discount for PCC members. **No advance entries!** **Reg:** 9:30 am. **Misc:** OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd, OSA. **Info:** Mike Morris 503-282-4805 mikejmorris@earthlink.net www.aboutchess.org.

WCF Board Meeting 2/13/05

The meeting convened at 2:20 pm. All Officers were present except Sec. Gary Dorfner & NWC Rep Kevin Korsmo.

Discussed the Wash. Championship prize fund. A motion was made by Carol to accept the following Championship prize fund. \$50 per point X 5 games per round X 9 rounds = \$2250.00; 1st \$1000, 2nd 500, 3rd 250. Passed 4-1.

Carol also made a motion to accept the Premier section prize fund: 1st \$300, 2nd 200, 3rd 150, 4th 100, 5th 50. Passed unanimously.

Discussed purchasing 4 6-foot tables for the State Championship. Cost of tables \$43.00 each for a total of \$191.44. The vote to reimburse was unanimous. Discussed where to store them after the tournament. This would be decided later.

A committee was formed to study changing the bylaw pertaining to the State Championship & Premier.

Carol said that she may not run for re election this May.

The next meeting was set for March 26th after the Wash. Jr. Open at the Red Lion Restaurant. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Gary J. Dorfner Sec

Open Events

April 2005

15,22,29	Tacoma City Ch, Rds 3-5	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
Fb16-17	33rd Daffodil Open	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
16-17,22-24	OR State Championship	Clark Harmon charmon@solarprism.com	Portland OR
23-24	Apropos #3 (Classes A,B,C)	Apropos Chess Events kent.mcnall@gmail.com	TBA WA
Fb23	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com	Seattle WA
Fb24	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com	Seattle WA
23-24	Daffodil Open	Gregory Churchill gregorychurchill@shaw.ca www.chess.bc.ca	Victoria BC
23-24	70th Montana Open	Nick Doulas 406-899-4664 doulas41@bresnan.net	Great Falls MT
29-30	Idaho Open	www.nwchess.com	Pocatello ID
Fb30	Portland CC Game-in-45	Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
Fb30-May 1	SCC Plus-Score Swiss	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com	Seattle WA

May 2005

6	SCC General Membership Mtg	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
7	SCC Novice	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
7-8	Spring Open	B.Daswani 604-596-1606 bndaswani@dccnet.com geocities.com/vanseasonal	Burnaby BC
Fb7-8	Oregon Class Championships	541-485-1055 shamilt1@gladstone.uoregon.edu gladstone.uoregon.edu/~chess Eugene OR	Eugene OR
Fb8	SCC Sunday Tornados	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Fb14	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
14-15	Grants Pass Open XXXI	Wray Maxwell 541-476-5000	Grants Pass OR
Fb15	PCC Sunday Quads	Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland, OR
18-22	HB Global Chess Challenge	800-964-2448 www.hbfoundation.org	Minneapolis MN
20-23	30th Paul Keres Memorial	Stephen Wright swright2@telus.net 604-221-7148 www.chess.bc.ca	Vancouver BC
Fb21	PCC Game-in-60	Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
21	Pierce County Action Ch	G.Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com ..	Tacoma WA
Fb28-30	Washington Open	Carol Kleist 206-242-7076 wcfntmtcor@cs.com www.nwchess.com	Lynnwood WA
29	WCF Annual Membership Meeting	4pm at site of Washington Open	Lynnwood, WA

June 2005

Fb5	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Fb11	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
11	G/60 Open & Novice #1	Gary Dorfner (253)535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com ...	Tacoma WA
Fb11-12	Newport June Open	Roy Benson 541-961-3971 centralcoastchess@yahoo.com	Newport OR
Fb12	PCC Sunday Quads	Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
18-19	Island Open	Gregory Churchill gregorychurchill@shaw.ca www.chess.bc.ca	Victoria BC
Fb18-19	Lilac Open	Dave Griffin dbgrffin@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
Fb24-26	Emerald City Open	SCC Infoline (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Fb25	PCC Game-in-45	Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
25-26	Summer Open	B.Daswani 604-596-1606 bndaswani@dccnet.com geocities.com/vanseasonal	Burnaby BC

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Scholastic Events

April 2005

16	Chess Odyssey Bugfest 2005	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Beaverton OR
22	2005 Oregon Jr Open Bughouse & Blitz	Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
23	2005 Oregon Jr Open Champ	Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
23	WA Elementary Championship (K-6)	Elliott Neff FAX 360-354-6765 elliott@chesshouse.com www.chessenrichment.org	Lynden WA

May 2005

14	Chess Odyssey OR Jr Class Ch	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Hillsboro OR
28	WA Open Scholastic (K-3,4-6,7-12)	David 425-868-3881 davidchendricks@comcast.net www.nwchess.com	Lynnwood WA

June 2005

14	Chess Odyssey Fresh Air Blitz	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Hillsboro OR
20-24	Evergreen Camp (ages 5-8)	Danielle 206-957-1533 dlarway@evergreenschool.org www.evergreenschool.org	Shoreline WA
27-July 1	Orlov Summer Chess Camp	chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/camps.htm	Seattle WA

July 2005

5-8	Evergreen Camp (ages 6-9)	Danielle 206-957-1533 dlarway@evergreenschool.org www.evergreenschool.org	Shoreline WA
11-15	Elena's Summer Chess Camp	chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/camps.htm	Bellevue WA
18-22	Orlov Summer Chess Camp	chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/camps.htm	Seattle WA
25-29	Evergreen Intermediate Camp (ages 8-13)	Danielle 206-957-1533 dlarway@evergreenschool.org www.evergreenschool.org	Shoreline WA