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Greetings from the Editor

I apologize for the lateness of this issue. In part, it's due my having been sick to some degree for much of the young year. But, perhaps more to the point, is that, not counting the Lepiken article (a "work in progress"), I had received only about eight pages of material to fill pages 4-21 by the January 10 deadline.



*Editor's
Desk*

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Best Wishes,

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Oregon State Championship Lineup

The 2006 Oregon State Championship round-robin will be held on the weekends of February 11-12 and 18-20 at the U.S. Fiberglass Offices in McMinnville, Oregon. Rounds will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the weekends.

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Selzler Sizzles at 2500+ in Challengers' Cup Oregonian Wins City Championship Buck, N. Lee Tie Atop Reserve

The Seattle Chess Club was the site of the Challengers' Cup and the Seattle City Championship on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Thirty-three players participated, though two—Dan Mathews and NM Nat Koons—played in both the Cup and the Championship.

The four-round Challengers' Cup was dominated by 2026-rated Ricky Selzler. He beat the only two Masters in the event as well as the third-rated player. A draw with Curt Collyer, the number four seed, gave Ricky three-and-a-half points and a ticket to the Washington State Championship. Ignacio Perez finished second, losing only to Ricky en route to a 3-1 score.

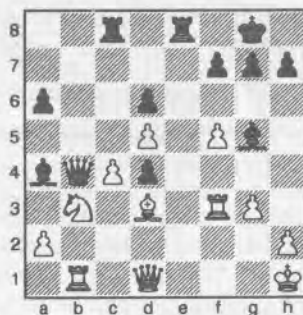
Sicilian Kalashnikov

Ignacio Perez (2198)

Ricky Selzler (2026)

Seattle, WA Challengers' Cup (1) 2006

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28... ♗xc4 29.♗xc4 ♗xc4 30.♗d3 ♗xd5 31.♗xd4 ♗e3 32.♗b4 ♗c6 33.♗g2 ♗xd4 34.♗xd4 ♗xf3+ 35.♗xf3 ♗e2+ 36.♗f1 ♗xf3 37.♗xd6 ♗f8 38.♗xa6 ♗xh2 39.♗a3 ♗d5 40.♗a5 ♗xa2

41.♗g1 ♗d2 42.g4 ♗e7 43.g5 g6 44.♗a3 gxf5 45.♗h3 f4 46.♗xh7 f3 47.♗h4 f2+ 0-1

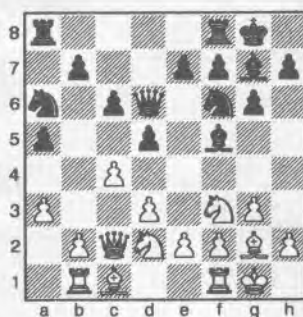
English

Ricky Selzler (2026)

NM Nat Koons (2233)

Seattle, WA Challengers' Cup (2) 2006

1.c4 c6 2.♗f3 d5 3.♗c2 ♗f6 4.g3 g6 5.♗g2 ♗g7 6.O-O O-O 7.d3 a5 8.♗bd2 ♗a6 9.a3 ♗f5 10.♗b1 ♗d6



11.e4 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♗g4 13.e5 ♗e6 14.exf6 ♗f5 15.♗b3 ♗xf6 16.♗a1 ♗c5 17.♗e3 ♗d6 18.♗b3 ♗xb3 19.♗xb3 ♗d3 20.♗f4 e5 21.♗fd1 ♗fd8 1-0

Sicilian

Ignacio Perez (2198)

Josh Sinanan (2046)

Seattle, WA Challengers' Cup (2) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗b6 5.♗b3 ♗f6 6.♗c3 e6 7.♗e3 ♗c7 8.f4 ♗b4 9.♗d3 d5 10.e5 ♗d7 11.O-O O-O 12.♗f3 f5 13.♗b5 ♗d8 14.c4 dxc4 15.♗xc4 ♗dx5 16.fxe5 ♗xe5 17.♗f1 ♗h4 18.♗f4 ♗xf3+ 19.♗xf3 ♗d7 20.a3 ♗e7 21.♗c7 ♗ac8 22.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 23.♗xe6 ♗f7 24.♗bd4 ♗c5 25.♗xc5 ♗xc5 26.♗e6 ♗c8 27.♗g5 ♗e7 28.g3 ♗g4 29.♗d5+ ♗h8 30.♗f7+ ♗xf7 31.♗xf7 ♗d8 32.♗e1 h6 33.♗e5 ♗h7 34.h3 ♗g5 35.♗f4 ♗g6 36.♗xg6+ ♗xg6 37.♗e6+ ♗f7 38.♗d6 ♗xd6 39.♗xd6 g5 40.♗f2 ♗g6 41.♗e3 1-0

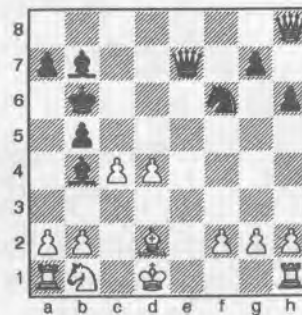
Latvian Gambit

Geoffrey Gale (2048)

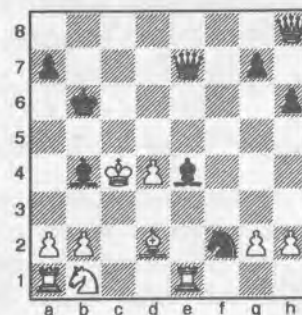
Clint Ballard (1928)

Seattle, WA Challengers' Cup (2) 2006

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21... ♗g4 22.♗e1 ♗xf2+ 23.♗c2 ♗e4+ 24.♗b3 bxc4+ 25.♗xc4



25... ♗d3+ 26.♗b3 ♗f7+ 27.♗xb4 ♗c4+ 28.♗a3 ♗a6+ 29.♗a5+ ♗xa5+ 30.♗b3 ♗d5+ 31.♗c3 ♗c4+ 32.♗d2 ♗c2+ 33.♗e3 ♗g4+ 34.♗f4 g5+ 0-1

QGD Slav

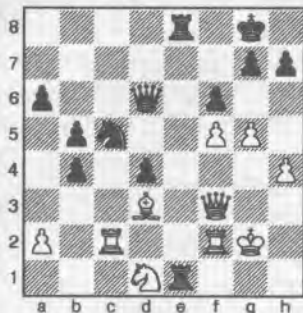
Ricky Selzler (2026)

Curt Collyer (2181)

Seattle, WA Challengers' Cup (3) 2006

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♖e2 ♖a7 14. ♖g3 ♖e8 15. f4 exd4 16.
 exd4 ♖xc5 17. dxc5 ♖xc5 18. ♖d3 ♖ae7
 19. ♖h2 d4 20. ♖d1 ♖d6 21. ♖d2 ♖d7
 22. ♖f1 ♖a3 23. ♖f3 c5 24. b4 ♖xb4 25.
 ♖xb4 cxb4 26. ♖d3 ♖c5 27. ♖f2 ♖e1+
 28. ♖g2 ♖d7 29. f5 f6 30. ♖c1 ♖d6
 31. ♖cc2



31... ♖e3 32. ♖xe3 dxe3 33. ♖fe2 ♖xd3
 34. ♖g1 ♖d4 35. gxf6 ♖f4 36. ♖e1 gxf6
 37. ♖g4+ ♖h8 38. ♖g2 e2+ 39. ♖h2
 ♖xg2 40. ♖xd4 ♖xe1 41. ♖xf6+ ♖g8
 42. ♖g5+ ♖h8 Draw

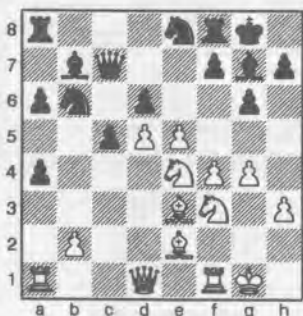
Modern Pseudo-Austrian Attack

FM David Bragg (2203)

Ricky Selzler (2026)

Seattle, WA Challengers' Cup (4) 2006

1. e4 g6 2. d4 ♖g7 3. f4 d6 4. ♖e2 ♖d7
 5. ♖f3 a6 6. O-O b5 7. a4 bxa4 8. c4 c5 9. d5
 ♖b6 10. h3 ♖f6 11. ♖c3 O-O 12. g4 e6
 13. e5 ♖e8 14. ♖e3 ♖c7 15. ♖e4 exd5
 16. cxd5 ♖b7



17. ♖xc5 dxc5 18. ♖c1 ♖xd5 19. ♖xc5
 ♖d8 20. ♖c1 ♖b6 21. ♖d4 ♖ec7 22. f5
 ♖fd8 23. ♖f2 ♖f8 24. ♖c4 ♖xf2+
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 ♖d3+ 28. ♖g1 ♖d5 29. fxxg6 hxxg6 30. ♖f6
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 ♖f3+ 36. ♖f2 ♖d2 37. ♖c1 ♖c8 38. b3
 ♖xc4 39. bxc4 ♖d5 40. ♖e3 ♖xc4 41.
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 h4 a4 45. ♖h1 ♖f8 46. h5 ♖h7 47. hxxg6+
 ♖xxg6 48. ♖h8 ♖g7 49. ♖h1 a3 50. ♖e4
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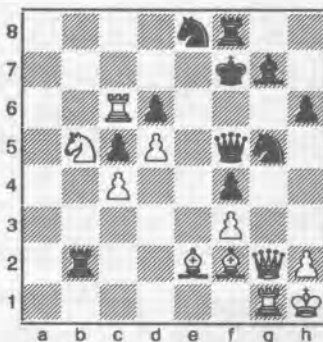
King's Indian Smyslov

Curt Collyer (2181)

Ignacio Perez (2198)

Seattle, WA Challengers' Cup (4) 2006

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖f3 g6 3. c4 ♖g7 4. ♖c3
 O-O 5. ♖g5 c5 6. d5 d6 7. e3 h6 8. ♖h4
 a6 9. a4 e5 10. ♖d2 ♖bd7 11. ♖e2 b6 12.
 O-O ♖c7 13. a5 bxa5 14. ♖c2 ♖h7 15. f3
 f5 16. ♖b3 g5 17. ♖f2 ♖df6 18. ♖d3 ♖b8
 19. ♖xa5 e4 20. ♖e2 exf3 21. gxf3 f4 22.
 ♖c6 ♖b7 23. ♖h1 ♖f7 24. ♖g1 ♖h5 25.
 exf4 gxf4 26. ♖g6 ♖h3 27. ♖g2 ♖g5 28.
 ♖xa6 ♖xb2 29. ♖e7+ ♖f7 30. ♖xc8
 ♖xc8 31. ♖c6 ♖f5 32. ♖b5 ♖e8



33. ♖c7+ ♖g8 34. ♖xg7+ ♖xg7 35. ♖d4
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 ♖xf3 44. ♖e7+ ♖h8 45. ♖c2 ♖xxg1+
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 ♖e5 52. ♖g4 ♖e8 53. ♖d3 ♖f6+ 54. ♖f3
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 ♖xd5 61. ♖g7 ♖e3 62. ♖h3 c4 63. h6 c3
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 67. ♖e6 ♖c5 68. ♖d7 ♖e5+ 69. ♖f7 f3
 70. ♖a4+ ♖c4 71. ♖e6 d5 72. ♖d1+ ♖e4
 73. ♖c2+ ♖e3 74. ♖c1+ 0-1

Koons, the top player in both the
 Cup and the City Championship, suf-
 fered an upset in the first round of the
 Championship to H.G. Pitre and never
 recovered. With LM Viktors Pupols
 giving up a draw to Steve Fabian in
 round one and then doing the Saturday-
 bye two-step, the door was open for
 third-ranked Blake Salisbury of Oregon
 and he burst through, scoring 4.0/5, one
 point ahead of Pupols, Pitre, Fabian,
 who trekked over the Cascades to play,
 and Darren Wu.

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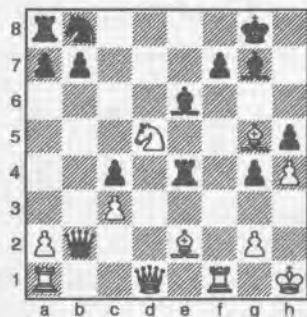
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H. G. Pitre (1848)

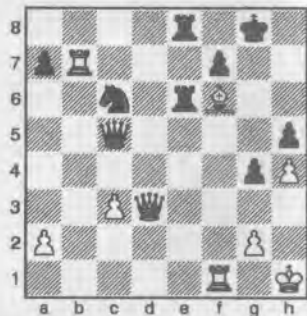
NM Nat Koons (2233)

Seattle, City Championship (1) 2006

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. ♖f3 g5 4. h4 g4
 5. ♖e5 ♖f6 6. d4 d6 7. ♖d3 ♖xe4 8. ♖xf4
 ♖g7 9. c3 O-O 10. ♖d2 ♖e8 11. ♖e2 c5
 12. dxc5 dxc5 13. O-O c4 14. ♖xe4 ♖xe4
 15. ♖b4 ♖b6+ 16. ♖h1 h5 17. ♖g5 ♖e6
 18. ♖d5 ♖xb2



19. ♖xc4 ♖c6 20. ♖b1 ♖a3 21. ♖d3
 ♖e5 22. ♖f6+ ♖xf6 23. ♖xf6 ♖c5
 24. ♖xe6 ♖xe6 25. ♖xb7 ♖ae8



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26. ♖xf7 ♖e4 27. ♖g7+ ♗f8 28. ♗d4+ ♜f5 29. ♖xf5 mate

QGD Semi-Slav

LM Viktors Pupols (2216)
Steve Fabian (1682)

Seattle, City Championship (1) 2006

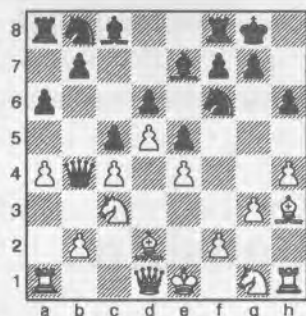
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Czech Benoni

LM Viktors Pupols (2203)
H. G. Pitre (1848)

Seattle, City Championship (4) 2006

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4. ♘c3 d6 5.e4 ♗e7 6.g3 O-O 7.h4 a6 8.a4 h6 9. ♗h3 ♜a5 10. ♗d2 ♜b4 11.a5



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Slav Exchange

Blake Salisbury (2065)
LM Viktors Pupols (2203)

Seattle, City Championship (5) 2006

1.d4 c5 2.c3 cxd4 3.cxd4 d5 4. ♘c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♘f6 6. ♗f4 ♗f5 7.e3 e6 8. ♜b3 ♗b4 9. ♗b5 O-O 10.O-O ♗xc3 11.bxc3 ♗a5 12. ♜b4 a6 13. ♗e2 ♗e4 14. ♖fc1

Northwest Chess

♖c8 15.a4 g5 16. ♗g3 f6 17.c4 dxc4 18. ♗xc4 ♗xc4 19. ♖xc4 ♖xc4 20. ♜xc4 ♗xg3 21.hxg3 ♜c8 22. ♖c1 ♜xc4 23. ♖xc4 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25. ♖b4 ♗d3 26. ♗e1 ♗c4 27. ♗c2 ♖a8 28. ♖b2 ♗f7 29.f3 ♗e7 30. ♗f2 ♗d6 31. ♗e1 h5 32. ♗d2 ♗f1 33. ♗e1 ♖a3 34.e4 g4 35. ♖c2 b4 36. ♖b2 b3 37. ♗c3 ♖a1 38. ♗d3 gxf3 39.gxf3 ♗xd3 40. ♗xd3 ♖g1 41. ♖xb3 ♖xg3 42. ♗e3 ♖g1 Draw

The Reserve section of the City Championship was tightly fought, about 40% of the games were drawn. Tacoman Steve Buck coasted through the first four rounds to a one-point lead. In the final round he encountered a roadblock in the person of Nathan Lee. The two shared first-second on 3.5 points. The slew of threes in their wake consisted of August Piper, Eric Holcomb, Eric Thorsen, Carol Kleist, and David Kelly. Kelly took the D prize, while the others shared the C prize.

English

Steve Buck (1769)
Eric Thorsen (1500)

Seattle, City Reserve (2) 2006

1.c4 d6 2.g3 e5 3. ♗g2 f5 4. ♘f3 ♘f6 5.d3 ♗e7 6. ♘c3 c6 7.O-O 8.a3 a5 9. ♖b1 ♗bd7 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 ♗b6 12. ♗e3 e4 13. ♗d4 ♜e8 14. ♜b3 ♗bd7 15. ♗e6 ♗c5 16.bxc5 ♗xe6 17.cxd6 ♗xd6 18.dxe4 ♗g4 19. ♗d4 c5 20. ♗b5 ♗xg3 21.fxg3 cxd4 22. ♗xd4 ♗d7 23. ♗xf5 ♗xf5 24.exf5 ♗e3 25. ♖f2 ♗xg2 26. ♗xg2 ♜c6+ 27. ♗g1 ♖ac8 28. ♜xb7 ♜xc4 29. ♜b3 ♜xb3 30. ♖xb3 ♖fd8 31.e4 h5 32. ♖e3 ♖d1+ 33. ♗g2 ♖cc1 34.e5 1-0

Center-Counter

Nathen Lee (1550)
Eric Thorsen (1500)

Seattle, City Reserve (4) 2006

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♗f6 3. ♘c3 ♗xd5 4. ♗c4 ♗b6 5. ♗b3 ♗f5 6.d4 e6 7. ♗ge2 h6 8. ♗e3 ♗e7 9. ♜d2 ♗c6 10. ♜d1 ♜d7 11. ♗g3 ♗g6 12. ♗ce4 ♗d5 13. ♗c1 ♗f6 14. ♗xf6+ ♗xf6 15.c3 e5 16.dxe5 ♜xd1+ 17. ♗xd1 ♗xe5 18. ♗h5 ♗d3+ 19. ♗f1 ♗xc1 20. ♗xf6+ gxf6 21. ♖xc1 O-O 22. ♗g4+ ♗b8 23. ♖d1 c5 24. ♗e2 ♗c7 25.f3 a6 26. ♗f2 b5 27.a3 c4 28. ♖he1 ♗c6 29.f4 ♗c5 30. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 31. ♖d1 ♖xd1 32. ♗xd1 ♗f5

33. ♗e3 a5 34. ♗e2 b4 35.axb4+ axb4 36.cxb4+ ♗xb4 37. ♗d4 ♗b3 38. ♗xc4+ ♗xb2 39. ♗xf7 ♗c2 40.h3 ♗d2 41.g4 ♗c8 42. ♗e4 ♗e2 43. ♗d5 ♗f3 44.f5 ♗g3 45. ♗d6 ♗xh3 46. ♗h5 ♗h4 47. ♗e7 ♗g5 48. ♗f7 ♗a6 49. ♗e7 ♗c4 50. ♗f8 ♗e2 51. ♗g7 ♗f3 52. ♗f7 ♗e2 53. ♗e7 ♗f3 54. ♗f7 ♗e2 55. ♗g7 ♗f3 56. ♗f7 ♗e2 57. ♗e7 ♗f3 Draw

French Advance

John Hornickle (1438)
David Kelly (1272)

Seattle, City Reserve (4) 2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♗c6 5. ♗f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♗ge7 7. ♗a3 ♗g6 8. ♗c2 a5 9.O-O ♗e7 10. ♗b5 ♗cxe5 11.a4 ♗xf3+ 12. ♜xf3 ♗xb5 13.axb5 c4 14. ♗a3 b6 15. ♜d1 O-O 16.b3 cxb3 17. ♜xb3 ♖c8 18. ♗d2 ♖e8 19.f4 ♗xa3 20. ♜xa3 ♗e7 21. ♖ae1 ♖c7 22. ♖f3 ♗c8 23. ♜a4 ♗d6 24. ♖c1 ♗e4 25. ♗e1 f5 26.c4 dxc4 27. ♖xc4 ♖xc4 28. ♜xc4 ♜d5 29. ♜a4 ♖d8 30. ♖d3 ♗c5 31.dxc5 ♜xd3 32.c6 ♜d4+ 33. ♜xd4 ♖xd4 34.g3 ♗f8 35. ♗f2 ♖c4 36. ♗xb6 a4 37.c7 a3 38. ♗c5+ ♖xc5 39.b6 a2 40.b7 a1=♜+ 41. ♗g2 ♜b2+ 0-1

English

Steve Buck (1769)
Nathan Lee (1550)

Seattle, City Reserve (5) 2006

1.c4 c5 2. ♘f3 ♗c6 3. ♘c3 ♗f6 4.g3 d6 5. ♗g2 e6 6.O-O ♗e7 7.d4 cxd4 8. ♗xd4 ♗d7 9.b3 a6 10. ♗b2 O-O 11. ♜d2 ♜c7 12. ♖fd1 ♖ab8 13. ♖ac1 ♖fd8 14.e4 ♗xd4 15. ♜xd4 ♜c5 16. ♜xc5 dxc5 17.e5 ♗e8 18. ♗e4 ♗c6 19. ♗a3 b6 20. ♗b2 ♖bc8 21. ♗d6 ♗xd6 22.exd6 ♖xd6 23. ♖xd6 ♗xd6 24. ♖d1 ♗e7 25. ♗xc6 ♖xc6 26. ♖d7 ♗f8 27. ♗e5 f6 28. ♗c7 h6 29.a4 a5 30. ♗b8 h5 31. ♖b7 ♗d6 32. ♗g2 ♗h7 33.h4 ♗g6 34.f4 ♗xb8 35. ♖xb8 ♗f5 36. ♖d8 g6 37. ♗f3 e5 38. ♖d5 ♖e6 39.fxe5 fxe5 40. ♗e3 ♗g4 41. ♗e4 ♗xg3 42. ♖d3+ ♗xh4 43. ♗d5 ♖e8 44. ♗c6 g5 45. ♗xb6 g4 46. ♗xc5 g3 47. ♗b6 g2 48. ♖d1 ♗h3 49.c5 ♗h2 50.c6 g1=♜+ 51. ♖xg1 ♗xg1 52. ♗xa5 h4 53. ♗b6 h3 0-1 ■

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OR and WA State
Championships

American Chess Bulletin, June-December 1904, Volume 1

A monthly record of the News and Games of National and International Importance edited and published by Hartwig Cassel and Hermann Helms.

Reprint by Publishing House Moravian Chess, Czech Republic.

by Russell (Rusty) Miller

My interest in chess history caused me to purchase this book. The *American Chess Bulletin*, which was to run until 1963, got started because of the International Masters' Tournament, won by Frank J. Marshall, held at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, in 1904. Volume 1, Number 1 is 40 pages and is all about the Cambridge Springs event. First, each of Marshall's fifteen games, all with a few notes by him, appear. The notation is, of course, the old kind, descriptive (R-Q7 QR-Kt, PxP, K-R). All 120 games played in Cambridge Springs are in this first issue of the magazine, though the rounds are not in order and only Marshall's are annotated. Also included is a one-page summary of Marshall's career plus much information about

people who helped make the Cambridge Springs event happen. Even the names and towns of the people who brought the sets, boards and clocks used in the tournament are available.

The whole book is 148 pages long and the reproduction is not the best. Some of the diagrams are small and unreadable, as is some of the print. The following headings that I have made will give one an idea of what is in the volume: Game Scores (from Cambridge Springs, Chicago vs Twin Cities, City of London CC, Coburg, Hastings, Manhattan vs Franklin, Rice Gambit, St. Louis Chess Congress, Sylvan Beach, Western Chess Tourney), Tabulated Tourney Scores, Portraits and Groups (some of these are clear; some are not), Matches and Tournaments, Miscellaneous [such as Chess

Club Directory (nothing in Washington or Oregon listed) a poem, Chess in San Francisco, obituary (only one and no names given or any information for that matter other than being the fathers of Marshall and Showalter), publishers announcements on 6 pages and much more], Problems and End Games.

Quite interesting that there are ads for a Steamship Line, a hotel, a New York City Café, and a cigar company. The American Chess Company was selling chessmen and boards plus a few chess books—*Morgan's Chess Digest*, *Cook's Compendium* and *Happern's Symposium*—in one ad. It would be nice to purchase more volumes, but they are not cheap. And they must be purchased from Europe, as no dealer in the USA stocks them. ■

Oregon Chess Federation

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2006 Oregon High School Championship

March 18th & 19th, 2006

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Contact Jerry Ramey (541) 232-0328; j-adoube@efn.org

Championship: Winner qualifies for the DENKER National Tournament of High School Champions and is declared the Oregon High School Champion. Winner's Cup & Denker Scholarship, 4 Places, U1600, U1400 & U1200 trophies.

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FORMAT: 5 Rds, G/120, (or TD may choose 3 Rds, G/60 & 3 Rds, G/120, or accel. pairing).

FEES: \$25 advance registration, \$30 at site. Checks payable to ChessWays; Mail to: 1626 Willamette St, Eugene OR 97401. USCF and OCF membership required.

REGISTRATION: Sat. 8:30-9:30AM. Play begins at 10:00AM.

The Seattle Chess Club institutes
Monthly Blitz Tournaments

Schedule

Sat., March 11

Sat., April 9

Sun., May 7 (\$10 EF)

Sun., June 11

Sat., July 8

Sat., August 19 (\$10 EF)

Sun., September 17

Sat., October 7

Sat., Nov. 17 (\$10 EF)

Sun., December 10

TC: G/5

Reg.: 11:30a-12:30p

1st Rd: 1:00

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The SCC will set up and maintain a rating system. Initial ratings will be based on USCF ratings.

Format: 12-24 games Holland System (Preliminary & Final Round-Robins); if fewer than 12 players, then 2xRR with prizes for 1st and bottom half

Example 1: 30 players → three 10-player RRs → top 4 from each to 12-player Final A RR, next 3 from each to 9-player Final B RR, and bottom 3 from each to 9-player Final C RR

Example 2: 12 players → two 6-player 2xRRs → top 2 from each to 4-player Final A 2xRR, next 2 from each to 4-player Final B 2xRR, and bottom 2 from each to 4-player Final C 2xRR

Prize Fund and Prizes: at least 80% of total EFs minus \$15; token prizes to winners of preliminary RRs, 40-50% of prize fund to winner of Final A, 20-30% to winner of Final B, 10-20% to winner of Final C

Example 1: 30 players @ \$5 → \$150 → \$6 to winner of each preliminary RR, \$50 to winner of Final A, \$25 to winner of Final B, \$15 to winner of Final C

Example 2: 12 players @ \$5 → \$60 → \$4 to winner of each preliminary RR, \$18 to winner of Final A, \$8 to winner of Final B, \$6 to winner of Final C

Entry Fees: \$5 (March, April, June, July, September, October, December) or \$10 (May, August, November); those who are not members of the SCC must pay an additional \$1 tournament-membership fee

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Seahawks Lose Super Bowl, Gain Standing in Chess Community

Like several other well-known running backs, including Jim Brown, Barry Sanders, Priest Holmes, and Curtis Martin, the Seahawks' Shaun Alexander sacrifices to Caïssa. "I just love what chess is all about. To me, it is just a great strategy game," he explained to *N.Y. Times* reporter Dylan McClain. To prove his devotion to Caïssa and because he believes that "[p]art of being successful is learning how to think," he donated \$7500 to sponsor an America's Foundation for Chess [AF4C] in-class chess program at Seattle's Madrona Elementary School. As Alexander explained, "When I first learned of this program, I knew this was a unique approach to teaching children important skills that will help them make the right moves in school and in life. I also knew that I wanted to support AF4C in providing this innovative educational tool to the teachers and students in some of our most challenging classrooms."

Sprint Communications, which has supported the Shaun Alexander Foundation since 2001 by providing free wireless equipment and service, sponsored a chess tournament for Madrona's 150 second and third graders, i.e., those in the AF4C First Move program. Held on Monday, January 23, the event featured a first prize of an all-expenses-paid trip for four to Hawaii to see Shaun play in the 2006 Pro Bowl on February 12.



Photo courtesy of America's Foundation for Chess and Sprint

Tournament winner Gerume Malaku (L) takes on Shaun Alexander (R)

Eugene Chess Club Report

By Phil Carson

The Eugene Chess Club meets Thursday nights 7pm at 1626 Willamette Street in Eugene at the Veteran's Club on the second floor in the Chess Ways Studio. Club president is the irrepressible Glenn Romprey. Club telephone number is 541-653-2529.

The club is a casual affair, everybody is on a first name basis, all ages are welcome. Games are unrated. Weekly club ladder games are played for standings in the club. The usual time control is game in sixty minutes. However, do not let the lack of ratings or short time controls fool you into believing that fighting chess isn't available here.

The following game is an example of the play you may find at the Eugene Chess Club. This game was played at the Winter Theo'sCozmic tournament, a game-in-30 format and notation kept until the last five minutes. The winner of the game was the winner of the tournament at a perfect 5-0.

Two Knights' Defense

Jonathan - Phil

Eugene, Winter Theo'sCozmic 2005

Annotations by Phil Carson

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗f6 4.♗g5
d5 5.exd5 ♗a5 6.♗e2?! ♗xd5 7.d4 h6
8.♗e4 exd4 9.O-O ♗c6 10.♞e1 ♗e6
11.♗b5 ♗f6 12.♗bd2 ♗e7 13.♗xf6+
♗xf6 14.♞xe6+!? fxe6 15.♞h5+ ♗e7
16.b3 ♞d5 17.♗a3+ ♗d8 18.♞e2? d3
19.♗xd3 ♗xa1 20.♗c4 ♞e5 21.♞d1
♞d4 22.♞e2 e5 23.♗f3 ♞f4 24.g3 ♞f6
25.♞d3+ ♗c8 1-0 (time)

From the Business Manager:

Northwest Chess could use a few **donations** to help cover expenses, including library subscriptions. Even small donations are helpful. Donations of \$15 or more to the "knighthood" will be listed in the magazine for a period of one year after the donation is received.

Peter Petrovich Lapiken

1907-1983

By Russell (Rusty) Miller (Chelan, WA), Tom Kalaris, IM John Donaldson (Berkeley, CA), and back issues of *Northwest Chess* and its predecessor *The Washington Chess Letter*, and with editorial assistance and game analysis by Mike Murray (Port Townsend, WA). U.S. Open information from Jack O'Keefe.

Dr. Peter Petrovich Lapiken was a strong chess player who lived in the Northwest from 1958 until 1972, and quite likely the strongest player ever to reside for any length of time in the state of Montana. He was born in Riga, Latvia, on July 7, 1907, of Russian parents. His father was a Russian Orthodox priest and he had two older siblings, Nicholas and Irene.

The family moved from Latvia to the far eastern Russia in 1915 and then to Harbin, China, in 1916, where Lapiken's father found a position as a priest servicing the city's large Russian population. It was there that Lapiken was educated and in 1931 graduated from the Harbin Institute of Oriental and Commercial Sciences. He worked as a detective for the French police, he being fluent in Russian, Chinese (Mandarin), and French. In 1935, he left with most Europeans and moved to Shanghai until 1939 when he emigrated to the U.S. He played in the Washington State Championship in 1939 and the Mechanics' Institute Championship in 1940. He was attending school at U.C. Berkeley when the war started.

During the war, Lapiken eventually ended up in Army Intelligence where he worked as a translator. He returned to Berkeley and completed his PhD in Slavic languages in 1949. He taught for several years at UCLA, then left to take a position teaching Russian and French at the University of Montana in Missoula. He spent summers and his retirement in San Francisco.

Lapiken never married. He also did not play serious chess except in the summers when he wasn't teaching. He played in numerous U.S. Opens in the 1950s and

60s. His results tended to decline after about 1962, probably, in part, due to the lack of serious competition in Montana, perhaps partly due to age. He was perhaps best known for his performance at the U.S. Open in Long Beach in 1955 where he narrowly missed beating Sammy Reshevsky (the game was drawn) and drew with the event's winner GM Nicolas Rossolimo.

A man of many talents, Lapiken was a master at bridge as well as chess. He was also a concert level classical violinist who knew an amazing number of scores by heart. Dr. Lapiken was the consummate gentleman. We've come across many stories where he displayed his courtesy, professionalism, and sportsmanship. At social occasions, Lapiken was often the life of the party, reciting from memory many poems, witty lyrics, etc., from a variety of authors and historic periods.

In the somewhat less cultured venue of the chess club in the back of Hansen's Famous Ice Cream in Missoula, Murray remembers Lapiken chuckling while reciting the limerick:

There once was a lass from Madras
Who had a magnificent ass
Not like you think,
Soft, round and pink
With four legs and long ears and ate grass

National and International Results

Some of Lapiken's results that we have been able to find:

1930's Twice (two years running) chess champion of Manchuria, China.

1939 According to Hugh Enochson who won the event, Peter played in the 1939 Washington State Championship.

1953 California Open tied for 1-2, out of ~ 80 players; brilliancy prize

Hollywood Club Championship 6th/18

Herman Steiner Masters Tournament, 5th/12

1954 2nd Pan-American Chess Congress, 8-9 out of ~ 80 players, behind Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans, Nicolas Rossolimo, Herman Steiner, James Sherwin, & Isaac Kashdan.

California Open, 7th place

1955 California Open, 4-8th out of ~ 100 players

US Open Long Beach Tied 52-70 score 6.5/12 drew with Reshevsky and Rossolimo

1956 U.S. Open Oklahoma City tied 34-44 score 6.5/12

1958 U.S. Open (Rochester) 25th tied 16-32 with 7.5/12

1959 U.S. Open Omaha tied 44-58th score 6.5/12

1960 U.S. Open St. Louis tied 23-38 score 7.5/12

1961 U.S. Open San Francisco, Lapiken is 13th on the crosstable, scoring 8/12 with 150 players

1962 U.S. Open San Antonio tied 12-19, scoring 8/1

1963 U.S. Open Chicago, score 9/13

1964 U.S. Open Boston

1968 U.S. Open Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado

1969 U.S. Open Lincoln, Nebraska

1973 U.S. Open Chicago

Lapiken in the Northwest

For many years, the Northwest maintained its own rating system. It generally used the same formulas to compute ratings as did the USCF, but rated many

events not covered by the national body. Regional events, including those sponsored by non-affiliated organizations, were usually rated. National events (e.g., the 1966 U.S. Open in Seattle) were sometimes rated if they had a strong Northwest connection. Northwest ratings tended to roughly reflect USCF ratings, but since they covered a different set of events and were more current, they were rarely identical, and a rated "Master" in one system could be an "Expert" in the other.

1958

Lapiken's Northwest rating in June, 1958, *Washington Chess Letter (WCL)* was 2015. That rating reflected his win of the Inland Empire Open, held April 19-20 in Spokane, by a score of 5.5/6 over twenty-six other players. He beat Egen Jaensah, drew Gordon Cornelius, beat George Priebe, F. H. Weaver of Seattle, Dr. David Groenig and Dr. Griffith Parker, all of whom, save Weaver, were from Spokane. The only player on the crosstable that is recognized as still active in tournament play is Pat Hickey of Seattle.

Lapiken's August rating was 2127 NW. The change stems probably from his first place win on tie-break of the eighteen player Idaho Open. Equaling his 4-1 score were Viesturs Seglins and Jim McCormick both of Seattle. Lapiken beat Dr. Groenig again, defeated Harold Hughart of Albany, OR, Viktors Pupols of Seattle, drew Ben Greenwald of Salt Lake City, UT, and drew with Seglins. He also won the twelve-player Montana Open at 5-0. The crosstable supplied by Bill Lynch records that Lapiken beat Theo. Stalmach, H. Wendel, H. L. Meury, Adam Smith (who finished 2nd) and James Sheirrie. There were 22 players in other sections in the event held May 3-4 at Great Falls, the 23rd time the event was held.

1959

The February rating for him is 2194 NW. The December *WCL* reports on the first Northwest States Open held in Missoula, Montana, on November 26-29. Richard Schultz of Seattle won 6-0. Lapiken placed eighth on tie-break at 3.5. He beat Ralph Hansen of Missoula, beat Buz Eddy of Seattle, drew James McCormick of Seattle, beat John Barto of Great Falls, lost to second place fin-

isher Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle, and to Herman Hesse of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who finished third. Lapiken won the 1959 Montana Open.

1960

The April, 1960, NW Rating list has Lapiken listed simply as a "Master" with no number rating. He was USCF rated 2144 in the December 20, 1960 issue of *Chess Life*.

1961

The January issue of *WCL* sees Lapiken, spelled "Lapikan," rated 2168. It was not possible determine what event caused this drop. Possibly, it might have been an Idaho or Montana event that the rating director received but which did not appear as news in the *WCL*.

The September *WCL* reports on 1961 U.S. Open held in San Francisco. The story follows the adventures of NW players, including Lapiken. He lost to Pal Benko in round four, Robert Byrne in round six, Arthur Bisguier in round eleven, and Zoltan Kovacs in round twelve, finishing with 8-4, along with Ivars Dalbergs of Portland and Jim McCormick of Seattle.

The November *WCL* reports Dr. Lapiken placed second with 4-1 in the Montana Open in Helena, Montana, on May 5-6. Forty-six players, in three sections, participated. Ellak Papp took first at 4.5. The crosstable supplied by Bill Lynch does not list first names or home towns as later tables do, but we learn that Lapiken beat Merierding, Smith, drew Albert and Berkoff, then beat Roney.

1962

The May *WCL* reports on the 27th Montana State Championship held at Butte, Montana, April 28-29. Lapiken topped the 4-1 score group on tiebreak, but took third behind Don E. Devere of Helena and Peter Irwin of Missoula who scored 4.5. Lapiken drew with both winners. More information from crosstable supplied by Bill Lynch was Lapiken beat Ellak Papp of Billings, James Sheire of Butte and Wally Albert of Missoula. There were twenty-four players in the top section and twenty-two in the "B" event. In the July *WCL*, Lapiken (again spelled "Lapikan") appeared with a NW rating of 2164.

The September *Chess Life* has the crosstable for the U.S. Open held August 13-25 in San Antonio, TX. Lapiken finished with 8-4, good for 17th place in the field of 144. He beat A. Goddard, lost to C. Lidalgo, beat T. Jenkins, drew USCF Secretary Marshall Rohland of WI, lost to K. Castle, beat A. M. Gardner, beat V. Radaikin of CA, beat G. Kane, beat T. Lux, lost to the tournament winner, IM Antonia Medina (10-2) of Caracas, Venezuela, drew J. Sullivan, and beat F. Street. The write up on the story says Lapiken was a Master. The game against Medina reached a Rook-vs.-Rook-and-Bishop endgame at the expiration of the first time control. Medina eventually won after nine hours of play. Lapiken's USCF rating was 2167 in December, which reflects his US Open result and we don't know what else.

1963

The May *WCL* reports on 28th Annual Montana Open won by Dr. Peter Lapiken 5-0 over thirteen other players in the top section. He beat R.G. Turner of Kalispell, J.B. Spaulding of Helena, Ellak Papp of Billings, John Barto of Great Falls and Dr. Adam Smith of Butte as listed on the crosstable supplied to this report by Bill Lynch. Twenty-two players took part in the B Section in the event held April 27-28 at Kalispell.

September's *WCL* reports on NW players in 1963 U.S. Open held in Chicago, August 11-23, at the Hotel Belmont. The November *Chess Life* has the crosstable. Lapiken lost in the only upset in round one to David Edwards. He beat Robert Franklin, Donn Rogosin, Ben Carter of Berkeley, CA, and Harold Stanbridge. He drew in rounds six and seven with Edward Formanek of Berwyn, IL, and with Gordon Dunham of Chicago. He then lost to George Berry, beat John J. Pyne, beat Arthur Spiller of CA, drew with Milan Momic, who drew eight games and lost none in the event, of Leighton, AL, beat Roy Mallet and ended with a draw against GM Arthur Bisguier to finish with 9-4, tied for 11-18th place, the same score as future GM Duncan Suttles. Jim McCormick scored the best of the NW players at 9.5 (drawing with GM Lombardy in the last round). Russell Miller played in the 1963 U.S. Open and might have met Lapiken there. He does

Endgame Maestro from Vancouver

by IM Eric Tangborn

Peter Biyiasas dominated Northwest tournaments in the 1970s. He also held his own against the world's elite players in international tournaments at this time. He could play the endgame like the very best. Ironically, he shares a birthday with Capablanca. In the following game, it's hard to find Black's decisive mistake.

B02

GM Peter Biyiasas
Moshe Khatena

Pasadena, U.S. Open 1983

Annotations by IM Eric Tangborn

1.e4 d5 2.d3

Peter often played quiet openings to get out of the books.

2...e5 3.f4 exf4 4.xf4 d5 5.e5 d7 6.f3 e7 7.d4 O-O 8.d3 f6 9.O-O fxe5 10.xe5 dxe5 11.xe5 xe7 12.xf1 g6 13.c3 c6 14.g3 d6 15.f3 xg3 16.xg3 f6+ 17.f2

White plays into the endgame, knowing he will have a lasting advantage.

17...xf2+ 18.xf2 g4 19.d2 f8+ 20.g3 f5 21.b5

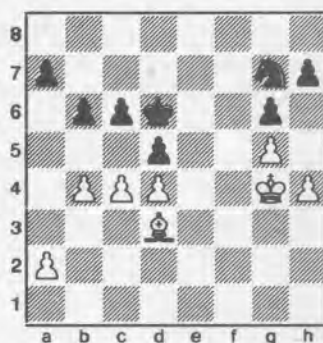
White's advantage lies in his better Bishop.

21...e7 22.e1 f7 23.e8 g7 24.a4 c6 25.d1 d7 26.f3 f5+

27.f2 e7 28.xe7 xe7 29.e3 g4 30.f4 xf3 31.xf3 f7 32.e5 f5 33.g4 h4 34.e2 e7 35.f4 f6 36.g5+ e7 37.f1 f5 38.d3 g7 39.e5 e6 40.h4 f8 41.e2 d7+ 42.f4 d6 43.g4 f8 44.e2 e6+ 45.g4 g7 46.d3 e6 47.c4

White wants to open up the position for his Bishop.

47...b6 48.b4 d6?!



Black should have tried 48...dxc4 49.xc4+ e7 50.g8 e6 51.xh7 f7 52.h5 gxh5+ 53.xh5 g7 54.e4 xd4, although this is better for White.

49.c5+ bxc5 50.bxc5+ e6

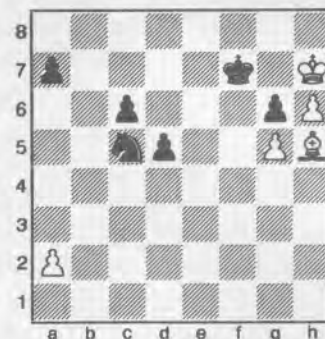
Now Black has a weakness on the Queenside as well as the Kingside.

51.f4 h5+ 52.f3 g7 53.g4 h5 54.f1 g7 55.h3 e7 56.f4 e6+ 57.e5 d8 58.f1 f7+

59.f4 d8 60.d3 e6+ 61.e5 g7 62.c2 h5 63.d1 g3 64.a4 d7 65.f6

White had to see his 71st move before playing this.

65...f5 66.h5 xd4 67.h6 e6 68.d1 xc5 69.g7 e7 70.xh7 f7 71.h5!



The key move—alternatives lose!

71...e6 72.xg6+ f8 73.f5 xg5+ 74.g6 f7 75.h7 e7

Giving up the g7-square loses outright, although Black would not have an easy time after 75...d4 76.f6 c5 77.d3.

76.g7

Now White will use Zugzwang to win.

76...c5 77.g6 h8 78.xh8 f8 79.f5 c4 80.e6 c3 81.f5 f7 82.d3 a5 83.c2 d4 84.b1 a4 85.c2 a3 86.d3 f8 87.g6! 1-0

Good books to study to get better at the endgame: *Capablanca's Best Chess Endings* by Chernov and *Rook Endings* by Mednis. ■

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not remember for sure, but thinks they did meet somewhere in his chess playing days. Lapiken's NW rating in September was 2195.

1964

The May WCL covers the 29th Montana Open won by Ted Brown of Missoula (who won the Class B section in 1963) at 4.5/5. Lapiken was second, topping the 4-1 score group on tiebreak. He lost to Brown in round three and beat Jack Fitts of Great Falls, Wasyl Jarosz of

Bozeman, Hector Gonzales of Great Falls and Mike Murray of Missoula. The top section had twenty-two players, with 62 players in the whole event. Dick Vandenburg, editor of the *Idaho Chess Bulletin* described Lapiken in the March/April issue, supplied by Bill Lynch, as "one of the top players in the country, and [he] holds a USCF master's rating. Lapiken seems to slack off a little playing in local tournaments, which is easy to do when rating and reputation are not at stake." Lapiken was elected President of the MCA for the next year at the annual

meeting held during the event. Other information from crosstable supplied to compilers by Bill Lynch.

The April NW rating for Lapiken (this time spelled "Laplkan") was 2173. Lapiken played in 1964 U.S. Open in Boston, Massachusetts. ■

This article is a work in progress. I've used version 23. The years 1965-1983 as well as a number of games, including draws with Reshevsky and Rossolimo as well as a loss to Fischer will appear in up coming issues.—the editor

Holler's Chess Column

by Robert Holler

Any of you readers ever tried online correspondence chess? A few people told me they tend not to play correspondence chess, because it takes so long to complete just one game in the mail. The Internet is a better way to play correspondence chess, if you don't like the wait for 'snail mail.' I play correspondence chess on the Internet Chess Club (ICC). It is a great way to spend time working on positions that you usually don't have enough time to work on in face-to-face chess tournaments and allows you to practice openings before you play them elsewhere. Those are just a couple of the benefits. Even if you don't want to join an Internet chess site, you can always just e-mail another person you know and start a correspondence game that way.

Here are a few of my recent correspondence games from ICC. My opponents' names may be odd but that is what you would expect from online chess. I have seen very few people use their actual names online. Enjoy . . .

This was a solid game from the beginning. The pawns for both sides locked up and the a-file opened.

Benko Gambit

Robert Holler (1928)

ozziejoe (1864)

Internet, ICC Spring Quarter Final 2005

Annotations by Robert Holler

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.♘f3 ♗b7 5.a4 ♖a5+ 6.♗d2 b4 7.♗g5 d6 8.♘bd2 ♘bd7 9.h3 g6 10.e4 ♗g7 11.♗d3 O-O 12.O-O ♖ae8 13.♖e1

Last book move.

13...e5 14.♘b3

Blocks the pawn on b4.

14...♖c7 15.♖d2

White prepares the a5-advance.

15...♗c8 16.a5 ♘h5 17.a6 ♘b8 18.♖a2 f6 19.♗e3 f5

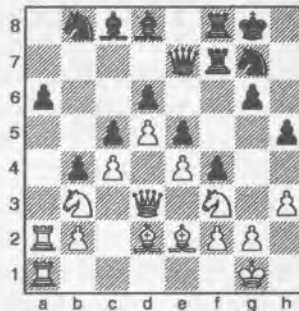
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Attacks the pawn chain. Not 19... ♗xa6 20.♖ea1 ♖b6 21.♖a5, equal.

20.♖c2 f4

Black gains space.

21.♗d2 ♗f6 22.♘a5 ♖f7 23.♗e2 ♘g7 24.♘b7 ♘xa6 25.♘a5 ♘b8 26.♘h2 h5 27.♖d3 ♗d8 28.♖ea1 ♖e7 29.♘f3 ♖ef8 30.♘b3 a6 . . . Draw



After playing for awhile, my opponent offered a draw. I declined his offer, but then offered myself when I didn't see any progress. After further analysis when the game was over, my opponent had a slight edge. I don't think he had anything forcing from the final position.

Here is a short game that was going along just fine until my opponent's 18th, and even worse, 20th move.

Sicilian Dragon

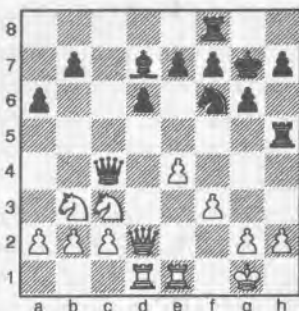
Robert Holler (1928)

Fluid-x (1902)

Internet, ICC Spring Quarter Final 2005

Annotations by Robert Holler

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 d6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗b5 ♗d7 7.♗e3 ♗g7 8.O-O ♘f6 9.f3 O-O 10.♖d2 a6 11.♗c4 ♘a5 12.♗d3 ♖c8 13.♖ad1 ♖c7 14.♖fe1 ♘c4 15.♗xc4 ♖xc4 16.♗h6 ♖c5 17.♗xg7 ♘xg7 18.♘b3 ♖h5



18... ♖cc8 19.e5 dxe5 20. ♖xe5

19.♘d5

19.g4!? ♖h4 20.e5 dxe5 21.♖f2

19...♘xd5 20.exd5 ♘f6?

I am not sure what exactly my opponent was trying to pull off here except a suicidal King march.

21.♖e4 ♖c7 22.♖d4+ ♘f5 23.h4 1-0

This was a long game in which my 25th move had long term punishment along with it. I could've kept the edge, but, as you will see, I tried to get greedy and win a pawn or two.

Sicilian Pelikan

nosalt (2022)

Robert Holler (1928)

Internet, ICC Spring Quarter Final 2005

Annotations by Robert Holler

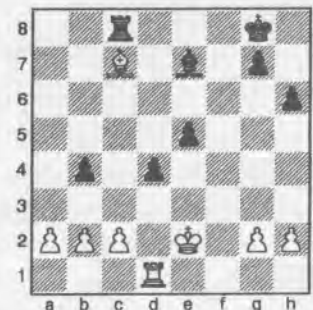
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[19... ♖a8 20.a3=]

20.♗b6

20. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 21.a4 bxa3 22.bxa3 ♖a8=

20... ♖d5 21. ♖xd5 cxd5 22. ♖d1 d4 23.f4 f6 24.fxe5 fxe5 25. ♗c7 ♖c8



25... ♖e8

26.♗xe5 ♖xc2+ 27.♖d2 ♖c5 28.♗xd4 ♖a5 29.b3 g5 30.♘d3 ♖a8 31.♖e2 ♘f7 32.♖f2+ ♘g6 33.g4 ♖d8 34.♘e4 h5 35.h3 ♖c8 36.♘d5 ♖d8+ 37.♘c4 hxg4 38.hxg4 ♖c8+ 39.♘d5 ♖d8+ 40.♘e5 ♖e8 41.♖d2 ♖d8 42.♗e3 ♗f6+ 43.♘e4 ♖e8+ 44.♘f3 ♖a8 45.♖d6 ♘f7 46.♖b6 ♗e7 47.♗d2 ♖xa2 48.♗xb4 ♗xb4 49.♖xb4 ♖b2 50.♘e4 ♖f2 51.♖c4 ♘e6 52.b4 ♖g2 53.♘f3 ♖b2 54.♘e3 ♘e5 55.♘d3 ♖h2 56.♘c3 ♖h3+ 57.♘c2 ♖h1 58.b5 ♘d5 59.♖c3 ♘d4? 60.b6 ♖h7 61.♖b3

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Letters to the Editor

The Ballard Anti-Draw Point System

Mr. Ballard states he is concerned with the prevalence of draws, "particularly in the late rounds, and to White's significant advantage."

First, a draw is as valid a result as a win or a loss. Not all draws are of the so-called Grandmaster variety. Nor are all draws due to lack of effort on the part of the players involved. In My 60 Memorable Games, Bobby Fischer included five draws. Mikhail Botvinnik and Mikhail Tal, among others, included draws in their best games collections.

As for the prevalence of draws in the late rounds of tournaments, could the reason possibly be that players... [with] like scores... would be similar in playing strength? And is it not more difficult to win against a player of equal strength than to draw?

Chess is supposed to be an equal contest between two players. If the burden is put on White to win by allowing him one less point for a win and no points for a draw, the game is no longer equal.

Mr. Ballard goes on to say, "White will need to play aggressively and get into unclear positions." Not necessarily. In 1987 in Seville, Garry Kasparov, one of the most brilliant and resilient fighters in chess history had to win the last game of his match with Anatoly Karpov to retain the title of World Champion. He opened the game with the English, 1.c4. I

can't quote him exactly, but in one interview, he said, "When I pushed the c-pawn forward on the first move, Karpov visibly slumped in his chair, because he realized he was in for a long, hard fight." Here is a direct quote from the Keene, Goodman, and Spanier book on that match (after 3.g3): "The style of combat inevitably introduced by this reticent move forms an immense contrast to the fierce attempted mating attack launched by Karpov when he had to win at all costs in Game 24 from K-K II, Moscow 1985." There are more ways to win a chess game than by direct attack. Mr. Ballard, through his artificial and ill-considered scoring system, would not only destroy the fairness of the present system, but would reduce the wide range of options inherent in the game itself.

Mr. Ballard wants chess to be "lively" with "speculative sacrifices, gambits, all-out attacks, a free-for-all, a SLUGFEST!" Mr. Ballard wants everyone to play in "SLUGFEST!" mode. And to this end, he wants to change the rules so people will be forced into that style of play. Who is Mr. Ballard to say how I or any other player should play? Should not the style of play that one adopts be determined by each player?

Mr. Ballard goes on to say, "For open sections and, certainly, GM events, I advocate using BAP as THE scoring system." What does Mr. Ballard know about Grandmaster chess? Has he ever considered the possibility that, because GMs rely on chess for their livelihoods, they may have a totally different perspective on the game than that of recreational players? And that their perspective may be as valid as his own?

He closes his article by saying, "100% fairness is NOT the goal." Evidently, 0% fairness is. That, and trying to force his, in my opinion, one-dimensional and juvenile concept about how the game should be played on the chess community at large.

Mike Vinyard

February 2006

WA Jr. Closed Story

David Wyde is right, there should have been six players. I tried to get six, but only got four. The reasons this all came about is as follows:

David Hendricks, the WCF Scholastic Director, was to have organized and directed the tournament, but was unable to do so. He did not have the time due to the fact that he coaches a number of school chess teams and organizes and directs other scholastic tournaments as well as tournaments for Microsoft Chess Club.

I offered to do the Washington Junior Closed for him, and he told me to go ahead and do it. This was about December 3rd or 4th. I obtained a list of the highest rated kids in the state and mailed letters to the ones who played in the 2004 Jr. Closed as well as four or five others.

Kevin Binz, Andy May, and Meir Lakhovsky e-mailed me that they could not come. I received those e-mails on December 14th and 15th, two days before the tournament. I did not have time to contact anyone else.

I apologize to you, David, and the other three players for this. I was fighting the clock on this and only had two weeks to set it up. I should have talked to David Hendricks during the Washington Class. I could have approached all of the kids at that time about playing in the Jr. Closed, seeing as they were playing in the Washington Class.

I like David Wyde's idea about having a meeting about scholastic chess. I will be happy to participate in this meeting, if it can be set up.

GARY J. DORFNER

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mailing label and
PLEASE RENEW!!**

Northwest Grand Prix Rules

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1. Event eligibility

- 1.1 Events must be advertised as Grand Prix (GP) events in the magazine *Northwest Chess (NWC)* with at least one paid ad.
- 1.2 Events must have sections available for all players.
 - 1.2.1 Events limited to masters, amateurs, seniors, juniors, women, club members, residents of specific geographical areas, etc., cannot be considered GP events.
- 1.3 Organizers must remit \$1 per entrant to the NWC Business Manager, with a minimum of \$10 per event.
 - 1.3.1 Players used as "fillers" for a single round are not counted, nor will they receive GP points.
 - 1.3.2 Players who never start the event will not be counted.
 - 1.3.3 All players who actually participate in the event are counted, even those from outside the Northwest.
 - 1.3.4 Checks should be made payable to *Northwest Chess*.
 - 1.3.5 Results, or the USCF tournament ID number should be sent by mail or e-mail to the director.
 - 1.3.6 Events for which payment is not received shall not be included in the final Grand Prix calculations.
- 1.4 Events are encouraged to require OCF/WCF membership from all OR/WA players.

2. Player Eligibility

- 2.1 Players eligible for prizes must live in Washington or Oregon.
 - 2.1.1 Determination of residence will be taken from the USCF web site, unless other information is provided to the administrator.
- 2.2 To receive a cash prize, a player must be a current member of the WCF or OCF.
 - 2.2.1 The business manager will check the winners against the membership database and deduct the cost of membership from the prizes of all those currently expired or expiring within the first two months of the following year.
 - 2.2.2 Barring unforeseen circumstances, prizes will be distributed between the January 15th and February 28th of the following year.

3. Prizes

- 3.1 The prize fund will consist of the funds collected from each state and an amount gained through sponsorship
 - 3.1.1 Sponsorship is not required for this program to operate.
 - 3.1.2 Current suggested sponsorship level is \$1000
 - 3.1.3 The sponsor has naming rights for the program, which should incorporate the words "Northwest Grand Prix"
- 3.2 The prize fund shall be divided into separate pools for Oregon and Washington
 - 3.2.1 The sponsorship money shall be divided equally between Oregon and Washington
 - 3.2.2 Funds collected from tournaments shall be designated to the state wherein the event was held, regardless of the states of residence of the participants in the event.
 - 3.2.2.1 Twenty percent of the collected funds will become the fee for the administrator.
 - 3.2.2.2 No sponsorship money will be used for the administrator's fee.
 - 3.2.3 Money within each state's prize pool shall be divided into thirteen prizes.
 - 3.2.3.1 First place in classes Master, Expert, A, B, C, and D-and-Below will receive 10% of the resultant prize fund for each state.
 - 3.2.3.2 Second place in each of the above named classes shall receive 5% of the prize fund for each state.
 - 3.2.3.3 The remaining 10% will be awarded to the class winner with the highest overall point total in each state.
- 3.3 Ratings for class prizes will be monitored throughout the competition year.
 - 3.3.1 The highest official rating throughout the year will be used for the purpose of classification.
 - 3.3.1.1 A player's starting rating will be that of the annual (December) rating supplement from the previous year.
 - 3.3.1.2 Ratings will be verified six times through the year, coinciding with the release of USCF's bi-monthly rating supplements.

3.3.1.2.1 Should the USCF alter the frequency or schedule of the official rating supplements, the GP will change to match the new schedule.

3.3.1.3 During a participation year, player may move up one or more classes through official ratings changes, but will never move down a class until the next program year.

4. Points

4.1 Players in a Grand Prix event shall be awarded points equal to their scores in the event.

4.1.1 This shall include points for full and half-point byes.

4.1.2 Players used as fillers and not counted for fee payment as above will not receive points for any score in the event.

4.2 Players who complete their schedule shall receive a two point bonus.

4.2.1 Players who withdraw or forfeit will not receive the bonus.

4.3 Multipliers will be applied to events with guaranteed prize funds above a set threshold

4.3.1 The current multiplier levels are as follows

4.3.1.1 Events with guaranteed prize funds of less than \$500 will have a multiplier of one.

4.3.1.2 Events with guaranteed prize funds of \$500 to \$999 will have a multiplier of two.

4.3.1.3 Events with guaranteed prize funds between \$1000 and \$1999 will have a multiplier of three.

4.3.1.4 Events with guaranteed prize funds between \$2000 and \$4999 will have a multiplier of four.

4.3.1.5 Events with guaranteed prize funds between \$5000 and \$9999 will have a multiplier of five.

4.3.1.6 Events with guaranteed prize funds between \$10000 and \$19999 will have a multiplier of six.

4.3.1.7 Events with guaranteed prize funds of \$20000 or more will have a multiplier of seven.

4.3.2 Multipliers for events with "based-on" prize funds will be calculated at half of the advertised level.

4.3.3 Multipliers are applied to all the points gained by all players, including those who withdrew or forfeited.

5. Changes

5.1 Any and all changes in the above rules must be accepted by the Northwest Chess Board. ■

2005 Christopher Memorial Northwest Grand Prix Final Standings

Oregon		Washington	
Masters			
1 Prochaska, Peter	51.5	\$97.20	Raptis, Nick 264.0 \$163.28
2 Roua, Radu	37.0	\$48.60	Bragg, David 137.5 \$81.64
3 Zaikov, Oleg	34.0		Collyer, Curt 131.0
4 Haessler, Carl	26.5		Pupols, Viktors 130.0
5 Harmon, Clark	12.5		MacGregor, Mike 109.5
Experts			
1 Salisbury, Blake	75.5	\$97.20	Gale, Geoffrey 279.5 \$326.56
2 Lin, Benjamin	51.5	\$48.60	Bartron, Paul 168.5 \$81.64
3 Brownell, Landon	47.0		Julian, John 166
4 Morris, Michael	45.5		Kalina, Chris 134
5 Daroza, Eduardo	35.0		Sinanan, Joshua 99.5
Class A			
1 Serres, Drew	136.5	\$97.20	Cloy, Elston 127.0 \$163.28
2 Banner, Richard	133.5	\$48.60	Lanka, Adi 112.5 \$81.64
3 Smyth, Scott	128.5		May, Andy 104.5
4 Gay, Patrick	70.0		Cambareri, Mike 100.5
5 Alpernas, Gregori	67.5		Lakic, Vlajko 94.5
Class B			
1 Gay, Daniel	140.5	\$194.40	Buck, Stephen 159.5 \$163.28
2 Becker, Brett	136.5	\$48.60	Wu, Darren 126.5 \$81.64
3 Hann, Anthony	70.5		Hughes, Kamran 122.0
4 Arun, Aditya	63.5		Attwood, Adam 115.5
5 Gagnon, William	63.5		Manber, Devon 95.0
Class C			
1 Terrill, Michael	97.5	\$97.20	Countryman, Z. 144.0 \$163.28
2 Bailey, Taylor	92.0	\$48.60	Wang, Michael 115.0 \$81.64
3 Porter, Nathan	56.5		Etingher, Const. 102.5
4 Midson, Tony	55.0		Piper, August 100.5
5 Kudva, Vikram	47.0		Lee, Nathan 97.5
Class D and Below			
1 Wang, Eddie	47.0	\$97.20	Wu, Darryl 96.0 \$163.28
2 Porter, Joel	41.5	\$48.60	Omori, Jeffrey 85.5 \$81.64
3 Esler, Megan	34.5		Li, William 85.0
4 Yang, Muchen	25.0		Marcjan, Karen 81.5
5 Boonshoft, Aaron	24.5		Apacible, Jennifer 80.5

Washington State Championship Lineup

The 2006 Washington State Championship and Premier round-robins are being on the weekends of February 11-12 and 18-20 in Tacoma at the University of Washington, 210 Dougan Hall (approximately S 17th St. & S Jefferson Ave.). Rounds begin at 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the weekends, and at 1:00 p.m. on President's Day, Monday, February 20.

FM Slava Mikhalluk	Sammamish	2438
FM John Readey	Bellevue	2331
NM Nick Raptis	Vancouver	2330
FM William Schill	Kirkland	2256
NM Nat Koons	Kenmore	2236
NM Harley Greninger	Hoquiam	2228
LM Viktors Pupols	Poulsbo	2200
Matt Fleury	Mountlake Terrace	2133
Ricky Selzler	Bainbridge Island	2049
Adi Lanka	Mercer Island	1932 ■

Bird's Opening

by IM Timothy Taylor
published by Everyman Chess in 2005
pb., 224 pages, \$22.95.

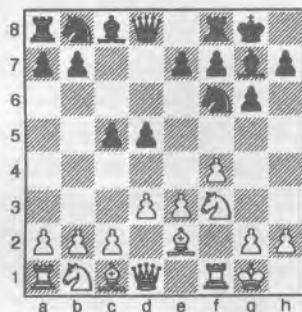
by Robert A. Karch

If the Dutch Defense is a valid opening for Black, then the Bird is even better for White, for he makes the same moves with an extra tempo! Taylor goes on to prove his point through analysis of games and of many typical middlegame and endgame positions.

I found that this opening is quite often played: 22,994 games in my database of over three million games. There is a wide range of Black replies, the most popular being 1...d5 (10,856), 1...d6 (3,466), and 1...e5—the dangerous From's Gambit (3,430).

In the introduction, Taylor gives seven deeply annotated GM games, illustrating what can go wrong and why, good and bad Bishops, placement of the Knights, and, above all, pawn structures. Playing over the games with Taylor's insightful commentaries certainly increased my understanding of this opening.

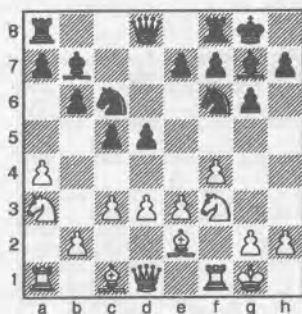
Chapter One deals with the Classical Bird (1.f4 d5 2.d3 g6 3.e3 d7 4.e2 d6 5.O-O O-O 6.d3 c5).



According to IM Taylor, White's main idea is to advance the e-pawn to e4. If White succeeds, the two pawns lined up at e4 and f4 will dominate the center, facilitate attacking chances and secure an

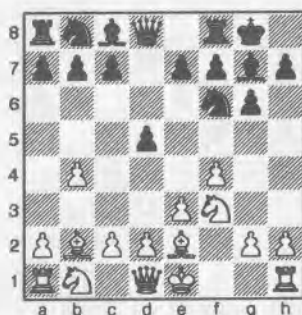
advantage. For example, in the line 7. dxc3 d4 8.dxe4 dxe4 9.dxe4, White has achieved his objective: pawns on e4 and f4.

In another version of the Classical set-up, i.e., 1.f4 b6 2.d3 d6 3.e3 g6 4.e2 g7 5.O-O d6 6.a4! c5 7.d3 d6 8.d3 O-O 9.c3 d5,



White plays for queenside pressure before embarking on a kingside attack, reaching a well-known Classical Dutch position in reverse, with an extra tempo in hand!

The second major chapter is entitled "White's Queenside Fianchetto." Most of it deals with b2-b3 positions, but the enterprising Bird/Orangutan, 1.f4 d6 2.d3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.b4 g7 5.e2 O-O 6.e2,



as played in Larsen-Dely, also appears.

But the exciting chapter you've been waiting for is the "From's Gambit!" IM

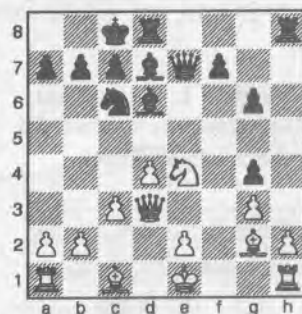
Taylor, a lifelong Bird specialist, states that this highly complex gambit has not been refuted.

1.f4 e5

If you are not in the mood to meet the From, play 2.e4 and transpose into the King's Gambit! That will certainly test Black's knowledge of opening theory!

2.fxg6 3.exd6 dxd6 4.d3 g5 5.g3 g4 6.dh4 de7 7.d4 dg6 8.dxg6 hxg6 9.d3 dc6 10.c3

Black's attacking strategy has been based on a series of one-move threats and, for the prepared player, can be easily met 10...e7 11.g2 d7 12.d2 O-O 13.de4!



Advantage White!

The book includes an index of the 53 complete games as well as an index of the variations. **Highly recommended for the Bird specialist and for those who want to learn the Bird.**

Washington Premier Lineup

The Washington Premier, like the Championship is a ten-player, FIDE-rated round robin. The winner is seeded into next year's Championship. For site information, see the Championship lineup on page 18.

FM David Bragg	Bothell	2206
Mike MacGregor	Tacoma	2195
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Geoffrey Gale	Seattle	2062
Chris Kalina	Shoreline	1973
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Play the Nimzo-Indian

by IM Edward Dearing
published by Everyman Chess in 2005
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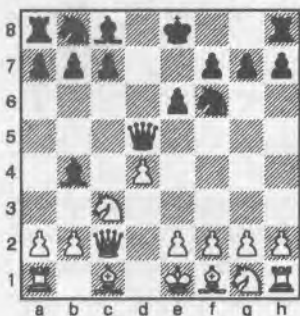
by Robert A. Karch

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 reaches the starting position for everything in this book. The author provides a repertoire for Black against each of White's normal responses.

With or without the exchange on c3, Black retains flexibility to engineer a variety of pawn breaks, each depending on how the game goes. Black aims to set complex problems for White from the beginning!

Chapter 1: Classical, Romanishen variation

4.♖c2 d5 5.cxd5 ♖xd5

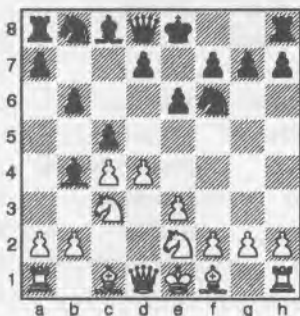


Chapter 2: Classical

White preserves tension with 4.♖c2 d5 5.a3 Play then continues 5...♗xc3+ 6.♖xc3 ♘e4 7.♖c2 c5, providing excellent winning chances with comparatively less risk than lines with 7...♘c6.

Chapter 3: Romanishen-Psakhis

With 4.e3 b6 5.♘ge2 c5 Black sidesteps an early exchange of minor pieces, and thereby maximizes dynamic potential deep into the middlegame.

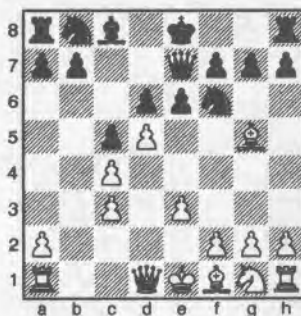


Chapter 4: Romanishen vs. Classical Fianchetto

4.e3 b6 5.♗d3 ♗b7 6.♘f3 O-O 7. O-O d5 reaches a position reminiscent of a Queen's Gambit Declined, Tartakower variation.

Chapter 5: Leningrad

4.♗g5!? c5 5.d5 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 d6 7.e3! ♖e7!

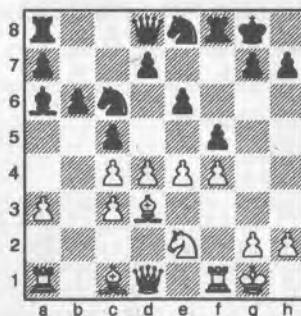


Chapter 6: 4.f3!?

And now the main line is reached via 4...d5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5! ♘xd5.

Chapter 7: Sämisch

After 4.a3 ♗xc3+ 5.bxc3, the author recommends the main line 5...c5 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♗d3 O-O 8.♘e2 b6! 9.e4 ♘e8! 10.O-O ♗a6 11.f4 f5!



Chapter 8: Fianchetto

4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d5 results in a quasi-Catalan in which the Knight is very often misplaced on c3.

Chapter 9: 4.♘f3 O-O

This has the potential to transpose into the Queen's Indian.

Chapter 10: Early Deviations

After 4.♖b3 c5 5.dxc5 ♘c6! Black maintains a flexible pawn structure, immediately giving the middlegame a rather unique flavor.

I enjoyed this well-organized book. Each chapter goes into great detail with many illustrative games, altogether fifty. They are deeply annotated, often including more games in the notes.

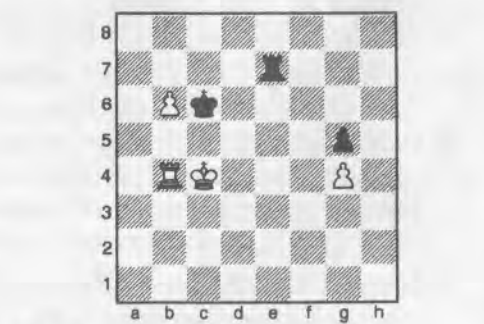
Recommended for the Queen-pawn defender who wants a viable alternative to the popular King's Indian and Slav Defenses. ■

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Holler's Games cont'd from page 15

♗b7 62. ♗b4+ ♖c5 63. ♖c3 ♖c6 64. ♖c4 ♗e7



65.b7?

After all that strong play, and the punishment of an extra pawn, White gives me the draw in a critical position. [65. ♖d4!? ♗f7 66. ♖e3 ♗e7+ 67. ♖f3 ♗f7+ 68. ♖g3]

65... ♗e4+ 66. ♖c3 ♗xb4 67. ♖xb4 ♖xb7 68. ♖b5 ♖c7 69. ♖c5 ♖d8 70. ♖d6 Draw ■

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NW Organizer Grand Prix

by Eric Holcomb

At the *Northwest Chess* meeting in Tacoma on October 26, 2003, board members decided to initiate an "Organizer Grand Prix" to reward chess promoters and organizers who sign up a large number of WCF and OCF members. The rules were a little vague, so I adopted the following scoring system:

Memberships of more than \$10 (adult, full-year junior) count as a full point regardless of whether it's a new membership or a renewal. Family, tournament and 6-month junior memberships count as ½ point. The new 3-month junior memberships (at the WA Class event) count as ¼ point. I suppose tournament memberships should also be only ¼ point, but it wouldn't change the results. Credit goes to the primary club or organization sponsoring the event (where applicable), but I also report below the name of the primary organizer(s)/promoter(s) for each club, who also deserve a great deal of the credit. I do not take credit for memberships/renewals obtained as part of my job as business manager.

The results for the first prize period of October 26, 2003 to January 3, 2005 were reported in February of 2005. The results below are for calendar year 2005 events, with banking account deposits up to January 3, 2006. The WCF is once

again the winner with a whopping 136.5 points. The Portland Chess Club was again the top local club, scoring an impressive 63.5 points. The Seattle Chess Club was the second place local club with 42.0 points. All others were way behind, although all efforts are greatly appreciated. *Northwest Chess* will award the following prizes: Washington Chess Federation and Portland Chess Club – one free \$25 membership each. Seattle Chess Club – one free \$17 junior membership. This is exactly the same as last year. It is up to the individual clubs how to use the awards – last year's WCF prize was used to award a free membership to GM Serper at the WA Open.

Washington Chess Fed'n	WCF board	136.5
Portland CC	K. Dale/G. Alpernas	63.5
Seattle CC	C. & F. Kleist	42.0
OCF/UO/Chessways	J. Ramey	17.0
Tacoma CC	G. Dorfner	15.0
Spokane CC	D. Griffin, K. Korsmo	12.5
GP Prize Fund	R. Miller	7.5
Clatskanie CC	K. Taylor	3.5
Corvallis CC	R. Brownell	2.0
Apropos	K. McNall	1.0
Peninsula CC	R. Reed	1.0

The WCF has set a goal of increasing membership in 2006, and may conduct a membership drive. Let's do an even better job this year than last! As you know, many people don't renew until they play in a tournament, so memberships gathered at events are extremely important. ■

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Seattle WA 98168

Feb. 25, Mar. 18

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.

March 5, 26

SCC Sunday Tornado

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$15 (+\$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. Sorry, no more 1/2-K rating by USCF. NS, NC.

May 6

SCC Novice

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10 by 5/1, \$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.

See our Blitz Ad on page 9 for a new monthly event

Seattle Spring Open

March 31-April 2 or April 1-2

A two-section Swiss (4 rounds – Open, 5 rounds – Reserve) with a time control of 40/2 and SD/1 (two-day Reserve schedule – Round 1, G/64). The prize fund of \$750 is based on 40 paid entries, 5 per prize group.

a Christopher Grand Prix event

Championship		Reserve (U2000)	
First	\$140	First	\$100
Second	\$100	Second	\$70
U2200	\$75	U1800	\$50
U2000	\$40	U1600	\$40
		U1400	\$30
		U1200	\$25
		Unrated	\$15

Plus Score Pool – \$100

Entry Fees: \$32 if rec'd by 3/29, \$40 at site. **Unrated**–Free with purchase of 1-yr USCF & 1-yr 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.**

Registration: **Open**–Sat. 11- noon; **Reserve**–Fri. 7-7:45pm, Sat. 9-9:45am.

Rounds: **Open**–Sat. 12:30-6:45, Sun. 10-4; **Reserve**–Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 10-4.

Byes: 1 in Open, 2 in Reserve (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

Miscellaneous: USCF & WCF membership req'd. No smoking. No computers.

SCC 2006 Weekend Calendar

Novice (3): Feb. 4–16 players, May 6, September 9

Quads (12): 1/21–15 players, Feb. 25, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20, June 10, July 15, Aug. 26, Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9

Tornados (13): Jan. 8–14 players, Feb. 5–5 players, Mar. 5, Mar. 26, Apr. 30, May 21, June 25, July 10, Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Oct. 29, Dec. 3

Chal Cup/Seattle City Ch –
January 13-15–33 players

Seattle Spring Open –
March 31-April 2

Plus-Score Swiss– May 13-14

Emerald City– June 16-18

Seafair Open– July 28-30

Seattle Fall Open– Sept. 22-24

Rain City– November 4-5

Future Events

⌘ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

⌘February 18 PCC Game-in-60⌘

Site: Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219.
Format: 4-rd Swiss. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20, \$5 discount for PCC members. No advance entries. **Prize Fund:** \$\$200/b20. **Prizes:** \$60-40-30, U1800 35, U1500 35. **Reg:** 9-9:30 am. **Byes:** One 1/2-pt. byes avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **Info:** portlandchess-club@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.aboutchess.org.

⌘Feb. 25-26 Dave Collyer Memorial⌘

Site: Room 201, Schoenberg Center, Gonzaga U., N 900 Pearl St, Spokane WA. **Format:** 5-rd Swiss. **TC:** G/120 ("Sleep In" option: rd 1—G/60, noon). **EF:** \$27 if rec'd by 2/24, \$33 at site; u19—\$5 less. Telephone entries accepted. **Prize Fund:** \$1600 gtd. Class prizes b/5; classes may be reconfigured if less than 5. **Prizes:** \$325-200-125, X 100, A 100-75, B 100-75, C 100-75, D/E/unrated 100-75, Biggest Upsets 100-50 (non-prov. rts). **Reg:** Sat 8:30-9:30. All plyrs w/o a first-round bye, ex. those playing in the "Sleep-In" section, must check in by 9:30. Late arrivals might not be paired in rd 1. Mandatory plyr mtg at 9:45. **Rds:** 10 (or 12)-2:30-7, 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. **Side Events:** Feb 24—IM John Donaldson Simul (6:45 p.m.) & Talk (6:00 p.m.) at Aunties Bookstore (W 402 Main Ave, Spokane WA).

Misc: Director reserves right to use class pairings in final rd. Coffee and cookies provided. NS. NC. W. **Entries:** Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo, N 9923 Moore, Spokane WA 99208-9339. **Info:** 509-466-0530 eve. or wknds; 509-477-2871 days. www.spokane-chessclub.com.

⌘March 11-12 Jefferson State Open⌘

Site: VFW Pioneer-Pacific (across from high school), Brookings OR. **Format:** 5-rd Swiss. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$30 by 3/7, \$35 at site. **Prize Fund:** \$\$900 b/30 (100% payout!). **Prizes:** \$150-100, X 95-50, A 95-50, B 85-40, C 85-40, D & Under 50-25, Unr 35. **Reg:** 8-9 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-2-6:30, Sun 9-2. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. **Ent/Info:** Jeff Holmes, 17350 Holmes Dr, Brookings OR 97415, 541-469-3067.

⌘March 11-12 Northwest Open⌘

Site: Tacoma CC, DTI Soccer Store Bldg, 409 Puyallup Ave E, room 11 (2nd floor), Tacoma WA. **Format:** 5-rd Swiss. **TC:** 40/90, SD/60. **EF:** \$25 adv, \$35 at site; jrs \$20 adv, \$25 at site; economy (no prize money) \$10, free for UNR; UNR may play for 1st w/regular EF. **Prize Fund:** 67% of full EFs. **Prizes:** 25%, U2000 (3 equal gpts) 15%, 14%, 13%. Econ: certificate + free econ entry to future event. **Reg:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds:** Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 10-3 (or ASAP). **Byes:** Two 1/2-pt byes avail if declared in adv. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. Books For sale. NS. NC. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445. Make checks payable to TCC. ggarychess@aol.com, 253-535-2536, 253-627-3731, www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com

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February 2006

20 Chess Odyssey Girls Only Pentathlon	CANCELLED Pete 504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Hillsboro OR
24-25 WA High School State Team Ch	Kirk Wings kwings@comcast.net http://whsca.org	Issaquah WA
24-25 OR High School State Team Ch	Mike mwolfe@lane.k12.or.us http://ohscta.tripod.com	Cottage Grove OR
25 Cornerstone Chall. (K,1-3,4-6,7-8,9-12, parents)	Norm May 360-256-4397 nmay@pacifier.com	Vancouver WA
25 Washington Hoyt PTA Tmt (K-3,4-6)	wahoytchess@hotmail.com	Tacoma WA

March 2006

3-4 Chess for Success State Ch (K-12)	Julie 503-520-8960 julie@chessforsuccess. www.chessforsuccess.org	Portland OR
4 WA MS/JHS State Team Championship	Kirk Wings kwings@comcast.net http://whsca.org	Mercer Island WA
4 Bear Creek School Tmt (K,1-3,4-6)	Lisa Dineen ldineen@tbscs.org	Redmond WA
4 Sammamish Spring Tmt (K-6)	Gregg 425-221-5886 mephibosheth@comcast.net www.chess4life.com	Sammamish WA
4 Battle Ground Spring (K-1,2-3,4-5,6-7,8-12)	Tracey Hughes hughes86@juno.com	Battle Ground WA
11 ⌘ Cooper Mtn/Whitford Sch (K-12)	Kudva president@oscf.org www.cmchessclub.org	Beaverton 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
18 ⌘ Leapin' Leprechauns	katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
18-19 Oregon Chess Federation HS Ch	Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoube@efn.org	Eugene OR
21-23 Chess Odyssey Spring Break Camp	Pete 504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Beaverton OR
25 Spring Scholastic (K-3,4-6,7-12)	John Palm http://whsca.org/TASpring.pdf	Vancouver WA
25 Chessmates Fest	chessmates@earthlink.net www.chessmates.org	Seattle WA
27 Chess Odyssey Clubs Spring Term begins	Pete 504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com	Portland OR area

April 2006

1 OSCF Tournament (K-12)	oscf@oscf.org www.oscf.org	TBA
1 Tournament of Champions	www.chessplayer.com/stars.htm chess64@comcast.net	Seattle WA
1 Premier Scholastic (2-6)	www.chessplayer.com/stars.htm chess64@comcast.net	Seattle WA
8 Washington Elementary Championships	www.chesschampions.org	Kennewick WA
15 ⌘ Eugene Spring Fling (K-12)	Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoube@efn.org www.chessways.com	Eugene OR

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USCF NATIONAL Scholastics

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April 7-9	National Junior High (K-9) Championship	Louisville KY
April 21-23	National High School (K-12) Championship	Milwaukee WI
May 12-14	National Elementary (K-6) Championship	Denver CO

Open Events

February 2006

Feb 16	Spokane CC Winter Ch (rd 5)	509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
17,24	Pierce County Chess League	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
18-19	Oregon Championship (rds 6-9)	Clark Harmon charmon@solarprism.com	McMinnville OR
18-20	WA Championship & Premier (rds 5-9)	H.G. Pitre hgpitre@comcast.net www.nwchess.com	Tacoma WA
Feb 18	PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
18	♠ Diva Caissa Classic	katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
Feb 25	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Feb 25-26	Collyer Memorial	Kevin Korsmo kmkorsom@comcast.net www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA

March 2006

3	SCC G/15 Championship	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
3,10	Pierce County Chess League	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
Feb 5	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
7	PCC Tuesday Quads begins	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
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24,31	TCC Gambit Tournament	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
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7,14,21,28	Pierce County Champ (Rds 1-4)	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
Feb 8	TCC Game-in-60 #2	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
7-9	Reno-Far West Open VI	Jerry Weikel 775-747-1405 wackyyl@aol.com www.renochess.org	Reno NV
Feb 15	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Feb 22-23	Daffodil Open	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
Feb 29	♠ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
Feb 30	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA

May 2006

2	PCC Tuesday Quads begins	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
5,12	Pierce County Champ (Rds 5-6)	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
6	SCC Novice	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Feb 6-7	Pierce County Open	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
Feb 13-14	Plus Score Swiss	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
19-22	Paul Keres Memorial	604-221-7148 swright2@telus.net www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/Keres_2006.html	Vancouver BC
Feb 20	♠ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
Feb 20	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Feb 21	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Feb 27-29	Washington Open	H.G. Pitre hgpitre@comcast.net www.nwchess.com	TBA

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2,9	TCC Gambit Tournament	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
Feb 3	TCC Game-in-60 #3	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
6	PCC Tuesday Quads begins	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
Feb 10	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
Feb 16-18	Emerald City Open	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
23,30	TCC Action Tournament	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
Feb 25	♠ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
Feb 25	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA

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Scholastic Events

February 2006

18	NSC Scholastic Open (K,K-3,4-6)	Elena Donaldson chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/NSC_reg.htm	Shoreline WA
18	♠ St Valentines Tnmt (rated, K-12)	Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoube@efn.org	Eugene OR
18	Groundhog Gambit (K-3,4-6,7-12)	Chris Copeland chess@SGS.org	Spokane WA
18	Brian Essman Memorial (6-9,9-12)	Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Puyallup WA
18	♠ Diva Caissa Classic	katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
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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