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Greetings from the Editor

It's almost time for the Washington Open and for one of but few times in recent years, I'll not be directing. Instead, I'll be going to a wedding in Missouri. So, have a good time at the Open and its many side-events.



*Editor's
Desk*

If you've been thinking of contributing something to *NWC*, but aren't sure what, how about a problem (composition)? I'm currently sitting on a couple. Or a cartoon. How about a bio of your favorite local player? Almost anything chess-related is a candidate for submission.

Best Wishes,
Frederick K. Kleist

Thanks to R. Miller for working on the crosstables.
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Scholastic News

Louisville, KY

The Odle Middle School chess team won first place in the K-8 Championship division of the United States Chess Federation's **National Junior High (K-9) Championship** held recently in Louisville, Kentucky. This annual event brings together the highest-ranked junior high chess players from around the country to compete in various divisions. A total of 1,123 students from 38 states in 354 teams competed in the tournament from April 7-9. This is the first National title win for Odle and is also the first time a middle school from Washington State won the first place title in this division.

The Bellevue middle school sent a team of five players and the team won the K-8 Championship division with a score of 19.5 points. Team members include Calvin Chan, Alex Guo, Michael Lee, Jerry Li, and Ernest So. Calvin and Ernest are in 8th grade while Alex, Michael and Jerry are in 6th grade. The team is led by parent volunteer coach Hock San Lee.

Letters to the Editor

Yesterday I received the last issue of the NWC and was pleasantly surprised. In my opinion, it was one of the best issues in recent times and the picture perfect example of a local chess magazine. It had something interesting to read for everyone from a beginner to a GM. Some people could argue that both the discussion on The London System and USCF Crosstables could be found elsewhere on the Internet, and yet those articles let people virtually 'feel' the Northwest chess. Even the Story Behind My New Chess Book, which, strictly speaking, has little to do with chess, was interesting to read (I envy the passion of the author). Also, I can bet many people will enjoy the article about P. Lapiken. And, of course, the games from the Oregon Championship can be very instructive for any USCF 1600-2300 player.

Congratulations and keep up your great work!

Sincerely,
Gregory Serper

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On the Cover: Photo (left to right) - Parent Coach: Hock San Lee, Ernest So, Alex Guo, Michael Lee, Calvin Chan and Jerry Li. *Photo courtesy of Hock San Lee*

Slava Champion Again, 7-2 Ignacio Wins Premier, 8-1

by H. G. Pitre

Round Five

The players are fresh for the battle, having had a week to prepare. Unfortunately for Bill Schill, some major family real estate business transpired during that time. Maybe it has affected him and he loses to Nat Koons. By the way, just before the start of this round, Nat presented me with a very well-prepared challenge of the board and set that Bill was preparing to use. After reading the challenge and the rule book and even using rulers and calipers that he provided, I was able to conclude reasonably, and Nat could see that Schill's set fit within the standards allowed for size and color and contrast of the board and the pieces. Wow!! These guys want to win, or at least have the proverbial "level playing field." Harley Greninger and Slava Mikhailuk keep apace with wins. Matt Fleury uncorks an early and decisive series of blows to Ricky Selzler's King.

In the Premier, Ignacio Perez is held to a draw and Mike MacGregor wins to pull within a half-point of Ignacio. Mark Ryan beats Ben Wyde in a game in which, unfortunately, he played with White when due Black. I observed this error about 25 minutes into the game. I checked the rule book and consulted with one player on the players' committee. The FIDE rules under which we were playing give the arbiter much discretion. I chose not to intervene. Later, I asked Wyde about this. The players all had their pairings for the entire tournament, and I thought they would have made preparations for their opponents knowing the color due. But no, he hadn't looked into it. In the May-Kalina game, I thought Andy had a very promising attacking position, but, a little later, Chris was totally winning. Might be worth looking at it again.

Grüno-Slav

FM John Readey (2331, 2.0)

NM Nick Raptis (2334, 2.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (5) 2006

1. ♘f3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. e3 ♘f6 4. ♘c3 g6 5. d4 ♘g7 6. ♗e2 O-O 7. O-O ♘bd7 8. ♗d2 dxc4 9. ♗xc4 b5 10. ♗b3 a6 11. e4 b4 12. ♘a4 ♘xe4 13. ♗xb4 a5 14. ♗a3 ♘d6 15. ♗e1 ♗e8 16. ♘e5 ♘xe5 17. dxe5 ♘f5 18. ♗f3 ♗c7 19. ♗ac1 ♗xe5 20. ♗xc6 ♗xh2+ 21. ♘h1 ♗f4 22. ♗xf4 ♗xf4 23. ♘b6 ♗b8 24. ♘xc8 ♗exc8 25. ♗xc8+ ♗xc8 26. g4 ♘d4 27. ♗xe7 ♘xb3 28. axb3 ♗d2 29. ♗d1 ♗c2 30. ♗f6 h5 31. ♘g2 ♘h7 32. ♘f3 ♘h6 33. gxf5 gxf5 34. ♗d4 ♘g6 35. ♗g1+ ♘f5 36. ♗h1 ♘g6 37. ♗g1+ ♘f5 38. ♗h1 Draw

Dutch

NM Harley Greninger (2228, 3.0)

LM Viktors Pupols (2200, 1.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (5) 2006

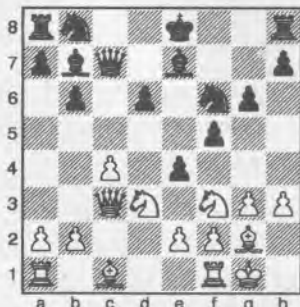
Annotations by LM Viktors Pupols
1. d4 f5 2. g3 ♘f6 3. ♗g2 e6 4. ♘f3 b6 5. ♘e5 c6 6. ♘d2 ♗b7 7. c4

Two rounds later Raptis played the stronger 7. O-O ♗c7 8. e4.

7... ♗c7 8. ♘df3 c5 9. O-O cxd4 10. ♗xd4 d6 11. ♘d3 e5 12. ♗e3 ♘g4

Black can win a piece here: 12... e4, then 13... ♘g4.

13. ♗g5 g6 14. h3 ♗e7 15. ♗d2 ♘f6 16. ♗c3 e4?



But not here! Not only does White have a defense, but it wins flatly.

17. ♘d4 exd3 18. ♘b5 ♗d7

18... ♗d8 19. ♗xb7 ♘bd7 20. ♗xa8 ♗xa8 21. ♘c7+

19. ♗xb7 O-O

19... ♗xb7 20. ♘d6+ ♗xd6 21. ♗xf6 20. ♗xa8 d5 21. exd3 ♘a6 22. ♗xd5+ ♘d5 23. cxd5 ♗xb5 24. ♗c4 ♗xc4 25. dxc4 ♗f6 26. ♗b1 ♘c5 27. ♗d1 ♗c8 28. b3 ♘e4 29. ♗b2 ♗e7 30. f3 ♘xg3 31. d6 ♗h4 32. d7 ♗a8 33. ♗e5 f4 34. ♗c7 ♗d8 35. ♗e1 ♘f7 36. ♗e8 ♗xc7 37. ♗xa8 ♘e7 38. ♗d1 1-0

Sicilian Dragon Yugoslav

NM Nat Koons (2229, 2.5)

FM William Schill (2247, 3.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (5) 2006

Annotations by FM William Schill

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♘xd4 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 ♘c6 6. f3 g6 7. ♗e3 ♗g7 8. ♗d2 O-O 9. ♗c4 ♗d7 10. O-O-O ♗a5

10... ♗b8 NEXT TIME!

11. h4 ♗fc8 12. ♗b3 ♘e5 13. g4 ♘c4

13... ♗c4?! 14. h5? (14. g5! ♘h5 15. f4!±) 14... ♗xd4! 15. ♗xd4 ♘xf3±

14. ♗xc4 ♗xc4 15. ♘b3 ♗a6?!

This scores better than the alternatives. 15... ♗c7 has been played a lot, and done poorly. Was the mistake even earlier than this?

16. ♗h6

There are no examples of this in master games in the NIC database.

16... ♗xh6

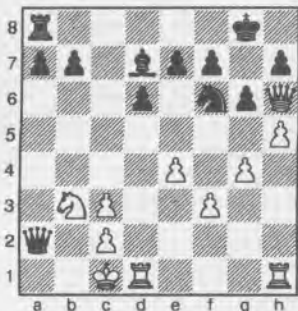
Another possibility is 16... ♗xc3 17. bxc3 ♗h8, but I do not like positions in which my King is already almost mated! [18. ♘b1 ♗c8 (18... ♗xg4 19. e5) 19. h5 ♗c4 20. hxg6 fxg6 21. ♗h2, winning.]

17. ♗xh6 ♗xc3

This seemed to me to be the only move, and yet the White King manages a 'complete' evacuation!

18.bxc3 ♖xa2

18... ♖a3+ 19.♔b1 ♖c8 20.h5 ♖c6
21.hxg6 fxg6 22.g5 ♕h5 23.♖xh5 gxh5
24.g6 is winning for White, though per-
haps it's best to just leave with 19.♔d2.
19.h5



19... ♖a4

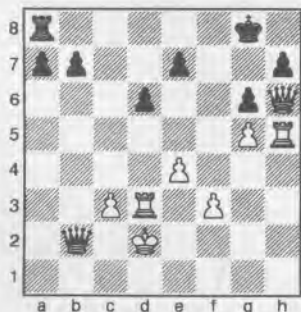
Black could try to stop the g4-g5-g6
idea by 19... ♖e8, but White gets in first
on the h-file, i.e., 20.g5 ♕xh5 21.♖xh5
gxh5 22.♖h1 ♖c8 23.♖xh5. 19... ♖c8
20.hxg6 fxg6 may be the line that saves
Black, e.g., 21.g5 ♖xc3 22.♖d2.

20.hxg6 fxg6 21.g5 ♖xb3 22.cxb3 ♖xb3
23.♖d3

23.gxf6 ♖xc3+ 24.♔b1 ♖b3+ 25.
♔a1 ♖a3+=
23... ♕h5?

This only hastens the loss. 23... ♖c8
24.♔d2 ♕xe4+!? almost works, i.e.,
25.fxe4 ♖b2+ 26.♔e3 ♖b6+ 27.♔f3
(27.♖d4!! ♖xc3+ 28.♔f4 e5+ 29.♔g4
wins) 27... ♖f8+ 28.♔g4 ♖f4+!! 29.
♔xf4 ♖f2+ 30. ♖f3 (30.♔g4 ♖g2+
31. ♖g3 ♖xe4+) 30...e5+ 31.♔g4
♖g2+ 32. ♖g3 ♖xe4+ 33.♔h3 ♖xh1+
34.♔g4 ♖e4+.

24. ♖xh5 ♖a3+ 25.♔d2 ♖b2+



If only Black could arrange a check
on c1 or g1, White would be losing.

26.♔d1

26.♔e1?? ♖c1+ 27.♔f2 gxh5 and
28.g6 is impossible.

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26... ♖b1+ 27.♔e2 gxh5 28.g6 ♖b2+
29.♖d2 ♖b5+ 30.♔f2 hxg6 31.♖xg6+
♔f8 32.♖d5??

32.♖h6+ ♔g8 33.♖d5
32... ♖b2+ 33.♔g3 h4+ 34.♔h3 1-0

An excellent game by Nat; he played
so well it is hard to pinpoint Black's los-
ing move! Was it ... ♖xc3? or ... ♖a6
maybe?

Grünfeld Exchange

Matt Fleury (2122, 1.5)
Ricky Selzler (2105, 0.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (5) 2006

1.d4 ♕f6 2.c4 g6 3.♕c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♕xd5
5.e4 ♕xc3 6.bxc3 ♖g7 7.♖c4 c5 8.♕e2
♕c6 9.♖e3 O-O 10.♖c1 ♖c7 11.h4
♖d8 12.h5 ♕a5 13.♖d3 b6 14.♖d2
♖b7 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.♖h6 ♖f8 17.♖xf8
♔xf8 18.♖h8+ ♔g7 19.♖h6+ ♔f6 20.
e5+ ♔e6 21.♖h3+ f5 22.♖xf5+ gxh5 23.
♖h6+ ♔d5 24.♕f4+ ♔c4 25.♖d3 mate

English

SM Slava Mikhailuk (2438, 3.0)
Adi Lanka (1932, 1.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (5) 2006

1.c4 e5 2.♕c3 c6 3.d4 d6 4.f4 ♕d7
5.♕f3 ♕g6 6.e4 ♖e7 7.♖e2 O-O 8.
O-O exd4 9.♕xd4 ♕c5 10.♖f3 a5
11.♖e3 ♖e8 12.♖f2 ♖f8 13.♖e1 ♖b6
14.♕b3 ♖b4 15.♕xc5 dxc5 16.e5 ♕d7
17.♖d3 ♕b6 18.b3 a4 19.♕e4 ♖e6
20.♖h4 axb3 21.axb3 ♖xb3 22.♕g5 g6
23.♕xe6 ♖xe6 24.f5 gxf5 1-0

Sicilian Grand Prix

Andy May (1876, 1.0)
Chris Kalina (1977, 1.5)

Tacoma, WA Premier (5) 2006

Annotations by Chris Kalina

1.e4

This was the first surprise out of
Andy, who is normally a 1.d4 player.

1...c5 2.♕c3 ♕c6 3.f4 d6 4.♕f3 ♖g4?!

And what exactly is this Bishop do-
ing here? It would be better on d7

5.♖b5 ♖c8 6.h3 ♖d7

It would have saved time to go here
in the first place. I was not enthusiastic
about capturing on f3 and giving Andy
the two Bishops in this position. Some-
thing tells me that may have led to a short,
one-sided game in favor of White.

7.a4 e6 8.O-O ♖e7 9.e5 f6?

While the idea behind this is to pres-
sure e5, I should be severely punished on
the light squares. Not to mention that I
have yet to castle!

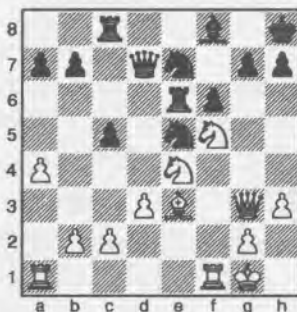
10.♕h4 ♕h6 11.exd6 ♖xd6 12.♖c4
O-O 13.f5

This move does not win material, as
there is always ... ♕c6-e5, hitting the c4-
Bishop, followed by ... ♔g8-h8.

13... ♖e8 14.d3 ♕f7 15.fxe6 ♖xe6
16.♖xe6 ♖xe6 17.♖g4 ♖d7 18.♕f5
♕fe5 19.♖g3

I am faced with a tough decision. Do
I put the Bishop on b8 and menace
White's Queen, or do I pull him back to
f8 to defend the kingside. I finally chose
f8, since there was a possibility that White
could play ♖c1-h6. In addition, the rest
of my pieces are freed up, though White
has a nice square for his Knight on f5.

19... ♖f8 20.♕e4 ♔h8 21.♖e3 ♕e7



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Opposing the beast on f5. The pawn on c5 is defended tactically.

22.b3?

Losing material at once. Better was moving the a-Rook to d1 or the Bishop to d2.

22...fxf5 23.xf5 xd3!

The e4-Knight is now in take, and if 24.cxd3, then 24...xd3. The Queen and Rook work together to hit e3 and e4.

24. h5

The Knight on e4 cannot be captured due to 25.g6, threatening mate on h7 as well as the e4-Rook.

24...e5 25.f1 e8

Winning at least an Exchange.

26. h4 g6 27. ff4 xf4 28. xf4 e5?!

Unnecessary. Why not 28...g5 29. xf6 g6 30. xh7+ xh7 31. xh7 gxf4, winning more material.

29. d2 f5?

The idea is to try to apply pressure on the e-file. However, I missed that Andy's reply hits h7 twice!

30. g5 e1+ 31. h2 h6

Looks like the only move. If 32. xf5, then 32...d6+, when 33...e2+ mates.

32. c3!

A good try for White. This is the best place for this piece. Again, I found what I felt was the only move, 32...c6, defending h6. This has to make White think about an eventual ...f8-d6. Though not immediately, since it loses a piece to h4xh6+xd6.

32...c6 33. e5 xe5 34. f7+ xf7 35. xe5

I still cannot play ...d6; so I break the pin and threaten it with 35...g8. Black's trouble is over and the rest is just technique.

35...g8 36. c3 f6 37. c4+ e6 38. d3 d6+ 39. xd6 xd6+ 40. g3 e5 41. c4 f7 42. g2 e6 43. f3 d5 44. g4 f6 45. h4 g5 46. e3 d4+ 47. f3 f4+ 48. g4 f4+ 49. h3 xh4+ 50. g2 e5 51. xh4 gxh4 52. h3 g3 0-1

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon

Mike MacGregor (2185, 3.0)

Geoffrey Gale (2047, 3.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (5) 2006

1.e4 c5 2. f3 c6 3.d4 cxd4 4. xd4 g6 5. xc6 bxc6 6. d4 f6 7. c3 g7 8.e5 g8 9. f4 b6 10.O-O-O xd4 11. xd4 h6 12. e4 g4 13. g3 f5 14. e1 O-O 15. c4+ e6 16.f4 g5 17.h3 gxf4 18.hxg4 fxg3 19.gxf5 xf5 20. d3 xe5 21. xh7+ g7 22. ef1+ e7 23. g6 f5 24. xf5 exf5 25. xf5 d5 26. f3 e5 27. xh7+ d6 28. f8 d4 29. d8+ e6 30. d2 b8 31. c7 1-0

King's Indian Classical

Elston Cloy (1964, 0.5)

Ignacio Perez (2202, 4.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (5) 2006

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3. c3 g7 4.e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. e2 e5 7.O-O a6 8. e1 c6 9. f1 exd4 10. xd4 g4 11.h3 b6 12.hxg4 xd4 13. f3 e5 14. f4 e7 15.g5 c5 16. ad1 e5 17. g3 xf4 18. xf4 e5 19. d2 e6 20. xd6 xg5 21. d2 f4 22.g3 h3+ 23. g2 xd2 24. xd2 g5 25.f4 e6 26. ed1 e8 27. e2 c5 28. f3 a5 29. d6 a4 30.e5 e6 31. d6 d4 e6 32. e4 xe4 33. xe4 b6 34. i1 d2 b4 35.c5 xd4 36. xd4 a8 37. b4 a7 38.a3 Draw

Göring Gambit

FM David Bragg (2200, 1.5)

Kevin Binz (1870, 2.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (5) 2006

Annotations by FM David Bragg

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4. xc3 c6 5. c4 f6 6. f3 d6 7. b3 d7 8. d5?

8. g5 a5 9. b4 xc4 10. xc4 (10. xf6? xb2 11. xb2 gxf6 12. d5 g7 13. xf6+? e7) 10...e7 and I don't have enough for the pawn, but this would have been better than the game continuation.

8...e7 9. xe7 xe7 10.O-O O-O 11. g5 h6 12. h4 b8 13. fe1 e5 14. xe5 dxe5 15. ad1 b5 16. f1?!

Since the b-pawn was pinned, there was no hurry to move the Bishop.

16...g5 17. g3 h5?!

This move seems to waste time. The knight works well helping to cover central squares. Perhaps Kevin was concerned I would play 18.f3 and 19.e2.

18. e3 c5?

18...c6 controls d5, while the Queen protects a7.

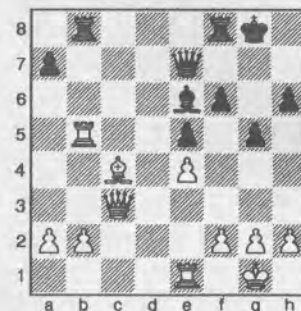
19. d5 xg3 20. xg3

20.hxg3

20...f6 21. c3 c4 22. xb5

The point.

22...e6 23. xc4?



23. xb8 xb8 24. xc4+

23...xb5 24. xb5 c8

Ooops!

25. e3

25. a5?! c2 26.b3 c5 27. f1

25...c5 26.a4

26. xc5 xc5 27.a4 c2 28. b1 a2?! 29. a1 xb2? 30. xa2

26...xe3 27.fxe3 b3! 28. f2 f8 29. e2 c2 30. d2 xe4 31.b3 e7 32.g3 a5 33. e2?! c2

Better was 33...c1 34. d3 (34. d1? f3+?) 34...d5 35. c2, especially as I was short of time.

34. xc2 xc2 35. c4 d6 36. d2 e4 37. c3 c5 38. e2 f5 39. f3 e6 40. e4 g4 41. a8 Draw

Kevin refuses to place any pawns on light squares; therefore, I have nothing left to play for.

Philidor

Mark Ryan (1877, 0.5)

Ben Wyde (1973, 3.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (5) 2006

1.e4 d6 2.d4 f6 3. c3 bd7 4. f3 e5 5. c4 exd4 6. xd4 g6 7.O-O g7 8. g5 h6 9. h4 O-O 10. e1 c6 11.a4 c7 12. d2 d5 13.exd5 b6 14. b3

♖bxd5 15. ♖xd5 ♖xd5 16. ♗xd5 cxd5
 17. ♖ad1 ♗d7 18. ♖e7 a6 19. b3 ♖fe8
 20. ♖de1 ♖xe7 21. ♗xe7 ♖e8 22. c3
 ♗xa4 23. ♗a3 ♖xe1+ 24. ♖xe1 ♗xd4
 25. cxd4 ♗xb3 26. ♖e3 ♗a4 27. ♖xh6
 ♖c8 28. ♗d6 ♖f5 29. h4 f6 30. ♖f8+ ♗h7
 31. ♖f7+ ♗h6 32. ♗f8+ ♗h5 33. ♖h7+
 ♗g4 34. f3+ ♗f4 35. ♗h6+ g5 36. g3+
 1-0

Round Six

Slava takes the sole lead in the Championship for the first time as he defeats John Readey and Greninger draws Schill. Nick Raptis has been rising through the ranks, too, tagging Ricky Selzler with a sixth loss. Ricky is feeling greatly upset and is pleading just to be permitted to quit. I did talk with him about his being the state representative to the Denker tournament this summer, and how we would feel proud of him then, and just to hang in there. John Readey also offered a constructive, humorous perspective to the situation, and together with Ricky's father counseling him, we would see Ricky playing the last three games of the tourney. Adi Lanka gets a draw to cool off Nat Koons a bit.

In the Premier, Perez re-establishes his one-point lead as MacGregor is held to a draw by Elston Cloy.

Grünfeld

NM Nick Raptis (3.0)
 Ricky Selzler (0.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (6) 2006

Annotations by NM Nick Raptis

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 d5 4. ♗f4

There have been many famous games in this line between Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov.

4... ♗g7 5. ♖f3 O-O 6. e3 c5 7. dxc5 ♖a5

This is the main line.

8. ♖c1 ♖e4

8... dxc4 is best. Many masters have played 8... ♖e4 against me, with less than stellar results.

9. ♗e5

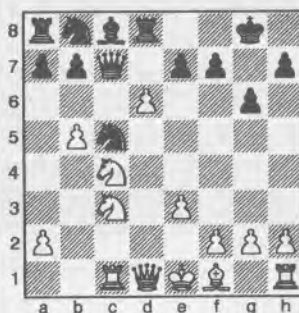
Exchanging dark-squared Bishops is White's best. 9... f6 is not possible, as the d5-pawn hangs.

9... ♗xe5 10. ♖xe5 ♖xc5

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This leaves White well on top. And this is the reason the line is unplayable.

11. cxd5 ♖d8 12. ♖c4 ♖c7 13. b4 ♖ca6 14. b5 ♖c5 15. d6!



The best! If 15... exd6, 16. ♖d5 wins the Queen. Sacking the Exchange was Black's only option if he wanted to play on, but the position is still lost.

15... ♖d7 16. ♖d5 1-0

English

FM John Readey (2.5)

SM Slava Mikhailuk (4.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (6) 2006

1. ♖f3 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 d5 4. ♖a4+ ♗d7 5. ♖b3 dxc4 6. ♖xc4 ♗g7 7. e4 O-O 8. e5 ♗e6 9. ♖b5 ♖d5 10. ♖xb7 ♖xc3 11. ♖xa8 ♖xa2 12. ♖xa7 ♖c6 13. ♖c5 ♖cb4 14. ♗e2 ♖d3+ 15. ♗xd3 ♖xd3 16. ♖e3 ♖b4 17. ♖xd3 ♖xd3+ 18. ♗f1 ♗c4 19. ♗g1 ♗d5 20. h4 h5 21. ♗h2 ♗xf4 22. gxf3 ♗xe5+ 23. ♗g2 c5 24. f4 ♖xf4+ 25. ♗f3 ♖d3 26. ♗e3 ♖d8 27. ♖a4 ♗g7 28. b3 ♗h6+ 29. ♗f3 ♖b8 30. ♖a3 ♗g7 31. ♖a7 ♖xb3 32. ♗e2 ♗f6 33. ♖d7 ♖f4+ 34. ♗d1 ♖f3 35. d3 ♖xd3+ 36. ♖xd3 ♖xd3 37. ♗e2 ♖xc1+ 38. ♖xc1 ♗xh4 39. ♖xc5 ♗g7 40. f4 e6 41. ♗f3 ♗f6 42. ♗g2 ♗e1 43. ♗f3 ♗b4 44. ♖b5 ♗c3 45. ♗e4 ♗g7 46. ♖b7 ♗e1 47. ♖b1 ♗h4 48. ♖b7 ♗f6 49. ♖b5 g5 50. f5 exf5+ 51. ♖xf5+ ♗g6 52. ♖a5 ♗g3 53. ♖a8 f5+ 54. ♗f3 ♗e5 55. ♖a6+ ♗f6 56. ♖b6 h4 0-1

French Tarrasch

FM William Schill (3.0)

NM Harley Greninger (4.0)

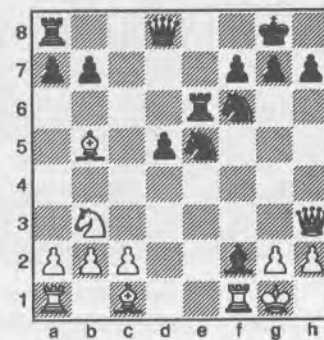
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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♖d2 c5 4. exd5 exd5 5. ♖gf3 ♖f6 6. ♗b5+ ♗d7 7. ♖e2+ ♗e7 8. ♖e5 O-O 9. ♖xd7 ♖bxd7 10. dxc5 ♗xc5 11. O-O ♖e8 12. ♖f3 ♖e5 13. ♖h3

After 13. ♖c3 ♖c8 14. ♗xe8 ♗xf2+ 15. ♖xf2 ♖xc3 16. bxc3 ♖xe8, the White

pieces cannot get organized in time and will lose.

13... ♖e6 14. ♖b3 ♗xf2+?



14... ♖b6 15. ♖xc5 ♖xc5 ♖
 15. ♖xf2 ♖eg4 16. ♖d4?!

16. ♖f4!

16... ♖xf2 17. ♗xf2 ♖e4 18. c3 ♖g4+ 19. ♗g1 ♖e1+ 20. ♗f1 ♖f6 21. ♖f3 ♖xf3 22. ♖xf3 ♖d1 23. b3 ♖e3 24. ♗b2 ♖c8
 Draw

During the game, I did not see the idea 25. a4! ♖xa1 26. ♗xa1 ♖d1 27. c4 with a slight plus.

Ruy Lopez Schliemann

Adi Lanka (1.5)

NM Nat Koons (3.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (6) 2006

Annotations by NM Nat Koons

1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 ♖c6 3. ♗b5 f5

An impulsive move. After playing it, I started thinking about the variations, and then I remembered: oh right, they're not very good.

4. ♖c3 ♖f6 5. ♖e2

After 5. exf5 e4 6. ♖g5 d5 7. d3, Black is struggling to keep it together. Nevertheless, Adi's choice has a certain special merit: the last critical games in this line were both Capablanca vs. Marshall, 1909(!).

5... ♖d4 6. ♖xd4 exd4 7. exf5+

7. e5! ♖g4 8. h3!

7... ♖e7?

Marshall played 7... ♗e7, and stood better. Now Black loses a pawn.

8. ♖xe7+ ♗xe7 9. ♖e2 a6 10. ♗d3 c5 11. c3 O-O 12. cxd4 cxd4 13. ♖xd4 ♗c5 14. ♖e2 b5 15. a3 ♗b7 16. O-O ♖ae8

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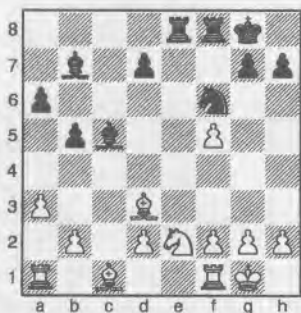
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Black clearly has some compensation, but tries a little too hard to win.

17.b4 ♖b6 18.♗c3 ♗h5 19.g3 ♗f6 20.h3 ♗e4 21.♗xe4 ♖xe4 22.♖xe4 ♖xe4 23.g4 ♖d4?

Just kicks the White Rook where it wants to go.

24.♖a2 ♖e2 25.♖c2 g6 26.♖c7 ♖f7 27.d3 gxf5 28.♖h6 ♖fe7 29.♖g5 ♖g7 30.♖h6 ♖ge7 31.♖g5 ♖f7 32.♖h6 Draw

Draw agreed(?). White is clearly better.

Reti

LM Viktors Pupols (1.0)

Matt Fleury (2.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (6) 2006

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.g3 c5 3.c4 e6 4.♖g2 d5 5.b3 ♗c6 6.♖b2 ♖d6 7.O-O O-O 8.e3 ♖e8 9.♖e2 d4 10.exd4 cxd4 11.d3 e5 12.♗bd2 ♖g4 13.a3 a5 14.♖fe1 ♖d7 15.♖f1 h6 16.♗h1 ♖e7 17.♗g1 ♖f5 18.f3 ♖f8 19.♗e4 ♗xe4 20.fxe4 ♖e6 21.♖e2 f5 22.exf5 ♖xf5 23.♖f1 ♖ef7 24.♖d5 ♖e6 25.♖xf7 ♖xf7 26.♖xe6 ♖xe6 27.♗g2 ♖f6 28.♗f3 ♖c7 29.♗d2 ♗e7 30.♗e4 ♖f7 31.♖f1 ♖xf1 32.♖xf1 ♖b6 33.♖d1 ♗f5 34.♖c1 ♖g6 35.b4 axb4 36.axb4 ♖d8 37.c5 ♗h7 38.♗g1 ♖a6 39.♖f3 g6 40.g4 ♗g7 41.♖h3 h5 42.gxh5 gxh5 43.♖d2 ♖a1+ 44.♗f2 ♖d1 45.b5 ♖c2 46.♖f3 ♖h4+ 47.♗e2 ♖b1 48.♗d6 1-0 {time}

Sicilian Paulsen

Mark Ryan (1.5)

Andy May (1.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (6) 2006

Annotations by Mark Ryan

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♖c7 5.♗c3 e6 6.♖e3 a6 7.♖d3 ♗f6 8.f4?

What a bad move! Now Black has a few different ways to win a pawn.

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8...♗xd4

Also possible, and maybe better, was 8...♖c5 9.♗f5 (forced) 9...♖xe3 10.♗xe3 ♖xf4.

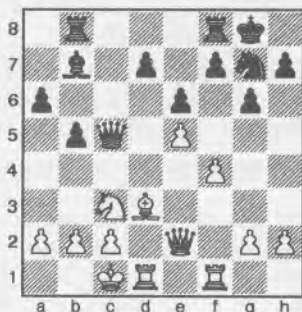
9.♖xd4 ♖c5

Why not 9...♖xf4?

10.♖xc5 ♖xc5 11.♖f3 ♖b8 12.O-O-O b5 13.e5 ♖b7 14.♖g3 ♗h5 15.♖g4 g6 16.♖hf1 ♗g7 17.♖e2

Now White has a very solid position with a choice between a kingside attack and a positional game focussed on the d7-weakness.

17...O-O



18.g4

Much better was simply 18.♗e4, since Black can't allow this Knight to get to f6, the trade would be forced and this would PREVENT ...d7-d6. There is no need to control f5 with a pawn, that is the duty of the Bishop.

18...♖fd8 19.♗e4

One move too late.

19...♖xe4 20.♖xe4 d6 21.exd6 ♖xd6 22.♖xd6 ♖xd6 23.♖d2 ♖xd2+ 24.♗xd2

White thinks that this will be a cakewalk, a mopping-up operation on Black's queenside pawns. However, he has misconceived horribly!

24...♗f8 25.♖d1 ♗e7 26.♗c3

Wasting a VITAL tempo. Now here comes the Knight!

26...♖c8+ 27.♗d3 ♖c7 28.c3

Giving Black a target, not a good idea.

28...♗e8 29.♗c2 ♗d6 30.♖f3 b4

A minority attack!

31.♗b3 bxc3 32.bxc3 ♖c5 33.♖e2 a5 34.a4 ♗e4 Draw

Philidor

Geoffrey Gale (3.0)

Ben Wyde (3.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (6) 2006

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 ♗bd7 4.f4 e5 5.♗f3 exd4 6.♖xd4 c6 7.♖e3 d5 8.exd5 ♖c5 9.♖d3 ♖e7 10.♗d4 ♗g4 11.♗f5 ♖f6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.♖xc5 ♗xc5 14.♗d6+ ♗f8 15.♖d2 ♖e7+ 16.♖e2 ♗e3 17.♗f2 ♗d5 18.♗xc8 ♖xc8 19.♖f3 ♗e6 20.g3 ♖c5+ 21.♗e1 ♗d4 22.♖xd5 cxd5 23.♖d3 ♗xc2+ 24.♖xc2 d4 25.♖d1 dxc3 26.bxc3 ♖e3+ 27.♖e2 ♖xc3+ 28.♗f2 ♖c5+ 29.♗g2 ♖c6+ 30.♖f3 ♖c2+ 31.♖f2 ♖e4+ 32.♗h3 ♖f5+ 33.♗g2 ♖e4+ 34.♗h3 ♖f5+ 35.♗g2 ♖e4+ Draw

Ruy Lopez Open

Ignacio Perez (4.5)

Kevin Binz (2.5)

Tacoma, WA Premier (6) 2006

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♖b5 a6 4.♖a4 ♗f6 5.O-O ♗xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♖b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♖e6 9.♖e2 ♖e7 10.♖d1 O-O 11.c4 bxc4 12.♖xc4 ♗b8 13.♗c3 ♗xc3 14.bxc3 ♖d7 15.♖d3 c5 16.♖c2 h6 17.♖f4 ♖c6 18.♖d2 f5 19.exf6 ♖xf6 20.♗e5 ♖c8 21.♗g6 ♖e8 22.♖c2 ♗d7 23.♖d3 ♖c6 24.♖g3 ♖f7 25.♖xh6 ♗e5 26.♗xe5 ♖xe5 27.♖f4 ♖f6 28.♖xe5 ♖xe5 29.♖xe5 ♖xe5 30.♖d2 ♖ae8 31.♗f1 ♖h5 32.h3 ♖he5 33.♖d3 ♖5e6 34.♖e2 ♖b8 35.♖f3 ♖d6 36.♖ad1 ♖bd8 37.♗g1 ♗f8 38.g4 g5 39.♗g2 ♗g7 40.♗g3 ♗f6 41.h4 gxh4+ 42.♗xh4 d4 43.cxd4 ♖xd4 44.♖xd4 cxd4 45.♖e2 ♗e5 46.♗g3 ♖xa2 47.♖xa6 ♖f8 48.♖d3 ♗d5 49.♖a1 ♖b3 50.♖a5+ 1-0

Bird's Opening

Elston Cloy (1.0)

Mike MacGregor (4.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (6) 2006

1.g3 ♗f6 2.♖g2 d5 3.f4 e6 4.♗f3 c5 5.d3 ♗c6 6.O-O ♖e7 7.♖e1 ♖d7 8.e4 ♖b6 9.♗c3 dxe4 10.dxe4 O-O-O 11.♖b1 ♗d4 12.♗xd4 cxd4 13.♗d1 ♖b5 14.♖f3 d3+ 15.♖e3 d2 16.♖f2 ♖a5 17.♖xa7 ♗xe4 18.♖c3+ ♖xc3 19.♖xe4 ♖c4 20.♖f3 ♖xa2 21.♖e3 ♖xb1 22.♖xb7+ ♗d7 23.♖f3 ♖xc2 24.♖d4+ ♗e8 25.♖xg7 ♖f8 26.♖e5 ♖d3 27.♗e3 ♖d6 28.♖h5 ♖c8 29.♗g2 ♖c1 30.♗h3 ♖e1 31.♖b6 ♖d7 32.♖g5 ♖e7 33.♖a5

♘d6 34. ♖g5 ♙e7 35. ♖a5 e5+ 36. g4
 ♘d6 37. ♖a8+ ♚e7 38. ♘d5+ ♖xd5
 39. ♖xd5 exf4 40. ♙c5 ♜e6 41. ♚g2
 ♜c8 42. ♖g5+ ♚f8 43. ♙f2 ♜g6 44.
 ♖a5 f5 45. h3 h5 and eventually Draw

Vienna Game

Chris Kalina (2.5)

FM David Bragg (2.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (6) 2006

Annotations by Kalina (CK) & FM Bragg (DB)

1. e4 e5 2. ♘c3 d6 3. ♙c4 ♘c6 4. ♘f3
 ♙g4 5. d3?

CK Better is O-O.

DB 5. h3

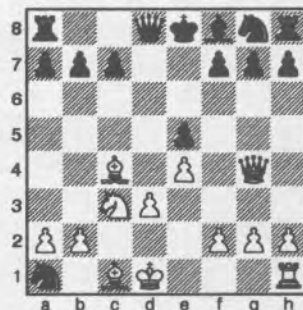
5... ♘d4 6. ♘xe5?

CK Threatening Legall's mate. I had a hallucination that I had captured a piece on e5 instead of a pawn. In fact, this thought did not occur to me until about move 11! David simply plays 6... dxe5, which leaves him up material.

6... dxe5

DB 6... ♙xd1?? 7. ♙xf7+ ♚e7 8. ♘d5 mate

7. ♖xg4 ♘xc2+ 8. ♚d1 ♘xa1



9. ♖f5

CK Though I am completely busted here, 9. ♖f5 is a better try for some play in the position.

DB 9. ♖h5 ♖e7 10. ♙g5 (10. ♘d5 ♖d6 (10... g6) 11. ♘b6 axb6 12. ♖xf7+ ♚d8 13. ♙g5+ ♘f6) 10... ♘f6 11. ♘d5 ♘xh5! (11... ♖d6? 12. ♘xf6+ gxf6 13. ♖xf7+ ♚d8 14. ♙xf6+) 12. ♙e7 ♙xe7 13. ♘xc7+ ♚d7 14. ♘xa8 ♜xa8

9... ♖f6 10. ♖xf6 ♘xf6 11. ♙e3 c6

CK It was about here that I counted pieces and realized that I was down a full Rook and that the Knight on a1 was going to get out of jail. (12. a3)

DB 12. ♚d2 b5 13. ♙b3 ♘xb3+

12... b5 13. ♙a2 a5 0-1

CK It is time to pull the plug and call it an early day.

DB 14. ♚d2 b4 15. axb4 axb4 16. ♜xa1 bxc3+ (16... b3) 17. bxc3 ♙d6 18. ♙xf7+ ♚xf7 19. ♜xa8 ♜xa8

Round Seven

Sunday morning. Nick Raptis has moved into a tie for second and holds onto a draw against Slava. Adi Lanka comes up with a fantastic game against Greninger and wins. Ricky finally gets on the scoreboard with a draw against Viktors. Nat Koons is still trying for a high placement and comes through with a win over Readey.

In the Premier, the big showdown, MacGregor-Perez, finally arrives this round. Ignacio virtually clinches victory by defeating Michael. Geoff Gale defeats Andy May in a nice attack.

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| Ignacio Perez | 2202 0000 | ♚ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 8.0 | 2220 | 33.50 |
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| Chris Kalina | 1977 2090 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | ♚ | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 4.5 | 1985 | 16.25 |
| Andy May | 1876 0000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | ♚ | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 4.0 | 1898 | 15.25 |
| Kevin Binz | 1870 0000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | ♚ | 1 | 1 | 3.0 | 1876 | |
| Elston Cloy | 1964 2162 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | ♚ | 1/2 | 2.5 | 1942 | 12.00 |
| Mark Ryan | 1877 2079 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | ♚ | 2.0 | 1863 | 7.25 |

English

SM Slava Mikhailuk (5.0)

NM Nick Raptis (4.0)

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1.c4 e5 2.♖c3 ♗c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.g3 d5
5.cxd5 ♗xd5 6.♗g2 ♗b6 7.O-O ♗e7
8.a3 O-O 9.b4 ♗e6 10.♗b1 f6 11.d3 ♗d7
12.♗e4 ♗d5 13.♗b2 ♗ad8 14.♗c2
♗fe8 15.♗ed2 Draw

King's Indian Four Pawns Attack

Matt Fleury (2.5)

FM William Schill (3.5)

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Annotations by FM William Schill

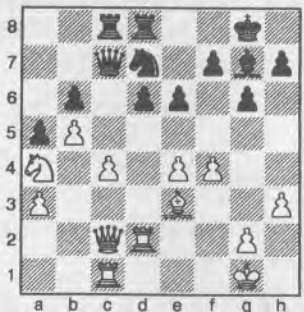
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5.f4 O-O 6.♗f3 c5 7.dxc5 ♗a5 8.♗d2
♗xc5 9.b4 ♗b6 10.♗d3 ♗c6 11.♗b1
♗g4 12.♗a4 ♗c7 13.h3 ♗xf3 14.♗xf3
a5 15.b5 ♗b4

15...♗d4!? 16.♗f2 ♗d7 17.♗e3 e5!?
16.a3?

16.♗xb4? axb4 17.♗xb4 ♗d7+
16...♗xd3+ 17.♗xd3 b6 18.♗e3 ♗d7
19.O-O ♗ac8 20.♗bc1 ♗fd8 21.♗c2

21.♗d4?? ♗c5
21...♗b7 22.♗fd1 ♗c7!?

Fishing to get the Rook off the f-file.
23.♗d5 e6 24.♗d2?!



24.♗d1 ♗c5 25.♗xc5 dxc5 26.e5
24...♗c5 25.♗xc5 dxc5 26.♗cd1
♗d4!+ 27.♗xd4 cxd4 28.♗xd4 ♗xd4
29.♗xd4 ♗xf4 30.♗d3 ♗c1+ 31.♗h2
♗f4+ 32.♗g1 ♗g7 33.♗f3 ♗xf3

After 33...♗c7!, Black is winning; the White King is unsafe and Black can continue to improve his position.

34.gxf3 e5 35.♗d6 ♗xc4 36.♗c6?!
♗d4?!

36...♗a4 37.♗xb6 ♗xa3 38.♗a6 g5
39.♗g2 h5 40.b6 f6 41.b7 ♗b3

37.♗xb6 ♗a4 38.♗a6 ♗xa3 39.♗g2 g5
40.b6 a4??

40...f6 41.b7 ♗b3 42.♗a7 ♗g6
41.♗a5! = Draw

41...♗b3 42.♗xe5 f6 (42...♗xb6
43.♗xg5+ ♗f6 44.♗a5) 43.♗a5 (43.
♗e7+ ♗g6 44.b7 a3)

Modern Benoni

NM Nat Koons (4.0)

FM John Readey (2.5)

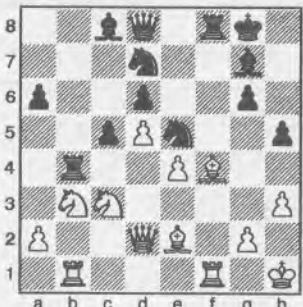
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Annotations by NM Nat Koons

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.f3 g6 4.c4 ♗g7
5.♗c3 O-O 6.♗ge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♗g5

White has made the mistake of playing an opening he knows of but does not actually know. Perhaps it would be a good idea to play 5.♗e3 O-O 6.♗e2 idea 6...c5 7.d5 e6 8.♗ec3!? exd5 9.cxd5 and 10.♗d2! In this case, both White Knights find useful squares.

8...h6 9.♗e3 exd5 10.cxd5 a6 11.♗d2
h5 12.♗c1 ♗bd7 13.♗e2 ♗e5 14.O-O
♗h7 15.♗b1 f5 16.b4 b6 17.bxc5 bxc5
18.♗b3 ♗f6 19.h3 fxe4 20.fxe4 ♗b8
21.♗f4 ♗fd7 22.♗h1 ♗b4!



A turning point: White has been unable to execute the key ♗a5-c6 idea, and now discovers the planned 23.a3, kicking the Rook back, runs into 23...♗c4! 24.♗c1 ♗xa3!, relying on 25.♗xa3 ♗xc3. After this, Black has the initiative on the queenside.

23.♗g5 ♗xf1+ 24.♗xf1 ♗b6 25.♗h6
♗f7 26.♗xg7 ♗xg7 27.♗f4 ♗de5
28.♗f6+ ♗g8 29.♗d2 ♗d8 30.♗xd8+
♗xd8 31.♗b1 ♗xb1+ 32.♗cxb1 ♗g7
33.♗h2?

Bad endgame play! The text forces Black to play the useful 33...h4!, fixing the kingside in a favorable manner.

33...h4 34.♗g1 ♗f6 35.♗a3??

This (35.♗f2, please) permits the Black King to reach f4, after which, barring tricks, Black must win.

35...♗g5 36.♗ac4 ♗ef7 37.♗b6 ♗b7
38.♗f2 ♗f4 39.♗f3 ♗g5 40.♗bc4
♗df7 41.♗b2 ♗e5 42.♗bc4 ♗xc4
43.♗xc4 ♗f7 44.e5 ♗xe5 45.♗xd6
♗a8 46.♗e2 a5 47.♗b5 ♗xd5 48.♗c3
♗c6 49.♗a6 c4 O-1

Heading into the seventh round, Slava and I were tied for first place. Playing White against the #10 seed, I planned to play aggressively in hope of gaining a full point. Aggressive play, however, is a two-edged sword.—Greninger

London System

NM Harley Greninger (3.5)

Adi Lanka (2.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (7) 2006

Annotations by NM Greninger (HG) & Lanka (AL)

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f4 ♗g7
5.e3 O-O 6.♗e2 c5

HG Slava played 6...b6!? against me in a previous tourney, which ended in a hard-fought draw. Schill prefers 6...c6 and disdains this whole variation for White—I remember him calling it “crap.”
7.♗e5 ♗c6

HG 7...cxd4 8.exd4 e6 9.O-O ♗fd7
10.♗e1 ♗xe5 11.♗xe5 ♗h6 (11...♗xe5
12.dxe5±) 12.♗b5 ♗c6 13.♗d6 ♗e8
14.♗g3± Balashov–Gufeld, USSR Championship 1969 (1-0, 65).

8.h4?!

HG In keeping with my pre-game plan. 8.O-O cxd4 9.exd4 ♗b6 10.♗xc6
bxc6 11.♗a4 ♗a5 12.c3 ♗d7 13.b4 ♗d8
14.♗d2 e5 15.♗h6 ♗xh6 16.♗xh6 ♗e8
17.♗fe1± Hebden–Nunn, Hastings 1996 (1-0, 37).

8...h5

HG Putting the brakes on White's early aggression. 8...cxd4 9.exd4 ♗b6 10.♗xc6
bxc6 11.♗a4 ♗a5+ 12.c3 ♗d7 13.
h5 ♗a6 14.♗g4 f5 15.b4 ♗d8 16.♗e2
♗xe2 17.♗xe2± Sirnik–Pereyra Arcija,
Roque Saenz Pena 1997 (Draw, 58).

9.f3?!

HG Loosens the White K-side. It was still not too late to castle.

AL Weakens the dark squares too much.

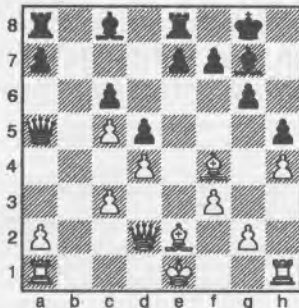
9...cxd4 10.exd4 ♖b6

AL 10...♘d7, preparing for the ...e7-e5 break, is better.

11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.♘a4 ♖a5+ 13.c3 ♘d7! 14.b4 ♖d8 15.♘c5

HG 15.g4 e5 16.dxe5 ♘xe5 17.gxh5 gxh5 18.♗xe5 ♗xe5 19.f4 ♗xf4 20.♖d4 ♗g3+ 21.♘d2 and White may live to play another day.

15...♘xc5 16.bxc5 ♖a5 17.♖d2 ♗e8



HG Here I thought for a good half hour. The more I analysed, the less I liked my position.

18.♘f2

AL He might as well castle, if he's going to put the King on the a7-g1 diagonal.

HG Here are some other possibilities:

18.O-O e5 19.dxe5 ♗xe5 20.♗xe5 ♗xe5 and because of the unprotected Bishop on e2, White cannot now play ♖d4;

18.♗d1 e5 19.dxe5 ♗xe5 20.♗xe5 ♗xe5 21.♖d4 ♗e7 22.♘f2 ♖xa2 wins easily enough;

18.g4 e5 19.dxe5 ♗xe5 20.♗xe5 ♗xe5 21.♖d4 ♗e7 22.♘f2 ♗b8+.

18...e5 19.♗xe5 ♗xe5!?

AL Why not?

HG Very bold. I anticipated this from my young opponent. Several players were watching our game and it was simply too hard for youth to resist. 19...♗xe5 20.dxe5 ♗xe5 21.♖d4 ♗e7 22.♗he1 and Black has a safe, lasting edge. 20.dxe5 ♗xe5 21.♖e3!

HG After this I felt like I was back in the game.

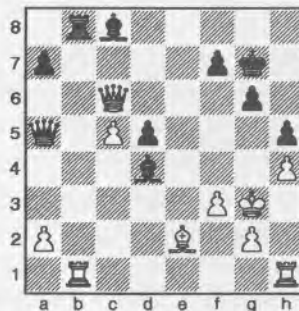
21...♗xc3 22.♖e8+?

HG Premature! 22.♗ac1 ♗b2 (22...d4 23.♖e8+ ♘g7 24.♖xc6 ♗b8 25.♗c4±) 23.♖e8+ ♘g7 24.♖xc6 ♗b8 25.♖xd5 is good for White.

22...♘g7 23.♖xc6 ♗b8(??)

AL 23...♗b7 24.♖xb7 ♖xc5+ 25.♘g3 (25.♘f1 ♗e8 26.♗c1 ♖a3 27.♗c2 ♗d4) 25...♗e5+ 26.♘h3 ♖f2, winning.

24.♗ab1 ♗d4+ 25.♘g3



25...♖d2!!

HG This is what I missed. Nothing short of brilliant, this busts White immediately. I could have resigned here but wanted to give Adi the opportunity to finish solving the problem. 25...♗xb1 26.♗xb1 ♖xa2 27.♖b5 and White is still breathing.

26.♖e8

HG 26.♗xb8 ♗e5+ 27.♘f2 ♖d4+ 28.♘f1 ♗g3 mates!

26.♖c7 ♗xb1 27.♗xb1 ♖xe2 28.♖xc8 ♗e5+ 29.♘h3 ♖f2 mates!

26.♗bd1 ♖xe2 27.♗xd4 ♖e5+, winning!

26.♗be1 ♗e5+ 27.♘f2 ♖d4+ 28.♘f1 ♗g3 mates!

26.♖xd5 ♗xb1 27.♗xb1 ♗f2+, winning!

26...g5!

HG Threatening mate on the move. 27.♘h2

HG 27.hxg5 ♖xg5+ 28.♘h2 ♖h4 mate.

27...gxh4 28.g3

HG 28.♗hg1 ♗xb1 29.♗xb1 ♖f4+ 30.♘h1 ♗e5 wins.

28.♗bg1 ♗b2 29.♖xc8 ♖f4+ 30.g3 ♗xe2+ 31.♘h3 (31.♗g2 ♖xg3 mate) 31...♖xf3 and again, it's curtains!

28...hxg3+ 29.♘g2

HG 29.♘xg3 ♖g5+ 30.♘h2 ♖h4+ 31.♘g2 ♖f2 mate

29...♗h3+ 0-1

AL Winning the Queen.

HG Adi joins Oleg and Michael Lee in my own "Junior Hall of Fame"—youngsters who impress me over the board. Ricky most likely deserves to be on this list, but didn't reach form until round seven of the event.

French Tarrasch

Ricky Selzler (0.0)

LM Viktors Pupols (2.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (7) 2006

Annotations by Ricky Selzler

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5

I have been banging my head against this opening for years now. Against Greninger, I flopped around in a Winawer, so this time I decided to play the Tarrasch for the first time.

3.♘d2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.♘gf3 c4!?

Interesting, but it somehow does not seem correct to lock up the center like this. It does, however, avoid the isolated pawn.

6.♗e2 ♗d6 7.O-O ♘e7 8.b3 cxb3?!

A hard decision to make, but 8...b5 would have been met by 9.a4 with a clear advantage.

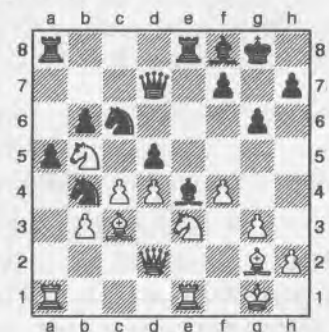
9.axb3 O-O 10.c4 ♘bc6 11.♘b1 ♗f5 12.♘a3 ♘b4 13.♗d2 ♘ec6!

A good move, preventing the loss of a piece to 14.c5.

14.♗c3 ♗f4?!

I don't like this move because it is simply attacking air.

15.g3 ♗h6 16.♘e5 a5 17.♘g4 ♗g5 18.f4 ♗e7 19.♘e3 ♗e4 20.♘b5 ♗e8 21.♖d2 ♗f8 22.♗fe1 g6 23.♗f1 ♖d7 24.♗g2 b6?



A move made in time pressure. Better might have been 24...f5, with a fairly locked position.

25. ♖xd5! ♙xd5 26. cxd5 ♜xe1+ 27. ♜xe1 ♘a7 28. d6 ♜d8 29. ♘a7 ♞xa7 30. d5 ♙xd6 31. ♖h1 b5 32. ♙a1 ♜f8 33. ♞c3 f6 34. ♜e6 ♞c7 35. ♞xc7 ♙xc7 36. ♙xf6 ♖f7 37. ♜e7+?

At this point, we were both in time trouble and I decided to make this move. The position looks won for me, but it is still unclear what is the best path. I think 37. ♙c3, simply stopping ...a5-a4 and threatening various things such as ♜f6+ and maybe d5-d6, would have good chances.

37... ♖xf6 38. ♜xc7 a4 39. bxa4 bxa4 40. ♜a7 ♜c8 41. h4 ♜c1+ 42. ♖h2 ♜d1 43. ♜xa4 ♖xd5

The ending is starting to look drawn, but there is still play left based on the differences between the Knight and Bishop. In this situation, the Knight is usually ok: all the play is on one side of the board, which means that great mobility is not needed.

44. ♜a6+ ♖g7 45. ♜a7+ ♖g8 46. ♜d7 ♖e3 47. ♜xd1 ♖xd1 48. g4 ♖e3 49. ♙f3 ♖g7 50. g5?!

It is better to keep trades down. Simply walking the King over is better.

50... ♖f5 51. ♖h3 h6 52. ♙e4 ♖d6 53. ♙d3 hxg5 54. hxg5 ♖f7 55. ♖g4 ♖d6 56. ♖f3 ♖f7 57. ♖e3 ♖e8 58. ♖d4 ♖g7 59. ♖e5 ♖h5 60. ♙e2 ♖g7 61. ♙c4+ ♖e7 62. ♙b3 ♖e8 63. ♙c2 ♖f7 64. ♖d5 ♖c7+ 65. ♖d6 ♖e8+ 66. ♖d7 ♖g7 67. ♙b3+ ♖f8 68. ♖d6 ♖h5 69. ♖e5 ♖e7 70. ♙d1 ♖g7 71. ♙g4 ♖f7 72. ♙d1 ♖e7 73. ♙c2 ♖f7 74. ♙b3+ ♖e7 75. ♙g8 ♖f5 76. ♙a2 ♖g7 77. ♙b3 ♖h5 78. f5

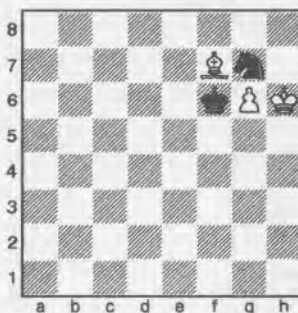
I finally put an end to that.
78... gxf5 79. ♖xf5 ♖g3+ 80. ♖f4 ♖h5+ 81. ♖e5 ♖g7 82. ♙a2 ♖h5 83. ♙b3 ♖g7 84. ♙d5 ♖h5 85. ♖f5 ♖f8 86. ♙f3 ♖g7+ 87. ♖f6 ♖g8 88. ♙d5+ ♖f8 89. ♙f7 ♖f5

Only move! Close doesn't cut it in chess.

90. g6 ♖g7 91. ♖g5 ♖e7 92. ♖h6 ♖f6?

This is incorrect and should lose. Huso Hadzic pointed out that if White's Bishop gets to d7 and Black is on the move, Black loses because of *Zugzwang*:

all four of the squares the Knight can move to are covered. But with the Black King on f8, ♖f8-g8 is possible (or, if the White King is on h7, there is always a square for the Knight), and the draw is held.—Viktors Pupols



93. ♖h7 ♖f5 94. ♙c4 ♖g7 95. ♙e2 ♖f5 96. ♙d1 ♖g7 97. ♙g4 ♖e8 98. ♙d1??

Remarkably, I have a win with 98. ♙d7! ♖g7 99. ♖h6!! and Black has no moves. I was just too tired to find this wonderful ending. This ending is so complex, I am not sure if Black could have, or could not have, prevented this fate. I'll pass the torch to any of you endgame experts out there to take up the challenge of finding a draw for Black. May you have mercy on our souls.

98... ♖g7 99. ♙c2 ♖h5 100. ♖h8 ♖g7 101. ♖g8 ♖e6 102. ♖h8 ♖g7 Draw

Sicilian Grand Prix Attack

Andy May (1.5)
Geoffrey Gale (3.5)
Tacoma, WA Premier (7) 2006

1. e4 c5 2. ♖c3 ♖c6 3. f4 g6 4. ♖f3 ♙g7 5. ♙b5 ♖d4 6. O-O e6 7. e5 a6 8. ♙d3 ♖xf3+ 9. ♞xf3 d5 10. b3 ♖e7 11. ♖h1 ♞c7 12. a4 b6 13. ♙a3 ♙b7 14. ♜fe1 h5 15. b4 c4 16. ♙f1 ♖f5 17. d3 cxd3 18. ♞xd3 ♜c8 19. ♙b2 ♙f8 20. ♖d1 ♙xb4 21. c3 ♙c5 22. ♙a3 h4 23. h3 O-O 24. ♙e2 ♜fd8 25. ♙g4 ♙xa3 26. ♙xf5 ♙f8 27. ♙g4 ♞c4 28. ♞f3 ♙h6 29. f5 gxf5 30. ♙xf5 exf5 31. ♞h5 ♞f4 32. e6 ♜c7 33. exf7+ ♜xf7 34. ♜a2 ♞g5 35. ♞e2 ♞g3 36. ♖f2 d4 37. ♜g1 ♙f4 38. ♖g4 ♞xh3+ 0-1

Sicilian

Ben Wyde (3.5)
Elston Cloy (1.5)
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Annotations by Ben Wyde
1. e4 c5 2. b3 ♖c6 3. ♙b2 e6 4. ♖f3

Usually I wait to decide between ♖f3 or ♖e2 with f2-f4, but the f4 lines aren't good unless the Black pawn is on e5; so ♖f3 is right.

4... ♖f6 5. ♖c3 d6 6. ♙b5

Developing the Bishop and stopping 6... ♖d4.

6... ♙d7 7. ♙xc6

I still can't allow ... ♖c6-d4.

7... ♙xc6= 8. ♞e2 ♞b6?!

The Queen's out of place on b6.

9. O-O e5 10. d3 ♙e7 11. ♖d2 O-O 12. ♖d1 ♜fe8 13. c4 ♞c7 14. ♖e3 g6 15. f4! exf4

I was expecting 15... ♖h5.

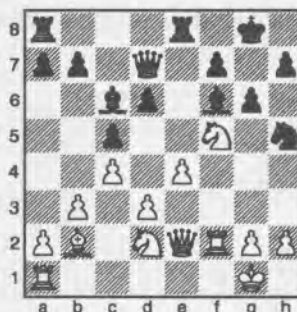
16. ♜xf4 ♖h5 17. ♜f2 ♞d7?

This move doesn't do much to defend the kingside.

18. ♖f5?!

18. ♜af1, winning.

18... ♙f6?



His position is hard to hold, but this immediately loses a pawn

19. ♖h6+ ♖g7 20. ♜xf6 ♖xf6 21. ♖g4 ♜e5

The only move to hold a piece.

22. ♖xe5 dxe5 23. ♙xe5 ♜e8

23... ♞e6 is slightly stronger.

24. ♙b2 ♜e6 25. ♜f1 h6 26. ♜xf6 ♜xf6 27. ♞f2 ♞e6 28. ♞xf6+

28. ♞xc5 is stronger, but simplifying is easy.

28... ♞xf6 29. ♙xf6+ ♖xf6 30. ♖f2 h5 31. ♖e3 g5 32. h4 gxh4 33. ♖f3 ♙d7 34. ♖xh4 ♖g5 35. ♖f3+ ♖f6 36. d4 cxd4+ 37. ♖xd4 ♙e6 38. a4 ♖e7 39. b4 f6 40. g3 ♖d6 41. a5 a6 42. ♖e1 ♖c6 43. ♖d3 b6?

This drops a second pawn, but Black's already lost.

44. axb6! ♖xb6 45. ♖f4! ♙f7 46. ♖d5+ ♗c6 47. ♖xf6 ♗d6

Bringing the King in.

48. ♖d5 ♙e8 49. e5+ ♗c6 50. ♖f4 ♗d7 51. ♗c5 ♗c7 52. ♖d5+ ♗b7 53. ♗d6 ♗c8 54. ♖f6 ♙g6 55. e6 1-0

Sicilian Dragon Yugoslav

Mike MacGregor (4.5)
Ignacio Perez (5.5)

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1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 g6 6. ♙e3 ♙g7 7. f3 O-O 8. ♙c4 ♖c6 9. ♗d2 ♙d7 10. O-O-O ♗a5 11. ♙b3 ♙fc8 12. ♗b1 ♖e5 13. h4 ♙ab8 14. ♙g5 b5 15. ♙xf6 exf6 16. ♖d5 ♗d8 17. h5 ♖c4 18. ♗e1 a5 19. hxg6 hxg6 20. ♗h4 a4 21. ♙xc4 bxc4 22. ♗h7+ ♗f8 23. ♙h2 ♙c5 24. g4 ♙xd5 25. exd5 c3 26. b3 ♗b6 27. ♖f5 ♙xf5 28. gxf5 ♗c5 29. ♗a1 axb3 30. ♗h8+ ♙xh8 31. ♙xh8+ ♗g7 32. ♙xb8 bxc2 33. ♙c1 ♗f2 34. ♙e8 ♗d2 35. ♙ee1 ♗h6 36. fxc6 fxc6 37. ♙g1 g5 38. ♙gf1 ♗g6 39. a4 ♗f5 40. ♗a2 ♗xd5+ 41. ♗a3 ♗c4 42. ♙fe1 d5 43. ♙xc2 d4 44. ♙e4 ♗d5 0-1

QGD Rubinstein

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Chris Kalina (2.5)

Tacoma, WA Premier (7) 2006

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. ♖f3 ♖f6 4. ♖c3 e6 5. ♙g5 ♙e7 6. e3 ♖bd7 7. ♗c2 h6 8. ♙h4 O-O 9. ♙d3 dxc4 10. ♙xc4 b5 11. ♙d3 b4 12. ♖e4 ♙b7 13. ♙xf6 ♙xf6 14. ♖d6 ♗c7 15. ♖xb7 ♗xb7 16. O-O ♙ac8 17. ♗a4 ♙c7 18. a3 c5 19. axb4 cxd4 20. exd4 ♖b6 21. ♗a5 ♙d8 22. ♙fd1 ♖c4 23. ♙xc4 ♙xc4 24. ♙dc1 ♙xb4 25. ♗xa7 ♙xb2 26. ♗xb7 ♙xb7 27. ♙ab1 ♙bd7 28. g3 ♙xd4 29. ♖xd4 ♙xd4 30. ♙b7 ♙d1+ 31. ♙xd1 ♙xd1+ 32. ♗g2 g5 33. ♙b4 ♗g7 34. h4 ♗g6 35. hxg5 hxg5 36. ♗f3 f5 37. ♙b5 ♙e1 38. ♙a5 g4+ 39. ♗g2 ♗f6 40. ♙b5 ♙d1 41. ♙a5 ♗e7 42. ♙a6 ♗f6 43. ♙a5 ♙d5 44. ♙a6 ♗e5 45. ♗f1 ♙d2 46. ♗e1 ♙c2 47. ♙a4 ♗d5 48. ♗f1 ♙c4 49. ♙a5+ ♗d4 50. ♙b5 e5 51. ♙a5 ♗e4 52. ♙b5 ♙c3 53. ♗e2 ♙c2+ 54. ♗f1 ♗d4 55. ♙a5 f4 56. gxf4 exf4 57. ♙a4+ ♙c4 58. ♙a3 f3 59. ♗g1 ♙c3 60. ♙a4+ ♗d3 61. ♙xg4 ♙c1+ 62. ♗h2 ♗e2 63. ♙a4 ♙d1 64. ♗g3 ♙g1+ 65. ♗h2 ♙g2+ 66. ♗h1 ♙xf2 67. ♙a2+

♗e3 68. ♙a3+ ♗f4 69. ♗g1 ♙b2 70. ♙a8 ♗e3 71. ♙e8+ ♗d2 72. ♗f2 ♙b3 73. ♙d8+ ♙d3 74. ♙xd3+ ♗xd3 75. ♗xf3 Draw

Sicilian Sozin

FM David Bragg (3.0)
Mark Ryan (2.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (7) 2006

Annotations by FM David Bragg

1. e4 c5 2. ♖e2 ♖c6 3. ♖bc3 d6 4. d4 cxd4 5. ♖xd4 ♖f6 6. ♙c4 e6 7. ♙e3 ♙e7 8. g4? ♖xe4?

8... ♖xd4 9. ♙xd4 e5 10. g5 (10. ♙b5+ ♙d7 11. ♙e3 [11. ♙xd7+ ♗xd7 12. ♙e3 ♖xg4 RR 13. ♗f3 ♖xe3 14. ♗xe3 f5 Angelov-Peev, Sunny Beach 2004 (0-1, 39)] 11... ♙xb5 12. ♖xb5 ♗a5+ 13. ♖c3 ♖xe4?) 10... exd4 11. gxf6 ♙xf6 (11... dxc3 12. fxg7 ♗xe7 13. bxc3 ♗xe4+ 14. ♗e2 ♗xe2+ Mimir-Beenish, Sivakasi 1999 (0-1, 55)] 12. ♖d5.

9. ♖xe4 d5 10. ♙b5! dxe4 11. ♖xc6 bxc6 12. ♗xd8+

12. ♙xc6+ ♙d7 13. ♙xa8 ♗xa8 was also possible, but I was playing with the general idea that when ahead, eliminate your opponent's chances, in this case, his Queen. My following play may not have been that inspiring, though.

12... ♗xd8 13. ♙xc6 ♙b8



14. O-O-O+

14. ♙f4 ♙b4+! 15. c3 ♙b6 16. ♙xe4 ♙e7 17. O-O-O+ ♗e8 18. ♙e3 ♙a6 19. ♗b1 doesn't win the Exchange, but White is a pawn ahead and Black's position looks awful! How will he develop any of his pieces? 14. ♙xa7 ♙b4 15. c3 ♙xb2 16. O-O-O+ ♗c7 17. ♗xb2 ♗xc6 also wins the Exchange, and White's pieces are on better squares, but I didn't want to give up the b-pawn. Perhaps I chose the worst continuation!?

14... ♗c7 15. ♙f4+ ♗xc6 16. ♙xb8 ♙b7

16... ♙a6 17. ♙xa7 ♙e2 is what I expected. Mark was concerned that I would give back the Exchange, when the queen side pawns would be too much.

17. ♙xa7 ♙a8 18. ♙d4 ♙xa2 19. ♙xf6 20. ♗b1 ♙a5 21. ♙h6 ♙d6 22. ♙h ♗c7 23. h3 ♙e5 24. ♙f8?!

24. ♙e3 ♙d5 25. c4 ♙c6 26. ♙d4 24... ♙d5 25. c4 ♙c6

25... ♙xc4? 26. ♙c1 ♙a4 27. ♙xe4 26. ♙a3 ♙a4 27. ♙c1 ♙d4 28. ♙c2 ♙ 29. h4 f5 30. g5 ♙a6 31. h5 ♗d7 32. ♙d1 e5 33. g6 hxg6 34. hxg6

34. h6 ♙b7 35. h7 ♙a8 stops the pawn, temporarily.

34... ♗e6 35. ♙g1 1-0

Black has no way to stop the pawn so he resigns.

Round Eight

A brutal miniature in a Slav, and Nat's rise is stopped by Slava. Rapt wins against Pupols setting up some BA possible outcomes which could lead to tie and a playoff, even if Slava wins the Championship. And after playing a very long game and going from a winning position to a draw, Schill loses to Selzler.

A short draw with Chris Kalina seals the Premier title for Ignacio.

English

Adi Lanka (3.0)
Matt Fleury (3.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (8) 2006

1. c4 e5 2. g3 ♖c6 3. ♙g2 g6 4. ♖c3 ♙g 5. e4 d6 6. ♖ge2 ♙e6 7. d3 ♗d7 8. ♖d ♖ce7 9. f4 c6 10. ♖dc3 ♙h3 Draw

Slav Exchange

SM Slava Mikhailuk (5.5)
NM Nat Koons (4.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (8) 2006

Annotations by SM Slava Mikhailuk
1. c4 c6 2. ♖c3 d5 3. cxd5 cxd5 4. d4

The Exchange Slav gives White a slight advantage in a symmetrical position. I had a one-point lead going to the eighth round and wanted to play that kind of position.

4... ♖f6 5. ♙f4 ♖c6 6. e3

Yasser Seirawan used to play this move order with success. White develops his queenside first, trying to put pressure on Black.

6...a6?!

This seems too slow. 6...f5 looks more natural. However, I understand that Black wants to keep b5 under control.

7. c1

White is already ahead in development and Black has to be careful.

7...g4?

This is a mistake. 7...f5, or even 7...e6, was better.

8.f3!

Forcing Black to move the Bishop again. White is better.

8...f5 9.e4!

The most energetic. I have a development edge and I am trying to open up the position. 9...dxe4 is probably best for Black, even though after 10.d5 e5 (only move) 11.dxc6 ♖xd1+ 12. ♖xd1 exf4 13. cxb7 ♖b8 14. ♖xa6, White has three passed pawns.

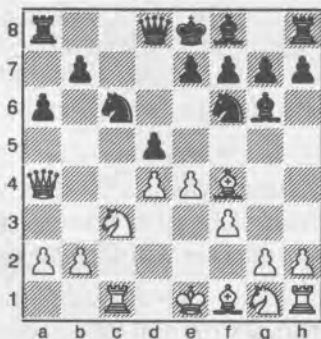
9...g6 10. ♖b3

At first, I considered 10.e5, but didn't see anything specific after 10...g8. White is better, but it's harder to capitalize with a closed center. The text attacks b7 and d5. Black is almost lost.

10...a5

Or 10...dxd4 11. ♖xb7 e6 12. ♖xa6 threatening, among other moves, ♖f4-c7. 11. ♖a4+ dxc6

Best for Black was 11...b5, but after 12. dxb5 axb5 13. ♖xb5+ d7 14. ♖c7 dxc6 15. ♖xd7 ♖xa4 16. ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 17. ♖xa4 White has a winning position.



12. dxd5 dxd5 13. ♖xc6! b5

There was no defense, for example: 13...bxc6 14. ♖xc6+ and ♖a8; 13...♗d7 14. ♖b5 or 14. exd5 bxc6 15. dxc6 ♖e6+ 16. ♖f2 with many threats.

14. ♖xa6! 1-0

If 14...bxa4, then 15. ♖b5+ ♗d7 16. ♖xa8 mate.

OGD Semi-Slav

FM John Readey (3.5)

NM Harley Greninger (4.5)

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Annotations by FM John Readey

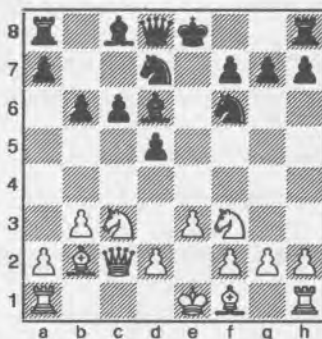
1. d3 d6 2. c4 c6 3. d3 d5 4. e3 e6 5. b3

White delays d2-d4, but the opening will most likely transpose into a Semi-Slav anyway.

5... dbd7 6. ♖c2 ♖d6 7. ♖b2 b6 8. cxd5

I try to demonstrate that 7...b6 has created a weakness.

8...exd5



9. d4

I thought since I don't have a pawn sitting on d4, maybe I can use the square to attack c6. I spent a long time looking at 9. dxd5 cxd5 10. ♖c6 ♖c7 11. ♖xa8 O-O 12. ♖c1 d5 13. d4 ♖f5 14. ♖xf8+ ♖xf8 15. dxc5 bxc5 16. ♖xf6 gxf6, but concluded that Black was better in this line.

9...b7 10. d5 ♖f8

Black is not at all troubled by being forced to undevelop the d6-Bishop. Meanwhile, the White Knight will end up in the less-than-desirable g3-square.

11. ♖e2 g6 12. d3 ♖g7 13. ♖a3?!

I should just complete my development.

13...c5 14. O-O O-O 15. d4 ♖c8

Black is slightly better (and I was already short on time).

16. ♖ac1 cxd4 17. exd4

17. ♖xf8 ♖xc3 18. ♖xg7 ♖xc2 19. ♖xf6 ♖c7

17... ♖e8 18. ♖d1 a6 19. ♖f3

It looks like Black can't exploit the lack of coordination of White's pieces and the game drifts to equality.

19... ♖e6 20. dce2 ♖h6 21. ♖xc8 ♖xc8 22. ♖c1 ♖f8 23. ♖f4 ♖c6 24. ♖b1 ♖a3 25. ♖c1 ♖d6 26. ♖g5 ♖c2 Draw

French Tarrasch

FM William Schill (4.0)

Ricky Selzler (0.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (8) 2006

Annotations by FM William Schill

1. e4 c5 2. d3 d6 3. c3 e6 4. d4 d5 5. exd5 exd5 6. ♖b5 ♖d6 7. O-O dge7 8. dxc5 ♖xc5 9. dbd2 O-O 10. d3 b3 ♖b6 11. ♖d3 d5 12. ♖c2 g6 13. ♖g5 ♖d6 14. ♖ad1 f6 15. ♖c1 d5 16. ♖e2 d4 17. h3 d5 18. d4 d4 ♖c7 19. ♖f4 ♖d7 20. ♖d2 ♖ad8 21. dxf5 ♖xf5 22. d4 d4 ♖d7 23. ♖g3 a6 24. ♖fe1 ♖c8 25. ♖h1 ♖b6 26. ♖f1 ♖fe8 27. ♖e3 ♖d7 28. ♖de1 d4 29. ♖xc4 dxc4 30. ♖e7 ♖xe7

30... ♖c5? 31. ♖xd7! ♖xe1+ 32. ♖xe1 ♖xd7 33. ♖e8+

31. ♖xe7 ♖c5



32. ♖xc7?!

We both saw 32. ♖e2 ♖e5! However, we missed 32. ♖e3 ♖e5 (32... ♖g3 33. ♖xd7!) 33. ♖g7+! ♖xg7 34. d5+ ♖xf5 35. ♖xc5.

32... ♖xe7 33. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 34. d2 ♖c7 35. ♖d5+ ♖g7 36. d3 b5 37. ♖d4

At this point I had seven minutes left for the whole game and, even with the increment, I never had more for the remaining MANY moves.

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37...h5 38.♘g1 ♗c6 39.h4 ♖d7
40.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 41.f4 ♘f7 42.♘f2 ♘e6
43.a4 ♘d6 44.axb5

44.a5?! ♘c6? (44...♗f5 45.♗xf5+
gxf5 46.♘e3 ♘d5 47.♘f3 b4) 45.♗c2±
44...axb5 45.♗c2 ♗c8 46.♘e3 ♘d5
47.g3 ♗f5 48.♗d4 ♗d7 49.♗f3 ♗f5
50.♗d2 ♗c2 51.♗f1 ♗f5 52.♗h2 ♗c8
53.♗f3 ♗f5 54.♗d4 ♗d7 55.f5 ♗xf5
56.♗xb5 ♗d7 57.♗d4 g5 58.♗f3 gxf4
59.♗xh4

59.gxf4 ♘e6 60.♘f4

59...♘e5 60.♗f3+ ♘f5 61.♗d2 ♗e6
62.♗e4 ♗d5 63.♗f2 ♗f7 64.♘d4 ♘g5
65.♘e4 ♗g6+ 66.♘d5 ♗f7+ 67.♘d6?

67.♘e4 is equal. White must be able
to play ♘f4 if Black plays ...♘xh4 after
...h5-h4 and gxf4+, e.g., 67...f5+ 68.
♘e3 h4? 69.gxf4+ ♘xh4 70.♘f4+-.

67...f5 68.♘e5 ♗g8 69.♘d4

Still five minutes on the clock. UGH!
69...h4! 70.gxf4+ ♘xh4

White's Knight is paralyzed and
Black wins.

71.♗d1 f4 72.♗f2 ♘g3 73.♗e4+ ♘g2
74.♗f6 f3 75.♗xg8 f2 76.♗f6 f1=♗
77.♗d5 ♖d3+ 78.♘c5 ♖d2 79.♘xc4
♖xb2 80.♘c5 ♘f3 0-1

Dutch

NM Nick Raptis (4.5)
LM Viktors Pupols (2.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (8) 2006

1.d4 f5 2.g3 ♗f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.♗f3 b6
5.♗e5 c6 6.O-O ♗b7 7.♗d2 ♖c7 8.e4
♗e7 9.exf5 exf5 10.♖f3 g6 11.♗e1 d6
12.♗d3 ♘f7 13.♗f4 ♗e8 14.♖b3+ d5
15.♗f3 ♗a6 16.♗e5+ ♘g8 17.c4 ♖d6
18.♗d2 ♗f8 19.♗ac1 ♗e7 20.cxd5 cxd5
21.♗fd3 ♗c7 22.♗f4 ♖d8 23.♗xc7
♗xc7 24.♗c5 bxc5 25.♖xb7 ♖b8 26.

♖xb8 ♗xb8 27.♗d3 ♗c8 28.dxc5 ♗e-
29.b4 ♗b5 30.♗e5 ♗a3 31.f3 ♗d2 32
♗d1 ♗dc4 33.♗d4 ♗c2 34.♗f2 ♗2e3
35.♗c1 ♗g7 36.f4 ♗xg2 37.♘xg2 ♘f
38.b5 ♗a3 39.b6 axb6 40.cxb6 ♗xc1
41.♗xc1 ♗f8 42.b7 1-0

Sicilian Kopec

Ignacio Perez (6.5)

Chris Kalina (3.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (8) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.♗d3 e6
5.♗c2 ♗e7 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 O-O 8.♗c3
♗c6 9.O-O ♗d7 10.♗e1 Draw

Sicilian

Elston Cloy (1.5)

Andy May (1.5)

Tacoma, WA Premier (8) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4
♖c7 5.g3 ♖e5 6.♗e2 ♖xe4 7.♗g1 ♗e5

8. ♔g2 ♘f3+ 9. ♘f1 ♘h2+ 10. ♘e1 ♘f3+ 11. ♘f1 b6 12. ♘bc3 ♘h2+ 13. ♘e1 ♘f3+ 14. ♘f1 ♘h2+ Draw

Guioco Piano

Mark Ryan (2.0)

Kevin Binz (3.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (8) 2006

Annotations by Kevin Binz

1.e4 e5 2. ♘c4 ♘c6 3. d3 ♘f6 4. ♘f3 ♘c5 5. O-O O-O 6. ♘g5 h6 7. ♘h4

This line has acquired the reputation as extremely drawish, but the position to me is already quite interesting. White has essentially two plans: planting a Knight on c3 and trying to exploit the pin or some idea involving c3 and d4. As I began to get a feel for the position, I sensed that Black was on the verge of a disadvantage (!) with either idea. I ultimately chose the following centralized approach recommended by the textbooks.

7...d6 8.h3 ♘e6 9. ♘b3

The position I had foreseen which brings Black to a crisis. Though he would much like to play 9...g5 to extricate himself, White can sac his Knight with a compelling attack. Should Black fail to find a constructive plan, White will centralize his position and select one of the strategies mentioned above. I believe Black's idea, while not necessarily the only solution, presents White with the most difficulties.

9... ♘xb3 10. axb3 ♘h8 11. ♘c3 ♘g8 12. ♖d2

Eyes h6. Black's reply, eliminating the critical kingside Knight, ensures him a playable position.

12... ♘d4 13. ♘xd4 ♘xd4 14. ♘d5 g5

14... ♘xe4 was the main alternative. I felt like the waters were too dangerous after 15.dxe4! ♖xh4 16. ♘xc7 ♘ac8 (16...g5 17. ♘xa8 g4 18.g3!) 17. ♘b5.

15.c3 ♘xd5 16.exd5 ♘b6 17. ♘h1 f5 18.f4

The losing move. White would have had an unpleasant, though not impossible, defensive task after the natural 18.f3.

18...exf4 19. ♘f2

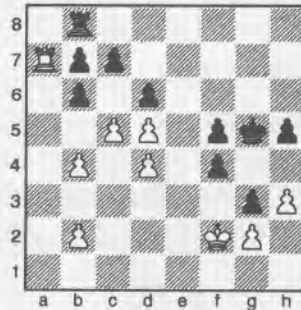
After the tactically charged 19. ♘xf4, either 19... ♖d7, 19... ♖f8, or even 19... ♘e3 would have been sufficient for the

win. Now it's just a simply winning endgame.

19... ♖f6 20. ♘fe1 ♘ae8

Absolutely accurate. Black doesn't mind the Rook swinging into a7, control of the e-file carries more weight.

21. ♘xb6 axb6 22. ♘a7 ♘xe1+ 23. ♖xe1 ♘b8 24.d4 ♘g7 25. ♖e2 ♘f7 26. ♘g1 ♖e7 27. ♘f2 ♖xe2+ 28. ♘xe2 g4 29.c4 ♘f6 30. ♘f2 ♘g5 31.b4 h5 32.c5 g3+



The death knell sounds, as Black's pawns make their rush for the promotion squares. 33. ♘f3 is met by 33...h4!, followed by 34... ♘e8, threatening both mate and fatal penetration.

33. ♘f1 f3 34.gxf3 ♘f4 35. ♘g2 ♘e8 36.c6 bxc6 37. ♘xc7 ♘e2+ 38. ♘f1 ♘xf3 0-1

Philidor

Mike MacGregor (4.5)

Ben Wyde (4.5)

Tacoma, WA Premier (8) 2006

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3. ♘c3 ♘bd7 4. ♘f3 e5 5. ♘c4 h6 6. ♘e3 c6 7.a4 a5 8.h3 ♖c7 9. ♖e2 ♘e7 10. ♘d1 ♘f8 11.dxe5 dxe5 12. ♘h4 g6 13. ♘f3 ♘e6 14.g4 g5 15. ♘xe6 ♘xe6 16. ♘d2 ♘b8 17. ♘f1 ♘b4 18. ♘g3 b5 19. ♖f3 ♖e7 20.O-O O-O 21.axb5 ♘xc3 22.bxc3 cxb5 23. ♘c5 ♖xc5 24. ♖xf6 ♘h7 25. ♘d5 ♖c7 26. ♘f5 ♘xf5 27. ♖xf5+ ♘g8 28. ♘fd1 ♘b6 29. ♘g2 ♘e6 30. ♘xb5 ♖xc3 31. ♘d7 ♖c6 32. ♘bb7 ♘f6 33. ♖xe5 ♘f4 34. ♘dc7 ♖xe4+ 35. ♖xe4 ♘xe4 36. ♘a7 a4 37.c4 ♘d8 38. ♘xf7 ♘xc4 39. ♘g7+ ♘f8 40. ♘h7 ♘g8 41. ♘xh6 ♘f4 42. ♘g6+ ♘h8 43. ♘xg5 ♘d2 44. ♘b5 ♘dx2+ 45. ♘g3 ♘2f3+ 46. ♘h4 ♘f7 47. ♘xf7 ♘xf7 48. ♘a5 ♘f4 49. ♘a7 ♘b4 50. ♘h5 ♘b3 51. ♘xa4 ♘g7 52. ♘a7+ ♘f8 53.h4 ♘g8 54.g5 ♘f8 55.g6 ♘g8 56. ♘h6 ♘b8 57.h5 ♘h8 58. ♘f7 ♘g8 59. ♘f6 ♘b7 60. ♘g5 ♘b5+ 61. ♘f5 ♘b6 62.h6 ♘c6 63.h7+ 1-0

French Winawer

Geoffrey Gale (4.5)

FM David Bragg (4.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (8) 2006

Annotations by FM David Bragg

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. ♘c3 ♘b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♘xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♖c7 7. ♖g4 ♘e7 8. ♖xg7 ♘g8 9. ♖xh7 ♘bc6?

9...cxd4 10. ♘e2 ♘bc6 11.f4 dxc3

10. ♖d3 ♘d7 11.f4 ♘f5 12. ♘f3 ♖b6 13.dxc5 ♖xc5 14. ♘b1 a6 15. ♘xb7 ♘a5 16. ♘b4 ♘c8

16... ♘b5 allows the simplifying 17. ♘xb5 axb5 18. ♖xb5+ ♖xb5 19. ♘xb5+ ♘e7 20.O-O±

17. ♘d4 ♖xc3+ 18. ♖xc3 ♘xc3 19. ♘xf5 exf5 20. ♘b8+ ♘c8 21. ♘xc8+ ♘xc8 22. ♘e3 ♘b7 23. ♘d4 ♘c6 24.c3 ♘d7 25. ♘f2 ♘xd4 26.cxd4 ♘c8 27. ♘d3 ♘c3 28. ♘xf5+ ♘c7 29.h4 ♘xa3 30.h5 1-0

Round Nine

At 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Slava is a point ahead of Raptis, and is playing Greninger another half point back. Greninger has some chances at a playoff for the BAP if he fights and beats Slava. But then who else has beaten Slava? After about 13 moves, they make peace, with Slava getting the Championship. Even before that Schill and Pupols have agreed to a draw and depart the tourney. With a win with the Black pieces, Raptis can tie Slava for the BAP prize which would have to be settled by a playoff some time in the following three weeks. After some exciting skirmishing with Nat, (well, I saw some of their analysis afterwards) Nick takes the draw and second place. And Slava gets both big prizes. Ricky Selzler finishes with a win over Adi Lanka. In a long game, Fleury can't hold his position against John Readey. Was it because of the time control?

In the Premier, Kalina and Cloy have some traffic problems out on the road I-5 and are a little late. That really marked the only significant late starts in the whole tourney.

I thank the players for their attention and courtesy that they showed in this regard. Self-preservation may rule too, I suppose. Also we had no cellular phone interruptions in the tournament hall. We had a central door that would close loudly

if not managed by someone going in or out of the room, and occasionally someone would talk too loudly in the hallway leading into the playing room, but there were largely no botherings other than these for the players. We did get visitors and media attention. I hope we as players and organizers will seek to increase that public exposure whenever we can in our chess tourneys.

King's Indian Classical

LM Viktors Pupols (2.5)
FM William Schill (4.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (9) 2006
Annotations by FM William Schill
1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6

"Uncle Vik" finished tied for second last year in this event, this year was a big disappointment.

3.♗c3 ♗g7

I also finished tied for second last year and won six games in the process. The day before this game, I had two winning endgames and got just a half point out of them. I was wanting out of this tournament in a big way.

4.e4 d6 5.♗f3 O-O 6.♗e2

6.h3 e5 7.d5 ♖a6

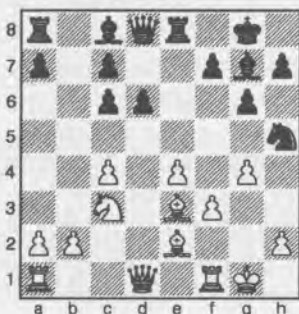
6...e5 7.O-O

7.d5! ♖a6 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 g5 10.♗g3 ♖xe4!? 11.♖xe4 f5 and White must decide which piece to give back to keep an advantage.

7...exd4

I made this my regular choice a few years ago, now I have been playing the more aggressive 7...♗c6 for a while now. But, on this particular Monday, I thought about a line in this variation that seemed just right!

8.♖xd4 ♗e8 9.f3 ♗c6 10.♖xc6 bxc6 11.♗e3 ♖h5 12.g4



It looks as though Vik is thinking about the same line for the same reasons! 12.f4!? ♖f6 (12...♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♖f6 is too risky for Black.) 13.♗f3 ♗b8 14.b3 c5 is a complicated line with all three results still possible.

12...♗e5

Only this move justifies Black's previous move if White plays 12.g4.

13.gxh5 ♗xh2+ 14.♖xh2

14.♖h1 ♗h4; 14.♖g2 ♗h4 15.♗h1 ♗g3+ 16.♖f1 ♗h3 mate.

14...♗h4+ 15.♖g1

If White does not want a draw, he can play 15.♖g2 and lose instead.

15...♗g3+ 16.♖h1 ♗h3+ 17.♖g1 ♗g3+ 18.♖h1 ♗h3+ Draw

Sicilian

Ricky Selzler (1.5)

Adi Lanka (3.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (9) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.a3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 d3 5.♗d3 ♗g7 6.♖f3 d6 7.O-O ♖f6 8.c4 O-O 9.♗c3 ♖c6 10.h3 h6 11.♗e3 ♗e6 12.♗c1 ♖d7 13.b4 ♗c8 14.♗e2 ♖de5 15.♖xe5 dxe5 16.♖d5 ♖d4 17.♗b2 f5 18.♗xd4 exd4 19.♖f4 ♗d6 20.♖xg6 fxe4 21.♖xf8 ♗f5 22.c5 ♗f4 23.♖e6 ♗xe6 24.♗c4 ♗xc4 25.♗xc4 d3 26.♗b3 ♖h8 27.♗xd3 ♗e5 28.♗g3 ♗f6 29.♗g4 ♗g8 30.♗xe4 ♗e6 1-0

Berry Attack

NM Harley Greninger (5.0)

SM Slava Mikhailuk (6.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (9) 2006

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♖f3 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f4 c6 5.e3 ♗b6 6.♗b1 ♗g7 7.♗e2 ♗f5 8.h3 ♖bd7 9.O-O h5 10.b4 O-O 11.a4 a5 12.b5 Draw

King's Indian Classical

NM Nat Koons (4.0)

NM Nick Raptis (5.5)

Tacoma, WA Championship (9) 2006

1.♖f3 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 ♗g7 4.♗c3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O exd4 8.♖xd4 ♗e8 9.f3 ♗c6 10.♗e3 ♖h5 11.♖xc6 bxc6 12.♗d2 f5 13.♗ad1 f4 14.♗xf4 ♖xf4 15.♗xf4 ♗b8 16.♗d2 c5 17.f4 ♗d4+ 18.♖h1 ♗f6 19.♖b5 ♗xe4 20.♗f3 ♗e7 21.b3 ♗e3 22.♗a5 ♗xf4

23.♗d5+ ♗e6 24.♖xc7 ♗f7 25.♗xf7 ♗xf7 26.g3 Draw

Pirc

Matt Fleury (3.5)

FM John Readey (4.0)

Tacoma, WA Championship (9) 2006

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♖f3 ♗g5 5.h3 O-O 6.♗e3 c6 7.a4 ♖bd7 8.a5 ♗c9 9.♗d2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♗c4 b12.axb6 ♖xb6 13.♗b3 ♗d8 14.♗c1 c15.♖g5 ♗d7 16.O-O ♗b7 17.♖b5 ♗d18.♗xc5 ♖xe4 19.♖xe4 ♗xe4 20.♗e ♗b7 21.♗xa7 ♖d5 22.♗xd5 ♗xa23.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 24.♖xa7 ♗d5 25.f ♗h6 26.♗f2 e4 27.♗e1 ♗d7 28.♗d exf3 29.♗xd7 ♗xd7 30.gxf3 ♗xf31.♖f2 ♗d1 32.♗e7 ♗xe7 33.♗xe ♗xc2 34.b4 ♖f7 35.♗c5 ♖e6 36.♖c ♖d5 37.♖e7+ ♖c4 38.♖g3 ♗d39.♖g8 ♗e1+ 40.♖f3 ♗f5 41.♖f6 h42.♖g2 ♗h4 43.♖e8 ♗d7 44.♖d6 ♖d5 45.♖b7 ♗c6 46.♖a5 ♗a8 47.♖h ♗d8 48.♖b3 ♗c7+ 49.♖g1 and eventually 0-1

Two Knights' Defense

Andy May (2.0)

Mike MacGregor (5.5)

Tacoma, WA Premier (9) 2006

Annotations by Andy May

1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗c4 ♖f6 5.e5 d5 6.♗b5 ♖e4 7.♖xd4 ♗c5 8.O-O ♗d7 9.♗xc6 bxc6 10.f3 ♖g5 11.f4 ♖e4 12.♗e3 ♗b8 13.b3 ♗b6 14.c3 a5

To stop White from playing b4.

15.♗d3 f5 16.♖d2 O-O 17.♖xe4 fxe4 18.♗e2 ♗ae8 19.♖h1

To get White's King off the a7-g1 diagonal to stop any checks.

19...♗c8 20.♗f2 ♗a6 21.♗d2 ♗b6

With the threat of c5.

22.♖c2 ♗d3 23.♗xd3

23.♗d1 might be a bit stronger.

23...exd3 24.♖d4 c5 25.♖f3 ♗f5

25...c4, keeping the b6-Bishop alive, would have been stronger.

26.c4 dxc4 27.bxc4 ♗e6 28.♖d2 a4 29.h3 ♗d7 30.♖e4 ♗c6 31.♖g5 h6 32.♖f3 g5 33.g3 ♗xf3+ 34.♗xf3 ♗xe5 35.♗af1

35. ♖d1 would have kept the position about equal.

35... ♖e4 36. fxg5 ♖xf3 37. ♖xf3 ♖xc4 38. ♗d2 ♖d4 39. gxh6 c4 40. g4 c3 41. ♗xc3 d2 42. ♗xd2 ♖xd2 43. g5 ♖h7?

A blunder in time pressure.

44. ♖f7+ ♗g6

44... ♖h8 45. g6 ♖d1+ 46. ♖h2 ♗c5 would lead to a draw, as would 44... ♗g8 45. g6 ♖d1+ 46. ♖h2 ♗c5.

45. ♖g7+ ♖h5 46. h7 ♖h4 47. ♖d7

47. h8=♖+? ♗g3 is winning for Black.

47... ♖xd7 48. h8=♖+ ♖xg5 49. ♖e5+ 1-0

Nimzo-Indian Classical

Kevin Binz (4.0)

Geoffrey Gale (5.5)

Tacoma, WA Premier (9) 2006

Annotations by Geoffrey Gale

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♗c3 ♗b4

I tried the Nimzo for only the third time ever.

4. ♖c2 ♗c6

I got the idea to play the Zurich Variation from Matt Fleury's article in Northwest Chess on the death of descriptive notation. In it, he annotates a game against Oleg Zaikov in this line.

5. ♗f3 O-O?!

Inaccurate, 5... d6 was better.

6. ♗d2?!

He could have secured an edge with 6. e4.

6... d6 7. a3 ♗xc3 8. ♗xc3 ♖e7 9. e4 e5 10. d5 ♗b8 11. ♗d3

11. ♗e2 may have been better.

11... ♗h5

Eying f4 as well as preparing to play ...f7-f5.

12. O-O

This walks into ...♗f4, but I'm not sure what was better. 12. g3 and 12. O-O-O were two moves I considered for White.

12... ♗f4

As planned.

13. ♖fe1 ♗g4

An annoying move.

14. ♖e3

This move looked funny to me.

14... a5

With the positional threat of ...a5-a4. I wanted to force b2-b4 and trade off White's first-rank Rook. This proved to be an important detail in the game continuation.

15. b4

I thought this was forced.

15... axb4 16. axb4 ♖xa1+

Mission accomplished.

17. ♗xa1

This Bishop turns out to be a poor defender of the kingside.

17... ♗d7 18. ♗f1 f5

Going kingside.

19. ♗d2 ♖g5

This looked aggressive to me: the threat is 20... ♗h3+ and if 21. gxh3, then 21... ♗d1+, hitting the Queen, 22. ♖g3 ♖xg3+, winning the Exchange.

20. ♖h1

He sees my cheapo.

20... ♗f6

Bringing in reinforcements.

21. ♖a3

If my combination proves correct, then this is the move that sets it up and deserves a "?!". After the game, Kevin suggested 21. ♖b3 with a slight plus for White. I'm not sure I agree.

21... fxe4 22. ♗xe4 ♗xe4 23. ♖xe4 ♗xg2?!

Does this work? At the time, I thought so, but I hadn't worked out all the variations.

24. ♖xg2

Chris Kalina and David Bragg worked out what seemed to be a refutation. It goes 24. ♖g3 ♖xf2 25. ♗g1, and now nothing seems to work for Black, e.g., 24. ♖g3 ♖xf2 (In the post-mortem, I suggested 24... ♗f4, the idea being 25. f3 ♗g6 26. ♖xg4 (26. ♖xg4 ♖c1 27. ♗g1 ♖xa1 28. ♖e6+ ♖h8 29. ♖xg6 hxg6 30. ♖h3+ ♖g8 31. ♖e6+ ♖h7 32. ♖h3+ ♖g8) 26... ♖c1. It appears that Black

gets his piece back, remains a pawn up, and, according to Nat Koons, has an edge.) 25. ♗g1 ♖f6 (25... ♖a2 26. ♖xg2 ♖xa1 27. ♖xg4 ♖xf1+ and Black runs out of checks.) 26. ♖xg4 ♖xf1+ 27. ♗xg2 ♖xa1 28. ♖c8+ ♖f8 29. ♖e6+ ♖h8 30. ♖f3 ♖a2+ 31. ♗g3 ♖d8 32. ♖g4 ♖e8 33. ♖e6 ♖xe6 34. dxe6.

24... ♖c1 25. ♖g3 ♗e2 26. ♖xg7+ ♖h8 27. ♖xc7 ♖g8??

Here, the very much alive Huso Hadzic suggested 27... ♗f3, which also works.

Also? White has a perpetual in the game by 28. ♖xh7+!!—Elston Cloy.

28. ♖h3 ♗f3+ 0-1

Last year, 6.5 points was enough for Matt Fleury to win the Premier. This year, after Ignacio's tear, his GM draw with Kalina secured the title with a game to go.

Torre Attack

Chris Kalina (3.5)

Mark Ryan (2.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (9) 2006

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♗f3 g6 3. ♗g5 ♗g7 4. ♗bd2 d5 5. e3 O-O 6. ♗d3 c5 7. c3 b6 8. O-O ♗a6 9. ♗xa6 ♗xa6 10. ♖e2 ♖c8 11. e4 cxd4 12. ♗xd4 dxe4 13. ♗xe4 ♗xe4 14. ♖xe4 e5 15. ♗c6 ♖e6 16. ♖fd1 f6 17. ♗e3 ♖fc8 18. ♗d4 ♖c4 19. b3 ♖f7 20. ♗b5 ♖d8 21. ♗d6 ♖e6 22. ♖b7 ♗f8 23. ♗e4 ♗c5 24. ♗xc5 ♗xc5 25. ♗xc5 bxc5 26. ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 27. ♖xa7 ♖d5 28. ♖a6 ♗g7 29. ♖e2 h5 30. ♗f1 h4 31. h3 f5 32. f3 ♗f6 33. ♗e1 ♖e8 34. ♖d1 ♖c6 35. ♖d2 1-0

Sicilian

Ben Wyde (4.5)

Ignacio Perez (7.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (9) 2006

1. e4 c5 2. b3 ♗c6 3. ♗b2 ♗f6 4. ♗c3 e6 5. ♗f3 ♗e7 6. ♗e2 d6 7. ♗g3 a6 8. d4?!

This allows a Queen exchange. Better is 8. c3.

8... cxd4 9. ♗xd4 ♖a5+ 10. ♖d2 ♖xd2+ 11. ♗xd2 ♗d7 12. ♗e2 O-O 13. ♖ad1 ♖ac8 14. ♖he1 ♖fd8 15. ♗c1 g6 16. ♗b1 h5 17. f3 ♗e8 18. c4 ♗d7 19. ♗xc6 bxc6 20. f4 ♗c5 21. ♗f3 ♖b8 22. ♗a3 h4 23. ♗f1 h3 24. ♗xc5 hxg2 25. ♗xg2 dxc5 26. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 27. ♗c2 ♗f8 28. ♖e2

♖h6 29. ♖f2 f5 30. ♗g3 ♗g7 31. ♖f1
 ♗f6 32. ♖d3 ♖f7 33. ♗e2 ♖h8 34. ♗c3
 ♖f8 35. ♗e2 ♖h4 36. ♗c3 ♖h6 37. b4
 cxb4+ 38. ♗xb4 ♖f8+ 39. ♗a5 ♖h3
 40. ♗g3 ♖c5 41. ♖b2 ♖g1 42. a4 ♖xh2
 43. e5+ ♗g7 44. ♖f1 ♖h4 45. ♗e2 g5
 46. ♗xa6 ♖xf4 47. ♗xf4 ♖xf4 48. ♖b1
 ♖f2 49. a5 ♖a2 50. ♗b6 c5 51. a6 ♖h5
 52. ♖b5 ♖f3 53. ♖xc5 ♖a1 54. ♖c7+
 ♗h6 55. c5 ♖xf1 56. c6 ♖b1+ 57. ♗a7
 ♖c1 58. ♗b7 g4 59. a7 ♖b1+ 60. ♗a8
 ♖a1 61. ♗b8 g3 62. ♖b7 ♖xc6 and eventu-
 ally 0-1

Sicilian Benko

FM David Bragg (4.0)

Elston Cloy (2.0)

Tacoma, WA Premier (9) 2006

1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♗xd4
 ♗f6 5. ♗c3 d6 6. ♖c4 ♗b6 7. ♖e3?
 ♗xd4? 8. ♗xd4?

8. ♖xd4

8... ♗xd4 9. ♖xd4 a6 10. a4 e6 11. O-O
 ♖e7 12. ♖ad1 O-O 13. ♖b6 ♖d7 14. f4
 ♖ac8 15. ♖b3 ♖c6 16. f5 exf5 17. ♖xf5
 ♖d7 18. ♖ff1 ♖e6 19. ♖d3 ♖c6 20. ♖d4
 ♗d7 21. ♗d5 ♖d8 22. ♖g3 ♗e5 23. c3
 ♗g6 24. h3 ♖h4 25. ♖e3 ♗e5 26. ♗h2
 ♖g5 27. ♖e2 b5 28. g3 ♖cc8 29. ♗g2
 ♗c6 30. axb5 ♗xd4?

30... axb5 31. ♖e3 ♖xe3 32. ♖xe3 but
 in time, the Knight will return to the strong
 outpost e5.

31. cxd4 ♖xd5?!

The Bishop on b3 is weak, so why trade off now? Yes, White loses his proud Knight, but now his light-squared Bishop dominates the center.

32. ♖xd5 axb5 33. ♖f3 ♖f6 34. e5 dxe5
 35. dxe5 ♖e7 36. ♖ef2 ♖c5 37. ♖f1 ♖c7
 38. e6 g6 39. exf7+ ♗g7 40. b3 ♖d4 41. h4
 b4 42. ♖c4 ♖e7 43. ♖d1 ♖c3 44. ♖d5?

After 44. ♖fd3 ♖e1, Black would
 have removed one set of Rooks. Black
 should be able to hold anyway, e.g., after
 45. ♖d6, but keeping all the Rooks on
 seemed to offer the best chances. My only
 idea at this point was to try to double
 Rooks and put one on d8, then exchange
 on f8 and check on d8. Black can de-
 fend, but must notice the threat. Even if
 Black has to give up the Exchange, the
 win is not a lock.

44... ♖exf7 45. ♖xf7+ ♖xf7 46. ♖d8 ♖e7
 47. g4 ♗f6 48. ♗f3 ♖a7 49. ♖d6+ ♗e7
 50. ♖e6+ ♗f8 51. g5 ♖f7+ 52. ♗g4 ♖d7
 53. ♖e2 ♖d2 54. ♖e3 ♖d4+ 55. ♗g3
 ♖d7 56. ♖f3+ ♗g7 57. h5 ♖e5+ 58. ♗h3
 gxh5 59. ♗h4 h6 60. ♗xh5 Draw

It will be interesting to see the out-
 comes of FIDE ratings for the players
 involved. Will Nick Raptis gain the FM
 title? Adi Lanka and Andy May may have
 nine games total now and get an official
 rating, and Adi's is likely to be pretty high.

And what role did the time control
 truly play? Compared to the last year's
 event there were more longer games this
 year. But that could be because of a
 couple of players who were present this
 year. Readey freely admits he plays long
 games, and Ben Wyde also seems to do
 so. I have made a list below of the play-
 ers involved in games more than 45 moves
 long.

| | Championship | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|----|----|-----|----|
| Readey | 49 | 56 | 58 | 62 | 75 |
| Pupols | 48 | 58 | 58 | 102 | |
| Selzler | 49 | 62 | 92 | 102 | |
| Fleury | 48 | 75 | | | |
| Koons | 49 | 58 | | | |
| Mikhailuk | 49 | 56 | | | |
| Greninger | 49 | | | | |
| Raptis | 49 | | | | |
| Schill | 92 | | | | |

| | Premier | | | | |
|-----------|---------|----|----|----|-------|
| MacGregor | 49 | 53 | 54 | 57 | 60 63 |
| Bragg | 48 | 57 | 60 | 64 | 77 |
| Wyde | 55 | 63 | 64 | 77 | 77 |
| Cloy | 54 | 55 | 60 | 63 | |
| Peres | 48 | 50 | 50 | 64 | |
| Binz | 50 | 75 | 77 | | |
| Kalina | 52 | 60 | 75 | | |
| May | 49 | 52 | 64 | | |
| Gale | 50 | 63 | | | |
| Ryan | 53 | | | | |

Eleven Championship games, about
 24%, were long, which is about what I
 expected. In the Premier, there were 18
 (or 40%), much higher than I was expect-
 ing. Note that Adi Lanka had no such
 long games and still scored 3.5. So let's
 give the Premier players incentives to
 sharpen, shorten their games. Or maybe
 just lessons. Maybe that's what was miss-
 ing. No...Really, my hat goes off to them
 for playing so hard over both weekends.

If we wish to keep a high quality
 present in the games, and still have the
 players play two games a day because of
 various costs and logistical consider-
 ations, and if this year's time control was
 not the best balance possible, perhaps we
 could make the time control: Primary –
 40/105; Secondary – SD/25; with 30
 seconds added per move from the start.
 This is still faster than 40/2 plus SD/1
 and, though it offers only 10 minutes more
 in thinking time than did this year's time
 control, it might be seen as offering a bet-
 ter compromise that is only a little faster
 than what some think is the classical stan-
 dard around here but avoids sudden death
 issues.

Survey on Time Control and Site

The time control and site caused a bit of controversy; so much so that Geoff
 Gale called for a survey of the participants. On a scale of 5 (best) to 1 (worst), the
 results for the time control were: 5-1, 4-3, 3-5, 2-3, 1-7 (average=2.67). For the
 site, the results were: 5-7, 4-5, 3-0, 2-5, 1-2 (average=3.53).

At least two players refused their invitations to the Championship/Premier
 because of the time control (G/120 + 30 seconds per move). Comments from the
 players on the survey: "I like 40/2, SD/1 much better." "If ever you get in time
 pressure, you remain there for the rest of the game." "[I've been] playing all year
 on a different time control. It should be the same all year." "Only on one occasion
 was this time control annoying." "Liked the time control."

About the site, a UW-Tacoma classroom survey comments were: "Nice place,
 way too far away." "Nice site, very good lighting. Too bad it's in Tacoma, though!"
 "Do not hold in Tacoma, ever!" "Tacoma is good for me. Good lighting. Comfort-
 able chairs. Ample table room. Restrooms in close proximity." "The venue was
 fine, but both weekends in Tacoma was too much travel time, since the vast
 majority of players lived in the Seattle area." "Good and quiet. Clean — good
 amenities." "Long drive, parking." "Tournaments need to be more centralized so
 players don't have to drive an hour to get there. Lots of players live on Capitol Hill
 — why not hold the tournament there?" "Don't have tournaments in Tacoma."
 "[A]n excellent site — much better lighting than [the] Oki Foundation. [But it was]
 an hour drive for everyone. How about UW-Bothell? Maybe we're pampered, but
 the free juice and nuts of previous years were really nice. Here, there wasn't even
 coffee."

Holler's Chess Column

By Robert Holler

In this issue, I would like to give a thank you to Julie Young and Chess for Success for putting together such a great organization and state tournament. Without it, I would not have been able to compete and win the high school championship this year, or have had such a wonderful time all of my other years. The championship was a two-day event that took place at the Oregon Convention Center (March 3rd and 4th); which was a very nice setting to hold the tournament. Since my years in elementary school up through now, my senior year, I have been able to compete in this great event. All the years have been a great learning experience and enjoyable. Chess for Success is an organization dedicated to expanding chess to many students. Thank you once again!

Below are a few of my games from the High School Championship this year, which I was able to finish on four out of five with two draws. Enjoy...

Sicilian Alapin

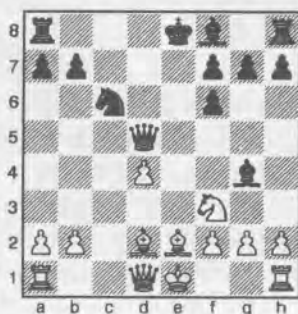
Christopher Kevorkian (1503 NWSRS)
Robert Holler (1717 NWSRS)

Chess-for-Success HS Championship 2006
Annotations by Robert Holler

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 ♘c6 6.♗f3 ♘f6 7.♗c3 ♖a5 8.♗d2

8.d5! ♘b8±

8...♗g4 9.♗e4 ♖d5 10.♗xf6+ exf6 11.♗e2



11...♗xf3
11...♗d6 12.O-O
12.♗xf3 ♖e6+
12...♖xd4! 13.♖b3 O-O-O
13.♗e3 ♗b4+ 14.♗f1 ♖d7 15.♖e2 O-O 16.♗d1 a6 17.g3 ♖h3+ 18.♗g2 ♖f5 19.♖f3 ♖c2 20.♖e2 ♖f5 21.♗f3 ♗ad8 22.♗g4

22.♗g2! should be considered.

22...♖d5 23.♗f3 ♖xa2 24.♗g2 a5 25.♗xc6 bxc6 26.♗a1 ♖e6 27.♗hd1 ♗d5 28.♗e1??

I could see my opponent was getting frustrated with my b4-Bishop.

28...♗xe1 29.♗xe1 ♗b5 30.h4 ♗fb8 31.♖d2 a4

Better is 31...♖d5+ 32.♗g1 ♗xb2. 32.♗f4 ♖d5+ 33.♗g1 ♗f8 34.♗a1 ♖b3 35.♗d6 ♗e8 36.♗e1 ♗xe1+ 37.♖xe1 ♖e6 38.♗f1 ♖xe1+ 39.♗xe1 ♗xb2 40.♗a3 ♗b3 41.♗c1 a3 42.♗d1 a2 43.♗c2 a1=♖ 44.♗xb3 ♖xc1 0-1

Scotch Game

Robert Holler (1717 NWSRS)
Mike Riches (1092 NWSRS)

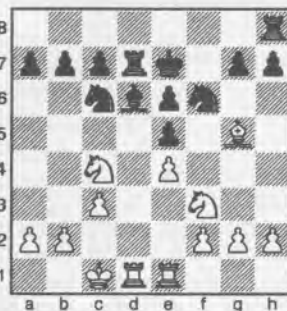
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1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 d6 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 6.♗c4 ♗f6 7.♗g5

7.♗g5! ♗d4 8.♗xf7+ ♗e8 9.♗d1 (9.♗xh8? ♗xc2+ 10.♗d1 ♗xa1) 9...♗xe4 10.♗e1

7...♗e6 8.♗xe6 fxe6 9.♗bd2 ♗c5 10.♗c4

The isolani on e5 becomes a target. 10...♗d6 11.O-O-O ♗e7 12.♗he1 ♗ad8 13.c3 ♗d7



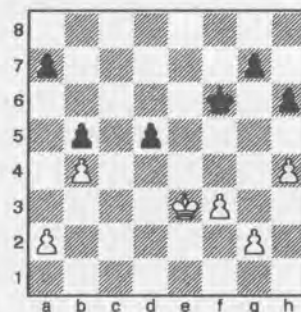
14.♗h4 ♗hd8 15.♗g3

Increasing the pressure on the isolated pawn on e5.

15...b5 16.♗cxe5 ♗xe5 17.♗xe5 ♗xe5 18.♗xe5 ♗xd1+ 19.♗xd1 ♗xd1+ 20.♗xd1 ♗d6 21.♗f7+ ♗e7 22.♗g5 h6 23.♗h3

23.e5! ♗g4 24.♗f3 ♗xf2+ 25.♗e2±

23...♗xe4= 24.f3 ♗c5 25.♗d2 ♗a4 26.b3 ♗b6 27.♗f4 ♗d5 28.♗xd5+ exd5 29.♗e3 c5 30.h4 ♗f6 31.b4 cxb4 32.cxb4



32...♗e5?

32...g6 33.♗d4 ♗e6 34.f4= 33.g3?

33.h5!

33...g6 34.♗d3 d4?

Black is ruining his position. Better is 34...h5.

35.f4+ ♗f5 36.♗xd4 ♗g4 37.♗e5 ♗xg3 38.♗f6 ♗xf4 39.♗xg6 h5 40.♗xh5 ♗f5 41.♗h6 ♗f6 42.♗h5 ♗f5 43.♗h6 ♗f6 44.h5 ♗f7 45.♗g5 1-0

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Sean You (1381 NWSRS)
Robert Holler (1717 NWSRS)

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Annotations by Robert Holler

1.♗f3 d5 2.b3 ♗g4 3.g3 c6 4.♗g2 ♗f6 5.♗b2 ♖c8 6.d3 ♗h3 7.O-O ♗xg2 8.♗xg2 ♗bd7 9.♗bd2 ♖c7 10.a3 e6 11.c4 ♗e7 12.b4 O-O 13.♗c1 ♗fd8 14.♗b3 dxc4 15.♗xc4 ♗b6 16.♗c2 ♗ac8 17.♖c1 ♗fd5 18.♗c5 ♗f6 19.♗e4 ♗xb2 20.♖xb2 ♖e7 21.♗cc1 a6 22.♗fd2 ♗c7 23.♗c5 ♗b5 24.♗c4

24.a4! ♗d6 25.a5

24...♗xc4 25.♗xc4 ♗d6 26.♗c2 ♗f5 27.♗c4 ♖c7 28.♗e4 ♗d6 29.♗xd6 ♖xd6 30.a4 ♖d5+ 31.♗g1 ♗c7 32.b5 axb5 33.axb5 ♗dc8 34.bxc6 bxc6

34...♗xc6 35.♗xc6 ♖xc6 36.♗b1 35.♖b6 h6 Draw

Old Friends at the U.S. Masters

LM Viktors Pupols

Nostalgic for the days of wine and roses and higher ratings, Dave Rupel and I journeyed in mid-March to the U.S. Masters Championship in Hendersonville, N.C. Florida teenager Daniel Ludwig, who did not pay the U.S. Championship qualifying fee, tied for first-fifth with Ron Burnett and Brian Smith, who did pay the fee, and Giorgi Margvelashvili and Andrey Chumenko. Dr. Miles Ardaman, a North Carolina psychiatrist, who plays wierder than David Bragg, but at a Senior Master level, led with six from seven. Unable, or unwilling, to break from Slug-fest-style, he lost his last two games.

Dave and I had the usual litany of missed opportunities, three of which follow. We both finished on minus two.

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David Rupel (2072)

Russell Potter (2203, VA)

Hendersonville, U.S. Masters (9) 2006

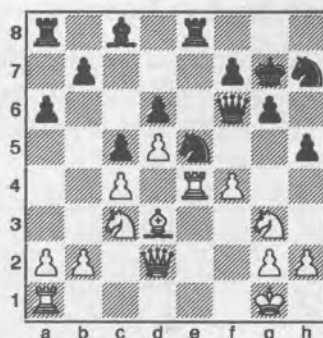
1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♗c3 ♗g7 5.e4 d6 6.♗ge2

David's favorite.

6...O-O 7.♗g3 e6 8.♗e2 exd5 9.exd5 ♗e8 10.♗f4 a6 11.O-O h5 12.f3 ♗e7 13.♗d3 ♗bd7 14.♗d2 ♗e5 15.♗fe1 ♗h7 16.♗h6 ♗h4 17.♗e4 ♗f6??

A blunder. 17...♗xh6 18.♗xh6 ♗g5 19.♗xg5 ♗xg5 20.♗e3 ♗exf3+ is interesting.

18.♗xg7 ♗xg7 19.f4



19...♗g4

Black chooses to give up a Rook, rather than the Exchange, i.e., 19...♗xd3 20.♗xe8 ♗d4+ 21.♗e3 ♗xb2.

20.♗xe8 ♗d4+ 21.♗f1 ♗hf6 22.♗xc8

22.♗e4 is a better way of returning the Exchange.

22...♗xc8 23.♗e1 h4

23...b5! also causes some problems.

24.♗ge4 ♗xh2+ 25.♗e2 ♗e8 26.♗d1 ♗xe4 27.♗xe4 ♗g4

If 27...f5, 28.♗f2! Now what can Black do?

28.♗c3

White should continue 28.♗xd6 ♗f2+ 29.♗xf2! ♗xf2 30.♗xe8+.

28...f5 29.♗xd4+ cxd4 30.♗xd6

Last chance to bail out with 30.♗d2. Now Black wins the endgame.

30...♗f2+
31.♗d2 ♗xe1
32.♗xe1 ♗xd3+
33.♗d2 ♗xf4
34.♗xb7 ♗f7
35.♗d8+ ♗e8
36.♗c6 ♗xg2
37.♗xd4 h3 38.
♗f3 g5 39.♗h2
g4 40.♗f1 f4
41.♗e2 ♗e3
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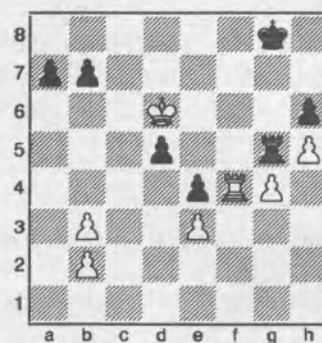
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Craig Jones (2280, NC)

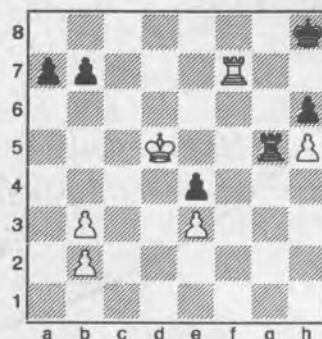
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Hendersonville, U.S. Masters (3) 2006


1.d4 c5 2.dxc5 e6 3.♗c3 ♗xc5 4.♗e4 d5 5.♗xc5 ♗a5+ 6.c3 ♗xc5 7.♗d4 ♗xd4 8.cxd4 ♗c6 9.♗f3 ♗b4 10.♗d1 ♗f6 11.♗d2 ♗c6 12.e3 ♗e4 13.♗e1 O-O 14.♗e5 ♗xe5 15.dxe5 ♗d7 16.f3 ♗c5 17.♗b4 ♗fc8 18.♗c3 ♗c6 19.♗d2 ♗d7 20.♗d3 f6 21.exf6 gxf6 22.g4 ♗e5 23.♗xe5 fxe5 24.♗hf1 ♗c7 25.f4 e4 26.♗e2 ♗e8 27.♗ac1 ♗d7 28.♗c3 e5 29.fxe5 ♗xe5 30.♗d4 ♗ee7 31.♗f5 ♗d6 32.h4 ♗g7 33.♗cf1 h6 34.♗1f2 ♗dd7 35.♗f6 ♗c7 36.♗d1 ♗b5 37.♗b3 ♗c4 38.h5 ♗xb3 39.♗g6+ ♗h7 40.axb3 ♗c6 41.♗ff6 ♗xf6 42.♗xf6 ♗g7 43.♗f4 ♗g5 44.♗c5 ♗g8 45.♗d6



Black is in *Zugzwang*. He wants to save the g7-square for a Rook check (...♗c7, ♗g7+) and plays 45...♗g8-h8! 45...♗h8 46.♗f7 ♗xg4 47.♗xd5 ♗g5+



48.♗xe4?



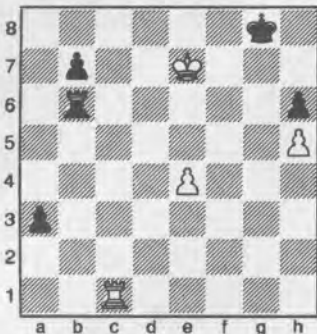
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Can White do better? [48.♔c4 b5+ 49.♕d4 a5 50.♔xe4 ♖xh5]

48... ♖b5 49. ♖e7 ♔g8 50. ♖c7 ♖xb3 51. ♔f5 ♖b5+ 52. ♔g6 ♖b6+ 53. ♔f5 ♖b5+ 54. ♔f4 ♖xb2 55. e4 a5 56. ♔f5 a4 57. ♔f6 ♖b6+ 58. ♔e7 a3 59. ♖c1



59...a2

Black offered a draw, but 59... ♖c6 60. ♖g1+ ♔h7 61. ♔f7 ♖c7+ 62. ♔f8 b5 63. e5 a2 64. e6 ♖a7 65. e7 a1=♚ !! wins for Black!

60. ♖g1+ Draw

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Justin Sarkar (2399, NY)

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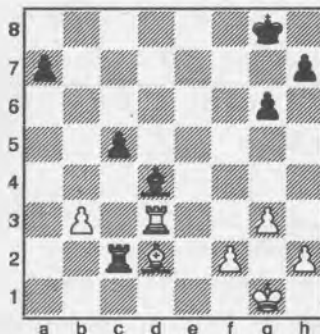
1. d4 f5 2. g3 ♔f6 3. ♖g2 g6

4. b3 ♖g7 5. ♖b2

d6 6. ♔d2 O-O

7. e4 fxe4 8.

♔xe4 ♔xe4 9. ♖xe4 c5 10. ♔e2 ♔c6 11. O-O ♖h3 12. ♖g2 ♖xg2 13. ♔xg2 cxd4 14. ♔xd4 ♚b6 15. c3 ♔xd4 16. cxd4 ♖ac8 17. ♖c1 ♖xc1 18. ♚xc1 ♚c6+ 19. ♔g1 ♖f3 20. ♚d1 ♚e4 21. ♖e1 ♖d3 22. ♚c1 ♚c6 23. ♚xc6 bxc6 24. ♖xe7 ♖d2 25. ♖c3 ♖c2 26. ♖e3 ♖xa2 27. ♖d3 ♖c2 28. ♖b4 c5 29. dxc5 dxc5 30. ♖d2 ♖d4

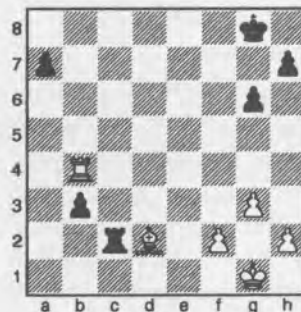


31. b4

White looked only at 31. ♖e3 ♖xe3 32. ♖xe3 a5. White's King cannot leave the kingside, but the Black King can. Therefore, White attempted to simplify.

31...cxb4

Although quite short of time, Black put White's idea to the test. This appears scary, but is actually harmless. After 32. ♖xd4 b3 33. ♖b4,



Analysis Diagram

you have to know that 33... ♖xd2 34. ♖xb3 is a draw and that 33... b2 34. ♖e1 a5 35. ♖b8+ ♔g7 36. ♖xa5 ♖c1+ 37. ♔g2 b1=♚ 38. ♖xb1 ♖xb1 is also a draw. Other lines may—and, in fact, do—lose.

32. ♖xb4 ♖xf2+ 33. ♔f1 ♖b6 34. h4 ♖f2+ 35. ♔e1 ♖b2 36. ♖a3 ♖g2 37. ♖f3 h5 38. ♖d6 ♖c2 39. ♖f8+ ♔g7 40. ♖f3 ♖c6 41. ♖f8+ ♔g8 42. ♖a3 a5 43. ♔d2 ♖d4 44. ♖d3 ♖c4 45. ♖f3 ♖e5 46. ♖e3 ♖f6 47. ♔e2 a4 48. ♔f3 ♖c3 49. ♖xc3 ♖xc3 50. g4

♔f7 51. gxf5 gxf5

52. ♔e4 ♔f6 53.

♔d3 ♖e1 1-0

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Rapid Improvement

By Eric Tangborn

Arthur Dake was not only one of the greatest players to come out of the Northwest, but maybe one of the most talented the world has ever seen. He didn't learn chess until the late age of 17 in 1927, but within four years was a world-class player. Two years after learning how to play, he faced the World Champion in a simultaneous, but didn't put up much of a fight.

Grünfeld

Alexander Alekhine
Arthur Dake

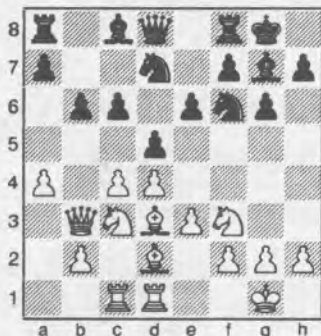
San Francisco (simul) 1929

By Eric Tangborn

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.e3 ♗g7
5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗d2 c6 7.♞c1 ♗g4

Not a good square for the Bishop as will become apparent after White's next move. Better are 7...♘e4 or 7...♗f5.

8.♞b3 ♗c8 9.a4 e6 10.♗d3 ♘bd7
11.O-O b6 12.♞fd1



12...♗a6?

Black was still doing fine up to this move. Better was 12...♗b7.

13.cxd5

This leads to a large advantage for White.

13...♗xd3 14.dxc6 ♗e2?

This doesn't make any sense. 14...♘e4 would have been better.

15.♘xe2 ♘b8 16.c7 ♞e8 17.c8=♞
1-0

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Three years after that, Dake became the first American to beat the champion, one of only four tournament losses that Alekhine suffered from 1927 through 1936.

Caro-Kann Panov-Botvinnik

Arthur Dake
Alexander Alekhine

Pasadena 1932

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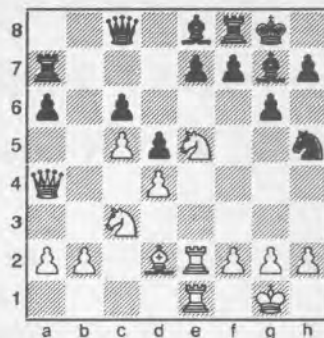
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4

Dake recalled later that the week previous to this game he had analyzed this variation with Alekhine.

4...♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘f3 ♗e6?!

A very bad square for the Bishop. Normal here are 6...♗g4 or 6...e6.

7.c5 g6 8.♗b5 ♗g7 9.♘e5 ♞c8
10.♞a4 ♗d7 11.O-O O-O 12.♗f4 a6
13.♗xc6 bxc6 14.♞fe1 ♘h5 15.♗d2
♞a7 16.♞e2 ♗e8 17.♞ae1



17...f5?!

It's hard to believe Alekhine could make such a bad move. It leads to permanent weaknesses. Black would have been doing fine with a more sensible move.

18.♘f3 ♘f6?

18...♗f6 makes more sense

19.♞xe7 ♞xe7 20.♞xe7 f4?

Another hard-to-understand move.

21.♗xf4

The game is basically over now.

21...♘e4 22.♗e5 ♗h6 23.♘xe4 dxe4



24.♘g5 ♞f5

24...♗xg5 is met with 25. ♞g7+.

25.♞b3+ ♗f7 26.♘xf7 ♞xf7 27.♞xf7
♞xf7 28.♞b8+ ♞f8 29.d5 e3 30.f4
♞xb8 31.♗xb8 ♘f7 32.dxc6 ♘e8
33.b4 g5 34.g3 gxf4 35.gxf4 ♘d8 36.
a4 ♘c8 37.♗d6 ♗g7 38.♘f1 1-0

During the Great Depression, economic pressures forced Dake out of professional chess. After various jobs, he ended up working at the department of motor vehicles in Portland. One funny anecdote is that there was a chess player and later many times Oregon champion who took his driver's license test from him in about 1970. Dake flunked him.

After he retired in 1973, he resumed play, becoming one of the strongest players of his age until his death in 2000. ■

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Passing by Legends

By Eric Tangborn

Vancouver 75 was a very special tournament because of the participation of Paul Keres. It was amazing the way he dominated other masters, including GMs. The first round was a good example of this.

Philidor Reversed

GM Paul Keres
NM Denis Allan

Vancouver International 1975

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d3

Now the game follows the strategic plans of the Philidor's defense with colors reversed.

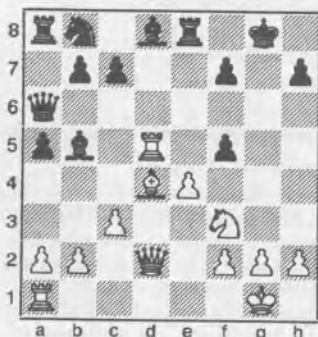
3...♘c6 4.♘bd2 ♗c5 5.c3 d5 6.♗e2 dxe4 7.dxe4 a5 8.O-O O-O 9.♞c2 ♗e8 10.♘c4 ♞e7 11.♗g5 ♞f8

Getting out of the pin, but this can't be good. Better is 11...h6 and if 12.♗h4 then 12...g5. Black has nothing to fear from 13.♘xg5 hxg5 14.♗xg5 ♞e6.

12.♘e3 ♗e7 13.♗b5 ♗d7 14.♗fd1 ♘b8?

Again, retreating is a bad idea. Black's position becomes critical. Better is 14...♗ed8 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♘d5 with advantage to White.

15.♗xf6 ♗xb5 16.♗xe5 ♗d8 17.♘f5 g6 18.♗g7 ♞c5 19.♗d5 ♞b6 20.♗d4 ♞a6 21.♞d2 gxf5



22. ♗xd8!

22...♗xd8 will be met by 23.♞g5+. 22...fxe4 23.♗e1 ♞g6 24.♘h4 ♞g4 25.♗xe4! 1-0

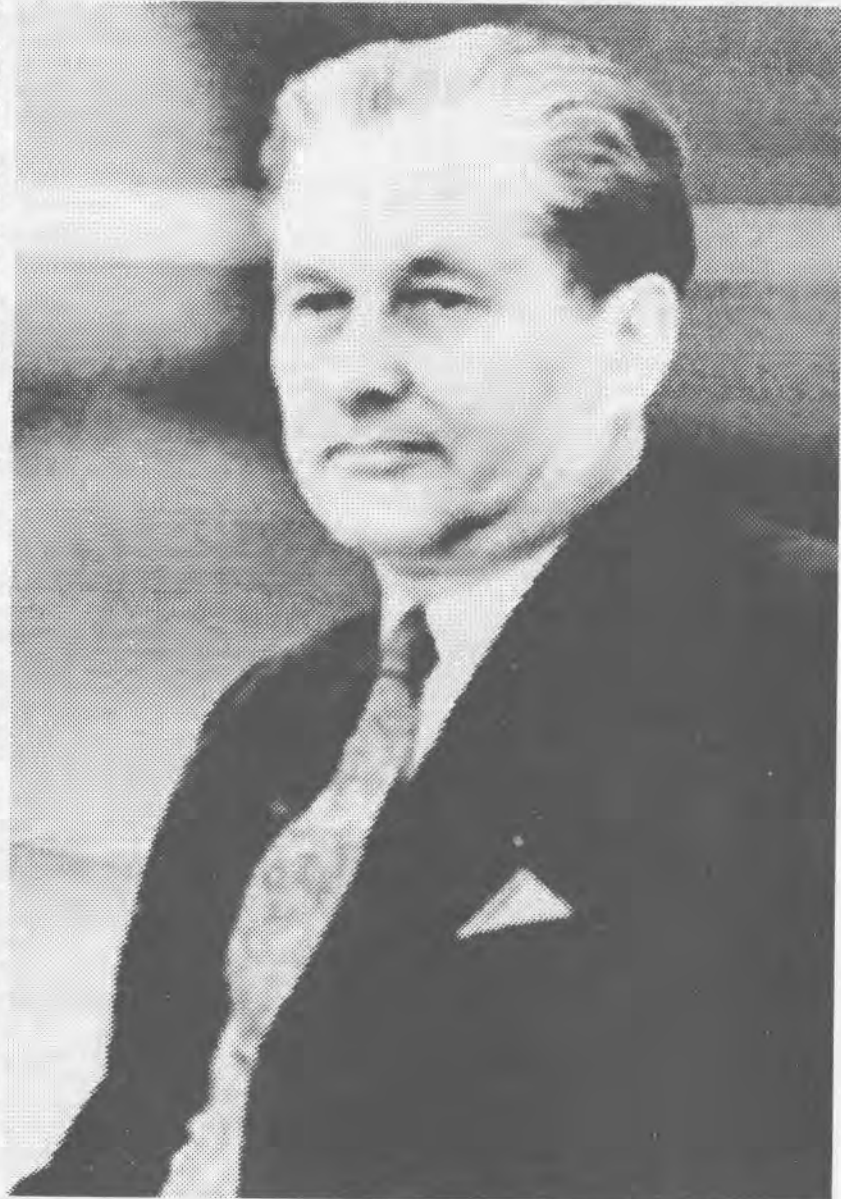
It's mate in a few moves.

Keres played a cliffhanger against U.S. Champion Walter Browne in the last round. He would often get up and walk around during his opponent's move. At one point, I left the tournament room when he was returning, so I passed him in the hallway. Rather a special moment for me. A

few moves later he won the game and the tournament. In two weeks, I would hear the sad news that he had died of a heart attack at the age of 59 on June 5th.

All of the writings by Keres, especially his collection of best games, I have found very instructive, which brings me to an encounter with another legend. During a tournament many years ago, David Bronstein invited me into his hotel room to chat. I didn't miss the opportunity to ask him a very impor-

tant question: "How can I get better at chess?" I was very interested in what he would have to say. I was suffering from mediocre tournament results and had no idea what to do about it. However, the answer to such a question is not trivial and he had no good advice. The conversation turned to other things. However, later as I left his room, he told me "Study the games of the great masters and really try to understand what they were thinking about during the game."



Paul Keres 1916-1975

USCF Crosstables

(qqq) indicates Quick Rating

| Cabin Fever | | Seattle | 2/3-24 | TD: Carol Kleist | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|--------|------------------|-----|----|----|-----|--|
| 1 | Fan, George | 1472 | 1548 | W10 | W7 | W3 | U | 3.0 | |
| 2 | Darby, Michael | 1960 | 1961 | U | H | W7 | U | 1.5 | |
| 3 | Hubbell, Larry | 1698 | 1679 | W11 | H | L1 | U | 1.5 | |
| 4 | Piper, August | 1559 | 1580 | H | W8 | U | U | 1.5 | |
| 5 | Maider, Tate | 1347 | 1352 | U | U | H | W9 | 1.5 | |
| 6 | Kleist, Fred | 1987 | 1988 | U | W11 | U | U | 1.0 | |
| 7 | Milener, Gene | 1372 | 1360 | W12 | L1 | L2 | U | 1.0 | |
| 8 | Warrior, Krishnan | 1652 | 1633 | H | L4 | U | U | 0.5 | |
| 9 | McGee, Donald | 984 | 977 | U | U | H | L5 | 0.5 | |
| 10 | Weller, Stephen | 1306 | 1297 | L1 | U | U | U | 0.0 | |
| 11 | Speakmon, Ben | 1037 | 1035 | L3 | L6 | U | U | 0.0 | |
| 12 | Yu, Justin | 348 | 348 | L7 | U | U | U | 0.0 | |

| PCC February Quads | | 2/7-28 | TD: Gregori Alpernas | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Jacobi, Gunther | 1769 | 1772 | W6 | W5 | W3 | L4 | 3.0 |
| 2 | Becker, Brett | 1564 | 1568 | W4 | L6 | L5 | W3 | 2.0 |
| 3 | Stump, Karl | 1540 | 1558 | W5 | W4 | L1 | L2 | 2.0 |
| 4 | Goes, John | 1461 | 1509 | L2 | L3 | W6 | W1 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Banner, Richard | 1800 | 1800 | L3 | L1 | W2 | D6 | 1.5 |
| 6 | Taylor, Joel | 1490 | 1521 | L1 | W2 | L4 | D5 | 1.5 |

| SCC February Quads | | 2/25 | TD: Fred Kleist | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Kleist, Fred | 1988 | 1996 | - | D | D | W | 2.0 |
| 2 | Ferguson, Bobby | 2181 | 2173 | D | - | W | D | 2.0 |
| 3 | Ryan, Mark | 1861 | 1862 | D | L | - | D | 1.0 |
| 4 | Fryberg, Skylor | 1859 | 1861 | L | D | D | - | 1.0 |

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|---|------------------|------|------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Manber, Devon | 1678 | 1707 | W4 | W2 | W3 | 3.0 |
| 2 | Lee, Nathan | 1639 | 1629 | W5 | L1 | W6 | 2.0 |
| 3 | Piper, August | 1580 | 1575 | W6 | W4 | L1 | 2.0 |
| 4 | King, Ryan | 1286 | 1289 | L1 | L3 | W5 | 1.0 |
| 5 | Saver, Keith | 1156 | 1146 | L2 | W6 | L4 | 1.0 |
| 6 | Schuhmacher, Don | 902 | 889 | L3 | L5 | L2 | 0.0 |

| SCC G/15 Championship | | 3/3 | TD: Fred Kleist | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Kleist, Fred | (1881) | (1888) | W5 | W2 | W3 | W6 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Mathews, Dan | (1653) | (1658) | W4 | L1 | W5 | W3 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Fan, George | (1430) | (1428) | W6 | W4 | L1 | L2 | 2.0 |
| 4 | Maider, Tate | (1166) | (1187) | L2 | L3 | W6 | W5 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Milener, Gene | (1267) | (1240) | L1 | W6 | L2 | L4 | 1.0 |
| 6 | Garrison, Andrew | (811) | (799) | L3 | L5 | L4 | L1 | 0.0 |

| Susan Polgar Qualifier | | Olympia | 3/18 | TD: David Hendricks | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Marjan, Karen | 1255(1093) | 1308(1183) | W6 | W7 | W3 | L2 | 3.0 |
| 2 | Talbot, Janell | 1157(1157) | 1198(1167) | W12 | L4 | W9 | W1 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Lee, Megan | 1542(1261) | 1517(1247) | W9 | W5 | L1 | D4 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Apacible, Jennifer | 1432(1077) | 1418(1128) | W8 | W2 | L7 | D3 | 2.5 |
| 5 | May, Sarah | 1248(1153) | 1251(1152) | W10 | L3 | D6 | W7 | 2.5 |
| 6 | Grabar, Svetlana | 934(815) | 974(877) | L1 | W11 | D5 | W10 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Nast, Alexis | 1272(1289) | 1261(1249) | W11 | L1 | W4 | L5 | 2.0 |
| 8 | McMullen, Katie | 849(902) | 826(862) | L4 | W12 | L10 | W11 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Licht, Victoria | 832(807) | 851(823) | L3 | W10 | L2 | W12 | 2.0 |
| 10 | Yallup, Talena | 926(926) | 758(727) | L5 | L9 | W8 | L6 | 1.0 |
| 11 | Young, Heather | 569(529) | 544(508) | L7 | L6 | D12 | L8 | 0.5 |
| 12 | Clayton, Laura | 900(900) | 483(473) | L2 | L8 | D11 | L9 | 0.5 |

| Oregon HS Championship | | 3/18-19 | TD: Roger Brownell | | | | | |
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| 1 | Yu, Corbin | 1751 | 1840 | W15 | W2 | W7 | W3 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Brownell, Landon | 2265 | 2253 | W6 | L1 | W12 | W7 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Robinson, Marcus | 1762 | 1758 | W10 | W11 | W8 | L1 | 3.0 |
| 4 | Salisbury, Blake | 2046 | 2023 | W12 | L8 | W9 | D5 | 2.5 |
| 5 | Larson, Andrew | 1512 | 1529 | W14 | L7 | D10 | D4 | 2.5 |
| 6 | Ehrenfreund, Max | 1326 | 1354 | L2 | W13 | D11 | W8 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Foster, Raleigh | 1971 | 1957 | W9 | W5 | L1 | L2 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Bailey, Taylor | 1509 | 1512 | W13 | W4 | L3 | L6 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Lum, Joshua | 1207 | 1217 | L7 | W14 | L4 | W13 | 2.0 |
| 10 | Saye, Jeremy | 1160 | 1155 | L3 | B | L5 | W15 | 2.0 |
| 11 | Bean, Byron | 1154 | 1171 | B | L3 | D6 | D12 | 2.0 |
| 12 | Morehouse, Brando | 1249 | 1244 | L4 | W15 | L2 | D11 | 1.5 |
| 13 | Payne, Isaac | 867 | 885 | L8 | L6 | W15 | L9 | 1.0 |
| 14 | Tousseau, John | 932 | 820 | L5 | L9 | B | U | 1.0 |
| 15 | Khadabux, Andrew | 800 | 521 | L1 | L12 | L13 | L10 | 0.0 |

Portland Spring Open 3/18-19 TD: Kornelids Dale

| | | Open | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Raptis, Nick | WA 2348 | 2347 | W18 | D7 | W2 | W14 | H | 4.0 |
| 2 | Roua, Radu | 2195 | 2204 | W10 | W5 | L1 | W12 | W6 | 4.0 |
| 3 | Roper, David | CA 2262 | 2252 | W9 | D8 | D12 | W7 | H | 3.5 |
| 4 | Prochaska, Peter | 2200 | 2200 | D11 | D12 | W15 | H | W14 | 3.5 |
| 5 | May, Andy | WA 1907 | 1925 | W19 | L2 | D11 | W17 | W8 | 3.5 |
| 6 | Morris, Michael | 2106 | 2097 | W15 | D14 | H | W10 | L2 | 3.0 |
| 7 | Alpernas, Gregori | 1947 | 1958 | W13 | D1 | H | L3 | W16 | 3.0 |
| 8 | Markovic, Goran | 1854 | 1849 | W16 | D3 | L14 | W11 | L5 | 2.5 |
| 9 | Gay, Daniel | 1799 | 1814 | L3 | W13 | L10 | H | W17 | 2.5 |
| 10 | Peake, Ethan | 1812 | 1819 | L2 | W19 | W9 | L6 | D13 | 2.5 |
| 11 | Banner, Richard | 1800 | 1815 | D4 | D17 | D5 | L8 | W19 | 2.5 |
| 12 | Mathews, Dan | WA 1755 | 1815 | W17 | D4 | D3 | L2 | H | 2.5 |
| 13 | Arun, Aditya | 1712 | 1717 | L7 | L9 | B | W15 | D10 | 2.5 |
| 14 | Breckenridge, David | 1503 | 1569 | B | D6 | W8 | L1 | L4 | 2.5 |
| 15 | Jacobi, Gunther | 1772 | 1763 | L6 | W18 | L4 | L13 | B | 2.0 |
| 16 | Breckenridge, Steve | 1567 | 1580 | L8 | B | L17 | W18 | L7 | 2.0 |
| 17 | Gutman, Richard | 2082 | 2041 | L12 | D11 | W16 | L5 | L9 | 1.5 |
| 18 | Buck, Stephen | WA 1781 | 1743 | L1 | L15 | D19 | L16 | H | 1.0 |
| 19 | Becker, Brett | 1564 | 1556 | L5 | L10 | D18 | H | L11 | 1.0 |

| | | Reserve | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Baker, Sebastian | WA 1644 | 1678 | D13 | W4 | W11 | W5 | D2 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Stevens, Daniel | 1694 | 1704 | W12 | W3 | L5 | W6 | D1 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Berger, Jamie | 1607 | 1636 | W14 | L2 | H | W13 | W5 | 3.5 |
| 4 | O'Connell, Sean | WA 1585 | 1601 | W10 | L1 | D6 | W11 | W8 | 3.5 |
| 5 | Gagnon, William | 1617 | 1630 | W9 | W8 | W2 | L1 | L3 | 3.0 |
| 6 | Carney, Dirk | 1567 | 1582 | H | W13 | D4 | L2 | W10 | 3.0 |
| 7 | Midson, Tony | 1301 | 1366 | L8 | W9 | L13 | W12 | D11 | 2.5 |
| 8 | Ulrich, Friedrich | 1575 | 1548 | W7 | L5 | H | D10 | L4 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Kudva, Vikram | 1478 | 1464 | L5 | L7 | L12 | W14 | W13 | 2.0 |
| 10 | Terrill, Michael | 1389 | 1400 | L4 | W14 | H | D8 | L6 | 2.0 |
| 11 | Cohen, David | 1357 | 1371 | H | W12 | L1 | L4 | D7 | 2.0 |
| 12 | Taylor, Joel | 1573 | 1488 | L2 | L11 | W9 | L7 | D14 | 1.5 |
| 13 | Goes, John | 1589 | 1549 | D1 | L6 | W7 | L3 | L9 | 1.5 |
| 14 | Etingher, Constantin | WA 1467 | 1422 | L3 | L10 | B | L9 | D12 | 1.5 |

| SCC March Quads | | 3/18 | TD: Fred Kleist | | | | | |
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| 1 | Koons, Nat | 2227 | 2242 | - | W | W | W | 3.0 |
| 2 | Selzler, Ricky | 2097 | 2108 | L | - | W | W | 2.0 |
| 3 | Gale, Geoffrey | 2067 | 2064 | L | L | - | W | 1.0 |
| 4 | Lee, Michael | 2141 | 2117 | L | L | L | - | 0.0 |
| 1 | O'Gorman, Peter | 1800 | 1831 | - | W | W | D | 2.5 |
| 2 | Prentice, Gregory | 1813 | 1814 | L | - | D | W | 1.5 |
| 3 | Cloy, Elston | 1956 | 1943 | L | D | - | W | 1.5 |
| 4 | Manber, Devon | 1707 | 1696 | D | L | L | - | 0.5 |

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| 1 | Van Veen, Kerry | 1441 | 1500 | - | D | W | W | 2.5 |
| 2 | Kolde, Sterling | 1479 | 1497 | D | - | X | W | 2.5 |
| 3 | Inglis, David | 1433 | 1438 | L | F | - | W | 1.0 |
| 4 | Robinson, Derrick | 1508 | 1453 | L | L | L | - | 0.0 |

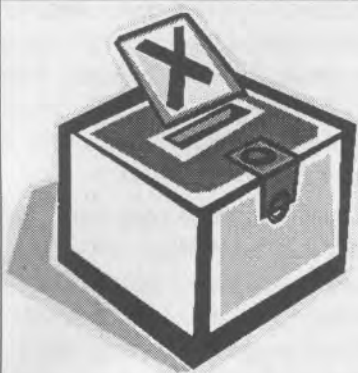
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| 1 | King, Ryan | 1289 | 1295 | - | D | W | L | 1.5 |
| 2 | James, Mark | 1189 | 1224 | D | - | L | W | 1.5 |
| 3 | Caspi, Aviv | 1315 | 1308 | L | W | - | U | 1.0 |
| 4 | Godinez, Douglas | 1448 | 1429 | W | L | U | - | 1.0 |

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| 1 | Saver, Keith | 1146 | 1165 | - | W | X | W | 3.0 |
| 2 | Gelb, Nicolo | 844 | 924 | L | - | W | W | 2.0 |
| 3 | Walkup, Daniel | 1090 | 885 | F | L | - | W | 1.0 |
| 4 | Schuhmacher, Don | 889 | 827 | L | L | L | - | 0.0 |

| | | Extra | | | |
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| 1 | Kolde, Sterling | 1497 | 1502 | W2 | 1.0 |
| 2 | Saver, Keith | 1165 | 1158 | L1 | 0.0 |

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RANDY HOUGH

**FOR U.S. CHESS FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

USCF voters (members at least 16 years of age) will be filling two vacancies on the Executive Board, with candidate statements and ballots included in the June *Chess Life*. I hope to earn your vote.

My credentials include National Tournament Director, International Arbiter, membership on several USCF committees (publications, TD certification, and bylaws), and participation in 22 Delegates meetings over the years. I'm an organizer, scholastic coach, Southern California Federation board member, president of my local club, have published many articles in *Chess Life*, and served as secretary/treasurer of the Chess Journalists of America for the past ten years.

I worked as technical director in the USCF office for three years during the Eighties (where I was instrumental in the awarding of the 1987 U.S. Open to Portland) and served on the Board for three years in the Nineties (along with IM John Donaldson, who endorses my candidacy). This has given me a good understanding of how things work (or sometimes don't). My non-chess activities include being president of my homeowners association.

Though generally supportive of the Board majority elected last year, I would like to add the perspective of an active player. (I'm a former Master, and played in two Seattle Opens during the Nineties.) My number of rated games in 2005 approached 200; the current Board members averaged less than ten.

My retirement last year from my job as a government affairs representative for the City of Los Angeles gives me more time to devote to the game that has meant so much to me, and I'm eager to serve. I'll be addressing the issues and responding to questions raised by members (send to randallhough@yahoo.com) on my website, www.randyhough.com.

Thanks for considering my candidacy.

Randy Hough

Chess is My Life

by GM Viktor Korchnoi

published by Edition Olms in 2005

hc., 226 pages, includes CD with 4280 games, \$39.95.

by IM John Donaldson

Ask a knowledgeable chess fan to list the strongest players never to become world champion and the names that are going to come up again and again are Akiva Rubinstein, Paul Keres, and Viktor Korchnoi. Change the question to the strongest players over 60 years old and the list will be Emanuel Lasker, Vassily Smyslov, and, once again, Viktor Korchnoi. There can be no doubt that Korchnoi is one of the most unique and compelling figures in chess for the last half century. Fortunately, he is not just a great player, but a player with a burning desire to share his insights. The past few years have seen him share his legacy through two books of his best games (both published by Olms) and two DVDs produced by ChessBase.

An earlier book with the same title, *Chess is My Life*, was written by Korchnoi nearly twenty years ago, but it bears little relation to the present work which is unique in chess literature. It's not so much that it covers all of Korchnoi's life, from his formative years when he lived through the terrible blockade of Leningrad during the Second World War to the three epic matches with Karpov. No, what makes this book unique is Korchnoi's frankness. He tells things as he sees them and doesn't mince words. For example, when discussing the character of Dutch Grandmaster Jan Hein Donner, whom he clearly despised, Korchnoi quotes Bent Larsen about Donner: "Everything that he said was exceptionally interesting, but it was all untrue!"

More than a few of Korchnoi's colleagues from his Soviet days come in for harsh criticism, but Viktor Lvovich doesn't grant himself immunity. He tells of the traditional "Friends and Rivals" match between the USSR and Yugoslavia held in Leningrad in the summer of 1957. The Yugoslavs complained throughout

the event about the poor service and poor food as well as the difficulty of sleeping through the white nights. Gligoric was the only one to play well. Korchnoi then writes: "He won against me with Black. Apparently, this loss greatly upset me. In his memoirs, Gligoric recalls that on his last day, accompanying him to the railway station, in the conversation I kept returning to our game and promised to beat him next time. Frankly speaking, not very hospitable . . ."

Chess is My Life makes for fascinating reading, as Korchnoi touches upon almost every important chess event in the last 50 years, from the Soviet Championships, Curacao, the matches with Spassky and Petrosian, to the current system of running the World Championship. Every chess player of a certain age knows about Tal getting hit with a bottle in a Cuban bar during the 1966 Olympiad, but here you get the details and ramifications. Despite having the absolute best score in the Olympiad, 9.5 from 11, Tal was punished, and how. Two years later, just before departing for the Olympiad in Lugano, the team was gathered together and at the last moment Tal was told he wasn't going. The beneficiary was the enigmatic Smyslov, who, on several occasions, used his "blat" (Russian for influence and power) to push his way to the front of the line.

Korchnoi's memories of certain events differ in detail from published accounts. After Korchnoi's defection, Soviet and East European players often refused invitations to events in which Viktor Lvovich was a participant. Discussing the boycott, he writes: "As for the Soviet boycott, its origins were revealed when Romanishin and Yusupov accidentally arrived at the tournament in Lone Pine, when I was already there. A multi-stage exchange of telegrams and letters were required and finally the central organ of power in the USSR, the Communist

Party, graciously allowed the Grandmasters to participate side by side with me in the tournament. These documents were redeemed by me from the office of the Communist Party Central Committee in 1994."

However, I played at Lone Pine 1981 and I confirmed my memories with contemporaneous published accounts. Yusupov and Romanishin had arrived in Lone Pine on the bus from Los Angeles International Airport with most of the players the day before the first round. There were rumors, but no Korchnoi, at the players' meeting that evening. The next morning, he miraculously appeared. He had arrived at 1:45 a.m. on a Greyhound bus from Los Angeles and was lucky to run into the tournament travel coordinator Jerry Hanken, who was having a late night blitz session with fellow Master James Thinnssen. Hanken tried to get Korchnoi a room, but found that everything was sold out that weekend due to skiers stopping over on the way from Los Angeles to Mammoth Lakes. Fortunately, Jerry remembered that Lev Alburt had a double room and the fellow defector was happy to host Viktor for the night. So Korchnoi was definitely in Lone Pine after, rather than before, Romanishin and Yusupov, who were stuck in the middle of things. Korchnoi had called the Soviet's bluff. Would the players be ordered to fly all the way back home without playing? As a practical matter, there was no Soviet official willing to make a decision on a few hours notice. That was how the boycott was broken and when Korchnoi and Yusupov played they shook hands. Viktor won a very nice game.

Besides the lively writing, there are wonderful photos throughout, chiefly images of Korchnoi at different stages of his life, from when he was a kid to the present. Some of them are quite surprising, such as the one with Viktor K. and Jimmy Carter—taken not when the latter was President, but when he was Governor of Georgia. Remember, Korchnoi played his Candidate's match with Mecking in Augusta. Another plus is the eight annotated games and the high-quality example of chess composition (game 9). Garry Kasparov provides the preface and St. Petersburg Grandmaster Sergey

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Ivanov, the foreword. Last, but not least, the purchaser gets a nice little bonus, a CD with 4280 of Korchnoi's games. Of course, most of these are on *Mega2006*, but I counted about 60 that were not, about half before 1950.

This is a tremendous book that every chess player will find compelling reading. You may not agree with all of Korchnoi's observations, but the chess world is much richer for his having put pen to paper.

Highly Recommended ■

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Those of us who get news from NW Chess have enjoyed very much the bios of Peter Lapiken. I have passed copies around to some folks and it's been well-received. There are a couple people I see frequently who were Missoula contemporaries of Mr. Lapiken.

Aaron Hitchcock tells me that he was a sort of "secretary" of the group or club that played at Hansen's and he is looking through the years of accumulated "stuff" to see if he still has a box or two of the old records. He knows Ralph Hansen's son and said he would check to see if the Hansen family might also have old chess records squirreled away somewhere.

Loren Meierding is another person who knew Lapiken quite well. Loren was in high school in the late 50's and would spend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings playing chess at the ice cream parlor. He said he played thousands of games with Lapiken as he was the closest in strength and style and figures he

had about 40/60 percentage. I guess he learned a lot, as he came in over 2000 in his first rated tournament and only dipped below that level one time during his playing days. These days, Loren only plays one or twice a year in Greg (Octopus) Nowak's unrated team tournaments. Anyway, Loren is pretty sure he still has a couple score sheets from those games and he feels he could add a lot of insights to the Lapiken story.

Another player mentioned in the articles who is still around is Wally Albert. I don't know him, but Hitchcock could probably find him. I guess he hasn't played any chess in decades. I am passing on to you the e-mail addresses of both Hitchcock and Meierding. And I am looking forward to the next installment. Thanks for putting it together Fred, and thanks to both of you [the editor and the business manager] for all your efforts to make the chess world a better place.

Best regards,
Dan McCourt ■

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May 20, June 10

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.

SCC Saturday Quads

May 21, June 18

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, NS, NC.

SCC Sunday Tornado

September 9

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10 by 9/7, \$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.

SCC Novice

SCC Blitz Ratings 5/8

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|------|
| Clark, Jeff | 1486/16 | |
| Glass, Alex | 1861 | +200 |
| Hughes, Kamran | 1695 | -91 |
| Kalina, Chris | 1967 | -30 |
| Kleist, Fred | 1792 | -136 |
| Kolde, Sterling | 1690 | +142 |
| Koons, Nat | 2234 | -16 |
| Lanka, Adi | 1901 | -37 |
| Manber, Devon | 1640 | -26 |
| Mathews, Dan | 1772 | +22 |
| McGeary, Bill | 2206 | -13 |
| Selzler, Ricky | 2138 | -11 |
| Sun, Tristan | 1274 | +140 |
| Watts, Peter | 1527 | +176 |
| Wilson, Matt | 1836 | +106 |

June 11 SCC Monthly Blitz

Format: Prelim & final RRs, 12-24 rds. **TC:** G/5. **EF:** \$5 (non-SCC mem. add \$1 tnmt mem. fee). **Prizes:** 80% (EFs minus \$15). **Reg:** Noon-12:45. **1st Rd:** 1:00 p.m. **Misc:** NS, NC.

SCC 2006 Weekend Calendar (Revised)

- Novice:** September 9
- Blitz:** June 11, July 8, Aug. 19, Sept. 17, Oct. 7, Nov. 17, Dec. 10
- Quads:** June 10, July 15, Aug. 26, Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9
- Tornados:** 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 2-40 players
- Plus-Score Swiss–** May 13-14
- Emerald City–** June 23-25
- Seafair Open–** July 28-30
- Seattle Fall Open–** Sept. 22-24
- Rain City–** November 3-5

Emerald City Open

June 23-25

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule – G/64). The prize fund of \$800 is based on forty entries.

a Franetti Grand Prix event

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| First | \$200 | First | \$140 |
| Second | \$130 | Second | \$90 |
| U1950 | \$95 | U1450 | \$65 |
| | | Unr | \$20 |

Upset (rds 1-4) \$15

Entry Fees: \$32 if rec'd by 6/20, \$40 at site. **SCC members–** subtract 25%. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, OR, and WA–subtract 12.5%. **Unr–** free with purchase of 1-year USCF and WCF. **Add \$1** to any EF for 2-day schedule.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m., Sat. 9-9:45 a.m.

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

Byes: 2 (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

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

Future Events

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

♣ **May 20 PCC Game-in-60♣**
Site: *Portland CC*, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219.
Format: 4-rd Swiss. **TC:** G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. **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 ½-pt. bye avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **Info:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.pdxchess.org.

May 20-21 Southern Oregon Open III
Site: *Rogue Community College*, 3345 Redwood Hwy, J Bldg, Grants Pass, OR. **Format:** 5-rd. Swiss. **TC:** G/2. **EF:** \$30 by 5/18, \$35 at site. **Prize Fund:** \$\$750 b/30. **Prizes:** \$200, X 100, A

100, B 100, C 100, D/E 100, Unr 50. **Reg:** 8-9 am. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-2-6:30, Sun 9-2. **Info/Entries:** Wray A. Maxwell, 740 NW 4th St, Grants Pass OR 97526, 541-476-5000.

♣ **June 1, 8 John Anderson Dual Quads♣**
Site: *Gonzaga Univ.*, Herak 121, Spokane WA. **Format:** 2 x 3-RR. **TC:** G/30. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. **EF:** \$12. **Reg:** 6:45-7:30 pm. **Misc:** USCF regular- and quick-rated event. **Info:** Dave Griffin, 509-928-3260, dbgrffin@hotmail.com.

♣ **June 3 TCC G/60 #3♣**
Site: *Tacoma CC*, 409 Puyallup Ave E, room 11 (2nd floor), Tacoma WA. **Format:** 4-rd Swiss. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20. **Prize Fund:** \$300 b/20. **Prizes:** \$80-70, U2000 60, U1700 50, U1500 40. **Reg:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds:** 10-12:30-3-5:30. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **NS. NC. Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445. Make checks payable to TCC. ggarychess@aol.com, 253-535-2536.

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| 11 | Hot Summer Chess II (K-12) | Randy Kaech 360-384-2792 kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech Bellingham WA |
| | August 2006 | |
| 1 | Hot Summer Chess III (K-12) | Randy Kaech 360-384-2792 kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech Bellingham WA |
| 22 | Hot Summer Chess IV (K-12) | Randy Kaech 360-384-2792 kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech Bellingham WA |

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USCF NATIONAL Scholastics

For information on any national event, contact Diane Reese at events@uschess.org.
 July 21-23 U.S. Junior Open Dallas TX



Scholastic Summer Chess Camps



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| <p>Chess4Life Elliott Neff 425-283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com July 10-14 for K-6 Aug 7-11 for K-6</p> <p>Chess Odyssey camps@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com June 19-23 for ages 7-19 Beaverton OR 26-30 for ages 7-19 Portland OR July 10-14 for ages 7-19 Portland OR 24-28 for ages 7-19 Portland OR Aug 7-11 for ages 7-19 Portland OR 21-25 for ages 7-19 Beaverton OR</p> <p>WGM Elena Donaldson chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/elena_camp.htm July 10-14 Elena's Summer Chess Camp Bellevue WA 17-21 Elena's Summer Chess Camp Redmond WA Aug 7-11 Elena's Summer Chess Camp Woodinville WA 14-18 Elena's Summer Chess Camp Seattle WA</p> | <p>Bellevue WA</p> | <p>Evergreen School Danielle 206-957-1533 dlarway@evergreenschool.org www.evergreenschool.org June 19-23 for ages 5-8 26-30 for ages 6-9 July 3,5-7 Siamese (ages 6-15) 10-14 for ages 6-9 17-21 Intermediate (ages 8-13) Aug 7-11 Advanced (ages 9-15)</p> <p>IM Georgi Orlov chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/camps.htm June 26-30 Orlov Summer Chess Camp Seattle WA July 24-28 Orlov Summer Chess Camp Seattle WA July 31-Aug 4 Orlov Summer Chess Camp Shoreline WA</p> <p>Sammamish Elliott Neff 425-283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com June 26-30 Sammamish Summer Camp I (K-12) July 31-Aug 4 Sammamish Summer Camp II (K-12)</p> | <p>Shoreline WA</p> <p>Sammamish WA</p> |
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Open Events

May 2006

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| 19-22 | Paul Keres Memorial | 604-221-7148 swright2@telus.net www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/Keres_2006.html Vancouver BC |
| ♣20 | ♣ PCC Game-in-60 | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org Portland OR |
| ♣20 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 20-21 | Southern Oregon Open III | Wray Maxwell 541-476-5000 Grants Pass, OR |
| ♣21 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| ♣27-29 | Washington Open | H.G. Pitre hgpitre@comcast.net www.nwchess.com Everett WA |

June 2006

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| 1,8 | John Anderson Dual Quads | David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA |
| 2,9 | TCC Gambit Tournament | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| ♣3 | TCC Game-in-60 #3 | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| 6 | PCC Tuesday Quads begin | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org Portland OR |
| ♣10-11 | Newport Open | Dennis Hoefler 541-272-1393 centralcoastchess@yahoo.com Newport OR |
| ♣10 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 11 | SCC Monthly Blitz (G/5) | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 16-18 | National Open & Polgar Girls Ch | www.lvchessfestival.com Las Vegas NV |
| ♣18 | SCC Sunday Tornado | 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 |
| ♣23-25 | Emerald City Open | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| ♣25 | ♣ PCC Game-in-60 | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org Portland OR |
| 30-July 4 | World Open | www.chessplayer.com Philadelphia PA |

July 2006

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| 7,14,21,28 | TCC Firecracker Swiss | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| 8 | SCC Monthly Blitz (G/5) | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| ♣8-9 | Evergreen Open | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| ♣9 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 11 | PCC Tuesday Quads begin | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org Portland, OR |
| ♣15 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| ♣15-16 | Portland CC Summer Open | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org Portland OR |
| 21-23 | GM Slugfest Qualifier | Clint Ballard clint@slugfest.org www.gmslugfest.com Poulsbo WA |
| 21-23 | Pacific Coast Open | www.chessplayer.com CA |
| ♣28-30 | Seattle Seafair Open | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 29 | TCC 10-Second Tournament | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| ♣29 | ♣ PCC Game-in-60 | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org Portland OR |

August 2006

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| 1 | PCC Tuesday Quads begin | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org Portland OR |
| ♣3,10,17 | August Adjeeb | David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA |
| 4 | TCC 10-Second Tournament | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| 5-6 | Washington Senior Adult Championship | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| 5-13 | U.S. Open | www.uschess.org/tournaments/2006/usopen/FIDE Oak Brook IL |
| 11,18,25 | Tacoma Summer Championship | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| ♣12 | Qualchan Quads | David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA |
| 12-13 | Spokane City Ch Contenders (Inv.) | David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA |
| 19 | SCC Monthly Blitz (G/5) | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| ♣19-20 | Tacoma City Championship | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| ♣26 | ♣ PCC Game-in-60 | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org Portland OR |
| ♣26 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| ♣26-27 | Auntie's Open | David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA |
| 26-27 | Spokane City Championship | David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA |
| ♣27 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |

September 2006

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| ♣2-4 | Oregon Open | Jerry Ramey OCF President j-adoube@efn.org www.nwchess.org TBA OR |
| 8,15 | Tacoma CC Gambit Trmt | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |
| 9 | Seattle CC Novice | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| ♣10 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 12 | PCC Tuesday Quads begin | 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org Portland OR |
| ♣16 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 17 | Seattle CC Monthly Blitz (G/5) | SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA |
| 22,29 | TCC Championship (Rds 1-2) | G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA |

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