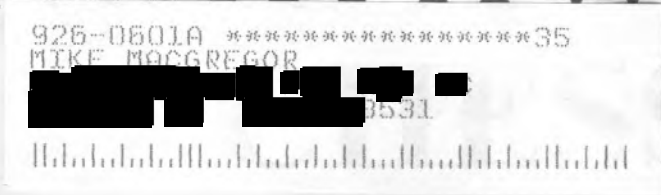


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## *Greetings from the Editor*

This is likely the last issue with extensive scholastic content until September or October. Thanks to all who contributed! Special thanks to Dr. Leo Stefurak for his thought-provoking articles!

Some of you may have noticed the lack of crosstables in recent issues. The USCF has not been sending them. We hope to find a solution to this problem soon.

The July issue will probably be a 16-pager, as Carol and I will be away for several weeks. For those who can't wait, the winners of the Washington Open were GM Nick deFirmian and IM Georgi Orlov.

Best Wishes,

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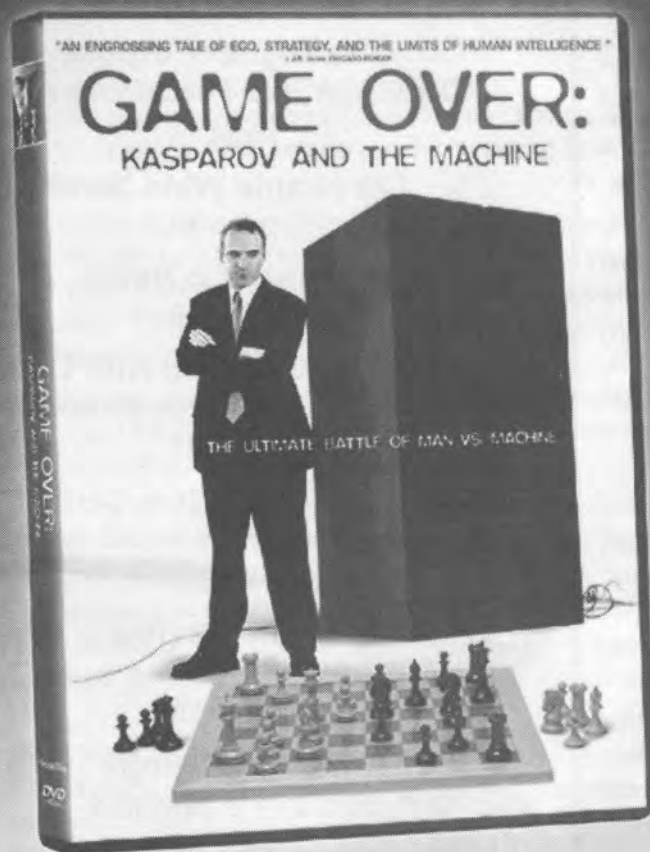
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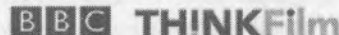
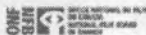
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## Northwest News

### Minneapolis, MN

Nearly 1500 chess players showed up for the **HB Global Chess Challenge**, a tournament with a \$500,000 guaranteed prize fund. About two dozen Northwesterners took part in the event held May 18-22. Some of these got their entry fees back: **Drew Serres** (OR, U2000, 6.5/9, 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, \$354.55), **Chouchanik Airapetian** (WA, U2200, 6.0, 21<sup>st</sup>-39<sup>th</sup>, \$300), **Morgan Griffiths** (OR, U2200, 6.0, 21<sup>st</sup>-39<sup>th</sup>, \$300), and **Job Thykkuttathil** (WA, U1600, 6.0, 24<sup>th</sup>-49<sup>th</sup>, \$300). Others with plus scores included: Colin Field-Eaton (OR, U1800, 6.0, 34<sup>th</sup>-50<sup>th</sup>, \$188.89), GM Grigory Serper (WA, Open, 5.5, 50<sup>th</sup>-73<sup>th</sup>, \$20.84), Steve Brendemihl (WA, U1800, 5.5), Carl Haessler (OR, Open, 5.0), Ed Daroza (OR, U2200, 5.0), Michael Darby (WA, U2000, 5.0), and Gregory Prentice (WA, U1800, 5.0).

### Tacoma, WA

The Tacoma CC is moving. The new site, as of Friday, June 3, is at **409 Puyallup Ave E** in the DTI Soccer Store building. The club will meet on the **second floor in Room 11**. The site is about two blocks from Tacoma Dome Transit Center.

**Mike MacGregor** won the **Tacoma City Championship**, held over five Fridays in April, with a score of 4.5/5. Steve Buck, Larry Anderson, and Carl Nighswonger tied for second-fourth at three points apiece. Nighswonger was tops U1700 in the twelve player tournament.

### Bozeman, MT

Montana chess player Eric Hongisto, who plays in some of the larger Spokane events, is an art professor at Montana State. He recently won a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship award (\$37,000).

### Seattle, WA

**Adam Weissbarth** was the top-scorer at 3.5/4 in the **Plus-Score Swiss**, held on the weekend of April 30-May 1. Others with plus-scores in the eleven-player event were: FM David Bragg (3.0), Geoffrey Gale (2.5), Michael Darby (2.5), and Skylor Fryberg (2.5). Weissbarth also won the six-player **May Tornado**, scoring 4/4, ahead of Bragg and the top section of the **May Quads** (2.5/3) ahead of Bragg and NM Curt Collyer. He scored +1=2 against Bragg in the three events and beat Collyer in the Quad. Fryberg won the lower section of the **May Quads** and the only Quad held in April, both with 3-0 scores. The eight-player **April Tornado** was won by NM Nat **Koons**, who scored 4-0. ■

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**On the Cover:** The Clatskanie High School chess team with their trophy. Front row (from left): Michael Taylor, Blake Salisbury. Back row (from left): Mike Moran, Thomas Kyle-Millward, and Tim Robinson. *Photo by Kate Taylor*

# Raptis and Zaikov Win 2005 Oregon Championship

By Clark Harmon

The 2005 Oregon Championship was held on the weekends of April 15-17 and April 22-24 at the Portland Chess Club quarters. The last two years, Zaikov has dominated the field. This year, Raptis had the championship in the bag, but faltered near the end and lost to Ben Lin. After the dust cleared, NM Nick Raptis and NM Oleg Zaikov tied at 6½ points for the trophy and prize money. Nick plays out of Portland, while Oleg is a high school student from Eugene. For their efforts, Oleg and Nick earned the right to the Arthur Dake Memorial perpetual trophy and cash prizes of \$200 each.

The field was close for most of the tournament, and only two points separated sixth from first. Of course, the question was whether Oregon players are catching up with Oleg, or was he off form. Either way, it made for an exciting and close-fought championship. Unlike in recent years, there were no newcomers. In fact, half the field had won the championship previously.

The giant killer was Ben Lin: he beat both Zaikov and Raptis. But losses to NM Carl Haessler and Michael Morris kept him tied for third-fourth with Haessler on 5½ points. Ben and Carl each took home \$50.

In fifth-sixth place were Morris and NM Clark Harmon. Rounding out the field were NM Roger Martin and Mike Janniro at 3½ with NM Tom Rowan at three and NM Mike Pendergast at two points.

There were several surprises in the tournament. Probably the biggest was Pendergast's poor showing. The veteran championship player had a tough tournament. There is always next year! Lin had the biggest rating gain and continues his improvement.

The Oregon Championship, a ten-player round robin sponsored and funded by the Oregon Chess Federation, is FIDE-rated. Qualification is determined by rating and participation in Oregon events. Grisha Alpernas directed the event. OCF thanks the Portland Chess Club for use of its quarters.

## King's Indian Attack

NM Carl Haessler (2202)

Michael Morris (2094)

Portland, Oregon Championship (1) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.♘gf3 ♘c6 5.g3 dxe4 6.dxe4 e5 7.♗g2 ♗c5 8.O-O O-O 9.♖e2 ♖e7 10.c3 a5 11.♘c4 b6 12.♗e1 ♗a6 13.h3 ♖e6 14.♗f1 h6 15.b3 ♗fe8 16.♗g2 ♗ad8 17.♖c2 ♗d7 18.♗e3 ♗xe3 19.♘xe3 ♗xf1+ 20.♗xf1 ♗ed8 21.♗ad1 ♖e7 22.♗xd7 ♗xd7 23.♗d1 ♗xd1 24.♘xd1 ♖c5 25.♖d3 b5 26.♘e3 b4 27.cxb4 ♘b4 28.♖b1 ♖c3 29.♘d1 ♖c5 30.♘e3 ♖c3 31.♘d1 ♖c5 32.♘b2 ♖c6 33.♘e5 ♖xe4+ 34.♖xe4 ♘xe4 35.a3 ♘c2 36.♘bc4 ♘c5 37.♘xa5 ♘xa3 38.♗f3 ♗f8 39.b4 ♘e6 40.h4 ♗e7 41.♗e4 c5 42.bxc5 ♘xc5+ 43.♗d5 ♘e6 44.f4 ♘c2 45.♘ac6+ ♗e8

46.f5 ♘c7+ 47.♗e4 f6 48.♘c4 ♗d7 49.♘6a5 ♘b4 Draw

## Benko Gambit

LM Clark Harmon (2243)

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Portland, Oregon Championship (1) 2005

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.♘c3 ♗xa6 7.e4 ♗xf1 8.♗xf1 d6 9.g3 ♗g7 10.♘f3 O-O 11.♗g2 ♘bd7 12.♗e1 ♖a5 13.e5 ♘g4 14.exd6 exd6 15.♗f4 ♘ge5 16.♘xe5 ♘xe5 17.♗e4 ♖b6 18.♗b1 ♗fb8 19.a4 ♘d7 20.♘b5 ♘f6 21.♗e7 ♗f8 22.♗c7 ♖a5 23.♗c6 ♖xa4 24.♘d6 ♖a2 25.♗e5 ♘xd5 26.♗xc5 ♘b6 27.b3 ♗d8 28.♗c6 ♗xd6 29.♗xd6 ♗xd6 30.♗xd6 ♗e8 31.♗a1 ♖b2 32.♗c5 ♖f6 33.♗d4 ♖e6 34.♖f3 ♘d5 35.h4 ♗b8 36.♗a5 ♘c7 37.♗a7 ♘e8 0-1

## English

Mike Janniro (2130)

NM Roger Martin (2205)

Portland, Oregon Championship (1) 2005

1.c4 d5 2.cxd5 c6 3.dxc6 ♘xc6 4.♘c3 e5 5.g3 ♗c5 6.♗g2 ♘f6 7.d3 ♗e6 8.♘f3 h5 9.♘a4 e4 10.♘g5 ♖a5+ 11.♘c3



11...♗xf2+ 12.♗xf2 e3+ 13.♗e1 ♖xg5 14.♖a4 O-O 15.♖f4 ♖a5 16.♗xe3 ♘b4 17.♗f1 ♘c2 18.♗c1 ♘xe3+ 19.♖xe3 ♘g4 20.♖f4 ♖b6 21.♘a4 ♖a5 22.h3 g5 23.b4 gxf4 24.bxa5 ♘e3+ 25.♗f2 ♘xg2 26.♘c5 ♗d5 27.♗hg1 fxg3+ 28.♗xg3 h4+ 29.♗h2 b6 30.e4 bxc5 31.♗xg2+ ♗h7 32.exd5 ♗fd8 33.♗c4 ♗d6 34.♗xh4+ ♗h6 35.♗xh6+ ♗xh6 36.♗c2 ♗b8 37.♗g3 ♗g5 38.d6 ♗f6 39.d7 ♗d8 40.♗xc5 ♗xd7 41.♗c3 ♗d4 42.♗a3 ♗g5 43.a6 f5 44.♗f3 ♗h4 45.♗g3 ♗d4 46.♗c3 ♗a4 47.♗c6 ♗d4 48.♗c3 ♗a4 49.♗f3 ♗h4 50.♗g3 ♗a4 Draw

## QGD Slav

LM Thomas Rowan (2176)

NM Nick Raptis (2312)

Portland, Oregon Championship (1) 2005

1.c4 c6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d4 d5 4.♖c2 dxc4 5.♖xc4 ♗f5 6.g3 ♘bd7 7.♗g2 ♘b6 8.♖b3 ♖d5 9.♘bd2 ♖xb3 10.♘xb3 e6 11.O-O ♗d6 12.♘fd2 ♗c2 13.e4 ♘fd7 14.♘a5 O-O-O 15.b3 ♗d3 16.♗e1 ♗b4 17.♗e3 ♗xa5 18.♗xd3 ♘e5 19.♗e3 ♗xd4 20.♗b2 ♗xd2 21.♗xe5 f6 22.♗c3 ♗xc3 23.♗xc3 e5 24.a4 a6 25.♗h3+ ♗b8 26.♗g4 ♗hd8 27.h4 ♗8d4 28.♗e1 ♗b2 29.♗e6 ♘a8 30.g4 ♘c7 31.♗g8 h6 32.g5

hxg5 33.hxg5 fxg5 34.♖c5 ♖d8  
35.♗h7 ♗e6 36.♙xe5 ♗f4 37.♙e7  
♗h3+ 38.♗g2 ♗xf2 39.♗f3 ♖d3+  
40.♗g2 ♗g4+ 0-1

*QGD Exchange*

NM Michael Pendergast (2250)  
Benjamin Lin (2110)

*Portland, Oregon Championship (1) 2005*

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 d5 4.d4  
♗e7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.♖c2 c6 7.♗f4 O-O  
8.e3 a5 9.h3 ♗a6 10.a3 ♗c7 11.♗d3  
♗e6 12.♗e5 g6 13.g4 c5 14.dxc5  
♗xc5 15.♖d1 ♗xd3+ 16.♖xd3 ♗e6  
17.♗d4 ♗d7 18.♗g3 ♗c5 19.♖e2  
♖d7 20.O-O ♖fd8 21.♖b5 ♖xb5  
22.♗dxb5 ♗e4 23.♗e5 ♗xc3 24.  
♗xc3 f6 25.♗d4 ♖a6 26.♖d2 ♗f7 27.  
♖fd1 ♖c8 28.f3 ♖ac6 29.♗f2 ♖b8  
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♖a8 33.♗d4 ♖b8 Draw

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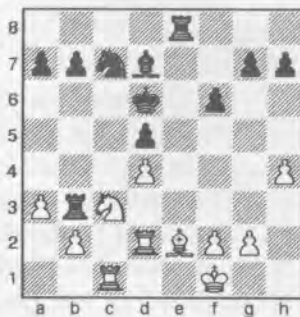
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- 0.5 Haessler, Janniro, Lin, Martin,  
Morris, Pendergast
- 0.0 Harmon, Rowan

*Caro-Kann Panov-Botvinnik*

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)  
Michael Pendergast (2250)

*Portland, Oregon Championship (2) 2005*

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 e6 4.♗f3 cxd4  
5.exd4 d5 6.♗c3 ♗e7 7.♗g5 ♗bd7  
8.cxd5 ♗xd5 9.♗xe7 ♖xe7 10.♗xd5  
exd5+ 11.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 12.♗xe2 ♗e7  
13.♖c1 f6 14.♗d2 ♗d6 15.♗b1 ♗f8  
16.♗c3 ♗d7 17.O-O ♗e6 18.♖fd1  
♖ac8 19.h4 ♖c7 20.♗f3 ♖hc8 21.  
♖d2 ♖c4 22.♖e1 ♗c7 23.♗e2 ♖e8  
24.♗f1 ♖b4 25.a3 ♖b3 26.♖c1



26...♗e6 27.♗xd5 ♗b5 28.♗xb5  
♖xb5 29.♗e3 ♗f4 30.d5 g6 31.g3  
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♗f6 35.♗e3 ♖c8 36.♖xc8 ♗xc8 37.f3

♗d7 38.♗d5 b6 39.♗f4 ♖c5 40.h5  
gxh5 41.♗xh5 ♗b7 42.♗h3 ♗c6 43.  
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*Trompovsky*

NM Nick Raptis (2312)  
LM Clark Harmon (2243)

*Portland, Oregon Championship (2) 2005*

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗g5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.♗xf6  
♖xf6 5.♖d2 d6 6.♗c3 c6 7.O-O-O  
♗e7 8.f4 e5 9.g3 O-O 10.♗f3 ♗g4  
11.♗e2 ♗xf3 12.♗xf3 ♖d8 13.h4  
♗d7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.f5 ♗b6 16.♖f2  
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♖d8 44.♗e7 ♖d7 45.♗g6 ♖d8 46.  
♗e7 ♖d7 47.♗g6 Draw

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Benjamin Lin (2110)  
NM Carl Haessler (2202)

*Portland, Oregon Championship (2) 2005*

Annotations by Benjamin Lin

1.♗f3 g6 2.e4 c5

I wanted to stay away from the nasty Sicilians, but they keep pulling me back in!

3.c3 ♗g7 4.d4 ♖c7 5.♗d3 d6 6.h3 e5  
7.O-O ♗c6 8.♗b5 ♗d7 9.♗e3 a6  
10.♗xc6 ♖xc6 11.d5 ♖c8 12.a4 b5  
13.axb5 axb5 14.♖xa8 ♖xa8 15.♗a3  
♗e7 16.♖b3 O-O 17.♖a1 f5

Somehow I managed to butcher my

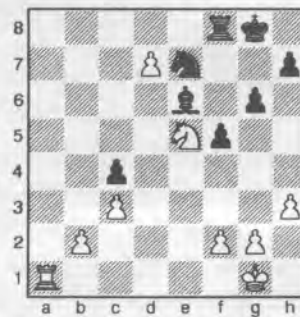
position. Now I'm forced to sacrifice until it hurts!



18.♗xc5 dxc5 19.d6+ c4 20.♖d1 ♗c8  
21.♗xc4 ♖xe4 22.♗cxe5!

The decisive stroke justifying my sacrifice.

22...♗xe5 23.♖b3+ ♖c4 24.♖xc4+  
bxc4 25.♗xe5 ♗e6 26.d7 ♗e7



27.♖a7

I missed that 27.♖a6! ♗d5 28.♖d6  
♖d8 29.f4 led to Zugzwang and a wonderful conclusion for my "brilliant" sacrifice. Alas, my technique was inadequate, and I'm the one who gets mated!  
27...♖d8 28.♖c7?

28.♖a6! still works.

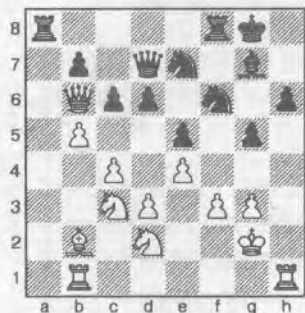
28...♗g7 29.♗xc4 ♖xd7 30.♖c5 ♗f6  
31.b4 ♖d1+ 32.♗h2 ♖b1 33.♗b6  
g5 34.b5 f4 35.c4 h5 36.h4? gxh4 37.  
♖xh5 ♗f5 38.♖h8 ♗g3 39.♖h6+  
♗g7 0-1

*English*

NM Roger Martin (2205)  
Michael Morris (2094)

*Portland, Oregon Championship (2) 2005*

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.O-O  
O-O 5.c4 d6 6.♗c3 e5 7.d3 ♗c6 8.  
♖b1 h6 9.b4 a6 10.a4 ♗e6 11.b5 axb5  
12.axb5 ♗e7 13.♗b2 ♖d7 14.♗d2  
♗h3 15.e4 ♗xg2 16.♗xg2 ♗h5 17.  
♖f3 c6 18.♖e3 f5 19.f3 f4 20.♖b6  
fxg3 21.hxg3 g5 22.♖h1 ♗f6



23. d2 c5 24. a1 d8 25. xa8  
 dxb6 26. xf8+ xf8 27. a1 h5  
 28. f1 d8 29. a8 f7 30. e3  
 e7 31. c3 b6 32. a6 b7 33. d2  
 h6 34. g4 hxg4 35. fxg4 g6 36. f5  
 f8 37. f3 h4+ 38. hx4 gxh4  
 39. g5 0-1

*Slav Exchange*

Mike Janniro (2130)  
 LM Thomas Rowan (2176)

Portland, Oregon Championship (2) 2005

1. c4 f6 2. g3 c6 3. g2 d5 4. cxd5  
 cxd5 5. d4 c6 6. f3 f5 7. O-O e6  
 8. a3 e7 9. c3 c8 10. e1 h6  
 11. f4 O-O 12. c1 e4 13. e3  
 d6 14. e5 xe5 15. dxe5 d4 16.  
 xa7 dxb2 17. b3 d4 18. a4 xe5  
 19. b7 a3 20. e4 xc1 21. exf5  
 d3 22. fe6 fe6 23. xe6 c7 24.  
 xd5 xd5 25. xd5 h8 26. db5  
 d7 27. e4 d2 28. c5 c8 29.  
 d6 cd8 30. a5 a4 31. b4 b2

32. db7 c8 33. c6 d1+ 34. g2  
 c3 35. d6 b8 36. f7+ h7  
 37. d6 g8 38. a6 a1 39. b4 b8  
 40. xc3 xc3 41. b7 d4 42. e2  
 g8 43. d6 c5 44. e4 a7 45.  
 c2 a5 46. h4 b5 47. c7 d4  
 48. d7 b6 49. g4 a5 50. g5 d8  
 51. e7 hxg5 52. hxg5 f8 53. e6  
 a7 54. g3 e8 55. xe8+ xe8  
 56. g4 e7 57. f4 d4 58. g3 f8  
 59. f5 b2 60. e3 a4 61. d5  
 c1 62. f5 a5 63. g6 b2 64. f5  
 d4 65. c7 c3 66. e6+ g8 67. f6  
 gxf6 68. gxf6 xf6 69. xf6 a1  
 70. d8 f8 71. d6 1-0

**Round Three**

**Standings**

2.0 Zaikov  
 1.5 Haessler, Janniro, Morris, Raptis  
 0.5 Harmon, Lin, Martin, Pendergast  
 0.0 Rowan

*English*

LM Thomas Rowan (2176)  
 NM Roger Martin (2205)

Portland, Oregon Championship (3) 2005

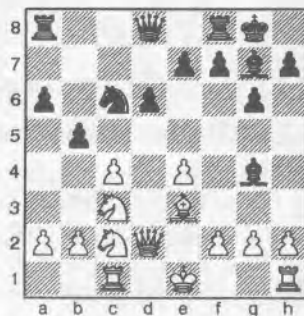
1. c4 d5 2. cxd5 c6 3. dxc6 xc6 4. e3  
 e5 5. a3 f6 6. b4 d6 7. b2 O-O  
 8. c3 e8 9. d3 a6 10. f3 g4  
 11. e2 e7 12. O-O ad8 13. c2  
 b8 14. ac1 d6 15. e4 xe4 16.  
 dxe4 h6 17. fd1 f5 18. g3 f8 19.  
 exf5 xxf5 20. c4+ e6 21. e4 f5  
 22. c4+ e6 23. e4 Draw

*Sicilian Accelerated Dragon*

NM Michael Pendergast (2250)  
 NM Nick Raptis (2312)

Portland, Oregon Championship (3) 2005

1. f3 f6 2. c4 c5 3. c3 c6 4. d4  
 cxd4 5. dxd4 g6 6. e4 g7 7. c2 O-O  
 8. e3 d6 9. e2 a6 10. d2 g4 11.  
 xg4 xg4 12. c1 b5



13. d4 e5 14. cxb5 d4 15. c2  
 dx3 16. fe3 axb5 17. d6 xc3+

18. xc3 d7 19. b4 fc8 20. d2  
 xc1+ 21. xc1 c8 22. d2 c4  
 23. O-O e6 24. e5 dxe5 25. xd7  
 xd7 26. a3 e6 27. d1 c8 28. f2  
 g7 29. d2 f5 30. h4 f6 31. g3 g5  
 32. hxg5+ xg5 33. d1 h5 34. f3  
 c7 35. f2 d7 36. xd7 xd7  
 37. d3 e4 38. c5 c6 39. b3 e5  
 40. a4 bxa4 41. bxa4 g4 42. a5 f4  
 43. gxf4 exf4 44. exf4 xf4 45. e6+  
 g4 46. d4 d5 47. c2 b7  
 48. e3+ g5 49. g3 h4+ 50. f2  
 c8 51. g2 h3 52. e3 f4  
 53. d5+ e5 54. e3 d4 55. f1  
 a6 56. h2 e3+ 57. g3 b7 58. a6  
 e2 59. f2 xa6 60. f3+ d3 0-1

*Modern Defense*

Michael Morris (2094)  
 Benjamin Lin (2110)

Portland, Oregon Championship (3) 2005

1. e4 g6 2. d4 g7 3. c3 c6 4. f4 b6  
 5. f3 d5 6. e5 g4 7. e2 h6  
 8. a4 c7 9. e3 d7 10. O-O O-O  
 11. h4 xe2 12. xe2 b5 13. c3 f5  
 14. f3 e6 15. h3 a5 16. f2 db6  
 17. ad1 b4 18. e2 c4 19. c1 a4  
 20. d3 fb8 21. h1 b3 22. axb3  
 axb3 23. cxb3 a5 24. g5 d7  
 25. f3 b5 26. d2 ab8 27. xa5  
 xa5 28. c1 f7 29. dc3 d8  
 30. d3 f8 31. g4 h6 32. f3 b4  
 33. c2 ab5 34. g1 h7 35. c1  
 c5 36. cg2 c4 37. e2 c3 38. bxc3  
 xc3 39. gxf5 exf5 40. xg6 e6  
 41. g2 f7 42. f6 e8 43. xe6  
 1-0

*Sicilian Kopec*

NM Carl Haessler (2202)  
 NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Portland, Oregon Championship (3) 2005

1. f3 c5 2. e4 d6 3. c3 f6 4. d3  
 c6 5. c2 g4 6. d3 e6 7. O-O e7  
 8. bd2 O-O 9. h3 h5 10. g4 g6  
 11. h4 d7 12. xg6 hxg6 13. f4 g5  
 14. f5 de5 15. e2 b6 16. g2 f6  
 17. f2 ae8 18. f1 d5 19. g3 exf5  
 20. gxf5 d8 21. d2 c4 22. d4 d3  
 23. xd3 cxd3 24. f3 dxe4 25. xe4  
 a5 26. b3 b5 27. c1 d6 28. b4  
 a8 29. xxf6+ gxf6 30. h4 e7  
 31. hxg5 xxf3+ 32. xf3 fxg5  
 33. xg5 d5 34. g3 e2+ 35. f3  
 f6 36. xxf6+ f7 37. g5 h8  
 38. d1 hh2 39. xd3 xa2 40. e4  
 db6 41. d5 ae2+ 42. d4 hf2

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43. ♖df3 ♗h2 44. d6 ♗h8 45. ♖d3 ♖c8 46. ♖d1 ♖c6 47. ♗d3 ♖e5 48. ♗c2 ♖e2+ 49. ♗c1 ♗c4 50. ♖gd3 ♖a6 51. ♖3d2 ♗xd2 52. ♖xd2 ♖xd2 53. ♗xd2 ♖xd6+ 54. ♗e3 ♖d1 55. ♗e4 a6 56. ♖e3 ♖e1 57. ♗f4 ♗e7 58. ♖d4 ♗d6 59. ♗g5 ♖f1 60. ♗g6 ♗d5 61. ♗g5 ♗e4 62. f6 ♗d5 63. ♗g6 ♗e6 64. ♗g5 ♗d5 Draw

### Queen's Indian

LM Clark Harmon (2243)

Mike Janniro (2130)

Portland, Oregon Championship (3) 2005

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♗f3 b6 4. g3 ♖b7 5. ♖g2 ♖e7 6. O-O O-O 7. ♗c3 ♗e4 8. ♗xe4 ♖xe4 9. ♗e1 ♖xg2 10. ♗xg2 d5 11. cxd5 ♖xd5 12. ♖f4 ♖b7 13. ♖c1 ♗a6 14. ♖a4 c5 15. ♖fd1 ♖fd8 16. dxc5 ♗xc5 17. ♖c2 ♖xd1+ 18. ♖xd1 ♖d8 19. ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 20. b4 ♗d7 21. ♖d6 b5 22. a4 bxa4 23. ♖xa4 ♖b6 24. ♖c5 h6 25. ♖xb6 ♗xb6 26. ♖e8+ ♗h7 27. ♗f4 ♖c7 28. h4 ♗c4 29. h5 ♗d6 30. ♖a4 ♖b7 31. ♖b3 ♗g8 32. ♖c3 ♗e4 33. ♖d4 ♗f6 34. ♖d8+ ♗h7 35. ♖d3+ ♗g8 36. ♖d8+ ♗h7 37. ♖d3+ ♗g8 Draw

## Round Four

### Standings

- 2.5 Raptis, Morris, Zaikov
- 2.0 Haessler, Janniro
- 1.0 Harmon, Martin
- 0.5 Lin, Pendergast, Rowan

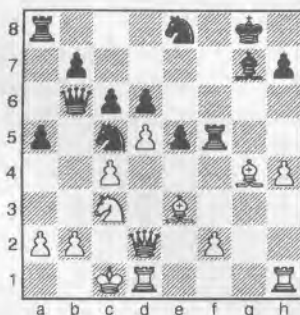
### King's Indian

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Michael Morris (2094)

Portland, Oregon Championship (4) 2005

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♗c3 ♖g7 4. e4 d6 5. h3 O-O 6. ♖e3 e5 7. d5 a5 8. g4 ♗a6 9. ♗ge2 ♗c5 10. ♗g3 ♖d7 11. ♖d2 ♗e8 12. ♖e2 c6 13. h4 f5 14. gxf5 gxf5 15. exf5 ♖xf5 16. ♗xf5 ♖xf5 17. O-O-O ♖b6 18. ♖g4



18... ♖f4 19. ♖e6+ ♗h8 20. ♖xf4 exf4 21. ♖xf4 ♗c7 22. ♖hg1 ♖e5 23. ♖f7 ♗5xe6 24. dxe6 a4 25. e7 1-0

### Catalan

LM Thomas Rowan (2176)

LM Clark Harmon (2243)

Portland, Oregon Championship (4) 2005

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. ♖g2 c6 5. ♗f3 ♖b4+ 6. ♖d2 ♖e7 7. ♖c2 b6 8. O-O ♖b7 9. ♖f4 ♗bd7 10. ♗bd2 O-O 11. e4 dxe4 12. ♗xe4 ♗xe4 13. ♖xe4 ♗f6 14. ♖e2 c5 15. ♖fd1 cxd4 16. ♗xd4 ♖c8 17. ♖ac1 Draw

### English Hedgehog

Mike Janniro (2130)

NM Michael Pendergast (2250)

Portland, Oregon Championship (4) 2005

1. c4 e6 2. ♗f3 ♗f6 3. g3 b6 4. ♖g2 ♖b7 5. ♗c3 c5 6. O-O ♖e7 7. d4 cxd4 8. ♖xd4 d6 9. b3 a6 10. ♖b2 ♗bd7 11. h3 ♖c7 12. ♖ac1 O-O 13. ♖fd1 ♖fd8 14. ♖e3 ♖f8 15. g4 ♖ac8 16. g5 ♗e8 17. ♗e4 ♖b8 18. ♗h2 d5 19. ♗g3 dxc4 20. ♖xb7 ♖xb7 21. bxc4 ♗c5 22. ♗g4 ♖xd1+ 23. ♖xd1 ♗a4 24. ♖e5 ♖xc4 25. ♖d8 ♖c6 26. ♗h5 ♖c1+ 27. ♗h2 ♖h1+ 28. ♗g3 ♖g1+ 29. ♗h4 ♖e7 30. ♖b8 h6 31. f4 hxg5+ 32. fxg5 ♖xg4+ 33. ♗xg4 ♗h7 34. ♖d3+ g6 35. ♖xe8 ♖xe8 36. ♗f6+ ♖xf6 37. ♖xf6 ♖b5 38. ♖xb5 axb5 39. ♗f4 ♗c5 40. e4 ♗d3+ 41. ♗f3 b4 42. ♖e7 ♗c1 43. ♖xb4 ♗xa2 44. ♖a3 ♗g8 45. ♗e3 ♗c3 46. ♗d3 ♗d1 47. h4 ♗f2+ 48. ♗d4 ♗g4 49. ♖d6 f6 50. gxf6 ♗xf6 51. ♗e5 ♗f7 52. ♖b4 Draw

### Queen's Indian

NM Nick Raptis (2312)

LM Carl Haessler (2202)

Portland, Oregon Championship (4) 2005

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♗f3 b6 4. g3 ♖b7 5. ♖g2 ♖e7 6. ♗c3 ♗e4 7. ♖d2 O-O 8. O-O d6 9. ♖c2 ♗xc3 10. ♖xc3 f5 11. d5 e5 12. e4 f4 13. ♖h3 ♖c8 14. ♖xc8 ♖xc8 15. ♗g2 ♖e8 16. h3 ♖g6 17. ♖e2 h5 18. ♗h2 fxg3 19. fxg3 ♗d7 20. b4 ♖f4 21. ♖ae1 ♖af8 22. ♖d2 ♖h4 23. ♖d3 ♖xf1 24. ♗xf1 ♖g5 25. ♖xg5 ♖xg5 26. ♗e3 h4 27. ♗f5 hxg3 28. ♖e3 ♖f7 29. ♖xg3 ♖h5 30. ♖d2 ♗f8 31. ♖g5 ♖h7 32. ♗g3 ♗f6 33. ♖e3 ♖h4 34. ♖f5 g6 35. ♖f1 ♖h7 36. ♖h1 ♗e7 37. c5 dxc5 38. bxc5 ♖f4 39. d6+ ♗d7 40. ♖d3

bxc5 41. dxc7+ ♗xc7 42. ♖c3 ♗c6 43. ♖c4 ♖d2+ 44. ♗e2 ♖b7 45. ♖c1 ♗d7 46. ♖c2 ♖d6 47. ♗c3 ♗b6 48. ♖b5+ ♗c7 49. ♗d5+ ♗d8 50. ♖xc5 ♖d7 51. ♖c6 ♖a3 52. ♖xg6 ♖xa2+ 53. ♗h1 ♗xd5 54. ♖b8+ ♗e7 55. ♖xe5+ ♗f8 56. ♖h8+ ♗e7 57. ♖g7+ ♗d8 58. ♖f8+ ♗c7 59. ♖c5+ ♗b7 60. ♖c6+ ♗b8 61. ♖g8+ 1-0

### Slav Exchange

NM Roger Martin (2205)

Benjamin Lin (2110)

Portland, Oregon Championship (4) 2005

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. ♗c3 ♗f6 4. ♗f3 a6 5. cxd5 cxd5 6. ♖f4 ♗c6 7. e3 ♖g4 8. ♖e2 e6 9. ♗e5 ♖xe2 10. ♖xe2 ♗xe5 11. ♖xe5 ♖d6 12. ♖xd6 ♖xd6 13. O-O O-O 14. ♖fc1 ♖fc8 15. ♖c2 ♖c6 16. ♖ac1 ♖ac8 17. ♗b1 h6 18. h3 ♗f8 19. ♖xc6 ♖xc6 20. ♖xc6 ♖xc6 21. ♗c3 Draw

## Round Five

### Standings

- 3.5 Raptis, Zaikov
- 2.5 Janniro, Morris
- 2.0 Haessler
- 1.5 Harmon, Martin
- 1.0 Lin, Pendergast, Rowan

### Czech Benoni

LM Clark Harmon (2243)

NM Roger Martin (2205)

Portland, Oregon Championship (5) 2005

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 e5 4. ♗c3 d6 5. e4 ♖e7 6. h3 O-O 7. ♖d3 ♗e8 8. g4 ♖g5 9. ♗ge2 ♗d7 10. ♖c2 a6 11. ♖xg5 ♖xg5 12. ♖d2 ♖h4 13. ♗g3 g6 14. a4 ♗g7 15. O-O-O b5 16. cxb5 ♗b6 17. b3 axb5 18. ♗xb5 c4 19. a5 cxb3 20. ♖xb3 ♖d7 21. ♗c7 ♗a4 22. ♖xa4 ♖xa4 23. ♗xa8 ♖xa8 24. g5 ♖xd1 25. ♗xd1 ♗h5 26. ♗xh5 ♖xh5+ 27. ♖e2 ♖xg5 28. a6 ♖c8 29. ♖b2 ♖h5+ 30. ♗d2 ♖f3 31. ♖e1 ♖xf2+ 32. ♖e2 ♖a7 33. ♖a3 ♖c5 34. ♖e3 ♖d4+ 35. ♗e2 ♖c2+ 36. ♗f3 ♖d1+ 37. ♗g3 ♖g1+ 38. ♗h4 ♖f2+ 39. ♖g3 ♖f6+ 0-1

### Sicilian Sveshnikov

Michael Morris (2094)

NM Nick Raptis (2312)

Portland, Oregon Championship (5) 2005

1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♗xd4 ♗f6 5. ♗c3 e5 6. ♗db5 d6 7. ♖g5 a6 8. ♗a3 ♖e7 9. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 10. ♗d5 b5



11.c3 O-O 12.♖c2 ♗g5 13.♖ce3 ♗e6  
 14.♗e2 ♖e7 15.♖xe7+ ♗xe7 16.♖d5  
 ♗b7 17.O-O f5 18.f3 fxe4 19.fxe4  
 ♖xf1+ 20.♗xf1 ♖f8 21.b3 ♗xd5  
 22.♗xd5+ ♗xd5 23.exd5 ♗e3+  
 24.♖h1 ♖f2 25.a4 bxa4 26.bxa4 a5  
 27.♗d3 ♗d2 28.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 29.♗xf1  
 e4 30.♗b5 ♗xc3 31.♖g1 ♗d4+ 32.  
 ♖f1 ♖f7 33.♖e2 ♖f6 34.♗d7 ♗g1 35.  
 h3 ♖e5 36.♗e6 ♖f4 37.♗d7 g6 38.  
 ♗e6 ♖g3 39.♖f1 e3 40.♗g4 ♗f2 41.  
 ♗f3 h5 42.♖e2 ♖f4 43.♖d3 ♖e5 44.  
 ♖c4 ♗g3 45.♖d3 ♗f4 46.♖c4 ♗g5  
 47.♖d3 ♖f4 48.♖e2 Draw

*Sicilian Rossolimo*

Benjamin Lin (2110)  
 NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Portland, Oregon Championship (5) 2005

Annotations by Benjamin Lin

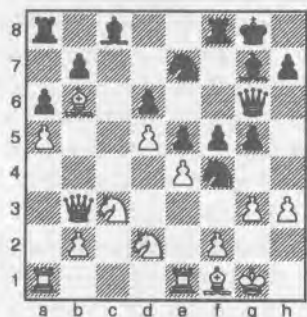
1.♖f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.♗b5+

Last year, I did well with 3.c3 ♖f6  
 4.♗c4?! against Zaikov, Gutman, and  
 Raptis. However, Kalina refuted it at the  
 WA Open.

3...♖d7 4.O-O g6 5.♖e1 ♗g7 6.c3 a6  
 7.♗f1 ♖g6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 O-O  
 10.a4!

Total domination of the entire board.

10...♖b8 11.h3 ♖c6 12.♖c3 e5 13.d5  
 ♖e7 14.a5 ♖h5 15.♗e3 ♖f4 16.♗b6  
 ♗e8 17.♗b3 f5 18.♖d2 g5 19.g3 ♗g6



Retreating the Knight is hopeless,  
 since the d6-pawn falls and Black's posi-  
 tion crumbles. This speculative sacrifice  
 forces White to find a few precise moves  
 in order to consolidate.

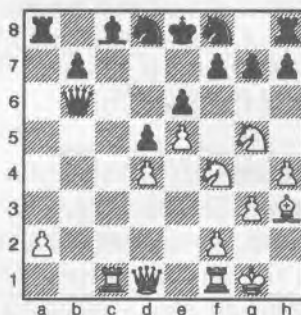
20.gxf4 gxf4+ 21.♖h2 f3 22.♖xf3  
 fxe4 23.♖xe4 ♗h5 24.♗g2 ♖f5  
 25.♖a3 ♗h6 26.♖g3 ♗f4 27.♖e4  
 ♗g6 28.♖xf4 exf4 29.♖xf5 ♗xf5  
 30.♗d3 ♗h5 31.♖d4 ♗e5 32.♗e4  
 ♗h5 33.♖e6 ♗d7 34.♖xf4 ♗h6  
 35.♖g3+ ♖f7 36.♖e6 ♖ac8 37.♖f3+  
 ♖g8 38.♗g4+ 1-0

*French Steinitz*

LM Carl Haessler (2202)  
 Mike Janniro (2130)

Portland, Oregon Championship (5) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.♖c3 d5 3.♖f3 ♖f6 4.e5  
 ♖fd7 5.d4 c5 6.♖e2 ♖c6 7.c3 ♗b6  
 8.g3 ♗e7 9.h4 a5 10.♗h3 a4 11.O-O  
 cxd4 12.cxd4 a3 13.bxa3 ♗xa3 14.  
 ♖f4 ♗xc1 15.♖xc1 ♖d8 16.♖g5 ♖f8



17.♖xd5 exd5 18.♖xc8 ♖xc8 19.  
 ♗xc8 h6 20.♖f3 ♗c7 21.♗f5 g6 22.  
 ♗d3 ♖fe6 23.♗a4+ ♖f8 24.♗a3+  
 ♖g7 25.♖c1 ♗b6 26.♗e7 ♖f8 27.  
 ♗f6+ ♖h7 28.h5 ♖g8 29.♖h4 ♖g7  
 30.hxg6+ fxg6 31.♗xg6+ ♖g8 32.♖f5  
 ♗b2 33.♖c8 ♗b1+ 34.♖h2 1-0

For the game Pendergast-Rowan, see  
 Tom Rowan's article on page 24

**Round Six**

**Standings**

- 4.0 Raptis
- 3.5 Zaikov
- 3.0 Haessler, Morris
- 2.5 Janniro, Martin
- 2.0 Lin, Rowan
- 1.5 Harmon
- 1.0 Pendergast

*English*

Mike Janniro (2130)  
 Michael Morris (2094)

Portland, Oregon Championship (6) 2005

1.c4 e5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.♖c3 d6  
 5.e3 ♖c6 6.♖ge2 ♗e6 7.b3 ♗d7  
 8.♖d5 ♖ge7 9.O-O O-O 10.♖xe7+  
 ♗xe7 11.♗b2 ♖ae8 12.d4 ♗g4 13.d5  
 ♖d8 14.h3 ♗xe2 15.♗xe2 f5 16.e4 f4  
 17.g4 b6 18.b4 ♗h4 19.f3 ♖f7  
 20.♗c3 ♗e7 21.a4 ♗f6 22.♗e1 h5  
 23.a5 hxg4 24.hxg4 ♖g7 25.♗f2 ♖h8  
 26.axb6 axb6 27.♖a7 ♗h4 28.♗xb6  
 ♗g3 29.♖fa1 ♖h2 30.♖xc7 ♗h4  
 31.♖aa7 ♖h8 32.♖xf7+ ♖g8 33.♖f1  
 ♖h1+ 34.♗xh1 ♗xh1+ 35.♗g1 ♗h2  
 36.♗g2 ♗xg1 37.♗xh1 ♖xh1

38.♖ab7 ♗d4+ 39.♖e2 ♖h2+  
 40.♖d3 ♖a2 41.♖fd7 ♖a3+ 42.♖c2  
 1-0

*Catalan*

LM Clark Harmon (2243)  
 Michael Pendergast (2250)

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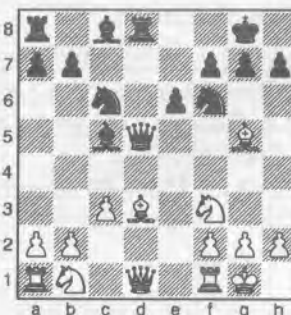
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 26.♗xb8+ ♖h7 27.♗xg3 ♗xa3 28.  
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 ♖g8 46.♗f7+ ♖h7 47.♖f3 ♗e3 48.  
 ♖g4 ♗e4+ 49.♗f4 ♗e2 50.♗h2+  
 ♗xh2 51.♖xh2 ♖g6 52.♖f3 c5 53.  
 dxc5 ♖f6 54.c6 ♖e6 55.♖d4+ 1-0

*French Exchange*

NM Nick Raptis (2312)  
 Benjamin Lin (2110)

Portland, Oregon Championship (6) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 c5 3.c3 ♖f6 4.♗d3 ♖c6  
 5.dxc5 ♗xc5 6.♖f3 d5 7.exd5 ♗xd5  
 8.O-O O-O 9.♗g5 ♖d8



10.♗xf6 gxf6 11.♗c2 ♗xf2+ 12.♖h1  
 ♗xd1 13.♗xd1 ♗c5 14.♖bd2 b6 15.  
 ♖e4 ♗a6 16.♖e1 ♗e7 17.♗e2 ♗b7  
 18.♖g3 ♖d7 19.♖f1 ♖ad8 20.♖ae1  
 a6 21.♗d1 b5 22.♗c2 b4 23.♖e4 f5  
 24.♖ee1 bxc3 25.bxc3 ♗f6 26.♖e3  
 ♖a5 27.♖h5 ♗h8 28.♖h4 ♖d2 29.  
 ♗a4 ♖xa2 30.♗d1 ♖a1 31.♗e2  
 ♖xf1+ 32.♗xf1 ♖d1 33.♖g1 ♖c4 34.  
 ♖g3+ ♖f8 35.♖f2 ♖e5 36.♗e2 ♖c1

37. ♖e3 ♘g4+ 38. ♗xg4 f×g4 39. ♖d3 ♖c2+ 40. ♗g3 ♖xc3 41. ♖xc3 ♗xc3 42. ♗xg4 a5 43. ♘f4 a4 44. ♘e2 ♗b2 45. ♘f3 ♗xf3+ 46. ♗xf3 a3 0-1

*English*

LM Thomas Rowan (2176)

LM Carl Haessler (2202)

Portland, Oregon Championship (6) 2005

1. ♘f3 c5 2. c4 ♘c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♘xd4 ♗b6 5. e3 e5 6. ♘b5 ♘f6 7. ♘1c3 ♗e7 8. ♘d6+ ♗f8 9. ♗e2 ♘a5 10. ♘xc8 ♖xc8 11. b3 g6 12. 0-0 ♗g7 13. ♘d5 ♘xd5 14. ♗xd5 ♖hd8 15. ♗b2 ♗f6 16. ♗xe5 ♖c5 17. ♗xf6+ ♗xf6 18. ♗d4+ ♗e6 19. ♗f3 h5 20. ♗d5+ ♗e7 21. ♗e5+ ♗f8 22. ♗f4 ♗g7 23. ♗xf7+ ♗h6 24. ♖ad1 ♘c6 25. ♗f6 ♗c7 26. f4 d6 27. b4 ♖xd5 28. ♖xd5 ♘xb4 29. ♖xh5+ 1-0

*French Winawer*

NM Roger Martin (2205)

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Portland, Oregon Championship (6) 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♘c3 ♗b4 4. a3 ♗xc3+ 5. bxc3 dxe4 6. ♗g4 ♘f6 7. ♗xg7 ♖g8 8. ♗h6 c5 9. ♗b5+ ♗d7 10. ♗xd7+ ♘bxd7 11. ♗h3 cxd4 12. cxd4 ♖c8 13. c3 ♗c7 14. ♘e2 ♗c4 15. ♗e3 ♘d5 16. ♖c1 ♘f6 17. ♖c2 ♗d3 18. ♖d2 ♗b1+ 19. ♖d1 ♗b5 20. c4 ♖xc4 21. 0-0 ♖c2 22. ♘f4 ♘xf4 23. ♗xf4 ♗e7 24. ♗e5 ♗e2 25. ♗b3 ♖b2 26. ♗c3 ♘d7 27. ♗c7 e3 28. ♗d6+ ♗f6 29. ♗xd7 exf2+ 30. ♗h1 ♖xg2 31. ♗e7+ ♗g6 32. ♗xg2 Draw

**Round Seven**

**Standings**

- 4.0 Raptis, Zaikov
- 3.5 Janniro
- 3.0 Haessler, Rowan, Lin, Morris, Martin
- 2.5 Harmon
- 1.0 Pendergast

*Grünfeld*

Benjamin Lin (2110)

Mike Janniro (2130)

Portland, Oregon Championship (7) 2005

1. ♘f3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. d4 ♘f6 4. ♘c3 g6 5. ♗b3 ♗g7 6. ♗g5 dxc4 7. ♗xc4 0-0 8. e4 ♘bd7 9. ♗e2 ♘b6 10. ♗d3 ♗e6 11. 0-0 ♗c4 12. ♗d2 ♗xe2 13. ♗xe2 h6 14. ♗e3 ♖e8 15. ♖ad1 ♗c7 16. ♘e5 e6 17. f4 ♘bd7 18. ♘d3 ♗a5 19. g4 ♖ad8 20. ♖f2 h5 21. h3 b5 22. g5

♘h7 23. a3 ♘b6 24. ♘c5 ♖e7 25. ♖ff1 ♘c4 26. ♗f2 ♗c7 27. e5 ♘f8 28. ♘3e4 ♘d7 29. ♘f6+ ♗xf6 30. gxf6 ♖ee8 31. ♘e4 a5 32. ♘g3 ♘xf6 33. exf6 ♗xf4 34. ♘e4 ♖d5 35. ♖d3 a4 36. ♗g3 ♗h6 37. ♗f4 ♗h8 38. h4 ♖ed8 39. ♖fd1 ♗f8 40. ♗g5 ♗e8 41. ♘c3 ♖5d7 42. d5 cxd5 43. ♘xd5 ♖xd5 44. ♖xd5 ♗f8 45. ♖xd8 mate

*QGD Exchange*

NM Michael Pendergast (2250)

NM Roger Martin (2205)

Portland, Oregon Championship (7) 2005.

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. ♗g5 ♗e7 6. ♗c2 c6 7. e3 0-0 8. ♗d3 ♘bd7 9. ♘ge2 h6 10. ♗h4 ♖e8 Draw

*Sicilian O'Kelly*

Michael Morris (2094)

LM Thomas Rowan (2176)

Portland, Oregon Championship (7) 2005

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 a6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♘xd4 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 e5 6. ♘f3 ♗b4 7. ♗c4 0-0 8. 0-0 ♗xc3 9. bxc3 d6 10. ♖e1 ♗c7 11. ♗b3 ♘bd7 12. ♗g5 h6 13. ♗h4 b6 14. ♖e3 ♗b7 15. ♘d2 d5 16. exd5 ♘xd5 17. ♖g3 ♘5f6 18. ♘f1 ♘e4 19. ♗g4 ♘xg3 20. ♘xg3 ♗h7 21. ♘h5 ♖g8 22. ♗xf7 ♗c6 23. f3 ♗h8 24. ♖d1 ♘c5 25. ♗xg8 ♖xg8 26. ♖d8 g5 27. ♖xg8+ ♗xg8 28. ♗c4+ ♗d5 29. ♘f6+ 1-0

*Bishop's Opening*

LM Carl Haessler (2202)

LM Clark Harmon (2243)

Portland, Oregon Championship (7) 2005

1. e4 e5 2. ♗c4 ♘f6 3. d4 exd4 4. ♘f3 ♘xe4 5. ♗xd4 ♘f6 6. ♗g5 ♗e7 7. ♘c3 c6 8. 0-0-0 d5 9. ♖he1 ♗e6 10. ♗h4 ♘bd7 11. ♘d4 ♘c5 12. ♗d3 h6 13. ♘xe6 ♘xe6 14. ♖xe6 fxe6 15. ♗h3 ♗d6 16. ♗g6+ ♗d7 17. ♗d2 ♗c7 18. f4 ♖ad8 19. ♘e2 c5 20. ♗f7 ♗a6 21. ♖e1 ♖d6 22. f5 e5 23. ♗b1 ♘e4 24. ♗c1 ♖f8 25. ♗e6 ♖f6 26. ♘c3 ♗a5 27. ♖xe4 dxe4 28. ♗g4 ♗f8 29. ♗xe4 c4 30. ♗xc4+ ♖c6 31. ♘b5+ ♗b8 32. ♗d5 ♗d6 33. ♗d2 ♗b6 34. a4 a6 35. ♘xd6 ♖xd6 36. ♗xe5 ♗g1+ 37. ♗a2 ♗d4 38. ♗f4 ♗xe5 39. ♗xe5 ♗c7 40. c4 b6 41. a5 ♗c6 42. ♗xd6 ♗xd6 43. axb6 ♗c6 44. c5 ♖f8 45. b4 ♖d8 46. ♗b3 a5 47. f6 gxf6 48. ♗g4 ♖d4 49. ♗f3+ ♗b5 50. bxa5 ♗xc5

51. b7 ♖d8 52. ♗c3 ♗b5 53. ♗g4 ♗a6 54. ♗c8 ♗a7 55. a6 ♖d6 56. g4 ♗b8 57. h4 ♖xa6 58. ♘d4 h5 59. g×h5 ♖a5 60. h6 ♖h5 61. ♗e4 ♖xh4+ 62. ♗f5 ♖xh6 63. ♗e6 Draw

*Benoni*

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

NM Nick Raptis (2312)

Portland, Oregon Championship (7) 2005

1. d4 c5 2. d5 g6 Draw

**Round Eight**

**Standings**

- 4.5 Raptis, Zaikov
- 4.0 Lin, Morris
- 3.5 Haessler, Janniro, Martin
- 3.0 Harmon, Rowan
- 1.5 Pendergast

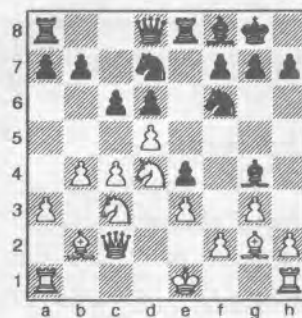
*English*

Mike Janniro (2130)

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Portland, Oregon Championship (8) 2005

1. c4 e5 2. g3 ♘f6 3. ♗g2 ♗c5 4. ♘c3 0-0 5. e3 ♖e8 6. ♘ge2 e4 7. a3 c6 8. d4 ♗f8 9. d5 d6 10. b4 ♗f5 11. ♗b2 ♘bd7 12. ♘d4 ♗g4 13. ♗c2



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NM Nick Raptis	2312 2270	♔	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	6.5	2371	25.25
NM Oleg Zaikov	2332 2367	1/2	♔	0	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	6.5	2369	25.25
Benjamin Lin	2110 2191	1	1	♔	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	5.5	2305	24.50
NM Carl Haessler	2202 2234	0	1/2	1	♔	1/2	1/2	1	1	0	1	5.5	2295	22.25
Michael Morris	2094 2130	1/2	0	1	1/2	♔	0	1	0	1	1/2	4.5	2218	19.00
LM Clark Harmon	2243 2162	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1	♔	0	1/2	1/2	1	4.5	2201	18.50
NM Roger Martin	2205 2214	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	1	♔	1/2	1/2	1/2	3.5	2117	14.75
Mike Janniro	2130 2192	0	0	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	♔	1	1/2	3.5	2125	12.50
LM Thomas Rowan	2176 2202	0	0	0	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	♔	1	3.0	2075	11.50
NM Mike Pendergast	2144 2196	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	0	♔	2.0	1978	8.50

13...c5 14.bxc5 dxc5 15.♘b3 ♘e5  
 16.♘d2 ♘d3+ 17.♘f1 ♘xb2 18.♙xb2  
 ♘d6 19.♙c2 ♘e5 20.♙a2 ♘xc3  
 21.♙xc3 b5 22.h3 ♘c8 23.♘g1 bxc4  
 24.♙xc4 ♘b7 25.♙xc5 ♘xd5 26.  
 ♙b2 ♙d7 27.♘h2 ♙ac8 28.♙d4 ♙f5  
 29.♙hb1 a6 30.♘g1 ♙cd8 31.♙b4  
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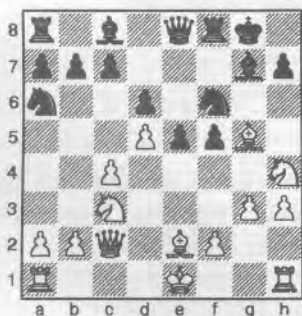
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### King's Indian

LM Clark Harmon (2243)  
 Michael Morris (2094)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♘g7 4.♘c3  
 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.h3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.♘g5  
 ♙e8 9.♘e2 ♘h5 10.g3 f5 11.exf5 gxf5  
 12.♘h4 ♘f6 13.♙c2



13...e4 14.O-O-O ♘d7 15.f3 ♘dc5  
 16.a3 ♘d7 17.♘b5 ♙e5 18.♘f4 ♙f6  
 19.♘e3 ♘d3+ 20.♘xd3 exd3 21.  
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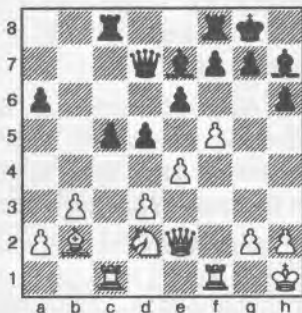
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 ♙a4 32.♙g5+ ♘h6 33.d6 ♙e6 34.  
 ♙h5+ ♘g7 35.♙c3+ ♘g6 36.♙c2+  
 ♘f6 37.♙h6+ 1-0

### Larsen's Opening

NM Michael Pendergast (2250)  
 NM Carl Haessler (2202)

Portland, Oregon Championship (8) 2005

1.♘f3 c5 2.b3 d5 3.e3 ♘c6 4.♘b5 a6  
 5.♘xc6+ bxc6 6.♘b2 h6 7.♘e5 ♙c7  
 8.d3 ♘f5 9.♙f3 e6 10.e4 ♘h7 11.♘d2  
 ♘f6 12.♙e2 ♘e7 13.O-O O-O 14.f4  
 c4 15.♘g4 cxd3 16.cxd3 ♙d8 17.♘e5  
 ♙c8 18.♘h1 ♘d7 19.♘xd7 ♙xd7  
 20.♙ac1 c5 21.f5



21...exf5 22.exf5 ♙fe8 23.♙f3 ♘g5  
 24.♙c2 ♙e3 25.♙g4 d4 26.♘c4  
 ♘xf5 27.♙d1 ♙xd3 28.♙e1 ♙e8  
 29.♙e2 ♙xe2 30.♙xe2 ♙e6 31.♙f2  
 ♘g6 32.♙e1 ♙f6 33.♙e2 ♘h4 34.g3  
 ♘g5 35.♘a3 ♙f5 36.♙g2 ♘h5 37.  
 ♘g1 ♘e3+ 38.♘xe3 dxe3 39.♙f1  
 ♙e6 40.♘xc5 ♙d2 41.♙h1 ♘g4 0-1

### Dutch Leningrad

NM Roger Martin (2205)  
 NM Nick Raptis (2312)

Portland, Oregon Championship (8) 2005

1.♘f3 f5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.g3 g6 4.♘g2  
 ♘g7 5.c4 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.♘c3 ♘c6  
 8.♘g5 ♘e4 9.d5 ♘xc3 10.bxc3 ♘a5  
 11.♙a4 c5 12.  
 ♘xe7 ♙xe7 13.  
 ♙xa5 b6 14.♙b5  
 ♘xc3 15.♙ac1  
 ♘d7 16.♙b3 ♘a5  
 17.e3 ♙ab8 18.a4  
 h6 19.♙a1 g5 20.  
 ♙c2 ♙g7 21.♙fc1  
 ♙be8 22.♘f1 f4  
 23.exf4 ♘g4 24.  
 ♘e1 gxf4 25.♘g2  
 ♙e5 26.♙a3 f3

27.♘h4 ♙e2 28.♙g6 ♙fe8 29.♙xg7+  
 ♘xg7 30.♘xf3 ♙b2 31.♘e1 ♘xe1  
 32.f3 0-1

## Round Nine

### Standings

- 5.5 Raptis, Zaikov
- 5.0 Lin
- 4.5 Haessler
- 4.0 Harmon, Morris
- 3.5 Janniro, Martin
- 3.0 Rowan
- 1.5 Pendergast

### French Steinitz

NM Nick Raptis (2312)  
 Mike Janniro (2130)

Portland, Oregon Championship (9) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7  
 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♘e3 a6 8.♙d2  
 b5 9.dxc5 ♘xc5 10.♙f2 ♘e4 11.♘xe4  
 dxe4 12.♘g5 ♘e7 13.♘xe4 O-O 14.  
 ♘d3 ♘b4 15.♙e2 ♘b7 16.O-O ♙c7  
 17.♙ad1 ♘d5 18.♘c3 ♘b7 19.♙f2  
 ♘xd3 20.cxd3 b4 21.♘a4 ♙c6 22.  
 ♘b6 ♘h4 23.♙e2 ♙ad8 24.♙c1 ♙b5  
 25.♙c4 ♙fe8 26.f5 exf5 27.♙xh4  
 ♙xe5 28.♘c4 ♙e6 29.♙h5 ♙g6 30.  
 ♙xh7+ ♘f8 31.♙xg6 fxg6 32.♙h8+  
 ♘f7 33.♙xd8 ♘e6 34.♙e1 ♘e4 35.  
 ♙d6+ ♘f7 36.♙b6 ♙d5 37.♘d6+  
 ♘g8 38.dxe4 fxe4 39.♙xa6 g5 40.♙f1  
 ♘h7 41.♘f5 b3 42.axb3 g4 43.♙a7  
 g3 44.♙xg7+ ♘h8 45.♙xg3 1-0

### Petroff

Benjamin Lin (2110)  
 LM Clark Harmon (2243)

Portland, Oregon Championship (9) 2005

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3  
 ♘xe4 5.♙e2 ♙e7 6.d3 ♘f6 7.♘g5  
 ♙xe2+ 8.♘xe2 ♘e7 9.♘c3 c6 Draw

### French MacCutcheon

Michael Morris (2094)  
 NM Michael Pendergast (2250)

Portland, Oregon Championship (9) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘g5  
 ♘b4 5.e5 h6 6.♘d2 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 ♘e4  
 8.♙g4 g6 9.♘d3 ♘xd2 10.♘xd2 c5  
 11.♘f3 ♘c6 12.♙he1 cxd4 13.cxd4  
 ♙a5+ 14.c3 b6 15.a4 ♘a6 16.♘c2  
 ♙c8 17.♙f4 ♘e7 18.♙a3 ♙c4 19.  
 ♙b1 ♘d7 20.♙bb3 g5 21.♙e3 ♙hc8  
 22.h4 g4 23.♘e1 h5 24.♘d1 ♙xa4  
 25.♙xa4 ♙xa4 26.♙xb6 ♙a1+  
 27.♙b1 ♙a5 28.♙b3 ♘c4 29.♙b7+  
 ♙c7 30.♙xc7+ ♘xc7 31.♘d2 ♘c6



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*Queen's Indian*

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Thomas Rowan (2176)

Portland, Oregon Championship (9)  
2005

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♗f3 b6 4. ♗c3 ♘b7 5. ♘g5 ♘b4 6. e3 h6 7. ♘h4 O-O 8. ♘d3 d6 9. ♖c2 ♗bd7 10. O-O 11. ♖xc3 c5 12. ♘c2 ♗c8 13. d5 exd5 14. cxd5 b5 15. e4 b4 16. ♖e3 ♖a5 17. ♘b1 ♗g4 18. ♖f4 ♗ge5 19. ♗xe5 dxe5 20. ♖g4 ♖b5 21. ♗d3 f5 22. exf5 ♗f6 23. ♖g6 ♗c7 24. ♗g3 ♘h8 25. d6 ♗d7 26. ♘xf6 ♗xf6 27. ♖e8+ ♘h7 28. ♗g6 ♗ff7 29. f6 e4 30. fxe7 ♗xg7 31. ♗xg7+ ♘xg7 32. ♖e5+ 1-0

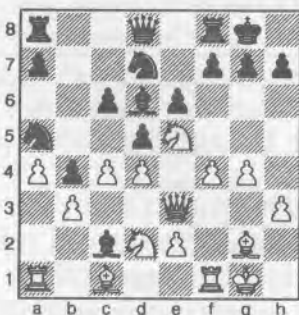
*Polish Defense*

LM Carl Haessler (2202)

NM Roger Martin (2205)

Portland, Oregon Championship (9)  
2005

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**Peachcroft's World**

# The Higher Purpose

by Don Emigh

The August evening was still warm, and windows in the meeting room of the S\_\_\_\_\_ Chess Club had been opened. Occasionally, a puff of sluggish air found its way into the room. A circulating fan in one corner vibrated and hummed. A monotonous murmur of traffic came from the street two stories below.

So it was not surprising that the members of the club, seated in rows of chairs in the not-so-large meeting room, found themselves hot, bored, nodding, and not paying much attention at all to Freestable, up on the podium. This was the annual meeting for the election of the club's officers and board of directors.

The four incumbant officers had just been re-elected. Freestable, continuing as president, presided over a comfortably solvent club with an expanding membership. Except for one board position—Mr. Krebschott had moved out of the city—it was now a matter of form for the members to re-elect the current directors. They did this with another show of hands.

"And now," Freestable intoned, "do I hear nominations from the floor? We need a replacement for Mr. Krebschott. Let's make this a little more formal. We'll need a written ballot with at least three nominations. Anyone got a name?" He wiped his forehead with the back of his hand and looked out hopefully over the room.

Molewier, lounging as usual in one of the back seats, elbowed Murtosse and whispered, "What say we put a little life in the ol' meeting, Murt? Let's nominate Peachcroft. It'll be a kick to see what happens. No way can that guy get elected, but I wanna see what the members do when they hear his nomination. An' I wanna see ol' Peachy puff up like a toad. Watch this, Murt!" He raised his hand for recognition.

Acknowledged by Freestable, Moelwier got to his feet and paused a moment for dramatic effect before he said, "Mr. President, I nominate Mr. Peachcroft for the board. Peachcroft has been a member of the club for many years." With this meagre endorsement, he sat down.

There was an immediate buzz in the room. Freestable stood immobilized, speechless. "Peachcroft!" was blurted out by an incredulous member or two. Here and there, suppressed laughter, quiet giggling, could be heard. It was all involuntary, of course, but it was rude and embarrassing nevertheless. One could imagine how a nominee on the receiving end of such a demonstration might feel.

Molewier elbowed Murtosse. "Hey! Hey! Can you believe this, Murt? Listen to that!" Molewier doubled over in his chair. His shoulders shook. He was happy.

At this point, Peachcroft, who was seated in the front row with Lenny, asked to be recognized. He rose to his feet and turned to face the members. In his measured, resonant voice, he spoke as follows:

"It is an honor, sirs, to be nominated to any office from which one can be of service to the S\_\_\_\_\_ Chess Club, and from which the furtherance of the goals of our organization can be resolutely carried forward into the coming year. Indeed, as has been so estimably proven by our current officers and board members, one can expect to serve and to toil in the interests of our renowned club for several years, if, as is expected of him, he performs his tasks with diligence and acumen. To be an officer or board member of our club is most assuredly a high honor. Vote with your hearts and your minds, my friends, for he who is elected must, perforce, give his own heart and mind fully—fully, I say—to the furtherance of our joint endeavors. Yes, let me restate this in more personal terms: I should expect an elected representative of our club to spend every waking hour in pursuit of the club's interests, and in the sedulous furthering of the club's enterprises. Thank you." Peachcroft sat down.

# Clatskanie Chess Club Wins State!

by Kate Taylor

If this is a dream, please don't wake me up!

Last Spring, as we were leaving the state championship with our second place JV trophy, I turned to Mike Wolfe, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Oregon High School Chess Team Association and said, "Next year, we'll bring an A team and win!" He just smiled and shook my hand and said, "Okay."

In October, during an OHSCTA email discussion about team placement at the Championship, I said, "You'd better put us up there at the top, because our team can't be beat!" They ignored my suggestion and placed us in the middle of the pack, because Clatskanie had never been able to field an A team before. But they didn't know what I knew.

My team was totally committed to winning first place. Failure wasn't an option as far as they were concerned. Whenever the subject of state came up, they talked as if they'd already won. Not only did they talk the talk, but they walked the walk as well! Blake, Michael, Tim and Thomas all competed in challenging adult tournaments this year. They played chess online against masters and experts from around the world. They read chess books and studied new openings. Blake's rating went over 2000. The rest were steadily climbing. And then...

The big day came!

Sixteen varsity teams in the A division marched into Lincoln High School in Portland. They were ready for battle. The teams were from schools large and small. Most had competed in league play during the school year

and knew their standings against the others. Well, against everyone but us. They didn't even see us coming!

The tournament would be decided in four rounds that would last 3 hours each. Two would be played on Friday and two on Saturday. Two long, grueling days of intense concentration.

Even though our team was well-prepared, we were dealing with some unique problems on the morning the tournament began. Blake Salisbury, team captain, board one was worried about our newest player, Mike Moran on board five. He'd never competed in a tournament before and had joined the team just one week before the championship. Blake had worked with Mike tire-

lessly over the previous week for three to four hours a day to prepare. Michael Taylor, board two, was suffering from the stomach flu and all that goes with it. Tim Robinson on board three had a family crisis - his sister was in the hospital and his parents were by her side. Thomas Kyle-Milward on board four had been traveling in England for three months with his family (playing chess in tournaments there). He had flown home just two days before and was still suffering from

## Tournament Information

Oregon High School Chess Team Championship  
Lincoln High School in Portland hosted the event held on February 25 & 26, 2005. Four G/90 rounds were played, lasting up to three hours each (two rounds on Friday and two on Saturday)

A Division = 16 teams (high school only)

B Division = 18 teams (high school and middle school mix)

The OHSCTA has been around since the 1960's and schools from around the state play in leagues in preparation for the final event. Clatskanie was considered a wild card because we didn't play in a league.

## Clatskanie Results (Varsity Team = A Division)

Board 1, Blake Salisbury	W W L W	(team captain)
Board 2, Michael Taylor	W W D W	
Board 3, Tim Robinson	L W W D	
Board 4, Thomas Kyle-Milward	W W W W	
Board 5, Mike Moran	L W W L	

Round 1: vs. Wilson HS	3.0-2.0
Round 2: vs. Lake Oswego	5.0-0.0
Round 3: vs. Portland Christian	3.5-0.5
Round 4: vs. Westview HS	3.5-0.5

jet lag. And Mike Moran, our courageous and very green board five was tired from the many hours of chess practice with Blake. We called it his Extreme Chess Makeover! His mind was reeling with new chess terminology and theory.

And yet, with all these distractions, when the five members of the Clatskanie High School varsity

team approached their first round against Wilson High School, the second highest rated team in the state, the doubts all disappeared. All that was left was the game and their determination. On Friday, the first round began at 3 o'clock. By 6 pm Blake, Michael and Thomas had won their games and the round.

In round two, we were matched up with Portland Christian, the 2004 OHSCA champions. At 10 p.m. that night, Blake and Michael were the last boards playing. They'd been at it for a total of seven hours. Not once did they give up or even glance around the room. They were totally focused on winning their games. And they did just that. Not only did we win the match, but we won all five games.

## Team Prizes

### A Division Team Champions

1. Clatskanie
2. Wilson
3. Westview
4. Cottage Grove
5. Century
6. Sherwood

### B Division Team Champions

1. Sunset
2. Wilson
3. Pleasant Hill
4. Junction City
5. Portland Christian
6. Delphian

### Middle School Champions

1. Sunset
2. Portland Christian
3. Sherwood

First, board five fell to our attack, then board four, board three, and in perfect succession we dominated the round.

We arrived back home at midnight and returned for battle at 9 a.m. the following morning.

During round three, against Lake Oswego, our toughest opponent, Mike Moran was a key player. Tim and Thomas had both won their games. But Blake and Michael were in trouble. Mike had to win his game in order for us to win the round. He was matched up with a seasoned tournament player. Mike didn't really have an opening. Just a lot of crammed chess knowledge from the last seven days. But, he used that knowledge well, because Mike came through when we needed him most and won his game! It was thrilling to see. Blake eventually succumbed to one of the best players in the league, Corbin Yu. Michael was extremely low on time and about to lose, but managed to hold his opponent at bay with quick moves and perpetual check and came away with a draw! We finished this round with 3.5/5 and won the round!

As each team fell, the coaches watched. At one point, Mike Wolfe turned to me and said, "You guys

really are going to win this, aren't you? Do you ever let up?" I just smiled and said, "You know those dogs that never let go?" "You mean bulldogs?" he asked. "Yes. That's us. We never give up. We never surrender." Mike just nodded and walked away.

And then the fourth and final round was upon us. We were matched with a team from Westview High School, one of the largest schools in the state. We knew their players. They, too, practiced by playing in adult tournaments and online. Blake Salisbury had to make a difficult decision. Should he play

## Board Prizes

### Board 1 - Brian Esler (Lincoln)

All State Awards: Blake Salisbury (Clatskanie), Corbin Yu (Lake Oswego), Ethan Peake (Westview), Chris Griffin (Sherwood), Andy Koch (Portland Christian)

### Board 2 - Michael Taylor (Clatskanie)

All State Awards: Isaiah Dunn (Cottage Grove), Garrett Good (Wilson), Rory Fifield (Sherwood), Greg Watkins (Lake Oswego)

### Board 3 - Andy Pham (Benson)

All State Awards: Ted Sanders (Wilson), Peter Reid (Sherwood), Adam Leong (Pleasant Hill)

### Board 4 - Thomas Kyle-Milward (Clatskanie)

All State Awards: Nick Glessman (Cottage Grove), Mark Ethan (Wilson)

### Board 5 - Alan Deeth (Westview)

All State Awards: Sean Field-Eaton (Tigard), Paul Stanton (Wilson)

the Pelikan to guarantee a draw? Or should he play the Sveshnikov, an opening that would give him an immediate initial advantage but possibly result in a loss? Blake's opponent, Ethan Peake, was formidable. He and Blake had been matched up many times before and Ethan was prepared for the Pelikan. None of us knew which opening Blake would ultimately choose, until the seventh move. I could tell immediately that he was going to risk it all for the win. Not by looking at the board, but by looking at Ethan's face. After Blake made his move, Ethan automatically reached out for his response. He stopped. Looked up at Blake's smiling face. Looked back at the board. And hesitated. The decision had been a good one—early on Blake had Ethan wondering what was coming next! Blake, Michael and Thomas won their games and, after two hours, Tim drew! We'd won our final round.

Throughout the tournament, Michael and Thomas were winning their games. Thomas ended with a perfect 4-0 score. In spite of his flu, Michael had played very well, winning two of his games in just 16 moves and ending with a total of 3.5 points.

We knew they were both in the running for the all-state award, which is given to the top performers at each board. But it came as a complete surprise for both Thomas and Michael to win Championship awards for the best performance on their boards! Blake won all state (runner-up), which is a significant accomplishment, since board one is the strongest board on every team.

At the end of the day, when they announced the #1 team in the state and our boys ran up to receive their trophy, the room erupted in whistles and thunderous applause. Everyone there knew that we had earned our status. Even though the

other teams had also come to win, they didn't begrudge our victory, because we did it with good sportsmanship, a winning smile and a warm handshake whether we won, drew or lost.

Steve Hawke, Wilson High School's coach and league director, announced the awards. As Alan Svehaug shook the Clatskanie team hands one by one, Steve announced to everyone there, "Clatskanie wins with a perfect score. They were untouchable. No one could take them down!"

As we left Lincoln High, I hung back and watched my boys walking together, holding their trophy high and I realized we were coming home with so much more than that trophy. The hard work, perseverance, overcoming obstacles and complete dedication to the game and to each other—those things are much more important and will last long after that trophy turns dusty sitting on a shelf.

I will always remember *this moment*, and I know they will, too. ■

### A Message from Mike Wolfe, OHSCTA Executive Secretary 2005-2007

Thanks to everyone for one of the most exciting and successful state tournaments in recent memory. The competition was fierce, the hospitality was wonderful, and how nice to meet and greet new and old friends.

Congratulations especially to Kate Taylor and our new state champions from Clatskanie. It goes to show you that you don't have to be from a big city to put together a program that can compete with, and defeat, the rest of the challengers.

Congratulations, too, to Stephen Runion, our tournament host, for his outstanding effort to make us all comfortable and to do with efficiency all he was called upon to do. I only hope I can do a fraction as well . . . next year at Cottage Grove.

Thanks to Alan Svehaug for two years as our Executive Secretary. Alan is a person who thinks outside the box, and his contribution this year of trophies to middle school teams was brilliant. I watched him make tough decisions a couple of times at the tournament this weekend and I was impressed with his wisdom, compassion, and sense of fairness for everyone. Kudos as well to Neil Dale, our tournament director, and to Steve Hawke, who ably assisted him and who has already provided me with several words of wisdom. Thanks too to everyone else who assisted. I dare not claim to have an exhaustive list because I will forget someone, so, you know who you are, and you are wonderful!

Now I begin a term as the OHSCTA Executive Secretary. The goal I have selected as the focus of my term will be to promote the building of new programs and new leagues. We have already heard of the possibility of a league including McMinnville and the Delphian School, along with Amity, and possibly Newberg and Yamhill-Carleton, and maybe more. We also hear there may be something forming in Central Oregon, and Kate Taylor and others are exploring the possibility of a "cyber-league" for those who are more remote.

If you have contacts in Oregon high schools where chess teams do not exist, I call upon you to use whatever influence you have to get things started. I plan to "heat up" the contacts with other schools, and to keep the pressure on, because once these schools get started, they will have as much fun as we do! Just imagine the current field, but add in teams from the Salem area, southern Oregon, the coast, eastern Oregon, and so on. Our tournament is already a great event, but more participation would make it even more exciting.

I also believe we have some unresolved issues involving the participation of teams composed entirely of middle schoolers. I liked Alan's solution of special trophies just for them, but would like to hear what others thought of that. Also, at our next tournament, we will need to elect an Executive Secretary-elect and establish a site for our 2007 tournament, so please give those items some consideration.

We have incredible talent in the teachers, coaches, advisors, and volunteers in our organization. Again, thank you all, and please stay in touch with your thoughts and ideas to help us continuously improve OHSCTA and our state tournament.



# Scholastic News

## Nashville, TN

The Northwest was well represented at the world's largest scholastic chess tournament, the SuperNationals, held in Nashville, TN, on the weekend of April 8-10. Among the over 5200 entries from 1300 schools in 48 states representing over 600 cities were about 40 Oregonians and 120 Washingtonians. In the last issue of *Northwest Chess*, we heard of Stevenson Elementary's success. Below is a list of others who did well. The main tournaments were seven rounds, the blitz events—four double-rounds, and the Bughouse (or Siamese) events—six double-rounds.

<b>K-12 Championship (364 players)</b>			
23-57	5.0	Ben Wyde David Wyde Blake Phillips Bryant Brownell	Lakeside School Lakeside School Tigard HS OR
<b>K-12 U1500 (349 players)</b>			
3-13	6.0	Conor Myhrvold	Lakeside School Seattle
23-58	5.0	Michael Taylor	Clatskanie HS Clatskanie OR
<b>K-12 UNR (139 players)</b>			
12-28	5.0	Steven Koch Mike Berkey	Portland Christian RICH Portland
<b>K-8 Championship (238 players)</b>			
13-39	5.0	Raleigh Foster	HOFO OR
<b>K-8 U1250 (333 players)</b>			
2-3	6.5	David Inglis	Evergreen School Shoreline WA
4-10	6.0	Kevin Taki	Islander MS Mercer Island
11-23	5.5	Austin Sharp	CedarPark ES Portland
24-58	5.0	Cameron Gregson Andrew Goldberg Jennifer Apacible	West Hills Christian Islander MS Islander MS Mercer Island Mercer Island
3	20.5	<i>Islander MS</i> (Taki, Apacible, Goldberg, Bryan Solomon)	
5-6	19.0	<i>Cedar Park ES</i> (Sharp, Kurtis Sprouse, Isaac Kim, Daniel Friesen, Joseph Tanquary)	
8-9	17.5	<i>Evergreen School</i> (Inglis, Robert Yaman, Nat Meyer, Clayton Brock)	
<b>K-8 U750 (196 players)</b>			
16-35	5.0	Andrew Petrucci	Islander MS Mercer Island
<b>K-9 UNR (168 players)</b>			
15-32	5.0	Clinton Rainsier	Liberty Christian Richland WA
5-7	16.5	<i>Portland Christian</i> (Tom Seemuth, Michael Rossi, Chance Rossi, Kyle Seemuth)	
<b>K-6 Championship (214 players)</b>			
2-5	6.0	Daniel Gay	home school Tigard OR
6-15	5.5	Sagar Rotithor	Evergreen School? Shoreline WA
16-35	5.0	Devon Manber Kamran Hughes	Evergreen School Bear Creek ES Woodinville WA
<b>K-5 Championship (316 players)</b>			
23-52	5.0	Alex Chow	Hutton ES Spokane
<b>K-3 Championship (271 players)</b>			
2-10	6.0	Nicholas Orlov Nathan Lee Michael Wang Alec Ho	Villa Academy Apollo ES Franklin ES King's Way Christian Vancouver WA Vancouver WA
19-51	5.0	Sarah May	home school Vancouver WA
<b>K-1 Championship (278 players)</b>			
22-53	5.0	Samuel Meissner	Sherwood ES Edmonds WA
<b>K-6 U1000 (268 players)</b>			
4-8	6.0	Ryan Scott	King's Way Christian Vancouver WA
22-46	5.0	Andrew Garrison	Evergreen School Shoreline WA
7	16.5	<i>Villa Academy</i> (Nathaniel Newman, Allyson Koh, Madele VanZuylen, Forrest Petrich)	
<b>K-5 U900 (536 players)</b>			
4-5	6.5	Caleb Chuck	West Mercer ES Mercer Island

6-24	6.0	Carlin Chuck Craig Colgrove	West Mercer ES Heritage Christian	Mercer Island Bothell WA
25-38	5.5	Tasha Talbot	Liberty Christian	Richland WA
39-102	5.0	Ankush Puri Benjamin Davis Thayer Fisher Kari Keogh	Evergreen School Evergreen School Meridian School Faith Lutheran	Shoreline WA Shoreline WA Seattle Lacey WA

### K-3 U800 (442 players)

3-4	6.5	Anthony Pangelinan	Assumption/St. Bridget	Seattle
20-33	5.5	Quentin Chi Molly Clarfeld Zamir Birnbach	Univ. Child Development Evergreen School Evergreen School	Seattle Shoreline WA Shoreline WA
34-83	5.0	Christopher Apacible Matthew Talbot	West Mercer ES Liberty Christian	Mercer Island Richland WA
8	18.0	<i>Evergreen School</i> (Clarfeld, Birnbach, Jack Betcher, Madison Betcher, Joshua Kahn, Jacob Kohn)		

### K-6 UNR (298 players)

4-14	6.0	Anthony Yuen Karen Yuen	West Mercer ES West Mercer ES	Mercer Island Mercer Island
15-24	5.5	Elliott Chow Anshum Siripurapu	Hutton ES Stevenson ES	Spokane Bellevue WA
25-57	5.0	Joshua Sommers Rachel Kahn	Liberty Christian Evergreen School	Richland WA Shoreline WA

### K-12 Blitz (320 players)

7-27	7.0	Ben Wyde David Wyde Rickey Selzler Brian Svehaug	Lakeside School Lakeside School Bainbridge Isl. HS Portland Christian	Seattle Seattle Bainbridge Isl. Vancouver WA
28-34	6.5	Drew Serres Adi Lanka	home school Mercer Island HS	Salem OR Mercer Island
35-63	6.0	Steven Taki	Mercer Island HS Mercer Island	Mercer Island
6-7	21.0	<i>Portland Christian</i> (Svehaug, Jonathan Nyone, Steven Koch, Josh Carr, Andy Koch, Joshua Young, Daniel Patten)		
12-13	19.0	<i>Lakeside School</i> (B. Wyde, D. Wyde, Cameron Myhrvold)		

### K-8 Blitz (228 players)

1-8	8.0	Andy May	home school	Vancouver WA
20-24	6.5	Marcus Robinson	Robert Gray MS	Portland
4	20.5	<i>CedarPark ES</i> (Austin Sharp, Kurtis Sprouse, David Kim, Isaac Kim)		

### K-6 Blitz (309 players)

1-4	8.0	Kamran Hughes	Bear Creek ES	Woodinville WA
8-20	7.0	Alec Ho Dakota Dixon Alexander Ostrow	King's Way Christian Heritage Christian Washington MS?	Vancouver WA Bothell WA Seattle
25-61	6.0	Jerry Li Michael Omori Tate Maider Sebastian Baker	Stevenson ES Evergreen School Laurelhurst ES King's Way Christian	Bellevue WA Shoreline WA Seattle Vancouver WA
3	21.5	<i>King's Way Christian</i> (A. Ho, Baker, Daniel Ho, Ryan Scott)		
5-6	19.0	<i>Evergreen School</i> (Omori, Robert Yaman, Clayton Brock, Nat Meyer)		
7	17.5	<i>Villa Academy</i> (Nicholas Orlov, Blake Rassilyer, Alex Koh, Nathaniel Newman)		

### K-12 Bughouse (227 teams)

2-3	11.0	Lanka-Wyde		
4-13	10.0	Taki-Wyde Gay-Robinson		

### K-6 Bughouse (107 teams)

2	11.0	Dixon-Ostrow		
3-7	10.0	Caspi-Guo		

## Clatskanie, OR

Clatskanie Elementary School recently received the "First Move" chess curriculum grant from America's Foundation for Chess for all 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms. The program is designed to prepare kids for future chess success. The grant includes chess sets for all classrooms and a chess mentor to assist teachers in finding creative ways to use chess in their curriculum. The game of chess is also used as a learning tool to build math skills, reading skills and self-esteem.

Courtesy of Kate Taylor

## Lynden, WA

This year's Washington State Elementary Championships attracted over 1100 kids, including some from British Columbia, to the fairgrounds in Lynden. The five-round event was organized and directed by NM Elliott Neff.

Kindergarten (81 players)			
5.0	Kevin Ma	Bellevue Children's Academy	Bellevue
	Colton Carpenter	St. Paul Primary	Bellingham
4.5	Chris Huang	Highland Christian	
1st Grade (104 players)			
5.0	Wesley Yu	Lowell ES	Seattle
	Samuel Meissner	Sherwood ES	Edmonds
4.5	Billy Wu	Stevenson ES	Bellevue
2nd Grade (189 players)			
5.0	Carlin Chuck	West Mercer ES	Mercer Island
	James Colasurdo	St. Michael's School	Olympia
	Jaen Budzianowski	Bush School	Seattle
	Nicolo Gelb	Whittier ES	Seattle
	Casey Xing	Woodmoor ES	Bothell
3rd Grade (240 players)			
5.0	Alec Ho	King's Way Christian	Vancouver
	Michael Wang	Franklin ES	Kirkland
	Nathan Lee	Apollo ES	Issaquah
	William Li	Stevenson ES	Bellevue
	Andrew Garrison	Evergreen School	Shoreline
	Tanraj Sohal		B.C.
	Anthony Guo	Stevenson ES	Bellevue
4th Grade (211 players)			
5.0	Michael Omori	Evergreen School	Shoreline
	Nicholas Orlov	Villa Academy	Seattle
	Daniel Ho	King's Way Christian	Vancouver
	Alex Koh	Villa Academy	Seattle
4.5	Alexandra Botez		B.C.
	Milo Cantor	Montlake ES	Seattle
	Nicholas Larus-Stone	Stevenson ES	Bellevue
5th Grade (174 players)			
5.0	Howard Chen	Lakeshore ES	Vancouver
	Aaron Cohen	University Child Development	Seattle
	Aviv Caspi	Stevenson ES	Bellevue
	Darren Wu	Stevenson ES	Bellevue
4.5	Alex Guo	Stevenson ES	Bellevue
	Nat Meyer	Evergreen School	Shoreline
6th Grade (125 players)			
5.0	Travis Bleich	home-schooled	Kitsap County
	Devon Manber	Washington MS	Seattle
4.5	Ian Southcote-Want	Sherwood ES	Edmonds
	Blake Rassilyer	Villa Academy	Seattle

## Clatskanie, OR

The Oregon Chess Federation held a two-day championship April 22 and 23 in order to crown the 2005 High School and Junior Chess Champion and the 2005 Girls Champion. The OCF Oregon Junior Open Championship was held in Clatskanie and attended by more than 90 players, with 20 vying for the coveted titles in the Open/Championship section.

In an upset match, expert Blake Salisbury defeated master Oleg Zaikov in the fourth round. Blake then went on to win the fifth round, clinching the championship title and a trip to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in August. He earned his perfect score in a section of strong contenders from throughout Oregon.

### QGD Slav

NM Oleg Zaikov (2332)

Blake Salisbury (2007)

Clatskanie, Oregon Junior Championship (4) 2005

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Taylor Bailey confirmed her position as the highest rated, active, girl chess player in Oregon by earning two points in the championship section. A class D player, Taylor defeated a class C player and another female contender to earn her title. She is headed to the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls.

Class B player, David Rosenbaum, finished third in the Open/Championship section to earn the U1800 Champion trophy. Michael Taylor earned the U1600 Champion trophy; all three of his wins were over higher rated players.

In the reserve sections, the following Junior Action champions were crowned: Cameron Gregson - Class D, Sean You - Class E, Caleb Kesey - Class F, Calvin Yue - Class G. Griffin Haas and Boris Piatski both earned perfect scores to win in the Novice and Family-and-Friends sections, respectively. The coveted Sportsmanship Award (the tallest trophy) went to Michael Baker.

Courtesy of Amy Coughlin and the OSCF ■



Shorecrest HS (Shoreline WA) team (L-R): Chris Kalina (coach), Jamie Mulligan, Michael Ridgley.

photo by Phillip Weyland

# Scholastic Checkup with Dr. Leo

**Could you please explain the means and mores of chess etiquette and describe how sportsmanship in chess may compare with the ethics and ethos of competitive athletics?**

**C**hess is an ancient game steeped in the lore of chivalry and fair play. Chess reflects, and has contributed to, the civilization of the human mind and will over centuries of personal and national evolution. The strategies and wiles of human imagination and will to power are without limit. This conceptual and creative power of the human mind is what leads humans both to great accomplishment and into meaningful contention. Chess etiquette and sportsmanship are designed to constrain and harness the creative energies of the human mind and will into positive and directed outcomes. Chess etiquette allows players to transform the heat of mental conflict into a creative light of logic and beauty.

In particular, chess etiquette clearly distinguishes the goodwill and fair-mindedness of the individual chess player from the assertive, provocative and unsparing nature of their chess play. In chess, there are no enemies. There are only informed and consenting opponents who have implicitly and explicitly agreed in good faith to a representational contest of mind and will. The rules of chess provide the explicit constraints and operating procedures for a chess game to be fairly and equitably played between two willing participants. Chess is not a brawl on the highway of imagination no more than music is a cacophony of noise for the ear. It is, however, the implicit capacity of chess etiquette to elevate the power and play of chess from a dry game of logical conflict into a soaring intertwining of human hopes and dreams.

Chess etiquette recognizes the humanity and dignity of the two sensitive and mortal players involved in a titanic struggle against unreason, bewilderment and error. Chess players shake hands before and after their game—regardless of the outcome. Shaking hands prior to a game in-

dicates each player's tacit agreement to play their best and follow the rules. Shaking hands also serves to recognize the worth and dignity of the opponent, while providing a measure of one's own worth and civility by extending a hand in friendship and good sportsmanship. Chess players belong to an implicit guild of Mental Knights of the Square Table where courage, bravery, boldness and courtesy are their stock in trade. In shaking hands, players assert their own mental training, skill and determination, while acknowledging the skill, training, and determination of their opponents.

Shaking hands after the game indicates a players' acceptance of the result. In the case of victory, shaking hands is also gracious and affirms one's own esteem for the quality of the opponent as a person as well as of his play. In the case of defeat, shaking hands is courteous and acknowledges the fair outcome of the game, while also indicating a presence of mind to learn from the defeat!

Chess play is a contest of minds that should not be decided by extraneous factors. Players should proactively seek to provide the most favorable conditions for their own and their opponents' highest mental creativity. Music in a concert hall is not interrupted by outside noise, talking by the musicians, or by noise from the audience. How much more subtle and in need of silence and quiet are the improvisational flights of imagination by chess players! Fair play requires that a player not disturb, harass or otherwise interrupt the thinking of one's opponent. This is the rule of chess law! But chess etiquette and sportsmanship expands this directive to include the absence of any coercion, intimidation, or persuasion of an opponent by anything apart from moves made on the board!

Chess players practice the Golden Rule, treat the opponent the way you should like to be treated. Chess players seek always to encourage and expect the best from their opponents—not the worst. Chess players realize that a good game is constructed from the best efforts of both opponents. Chess players will proactively defend proper conditions (quiet, silence, etc) for their opponents as readily as they would for themselves. Chess players respect themselves, their opponents and the creative products of their chess efforts. Chess players are all too aware of the difficulty of the paths they have chosen for themselves and always seek to welcome fellow wayfarers along the way. Chess etiquette recognizes that the excellent journey of a chess game is more important than the resulting destination.

The spirit of respect, fair play, comraderie, dignity and courtesy are all part and parcel of chess etiquette. A true chess player does not seek to win at all cost. Rather a chess player, first and foremost, never seeks to win at any cost to dignity and selfworth. Chess should and must contribute to one's own selfworth and dignity and never subtract from them. And a chess player never seeks to win at another's expense by denying an opponent fair play or an opponent's selfworth and dignity.

Good sportsmanship is a state of mind which is expressed by the right action of proper chess etiquette. Good sportsmanship seeks good competition, meritorious victory through one's own thinking and imagination, and reaches out the

hand of friendship and respect to other players and opponents. In a chess game, all players are equal. The act of playing chess requires that we place our common humanity and our common human heritage onto the board of life. Chess players should never forget who they are and who their opponents are, human beings united in a stand against ignorance and uncertainty.

The spirit and good sportsmanship of good athletic competition are the same as the sportsmanship of good chess play. The etiquette and courtesies expressed in particular sports may vary, but the spirit of fair and just competition is universal. Chess players realize that the arena of their contest is within their minds and that actions appropriate to an athletic field or arena may be inappropriate where chess is played. Chess is, perhaps, most like the sports of golf or billiards where the audience and players know to be quiet during play. In chess, play continues without interuption or time-out, so quiet and silence by players and spectators must continue without interuption as well.

Endeavor to recognize and develop what is your best effort, play your best, and assist and allow your opponents to play their best. Remember that you play chess by choice, you agree to engage and complete the game enthusiastically and that the best chess players are the ones who play with a clear heart as well as a clear mind. Dr. Leo wishes you an excellent season of chess practice and play!

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# Chess Lessons With A Cattle Prod

by LM 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](http://www.tomrowan.com). Send your questions, comments, and suggestions for future articles to Tom at [chess@tomrowan.com](mailto:chess@tomrowan.com).]

I think I'm pretty diligent about trying to learn something from each game I play, no matter how "lesson sterile" the game seems at first glance. Almost any game you play can become a valuable lesson if you look at it the right way and look at it hard enough.

And then there are those games where the chess gods seem to be saying "Let's make sure we have this guy's attention."

I had two such games at the recent Oregon State Championship. These were shockers in the eye-opening, jaw-dropping, "I can't believe this is happening" sense. Even the other participants were shaking their heads in disbelief.

## Catalan

LM Thomas Rowan (2176)

Benjamin Lin (2110)

Portland, Oregon Championship (8) 2005

1.  $\text{d}3$   $\text{d}f6$  2.  $\text{c}4$   $\text{e}6$  3.  $\text{g}3$   $\text{d}5$  4.  $\text{g}2$   $\text{e}7$  5.  $\text{O-O}$   $\text{O-O}$  6.  $\text{d}4$   $\text{dxc}4$  7.  $\text{c}2$   $\text{a}6$  8.  $\text{xc}4$   $\text{b}5$  9.  $\text{c}2$   $\text{b}7$  10.  $\text{g}5$

A solid, but tame, line. The potential capture on f6 complicates, but doesn't prevent Black's c5-break.

10...  $\text{bd}7$  11.  $\text{bd}2$   $\text{c}5$  12.  $\text{xf}6$   $\text{xf}6$  13.  $\text{dxc}5$   $\text{c}8$  14.  $\text{b}3$   $\text{c}7$

14...  $\text{d}5$  also looks fine.

15.  $\text{ac}1$   $\text{e}7$  16.  $\text{c}6$

I spent a long time on this. It shouldn't lead to anything.

16...  $\text{xc}6$  17.  $\text{xc}6$   $\text{xc}6$

17...  $\text{xc}6$  and White has nothing.

18.  $\text{fd}4$

$\text{xc}1$  19.  $\text{xc}1$   $\text{c}8?$  20.  $\text{c}6$

Threatening both 21.  $\text{xe}7+$  and 21.  $\text{a}7$ . At first, I thought I was just winning a piece.

20...  $\text{f}6?$

But then I saw that 20...  $\text{g}5!$  saves the piece, e.g., 21.  $\text{f}4$   $\text{d}8$  22.  $\text{a}7?$   $\text{b}6+$ .

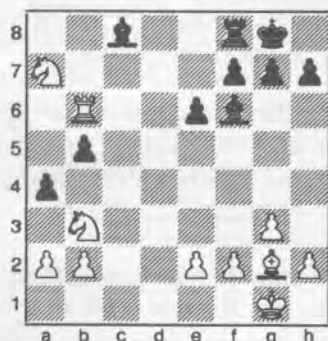
21.  $\text{a}7$   $\text{b}6$  22.  $\text{c}6$

Winning a piece. Game over, right?

22...  $\text{a}5$

A desperate attempt to muddy the waters.

23.  $\text{xb}6$   $\text{a}4$



Not seeing a clear way to keep the extra piece, and getting a little nervous about looming time pressure, I figured the most practical approach would be to keep a clearly winning position that's easy to play quickly. Two extra outside connected passed pawns means an easy win, right?

24.  $\text{xb}5?$

24.  $\text{c}5!$   $\text{d}4$  25.  $\text{c}6$ , winning.

24...  $\text{axb}3$  25.  $\text{xb}3$

I'm still happy.

25...  $\text{a}6$

Now I'm not. I overlooked this obvious move that wins back a pawn because of the dual threats 26...  $\text{xe}2$  and 26...  $\text{c}4$ . What's worse, Black's pieces are active and good aggressive moves aren't

concentrate on reaching time control without letting my position disintegrate further.

26.  $\text{a}4$

My play in the following moves is far from flawless, but time pressure, and the realization that I had botched an easy win, affects my play.

26...  $\text{xe}2$  27.  $\text{a}5$   $\text{d}8$  28.  $\text{h}4$   $\text{g}6$  29.  $\text{c}6$   $\text{d}1+$  30.  $\text{h}2$   $\text{b}1$  31.  $\text{b}8+$   $\text{g}7$  32.  $\text{b}4$   $\text{c}3$

Around here comes the sickening realization that, not only may I not win, I may not even survive. My "beautiful" passed pawns are paralyzed, my kingside pawns are vulnerable, and it's getting hard to find reasonable moves, especially at blitz tempo. In contrast, Black's position is increasingly getting easier to play.

33.  $\text{b}6$   $\text{a}1$  34.  $\text{b}7$   $\text{a}6$  35.  $\text{b}6$   $\text{e}2$  36.  $\text{e}4$   $\text{e}1$  37.  $\text{g}2$   $\text{a}2$  38.  $\text{h}3$

I had hardly any time left to reach move 40. I'm under annoying pressure and it was impossible to tell what was hanging to a discovered check when the f-pawn drops. Now Black is winning.

38...  $\text{xf}2$  39.  $\text{b}7$   $\text{a}3$  40.  $\text{g}2$   $\text{xg}3$  41.  $\text{d}8$   $\text{xh}4$  42.  $\text{xf}7$   $\text{f}6$  43.  $\text{h}6$

Leaves my Knight stranded. I had envisioned possibly repositioning it via g8. I'm several moves past time control, but it's still hard to find good moves. My pawns are paralyzed and my pieces, disconnected.

43...  $\text{e}1$  44.  $\text{b}6$   $\text{g}3+$  45.  $\text{h}2$   $\text{f}2$  46.  $\text{b}8$

46.  $\text{b}7$  would at least have prevented the immediate disaster, but I liked the idea of threatening 47.  $\text{f}8+$ . I missed Black's two threats.

46...  $\text{g}7$

Now I see one threat. Moving the h6-Knight allows 47...  $\text{g}4$ , threatening ...  $\text{xe}4$  as well as ...  $\text{g}3+$ , winning the

Now White has some slightly annoying moves... Northwest Chess

hard to find... No time for kicking myself... June 2005

Back with a fork... 47... g4... 47... g4... 47... g4...

The other threat I'd overlooked.

Offhand, I can't remember being on the losing side of a bigger meltdown. It'd be pretty easy to kick myself for the loss, blaming it on senility, for example. It'd also be pretty easy to blame the loss on standard excuses like time pressure or being out of practice. For purposes of improving one's chess and for ensuring that similar meltdowns don't happen in the future, it's productive to identify the root causes as objectively as possible.

I think my loss in this game can be attributed to a "perfect storm" of factors. Remove any one of those factors and I think the point might have gone to me instead of to Ben.

Ben played according to the "principle of infinite resistance." Instead of getting discouraged you play the toughest moves you can throw at your opponent. As long as he keeps failing to find the moves that convince you the position really is hopeless, you keep putting him to the test. It's amazing what can happen when you do this. I've won quite a few "hopeless" games playing this way.

Often when I achieve a winning position, I try to win by "playing safe." The irony is that such a strategy isn't very safe. By avoiding some sharper but more precise lines, your advantage can dissipate rapidly. This is mental laziness.

Overlooking 24... $\text{d}c5$  and 26... $\text{a}6$  are examples of that mental laziness. I could dismiss both as "oversights happen" (which they do), but I think they're symptoms of a correctable bad habit. In both cases I think I relied too much on intuition and feel instead of looking at move sequences. I think I dismissed 24... $\text{d}c5$  because of the lineup of three of my pieces on a diagonal his bishop could reach and because I had a safety net ready with 24... $\text{xb}5$ . I didn't think of 26... $\text{a}6$  because that piece was dead and harmless just a couple of moves ago.

Thinking two connected passed pawns should be an easy win represents both lazy thinking

and a hole in my chess education. I knew of endings where active piece play could hold two extra passed pawns at bay, but evidently this lesson hadn't sufficiently sunk in to my brain for me to realize it over the board.

From time to time, we all have to deal with being out of practice and getting into time pressure. Too often, I'm in the habit of squandering thinking time if I know I have an easy enough position that I can safely reach the time control. Trouble is, sometimes the position isn't as easy as you think. The time you squander early would come in real handy if you suddenly found yourself having to make tough decisions.

Moral: Don't assume the only way to lose a piece-up ending is to hang a Rook, and don't wait to hit the jackpot of all weak factors in your play to cause a loss before you work on identifying and correcting those weaknesses.

For the second half of the "Rowan's Believe It Or Not Show," let's move on to my game with Mike Pendergast.

#### Queen's Indian

NM Michael Pendergast (2250)

LM Thomas Rowan (2176)

Portland, Oregon Championship (5) 2005

1.  $\text{d}4$   $\text{d}f6$  2.  $\text{c}4$   $\text{e}6$  3.  $\text{d}f3$   $\text{b}6$  4.  $\text{d}c3$

I don't remember ever facing this.

4... $\text{b}4$  5.  $\text{c}c2$   $\text{b}7$  6.  $\text{g}5$   $\text{h}6$  7.  $\text{h}4$   $\text{a}5$

7... $\text{g}5$  is probably better.

8.  $\text{a}3$   $\text{xc}3+$  9.  $\text{xc}3$   $\text{d}6$  10.  $\text{c}5$

I had been worried about this, but it loses time just to weaken  $\text{b}6$ .

10... $\text{g}5$  11.  $\text{cxb}6$   $\text{cxb}6$  12.  $\text{g}3$   $\text{d}e4$  13.  $\text{c}c2$   $\text{f}5$  14.  $\text{e}3$   $\text{d}d7$  15.  $\text{d}d2$   $\text{c}c8$  16.  $\text{c}d1$   $\text{d}xg3$  17.  $\text{h}xg3$   $\text{d}f6$  18.  $\text{b}5+$   $\text{c}f7$

I've got a solid position, but I don't see an active plan.

19.  $\text{f}3$   $\text{c}c7$  20.  $\text{d}d3$   $\text{c}g7$  21.  $\text{c}f2$   $\text{h}f8$

Hoping to be able to play ... $\text{d}e4+$  at some point.

22.  $\text{c}c1$   $\text{b}b8$  23.  $\text{b}b3$   $\text{d}d5$  24.  $\text{b}b5$

24.  $\text{c}c4?$   $\text{c}c4$ , winning two minors for a Rook.

24... $\text{b}7$  25.  $\text{c}c4$   $\text{c}c6$  26.  $\text{b}b3$   $\text{d}d5$  27.  $\text{d}d5$   $\text{exd}5$

I had originally planned on 27... $\text{d}d5$ , but 28... $\text{d}c4$  looked annoying.

28.  $\text{c}c2$   $\text{c}c6$  29.  $\text{h}c1$   $\text{f}c8$  30.  $\text{c}c3$   $\text{c}c2$  31.  $\text{c}c2$   $\text{c}c2$  32.  $\text{c}c2$   $\text{c}c2$

I didn't have any good active plan, but I thought I could defend the position easily. Nevertheless, Mike presses hard to make progress.

33.  $\text{b}b1$   $\text{d}e8$  34.  $\text{d}c3$   $\text{d}c7$  35.  $\text{d}a4$   $\text{d}a8$  36.  $\text{d}c3$   $\text{d}c7$  37.  $\text{c}c4$   $\text{c}c4$  38.  $\text{d}xa4$   $\text{b}5$  39.  $\text{d}c3$   $\text{c}f6$  40.  $\text{c}e2$   $\text{c}e6$  41.  $\text{c}d3$   $\text{c}f6$  42.  $\text{d}e2$

Trying for  $\text{d}e2$ - $\text{c}1$ - $\text{b}3$ , forcing  $\text{a}4$  and a queenside weakness.

42... $\text{d}a8$  43.  $\text{d}c3$   $\text{d}c7$  44.  $\text{a}4$

This surprised me. After 44... $\text{b}4$ , a Knight retreat leaves no way for White to make progress. At first, I was worried about 45... $\text{d}b5$ . If I had to retreat, I foresaw positions where his Knight was on  $\text{a}7$ , with my King on  $\text{d}7$  and my Knight on  $\text{c}7$  and I'm in Zugzwang. Then I saw that 45... $\text{d}xb5$  looked like it won for Black.

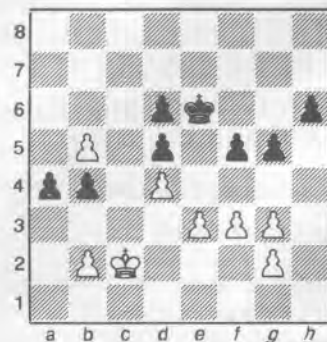
44... $\text{b}4$  45.  $\text{d}b5$

I had time so I checked carefully that I was now winning.

45... $\text{d}xb5$  46.  $\text{axb}5$   $\text{c}e6$

In the square of the pawn. Looks like an obvious win for Black.

47.  $\text{c}c2$   $\text{a}4$  0-1



Mike resigned. Pressing hard to win, he simply overlooked 47... $\text{a}4$ . The White King can only watch helplessly as the Black King wanders over and munches White's pawn on  $\text{b}5$ .

So why include a game in my article that was fairly uneventful until White overpressed and blundered into a dead lost King-and-pawn ending?

A few hours after the game, I'm entering it into my database while running CRAFTY in the background. I notice something odd. CRAFTY says it likes 45.♘b5, the very blunder that cost White the game. It also doesn't like my 45...♗b5 move. Chess engines sometimes miscalculate endings until they look deep enough to see an extra pawn turn into a Queen.

I decided to let CRAFTY think on it some more while I got a snack and watched some TV. Strangely, CRAFTY still didn't see that 45.♘b5 lost. I entered the remaining moves and let CRAFTY think about the final position.

You do the same. Take a look at the final position. As White, what can you play, other than resigning?

CRAFTY and FRITZ prefer White in the final position, the same position both players were certain was dead lost for White. CRAFTY's suggested line, at first, makes no sense to me. White's move looks pointless and Black's reply looks weak. Of course, White's move will look good if Black doesn't make the obvious reply...

Finally, I realized that Black's obvious reply doesn't work. White's pointless move has a point. In the final position, Black isn't winning. He's fighting for his life. I recommend you try to figure out the right idea for White before reading the partial solution on page 31.

Having trouble seeing it? Good! That makes me feel better. Remember, during the game we didn't have any chess engine on our shoulders whispering, "Maybe you should look a little closer."

When the game ended, I was certain that I understood the essence of the final position. What could be simpler than a King-and-pawn ending? There are not even that many legal moves!

Discovering that I hadn't even scratched the surface of a position I thought I had understood was shocking and disorienting. My reaction was "Wow! Chess is a rich game!"

I hope that means my mind is even more open to learning about chess than it was before. ■

## Movie Review

# Game Over:

## Kasparov and the Machine

2003, 85 minutes, directed by Vikram Jayanti, produced by Hal Vogel, co-produced by the National Film Board of Canada and the British Broadcasting Corporation, distributed by THINKFilm. DVD Retail \$29.99.

In 1997 the chess world was shocked when its champion Garry Kasparov lost his rematch with the IBM computer DEEP BLUE, 3.5-2.5. The documentary *Game Over: Kasparov and the Machine* looks at that match and its aftermath. The primary themes are duplicity and corporate interests vs. the individual as well as the obvious man vs. machine.

The whispered, conspiratorial voice-over by FM Marc Ghannoum in the introduction points to these themes. "[Kasparov] wasn't able to avenge himself. It's just shattering for his abilities and confidence as a chess player... Consider this, uh, the day that DEEP BLUE beat Kasparov, IBM's stock rose, I think, 15%." In addition, the opening shot is of The Turk, the 18th/19th century 'chess-playing machine' that was actually operated by a human. Garry avers, "I felt like we were a bunch of amateurs challenging...challenging the...the terrible faceless monster."

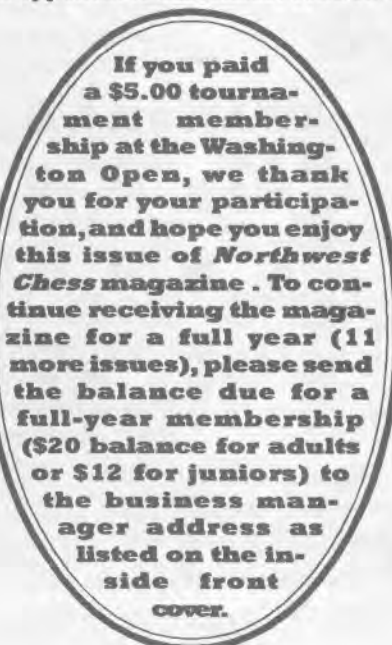
The film then proceeds to establish Garry's credentials both as a player and as an opponent to communist control. In-

cluded is a wonderful shot of a car screeching to a halt and Soviet World Champion Anatoly Karpov exiting it with aplomb. This part also explains how computers 'think' about chess and uses Kasparov's famous Pepsi commercial (2001) to enhance the man vs. machine theme. GM Yasser Seirawan closes this segment by talking about the 1996 Kasparov-DEEP BLUE match: "[T]here was a great deal of cameraderie. It was all in this friendly atmosphere..." Kasparov adds, "IBM just showed up later on [during the 1996 match] when they just saw the tremendous response."

The next segment deals with the match conditions. Garry, in a pre-match press conference, avowed, "The single key factor is that I have no information about my opponent." Indeed, though the match contract called for IBM to provide Kasparov with DEEP BLUE's *public* games, it turned out that all the games DEEP BLUE had played against GMs were in *private* matches. GM Joel Benjamin, who described his role as training the computer to play closed positions, explained, "[Garry] wanted us to send a version of... of the program, but, well, you know, if we did, he's just going to be more upset, because the computer is going to change." Garry's agent, Owen Williams, confided, "I had a sense that the rules had been changed... But Garry was so sure it was about science and research and the good things in life..."

The long middlegame deals with the match itself. Kasparov wins Game One easily. Even Benjamin remarked, "The first game DEEP BLUE played very strangely. It... it played a lot of moves that really surprised me and it certainly looked bad." In Game Two, Kasparov drifts into a lost position, but sees a ray of hope: he offers up material in order to initiate an attack on DEEP BLUE's King.

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# Albin vs. Veresov

by Matthew Fleury

In the February issue of *Northwest Chess*, Bob Ferguson referred to a game he played against me where the Veresov opening was put to the test from the very first moves. Black used a rare line very similar to the Albin Counter Gambit, which, incidentally, has become popular again due to the efforts of GMs Alexander Morozevich and Hikaru Nakamura (see the game Cloy-Gale from the Premier tournament). The entire game was:

*Veresov*

Matthew Fleury (2117)

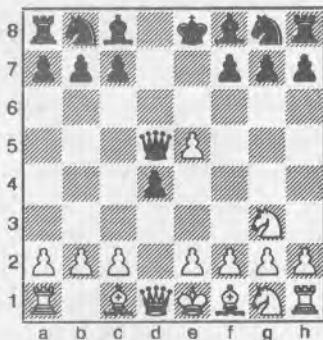
Bob Ferguson (2191)

*Lynnwood, Apropos #2 (2) 2004*

1. d4 d5 2. ♘c3 e5 3. dxe5 d4 4. ♘e4

4. ♘b5 is also possible

4... ♖d5 5. ♘g3



5... ♘c6 6. e4 ♖xe5 7. ♘f3 ♖a5+ 8. ♙d2 ♙b4 9. a3 ♙xd2+ 10. ♖xd2 ♖xd2+ 11. ♗xd2 Draw

White's best move of the game was the draw offer! Black has, with a series of forced moves, very easily achieved equal chances, and, in fact, GM Jonny Hector has even won from this position with the Black pieces. This made quite an impression to be sure, and I became

My chance to try it for myself came soon.

Clint Ballard (2040)

Matthew Fleury (2117)

*Bellevue, WA Premier (6) 2005*

1. d4 d5 2. ♘c3 e5 3. dxe5 d4 4. ♘e4 ♖d5 5. ♘g3

One idea Mr. Ferguson and I lightly kicked around during the post-mortem was an early ...h7-h5, attempting to disrupt the White position with ...h5-h4, so...

5...h5!?

Probably not necessary, as Black has the solid and good 5... ♘c6.

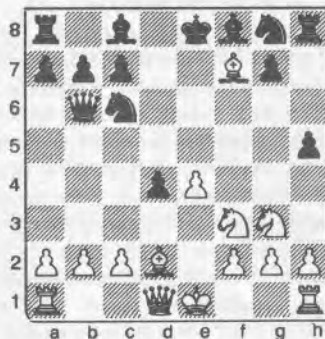
6. e4 ♖xe5 7. ♘f3 ♖a5+ 8. ♙d2 ♖b6

8... ♙b4 is bad due to 9. ♘d4.

9. ♙c4 ♘c6

The sum of this early attack is that Black has moved his Queen five times, the h-pawn once, fallen behind in development, and weakened his kingside. The only plus from Black's point of view is that the pawns on d4 and h5 control valuable space, and, if his development could be stabilized, Black would have a nice position.

10. ♙xf7+



This is a "show me" move. I admit that my first thought upon seeing the Bishop sacrifice itself was "If this were Siamese chess, I'd already be lost!"

10... ♗xf7 11. ♘g5+ ♗e8 12. ♘xh5

*Veresov*

White has two pawns for the piece, and irritating chances based on Black's weakened King position. Black tries to exchange off the offenders.

12... ♘f6 13. ♘f4! ♙b4 14. ♘d5?

A good move followed by a bad one. White should try to keep the stuff on.

14... ♘xd5 15. exd5 ♘e7! 16. c3 ♙d6 17. ♖f3 ♙f8! 18. ♖e2 d3! 19. ♖h5+ g6 20. ♖h4 ♖xb2

Queen raid #2 begins.

21. ♙d1 ♖xa2 22. O-O ♖xd5 23. ♘h7 ♖h5?

23... ♙f7 is more efficient, 24. ♘f6+ ♙xf6 25. ♖xf6 ♖e5! 26. ♖h4 ♖h5! and we will get the same position in the game, with the exception that Black gets to keep his d3-pawn.

24. ♖xh5 gxh5 25. ♘xf8 ♗xf8 26. ♙h6+ ♗f7 27. ♙xd3

Losing the hard-working and precious d3-pawn did bring a tinge of sadness. Fortunately, with two pieces for a Rook and an outside passed pawn, the game is won for Black nonetheless.

27... ♙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. fxg3 ♙e3 45. g4+ ♗f4 46. ♗f2 ♙xh3 0-1

What is to be learned from this? I, for one, will be shelving 2. ♘c3, maybe forever. Black's chances in the 2..e5 variation appear to be good, almost too good. Does this refute the Veresov? Maybe, but playing devil's advocate for a second, White may try 1. d4 d5 2. ♘c3 e5 3. e3!?, getting into the Reefschlager variation of the French Defence (1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♘c3 ♘c6) with an extra ♙g3. *Prefer their dark Bishop to be on e5.*



# Physiology of Psychological Warfare

by Peter Good

Most everyone in the chess community probably knows by now that Garry Kasparov has retired from competitive chess. "Chess is psychological warfare," he said, presumably in explanation.

I got some insight into psychological warfare in chess the other day while reading in Adam Smith's *Powers of Mind* about the bio-feedback and visceral learning research of the 1960s and 70s. According to Smith, psychologist Barry Dworkin proposed that high blood pressure (hypertension) was something we learn subconsciously. Dworkin and his coworkers found that "a sudden rise in blood pressure produces a decrease in general alertness," said Smith. "Maybe these people learned early in life, unconsciously, that they could tune out a disturbing stimulus by raising their blood pressure."

Physiologists know that fear, anger, and anxiety all cause a rapid rise in blood pressure and heart rate. It's part of the fight-or-flight response. Nerves of the sympathetic nervous system release the transmitter norepinephrine (noradrenaline), which speeds up the heart and constricts blood vessels all over the body, raising the blood pressure. Sympathetic activation also causes the adrenal glands to secrete norepinephrine together with epinephrine (adrenaline), which prolongs the blood vessel constriction and accelerates the heart even further.

I know several people with high blood pressure. They're highly excitable, they talk incessantly, are always in motion. They're also impulsive, careless, hot-headed, and make a lot of mistakes.\* Funny, that sounds like me, especially when I'm playing chess, though my blood pressure usually tests low. But, when I get angry, I've felt heat at the back of my neck, and pressure between my eyes (frontal sinuses).

Dworkin and his coworkers found that the rise in blood pressure induced by stress inhibits the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord), reducing sensitivity to pain, and perhaps sensitivity to anxiety. That's why, when you're really angry, you don't feel afraid, and getting hit doesn't hurt. But people with hypertension are so excitable, it's hard to imagine that high blood pressure inhibits the mind.

I think the explanation is that the part of our brain that gets damped down when we're angry or scared or nervous (or joyous!) is our conscious, thinking mind. From the body's point of view, that can make good sense. There is a time to think, and a time to act without thinking. In an attack or an accident, fight-or-flight can save your life; indecision can kill you. *Coaches train athletes* to respond automatically to situations so that their responses become second nature. A concert pianist who suddenly began to think about the movements of his fingers could not continue.

Likewise, a Grandmaster giving a simul knows how to move without thinking in a variety of openings and endgames. Blitz players carry this to an extreme. At other times, however, like the rest of us, grandmasters must calmly assess positions and calculate moves with great concentration. Getting angry or anxious does not help there. I suspect this is one reason won games are so hard to win. The player with the advantage gets excited, he can taste victory, his blood pressure rises and turns down his thinking mind, he loses caution and makes an impulsive, 'thoughtless' move.

The ability of the emotional subconscious mind to swamp the rational conscious mind has been explored by researchers from Sigmund Freud to L. Ron Hubbard (founder of Scientology) to Harvey Jackins (founder of Re-evaluation Counseling). Jackins concluded, "While hurting, physically or emotionally, our flexible human intelligence stops functioning." Part of the problem is that emotions are so easily restimulated, even by a word.

On the one hand, strong emotions readily disrupt our ability to concentrate and choose wisely; on the other hand, the emotional subconscious mind is invaluable in a crisis, and when performing acts of skill. Hypnotherapist Milton Erickson went even further, saying: "[I]t is very important for a person to know their unconscious is smarter than they are . . . They have to be willing to let their unconscious do things and not depend so much on their conscious mind. This is a great aid to their functioning." Remember, too, the odds are good that in right-handed persons the subconscious mind resides in the visual and spatial right hemisphere. Do the greatest chessplayers know how to make the most of this?

Chess becomes psychological warfare when tournament players deliberately try to upset, irritate, or intimidate their opponents. Maybe they know that an agitated player is less effective. Even club players do this, in my experience. Clubs ought to recognize that competition between members needs to be tempered by cooperation in unifying enterprises, like matches with other clubs, group teaching, and community service.

How do we keep our thinking mind functional under stress, free from distraction and disruption by our emotional mind? Apparently, keeping blood pressure down helps. Deep breathing, meditation, calming music, self-hypnosis . . . years of Primal Therapy. It also helps to remember that the real problem is not what someone says or does, but how we react to it. Easier said than done.

A final thought: Is Bobby Fischer just too angry to play great chess anymore?

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## Note:

- \* I would like to make one minor comment about this nicely written, scholarly article. High blood pressure does not reveal itself in any identifiable personality traits. Most people with hypertension are unaware that they have the condition until they are diagnosed. Hypertension is usually silent: its effects may not appear for years. — August Piper, M.D.

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## Washington Chess Letter and Northwest Chess

by Russell ("Rusty") Miller

JUNE 1950

Washington won the International Match, held this time in Mount Vernon: WA 16 - BC 12 on the Class A boards and 14-4 on the B boards. Colville was the site of another Washington win over BC, 4-1. G.S.G. Patterson of the Seattle CC staged a 14-0 simultaneous exhibition at the Aberdeen CC. The Tacoma CC was meeting at the USD at 13th and Fawcett. This issue was 18 pages.

JUNE 1955

The International Match was to be held July 24 at the Peace Arch in Blaine. Washington would try for its third straight win. Bob Edberg of Tieton won a Yakima CC round-robin with +24=1-2. William Bills, current WA Champion won a 10-man speed tournament at the Seattle CC. USCF ratings were printed in this issue. Here is a sampling: Arthur Dake 2400, Victor Pupols 2027, Ivars Dalbergs 2014, Dan Wade 1909, Jim McCormick 1900, Ken Mulford 1733, Oliver LaFreniere 1719, Vince Bricher 1600, Joe Bricher 1550. McCormick is reported to have retired from chess at age 18. The American Chess Foundation was formed this year to provide sound financing for chess in the USA. Fred Howard won the West Seattle CC Championship. 18 pages in this issue.

JUNE 1960

Vik Pupols won the Puget Sound Open over a field of 46 with a perfect 5-0. In 2nd spot was Richard Schultz. Jim McCormick was third. The time control was 30/1, but then a petition was circulated calling for 50/2. The TD then amended the control to 50/105 minutes. Pupols won the \$40 first prize by beating McCormick in round five with the Black pieces. Some other scores were: Oliver LaFreniere 4-1, John Braley 3½, Dan Wade 3, Jerry Wolfe 2½, Buz Eddy 2. Ivars Dalbergs won a USCF-rated Interstate Open, 5-0. Don Turner won the unrated section. WCF officers elected at the annual meeting were: Pres.-Max Mage, VP-Peder Husby, Sec.-Charles Joachim, Tres.-W. Raleigh, Ed.-Dan Wade, Pub.-John Braley, Postal/Circ.-R.R. Merk, TD-Buz Eddy, Publicity-Oliver LaFreniere, Rating Dir.-Richard Schultz. Mike Franett won the 20-player top section of the USCF rated Idaho Open 4½-½. Jerry Wolfe won the B section of 12 players. Franett had *now played 24 tournament games without a loss.* Don Eilmes was the top rated postal player.

JUNE 1965

In the B.C. Open, Duncan Suttles and Elod Macskasy tied at 4½. Clark Harmon won the 2nd annual U of W Chess Tourney, Kent Pullen was 2nd. The U of W and Portland State played a 5-board match to a 5-5 tie; U of W beat a Fort Lewis team 3-1 and a McNeil Island team 5-1. Dana Sudborough and Phil Dolph tied for 1st in 36-player Rouge Valley Open Championship. Oliver Morris and Vik Pupols were the top-rated postal players.

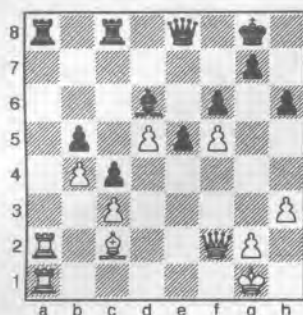
JUNE 1970

This issue consisted solely of one page of tournament announcements. NWC Editor Willie Skubi was unable to get the issue to Yakima for printing and mailing before the circulation director, WCF President Russell Miller, was to leave on a two-week vacation.

JUNE 1975

Dan Bailey was editor for a 32-page issue of NWC. 320 players took part in a multi-section tournament in Vancouver from May 17<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>. It was the largest chess event to date in the Northwest. The prize fund was \$16,128. The open event was won by GM Paul Keres, an undefeated 8½-1½, with Elod Macskasy, GM Gyoza Forintos, and IM John Watson tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> with seven points apiece. Duncan Suttles had 6½ in the 34-player field. Robert Zuk won the Expert Section of 18 players. Nigel Fullbrook won the 36-player A section with eight points. Gary Burk won the 62-player B section, scoring 8½, with William Schill, Matt Edwards, and Eric Tangborn at 7½. Frank Szarka won the 88-player C section with 9½ points. Paul Sontag won the D/Unrated section, scoring 8½. The event drew 151 players from B.C., 33 from Washington, 17 from Oregon and two from Idaho. Keres won \$2670 for 1st and \$8028 was awarded in the Open Section. The event is still being held on a smaller scale and is called the Keres Memorial.

Bruce Harper and Robert Chow won the B.C. Championship 6-3. The House of Chess in Portland had to close. Mike Schemm won the 27-player Grants Pass Open 5-0 for \$37.75. Allen Thompson won the Newport Open 4½-½ over seven others. Rob Hankinsori won the Yakima Spring Open 4½-½. Robert Stephenson won the Idaho Open, scoring 5-0 good for \$225.00. Richard Vandenburg was 2nd in the 58-player field. Allen Thompson won the Open Section of the Ellensburg Spring Open 3-0. There were 14 players. In the closed section, Joe Huffman won 3-0. Vik Pupols won \$87.50 for his 4½-½ best score in the 29-player Puget Sound Open held in Olympia. Paul Eggers and Randy Dean tied for 2nd at four points. Current U.S. Champion Walter Browne played a 35-board simultaneous at Boeing CC. Pat Hessen and NW Rating Director Bruce Bailey beat the GM, while Mike Spiegel drew. Richard Schultz was the top postal player. ■



Instead of going for 37. ♖b6, DEEP BLUE chose, after long thought, 37. ♗e4! This move, so antithetical to the computer programs Garry was familiar with, caused great consternation. Even today, Garry asserts that, because of the seemingly heightened value placed upon King safety in Game Two, “[I]t’s absolutely clear that Game One and Game Two were played by different computers.” Garry was so vexed that he missed a draw by perpetual check after 45. ♜a6?. DEEP BLUE’s programmers and GM Benjamin were elated. The latter said in the post-

game press conference that it was the first “GM-style” game played by a computer.

Garry became even more convinced that something was amiss when he learned of the missed draw. How could DEEP BLUE play the subtle 37th move and yet allow a simple perpetual? He demanded to see printouts of the game log. IBM refused. In the press conference after Game Three, Garry made a veiled allusion to cheating, saying that Game Two reminded him “of Maradona’s goal that he scored against England in ‘86 . . . [Maradona] said it was the hand of God.”

During the next three games, according to Yasser, “Garry gets big advantages, he doesn’t capitalize on any of them, and Garry’s level of frustration is going up and up and up until it’s really beyond the ceiling.” IBM’s control over all aspects of the match, helped increase the psychological pressure on Garry. “Everyday it was something new,” said Garry’s agent. entry passes were changed, journalists thrown out, DEEP BLUE crashed, etc. Before the sixth and final game, Benjamin

told his IBM colleagues, “Look, you know, this guy, he’s shot, he’s broken down. I don’t think he can play much of a game today.” He was correct; Kasparov walked into a well-known opening trap. The match ended 3½-2½ in favor of DEEP BLUE.

IBM never turned over any of DEEP BLUE’s logs, nor was Kasparov given the chance for a rematch. Instead, DEEP BLUE was shut down and dismantled.

The documentary is well done and maintains dramatic tension, for the most part. The *codas*—a triumphant Kasparov at the end of the 2002 Bled Olympiad and a vaquished Kasparov at the end of the mini-match against Anatoly Karpov in New York—add little to the overall effect. If you demand a definitive answer to whether IBM and the DEEP BLUE cheated, you won’t find it in this film. But if you want to see the effect of the match on Kasparov and want to learn what he felt he was up against, you should enjoy this film.

★ ★ ★ out of five. ■

## Another Game from the Inland Empire Open

I had to win this game to gain rating points overall and take 1st place in the C Class section.

*Petroff*

Adam Attwood  
Steve Brendemihl

*Spokane, Inland Empire Open (5) 2005*

Annotations by Adam Attwood

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.d3 d6 5.h3 ♗e6 6.♗d2 ♗bd7 7.a3 ♗a5

Here was my chance to force my opponent to give up the Bishop pair, and I seized the opportunity despite the possible threat developed against my kingside with the partially opened f-file that will result from the necessitated recapture.

8.♗g5 h6 9.♗xe6 fxe6 10.♗e2 O-O 11.O-O ♖e7 12.♗f3

I was protecting the e-pawn and setting up for 13.♗d5 to achieve my immediate goal of gaining the Bishop pair against two Knights in an ever-opening position, because eventually the center would be broken open.

12...c6 13.♗d5 exd5 14.♗xa5 dxe4 15.dxe4 ♗c5 16.♗e1 ♗e6 17.g3 ♗g5 18.♗g2 ♖e6

There is pressure on my kingside, but, as daunting as it appears, I have enough resources to hold the position. My dark-squared Bishop just needs a one-move lull in Black’s activity to come to d2 and aid in solidifying the kingside. What I gave up in immediate initiative, I have balanced with my Bishop pair.

19.g4 d5 20.exd5 ♗xd5 21.♗d2 ♗f4 22.♗xf4 ♗xf4

In the impending end game, I considered my Bishop to be slightly better than Black’s Knight. Plus, Black now has a weak, isolated pawn. Black’s consolation is pressure on the kingside, but I act quickly to neutralize the threats.

23.h4 ♗f7 24.♗e4 ♗d8 25.♖e2 ♗d4 26.♗xd4 ♗xd4 27.f3 ♖d6 28.♗f1 ♗d2 29.♖c4 ♖d4+ 30.♖xd4 exd4

I considered move 29 the critical point of the game. Endgame strategy has

changed significantly with the removal of the Queens. Black no longer has an isolated pawn, nevertheless the pawn is slightly overextended relative to the positioning of the Kings.

31.♗f2 ♗xf2 32.♗xf2 ♗e5 33.♗f1 g5 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.♗g3 ♗g6 36.♗d3 ♗e5

Better for Black would have been 36...♗f4; keeping the position more double-edged and slowing the potency of my Bishop. But with 36...♗e5, I can now use my pawn majority on the kingside to full effectiveness immediately and gain the decisive opposition and tempo with my King and Bishop.

37.f4 gxh4+ 38.♗xf4 ♗f7 39.♗c4 ♗g7 40.♗xf7 ♗xf7 41.♗e5 ♗g6 42.♗xd4 ♗g5 43.♗c5 ♗xg4 44.♗d6 ♗f5 45.♗c7 ♗e6 46.♗xb7 ♗d6 47.♗xa7 ♗c7 48.c4 c5 49.b4 ♗c6 50.♗a6 ♗c7 51.b5 1-0 ■

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**Registration:** Fri. 7-7:45pm, Sat. 9-9:45am.

**Rounds:** Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

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☞ **July 8-10 (or 9-10)**

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**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 7/6, \$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 (U1700)* - \$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. NOTE DATE CHANGE

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### ♣ June 11 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:** Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com

### ♣ 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:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com 503-246-2978 www.about-chess.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, dbgrffin@hotmail.com.

### ♣ June 25 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/45. **EF:** \$20 at site. \$5 discount for PCC memb. 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:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com 503-246-2978 www.about-chess.org.

### ♣ July 2-3 Evergreen Empire Open ♣

**Site:** Tacoma CC, 409 Puyallup Ave E (DTI Soccer Building), Room 11, 2nd Floor, Tacoma WA. **Format:** 5-round Swiss. **TC:** Sat 40/90, SD/60, Sun 40/2, SD/60. **EF:** \$25 advance, \$30 at site. Jrs subtract \$5. Economy players, \$10. Unrateds FREE, but ineligible to receive prize \$ (or pay EF to be eligible for 1st place only). **Prize Fund:** 67% of full-paying EFs. **Prizes:** 1st-25%, Group 1-15%, Group 2-14%, Group 3-13%. Economy \$45. **Reg:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds:** Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 10-3 (or ASAP). **Byes:** Two 1/2-pt. byes avail. **Misc:** USCF & WCF membership req'd. NS NC

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### ♣ July 9 Sizzling Summer Open ♣

**Site:** Clatskanie CC, 555 SW Bryant, Clatskanie OR 97016. **Format:** 6 sections. *Open*, U1600 4-SS, **TC:** G/60, Grand Prix sections with WCF/OCF & USCF req'd, OSA. U1200, U800, 5-SS, **TC:** G/30, USCF req'd. *Novice*, *Friends/Family*, 5-SS, **TC:** G/30. **EF:** *Open*, U1600 - \$20. U1200 - \$15. U800, *Novice* - \$12. F/F - \$5. **Prize Fund:** *Open* - \$240 b/20. U1600 - \$240 b/20. **Prizes:** *Open* - \$100-60-40, U1800 40. U1600 - \$100-60-40, U1400 40. Trophies 1-3rd in all other sections. Many other fun prizes. **Reg:** G/60 sections - 9-9:30 a.m. G/30 sections - 12-12:30 p.m. **Rds:** G/60 10-12-2-4; G/30 1-2-3-4-5 or ASAP. **Byes:** None. **Misc:** NWSRS & OSCF Qualifier for scholastic players. Blitz tiebreaks all awards. Latest "official" USCF ratings used. Free Bughouse w/prizes. Concessions onsite. **Ent/Info:** Enter online or mail Clatskanie CC, 80406 Bodine Road, Clatskanie OR 97016. Kate Taylor 503-728-3754; katetaylor@clatskanie.com; http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com.

### ♣ July 16-17 Portland Summer Open ♣

**Site:** Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th, Portland OR 97219. **Format:** 2-section, 5-round Swiss. **TC:** Sat. 40/90 & SD/30; Sun. 40/2 & SD/1. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 7/10, \$35 at site. \$10 discount for PCC members. **Prize Fund:** \$650 b/40. **Prizes:** *Open* - \$150-100, U2000 75; *Reserve (U1800)* - \$100-75, U1600 50, U1400 50, U1200/Unr 50. **Reg:** 9-9:30 a.m. **Rds:** Sat. 10-2-ASAP, Sun. 10-ASAP. **Byes:** Two half-point byes avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & WCF memb. req'd. OSA. **Ent:** Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th, Portland OR 97219. **Info:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com 503-246-2978 www.about-chess.org.

### ♣ July 23-24 Columbia Cup ♣

**Site:** Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Dr, Richland WA. **Format:** 5-round Swiss. Director reserves right to use class pairings in final round. **TC:** G/2. **EF:** \$26 if rec'd by 7/9, \$31 if rec'd 7/10-22, \$36 at site; u19 \$5 less. All registrants must check in by 9:30 unless a first-round bye was granted. **Prize Fund:** \$1600 gtd, 5/class; classes may be re-configured if less than five class entries. **Prizes:** \$400-275-175, X 100-50, A 100-50, B 100-50, C 100-50, D/E/Unr 100-50, Upset 50. **Reg:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. There will be a mandatory player meeting at 9:45. **Rds:** Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 9-1:30 or ASAP. **Byes:** One 1/2-pt. bye avail. if req'd by end of preceding rd; Sunday bye must be req'd by end of rd 3. **Misc:** Presented by the Spokane Chess Club and the Gary Younker Foundation. Coffee and cookies provided. NS, NC, W. **Ent/Info:** Spokane Chess Club c/o Gary Younker Foundation P.O. Box 1233 Richland, WA 99352. www.spokanechessclub.org or e-mail smerwin@aol.com.

Partial solution to the question posed by LM Thomas Rowan on page 25, i.e., What can White play, other than resigning?

White should play 48.g4. Black loses if he captures because 49.f4 would give White widely separated passed pawns. As best as I can figure, 48...f4 49.e4 ♠d7 50.e5 dxe5 51.dxe5 d4 is best play and will lead to a drawn Queen-plus-three-pawns-vs.-Queen-plus-three-pawns ending with White queening first. All the pressure is on Black to find difficult moves just to draw. Dead lost King-and-pawn ending indeed!

# Open Events

## June 2005

- 17,24 Tacoma CC Gambit Tmt  
 ♣18-19 Island Open  
 ♣18-19 Lilac Open  
 ♣25 PCC Game-in-45  
 ☐25-26 Summer Open  
 30-July 4 World Open

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## July 2005

- ♣2-3 Evergreen Empire Open  
 ♣3 SCC Sunday Tornado **NOTE DATE CHANGE**  
 8,15,22 TCC Firecracker Swiss  
 ♣8-10 Emerald City Open **NOTE DATE CHANGE**  
 ♣9 Sizzling Summer Open  
 16 Spokane Summer Lighting  
 ♣16-17 Portland Summer Open  
 ♣23 SCC Saturday Quads  
 ♣23-24 Columbia Cup  
 ♣29-31 Seafair Open  
 ♣30 PCC Game-in-60

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## August 2005

- ♣4,11,18 August Ajeeb  
 5,12,19,26 TCC Summer Ch  
 6-7 WA Senior Adult Ch  
 6-14 U.S. Open  
 ♣13 Qualchan Quads  
 13-14 Spokane City Ch Contenders (Inv)  
 14 TCC G/15  
 ♣20-21 Pierce County Open  
 ♣21 PCC Sunday Quads  
 ♣27 PCC Game-in-45  
 ♣27 SCC Saturday Quads  
 27-28 Spokane City Championship (Inv)  
 ♣27-28 Great Auntie's Open  
 ♣28 SCC Sunday Tornado  
 29 TCC Rapid Transit (10 sec./move)

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## September 2005

- ♣3-5 Oregon Open  
 9,16 Tacoma CC Gambit Tmt  
 10 G/60 Open & Novice #3  
 10 SCC Novice  
 ♣10 SCC Saturday Quads  
 ♣11 PCC Sunday Quads

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# Scholastic Events

## June 2005

- 18 Chess Odyssey Fresh Air Blitz  
 21 Hot Summer Chess I

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## July 2005

- 9 ♣ Sizzling Summer Open  
 19 Hot Summer Chess II

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## August 2005

- 6 Chess Odyssey Summer Olympics (K-12)  
 9 Hot Summer Chess III  
 14 ♣ 1st Soccer-Season Scholastic Qd (K-12)  
 30 Hot Summer Chess IV

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## September 2005

- 18 Chess Odyssey Fresh Air Blitz  
 18 ♣ 2nd Soccer-Season Scholastic Qd (K-12)

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