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Greetings from the Editor

The good news is that I finally received some scholastic reports; the bad news is that I didn't have enough space for all of them. The report on Clatskanie HS's win in the Oregon Team will appear in the next issue. I also have another "Matt's Musings" on the stove and an interesting article on physiology.

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.

See You at the WA Open,
Frederick K. Kleist

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Northwest News

Great Falls, MT

Spokane players did well at the **Montana Open**, held April 23-24. **John Julian** had three wins and two draws to tie for 1st with four others, one of whom was **Phil Weyland** of Idaho (Weyland's name is often found in Spokane crosstables). Kevin Korsmo took 1st in Class B, scoring three points. Ron Weyland (ID) came first in Class C, also scoring three points.

Bremerton, WA

There is a new chess club in Bremerton, WA. It meets every Saturday from noon to 4:00 p.m. at *Rush's Ye Ol' Family Book Swappe & Coffee* (312 N. Callow). For more information, call 360-377-0787, e-mail brmp@diamondopal.yoll.net, or visit the website www.bremertonmasterpieces.org.

Portland, OR

Oregon High School Team Championships

Step aside, Portland and Eugene teams! A new champion has arrived. This year the event had more entries, 16 in the varsity division, and 18 in the JV division. The higher number in the latter section can be explained by some schools having multiple teams (usually two, but Portland Christian fielded three JV teams—a real chess school!). The Championships this year took place at Lincoln HS in Portland on February 25 and 26.

The new state champion is **Clatskanie HS**, the only school to finish with a 4-0 score. (A report from Clatskanie's coach, Kate Taylor, will appear in the June issue.—ed.) Three teams tied for second-fourth with three points.

Sunset #1 won the JV division with a perfect four points, Wilson HS was the runner-up. There was an individual competition for alternates and those whose schools could not field complete teams. In a field of eleven players, Marcus Ling of McMinnville HS claimed first with a perfect 4-0 score.

Crossville, TN

The Scholar-Chessplayer Outstanding Achievement Award is given to juniors and seniors who excel in academics, chess play, and sportsmanship. These annual scholarships are awarded by the U.S. Chess Federation and the U.S. Chess Trust in order to encourage high school students who promote a positive image of chess.

\$400 Scholarship: Kevin Binz, from Washington, has used chess to develop the analytical side of his personality. With the relationship that chess has to mathematics, he is drawn to that field along with physics and engineering. "Chess is a mirror through which I see myself more clearly. Every day I learn something new about myself and what I can offer to the world."

\$200 Scholarship: Eduard Shamilov, from Washington, has done his chess studies without the aid of a coach, which makes his accomplishments all the more remarkable. Eduard remarked that "the planning and calculation required in chess, brought me an appetite for creative, logical thought in school, while efforts to manage the time I took for my moves, developed into general abilities to organize myself and work productively under pressure."

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On the Cover: The K-5 Stevenson chess team with their trophy. From left: Aviv Caspi, Anshu Siripurapu, Gabriella Rader, Alin Barsan, Nicholas Larus-Stone, Alex Guo, Michael Lee, and Darren Wu. All are 5th graders except for Nicholas, who is a 4th grader. Anshu and Alin did not play in the K-5 Open section, but the others were the winning team. Jerry Li was on the winning team and is hidden behind Nicholas.
Photo by Diana Stone

Games from Recent Events

Dave Collyer Memorial

This year's David Collyer Memorial may well be remembered for the emergence of several young talents, chief among them 11-year-old Michael Lee of Bellevue. Currently rated around 2000, but improving at a very rapid clip, Michael made a strong impression in Spokane. He won his first three games, drew with IM Eric Tangborn in round four and was playing for first place in the last round. The following game does not show him at his best, but is a good illustration of how easy it is to get into a difficult position in the Exchange Variation of the Queen's Gambit when light-squared Bishops have been exchanged.—JD

QGD Exchange

Michael Lee (1912)

IM John Donaldson (2516)

Spokane, Collyer Memorial 2005

Annotations by IM John Donaldson

1.c4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.cxd5

3.d4 f6 4.cxd5 is a more accurate sequence, but, of course, there is always 3...c6. Then 4.e4 or 4.e3 are the main choices, but not the Exchange Variation.

3...exd5 4.d4 c6

4...f6 5.g5 e7 6.e3 c6 7.c2 b7 8.d3 is the setup White is aiming for, with possible plans of playing for b2-b4-b5, f2-f3 and e3-e4, or e5 and f2-f4.

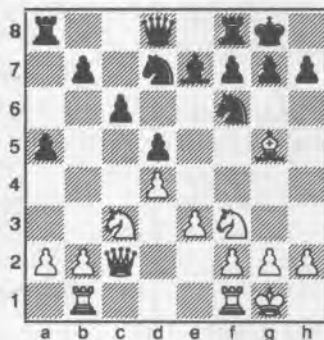
5.f3

The Exchange Variation is not particularly effective here, as White is forced to make this move giving Black time to solve the problem of his Bishop on c8. GM Igor Novikov must have won at least twenty games on the Black side of this variation, usually without breaking a sweat. Note 5...f4 is comfortably met by 5...d6.

5...f6 6.g5 e7 7.e3

White can try to avoid the exchange of Bishops with 7.c2, but Black can insist with 7...g6, then 8.e3 f5 9.d3 xd3 10.cxd3 b7 11.h6 g4 12.f4 O-O 13.O-O e8 leads to a classic example of how Black should play in this variation. Note how Petrosian places his Knight on the ideal square d6 and patiently clamps down on breaks with b4 or e4 before advancing slowly, but inexorably, on the kingside: 14.h3 gf6 15.e5 b6 16.g5 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qc2 d6 19.a4 bc4 20.dxc4 dxc4 21.d5 d6 22.ac1 g5 23.d1 h5 24.h1 e7 25.d3 e4 26.d5 d6 27.d3 f5 28.e5 f6 29.f3 g7 30.h2 e8 31.g1 e4 32.f3 e6 33.f1 g5 34.xh5 f5 35.e1 g4 36.hxg4 fxg4 37.f3 gxf3 38.f3 h7 39.e5 c8 40.f4 f8 41.e5 f5 0-1 Bobotsov-Petrosian, Lugano 1968.

7...f5 8.d3 xd3 9.cxd3 b7 10.O-O O-O 11.ab1 a5 12.c2



Michael wants to play b2-b4, but sees an immediate a2-a3 might be met by ...a5-a4. I am not certain this needs to be avoided. The real problem for White is that with the light-squared Bishops traded the c4 square is very weak. Black has an easy and effective plan with ...b7-b5 and ...b6-c4.

12.a3 e4 (12...e8 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 b5 15.e5 xe5 16.dxe5 d7 17.xe7 xe7 18.f4 a3 19.f1 ea8 20.d4 f8 21.d1 c1 e6 22.d2 a7 and Black is much better, Larsen-Geller, Linares 1983) 13.xe7 xe7 14.b4 b5 15.c2 axb4 16.axb4

d6 17.b3 b6 18.e5 fc8 19.d3 bc4 20.c5 e8 21.h3 g6 22.c1 a7 23.d1 h5 24.h1 g5 25.bb1 ae7 26.a1 f5 27.a2 cxe3 28.fx3 xe3 29.f2 h4 30.d2 xd4 31.cf1 f5 32.xf5 gxf5 33.d1 e1 34.g1 e2 35.c3 xd1 0-1, Nikolic-Kramnik, Monaco 1998.

12.f1 e4 13.xe7 xe7 14.c2 f5 15.a3 f6 16.b4 b5 17.e2 axb4 18.axb4 g5 19.b2 e8 20.e5 draw, Donaldson-Georgiev V., Lindsborg 2004. Here 20...xe5 21.dxe5 xe5 22.xe5 xe5 23.d4 was White's idea. This game reminded me once again that White's prospects in this line are not particularly promising. There is a real worry that White will drift into a position where he has no active play.

12...e8

12...e8 is an alternative way to get the Knight to d6, perhaps without having to exchange as many pieces as after ...e4, e.g., 13.xe7 xe7 14.a3 d6 15.a4 e4 16.b1 fe8 17.c5 dxc5 18.dxc5 a4 19.d2 g5 20.c3 e6 21.b4 e7 22.h4 e4 23.xe4 xe4 was a little better for Black, but eventually drawn in Shahade M.-Donaldson, Bermuda 1995.

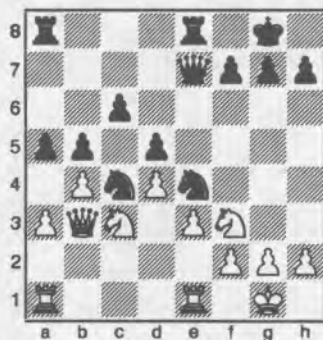
13.a3 b6

13...e4 looks more to the point: 14.xe7 xe7 15.b4 d6 16.b5 c4 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.b7 eb8 19.xb8+ xb8 20.a1 b2 21.f5 g6 22.f4 b3 23.b1 f8 24.h4 e6 25.h6 d3 26.c3 xc3 27.b1 f8 0-1 Figler-Novikov, Virginia Beach 2001.

14.b4?

14.d2 fd7 15.xe7 xe7 16.a4 xa4 17.xa4 d6 with a slight edge for Black in Ivkov-Polgar Zsu., Vienna 1993, is probably how White should play this position, refraining from playing for b4-b5, at least for awhile.

14...c4 15.b3 b5 16.a1 e4 17.xe7 xe7 18.fe1



18...♖a6?!

I spent 25 minutes calculating 18...axb4 19.axb4 ♖xa1 20.♖xa1 ♖xf2 21.♖xf2 ♜xe3+ 22.♖g3 (22.♖f1 ♜xf3+ 23.gxf3 ♖d2+ 24.♖f2 ♖xb3 25.♖d1 f5 26.♖e2 ♖f7) 22...♖d2 23.♜a3 ♜xc3? 24.♖e1!, but missed the deadly quiet move 23...f6! with the idea 24.♖c1 ♖e4+ 25.♖h3 ♜h6+. The text is not bad. The pressure on the a-file and Knight on c4 make White's position miserable to play.

19.♖a2 ♖ea8 20.♖ec1 ♜f6

Aiming at the f2-square.

21.♖c2 g5

Making *Luft* and preparing g5-g4 to attack f2.

22.♖d1 axb4 23.axb4 ♖a3 24.♜b1 ♖g7

Black slowly improves his position and prepares a thematic combination. Note the immediate 24...♖8a4 25.♖e1 ♖xa2 fails to 26.♖xa2 ♖c3 27.♖xa4 ♖xb1 28.♖a8+ hence the text avoiding the check.

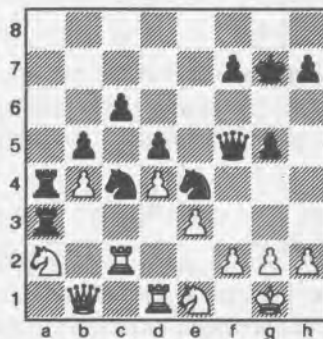
25.♖e1 ♖8a4

Black improves the placement of the Rooks for maximum pressure.

26.♖d3 ♜f5

As Michael pointed out after the game the immediate 26...♖xd3 27.♖xd3 ♖a3 won on the spot. Unfortunately for White, this brief reprieve still doesn't allow him to save his position.

27.♖d1



27...♖xf2!

Black is finally able to cash in his chips.

28.♖xf2 ♜xb1 29.♖xb1 ♖xa2 30.♖b3 ♖xf2 31.♖xf2 ♖a2+ 32.♖g3

Or 32.Kg1 Nd2 33.Rd3 Rb2.

32...♖d2 33.♖d3 ♖e4+ 34.♖f3 h5 0-1

I would not be shocked to see Michael become a Master before his 12th birthday. This year's Collyer, honoring the memories of David Collyer and Gary Younker, was once again organized on a high level by Kevin Korsmo. I encourage you to make the trip over the mountains next February to a friendly and well-run event.

WA Championship

Below are three annotated games that, for one reason or another, didn't make it into the past two issues.—ed.

Queen's Gambit Declined

NM Curt Collyer (2220)

LM Viktors Pupols (2207)

Bellevue, WA Championship (7) 2005

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer

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

White would prefer to capture on c4 in one move rather than two.

13...dxc4

The standard freeing maneuver in such positions 13...e5 14.cxd5 exd4 (14...e4 15.dxc6 exf3 16.cxd7) 15.♜xd4 is obviously unacceptable.

14.♖xc4 e5 15.O-O e4

15...exd4 16.exd4! and White enjoys a slight advantage in space and development.

16.♖d2 ♖f6

During the game, I was focusing on 16...♜g5 17.f4 exf3 18.♖xf3 ♖f6 19.e4 ♖e6, when I wasn't sure White was better. Actually, after 16...♜g5, White should probably play 17.♖h2 ♖f6 18.f3 exf3 19.♖xf3 ♜h5 (19...♜xe3 20.♖e5!) 20.♖e5 ♖e6 with some advantage after 21.♖xe6 (or 21.♖d3 ♖d5 22.♜e1) 21...♖xe6 22.♜b4.

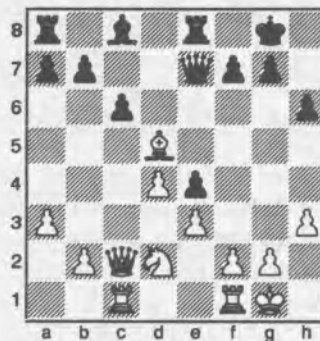
17.♜c2

I liked this move because it prevents the natural 17...♖e6.

17...♖d5

This came as a surprise; I was busy analyzing 17...♖f5 18.f4, fighting for kingside space, 18...exf3!? 19.♜xf5 ♜xe3+ 20.♖f2, when, after 20...fxg2, White can try 21.Qg6!?

18.♖xd5



Essentially, "playing for two results." It seemed to me that now Black will always be slightly worse, as White controls the c-file and has the potentially superior minor piece. However, objectively, I don't feel this advantage should become as substantial as it does in the game.

18...cxd5 19.♜c7 ♜g5

I think 19...♖e6 is simpler.

20.♜f4

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My original intention was 20. ♖g3, but then 20... ♗h5 21. ♖c7 ♗e2 seemed rather irritating.

20... ♗xf4 21. exf4 b6

21... e3 22. ♖fe1 just helps White.

22. ♖c3 ♖a6 23. ♖fc1 ♖ac8 24. ♗b1 ♖c4

After this Black encounters some difficulties. Perhaps the quieter 24... ♗f8 was called for.

25. ♖xc4 dxc4 26. ♗c3 f5 27. g4

We were both in time trouble. I was hoping to stir up trouble after the "automatic" 27... g6 with 28. gxf5 gxf5 29. ♗d5!?, threatening various forks.

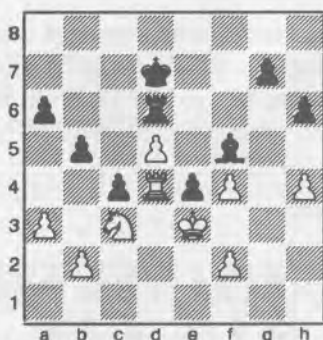
27... ♖d8 28. ♖d1 ♖c8 29. gxf5 ♖xf5 30. h4 a6 31. d5

Making room on d4. White's d-pawn is also surprisingly strong.

31... ♖d6 32. ♗f1 ♗f7 33. ♖d4

Not 33. ♗e2? ♖g4+.

33... b5 34. ♗e2 ♗e7 35. ♗e3 ♗d7



36. ♗xe4

A poor decision caused by time trouble. After the correct 36. ♖d1 followed ♗d4, Black's position would be hopeless.

36... ♖xe4 37. ♗xe4 ♖g6 38. h5 ♖g1 39. ♗f5 ♗d6 40. ♖d2 a5 41. ♖d4 a4 42. ♖d2 ♖g2

Zugzwang.

43. ♖e2

White is forced to give up the extra pawn as ... ♖h2 must always be met by ♗g6.

43... ♗xd5 44. ♖e5+ ♗c6 45. ♖e6+ ♗c5 46. ♖e5+ ♗c6 47. ♖e6+ ♗c5 48. ♖e5+ Draw

What can you do against a Dragon/KID player if you don't want to prepare? I tried b3 once against Shamilov, and it worked pretty well. Here's another attempt...—NK

Sicilian

NM Nat Koons (2263)
Eduard Shamilov (2150)

Bellevue, WA Championship (7) 2005

Annotations by NM Nat Koons

1. e4 c5 2. a3!?

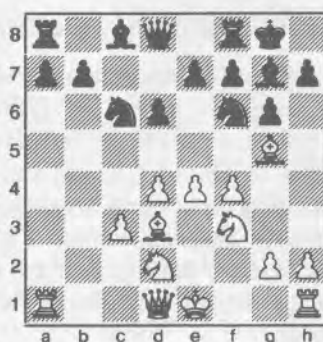
What can I say? After playing some pretty bad chess thus far in the tournament I just wanted to play something funny.

2... ♗c6 3. b4 cxb4 4. axb4 ♗xb4 5. c3 ♗c6 6. d4 d6

Too passive: simply 6... d5! Just because White sacrificed a pawn does not mean he deserves compensation.

7. ♖g5 g6 8. f4 ♖g7 9. ♗f3 ♗f6 10. ♖d3 O-O 11. ♗bd2?!

Played much too quickly! "One more developing move," I thought, "I can always castle later..."



11... ♗h5! 12. g3

12. f5, allowing the Bishop to retreat to e3, is probably better. At least, White could castle!

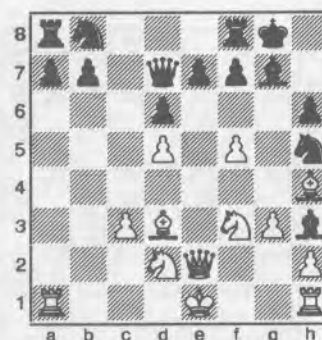
12... h6 13. ♖h4 ♖h3 14. ♗e2 ♗c7 15. f5

I was still playing for a decisive result, but, objectively, it's better to play 15. ♗g1 ♖d7 16. ♗g3.

15... gxf5 16. exf5 ♗d7! 17. d5

"Box (only move)!" Otherwise, White loses the f5-pawn with no compensation, and can think about the most graceful way to resign!

17... ♗b8??



A major blunder! Black overlooks that White's reply threatens both ♗g1 (and the h3-Bishop perishes) AND f5-f6!! (mating!), so he has no time for ... ♖xc3. 17... ♗b4!, instead, leads to a Black advantage, and although the positions are a little crazy, they are not "crazy in a good way" (from White's perspective): 17... ♗b4 18. cxb4 [18. ♖e4 ♖xc3 19. ♖b1 (19. ♖c1 ♖ac8 20. ♖xc3 ♖xc3 21. ♗g1 ♖xf5 22. ♗xh5 ♖e3+) 19... ♖fc8] 18... ♖xa1 19. ♗g1 (19. ♗g5 ♖xf5 20. ♗de4) 19... ♖xf5 20. ♖b5! (Fritz's contribution! Otherwise, White is just busted. It gains a tempo, so White can take the h5-Knight.) 20... ♗c8 21. ♗xh5 ♖g7 22. ♗e2 ♗c1+ 23. ♗f2 ♖ac8 24. ♗g2 a6 25. ♖c4.

18. ♗e4! ♗f6

18... ♖c8 19. ♗g1 ♖xc3 20. ♗xh3 ♖xd3 21. ♗xd3 ♖xa1 22. O-O

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!

It's very sad for the Black Rook on g1! 29... ♗a6 30. ♗f2 ♖h1 31. ♖b5? ♖xd4+!

In my haste I overlooked this move! Lucky for me when I blundered I was a piece up and still mating by force.

32. cxd4 ♗xb5 33. ♗g4+ 1-0

French MacCutcheon

NM David Bragg (2244)
Adam Weissbarth (2156)

Bellevue, WA Championship (8) 2005

Annotations by NM David Bragg

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♗c3 ♗f6 4. ♖g5 ♖b4 5. e5 h6 6. exf6

I'd played the White side of the MacCutcheon against Adam in the WA

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WA Open Scholastic

Saturday, May 28

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

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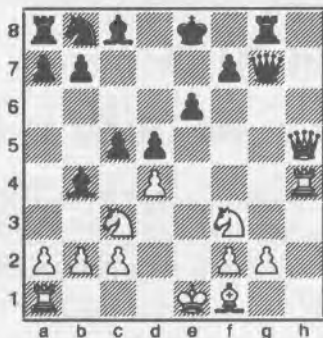
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Challengers' Cup. That game continued 6. $\text{d}2$ $\text{xc}3$ 7. $\text{bxc}3$ $\text{d}e4$ 8. $\text{c}1$ $\text{c}5$ 9. $\text{d}3$ $\text{xc}3$ 10. $\text{g}4$ $\text{g}6$, reaching a main-line position by transposition. Adam won after I mishandled the transition from the opening to the middlegame. As I'd not spent much time looking at that position, I chose to deviate here.

6... $\text{h}xg5$ 7. $\text{fxg}7$ $\text{g}8$ 8. $\text{h}5$

8.h4, reducing Black's choices by preventing ... $\text{g}5$ - $\text{g}4$, is more accurate.

8... $\text{f}6$ 9. $\text{d}f3$ $\text{g}7$ 10. $\text{h}4$ $\text{gxh}4$ 11. $\text{hxh}4$ $\text{c}5$

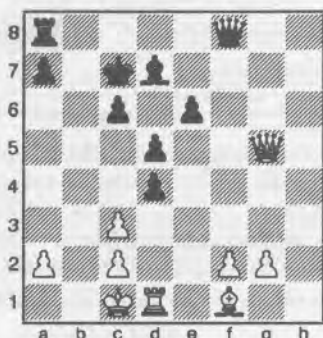


We were out of my book at this point. I expected 11... $\text{d}c6$ or 11... $\text{d}d7$. Black must not waste moves, or else his King will get stuck in the center.

12. O-O-O $\text{xc}3$ 13. $\text{bxc}3$ $\text{d}7$?

13... $\text{d}c6$ was necessary to hold the $\text{f}7$ -pawn.

14. $\text{d}e5$ $\text{d}c6$ 15. $\text{g}4$ $\text{f}8$ 16. $\text{dxf}7$ $\text{fxg}4$ 17. $\text{d}e5+$ $\text{d}d8$ 18. $\text{fxg}4$ $\text{cxd}4$ 19. $\text{dxc}6+$ $\text{bxc}6$ 20. $\text{g}5+$ $\text{c}7$



21. $\text{e}5+$

21. $\text{g}3+$ looks strong: after the King moves and the capture 22. $\text{cxd}4$, the White Queen will cover the $\text{a}3$ -square, which Black's Queen has been eyeing. However, 21... $\text{d}6$ forces White to exchange Queens on that square. The text permits White to play 22. $\text{cxd}4$ in response to 21... $\text{d}6$.

21... $\text{d}d8$ 22. $\text{cxd}4$!

With Queens still on the board, King safety is paramount. Because of the doubled c-pawns, Black's Queen operates on only one side of the board; his other pieces are going nowhere. White's pieces, on the other hand, are flowing out of the White camp towards the Black King.

22... $\text{a}3+$ 23. $\text{d}d2$ $\text{e}7$

23... $\text{c}5$ 24. $\text{d}6$

24. $\text{g}4$ $\text{f}8$ 25. $\text{g}7+$ $\text{f}7$ 26. $\text{g}5+$ $\text{e}8$ 27. $\text{g}6$ 1-0

Far West Open

The Sands Regency now hosts two tournaments per year in which it offers coveted Club Prizes. The three top teams competing have been, traditionally, the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco (heavily endowed), the Seattle CC (needs the money for rent) and the host city's Reno CC. The Northwest's Seattle CC has managed to win first or second place in the larger Western States Open held in October for more than a decade. This Spring we did not have a complete team of twelve, but brought home third place anyway. — Carol Kleist

This was my first time competing in the Far West Open. The tournament is much smaller than the Western States Open at the same venue, having around 200 players total. It was a dandy tournament, the size making it fairly mellow. My section was won by an eight-year-old kid, whose mother placed a booster seat on his chair so he could see the board. I heard that he is really much stronger than his rating indicates - a sandbagger! Due primarily to a rare fit of clarity, I was able to score four points in this tournament. Following is my first game, against the highest-rated player in section B.—RG

Sicilian Smith-Morra

Richard Golden (1659)

Gordon Barrett (1795)

Reno, Far West Open (1) 2005

Annotations by Richard Golden

1. $\text{e}4$ $\text{c}5$ 2. $\text{d}4$ $\text{cxd}4$ 3. $\text{d}f3$ $\text{d}c6$ 4. $\text{c}3$ $\text{dxc}3$ 5. $\text{dxc}3$ $\text{d}6$ 6. $\text{c}4$ $\text{e}6$ 7. O-O $\text{a}6$ 8. $\text{e}2$

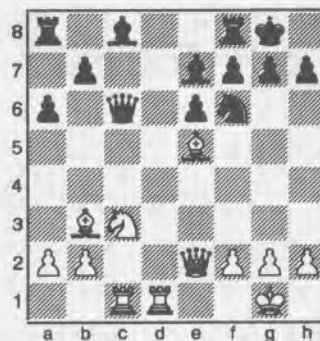
I think 8.a3 is better to stop Black from playing ... $\text{b}7$ - $\text{b}5$ - $\text{b}4$.

8... $\text{e}7$ 9. $\text{d}d1$ $\text{c}7$ 10. $\text{e}4$ $\text{d}f6$

[10... $\text{e}5$ 11. $\text{d}d5$ $\text{d}8$ 12. $\text{e}3$ $\text{d}f6?$ (12... $\text{c}f8$) 13. $\text{b}6$ $\text{d}7$ 14. $\text{d}c7+$ $\text{c}f8$ 15. $\text{dxa}8$]

11. $\text{e}5$ $\text{dxe}5$ 12. $\text{dxe}5$ $\text{dxe}5$ 13. $\text{e}5$

$\text{c}6$ 14. $\text{ac}1$ O-O 15. $\text{b}3$



White controls both open files, with all his pieces active.

15... $\text{e}8$ 16. $\text{c}2$ $\text{g}6$ 17. $\text{d}e4$ $\text{dxe}4$ 18. $\text{xe}4$ $\text{f}6$ 19. $\text{d}6$ $\text{f}7$ 20. $\text{f}3$ $\text{f}5$ 21. $\text{c}2$ $\text{g}5$ 22. $\text{f}4$ $\text{e}6$ 23. $\text{b}3$ $\text{g}5$

I don't know why Black doesn't take $\text{b}2$ at this time, though White's attack is strong.

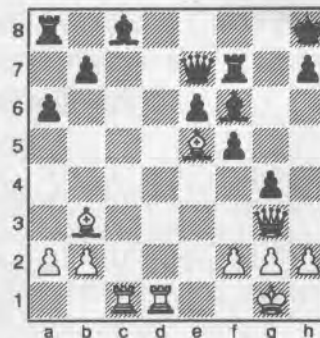
24. $\text{c}7$

24... $\text{g}3$

24... $\text{g}4$ 25. $\text{g}3$ $\text{h}8$

This is a mistake: it allows White to get rid of Black's only working Bishop. (25... $\text{xb}2$ 26. $\text{c}2$ $\text{e}6$ 27. $\text{e}5$)

26. $\text{e}5$ $\text{e}7??$



A bad move, allowing White to penetrate with the Rook.

27. $\text{c}7$ $\text{f}8$

27... $\text{xe}5$ 28. $\text{xe}5+$ $\text{f}6$ 29. $\text{d}8+$ $\text{f}8$ 30. $\text{fx}8$ mate

28. $\text{xf}6+$ $\text{xf}6$ 29. $\text{h}4?$

I missed the following, though obvious, response.

29... $\text{h}6$

29... $\text{h}6?$ 30. $\text{hx}6$ $\text{hx}6$ 31. $\text{d}8+$ 30. $\text{g}3$ $\text{g}6$ 31. $\text{e}5+$ $\text{g}8$ 32. $\text{d}6$ $\text{b}5$ 33. $\text{xe}6+$ $\text{xe}6$ 34. $\text{xe}6$ $\text{xe}6$ 35. $\text{xe}6+$ $\text{h}8$ 36. $\text{f}7$ 1-0

Black played almost the entire game two pieces down. His queenside Rook and Bishop never moved.

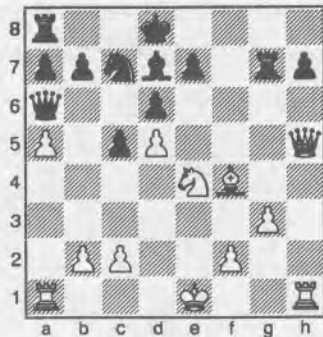
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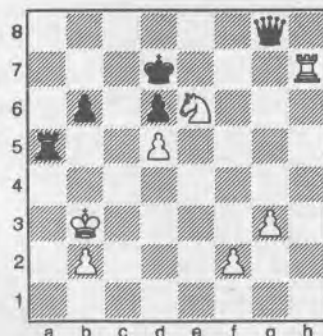
NM Nick Raptis (2306)
Corbin Yu (1544)

Portland 2005

1.d4 c5 2.d5 f5 3.g3 g6 4.♠g2 ♠g7
5.♞h3 d6 6.♞f4 ♞f6 7.h4 ♞b6 8.♞c3
♞a6 9.a4 ♞c7 10.a5 ♞a6 11.♠d2
♠d7 12.h5 g5 13.h6 gxf4 14.hxg7
♞g8 15.♠xf4 ♞xg7 16.e4 fxe4 17.
♠xe4 ♞xe4 18.♞h5+ ♠d8 19.♞xe4



19...♠g4 20.♞xg4 ♞xg4 21.♞xh7
♞g8 22.O-O-O ♞xa5 23.♠b1 ♞b5
24.♠g5 ♞c7 25.♞e1 b6 26.c4 ♞d7
27.cxb5 ♞f5 28.♠xe7+ ♠d7 29.♞h5
♞g6 30.♠a2 ♠xe7 31.♠g5 ♞f7
32.♞xc5+ ♠d8 33.♞xg8+ ♞xg8
34.♞e6+ ♠d7 35.♞h1 a6 36.bxa6
♞xa6+ 37.♠b3 ♞a5 38.♞h7+



38...♠c8 39.♞c7+ ♠b8 40.♠d7 ♞xd5
41.♠d8+ ♞xd8 42.♞xd8 ♞c5 43.♞e6
♞f5 44.f4 ♠c8 45.g4 ♞f6 46.f5 ♠d7
47.g5 ♞xf5 48.♞d4 ♞xg5 49.♠c3
♞g3+ 50.♠c2 d5 51.b4 ♠d6 52.♞f5+
♠c6 53.♞xg3 ♠b5 54.♠b3 d4
55.♞f1 d3 56.♞d2 ♠c6 57.♠c4 b5+
58.♠xd3 1-0

Northwest Chess

Inland Empire Open

Curt Collyer and John Julian won the 52nd Inland Empire Open, Spokane's oldest tournament with scores of 4.5. Each won \$200 for sharing the first and second prizes. Finishing third in the field of 27 were Geoff Gale, Pat Herbers, Elston Cloy, and Robert Martin with 3.5 scores. They each earned \$68.75 for splitting third place, first and second in Class A, and first in Class B. Martin won the B section with his score, while the others topped the A section.

Brad Bodie and Michael Cambareri shared second and third in Class B. They each received \$30 for their 3.0 scores. This was Bodie's first tournament in several years. Adam Attwood (3.0) won the Class C prize of \$60, while Garrett Morkill (2.5) received \$30 for finishing second. Vern Johnson (2.0) won the \$60 Class D prize, while Jeff Burkert, Patrick Kirlin, and Jim Waugh each won \$10 in tying for second with 1.5 scores.

Ted Baker claimed the biggest upset (and the \$55 prize) for downing a player 585 points above him in round one. Vern Johnson bagged the second largest upset with his first round conquest of a player 378 points higher. He earned \$30 for that accomplishment.

There was a \$1,000 guaranteed prize fund, the largest in the history of this event. Attendance was down due to a late date change and a conflict with the SuperNationals in Tennessee which cost the attendance of six players. Tournament Director David Griffin ran a flawless event. Several players donated their winnings back to the club. Thank you everyone for a great tourney!—*Courtesy of the Spokane CC website*

French Exchange

Pat Herbers (1950)

NM Curt Collyer (2214)

Spokane, Inland Empire Open (4) 2005

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer

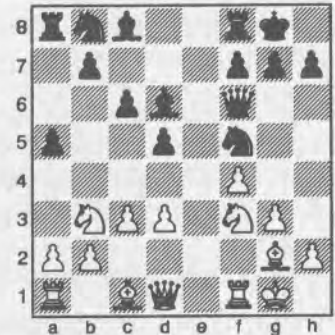
1.e4 e6 2.f4

As NM Mike MacGregor would enlighten: "Out of book. The main move is 2.d4."

2...d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.♞f3 ♠d6 5.d3 ♞f6

I don't know if this is good or not, but I was somehow attracted to putting my Queen here.

6.g3 c6 7.♠g2 ♞e7 8.O-O O-O
9.♞bd2 ♞f5 10.♞b3 a5 11.c3?



I can hear Paul Bartron kibitzing: "Why'd he move there, it just loses a pawn..."

11...a4

"Right, kick the Knight."—P. Bartron

12.♞bd4

"Can't go back, ...♞e3."—Bartron

12...♠c5

"Pin the Knight, what's he gonna do? Bishop can't come to e3 – we just take it."—Paul

13.♠h1 ♞xd4 14.♞xd4 ♠xd4

"Take, take, take, we're just up a pawn."—Paultron

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15.cxd4 ♖xd4 16.f5!

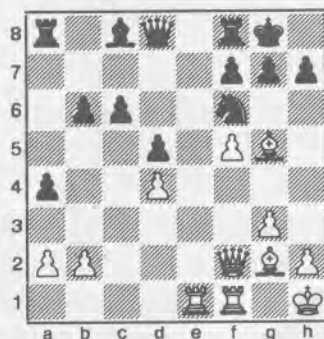
I think this was a good move by Herbers; it stops 16...♗f5, while freeing up his dark-squared Bishop, which happens to be his only claim to compensation in this position.

16...♘d7 17.♖e2 ♖e5 18.♖f2 ♘f6 19.d4 ♖d6 20.♗f4 ♖d7 21.♗g5 ♖d6 22.♖ae1

22.♗f4 ♖d8 was my idea, when the f-pawn must be defended, and, after 23.♗g5, Black has 23...♘e4, trading some pieces.

22...b6 23.♗f4 ♖d8 24.♗g5

24.♖e5 ♘g4; 24.♗h3 ♗a6 25.♖g1 ♘e4



24...♘e4

24...♗a6 25.♖g1? ♘g4 26.♖f4 ♖xg5! would have been more fun.

25.♗xd8 ♘xf2+ 26.♖xf2 ♖xd8 27.♖e7 ♗d7 28.f6

28.g4 ♘f8 29.♖fe2 ♖e8 and Black would be able to trade down.

28...♘f8 29.♖e5

Herbers was in rather bad time trouble here and his flag was beginning to rise. As Geoff Gale would calmly point out: "Two minutes?!?"

29...gxf6

Beginning a planned sequence to take advantage of Herber's time pressure.

30.♖xf6 ♖e8 31.♖h5 ♖e1+ 32.♗f1 ♘g7 33.♖f4 h6!

This was my idea, keeping the White Rooks contained. Now it is rather difficult to suggest anything for White.

34.♘g2 ♖ae8 35.♖fh4 ♖e6 36.♘f2 ♖b1 37.♗d3 ♖xb2+ 38.♘f3 ♖f6+ 39.♘e3 ♖xa2 40.g4 ♖e6+ 41.♘f3 ♖a3 42.g5 {Flag} 0-1

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In the last round, I faced my traveling companion Geoff Gale, who, in my opinion, is a serious chessplayer.

Reti

NM Curt Collyer (2214)

Geoffrey Gale (1995)

Spokane, Inland Empire Open (5) 2005

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer

1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 3.♗g2 d5 4.♘f3 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O

Geoff has a lot of experience on the Black side of the main line Catalan (6.d4 dc 7.♖a4 a6 8.♖xc4 b5).

6.♖c2 a6

Inviting a transposition after 7.d4 dxc4.

7.b3

Hoping to prove that ♖d1-c2 is more useful than ...a7-a6 in the Reti.

7...c5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5

8...ed may be a little better, but such IQP/Hanging Pawns structures are not to everyone's taste.

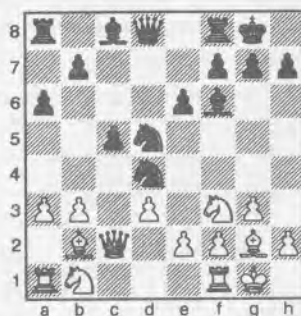
9.a3

Really a rather insipid move, but it does provoke Geoff into trying to seize the initiative.

9...♗f6 10.♗b2

10.♖a2!? was looking a little too "Morozevich."

10...♘c6 11.d3 ♘d4



Quite optimistic. Black is hoping to put a Knight on c3

12.♘d4 cxd4 13.♘d2 ♗d7 14.♘e4! ♖c8 15.♖d2

I was rather satisfied with this position. Black has some potential problems with d4 and b7 and maybe White can just grab the two Bishops at some point and torture Black in the ending.

15...♖b6

15...♘c3?! 16.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 17.♗xb7 is an example of the pawn on a6 being a problem for Black.

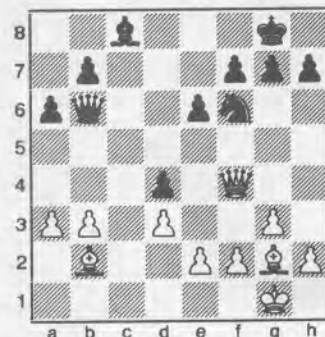
16.♘xf6+! ♘xf6

16...gxf6? 17.♗xd5 exd5 18.♖f4 and Black is in serious trouble on the dark squares.

17.♖fc1 ♖xc1+?!

This was a real shock. However, 17...♖xb3 18.♗xd4 also looked good for White. For example, 18...♖xc1+ 19.♖xc1 ♖xa3? 20.♗c5. The natural move seemed to be 17...♗c6, but during the game I thought that after 18.♗xc6 ♖xc6 19.♖xc6 bxc6 20.♖b4!? ♖xb4 21.axb4 Black would still have some problems.

18.♖xc1 ♖c8 19.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 20.♖f4!



A deadly move, which Geoff had missed when he went for the Rook exchange. Now Black's d-pawn is falling.

20...♘d5

Geoff decides to enter an ending a pawn down. Before playing 20.♖f4, I was looking for a direct win after 20...♖xb3!? with 21.♖b8, but decided 21...♖d1+ 22.♗f1 ♖c2 23.♗xd4 ♘d7 was inconclusive. Then I looked at 21.♖c7! and decided it was winning after 21...♖d1+ 22.♗f1 ♗d7 23.♖d8+ ♗e8 24.♗xd4 and decided it was winning after 24...♘f8 25.♗c5+ ♘g8 26.♗e7. However, Black always has the move ...♖a4! in these lines (Geoff and I missed this resource), when White is not winning a piece, though he maintains a nice advantage.

21.♖xd4 ♖xd4

Black must exchange, otherwise he is mated on g7.

22.♗xd4 f6 23.f4

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Northwest Chess

The 2005 Washington Open

Are we ready to move chess in our state to the next level?

By Kent McNall, WCF President

The 2005 Washington Open will be held May 28-30 at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood, Washington. It will feature the largest absolutely guaranteed prize fund in Washington history.

The Open represents much more than just one of our larger annual tournaments to this WCF president; it represents an important question being posed to chess players in the region: Are we ready to move chess in Washington to the next level?

Chess has been in the news recently and is making noise in the United States. The recent travails of Bobby Fischer and Maurice Ashley's super-tournament in Minneapolis (the weekend before the Washington Open), as well as the sensation of our new US Chess Champion Nakamura have rustled the surface of the often too-still waters of US Chess.

The WCF hopes to ride this wave of activity by offering a great event to the chess players of the Northwest in the form of this year's Open. This event has the makings of a Washington classic, and many people are working hard to make it better than ever. For example, most of the WCF Board of Directors will be working the tournament rather than playing in it. This includes not only our stalwart director team of Fred Kleist, Carol Kleist, and Gary Dorfner. Also helping out will be Kevin Korsmo of Spokane and your humble author as Assistant TD's, and our ambassador of chess in the Northwest, Mr. Duane Polich.

In addition to the well-documented feature attractions of this year's tournament (simul, lectures, blindfold "mini-tourney", etc.) we're very focused on welcoming players new to tournament chess. We all know these people: People who love to play, may even play frequently with friends at work or home or at the park. They enjoy the game, but simply may not have been exposed to tournament chess. We hope that our WCF members and chess regulars will bring a few of these people to the Open to enjoy what we know is a great competitive event.

To help new players, there will be a 30-minute "New to tournament chess?" orientation during the registration process on Saturday the 28th. We'll explain the tournament process, how clocks work, what a "skittles room" is, why it's not cool to stand up and shout "IN YOUR FACE!" if you win a game, and other mysteries of a chess tournament. We've also baked in a very nice prize fund for unrated players.

We're shooting for nothing less than a world-class experience for Washington chess players at the Open: A glimpse of what is possible for chess in our state over the next few years.

"If we build it, they will come" were the sentiments I expressed to the membership with regards to expanding the Washington Open at last year's general meeting. We've built it, and I hope that as many active players in the Northwest as possible will respond positively, and enjoy this year's 2005 Washington Open! ■



Kent holding the Tablet PC which will be given away at the WA Open

Turning Your Chess Books into Grandmaster Strength Coaches

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.]

Learning is difficult if you can't interact with your teacher. The lecturer may be saying brilliant and insightful things, but if all you can do is listen passively, it's hard to absorb the lesson, let alone retain it for long.

I think most of us have a similar problem with our chess books. We may have Nimzovich, Fischer, Alekhine, Botvinnik and other greats sitting on our bookshelves, but most of their wisdom stays trapped in the pages. Just as we did with the classroom lecturer, we "listen" to those chess authors passively. We nod in agreement when we see a move or a comment that seems reasonable, but we get no great insights.

There's hope, however. The wisdom in the chess books is still there. We just have to be more creative than "watching the moves go by" in order to get it out. Here's an exercise you can try to accomplish this. Start with a well-annotated collection of classic games, Alekhine's *Best Games*, for example. You're going to be Alekhine when you play over these games. Instead of just watching the moves he plays, you're going to "play" Alekhine's opponent.

You'll need a bare game score - the moves without the annotations. You can create this by hand by copying the moves from the book, or you can retrieve the game from a chess database. Set up the board and your chess clock. You'll also need a notebook to write down your move, why you chose that move, and how much time you took to decide on it.

Ready to play as Alekhine? Then start the clock.

For each of your moves in the game, take the following steps.

- 1) In the given position, think about which move you would make and why.
- 2) Write down (in blue ink) the move you chose. Also briefly write down your reasoning behind your choice and how much time you spent on the move. Leave room underneath your notes for additional comments later.
- 3) Uncover Alekhine's move on the bare scoresheet. Make that move on the board.
- 4) Uncover the opponent's move. Make that move on the board.

Repeat these four steps until the game is over. Stop the clock. Set aside your pen with blue ink. Any further notes you make will be in red.

Now open Alekhine's book to the game you just played. Step through the game again. Sometimes you and Alekhine didn't play the same move. Sometimes your comments and his will be at odds. Maybe you commented heavily, because you thought the position was critical, but Alekhine didn't comment on that move at all. Or maybe Alekhine commented heavily, but you didn't.

All that is OK. You're not being scored by how close your moves and comments came to Alekhine's. You're not being scored at all. You're trying to learn from the discrepancies you find.

As you replay the moves, make further annotations in red using Alekhine's moves and comments to assess and refine what you wrote earlier. Don't just mark up what you did wrong. Also note where your moves and annotations appear to be pretty close to the mark. Don't automatically assume Alekhine's moves and comments are the answer key. Be skeptical, and look hard at your comments and his before you decide where the truth of the position lies. If you do determine that you missed something important, try to figure out the reason you missed it. Write it down.

After you finish replaying the game, review everything you've written. Do you see any patterns in what you missed? What appear to be your strengths and weaknesses?

Above all, be constructive in your notes. There's no point bashing your play because it falls short of Alekhine's best. Everyone, including Alekhine, will fall short of that standard most of the time. Instead, remember that the point of the exercise is to learn more than you could by just making Alekhine's moves and reading his comments. By immersing yourself in the game, you're transforming the book from a lecturer into an interactive coach.

Although the mechanics of this exercise are similar to those in the "Solitaire Chess" exercise that appears in *Chess Life*, there are important differences. Even in a chess masterpiece, I don't think it's valid to regard the move played as the best move, and I don't think it's very educational simply to try to guess the next move, even if it is the best.

I've tried this exercise with Alekhine games and with Fischer games, and have made several observations.

Having the clock running helps you take the exercise more seriously. It feels more like a tournament game.

Also, recording the time you spend on each move helps keep you focused.

Annotating your moves as you go keeps you honest. You can't use your fuzzy memory to rationalize away your mistaken thinking.

Because you're actively participating in these games, you can get many of the practice benefits of playing over-the-board games without playing in a tournament.

I also made a couple of unexpected observations.

Many of these Alekhine and Fischer games are classics that I was semi-familiar with. More than once I chose a move by "remembering" what Alekhine or Fischer played, only to

get it wrong. The lesson here is to play each position fresh. Trying to play from memory is hazardous.

One Alekhine game I played took longer than I expected. I was getting tired, but I wanted to finish it; so I stuck it out to the end. Although I was tired, I was pretty happy with my moves and my annotations. Until I looked at the annotations the next morning. I was shocked to find that they were embarrassingly bad. That was a valuable lesson for me. Being tired hurt my play a lot more than I thought. Study is good, but any benefits will be more than wiped out if it cuts into sleep time.

This is not a quick and easy exercise. You could easily spend as much time and effort as in a tournament game. On the other hand, it's the only way I know to have an Alekhine or a Fischer comment on the moves you play. ■

Christopher Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

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The 2005 Grand Prix is now fully under way! My standings below include all events through April 10th. This includes three multiplier events, the Seattle City Championship times two and the Collyer Memorial and Inland Empire Open, both times three. A couple more multiplier events are coming up in the next few months, the Oregon Class (x3) and the Washington Open (x6). It looks as if you can gain GP points just about every weekend, if you wish. With some of the weekend tournaments and quads, you can actually get two GP events on a weekend. Check out the back pages of the magazine and make some plans.

Two hundred twenty four players have entered into one or more Grand Prix events so far this year. The leaders are listed below. One question: What has happened to all the Oregon Masters?

Oregon		Washington	
Masters			
Raptis, Nick	31.5	Collyer, Curt	42.5
Harmon, Clark	6.5	Pupols, Viktors	21.0
		Sprenkle, David	18.0
		Tangborn, Eric	18.0
		Koons, Nat	14.5
		Bragg, David	11.5
		MacGregor, Mike	11.5
Experts			
Lin, Benjamin	10.5	Bartron, Paul	55.5
Salisbury, Blake	10.0	Rozenfeld, Yevgeniy	9.0
Morris, Michael	9.5	Selzler, Richard	5.5
Phillips, Blake	6.0	Ballard, Clint	4.5
Slye, Damon	1.5	Dean, Randy	4.5
		Vrana, Rudy	4.0
Class A			
Banner, Richard	22.0	Gale, Geoffrey	70.5
Serres, Drew	21.5	Julian, John	54.0
Lakic, Vljako	16.0	Cloy, Elston	49.0
Magee, Tony	12.5	Cambareri, Michael	32.5
Herrera, Robert	12.0	Herbers, Patrick	16.5
Alpernas, Gregori	11.0	Kalina, Chris	16.5
		Lee, Michael	16.5
		Rowles, David	16.5

Class B			
Gay, Daniel	27.5	Morkill, Garrett	31.0
Gay, Patrick	26.0	Brendemihl, Steve	24.0
Arun, Aditya	17.5	Downes, John	22.0
Gagnon, William	10.0	May, Andy	20.5
Peake, Ethan	10.0	Hughes, Kamran	20.0
Rosenbaum, David	10.0	Korsmo, Kevin	18.0

Class C			
Becker, Brett	21.5	Attwood, Adam	41.0
Terrill, Michael	14.0	Piper, August	30.5
Taylor, Michael	12.5	Griffin, David	28.5
Midson, Tony	8.0	Stripes, James	27.0
Kudva, Vikram	7.0	Wu, Darren	25.0
Zimber, Craig	5.5	Countryman, Zachary	22.5

Class D and below			
Porter, Nathan	14.0	Johnson, Vern	28.0
Porter, Joel	14.0	Baker, Ted	27.5
Bailey, Taylor	11.0	Waugh, James	26.5
Larson, Andrew	9.5	Kirlin, Patrick	26.0
Harnsberger, Ephriam	8.5	Wang, Michael	23.0
Wang, Eddie	7.5	Lee, Nathan	18.5

Overall Leaders			
Raptis, Nick	31.5	Gale, Geoffrey	70.5
Gay, Daniel	27.5	Bartron, Paul	55.5
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Lakic, Vljako	16.0	Morkill, Garrett	31.0
Porter, Nathan	14.0	Piper, August	30.5
Porter, Joel	14.0	Griffin, David	28.5
Terrill, Michael	14.0		

Others			
Martin, Robert	MT	1752	31.5
McBroom, William	MT	1605	27.0
Erickson, Kenneth	ID	1433	24.0
McCourt, Daniel	MT	1628	24.0
Weyland, Phillip	ID	1823	23.0
Donaldson, W John	CA	2469	19.5
Weyland, Ronald	ID	1442	17.0
Bodie, Brad	ID	1702	15.0
Hanlen, Jim	AK	1853	15.0
Pallares, Henry	MT	1643	15.0
Young, Scott	MT	1445	15.0

The End of Descriptive Notation

by Matthew Fleury

Anatoly Karpov once implied that a player could save himself around two minutes a game by writing down his games in algebraic notation rather than descriptive. As a life-long devotee of the "P-KR4" method of writing down games, I was inclined to ignore this piece of advice. The following game cured me.

Nimzo-Indian Zurich

NM Oleg Zaikov (2268)
Matthew Fleury (2076)

Bellevue, WA Open 2004

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘f3 e6 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♖c2 ♖e7?

Already a mistake, but not the first one that will be made by the Black Queen. The move ...♖e7 should be made when there is tension between the Bishops on b4 and d2. Since this does not exist here, the c1-Bishop is free to go elsewhere.

6.♗g5! h6 7.♗xf6 ♖xf6

Now, if White plays simply 8.e3, 9.♗d3, and 10.O-O, he would enter a position that is considered equal, but now it is with a tempo more. However ...

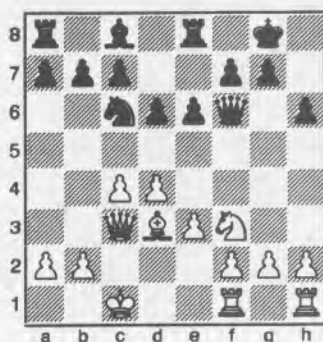
8.O-O-O!

I remember smiling after this move, for it is what I would have played were I White!

8...♗xc3

Otherwise, 9.♘e4 is good for White.

9.♖xc3 d6 10.e3 O-O 11.♗d3 ♖e8 12.♗df1



Preparing to play for mate with ♘f3-d2, f2-f4, g2-g4, h2-h4 etc.

12...a5 13.♘d2 e5 14.d5 ♘b4 15.♗b1

The start of some strange moves by both sides. Perhaps 15.♗b1 is better.

15...c6 16.♗e4 cxd5 17.♗xd5 ♘xd5 18.cxd5 ♗d7

There was nothing wrong with picking up a tempo with 18...♗f5+ followed by 19...♖ec8.

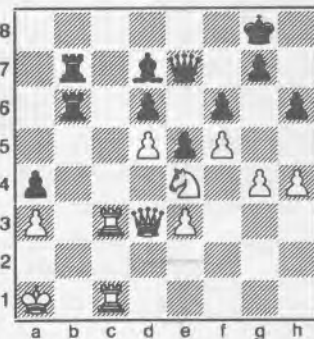
19.♗a1 ♖ec8 20.♖d3 a4 21.a3 b5 22.f4 b4 23.♘e4 ♖e7?!

Second time this move is made, and it is another inaccuracy. 23...♖g6 is better.

24.f5 f6 25.g4

Back on track.

25...♖cb8 26.♖c1 bxa3 27.bxa3 ♖b3 28.♖c3 ♖ab8 29.♖hc1 ♖3b6 30.h4 ♖8b7



These last few moves, in descriptive speak, were "28...R-1-N1 29.R-1-QB1 R-6-N3 31.P-KR4 R-1-N2," etc. The significance in this comes a few moves later when both players had 10-12 seconds left to make time control. (Incidentally, I think of time pressure as having fewer SECONDS than moves to make. Thus, 12 seconds for 4 moves is nothing to feel angst about, whereas 12 moves in 4 seconds is another matter.) Indeed, I am suggesting that if I did not write this game in descriptive, I would have had slightly more time for the next few moves, which may have made a difference.

31.♘d2 ♖d8?! 32.♖e4?!

32.♘c4, attacking d6, is better.

32...♖b8

Alekhine's Gun, but it shoots at nothing.

33.g5 hxg5 34.hxg5 fxg5 35.f6 ♖f8?? 36.fxg7??

36.♖h1 wins at once.

36...♖xg7?

If I had a moment's reflection, I would have remembered the Double Agent Pawn and played 37...♖f5, only to execute the g7-pawn later.

37.♖c8+ ♗xc8??

Black must play 38...♗f7! and take his chances in outer space.

38.♖xc8+ ♗f7 39.♖f5+ ♖f6 40.♖f8+!

And game over. Both players made time control and White wins. Like I said, making moves to get to move 40 is easy, making good ones is not!

40...♗xf8 41.♖xf6+ ♗e8 42.♖e6+ ♗d8 43.♘e4 1-0

From this game forward, I have used only algebraic. I will suggest, to beginners and young players, that descriptive notation be learned nonetheless, for it is the method used in many of the greatest chess books. ■

From the Business Manager:

Extra copies of the January thru May 2005 NWC magazines will be available at the Washington Open. If you need any older issues (2002-2004), please contact the Business Manager. You will receive a substantial discount off the regular subscription price.

Stevenson Elementary of Bellevue Wins National Chess Championship

by Diana Stone

The Stevenson Elementary (Bellevue, Washington) chess team came home from Nashville, Tennessee, with the first place title in the K-5 Championship division of the U. S. Chess Federation's SuperNationals Chess tournament. Sometimes called the Olympics of Chess, the SuperNationals happen every four years and bring together the highest ranked scholastic chess players from around the country to compete in various divisions from kindergarten through high school. 5217 students, compris-

ing 1332 teams, from 48 states competed in the tournament from April 8-10.

Stevenson sent a team of seven players to the K-5 Championship division. The team score of 22 points far exceeded that of the second place winner. Several of the team members won individual trophies, including Michael Lee (6th place), Darren Wu (17th place), Alex Guo (18th place), and Jerry Li (30th place) in the K-5 division. The team was rounded out with Gabriella Rader, Aviv Caspi, and Nicholas Larus-Stone, all fifth graders (except Nicholas who is a 4th grader).

The Stevenson Chess Club also fielded a team of four players in the K-3 Championship division and came home with an 8th place finish. The team was composed of 3rd graders Anthony Guo, Megan Lee, Julianna Rader, and Darryl Wu.

Anshu Siripurapu (5th grade) won a 19th place trophy in the K-6 Unrated section. Two other players from Stevenson competed in the event: Lucca Rader (kindergarten) in the K-1 Championship section and Alin Barsan (5th grade) in the K-5 U900 section.



The entire Stevenson team with their trophies. Top row (from left): Anshu Siripurapu, Aviv Caspi, Nicholas Larus-Stone, Alin Barsan, Michael Lee. Middle row (from left): Anthony Guo, Alex Guo, Gabriella Rader, Darren Wu, Jerry Li. Bottom row (from left): Julianna Rader, Megan Lee, Lucca Rader, and Darryl Wu.

Photo by Diana Stone

The Coaches

Elliott Neff, Head Coach

Elliott Neff, a mostly self-taught chess Master, has been the head coach of the Stevenson Chess Team (Washington State champions) for the past two years. He has been teaching chess for over twelve years. He coaches more than a half dozen other schools in Western Washington and is the private coach of many students currently in the top 100 lists in the U.S. for their ages, including the 2003 4th grade national champion and current #1 11-year old, Michael Lee. Elliott is a USCF National Master and has represented Washington state twice at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. He is currently organizing the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship.

Harlan Lee

Harlan Lee is a FIDE ranked chess master and USCF certified coach who has been teaching chess to children for over 20 years. He has coached teams to eleven state and six national championship titles.

David Hendricks

David Hendricks has been coaching chess for 6 years, including Stevenson Chess Club for the past 3 years. He coaches a half-dozen other schools in the Seattle area, as well as private students. In addition to playing chess himself, he is the Scholastic Director of the Washington Chess Federation, the former Director of the Microsoft Chess Club, and a judge at numerous chess tournaments.

The Club

The Stevenson Chess Club is in its third full year as an after-school club activity at Stevenson Elementary in Bellevue, Washington. With a current mem-

bership of 66 kindergarteners through 5th graders, the club provides professionally coached sections for beginners through advanced levels. It charges a club membership fee and relies on parent volunteers to supervise students and run its programs. The club hosts an annual Stevenson Chess Fest scholastic tournament, which had 280 participating students this year.

Stevenson Elementary is a K-5 school in the Bellevue School District, located in the heart of Bellevue, across Lake Washington from Seattle. The school enrolls 500 students. It has a widely diverse student population, with the following demographics: 22% white; 5% African-American; 36% Asian; 29% Hispanic; 8% multi-ethnic. 56% of the students speak a first language other than English. 44% qualify for free- and reduced-price lunches. The school includes both a neighborhood program and a magnet program for gifted students. The goal of our club is to promote scholastic chess to as many students as possible. The club includes students from the entire school, although the Nationals Team Members are all enrolled in the gifted program. The principals at the school are Michelle Carroll and Kellea Taylor.

Although the families of our Club members come from many regions of the world, we all share a common value of helping our kids challenge themselves, put forth their best efforts, make new friends through chess, and celebrate their victories together. The kids are supportive of one another and have looked forward to this ultimate challenge—winning the National chess title for their school!

Games cont'd from page 10

I thought Black may have some drawing chances after the natural 23.e4 ♖e7 24.f4 ♖c6 25.♗c3 e5! followed by bringing the King up and possibly putting a Knight on d4.

23...♖e7 24.♗f2 ♗f7 25.♗b2 ♖f5 26.e4 ♖d6 27.♗e3 ♗d7 28.♗d4?!

Trying to bring the King over to pressure Black's queenside, but this plan may be inaccurate. The simple 28.g4 ♗c6 29.d4 would have been better, as White can eventually break through with d4-d5.

28...♗c6 29.a4?!

29.♗c5 ♖f5?! 30.d4 followed by d4-d5 is good for White, but Black can play 29...♗e7 instead, when White still has some work to do, because the d-pawn cannot advance without dropping e4.

29...♖f5+! 30.♗c5 ♖e3

Black's active Knight creates some complications.

31.♗h3 h5

31...f5 32.♗c1 ♖g4 33.exf5 exf5 34.d4 is similar to the game continuation. During the game, I was looking at 31...g5!? with the idea of playing ...g5-g4, trapping my Bishop, but I thought White could probably win the ending after 32.♗c1 g4 33.♗xe3 gxh3 34.g4.

32.♗d6! f5?

Black's best move is probably 32...♖g4, though 33.♗d4 g6 (The idea is to play ...f6-f5 and recapture with the g-pawn so that White will not get a passed d-pawn.) 34.♗g1 f5 35.e5!? looks reasonable for White, as Black's Knight is locked out of play, and White can bring the light-squared Bishop back into the game via f1.

33.♗c1

Now White can create a passed pawn.

33...♖g4 34.exf5 exf5 35.d4 ♗e4 36.♗f1!

The key manoeuvre, bringing the Bishop to the a2-g8 diagonal to aid the advance of the d-pawn.

36...♖xh2

This pawn is irrelevant.

37.♗c4+ ♗e8 38.d5 ♗g2

38...♗d8 39.♗b2 g6 40.♗f6+.

39.♗c7 ♖f1 40.d6 1-0

Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation Formed

The officers of the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation (OSCF) announced the formation of a state scholastic chess organization designed to meet some key needs of all school-aged players in Oregon. The mission of the OSCF is to promote, support, sponsor and coordinate scholastic chess activities in Oregon. The OSCF is a non-profit organization founded in March 2005, by elementary, middle school and high school chess coaches, advisors, and parents.

To accomplish its mission, OSCF will:

- 1) Maintain a statewide rating system accessible to all scholastic players, with no membership fee.
- 2) Sponsor and encourage new tournaments throughout the entire state, leading up to an annual state championship. The first championship tournament is scheduled April 1, 2006.
- 3) Assist schools or community organizations in starting and operating chess clubs.
- 4) Establish uniform guidelines for holding high-quality scholastic chess tournaments.

The OSCF's primary method for communicating to interested scholastic players and their coaches and advisors will be through its website, www.oscf.org, which includes:

- ☒ Information on OSCF-sanctioned tournaments;
- ☒ Tournament results processed and posted within a week of tournament completion;
- ☒ Information about who has qualified for the state champi-

onship, as well as upcoming Oregon and Washington chess events;

- ☒ On-line discussion forums on chess-related topics;
- ☒ Helpful hints on starting and operating a scholastic chess club;
- ☒ Tournament director best practices and guidelines;
- ☒ Links to helpful websites for clubs, coaches, students, parents, tournament directors and educators;
- ☒ Information on dual-rated events [events rated by both the NWSRS (Northwest Scholastic Rating System) and the USCF (US Chess Federation)];
- ☒ Information on NWSRS - a cooperative expansion of the Washington Scholastic Rating System (WSRS), which includes players and tournaments throughout the Northwest. Players with ratings in either the USCF or WSRS will enter the new rating system with an established rating.

Carl Haessler, Life Chess Master and scholastic chess coach for more than 20 years, grew up playing chess in Oregon. "Through playing chess, youth gain confidence, develop life-long problem-

solving skills, and make friendships that last a lifetime. I support the efforts of these volunteer coaches and parents. When I look at the depth and experience of this group, I can see they have what

it takes to be successful. Combined, they have organized dozens of USCF-rated scholastic tournaments with over 1000 participants." He observed, "OSCF will provide a forum where kids of all ages and playing strengths will be able to measure themselves, not by comparing themselves to others, but by evaluating their individual progress."

"Thousands of students throughout Oregon schools and home school programs participate in chess clubs and programs each year," said Sudhakar Kudva, OSCF President, from Beaverton, OR.

"We want to provide these students with high-quality chess tournaments at all levels of play," added Kate Taylor, OSCF Vice President, from Clatskanie, Oregon. "Chess is an exercise for your mind that stimulates critical thinking along with competition and sportsmanship."

Other chess club advisors, including Kathy Ward, at Henley Elementary in Klamath Falls, Oregon, believe "this is just the type of organization that Oregon needs for its growing chess community - a community that includes students from throughout all regions of Oregon."



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Details of the organization were presented to the scholastic chess community at the Cooper Mountain Elementary/Whitford Middle School Tournament Saturday, April 2, 2005 at Whitford Middle School in Beaverton, OR.

OSCF Officers:

Sudhakar Kudva, President

Sudhakar, a Senior Strategic Planner at Intel Corp. in Hillsboro, Oregon, holds a PhD in Engineering and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. As a parent volunteer, he coaches the chess clubs of Cooper Mountain Elementary School and Whitford Middle School. His clubs have produced multiple state champions and championship teams. The clubs host an annual tournament in the Beaverton area.

Kate Taylor, Vice President

Kate is the coach and advisor for schools in Clatskanie, Oregon. Clatskanie's high school chess team recently won the Oregon State High School Chess Team Championship. The club has several state and national level Champions. Clatskanie Chess Club holds six scholastic and adult chess events every year. Because of the depth and breadth of Kate's experience, she is frequently invited to speak at schools and civic organizations about the benefits of scholastic chess.

Amy Coughlin, Secretary/Treasurer

Amy is a software developer and analyst, and a home-schooling chess parent from Portland. She is the previous director of Chess Families and has organized and directed dozens of USCF-rated tournaments in the Portland area. Amy is spearheading the Oregon implementation of the new Northwest Scholastic Rating System. ■

Book Review

The Scandinavian or The Center Counter Gambit, 2nd edition

by GM John Emms, soft cover, 176 pages. Everyman Chess 2004. Retail \$19.95.

by Robert A. Karch

After 1.e4 d5 2.exd5, Black immediately opens a diagonal for his c8-Bishop, particularly aiming to land on f5. Black has two main choices: (A) 2... ♖xd5 or (B) 2... ♘f6.

Main line (A) 2... ♖xd5 3. ♘c3 ♖a5 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♘f3 c6 6. ♗c4 ♗f5 7. ♗d2 e6 8. ♖e2 is studied in chapter one. The basic ideas for White include O-O-O and/or g2-g4-g5; the latter is especially good when Black has castled kingside. For Black, ... ♗b4 and/or ... ♗f5 to keep pressure on the vulnerable c2-pawn. The next chapters cover alternatives for White and Black at moves 2,3, and 4 through 8. Main line (B) begins with 2... ♘f6 3.d4

♘d5. Alternatives are covered in several more chapters.

There are 72 fully annotated games, mostly played after 2000! The final game is a miniature, showing the activity Black generates when White tries to hold on to the gambit pawn: Tirion-Berend 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 ♗xe6 5.d4 ♗b4+ 6. ♘c3 ♘e4 7. ♖d3 ♗f5 8. ♖e3 O-O 9. ♘ge2 ♗e8 10. ♖f3 ♘xc3 11. bxc3 ♖xd4 12. ♗d2 ♖e5 13. ♖e3 ♗c5 14. ♖xe5 ♗xe5 15. ♗f4 ♗e7 16. O-O-O ♗a3+ 17. ♘d2 ♘a6 18. ♘d4 ♗d8 19. ♗e1 ♗xd4+! White resigns. 0-1

Black can do his homework, and select either (A) or (B). White, on the other hand, must prepare for both, a drain on

his energy which aids his theoretically-prepared opponent. While I was preparing this review, the March issue of *Chess Life* was delivered and I noticed that GM Larry Evans recommends this defense for the starting player. I think that, in face-to-face (OTB) play where the clock is running, the Scandinavian could be an effective surprise weapon, since most players expect the Sicilian or French. But once you are seen using the Scandinavian, your future opponents will likely be prepared. In correspondence play, no such surprise is possible. Especially if your opponent has the same book/s. However, tactics abound and should favor the more alert player, whether it is OTB or cc play. ■

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Joel Channing

We, the undersigned, urge USCF members to vote for Joel Channing, a very successful business man and chess aficionado who will bring his tremendous business experience and know-how to the Executive Board table:

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GM Yasser Seirawan, Three-time US Champion & 1979 World Junior Champion

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Scholastic Checkup with Dr. Leo

Should parents ever 'play easy' when their kids are learning chess?

Chess is a game, a sport, an art, and a science. The instruction of chess is not the same thing as the playing of the game. Teaching chess is not playing chess. And I would advise that parents make clear to their children, to whom they are teaching chess, when they are teaching and when they are playing to win.

There is also a difference between training games and competitive games. These, too, should be differentiated in the understanding of parents and children. In my view, parents would do well to play only training games with their children for at least the first year of beginning chess instruction. Training games should be structured to allow parents to play their best – and not require the parents to “go easy” on the students.

The way this training might best be accomplished is for the parent – the instructor – to accept some ‘handicap’ prior to the initiation of the game. Such handicaps or ‘odds’ could involve giving up of the parent’s Queen with the parent trying his hardest to win against the child, while being a Queen behind from the start. As the child becomes more proficient, as demonstrated by actually winning such Queen-odds games, then lesser handicaps can be sequentially introduced – with the child successively defeating the parent at odds of two Rooks, Rook and Knight, Bishop and Knight, Rook, Bishop, Knight, two pawns, one pawn, and then, and only then, attempting even-odds play! The student should be able to defeat the parent consistently at each level of odds before moving to the next stage of lesser odds – a single win at a given handicap is not sufficient to warrant ‘graduation’ to the next level.

Parents should play their best, go all out, and let the handicap itself limit the quality and the power of their position and play. Such uninhibited expression of the parent’s (the instructor’s) imagination and persistence will provide the right model from which the student will learn best. I would discourage “going easy,” because such self-censorship tends to disrupt the flow of game tactics and strategy, while also setting up an imperfect model of proper player motivation, imagination, and persistence. Training games played at material odds provide practice to the student for converting a material advantage (here provided from the start of the game) to eventual victory – a process at which every student needs to become proficient at to do well in actual competitive play. Positions in such odds-games do replicate actual competitive game situ-

ations in which the student has won material through his or her own efforts and then needs to convert such an earned advantage into a win.

However, there is a stage in chess development for the beginning student that precedes even the giving of Queen-odds (the largest odds that I recommend). The initial competitive interaction between child and parent should not be with a full board of pieces – even at odds. Rather, parents should set up a King and three pawns for each side (say, with the White King at e1 and White pawns at f2, e2, and d2 and the Black King at e8 and Black Pawns at f7, e7, and d7). This ‘reduced’ training game should be played following the normal rules of pawn advancement, pawn captures including *en passant* capture, and pawn promotion.

Coordinating a full set of pieces often provides too great a task for the beginning student. Additional pawns and pieces can be introduced into such reduced training games – say going up to 5 pawns for each side with some horizontal offset being introduced (i.e., starting with White pawns at h2, g2, f2, e2, and d2 with Black pawns at a7, b7, c7, d7, and e7 -- with Kings on e1 and e8). And then bringing in some pieces -- with the Knight being introduced first -- to mix with the pawns. Then, in subsequent games, introduce a lone Bishop, a lone Rook, and then a lone Queen (with some pawns on the board as well). The parent can build up to the standard initial starting position which includes all pawns and pieces in such a sequential manner. At this point, the parent can then start giving odds while playing training games with an otherwise full set of pieces and pawns.

I might add here that parents, in my opinion, do well by modelling effort, persistence, tenacity, and deliberation to their children. Too many American children are given the impression that anything worth doing should be done easily. Too many American children believe that if something is meant for them to do and enjoy then they will be able to do it easily and effortlessly. Often, and unintentionally, the competence and hard won skills of parents give children the misimpression that meaningful work and play should always be effortless. I am suggesting that parents not ‘go easy’ on children when playing chess. Rather, odds-play will set a problem for parents commensurate with the problem that the child is facing. And the child will then gain a very valuable lesson through

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seeing his or her parent solve problems by making an effort — not by 'going easy' and revealing little of what it really takes to achieve true proficiency, effort, persistence, and even hard work! I suggest therefore that parents 'play hard' within the constraints established by handicapping their game: this is a lesson worth teaching.

Please note that I recommend playing complete games with all such reduced or odds training games. The student is learning many additional and subtle operations together with abstract procedures of thought and visualization while apparently learning only 'how the pieces move.' Students start by learning that each side gets to move in alternation; they progress to understanding the basic movements of pawns and pieces; they incorporate some understanding of the relationships between and coordination of pieces and pawns; and they then begin to generate ideas of strategy. The meta-tasks of learning to play a complete game, to complete what has been begun, and that chess games have a beginning (opening), a middle (middlegame) and an end (endgame) are vital to a student's comprehension of a chess game as a whole and integrated process.

I recommend that parents engage in additional pedagogical procedures with their children when acting in a 'teaching' mode. These instructional tasks and challenges include: solve problems together from books filled with

game-derived positions (*Chess Challenge, Sharpen Your Tactics, Chessercises*, etc.), solve the weekly chess problems by Elena Donaldson in the *Seattle Times*, practice notational skills — record your training games (first together and then separately), play over games together from *Chess Life* or *Northwest Chess*, eventually start to use a chess clock in training games, and, of course, enter the child in a local scholastic tournament — they are fun and inspirational. Other joint activities might include seeing the G-rated video movie, *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, visiting the Seattle Chess Club, or playing chess on the internet.

Each child has a particular and preferred way of learning, whether it be visual, kinesthetic, auditory, verbal, abstract, concrete or some combination thereof. Fortunately, chess is a rich and robust endeavor and is accessible through a panoply of means and methods — chess is truly for everyone and can be understood and enjoyed by all types and styles of learning and comprehension. Chess is a game of cooperation as well as competition. Chess is science and art as well as sport. And chess brings parents and children closer together in a mutual activity of respect and dialog. Parents are well advised to use chess to understand their children in a new way, while letting chess bring out what is best in themselves and in their children. Chess is a game — a way for parents and children to have fun together by doing something together. Have fun!

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MAY 1950

Jim Schmitt won the Washington Experts Tourney with a 5-1 score. On May 14th, the Spring meeting of the Washington Chess Federation was held and among the items discussed was the lowering of entry fees to tournaments and the reclassifying of Junior Tournaments and the Ladies Tournaments as Minor Tournaments. In a team meet between the Seattle YMCA and South Tacoma, the YMCA won an 8-4 victory. In the Eastern Washington Championship, Bill Martin, with a 5-0 score, took the trophy. A reminder to all interested in attending the International meet between the Washingtonians and the British Columbians was posted, and all were invited. In the Bremerton Naval Ship Yard Machine Shop Championship, Jack Finnigan came up with a squeaker, winning with a 16-4 score. The issue was 9 pages.

MAY 1955

It was announced that a Junior Tourney would be held in Yakima with a \$2 entry fee. Robert Edberg won the Montana State Championship with 4½-½. He was a resident of Tieton, Washington, at the time. Dan Wade was the top postal player in this issue. 15 pages were put out by Editor G. B. Schain. As of this issue, there had been 91 issues of the Washington Chess Letter with following editors for the listed number of issues: Larry Taro 17, Jack Finnigan 14, Robert Stork 25, Dan Wade 21, John DeWitt 11 and Gerald Schain 3. The price of a WCF membership was \$2 per year.

MAY 1960

Russ Hewitt won the Pierce County tournament, while Mike Franett, of Seattle, won the Inland Empire Open with a score of 5-1. Also with scores of 5-1 were Gordon Cornelius and Don Turner. Tal is leading Botvinnik in the 1960 World Championship after 18 rounds by a score of 10½-7½.

MAY 1965

The annual WCF Meeting was held at the Seattle CC. The officers elected were elected as follows: Clark Harmon, President; Edward Bosse, Vice President; Howard Weaver, Secretary and Publicity Director; Buz Eddy, Tournament Director; Fred Howard, Rating Director; Russell Miller and Buz Eddy, USCF Directors. Jack Powell won the Klamath Falls CC Tournament. Doug Adams, a Spokane resident, won the Inland Empire Open with a score of 4½-1½. Roger Freling and Norman Abrahamson also accumulated scores of 4½. Andy Schoene won the Central Washington Open.

MAY 1970

Willie Skubi put out a 24-page issue of *NWC* this month. George Krauss was reported as the winner of the Tacoma CC Championship 5-0 over 19 others. Lilac Open in Spokane ended in three players getting 3½-½: Eugene Warner, Peter Torkar, Rich Hanlen. 16 players took part.

Jim Hanlen won the seven-player Spokane Woodpushers 3½-½. Vik Pupols won his 4th Inland Empire Open on tiebreaks over Peter Torkar, Dennis Waterman and George Krauss, when they all scored 4½-½ in the 62-player event.

Pupols had won in 1956, 1957, and 1961. This year, he won \$42.50 for his efforts. The field was largest ever, topping the previous record set in 1960 by 12 players. Three other previous winners — Mike Franett (1960), Doug Adams (1965), and Eugene Warner (1955) — took part also.

Robert Zuk won the 34-player Kelowna Open 5-0, good for \$58. Angus Pitt won WCF V-President mail ballot election. The first tournament directed by Hanon Russell who had moved into Portland from Connecticut (and now is back in there) was the 34-player Portland State Open No. 1 won by Bill Kiplinger and George Krauss. The Roosevelt HS team came 10th in a 49-team National High School Team Tournament. Team members were: Mike Burke, Walter North, Don Eisenberg, Paul Thomas and advisor James Erickson.

Lyman Johnston won 7-0 the Crusaders CC RR Tourney over nine others. Alan Dvorshak won the Baseline Open held in Hillsboro Oregon.

MAY 1975

Editor Dan Bailey put out a 32-page issue of *NWC*. Kip Poyser was elected President of WCF by the board of officers to fill a vacancy. David Collyer became Secretary in the same way.

Vik Pupols won Computer Careers Institute Spring Open 5-0. The computer-paired event drew 68 players. It didn't do the wall charts due to a "bug" in the program. Pupols won \$100, while 2nd and 3rd places at 4½-½ went to Bill Kiplinger and Dwight Stevenson.

Alan Ovorshak with 4.5-.5 topped the 38-player Eu-Lane Winter Open, good for \$45. David Bradley, 4-0, topped a Eugene CC Nov. Open, good for \$30. Gerry Vigier won the Burnaby (BC) Championship. Robert Chow's 5-1 score topped the Last Chance Open, a University of BC, 30-player event. Eugene Fomin won 75 Challenger Club play-off over Neil Salmon 3½-2½. The opening of Seattle Chess Center at 815 N. 5th was announced. It was to be open Wednesday-Fridays 7pm to 11pm.

William T. Ballard of Portland Oregon took over the post of Northwest Postal Chess Director. Several NW players took part in the 240-player National Open at the Stardust in Las Vegas. Angus Pitt, who did not play, wrote up a report for *NWC*. The players were Peter Biyiasas (5½-1½), Vik Pupols (5½-2½), Vladimir Pafnutieff (5½-2½) and Bill Kiplinger. The tournament winners, at 7-1, were GM Pal Benko, GM Walter Browne, Alfonso Ferriz and Suhobeck.

6th Annual Northwest Interzonal High School Team Tournament drew 12 teams to Yakima. Stadium of Tacoma, coached by Ron Jarmon, won 5-1. Team members were John Donaldson, Bob Bunge, Kevin Terry, Warren Davis and Rob Renner. The best score on 1st board was made by future Grandmaster Yasser Sierawan playing for Garfield of Seattle. An article about the birth of Insanity Open Tournaments, written by one of the inventors, J. D. Brattin, was reprinted from the Aug/Sept issue of *Michigan Chess*. ■

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Future Events

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♣ **May 14, June 11** **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); ckleist@cs.com.

♣ **May 21** **PCC Game-in-60**♣
Site: *Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th, Portland OR 97219.* **Format:** 4-round Swiss (TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if over 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.

♣ **May 21** **TCC G/60 & Novice #1**♣
Site: *University Place Library, 3605 Bridgeport Way, University Place WA.* **Format:** 2 sections. *Open - 4SS, TC: G/60; Novice (U1500) - 5SS, TC: G/30.* **EF:** *Open - \$20, Novice - \$10.* **Prize Fund:** *Open - \$\$300 b/20, Novice - \$\$85 b/10.* **Prizes:** *Open - \$80-70, U2000 60, U1700 50, U1500 40; Novice - \$45, U1300 40.* **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** *Open - 10-12:30-3-5:30; Novice -* **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.

♣ **June 5** **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. 1/2-K rated. NS, NC.

♣ **June 11-12** **Newport Open**♣
Site: *Central Lincoln PUD, 2129 N. Coast Hwy, Newport OR.* **Format:** 5-round Swiss. **TC:** 40/90, SD/30. **EF:** \$35 if rec'd by 6/

9, \$40 at site. **Prize Fund:** \$\$1000 b/35. **Prizes:** \$150-90, U2000 90-60, U1800 90-60, U1600 90-60, U1400 90-60, U1200 60, U1000 60, Unr 40. **Reg:** 8:45-9:30 am. **Rds:** Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 9:30-2. **Misc:** 1/2-pt byes available any rd if requested before reg closes, limit 1. USCF and OCF/WCF memb req'd. OSA. **Info/entries:** Central Coast Chess Club, PO Box 26 Depoe Bay, OR 97341. E-mail entries accepted (pay fees before pairing): centralcoastchess@yahoo.com.

♣ **May 15, June 12** **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. **NEW TOURNAMENT**

♣ **June 18-19** **Lilac Open**♣
Site: *Gonzaga University Schoenberg's Center, Room 201, N. 900 Pearl St, Spokane WA.* **Format:** 5-round Swiss. TD reserves the right to use class pairings in the final round. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$26 if rec'd by 6/17, \$31 at site. Under 18, \$5 less. **Prize Fund:** \$\$1500 gtd, 5/class. TD reserves right to reconfigure classes based on entries. **Prizes:** \$310-260-210, X 85, A 85-55, B 85-55, C 85-55, D/E/Unr 85-55, Upset 75. **Reg:** 8:30-9:30 am. **Rds:** 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 or ASAP. **Byes:** A 1/2-pt bye avail. in rds 1-4 if req'd before end of preceding round. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd. OSA. Coffee and snacks provided. **Ent/Info:** Spokane CC, c/o David Griffin, PO Box 631, Veradale WA 99037. 509-928-3260 on weekdays, dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

♣ **June 24-26 (or 25-26)** **Emerald City Open**♣
Site: *Seattle CC, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155.* **Format:** 2-section, 5-round Swiss. **TC:** 40/2 & SD/1(2-day schedule - rd 1, G/64). **EF:** \$32 if rec'd by 6/24, \$40 at site. UNR-Free w/purch. of 1-yr USCF & WCF. SCC members-subtract 25%. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, OR, and WA-subtract 12.5%. Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule. **Prize Fund:** \$\$800 b/40. **Prizes:** *Open - \$200-130, U1950 95; Reserve - \$140-90, U1450 65, Unr 20; Upset (rds 1-4) \$15.* **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m., Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Fri 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5. **Byes:** 2, rds 4 or 5 commit at reg. **Misc:** USCF & W/OCF memb. req'd. NC, NS. **Ent/Info:** SCC Tnmt Director, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); ckleist@cs.com

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 25-29 for ages 7-19 Lake Oswego OR
 Aug 1-5 for ages 7-19 Beaverton OR
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| 14-15 | Grants Pass Open XXXI | Wray Maxwell 541-476-5000 | Grants Pass OR |
| 15 | 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 |
| 21 | PCC Game-in-60 | Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org | Portland OR |
| 21 | G/60 Open & Novice #1 | G.Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |
| 28-30 | 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

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| 5 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 11 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 11 | G/60 Open & Novice #2 | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |
| 11-12 | Newport June Open | Roy Benson 541-961-3971 centralcoastchess@yahoo.com | Newport OR |
| 12 | PCC Sunday Quads | Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org | Portland OR |
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| 18-19 | Lilac Open | Dave Griffin 509-928-326 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org | Spokane WA |
| 24-26 | Emerald City Open | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 25 | 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 |

July 2005

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| 2-3 | Evergreen Empire Open | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |
| 10 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 16 | Spokane Summer Lighting | Dave Griffin dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org | Spokane WA |
| 16-17 | Portland Summer Open | Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org | Portland OR |
| 23 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 23-24 | Columbia Cup | Dave Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org | Richland, WA |
| 29-31 | Seafair Open | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle, WA |
| 30 | PCC Game-in-60 | Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org | Portland, OR |

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| 13-14 | Spokane Qualchan Quads (Invite) | Dave Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org | Spokane WA |
| 20-21 | Pierce County Open | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |
| 21 | PCC Sunday Quads | Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org | Portland, OR |
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| 28 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |

September 2005

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| 3-5 | Oregon Open | OCF Pres. Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoube@efn.org | Site TBA |
| 10 | G/60 Open & Novice #3 | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |
| 10 | SCC Novice | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 10 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 11 | PCC Sunday Quads | Neil Dale 503-256-5233 pdxchess@aol.com www.aboutchess.org | Portland OR |

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Scholastic Events

May 2005

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| 28 | WA Open Scholastic (K-3,4-6,7-12) | David 425-868-3881 davidhendricks@comcast.net www.nwchess.com | Lynnwood WA |
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| 14 | Chess Odyssey Fresh Air Blitz | Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com | Hillsboro OR |
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| 6 | Chess Odyssey Summer Olympics (K-12) | Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com | Portland OR |
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