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Greetings from the Editor

Not another sixteen*-page issue! The good news is that I've got about a six-page start on the October issue (games from the US Open and from Robert Holler as well as a page of crosstables). But, as the scholastic season revs up, I'll need more scholastic articles.



Editor's Desk

Remember, this magazine needs you, its readers, to act as its reporters and feature writers. Take a camera with you to your next tournament, snap photos of your friends or of the winners and send them to *NWC*.

Best Wishes,

Frederick K. Kleist

Thanks to C. Kleist for proofreading this issue.
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Northwest News

Tacoma, WA

The 52nd Evergreen Empire Open was held at the TCC on July 2-3. There were 22 players in all. The winners were: 1st Nick Raptis \$90, 1st Group #1 Joshua Sinanan and Vljako Lacic \$25 each, Group #2 Brian Esler \$50, Group #3 Alex Guo \$50, Economy Geoff Gale \$45.

Upsets: Alex Guo (1333, 1657 post-tournament) beat Bob Herrera (1920) and Ramon Colorado (1917), Megan Esler (1308) drew Dan Mathews (1738). The TD was Gary Dorfner.

The Tacoma/Pierce County Action Championship was held at the club on July 16th. There were 4 players in all. The winners were: 1st Mike MacGregor \$20 & 1st under 2000 Stephen Buck \$20. The TD was Gary Dorfner.

The Firecracker Swiss was held on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday nights at the club. There were 16 players in all. The winners were: 1st Eric Holcomb, 2nd Mike MacGregor & Paul Bartron. There was no entry fee or prizes. The TD was Gary Dorfner.

The Washington Senior Open was held at the club on Aug. 6-7. There were 6 players in all. The winners were: 1st Stephen Buck, 2nd H.G. Pitre, 3rd Ernst Rasmussen & 1st Under 1600 Tony Midson. They each received a plaque. The TD was Gary Dorfner.

Courtesy of Gary Dorfner

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On the Cover: John Readey (taken at the 2003 WA State Championship), winner of the Columbia Cup. *Photo by Duane Polich*

Northwest Chess Leagues

1 & 2) Form a team of your chess playing friends or neighbors. Secure a home base (commercial or community sponsor) where you will be able to meet and host an opposing team, perhaps once a month. Proposals may be forthcoming about rating restrictions or memberships, but please don't let that deter you from beginning your efforts.

3) A committee will consider proposals for the league: its rules, costs, and team size for matches, and make a schedule for match play. It could aim to keep the amount of travel down to just the minimum. Teams may be primarily adult based, but this is not known by me at this time. We could also make a special effort to have women participate on each team. This committee should also develop a publicity plan to benefit further community chess development, and recognize any commercial sponsors, the WCF, and any clubs that support this effort.

4) Get out and play as a team in the match play.

I am hoping that we might see the matches taking place from December through April this time around, and maybe starting earlier next year. This outline can be replicated in every city in the NW. It would be wonderful to hear that something was started in the Washington areas of Spokane, the Tri-Cities, Olympia, Tacoma, Federal Way, Renton, Kent, Auburn, Seattle, Lynnwood, Edmonds, Everett, Mt Vernon, Bellingham, the Eastside (Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Mercer Island), and on the peninsula and islands, in Bremerton, Bainbridge, Poulsbo, Port Townsend. I don't want to limit anyone by making this list. It just gives one an inkling of the great possibilities.

In Oregon, similar-sized communities could produce teams along the I-5, I-205 corridors and along the coast. This is not something new. At the high school level this has been going on for many years, in both Washington and Oregon. There has been a long history of the Puget Sound league in Washington state. Vancouver, BC, has had an adult chess league for the past several years, too.

We will need to use *Northwest Chess* and its website for communicating successes and problems. I hope to hear from you.

H. G. Pitre, WCF Tournament Coordinator

Readey Wins Columbia Cup

by Kevin Korsmo

National Master John Readey won the 2005 revival of the Columbia Cup with a score of 4.5/5 to claim the \$400 first prize. Second place was shared by Curt Collyer and Mark Havrilla, who each scored four points. They won \$225 apiece. The event, last played two decades ago, returned to Richland on July 23-24. There were 34 contestants, including three masters and three experts. Havrilla, an "A" player, drew with both Collyer and Readey on the way to sharing second place.

There was strong play throughout the event, and the top four boards played to the very end of the fifth round. While three of those contests were draws, they were all fighting draws reached with little time remaining on the clocks. This was a continuation of a trend, first seen in round one, where most of the top five or six boards were pushed to the end of time controls in most rounds. Blake Salisbury, the #5 seed, defeated #2 seed David Bragg in the third round to join Readey as the only perfect scores of the first day's action. Readey defeated Salisbury Sunday morning and entered the final round a half point ahead of Havrilla. The two played to a draw in a game that was among the last to be completed. Collyer (#3 seed), held to a second round draw by Havrilla and a fourth round draw with Chris Kalina, defeated #6 Herman Chiu in the final round to tie Havrilla for second.

A total of 19 of the 34 players won prizes! Blake Salisbury and Steve Merwin (3.5) were the top Experts and shared the \$100 prize in that category. Since Havrilla took second overall, the top A prizes were shared by John Julian, Chris Kalina, and John Middaugh (3.5). They split the \$170 in A class prizes. Martin Schmidt and Steve Tanner (3.0) shared the first and second class B prizes; each received \$75. Third place in the category was shared by Dustin Benson and Steve Fabian (2.5), each of whom claimed \$10. The C class prizes were shared by Jim Ainslie and Joe Rivera (3.0) who each received \$70. Two unrated players, Craig Barrington and John Walton (2.5), each received \$75 as the top players in the D/E/unrated category. The \$20 third place prize was shared by Michael Akopov, Cezary Marcjan, and Ron Weyland (2.0). Ron Weyland also claimed the \$50 biggest upset prize for besting a player 358 points above him.

This event, sponsored by the Gary Younker Foundation, and directed by Spokane CC president David Griffin, was played at the Richland Community Center. The site, a new building set in a beautiful park along the Columbia River, was the location for the 2004 Inland Empire Open. The total turnout was disappointing and did not come close to covering the \$1,650 guaranteed prize fund. Organizers expect to host the event again next year, but may look at different dates to improve the draw. The quality of players (and play) was great, but we hope to improve the quantity of those great players next year!

King's Indian Panno

NM John Readey (2339)

Kevin Korsmo (1718)

Richland, Columbia Cup (1) 2005

1. d3 d6 2. c4 d6 3. d4 g6 4. d3 g7 5. g3 d6 6. d5 b8 7. g2 c5 8. O-O O-O 9. e1 bd7 10. e4 b6 11. b3 e6 12. h3 exd5 13. cxd5 a6 14. a4 e8 15. e3 d7 16. d2 b6 17. a2 a5 18. d2 d8 19. f1 d5 20. e3 f5 21. f4 d7 22. f2 fe4 23. dxe4 h8 24. h2 b6 25. d3 d6 26. c4 d7 27. d3 b7 28. d3 ae8 29. ab1 e8 30. b4 d8 31. bxc5 bxc5 32. b6 dgh6 33. d4 g8 34. d4 e4 35. dxc6 dxd6 36. dxd6 xa4 37. dxc8 c4 38. de7+ 1-0

French Steinitz

Mark Havrilla (1900)

NM Curt Collyer (2200)

Richland, Columbia Cup (2) 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. d3 d6 4. e5 d7 5. d4 c5 6. dxc5 d6 7. e4 a6 8. d3 h6

9. g3 xc5 10. O-O b5 11. e1 b6 12. f1 b4 13. d2 d4 14. d4 e7 15. d3 h5 16. d3 d3 17. hxg3 e5 Draw

16. dfg5 d5 17. e6 f6 18. f3 dxh6 19. g4 fxg5 20. hxg5 f8 21. h3 xe6 22. gxh6 f4 23. f3 d5 0-1

Sicilian Rossolimo

Martin Schmidt (1793)

Blake Salisbury (2057)

Richland, Columbia Cup (2) 2005

1. e4 c5 2. d3 d6 3. b5 g6 4. O-O g7 5. e1 d6 6. e5 d5 7. d3 d7 8. dxc6 dxc6 9. d4 d6 10. d3 O-O 11. e3 b6 12. d2 e8 13. e6 h8 14. h4 c7 15. e3 d4

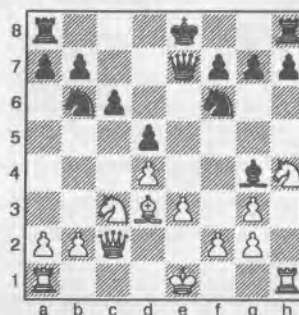
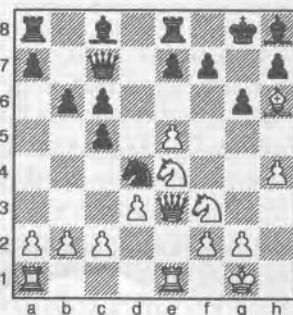
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Phillip Weyland (1848)

NM John Readey (2339)

Richland, Columbia Cup (2) 2005

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. cxd5 exd5 4. d3 c6 5. e4 d6 6. g3 xg3 7. hxg3 e5 8. d3 d6 9. d4 g4 10. c2 bd7 11. e3 e7 12. d3 d6



13. d5 xf5 14. xf5 d4 15. O-O-O g6 16. d3 d6 17. h4 O-O-O 18. a3

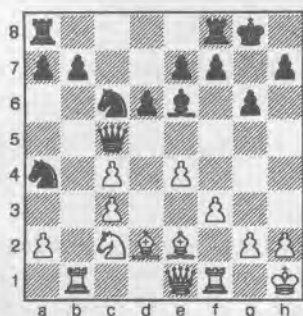
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22.♘hh1 ♘e4+ 23.♘e2 ♘df6 24.♘xe4
♘xe4 25.♘c5 ♘d6 26.♘d3 ♘c4 27.a4
h4 28.gxh4 ♘xh4 29.♘xh4 ♘xh4
30.♘b2 ♘g4+ 31.♘d3 ♘xb2+ 32.♘xb2
♘xd1+ 0-1

Sicilian Maroczy Bind

NM John Ready (2339)
Herman Chiu (2013)

Richland, Columbia Cup (3) 2005

1.♘f3 g6 2.e4 c5 3.c4 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4
5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 d6 7.♘c2 ♘g7
8.♘e2 O-O 9.♘e3 ♘d7 10.O-O ♘c5
11.f3 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♘a5 13.♘e1 ♘a4
14.♘d2 ♘c5+ 15.♘h1 ♘e6 16.♘b1



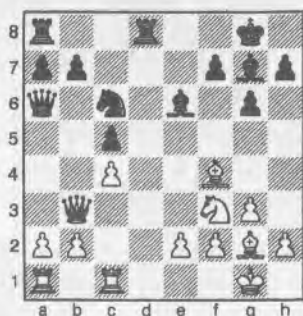
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25.♘c7 e6 26.♘b6 ♘c8 27.♘xf7 ♘xf7
28.a3 exd5 29.exd5 ♘f5 30.♘xb7 ♘e8
31.♘b5 ♘c8 32.♘g1 ♘e4 33.c4 ♘d3
34.♘d7 ♘f8 35.♘e6 ♘xc4 36.♘xa5 h6
37.♘b4 1-0

King's Indian

Mark Anderson (1717)
John Julian (1983)

Richland, Columbia Cup (4) 2005

1.♘f3 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.g3 g6 4.♘g2 ♘g7
5.O-O O-O 6.c4 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♘c3 exd5
9.♘xd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 ♘c6 11.♘f4
♘e6 12.♘xd6 ♘b6 13.♘d2 ♘fd8 14.
♘c2 ♘b4 15.♘b3 ♘a6 16.♘fc1 ♘c6



17.♘e3 ♘a5 18.♘a3 ♘xc4 19. ♘xa6
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♘xa6 20.♘c2 ♘xe3 21.fxe3 ♘ab8
22.♘xc5 ♘xb2 23.♘f2 h6 24.♘c7
♘xe2+ 25.♘xe2 ♘xa1 26.♘xa7 ♘xa2
27.♘f2 ♘c4 28.♘c7 ♘b5 29.♘a7 ♘d1
30.♘a8+ ♘g7 31.♘a7 ♘c3 32.g4 ♘f6
33.♘c7 ♘b4 34.♘b7 ♘c1 35.♘b6+
♘c6 36.♘b7 ♘c2+ 37.♘g3 ♘d6+
38.♘h3 ♘c6 39.♘b6 ♘e7 40.♘xa6
♘xf3 41.♘xf3 ♘xh2 mate

Center-Counter

Mark Havrilla (1928)
Steve Merwin (2083)

Richland, Columbia Cup (4) 2005

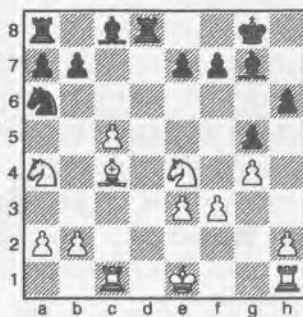
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a6 5.♘e2 b5 6.a4 b4 7.c4 g6 8.d4 ♘g7
9.O-O a5 10.♘f4 ♘b7 11.♘bd2 O-O
12.♘e5 ♘c8 13.♘f3 ♘e8 14.♘e1 ♘a6
15.♘b3 ♘f8 16.♘d3 ♘a8 17.♘bc5 ♘a7
18.♘d2 ♘b6 19.b3 ♘fd7 20.♘h6 ♘xc5
21.dxc5 ♘d7 22.c6 ♘f6 23.♘xg7+
♘xg7 24.♘e3 ♘a6 25.♘c5 ♘b6 26.
♘e5 ♘d8 27.♘d7 ♘b8 28.♘xf6 exf6
29.♘xe8 ♘xe8 30.♘xe8 ♘xe8 31.♘f1
♘f8 32.♘e1 ♘e5 33.♘xe5 fxe5 34.d6
1-0

Grünfeld

Julian John (1983)
FM David Bragg (2211)

Richland, Columbia Cup (5) 2005

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f4 ♘g7
5.e3 O-O 6.♘c1 c5 7.dxc5 ♘e4 8.cxd5
♘a5 9.♘ge2 ♘a6 10.♘a4 ♘xa4 11.
♘xa4 g5 12.♘g3 ♘d8 13.f3 ♘xg3 14.
♘xg3 ♘xd5 15.♘c4 ♘d8 16.♘e4 h6
17.g4



17...♘d7 18.♘ac3 ♘c6 19.♘e2 ♘xc3
20.♘xc3 ♘ac8 21.♘hc1 ♘g7 22.a3
♘c7 23.♘d3 ♘xd3 24.♘xd3 ♘xe4 25.
♘xe4 ♘xc5 26.♘xc5 ♘xc5 27.♘c2 ♘f6
28.b4 ♘e6 29.♘e4 b6 30.♘d3 ♘e5
31.♘c4 ♘c7 32.♘b7 e6 33.♘c6 f5 34.
h3 ♘d6 35.♘a4 ♘d5 36.♘d3 ♘e5 37.
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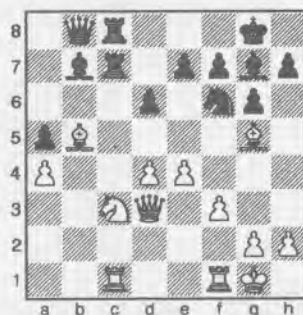
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♘d4 47.♘d3 ♘c6 48.♘c3 ♘b6 49.♘d3
a5 50.♘c3 axb4+ 51.axb4 ♘c6 Draw

King's Indian Smyslov

NM Curt Collyer (2229)
Herman Chiu (2013)

Richland, Columbia Cup (5) 2005

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♘g7 4.♘c3
O-O 5.♘g5 d6 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.♘e2 c6 8.
O-O a6 9.a3 b5 10.♘d2 ♘b7 11.b4 ♘b6
12.♘c1 bxc4 13.♘xc4 ♘xc4 14.♘xc4
a5 15.b5 cxb5 16.♘xb5 ♘c8 17.♘d3
♘c7 18.f3 ♘b8 19.a4 ♘c7 20.e4 ♘fc8



21.♘a2 ♘xc1 22.♘xc1 h6 23.♘d2 ♘h5
24.♘xc8+ ♘xc8 25.g4 ♘f6 26.♘xa5 h5
27.g5 ♘h7 28.♘d2 ♘f8 29.♘b4 ♘b7
30.d5 ♘a7+ 31.♘e3 ♘a5 32.♘d2 e6
33.♘c6 ♘c7 34.♘a5 ♘xa5 35.♘xa5
♘c8 36.♘c6 ♘b7 37.a5 exd5 38.exd5
♘d7 39.a6 ♘xa6 40.♘xa6 ♘e5 41.
♘xe5 ♘xe5 42.f4 ♘c3 43.♘g2 f6 44.
gxh6 ♘xf6 45.♘f3 ♘f7 46.♘e4 ♘b2
47.♘c8 ♘a3 48.♘e6+ 1-0

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Tournament Directors: John Chung & Dennis Hoefler; Phone: 541-563-7762, email: jdchung@peak.org

5 round Swiss System (USCF rated), One Section

Time Control: 40/90 and sudden death/30; half point bye any round with hour notice

Registration: Saturday Oct. 8, 8:45-9:30 AM

Rounds: Sat. 10:00 AM, 3 PM, 8 PM; Sun. 11AM, 4 PM

No computers, No smoking, Wheelchair Accessible, Off Street Parking

Prize Fund:

\$1,000 based on 30 paid entries*

1st Place: \$250, 2nd: \$150, 3rd: \$75

1st Class A player (1800-1999): \$100, 2nd Class A: \$50

1st Class B player (1600-1799): \$100, 2nd Class B: \$50

1st Class C player (1400-1599): \$100

1st Under 1400/unrated: \$100; Best upset prize \$50; Brilliancy prize: \$30

*The prize fund will be prorated to the actual number of entries; coffee and donuts to be provided.

Entry Fee:

\$35 if received by Oct 7 or advance email registration at jdchung@peak.org; \$40 at door;

Women play FREE; Current USCF membership required (\$49 adult; \$25 junior)

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Grand Prix Event

Newport Fall Open (Oct 8-9, 2005)

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USCF membership _____

Name _____

ID No. _____

Address _____

Expiration Date: _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Entry Fee: _____

Tel: _____ Email _____

USCF dues: _____

Bye Round (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 None

Total: _____

Bragg, Sinanan Top Seafair

By David C. Roper

Forty-eight eager chessplayers braved the sweltering August heat to participate in the annual Seafair tournament, held from July 29-31 at the Seattle Chess Club. Directing and hosting the event as has become customary, Fred Kleist and Carol Kleist gave generously of their time and energy and kept the players quite happy.

The Seafair Open is a special event, because it is one of the only relatively large one-section tournaments in the Northwest. Players of all levels have a chance to meet in psychic combat over the chessboard. Such a format naturally leads to upsets.

Here is a list of the biggest round by round upsets. The 'upsetter' is listed first and the 'upsettee' is listed second. The number in the middle is the rating differential—if it is only half of the rating difference between the players, that means the result was an upset draw.

Rd 1: David VanWeerdhuizen (1079)	370.5	Peter O'Gorman	(1820)
Rd 2: Christopher Fletcher (1663)	367.0	Robert Brewster	(2030)
Rd 3: George Fan (1281)	454.0	Steven Taki	(1735)
Rd 4: Matthew Yang (1350)	289.0	Mark Havrilla	(1928)
Rd 5: George Fan (1281)	647.0	Mark Havrilla	(1928)

FM David Bragg led the struggle for the tournament's top spot. He won his first four games, including a key win over NM Curt Collyer in round four. FM Bragg made a quick draw in the final round with Chris Kalina, and David waited to see if anyone could match his 4.5-0.5 result. One player did: Joshua Sinanan defeated Michael Darby to catch up with FM Bragg and tie for first-second overall. Here is a list of the other prize winners:

Third Place/U2200: Blake Salisbury, Chris Kalina	4-1
U2000: Michael Darby, Phillip Weyland, Adi Lanka	3.5-1.5
U1800: Matthew Wilson	3-2
U1600: Alex Guo, Nathan Lee, Michael Omori, Lane VanWeerdhuizen	3-2
U1400: George Fan	3-2
U1200: Peter Osseward	2.5-2.5
UNR: Mark James	1-4
Plus Score Pool: David Arganian, David Wyde;	3.5-1.5
Curt Collyer, Geoff Gale, Robert Brewster,	
Michael Schemm, Peter O'Gorman	3-2

Now for a few annotated games. Here is FM Bragg's key fourth round victory.

King's Indian Smyslov

NM Curt Collyer (2229)

FM David Bragg (2221)

Seattle, Seafair Open (4) 2005

Annotations by NM David Roper

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

Curt chooses a relatively quiet system which contains some poison, by keeping a grip on d4, Black's traditional counterplay becomes impossible. At the

same time, White does not have the central grip that he normally has in the KID. Hence Black's next move.

7...♗f5 8.♘d2 c5 9.d5 g5 10.♗g3 ♗g6 11.♗e2 a6 12.O-O e6 13.a4 b6 14.h3 ♖a7

A sign of how easily Black can unwind his queenside pieces in this variation.

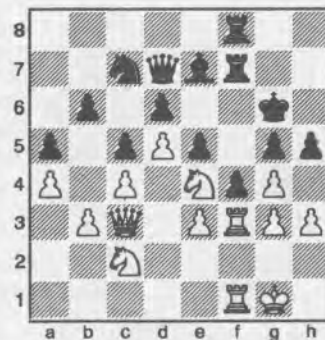
15.♘db1 e5 16.♗d3 ♗xd3 17.♖xd3 ♘h5 18.♖e2

White avoids ♗g3-h2 because Black would then have ...f7-f5, creating a pawn steamroller and dominating the position.

18...♘g3 19.fxg3 f5 20.g4 f4 21.♘e4 ♖af7 22.♘bc3 ♗f6 23.♖ab1 a5

Now Black's pressure along the f-file is the only game in town.

24.♖f3 ♘a6 25.♖bf1 ♘g7 26.♘b5 ♗e7 27.♖d3 ♘b4 28.♖c3 ♖d7 29.b3 ♘g6 30.♘a3 ♘a6 31.♘c2 ♘c7 32.g3 h5!



Activating the King! Actually, Black is opening more lines for his heavy pieces.

33.gxh5+ ♘xh5 34.♘g2 ♘g6 35.♖d3 ♘g7 36.♖c3 ♘g8 37.♘f2 ♘e8

David begins the decisive transfer of the Knight to the kingside. White is powerless.

38.♘g4 e4 39.♖f2 f3+ 40.♘g1 ♖h7 41.♖h2 ♗f6 42.♖d2 ♗g7 43.♘h1 ♘f6 44.♘f2 ♘h5 45.♖g1

Players of the White pieces have experienced this countless times against the KID—their pieces have curled up in a fetal position.

45...♗e5! 46.♘xe4 ♖f5 0-1

The end might be 47.♖d3 ♘xg3+ 48.♖xg3 ♗xg3 and White's kingside crumbles.

Center-Counter

Alex Guo (1557)

H. G. Pitre (1823)

Seattle, Seafair Open (5) 2005

Annotations by NM David Roper

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♘f6 3.♘c3 a6?! 4.b3

Unusual, although not necessarily bad. Most players choose quick development in such positions.

4...b5 5.♗b2 ♗b7 6.♘ce2 ♘xd5 7.♘g3 e6 8.♘f3 h5 9.♗e2 h4 10.♘f1 ♘f4

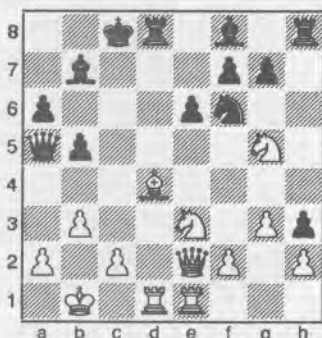
11. ♖e3 h3?!

Black has some nice pressure and should consider just developing with 11... ♖d7.

12.g3 ♖xe2 13. ♖xe2 ♖d7 14.O-O-O ♖f6 15. ♖he1 c5 16.d4 ♖a5 17. ♖b1 O-O-O

An unusual double-queenside castled position has been reached. Black has the two Bishops, but his King isn't very secure and White has the e5-square.

18. ♖g5 cxd4 19. ♖xd4



19... ♖xd4!?

An interesting try, and very much in line with Hanniegn Pitre's style.

20. ♖xd4 ♖c5 21. ♖dd1 ♖b4 22. ♖f1 ♖a3 23. ♖d3 ♖e4 24. ♖xe4 ♖xe4 25. ♖fd1 ♖c6 26.c3 ♖e7 27. ♖c2 ♖c5 28. ♖d4 ♖d5 29.f3 ♖f6 30. ♖c2 ♖b8 31. ♖e2 ♖c8 32. ♖f4 ♖xc3?

This looks like an error—Black had to keep the two Bishops, with 32... ♖c6. Then he will play for b5-b4, opening the a1-h8 diagonal.

33. ♖xd5 exd5 34. ♖xd5 ♖c6 35.a3 ♖e6 36. ♖d8 b4 37. ♖xc8+ ♖xc8 38.axb4 ♖xb4

Now White just simplifies and wins easily.

39. ♖xc8+ ♖xc8 40. ♖c2 a5 41. ♖d3 ♖d7 42. ♖e3+ ♖e6 43. ♖f4 f5 44. ♖g5

There is still room to go wrong. If White moved the Rook off the d-file, ... ♖b4-d2 would be mate!

44... ♖e7+ 45. ♖g6

and White won in 60 moves

1-0

In this game, Black narrowly missed a chance for a crushing counterattack.

King's Indian Attack

Michael Schemm (1910)

Nichole Delaittre (1342)

Seattle, Seafair Open (1) 2005

Annotations by NM David Roper

1. ♖f3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.b4? e6?

White offers a weak gambit that should be accepted.

4. ♖b2 cxb4 5.c3 ♖c6 6.cxb4 ♖xb4

Black is up a pawn and has the better position.

7. ♖e5 ♖e7

Simply 7... ♖f6 is better.

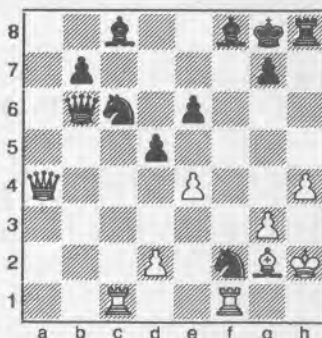
8. ♖a4+ ♖bc6 9. ♖c3 f6 10. ♖b5

Another unsound sacrificial idea.

10... ♖xe5 11. ♖xe5 ♖f7 12. ♖c7 ♖d7 13. ♖f4+ ♖g8 14. ♖h3 ♖g6 15. ♖a4 a6 16. ♖c1 axb5 17. ♖xa8 ♖xc7

Black has three minor pieces for a Rook and is winning easily.

18.O-O h5 19.a4 bxa4 20. ♖xa4 h4 21. ♖g2 hxg3 22.fxg3 ♖ge5 23.e4 ♖b6+ 24. ♖h1 ♖g4 25.h4 ♖f2+ 26. ♖h2



26... ♖d6?

Giving White his only chance. The right way was 27... ♖xh4+! 28.gxh4 ♖d6+ 29. ♖g1 ♖h3+ 30. ♖h1 ♖g1+! 31. ♖xg1 ♖f2 mate.

27. exd5 exd5? 28. ♖xd5+ ♖h7 29. ♖e4+ ♖xe4?

29...g6 is good.

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30. ♖xe4+ ♖g8 31. ♖d5+ ♖h7 32. ♖d3+ ♖g8 33. ♖xd6 ♖h7 34. ♖d3+ ♖g8 35. ♖d5+ ♖h7 36. ♖c5 ♖d8 37. ♖h5+ ♖g8 38. ♖f7+ ♖h7 39. ♖h5 mate

Games Selected by the Editor

Old Indian

David Arganian (2016)

Michael Darby (1867)

Seattle, Seafair Open (4) 2005

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 d6 3. ♖c3 c6 4. ♖f3 ♖bd7 5.e4 e5 6.d5 ♖c5 7. ♖c2 a5 8.h3 ♖e7 9. ♖e3 ♖c7 10. ♖d2 ♖d7 11. ♖e2 O-O 12.g4 cxd5 13.cxd5 ♖fc8 14.g5 ♖e8 15. ♖g4 ♖xg4 16.hxg4 ♖d8 17. ♖xc5 ♖xc5 18.f4 ♖d7 19. ♖b3 ♖c4 20. ♖h2 h6 21.gxh6 g6 22.h7+ ♖h8 23. ♖d2 ♖b4 24.f5 ♖g5 25.b3 ♖c7 26. ♖c1 ♖d4 27.O-O ♖xd2 28. ♖h3 ♖b6+ 29. ♖h1 ♖f6 30.fxg6 fxg6 31. ♖f3 ♖c8 32. ♖cf1 ♖f4 33. ♖xf4 exf4 34.g5 ♖c7 35. ♖xf4 ♖xc3 36. ♖xc3 ♖d1+ 37. ♖g2 ♖g1+ 38. ♖h3 ♖h1+ 39. ♖g3 ♖g1+ 40. ♖f2 ♖h2+ 41. ♖e3 ♖g3+ 0-1

QGD Slav

John Julian (1983)

NM Curt Collyer (2229)

Seattle, Seafair Open (3) 2005

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3. ♖c3 ♖f6 4. ♖g5 dxc4 5.a4 ♖a5 6. ♖f3 ♖e4 7. ♖d2 ♖xd2 8. ♖xd2 g6 9. ♖xc4 ♖c7 10.e3 ♖g7 11. ♖d3 O-O 12.O-O ♖d7 13.f4 ♖f6 14. ♖c1 ♖d8 15. ♖e2 ♖e6 16. ♖e5 ♖b6 17. ♖d3 ♖b3 18. ♖e1 ♖d7 19. ♖e4 ♖d5 20.a5 ♖d8 21. ♖ec5 ♖xc5 22. ♖xc5 b6 23. ♖a4 ♖b8 24.axb6 axb6 25. ♖c3 ♖b3 26. ♖e4 ♖d7 27. ♖b4 ♖d5 28. ♖c3 ♖e6 29. ♖fd1 ♖fc8 30. ♖a4 ♖a8 31. ♖b4 ♖d6 32. ♖xd6 exd6 33. ♖e4 ♖d8 34. ♖g5 ♖b3 35. ♖d3 ♖a4 36. ♖a3 c5 37. ♖f3 ♖a5 38.b3 ♖e8 39. ♖xa5 bxa5 40. dxc5 dxc5 41. ♖xc5 h6 42. ♖e4 Draw

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Selected and Annotated by FM Chuck Schulien

Clarington Court

David Wyde (2046)
NM Nick Raptis (2323)

Portland Summer Open (2) 2005

1.d4 g6 2.c4 g7 3.♘c3 c5 4.d5 ♗xc3+
5.bxc3 f5 6.h4 ♘f6 7.♗g5 ♖a5 8.♗xf6
exf6 9.♖c2 d6 10.♗b1 a6 11.e3 ♘d7
12.♘f3 ♘e5 13.♗e2 h5 14.♘xe5 fxe5
15.f4 ♗b8 16.O-O O-O 17.♗b2 ♗d7
18.♗fb1 ♗a4 19.♖d2 ♖c7 20.♖e1
♗fe8 21.♖g3 ♗h7 22.♖g5 exf4 23.exf4
♖g7 24.♗f1 b5 25.♖g3 b4 26.cxb4
♗xb4 27.♗xb4 cxb4 28.♗xb4 ♖a1+
29.♗f2 ♗xe2+ 30.♗xe2 ♖d1+ 31.♗e3
♖c1+ 32.♗e2 ♗d1+??

32...♖d1+ 33.♗e3 ♖c1+

33.♗f1 ♗f3+ 34.♖e1 ♗xg2+ 35.♗f2
♖c2+ 36.♖e2 1-0

Philidor

Drew Serres (1940)
Brian Esler (1794)

Portland Summer Open (2) 2005

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗e7 6.♗e2 O-O 7.O-O c6 8.a4
d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.♗e1 ♘c6 11.♗e3 a6
12.♖d2 ♗b4 13.♘xc6 bxc6 14.♗f3
♗g4 15.♗xg4 ♘xg4 16.♖d4 ♘xe3
17.♗xe3 ♖a5 18.♗g3 g6 19.♖h4 ♗xc3
20.♗h3 h5 21.♗xc3 ♗fe8 22.h3 ♗e4
23.♖g3 ♗xa4 24.♗xa4 ♖xa4 25.b3
♖b5 26.♖c7 ♗e8 27.♖xc6 ♖e2
28.♖c5 ♖e1+ 29.♗h2 ♖e5+ 30.g3 h4
31.♗e3 hxg3+ 32.♗g2 ♖b8 33.♗xe8+
♖xe8 34.fxg3 ♖e4+ 35.♗f1 d4 36.♖c7
♖h1+ 37.♗e2 ♖xh3 38.♗d3 ♖g4
39.♖d8+ ♗h7 40.♖h4+ ♖xh4 41.gxh4
♗g7 42.♗xd4 ♗f8 43.♗e5 ♗e7 44.b4
f6+ 45.♗d5 ♗d7 46.c4 ♗c7 Draw

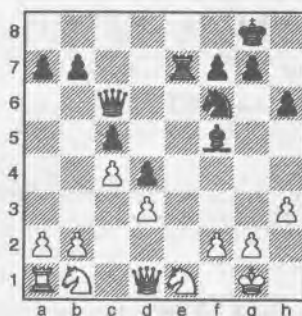
Sicilian

NM Radu-Laurentiu Roua (2336)
Richard Gutman (2092)

Portland Summer Open (5) 2005

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗c4 e6 4.d3 d5
5.exd5 exd5 6.♖e2+ ♗e7 7.♗b3 ♘f6
8.O-O O-O 9.h3 ♘c6 10.c3 ♗e8 11.♖d1
♗f5 12.♗f4 h6 13.♗c2 d4 14.c4 ♗d6
15.♗xd6 ♖xd6 16.♗a4 ♗e7 17.♗xc6
♖xc6 18.♗e1 ♗ae8 19.♗xe7 ♗xe7
20.♘e1?

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20...♖b6

20...♘h5 21.♘d2 ♘f4 22.♘df3 ♗e2
21.b3 ♘h5 22.g4 ♘f4 23.gxf5 ♖c6 24.f3
♗xe1+ 25.♖xe1 ♖xf3 26.♖e8+

26.♖d2 ♘e2+ 27.♗h2 ♖g3+ 28.♗h1
♖g1 mate; 26.♖f1 ♘e2+

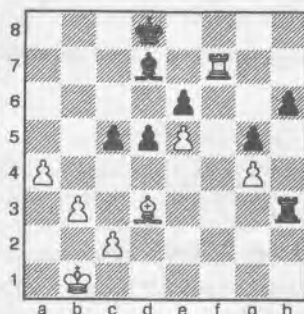
26...♗h7 27.♖e4 ♘e2+ 28.♗h2 ♖g3+
0-1

French Classical

Mike Morris (2074)
NM Nick Raptis (2323)

Portland Summer Open (4) 2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7
5.e5 ♘fd7 6.♗xe7 ♖xe7 7.f4 a6 8.♘f3
♘b6 9.♗d3 c5 10.♖d2 ♘c6 11.dxc5
♖xc5 12.O-O-O ♗d7 13.♗b1 h6 14.
♗he1 O-O-O 15.g4 ♗b8 16.f5 ♗c8 17.
♖f4 ♘a5 18.♖d4 ♖c7 19.♘e2 ♘c6
20.♖f4 g5 21.fxg6 fxg6 22.♘ed4 g5
23.♖f6 ♗cf8 24.♖g7 ♖d8 25.♘xc6+
bxc6 26.♗f1 ♗f4 27.♗xa6 c5 28.h3 ♖f8
29.♖xf8+ ♗hx8 30.♗e2 ♘c4 31.♗xc4
♗xf3 32.♗e2 ♗f2 33.b3 ♗8f4 34.♗xf2
♗xf2 35.♗d3 ♗f3 36.♗f1 ♗xh3 37.
♗f8+ ♗c7 38.♗f7 ♗d8 39.a4



39...c4 40.bxc4 ♗xa4 41.cxd5 exd5
42.e6 ♗e3 43.♗f5 ♗e8 44.♗h7 h5 45.
gxh5 g4 46.♗xg4 ♗g3 47.e7+ ♗c7

48.♗h8 ♗xg4 49.♗xe8 ♗d7 50.♗d8+
♗xe7 51.♗xd5 ♗e6 52.♗a5 ♗d6
53.♗b2 ♗g3 54.c3 ♗c6 55.♗b3 ♗g4
56.c4 ♗g1 57.♗f5 ♗c1 58.♗b4 ♗b1+
59.♗c3 ♗d1 60.♗d5 ♗h1 61.♗g5 ♗d1
62.♗g8 ♗c7 63.h6 ♗h1 64.♗h8 ♗h4
65.h7 ♗b7 66.♗b4 ♗h5 67.c5 ♗h4+
68.♗b5 ♗h5 69.♗c4 ♗h1 70.c6+ ♗a7
71.c7 ♗c1+ 72.♗d3 ♗xc7 73.♗a8+
♗xa8 74.h8=♖+ ♗b7 75.♗d4 ♗c8
76.♖h1+ ♗b6 77.♖b1+ ♗c6 78.♖c2+
♗d7 79.♖f5+ ♗c7 80.♗c5 ♗b7+
81.♗b5 ♗d8 82.♖f7+ ♗a8 83.♗c6 ♗b8
84.♖a2 mate

Center-Counter

Dan Matthews (1739)
Keegan Knutson (1791)

Portland Summer Open (5) 2005

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♘c3 ♖a5 4.♘f3
♘f6 5.♗e2 ♗f5 6.O-O

6.b4 ♖xb4 7.♗b1 creates problems for
Black.

6...e6 7.♘d4 ♗g6 8.♘b3 ♖b6 9.d3
c6 10.♗f4 ♘bd7 11.♗f3 ♗e7 12.♗e1
O-O 13.♖c1 ♗ac8 14.♘e4 ♘xe4 15.
dxe4 ♗fd8

15...e5 16.♗g4 f5 17.exf5 ♗xf5 18.
♗xf5 ♗xf5 19.♗e3±

16.e5 a5 17.♗d2 ♗a8 18.♗f4 a4
19.♘d2 ♘c5 20.♘c4 ♖c7 21.♘d6 ♘d7
22.♖e3 ♗xc2 23.♗ac1 ♗g6 24.♘xb7
♖xb7 25.♗xc6 ♖xb2 26.♗xa8 ♗xa8
27.♗c7 ♗d8 28.♗d1 ♘f8 29.♖e1 ♗b4
30.♖f1 ♗xd1 31.♖xd1 ♖xa2 32.h3 ♖b3
33.♖a1 a3 34.♗c1 a2 35.♗b7

35.♗b2 ♗d2 (35...♗a3 36.♗xa3
♖xa3 is good enough for Black); 35.♗a7
♗c3 36.♖xa2 ♖d1+ 37.♗h2 ♗xe5+ 38.f4
♗d4-+

35...♖b1 0-1

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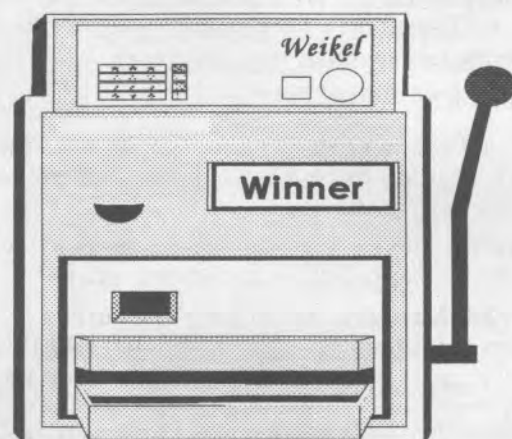
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The Tarot Customer, Part II

Jack Diamond, private detective, stops in to say good morning to Madame Desemone, owner of the building in which he has his office, and who is a Tarot reader by trade. She shows him the money that a tall stranger has just given her to tell him what is to befall him that week. Diamond recognizes the customer as Erfishe, the challenger to S..... for the world chess championship to be held that week. He tells Desemone the stranger's identity in secret, and also that the T.V. had said he was highly paranoid. Madame Desemone then reads the cards for Erfishe, predicting dark forces to be overcome before he can win the world chess championship match. True to his paranoid reputation, Erfishe immediately seeks the private detective's help. For the full flavor of this exciting and humorously written mystery see the first episode in the August issue of NW Chess. It is told in the first person from the perspective of Detective Jack Diamond.

by Don Emigh

So that's how I came to work for Erfishe. He hired me right off. He didn't even want to leave Madame Desemone's without a bodyguard.

I didn't work for him long — not quite two days, to be exact. But a lot happened, and it started quick.

We left Madame Desemone's and turned down Forty-Fifth toward Louie's Diner, Erfishe, tall and thin, striding along with giant steps. I had to run to keep up with him. At Louie's, we slid into a booth. I got a coffee and Erfishe ordered No. 5 on the breakfast menu — toast with two eggs. The eggs over easy, he said, real easy.

We made small talk while we waited for Erfishe's order. After a while, we ran out of things to say and the waitress still hadn't brought the No. 5. Erfishe was getting nervous. He started looking over his shoulder, mumbling, "Where the hell's the food? under his breath. I don't think he was at all aware that his fingers were drumming a steady tattoo on the table top.

Another minute went by. Suddenly, the tattoo stopped. Erfishe sank back into the booth, like an animal retreating to the corner of its cage. "Something's wrong," he whispered, his voice hoarse and tight. "This isn't right, Diamond. What are they doing back there?" He put forth a shaking hand, reaching to pull the comforting brim of his hat over his eyes.

At this very moment, a patron at a nearby table leaped to his feet, gagging and tearing at his throat. He staggered against the table as though he had suffered a blow, clutching at the table with one hand to steady himself. With his free hand, he pointed an accusing finger at the plate in front of him. Inviting steam curled innocently up from the food thereon — a No. 5 — toast with two eggs. "Those eggs!" the poor man burbled through frothing lips. "I've been poisoned!" He began flapping his arms up and down like a chicken.

Louie quickly came out from behind the cash register, arrowing in on the tragic scene. He smiled and gave hasty bows all around as he sped by the tables, sensing the need to quiet a rising general panic. Erfishe was out of our booth

in a flash, heading toward the door and the presumed safety of the street. Before I could follow, there came, at last, our waitress, belatedly bringing Erfishe's order. I rose from the seat, glancing as I did so at the plate of toast and eggs she had set down. That glance was enough. In that moment, everything became clear.

I caught with Erfishe at the corner bus stop. He was trying to hide in the group standing there waiting for the bus, but he was the man in the black hat, a foot taller than everybody else.

"Did you see that?" he croaked, his wild eyes shimmering. "They tried to poison me! Somebody out there in the kitchen must have poisoned the eggs in all the No. 5 orders. They don't care who they kill. Lucky for me that guy got his order first." He stared nervously down the street for the bus. "I've got to get out of here."

"Mr. Erfishe," I said, taking hold of his arm and speaking gently, "nobody tried to poison you. I looked at your plate as I was leaving. The eggs were cooked so hard that the whites were crisp around the edges. You ordered your eggs 'over easy, real easy.' Remember? I'd say the waitress got the two No. 5s mixed up. That unfortunate man got your undercooked eggs. It wasn't poison back there. For some people — and I guess that poor fellow is one of them — runny eggs are really venomous."

"Maybe that's your theory," he said, as a bus rolled up to the stop. "Talk it all away if you want to, but something fishy was going on in there. That waitress didn't look right to me, and did you notice the sappy smile on the owner's face. Who was he trying to kid? Come on, let's get out of here!" He grabbed my arm and pulled me with him onto the bus.

To be continued



WCF Board Meeting
7/21/05



Present: Pres. Kent McNall, V.P. Duane Polich, Sec. Gary Dorfner, Treas. Robert Allen, T.C. H.G. Pitre, NWC Rep. absent, S.D. absent, Guests: Eric Holcomb & Vivi Bartron

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Minutes were read & approved.

Officers' Reports Financial report

There is \$7781.23 on hand as of 7/21/05. Treas. still does not have the final figures for the WA Open, as he still has not received all of the bills for it. Bob thinks the tournament will lose about \$3500. Kent will cover that so that the tournament will break even. Motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Polich & 2nd by Mr. Dorfner, passed.

NWC report:

As of June '05, NWC has a surplus of about \$700.

Vice Pres. report:

Discussed the qualifications for the Wash. Championship. A committee was formed to study this issue. Duane Polich was appointed Chairman. Robert Allen, Bill Schill & David Bragg are members.

Discussed the US Jr. Open. Will try for 2007.

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Lessons From A Position: Chigorin–Tarrasch, 1893

by LM Tom Rowan

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

Some time ago I found myself playing over the classic game Chigorin–Tarrasch, 1893, in my database with CRAFTY running in the background. As I neared the finish of the game, I realized I'd seen it before. Vague memories came back. Tarrasch attacks on the queenside, Chigorin on the kingside. Chigorin sees further and wins with a nice tactic.

Except CRAFTY's assessment doesn't match my memory of the game. Tarrasch missed a resource just before the end and should have won.

Does this mean a classic brilliancy has been "cooked?" I think there are some valuable lessons in the answer. Let's look at the game with light notes until we reach the key position.

French Defense

Mikhail Chigorin–Siegbert Tarrasch

St. Petersburg (2) 1893

1. e4 e6 2. ♖e2 c5 3. ♘c3 ♘c6 4. ♘f3 a6 5. g3 ♘d4 6. ♖d3 ♖b6 7. ♗g2 ♘e7 8. ♘xd4 cxd4 9. ♘e2 ♘c6 10. c3 dxc3 11. bxc3 ♗c5 12. O-O O-O 13. ♖c2 e5 14. ♖b1 ♖a7 15. ♗b2 d6 16. ♗a1 ♗g4 17. ♘c1 b5 18. h3 ♗e6 19. ♘e2 ♖ac8 20. ♖bd1 ♗b6 21. ♖b2 ♘a5 22. d3 ♘h8 23. g4 f6 24. ♘g3 ♘b7 25. ♘h2 ♘c5 26. ♖d2 ♘a4 27. ♖c1 ♗a5 28. ♖c2 ♖c6 29. ♖fc1 ♖fc8

So far White has had to play some awkward looking moves to cope with Black's straightforward classical play.

30. g5 fxe5 31. ♖xe5 ♘xc3 32. ♗xc3 ♖xc3 33. ♖xc3 ♗xc3 34. ♘f5

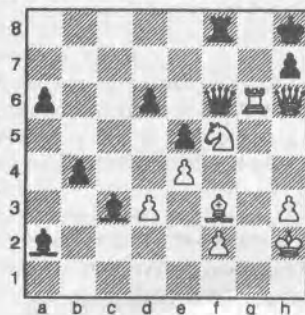
White's queenside has fallen apart, but his kingside threatens gather momentum.

34... ♖d7 35. ♗f3 b4 36. ♖g1 ♖f8 37. ♘xg7 ♗xa2 38. ♘f5 ♖f7 39. ♖h6 ♖f6 40. ♖g6

The game was looking familiar now, and I spotted instantly that 40. ♖g6 was the 'winning' move. However, Tarrasch had an excellent reply . . .

40... ♖xg6?

40... ♗d2! wins for Black!



41. ♖xf8+ ♗g8 42. ♗h5! ♖e6? 43. ♖g7 mate

What happened?! I thought this game was supposed to be a brilliant win for White, and right in the middle of the brilliant finish is a missed win for Black.

I view confusion as an opportunity for learning rather than as evidence of senility, so let's investigate what happened.

My memory was wrong. The resource 40... ♗d2 was discovered long ago by Harmonist, and is even mentioned by Tarrasch in his book *Three Hundred Chess Games*. The game was never considered a brilliancy. I probably misremembered that aspect of the game by "annotating by result." I remember White attacking, I remember White winning, and the game's in a book; so the game must have been a brilliancy.

LESSON: Don't annotate by result. Think for yourself.

Tarrasch's notes explain another mystery. Strong players don't knowingly play into forced lines leading to losses. They don't "play out" the last few moves. They search for alternatives and resign only if they find none. Why, then, did Tarrasch play 40... ♖xg6, which seems to lose fairly obviously?

Tarrasch points out that he simply overlooked 42. ♗h5 because of fatigue. He suggests that, had he seen 42. ♗h5, he would have found 40... ♗d2. No doubt he would have.

LESSON: There's no point playing out an obviously losing sequence. Keep looking for alternatives.

This game made an impression on me, because I discovered the resource 40... ♗d2 "myself" and because the discovery conflicted with what I thought I remembered.

LESSON: Don't play over games as a spectator. The more you can be an active participant in the game, the more you can learn from it. Don't just agree with the moves and annotations. Question them.

More generally, be curious. You don't need to go hunting for "lesson filled" classic games. If you're curious, you'll find you have questions about most of the games you play over.

And those are mysteries to be solved and learned from. ■



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Sec. report:

Made up a list of cities of all of the players who played in the WA Open. Gary passed out copies. Also working on e-mail list of all players who played in WA Open as well as some other projects.

Pres. report: None.

T.C. report:

Mr. Pitre read off a list of things he would like to do as Tournament Coordinator.

1. Long, classical time controls should be used for championship tournaments only;
2. Shorter time controls for the WA Open. Games to last no more than 5 hours;
3. Tournaments need to be designed to lessen or remove the excessive time burden to the participants. Optional time controls should be offered;
4. Increased regional diversity in tournament locations;
5. Need new sites, organizers & tournament directors;
6. Door prizes should be offered for specific purposes;
7. Better tournament reports for *NWC*. Encourage this with incentives to writers, TDs, or organizers as well as game submitters & annotators;
8. Encourage multi-section tournaments;
9. Set up Regional Grand Prix series (1 in each county);
10. Introduce FIDE type increments to the time controls, encourage modern equipment & depart from sudden death time controls;
11. Develop city or multi-city neighborhood chess leagues;
12. Get greater publicity & reports of events into city & neighborhood newspapers;
13. Outreach into under-served neighborhoods;
14. Make State Championship & Premier players commit, by way of a deposit or something, to submitting games with annotations for publication;
15. Get greater car pooling & visit tournaments in other areas;
16. More tournament stories from players who travel to tournaments around the country & overseas. Also what happened to so-and-so

who used to play in tournaments a lot;

17. Interviews with players on various aspects of chess published in *NWC*.

Old Business

Discussed the WCF Web Site. A Committee was formed: Chairman Robert Allen plus Duane Polich & Eric Holcomb.

Discussed Contact Management. Centralized database of all members would be accessible to all officers & TD/Organizers.

Discussed the Constitution & By-Laws. The constitution has been revised, but the by-laws have not. A committee was formed to revise the by-laws. Chairman Duane plus H.G. Pitre, Gary, Robert.

Discussed the Denker & Polgar tournaments. A motion was made by Mr. Polich & 2nd by Mr. Dorfner to give \$250 to the WA Representative to each tournament. Mr. Allen added the amendment stating that this would be for 1 year only, passed.

It was felt that the WCF should work closely with the scholastic organizer/directors in the state & that the WCF should develop more organizer/directors.

Reviewed the 2005 WA Open & discussed plans for the 2006 WA Open. It was felt that the event was a success despite only 20 more people than in 2004. There were things that were done poorly that need to be improved. There was not enough support from the Promotion, Public Relations Publicity Department. The problem is to come up with a formula that will get a large number of players to play in each event. More info needs to be sent out on motels & hotels near the tournament site where players can stay as well as info on restaurants.

Discussed the WA Class Championship. A tournament committee was appointed to plan, organize & run the 2005 WA Class Championship & the 2006 WA Open. Chairman H.G. Pitre plus Gary, Kent, Robert.

Discussed the WA/BC match. Duane Polich is the organizer. It will be held around the end of Sept. in Bellingham where it was held last year.

Discussed the WA Senior Open.

Adjourned at 10:00 pm

Gary J. Dorfner, Sec.

SCC Championship

Sept. 9, 16, 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28, Nov. 4

A one-section, seven-round Swiss held on Friday evenings with a time control of 35/100 and 25/60). The prize fund is 75% of the entry fees.

First	23%
Second	16%
U2000	9%
U1800	8%
U1600	7%
U1400	6%
Unrated	3%
Endurance	3%

SCC CHAMPIONS 1986-2004
1986 Bruce Morris & Russ Ridderbusch
1987 John Braley, Russ Ridderbusch & Eric Tangborn
1988 John Braley & Dan Marshall
1989 Dan Marshall
1990 Michael Oshiro
1991 Fred Kleist
1992 Dan Marshall
1993 Dave Weinstock
1994 Dan Marshall
1995 Jeff Nomura
1996 Slava Mikhailuk
1997 Ignacio Perez
1998 Huso Hadzic
1999 Fred Kleist
2000 Nat Koons
2001 Bobby Ferguson
2002 Huso Hadzic
2003 Fred Kleist & Adam Weissbarth
2004 Geoff Gale

Entry Fees: \$25 if rec'd by 9/7, \$30 thereafter. **SCC membership** req'd — special \$24 tournament membership.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rounds:** Fridays 8 p.m.

Byes: 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/19). **Miscellaneous:** USCF memb. req'd. No smoking. No computers.

Seattle Fall Open

September 23-25 or September 24-25

A 2-section, 5-round Swiss chess tournament with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (except Rd 1 of the 2-day option — G/64) with a prize fund of \$1000 based on 58 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

A Christopher Memorial Grand Prix event

**Open: \$180 gtd-\$120 gtd, U2200 \$100,
U2000 \$95, U1800 \$90**

**Reserve (U1700): \$110-\$80, U1550 \$70, U1450
\$65, U1350 \$60, UNR \$30**

Entry Fees: \$32 by 9/21, \$40 at site. 25% discount to SCC members or 12.5% discount to members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr USCF & WCF. **Add \$1 for 2-day option.** Make checks payable to SCC.

Registration: Fri. 9/24 7-7:45 pm or Sat. 9/25 9-9:45 am.

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

Byes: 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration.

Miscellaneous: USCF & WCF required. No smoking. No computers.

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Address for Entries

SCC Tnmt Dir
2420 S 137 St
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September 10 SCC Novice

Format: 4SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10 by 9/8, \$15 at site. (20% disc. for SCC mem., 10% mem. of other dues-req'd CCs in WA, OR, & BC). **Prizes:** Memberships (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45a. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3 or 4 — commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS, NC.

Sept. 10, Oct. 29

SCC Saturday Quads

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$6 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future quad. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-ASAP. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

Sept. 18, Oct. 9

SCC Sunday Tornado

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$14 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. ½-K rated. NS, NC.

October 8 SCC
Championship Qualifier

Format: 4-round Swiss (min. 8 plyrs). **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10. **Prizes:** SCC memberships. Take your score into the SCC Championship (EF \$20, must be SCC member), join tnmt in Rd 5 (Fri., 10/21). Not eligible for Endurance prize. **Reg:** 9-9:45a. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 2. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NC, NS.

Future Events

⌘ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

⌘ **Sept 15-Oct 12 Spokane Fall Championship** ⌘
 Site: *Gonzaga Univ., Herak 121, Spokane.* **Format:** 5 rds. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$16 **Reg:** 6:30-7:15 pm. **Rds 2-5:** no later than 7:15 pm. **Info:** Kkorsmo@spokanecounty.org.

⌘ **Sept. 17, Oct. 8 TCC G/60 #3 & #4** ⌘
 Site: *Tacoma CC, DTI Soccer Store Bldg, Rm 11 (2nd Floor), 409 Puyallup Ave E, Tacoma WA.* **Format:** 4-SS. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20. **Prize Fund:** \$300 b/20. **Prizes:** \$80-70, U2000 \$60, U1700 \$50, U1500 \$40. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:30-3-5:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. *Space limited to 25 players.* **NS.** **NC.** **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445; 253-535-2536; Ggarychess@aol.com. www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com. Make checks payable to TCC.

⌘ **September 17-18 Eastern Washington Open** ⌘
 Site: *Schoenberg Center, Rm 201, Gonzaga Univ., N 900 Pearl St, Spokane (sw corner of campus - 1 blk e of Division/Ruby couplet off DeSmet Ave).* **Format:** 5-round Swiss. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$21 if rec'd by 9/16, \$26 at site, U18 \$5 less. **Prize Fund:** \$800 gtd. Add'l classes & prizes may be created if entries exceed 30. Class prizes b/5 per class; classes (and class prizes) may reconfigured if fewer than 5 class entries. **Prizes:** \$150-120-80, A 65-35, B 65-35, C 65-35, D/E/unr 65-35, Biggest Upset (non-prov.) 50. **Reg:** 8:30-9:30 am. **Rds:** Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 9-1:30 OF ASAP. **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye avail. if requested by end of preceding rd. Sunday bye must be requested by end of rd 3. **Misc:** TD reserves right to use class pairings in final rd. **NS.** **NC.** **W.** **Entries:** Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo, N 9923 Moore, Spokane WA 99208-9339 **Info:** 509-466-0530 eve/wknd; 509-477-2871 days; www.spokanechess-club.org.

⌘ **September 24**

Site: *Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219.* **Format:** 4-round Swiss (TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if over 25 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.

PCC Game-in-60 ⌘

⌘ **October 15-16**

Portland Fall Open ⌘
 Site: *Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219.* **Format:** 2-section [Open & Reserve (U1800)], 5-round Swiss. **TC:** Sat 40/90, SD/60; Sun 40/2, SD/1. **EF:** \$30 if received by 10/12, \$35 at site. \$10 discount for PCC Members. **Prize Fund:** \$650 b/40. **Prizes:** *Open:* \$150-100, U2000 \$75. *Reserve:* \$100-75, U1600 \$50, U1400 \$50, U1200/UNR \$50. **Reg:** Sat., 9-9:30 am. **Rds:** Sat 10-2-ASAP, Sun 10-ASAP. **Byes:** Two ½-pt. byes avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **Entries:** See site address. **Info:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978 www.aboutchess.org.

November 5-6

Grants Pass Open XXXII
 Site: *Rogue Community College, 3345 Redwood Hwy, "J" Bldg, Grants Pass OR.* **Format:** 5-round Swiss. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$30 in advance, \$35 at site **Prize Fund:** \$1095 b/30. **Prizes:** \$200+trophy-100, X/A 100+trophy-50, B/C 100+trophy/50, D & Under 80-40, UNR 50-25, trophies for first place in each section. **Reg:** Sat., 8-9 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-2-6:30, Sun 9-2. **Byes:** Two ½-pt. byes avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **Ent/Info:** Wray A. Maxwell, 740 NW 4th St, Grants Pass OR 97526; 541-476-5000.

More Scholastic Events

December 2005

10	♣ Buckman Scholastic (K-12)	Mike Whetter 503-244-3183mwetter@comcast.net	Portland OR
17	♣ Hillsboro Holiday Classic(K-12)	Helen Noonan hnoonanharns@comcast.net	Hillsboro OR
27-29	Chess Odyssey Holiday Camp	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Beaverton OR

January 2006

2	Chess Odyssey Winter Term begins	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Portland area OR
5	Winter Olympics Team Tmt (K-12)	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Hillsboro OR
16	♣ Martin Luther King Jr. Classic (K-12)	Helen Noonan hnoonanharns@comcast.net	Hillsboro OR
21	♣ Buckman Scholastic (K-12)	Mike Whetter 503-244-3183mwetter@comcast.net	Portland OR
21	Ollie LaFraniere Memorial Classic (K-8)	Jon Licht 360-754-6472 jonjerrie@comcast.net	Olympia, WA
22	Chess Odyssey Parent/Child Workshop	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Beaverton OR

February 2006

20	♣ Capitol City Chess Festival (K-3,K-6,K-12)	Eric 503-931-5626 erichannibal@comcast.net www.oscf.org	Salem OR
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March 2006

3-4	Chess for Success State Ch (K-12)	Julie 503-520-8960 julie@chessforsuccess.org www.chessforsuccess.org	Portland OR
11	♣ Cooper Mtn/Whitford Sch (K-12)	Kudva president@oscf.org www.oscf.org	Beaverton OR
18	♣ OSCF Wild Card Tmts	Amy Coughlin sec-treasurer@oscf.org www.oscf.org	various places in OR
18	St. Michael Queen's Quest (K-8, girls only)	Jon Licht 360-754-6472 jonjerrie@comcast.net	Olympia WA
18	WA Girls Open/Polgar Qualifier (K-12)	Jon Licht 360-754-6472 jonjerrie@comcast.net	Olympia WA
21-23	Chess Odyssey Spring Break Camp	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Beaverton OR
27	Chess Odyssey Spring Term begins	Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Portland area OR

April 2006

1	OSCF Tmt (K-12 USCF & dual-rated)	oscf@oscf.org www.oscf.org	TBA OR
15	♣ Eugene Spring Fling(K-12)	Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoube@efn.org www.chessways.com	Eugene OR

NOTE: A '♣' in front of the tournament name indicates an OSCF qualifying tournament.

Open Events

September 2005

- 9,16 TCC Gambit Tmt
 9,16,30 **SCC Championship (Rds 1-3)**
 10 **SCC Novice**
 ♯10 **SCC Saturday Quads**
 ♯11 **PCC Sunday Quads**
 11 TCC G/15
 17 **TCC G/60 Open**
 ♯17-18 **Eastern Washington Open**
 ♯18 **SCC Sunday Tornado**
 23,30 TCC Championship (Rds 1&2)
 ♯23-25 **Seattle Fall Open**
 ♯24 **PCC Game-in-60**

- ♯1 **SCC Saturday Quads**
 2 TCC G/15
 7 Chess Rocks benefit concert
 7,14,21,28 TCC Championship (Rds 3-6)
 7,21,28 **SCC Championship (Rds 4-6)**
 8 **SCC Championship Qualifier**
 8 **TCC G/60 Open**
 ♯9 **SCC Sunday Tornado**
 14-16 **Western States Open**
 ♯15-16 **Portland Fall Open**
 ♯22-23 Puget Sound Open
 ♯29 PCC Game-in-45
 ♯29 **SCC Saturday Quads**

- 4 TCC G/15 Chmp.
 5-6 **Grants Pass Open XXXII**
 ♯6 **SCC Sunday Tornado**
 11,18 TCC G/30 Action
 ♯12-13 Tacoma Open
 ♯13 PCC Sunday Quads
 ♯19-20 Rain City Open
 ♯25-27 Washington Class Championship
 ♯26 PCC Game-in-60

- 2,9,16 TCC Christmas Swiss
 ♯4 **SCC Sunday Tornado**
 ♯10-11 Christmas Congress
 ♯17 **SCC Saturday Quads**
 ♯17-18 **Portland Winter Open**
 18 Wash. Action Chmp.
 ♯31 **Portland CC Game-in-45**

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Scholastic Events

September 2005

- 18 Chess Odyssey Fresh Air Blitz Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com Hillsboro OR
 18 ♯ 2nd Soccer-Season Scholastic Qd (K-12) Sudhakar 503-430-5744 www.aboutchess.org Portland OR
 26 Chess Odyssey Clubs Fall Term begins Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com Portland area OR

October 2005

- 9 Nat'l Chess Day Girls-Only Challenge (K-12) Lisa 503-430-5744 lakudva@comcast.net www.cmchessclub.org Beaverton OR
 19 Chess Odyssey Parent Orientation Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com Beaverton OR
 23 ♯ 3rd Soccer-Season Scholastic Qd (K-12) Sudhakar 503-430-5744 www.aboutchess.org Portland OR
 29 St. Michael U1000 & Over 900 (K-3,4-8) Jon 360-754-6472 jonjerrie@comcast.net Olympia WA

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- 6 ♯ 4th Soccer-Season Scholastic Qd (K-12) Sudhakar 503-430-5744 www.aboutchess.org Portland OR
 11 ♯ Youth Spirit Tmt Amy Coughlin sec-treasurer@oscf.org www.oscf.org Portland Area OR
 12 Chess Odyssey OR Grade-Level Ch Pete 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com Portland OR
 12 Knightmare's Gauntlet (K-6) Mary Clarfeld chesstournament@evergreenschool.org Shoreline WA
 19 ♯ Eugene Fall Classic Scholastic (K-12) Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoubc@efn.org www.chessways.com Eugene OR

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