

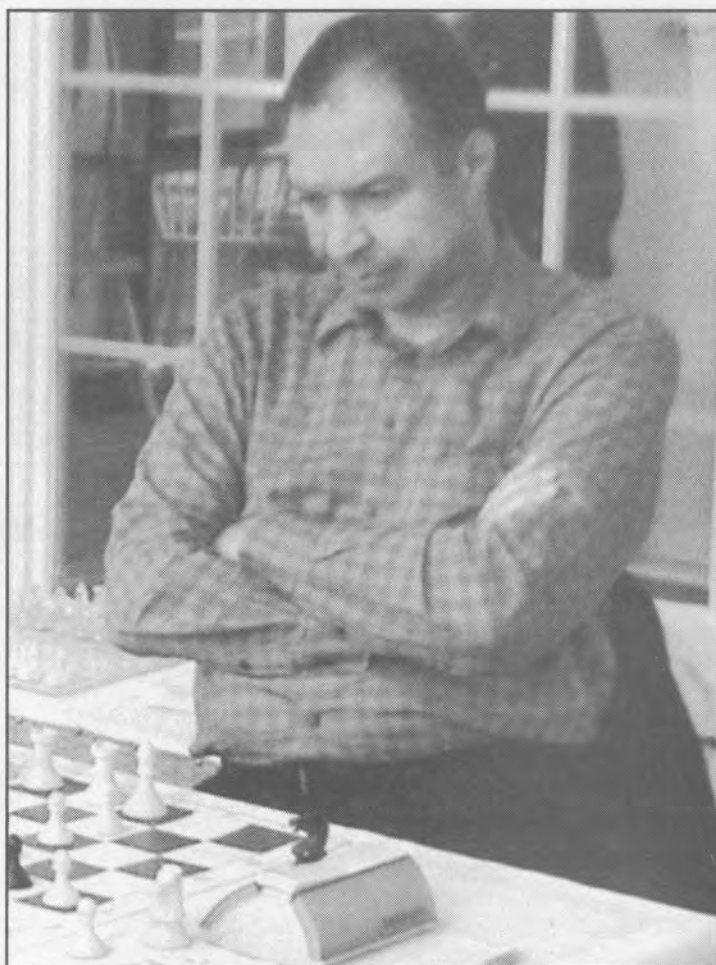


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Greetings from the Editor

A little bit earlier this time! Next issue will feature the games of the GM Slugfest and will follow the Sluggers into the USCL playoffs. Meanwhile, I still need articles and photos.



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Opening for White According to Kramnik, 1.♘f3: Volume 1a

by GM Alexander Khalifman
published by Chess Stars Verlag, pb., 308 pages,
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by Fred Kleist

Beginning in 2000, GM Alexander Khalifman put out a series of books, five in all, under the rubrik *Opening for White According to Kramnik: 1.♘f3*. The concept was to provide the reader with an integrated opening repertoire, that of Vladimir Kramnik, supplemented, whenever no praxis by Kramnik was available, by lines chosen by Khalifman. The first volume dealt with the Old Indian, the Anti-Grünfeld, and the King's Indian. It was 239 pages long.

This new edition takes a much more detailed look at the chosen lines and amounts to some 600 pages in two books. *Volume 1a* contains the Old Indian, the Anti-Grünfeld (1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♖a4+), and early deviations in the King's Indian as well as the line 1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.e4 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘bd7 (7...exd4, 7...♗a6, and 7...♘c6 appear in *Volume 1b*). As with the original, the English translation leaves something to be desired, though it is much improved.

Note that the 5.♖a4+ Anti-Grünfeld occupies but a minor place in Kramnik's repertoire. Much more often, he will be found playing some version of the Exchange Grünfeld. In addition, the first edition offered the alternative Anti-Grünfeld 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.dxc3, representatives of which I've been unable to find among Kramnik's games.

There is huge amount of theory to work through and, though there is some explanation as well as helpful chapter-end conclusions, this is not like the Everyman *Starting Out* series. If you are rated Expert or above, willing to work hard to improve your openings, and interested in this repertoire, then get this book, otherwise leave it on the shelf. ■

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U.S. Chess League Final Standings

Eastern Division	W	L	Pts.
Boston	8.0	2.0	25.5
New York	4.5	5.5	18.5
Carolina	4.0	6.0	19.5
Philadelphia	4.0	6.0	19.0
Baltimore	4.0	6.0	18.5
Western Division			
San Francisco	8.5	1.5	26.0
Seattle	7.0	3.0	25.5
Dallas	4.5	5.5	21.0
Miami	4.0	6.0	18.0
Tennessee	1.5	8.5	8.5

Collyer Wins Eastern Washington Open

Julian, P. Weyland Tie for Second-Third

by Kevin Korsmo

National Master Curt Collyer, the top seed, won the 2006 Eastern Washington Open played September 16-17, 2006. He scored 4.5 in the five-round event to edge out John Julian and Phil Weyland by one-half point. Collyer drew with Julian in the final round. He had defeated #2 seed Steve Merwin in the fourth round to take a half-point lead into the final round. Weyland had battled back from a first round upset draw to have a shot at sharing the title, but settled for a draw with Dave Rowles in board two action in the final round.

A key game was the third round meeting between Julian and Merwin that featured an exciting French Defense. The two battled long into the night before agreeing to a draw with each having only a few minutes to play. Collyer had the only perfect score after the first day's action.

Collyer's victory over Merwin in round four maintained his half point edge over two challengers heading in to the final round. Phil Weyland's tactics derailed Kalina and left Julian and the young Weyland tied for second after four rounds.

There were a total of 34 players competing in this year's event for the \$800 guaranteed prize fund. Collyer won \$150 for his victory. Julian and Phil Weyland each won \$100 by tying for the second and third prizes. Rowles, Michael Cambareri, and Chris Kalina split the \$100 in Class A prizes with 3.5 scores. Rob Martin of Helena, Montana, and Niles Desmarais of Chelan, Washington, took home the \$100 in Class B prize money with scores of 3.5. Mead High School's Kevin Baker scored 3.0 to win the \$65 Class C first prize, while another high school student, Ken Erickson, took the \$35 second prize with a 2.5 score. Ron Weyland of Post Falls, Idaho, and father of Phil, took the Class D prize with a 3.0 score. The second place prize in that section was shared by Ryan Ackerman, Pat Kirlin, and newcomer Chad Coles. The top upset (for a game not involving provisionally rated players) prize of \$50 went to Dave Griffin for his first round draw with Phil Weyland — a time scramble Rook-and-pawn endgame that saw both players in constant danger fending off mate threats while setting traps of their own.

French Advance

Steve Merwin (2068)

John Julian (2029)

Spokane, Eastern Wash. Open (3) 2006

Annotations by Steve Merwin

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♙d7 6.♙d3?!

6.♙e2 is probably best, and 6.dxc5 is also playable, with the idea 6...♙xc5 7.b4 ♙b6 8.b5. However, with 6.♙d3 White declares his intention to offer the d-pawn and Black is almost obligated to accept.

6...cxd4 7.cxd4 ♖b6 8.♘c3 ♘xd4 9.♘xd4 ♖xd4 10.O-O ♖b6!?

10...♖xe5 11.♙e1 ♖b8 12.♘xd5 leads to sharp, but heavily analyzed, lines

which tend to favor Black, while 10...a6 11.♖e2 ♘e7 12.♙d1 ♘c6 13.♙xa6 also leads to interesting play. Black's choice, however, which White had not seen prior to this game, is perhaps the most straightforward way to question whether White's pawn sacrifice is justified.

11.♘h1 ♘e7 12.f4 g6 13.a3?!

Hoping to develop the Bishop with b2-b4 and ♙c1-b2, but this plan is prevented by Black's reply. Better is 13.♖e2 ♙g7 14.♙e3 d4 15.♙g1.

13...♙c8 14.♖e1 a6 15.♙b1

15.b4 is not playable because of 15...♖d4.



15...♙g7

15...♘f5!, preventing White's next move, is better. A pawn ahead, Black would welcome elimination of the light-squared Bishop with 16.♙xf5 gxf5 and his King could stay parked on e8 with little to worry about.

16.♙e3 ♖d8

16...d4 17.♙g1 O-O was also playable, but apparently the prospect of a White Knight on e4 looked too ominous.

17.♖f2 O-O 18.♙b6 ♖e8 19.♙d4 f6 20.♖g3

White is still struggling to find enough compensation for the pawn jettisoned with his sixth move.

20...♘c6?!

20...♘f5 immediately doesn't quite work due to 21.♙xf5 fxe5 (not 21...exf5 22.exf6 ♙xf6 23.♙xf6 ♙xf6 24.♙xd5) 22.fxe5 gxf5 23.♘xd5 exd5 24.e6 ♖g6 25.exd7 ♙cd8 26.♖b3 ♙xd7 27.♙bd1 and White will eventually recover the d-pawn with an equal game. However, 20...fxe5 21.♙xe5 ♘f5! was Black's best chance to secure an advantage.

21.exf6 ♙xf6

After 21...♘xd4! 22.fxg7 ♘xg7 23.f5 exf5 24.♘xd5 ♖e6 25.♘f4 ♖f7, despite Black's somewhat loose King, White is still unable to demonstrate compensation for the Pawn.

22.♙xf6 ♙xf6 23.f5 Draw

Larsen's Opening

NM Curt Collyer (2213)

Steve Merwin (2068)

Spokane, Eastern Wash. Open (4) 2006

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer

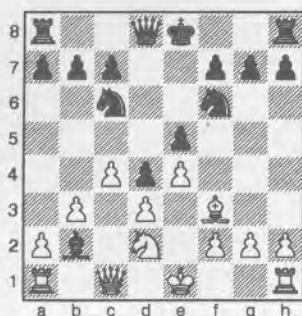
1.b3 e5 2.♖b2 ♘c6 3.e3 ♘f6 4.c4 d6
5.d3 ♖g4 6.♗f3 d5! 7.♗e2 d4

I think 7...e4 is more interesting, but there is nothing wrong with this.

8.e4 ♖xf3 9.♖xf3

Who could predict the starlit future of this Bishop!

9...♗b4+ 10.♗d2 ♖c3 11.♖c1 ♖xb2



This seemed a rather strange decision. White's Bishop on b2 was misplaced, but now the Queen is positioned to support the queenside advance b3-b4. Here, Merwin proposed a draw. However, it seemed to me that White's position is the more dynamic; that is, it has more potential energy than Black's, which is rather static.

12.♖xb2 ♖e7 13.a3 a5 14.♗e2

Maybe White will play f2-f4 someday.

14...h5?

In my opinion, this is too optimistic; Black should just castle and keep things solid.

15.O-O g5

Preventing f2-f4, but now White begins work on the queenside. Black's kingside advances come back to haunt him later on.

16.b4! b6

16...axb4 17.axb4 ♖xa1 18.♖xa1 ♖xb4 19.♖xb4 ♗xb4 20.♖a8+

17.♖fc1

16...b6 has weakened the c6-square. I was now contemplating playing c4-c5

and responding to ...b6-b5 with a3-a4, breaking through.

17...♗d7

Fighting for the c5-square.

18.♗d1

Threatening to pop out to a4.

18...a4 19.♗f1

Time to work on the other side; the f5-square is beckoning White's Knight.

19...h4

Preventing ♗g3.

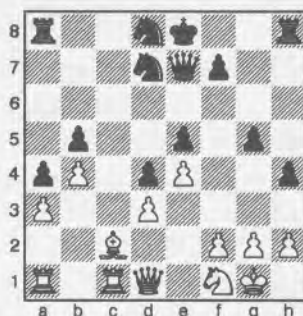
20.♖d2!?

Preparing to target the overextended a-pawn.

20...♗d8 21.♗c2 c6

The only way to save the a-pawn.

22.♖d1 b5 23.cxb5 cxb5



24.♗b1!

The Bishop is moving to the Money Diagonal. White has a clear advantage.

24...♗e6 25.♗a2!

There it is!

25...O-O 26.♖c6 ♖ac8 27.♖ac1 ♖xc6 28.♖xc6 ♗b8

The Rook had to be driven back, but 28...♗d8?? 29.♖g6+ ♗h7 30.♖h5 mate would have ended the game abruptly.

29.♖c2 ♗f4 30.g3 hxg3 31.hxg3 ♗e6 32.♖g4

Black's light squares are indefensible.

32...♗g7 33.♗h2 ♗d7 34.♖f5 ♖f6 35.♗g4!

Winning material.

35...♖xf5 36.exf5 ♗d8 37.♖c7! ♗f6 38.♗xe5 ♖e8

Losing another pawn, but Black is practically in Zugzwang.

39.♗xf7 ♖e1+ 40.♗g2 ♗e8 41.♖d7 ♗xf7 42.♖xf7+ ♗h6 43.♖b7 ♖a1 44.♖f7 ♗d6 45.♖b6 ♗g7 46.♖e6 ♗e8 47.♖xb5 ♖xa3 48.♖a5 ♖a1 49.b5 ♖b1 50.♖c4 ♗c7 51.♖a7 1-0

Slav Exchange

Phillip Weyland

Chris Kalina

Spokane, Eastern Wash. Open (5) 2006

Annotations by Phillip Weyland

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.♗c3 ♗c6 5.♖f4 ♖f5 6.e3 e6 7.♗f3 ♗f6 8.a3 a6 9.b4 b5 10.♖xb5!



Not 10.♗xb5 axb5 11.♖xb5 ♖b6.

10...axb5 11.♗xb5 ♖c8 12.♖a4 ♗d7 13.♗c7+ ♖xc7 14.♖xc7 ♖xc7 15.♖c1 ♗b6

Even after 15...♗b8, 16.♗e5 picks up the piece.

16.♖xc6 ♗xa4 17.♖xc7 ♗d6?? 18.♖c8+ 1-0



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Sluggers Clinch Playoff Spot with Two Matches to Go!

Ed.—Notes to the games as well as round and game descriptions are extracted from Clint Ballard's running commentary to the matches, appearing on the Slugfest website. The Game-of-the-Week is selected by the USCL President IM Greg Shahade.

The Sluggers coasted in the second half after their fast start, scoring two wins, two draws, and two losses (or 12½-11½ in game points). The team scored both of its wins against the Miami Sharks (3½-½ in Week 6 and 2½-1½ in Week 8). The second victory clinched a playoff spot. The team closed out September by falling 1-3 to the New York Knights in Week 5. In Weeks 7 and 9, the Sluggers faced the San Francisco Mechanics, drawing the first match and losing the second, 1½-2½. They finished the regular season with a lackluster draw against the Dallas Destiny.

Round 5 (25 Sept.)

New York Knights (White on Bds. 1 & 3) vs. Sluggers

Things were going pretty much as planned with the Sluggers having better positions on all three remaining boards after Slava's quick draw as Black. It wasn't clear if we had enough to win on any of these boards, but all we needed to do was to not lose any and just win one for a 2½-1½ win.

Unfortunately, relaying moves through a single computer is a big handicap and I had a bad feeling about it when we had to resort to it for the second week in a row. Sure enough, due to all the confusion on how much time was left, etc., either our players rushed their moves when they didn't have to or they fell so low on time that they had to make any old move. It's much better to know that you have 30 seconds left, than to have four minutes and not be aware of it.

This is all on me for not making sure the Internet was reliable enough. It seemed fine and it was, until it got a two-

minute lag. Very bad. Our first match loss and certainly all due to me. The players all achieved very good positions and at worst we should have drawn the match with good chances for a 2.5-point win.

Sicilian Scheveningen

GM Pascal Charbonneau (2500)

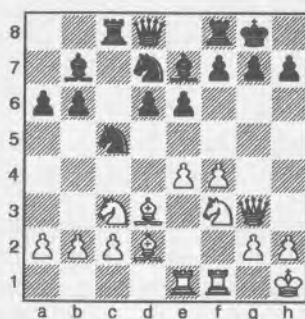
GM Gregory Serper (2570)

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Comments by Clint Ballard

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 a6 5.♟d3 b6 6.O-O ♟b7 7.♞c3 d6 8.f4 ♟f6 9.♞h1 ♞bd7 10.♟f3 ♟e7 11.♟d2 O-O 12.♟g3 ♞c5 13.♟ae1 ♞fd7 14.♞f3 ♟c8

Serper's game looks pretty balanced, but those White center pawns could cause some problems.



15.f5 exf5 16.exf5 ♞xd3 17.cxd3 ♟e8 18.♞e4 ♟f8 19.♟c3 ♟xe4 20.dxe4 ♞c5 21.♟g4 f6 22.♟d4 ♟e7 23.♟xc5 bxc5 24.b3 ♟b8 25.♞d2 ♟b4 26.♟d1 ♟d4 27.h3 ♟b7 28.♟c2 ♟b4 29.♟e2 d5 30.♟fe1 ♟d6 31.exd5 ♟xe2 32.♟xe2 ♟xd5 33.♞c4 ♟g3 34.♟d2 ♟f4 35.♟e4 {Time} 1-0

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IM Eric Tangborn (2465)

IM Irina Krush (2445)

US Chess League (5.2) 2006

Annotations by Clint Ballard

1.c4 e6 2.♞f3 d5 3.g3 dxc4 4.♟a4+ ♞d7 5.♟g2 a6 6.♟xc4 b5 7.♟c2 ♟b7 8.O-O c5 9.b3 ♟e7 10.♟b2 ♟f6 11.♞c3 ♞e7 12.♟ad1 ♟c8 13.e3 O-O 14.♞g5

♟xg5 15.♟xb7 ♟b8 16.♟g2 ♟f6 17.d4 cxd4 18.♞e4 ♟e5 19.♞g5 ♞g6 20.♞f3

Eric has mysteriously maneuvered ♞c3-e4-g5-f3. He did it with threats; so it didn't cost him four moves. I guess making Black move her Bishop to e5 and Knight to g6 put them on squares that will later cost her some time.

20...d3 21.♟xd3 ♟c8 22.♟d2 ♟xb2 23.♟xb2 ♟c7 24.♞d4 b4 25.♟fd1 ♞f6 26.♞c6 a5 27.f4 ♟b6 28.♞e5 ♞e7 29.♞h1 ♞ed5 30.♞c4 ♟c5 31.♟d4 xd4 32.♟xd4 ♞g4 33.♟e1 ♞dx3 34.♟xe3 ♞xe3 35.♞xe3 ♟fd8 36.♟xd8+ ♟xd8 37.♟c6 ♟d2 38.♞c4 ♟xa2 39.♟a4 f6 40.♞xa5 ♞f7 41.♞c6 ♟xa4 0-1

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1.d4 ♞f6 2.♞f3 g6 3.c4 ♟g7 4.♞c3 d5 5.cxd5 ♞xd5 6.e4 ♞xc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.♟b5+ ♞c6 9.O-O cxd4 10.cxd4 O-O 11.♟e3 ♟g4 12.♟xc6 bxc6 13.♟c1 ♟a5 14.♟d2 ♟xd2 15.♞xd2 ♟fd8 16.♞b3 a5 17.♟xc6 a4 18.♞c5 ♟xd4 19.♟xd4 ♟xd4 20.f3 ♟c8 21.♟xc8+ ♟xc8 22.♟c1 a3

Slava zoomed to an endgame where he has Rook+Bishop vs. Rook+Knight with five pawns each. Somehow, Slava is the one with an advanced pawn, but it is blocked by White's pawn on a2.

23.♞b3 ♟d8 24.♟c7 ♟e6 25.♟a7 ♟xb3 26.♟xb3 ♟d1+ 27.♞f2 ♟d2+ 28.♞g3 a2 29.b4 Draw

English

Michael Lee (2102)

Matthew Herman (2172)

US Chess League (5.4) 2006

1.c4 c5 2.♞c3 b6 3.e4 d6 4.g3 ♟b7 5.♟g2 ♞f6 6.♞ge2 e6 7.O-O a6 8.d3 ♟c7 9.f4 ♞bd7 10.a4 g6 11.h3 h5 12.♟e3 ♟g7 13.♟f3 e5 14.♟g2 ♟c6

15.f5 a5 16.d5 dxd5 17.exd5 g8
18.c3 O-O 19.d2 de8 20.fg6
fxg6 21.e4 xe4 22.xe4 f6 23.g4
hxg4 24.hxg4 h4 25.f7 d8 26.g5
g3 27.g2 f4 28.f4 exf4 29.f4
e5 30.f2 xg5 31.g1 xf4+
32.fxf4 g5 33.f7 f8 34.fxf8+ dxf8
35.g3 d8 36.g4 d7 37.f5 e2
38.fxd7 dxd7 39.xg5 fxb2 40.g3
f2 41.g6 e7 42.f7 f7+ 43.
g7 f6 44.fxf7+ dxf7 45.fh8 Draw

Round 6 (4 Oct.)

Sluggers vs. Miami Sharks

Tonight was more like the normal Sluggers. Last week, going into the time crunch, we had drawn one game and had good to very good positions on the three other boards, but only managed to draw one and lost the other two. This week, we had the same situation, but we came out with three wins.

Caro-Kann

GM Gregory Serper (2570)

GM Julio Becerra (2624)

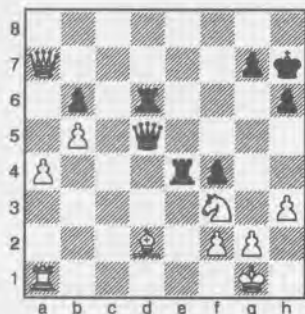
US Chess League (6.1) 2006

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1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 f6
5.c3 dxd5 6.f3 e6 7.f4 c6 8.O-O
e7 9.d4 O-O 10.f1 f6 11.a3 b6
12.d5 a5 13.f2 exd5 14.b4 d4
15.fxd5 dxd5 16.fxc4 b7 17.fxd5
f6 18.fxe7 xe7 19.fxd5

Two pieces for a Rook! That's what was at the end of the d5-induced rainbow for Serper.

19... f8 20.f3 d6 21.f3 e3 f8
22.h3 h6 23.b5 d5 24.f3 e3 f8
25.a4 c4 26.f5 f6 27.f8+ h7 28.d2
b4 29.f7 f5 30.f3 f4 31.f2 e4
32.fxa7



Serper picked off Becerra's a-pawn and if he can get his queenside pawns rolling, the win will be in the bag. With

all the heavy pieces on the board, a perpetual might still be possible for Becerra, but I have a feeling that Serper will insist on a Queen trade.

32... f6 33.f2 h2 f4 34.f1 d3
35.f4 h4 e6 36.f7 f4 37.f5+
xf5 38.fxf5

Serper has traded Queens and should be able to grind out a win.

38... g5 39.g4 fxg3+ 40.f3 g6
41.g2 h5 42.f1 b3 43.f2 b2
44.f3 h4 45.f1 e4 46.f6+ f5
47.fxb6 fxa4 48.f3+ e4 49.f5
f4 50.fg5 fxb5 51.f4+ d3 52.
f8 e2 53.fh4 b1 54.f4 1-0

French Steinitz

IM Blas Lugo (2447)

IM Georgi Orlov (2580)

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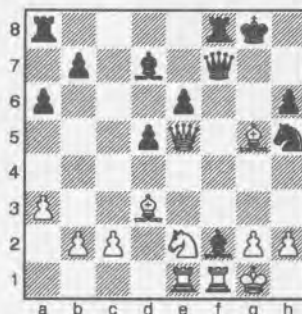
1.e4 e6 2.f3 d5 3.c3 f6 4.e5 fd7
5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 d6 7.f4 xc5 8.f3
f6 9.exf6 xf6 10.f5 f7 11.f4 h6
12.f2 O-O

Georgi has managed to get castled first, has his Queen and Rook on the half open f-file, plus he is the only one with center pawns. Not too shabby, especially considering he is playing Black and it is move 12!

13.a3 f6 14.O-O f7 15.fae1 h5
16.f5 fxe5 17.fxe5 a6 18.f2 g5

This is not defensive. Clearly, Georgi is on the offense and assesses the situation as safe for a kingside pawn storm!

19.f5 g5 fxf2+



A Zwischenzug! Wild stuff, many pieces hanging. A slugfest, that's for sure!

20.fh1 hxg5 21.f5 g5+ f7 22.f6
f6 23.f6 h4

The power of 19... f2 is now evident. Taking a pawn and self-pinning

isn't typical, especially after exposing your King. However, GM-level chess is about the exceptions to the general rules. The Bishop on f2 supports the Queen on h4, which stuffs any hope that White might have had of winning an extra pawn for his piece. Now he has to trade Queens or lose a Rook.

24.fh4 f4 25.g3 f6 26.c3 c6
27.f4 d4 fxd4 28.cxd4 b5 29.fxf8+
fxf8 30.f2 f6 31.f1 f7 32.h4
f5 33.fxf5 exf5 34.f5 f3 35.f3
f4+ 36.f2 b5 37.h5 f6 0-1

English

FM John Readey (2331)

IM Alejandro Moreno Roman (2437)

US Chess League (6.3) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1.f3 f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.f2 b7
5.O-O c5 6.f3 e7 7.d4 cxd4 8.fxd4
d6 9.f1 a6 10.f5 d7 11.f2 f7
12.b3 c5 13.f6 f6 14.fac1 e7
15.f3 O-O 16.f4 f2 17.f2
f7+ 18.f3 f3+ 19.f3

John's King is on f3! No worries though, he recaptured the Queen with his King and automatically centralized it.

19... f8 20.e3 f7 21.f2 f8
22.f4 d7 23.f3 d5 24.cxd5 f4
25.fde2 f3 26.f1 f4 27.fbc1
f3 28.f1 f4 29.fbc1 f3
30.f1 Draw

John accidentally repeated his position for the third time and ended up with a draw.

Game of the Week

English

Jose Cabrera (2077)

Michael Lee (2102)

US Chess League (6.4) 2006

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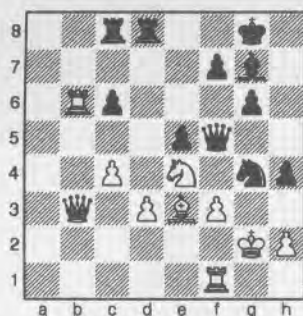
1.c4 f6 2.c3 g6 3.g3 g7 4.f2 O-O
5.f3 d6 6.O-O e5 7.d3 c6 8.f1
a5 9.a3 d4 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 c6
12.b5 f4 13.f3 f3+ 14.exf3 f6
15.bxc6 bxc6 16.f4 c8

This game looks like it's being played on a smaller board: White's Rook on b1 is the only piece either side has on the a- and b-files. Probably not that uncommon in an English Opening, but still a strange site in the early middlegame.

17.fxe5 dxe5 18. ♖b6 ♗d7 19. ♘a4 ♕h3
20. ♗b3 ♗f5

Michael now has an advantage. Probably not enough to forcibly win, but White will have a hard time defending when ...h7-h5-h4-hxg3 opens up lines to the White King. Cabrera's Queen and Rook are all the way on the b-file, where there isn't anything else. They look a bit misplaced to me.

21. f3 h5 22. ♘c5 ♕xg2 23. ♘xg2 ♖fd8
24. ♘e4 h4 25. g4 ♘g4



More fireworks! Michael looks to have a lot more power behind his attack than Georgi's opponent.

26. fxg4 h3+ 27. ♔g1 ♗xg4+ 28. ♘g3 f5
29. c5+ ♔h8 30. ♖b4 f4 31. ♕xf4 exf4
32. ♖xf4

Michael is also down to two minutes, but his opponent had to give back a piece for two pawns, so material is even. Things are pretty wild, but in the tactical jungle, Michael should come out fine.

32... ♗g5 33. ♖h4+ ♕h6 34. ♗b2+ ♔g8
35. ♗a2+ ♖d5 36. ♖bf4 ♖f8 37. ♖xf8+
♕xf8 38. ♖d4 ♕xc5 39. ♔h1 ♗e3
40. ♗a8+ ♔g7 41. ♗b7+ ♔h6 42. ♖h4+
♔g5 43. ♘e4+ ♔xh4 44. ♗h7+ ♖h5
45. ♗xg6 ♗f3+ 0-1

Round 7 (11 Oct.)

San Fran. Mechanics vs. Sluggers

A few weeks before this match, IM Eric Tangborn had e-mailed me that he couldn't play this round. Unfortunately, my slugfest.org e-mail went from being spotty to not working at all and I never received that e-mail

I found out about this around noon on Monday, October 9th and immediately contacted both the San Francisco team and the league and started getting a new lineup in place. I also notified Eric about my problem. At 2:42 p.m., Eric gra-

ciously wrote, "If the league doesn't approve, then I will play." Relieved, I felt that either the league would approve the lineup I wanted (as the Mechanics already had), or that Eric would be able to play. I was also working on alternate lineups as a backup, so all the irons were in the fire and it seemed that things would work out.

At 2:46 p.m., the commissioner sent me an e-mail saying that he wouldn't allow the lineup change. I received this communication shortly after midnight when I finished work for the day. At the same time, I read a second e-mail, sent at 9:46 p.m., that warned of heavier time penalties should our lineup be altered.

I carefully read the rules that were posted on the USCL website. The rules were very clear. I felt that we would get things worked out, most likely with no lineup change at all.

I went back to work until almost 6:00 a.m. and then went to sleep. When I awoke, I was shocked to find out that, well ahead of the deadline (posted as 11:59 pm eastern time, revised on Tuesday, October 10th, today to 9:00 p.m. ET) that we had to get things settled, our lineup had been simply mandated to us by the league at 2:12 p.m. Tuesday. That's almost seven hours ahead of the old deadline and almost four hours ahead of the revised deadline.

Also added to the new version of the rules was the proviso that "The league commissioner has the right to impose penalties harsher than the ones listed if it is felt they are warranted." [N.B. An announcement had been made on October 3rd that a new version of the USCL rules in question would be posted the following week.—Ed.] Consequently, our Boards Two and Three, played with 30 minutes off their clocks. I am convinced that, with more time, Slava could have drawn his game, which would have given the Sluggers a match win.

Game of the Week

Sicilian Scheveningen

IM Josh Friedel (2513)

GM Gregory Serper (2570)

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1.e4 c5 2. ♘f3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♘xd4 a6
5. ♘c3 d6 6. f4 b5 7. ♕d3 ♕b7 8. ♗e2

♘d7 9. O-O ♘gf6 10. ♔h1 ♘c5 11. b4
♘xd3 12. cxd3 ♕e7 13. ♕b2 O-O 14. ♘d1
♗d7 15. ♘b3 ♖ac8 16. ♘e3 ♖c7 17.
♕d4 ♖fc8 18. ♖f3 ♘e8 19. ♖h3 ♕f6 20.
e5 dxe5 21. ♕xe5 ♕xe5 22. fxe5 ♗d8
23. ♖f1 ♗g5 24. ♖h5 ♗g6 25. ♘c5
♖xc5 26. bxc5 ♖xc5 27. d4 ♖c7 28. ♖h4
♖d7 29. ♖g4 ♗h6 30. ♗f2 ♘c7 31. ♖g3
♘d5 32. ♘g4 ♗h5 33. ♘f6+ ♘xf6 34.
exf6 g6 35. ♗f4 ♖d8 36. ♖e1 ♖c8
37. ♔g1 ♗d5 38. ♖g4 ♗d8 39. ♖e2 ♖c4
40. ♖f2 ♗f8 41. h4 h6 42. ♖e2 ♔h7
43. ♖e5 ♕d5 44. h5 g5 45. ♖exg5 hxg5
46. ♖xg5 ♖c2 47. g3 ♖g2+ 48. ♔f1 ♖h2
49. ♖g7+ ♗xg7 50. fxg7 ♔xg7 51. g4
♖h3 52. ♔e2 ♕xa2 53. ♗g5+ ♔h7
54. ♗f6 e5 55. ♗f5+ ♔g8 56. ♗xe5 b4
57. ♗b8+ ♔h7 58. ♗xb4 ♕e6 59. ♗b1+
♔g7 60. ♗e4 ♖h4 61. d5 ♕xd5 62. ♗e5+
♔f8 63. ♗g3 ♕c4+ 64. ♔f2 ♖h1
65. ♗d6+ ♔g8 66. ♔g2 ♖e1 67. ♗d4
♖e2+ 68. ♔g3 ♔h7 69. ♗xc4 ♖e6 70. g5
♔g7 71. ♗d4+ ♔g8 72. ♔g4 ♔h7 73.
g6+ ♔g8 74. ♗d7 ♖f6 75. ♔g5 1-0

Reti

FM Slava Mikhailuk (2438)

IM Vinay Bhat (2463)

US Chess League (7.2) 2006

1. c4 e6 2. ♘f3 d5 3. g3 dxc4 4. ♗a4+ ♘d7
5. ♕g2 a6 6. ♗xc4 b5 7. ♗c6 ♖b8 8. d4
♕b7 9. ♗c2 c5 10. O-O ♘gf6 11. ♕g5
♖c8 12. a4 b4 13. ♖d1 cxd4 14. ♗d2
♗c7 15. ♕f4 ♗b6 16. a5 ♗a7 17. ♘xd4
♕xg2 18. ♔xg2 e5 19. ♘f5 exf4 20. ♗xf4
♗b8 21. ♖d6 ♕xd6 22. ♘xd6+ ♔e7
23. ♗e3+ ♔xd6 24. ♘c3 bxc3 25. ♖d1+
♘d5 26. ♗f3 ♘f6 27. bxc3 ♔e7 28. e4
♘xc3 0-1

Pirc Austrian Attack

IM David Preuss (2459)

FM John Readey (2331)

US Chess League (7.3) 2006

1. e4 d6 2. ♘c3 g6 3. f4 ♕g7 4. ♘f3 ♘f6
5. e5 ♘fd7 6. d4 c5 7. ♕c4 O-O 8. e6 ♘b6
9. exf7+ ♔h8 10. ♕e2 cxd4 11. ♘xd4
♘c6 12. ♕e3 ♖xf7 13. O-O ♕d7 14. a4
♘b4 15. ♘f3 ♖c8 16. ♕d4 ♖xf4 17.
♕xg7+ ♔xg7 18. g3 ♖f6 19. ♘e4 ♘xc2
20. ♘xf6 exf6 21. ♗xd6 ♘xa1 22. ♖xa1
♕xa4 23. ♗b4 ♗e8 24. ♔f1 ♕c6
25. ♘d4 ♘d5 26. ♗d6 a6 27. ♖e1 ♗d7
28. ♗xd7+ ♕xd7 29. ♕f3 ♖c4 30. ♘e6+
♕xe6 31. ♖xe6 ♖c5 32. ♖d6 ♘e3+
33. ♔e2 ♘f5 34. ♖d7+ ♔h6 35. ♔d3 b5
36. ♖a7 ♖e5 37. ♕c6 ♖e3+ 38. ♔d2

♖e6 39. ♖xa6 ♖d6+ 40. ♗c3 ♗d4
 41. ♗b7 ♖d7 42. ♗g2 ♗f5 43. ♖xf6 b4+
 44. ♗xb4 ♖d2 45. ♗e4 ♖d4+ 46. ♗c5
 ♖xe4 47. b4 ♖e5+ 48. ♗c4 ♖e2 49. g4
 ♖e4+ 50. ♗c5 ♖xg4 51. b5 ♖g2 52. b6
 ♖c2+ 53. ♗b5 ♗g5 54. ♖f8 ♗d4+ 55.
 ♗a4 ♖b2 56. ♗a5 ♖xh2 57. b7 ♖b2
 58. ♗a6 h5 59. ♖d8 ♗f5 60. b8=♖ ♖xb8
 61. ♖xb8 h4 62. ♗b5 h3 63. ♖h8 ♗h4
 64. ♖a8 h2 65. ♖a1 ♗f3 66. ♖h1 ♗g4
 67. ♗c4 ♗g3 68. ♗d5 ♗g2 69. ♖a1
 h1=♖ 70. ♖xh1 ♗xh1 71. ♗e4 ♗g2
 72. ♗f4 ♗f2 73. ♗g4 ♗e3 74. ♗g3 ♗e4
 75. ♗g4 g5 76. ♗g3 ♗e5 0-1

English

Michael Lee (2102)
 Sam Shankland (2106)

US Chess League (7.4) 2006

1. c4 f5 2. g3 ♗f6 3. ♗g2 g6 4. ♗c3 ♗g7
 5. e3 d6 6. ♗ge2 O-O 7. O-O e5 8. d3 c6
 9. f4 ♗e6 10. b3 ♖b6 11. d4 exd4 12. exd4
 d5 13. ♗a3 ♖e8 14. c5 ♖c7 15. b4 ♗e4
 16. ♖b1 ♗f7 17. ♗xe4 dxe4 18. d5 cxd5
 19. ♗b5 ♖e7 20. ♗d6 ♖d8 21. ♗b2 d4
 22. ♗xd4 ♗xa2 23. ♖a1 ♗e6 24. ♗xe6
 ♗xb2 25. ♖b3 ♗xa1 26. ♗xd8+ ♗g7
 27. ♖xa1 ♖xd8 28. ♖f7+ ♗h6 29. ♖d1
 ♖h8 30. ♗xf5+ ♗h5 31. ♗e3 ♗h6
 32. ♖d5 ♖a1+ 33. ♗g2 1-0

Round 8 (18 Oct.)

Miami Sharks vs. Sluggers

Sicilian Kan

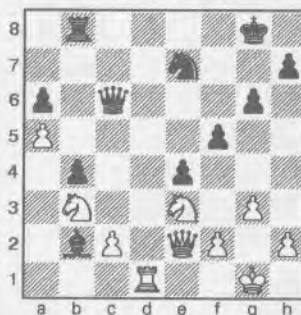
GM Julio Becerra (2624)
 GM Gregory Serper (2570)

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1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♗xd4 a6
 5. ♗c3 b5 6. ♗d3 d6 7. O-O ♗f6 8. a4 b4
 9. ♗a2 e5 10. ♗b3 ♗c6 11. ♗g5 ♗e7
 12. ♗xf6 ♗xf6 13. ♗c4 O-O 14. ♗d5 ♗d7
 15. a5 ♖b8 16. ♗c4 ♗e6 17. ♖d3 ♗xc4
 18. ♖xc4 ♖c8 19. ♖d3 ♖d8 20. ♗ac1

♗e7 21. ♗d2 d5 22. ♗cb3 g6 23. ♖fd1
 ♗g7 24. ♗f1 dxe4 25. ♖xe4 ♖xd1
 26. ♖xd1 f5 27. ♖e2 ♖c6 28. ♗e3 e4
 29. g3 ♗xb2



Serper felt in enough control of the position to invest a move or two snagging a pawn. White does not have anywhere near enough compensation for the pawn; it is doubtful Becerra can generate a Miami hurricane with his pieces to blow down Serper's brick house defense. 30. ♗c4 ♖b5 31. ♗f1 ♗g7 32. ♗b6 ♖xe2+ 33. ♗xe2 ♗c6 34. ♖d6 ♗e5 35. ♗d5 ♖a8 36. ♖e6 ♗f3 37. ♗xb4 ♖d8 38. ♖xa6 ♗g1+ 39. ♗e3 ♗f3 40. ♗e2 ♗g1+ 41. ♗e3 ♗f3 Draw

As Greg was repeating moves to gain time, the confusion of all the connections and disconnects made him lose count and he inadvertently repeated the position. Or did he look over at Marcel's board and take one for the team to seal the deal?

Scotch

FM Slava Mikhailuk (2438)
 IM Blas Lugo (2447)

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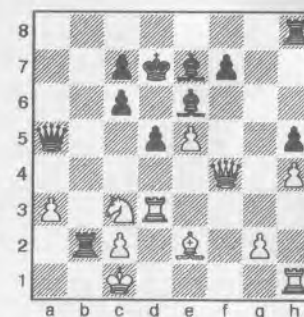
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 8. ♗g5 h6 9. ♗h4 a5 10. ♖d2 g5 11. ♗g3
 ♗h5 12. O-O-O ♗e6 13. ♖de1 a4 14. a3
 ♖b8 15. e5 d5 16. f4 ♗xf4 17. ♗xf4 gxf4
 18. ♖xf4 ♗e7 19. h4 h5

In danger of going below 50% pawn moves, Lugo blasts out ...h6-h5 (second move for h pawn) and is now back to a comfortable 10/19 moves being pawn moves.

20. ♗e2 ♖b6

IM Lugo shows us why he has the IM title. All his pawn moves have served to create a solid defensive maze that his bishops can weave in and out of, but, unless Slava sacrifices a piece, he won't be able to break through. Lugo is getting ready to double up on the open b-file.

21. ♖d1 ♖b8 22. ♗xa4 ♖a5 23. ♖d3
 ♗d7 24. ♗c3 ♖xb2



Slava started off with a good position, but all the pawn moves by Blas disoriented him and lulled him into a false sense of security. Open b-file + Blas Lugo = Rook sac. I think fans in Miami know this, now Seattle fans know this, too.

25. ♗xd5 cxd5 26. ♗xb2 ♖b8+ 27. ♗c1
 ♗xa3+ 28. ♖xa3 ♖xa3+ 29. ♗d2 ♖b4

There is no escape for Slava from the hurricane onslaught that is Lugo's trademark. I forgot to warn Slava about needing a concrete shelter in case the storm clouds started gathering.

30. ♖a1 ♖b2 31. ♖f1 ♖xe5 32. ♗b5+
 ♗e7 33. ♖a8 ♖f4 34. ♖g1 d4 35. ♖e8+
 ♗f6 36. g3 ♖f3 37. ♗e2 ♖a5+ 0-1

With most of the regular Sluggers still recovering from the GM Sluggfest and Michael Lee being indisposed, we had to scour the entire Northwest to field a team. Marcel has not been that active, but I made sure he still remembered how the pieces moved and our lineup was set. He said he was a solid positional player; so, of course, he plays some wild gambit line in the solid positional Benko. I guess things are a bit different in Canada, eh?

Benko Gambit

IM Alejandro Moreno Roman (2437)
 FM Marcel Milat (2345)

US Chess League (8.3) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. f3
 e6 6. e4 exd5 7. e5 ♖e7 8. ♖e2 ♗g8



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9. ♖c3 ♗b7 10. ♖h3 ♗d8 11. ♗g5 ♗e7
12. ♗f4 c4 13. O-O-O axb5

The game has turned into a sedate positional battle, Canadian style. Marcel kept trying to give some of his pawns away in some sort of Benkonian adventure, but Miami's Roman was not in a pac-man mood tonight.

14. ♖xd5 ♗xa2 15. e6 ♗xd5 16. ♗xd5 fxe6 17. ♗xb5 ♗a1+ 18. ♖c2 ♖c6 19. ♗xc4 ♖f6

Marcel finally remembered about his horse in the g8-stable. He seems ready to castle kingside of all things. With his King safely tucked away and Moreno's King in the Canadian outback, Marcel could have an upset in the making.

20. ♖g5 ♖d5 21. ♖xe6

Cute. This looks like it wins something. However, Marcel is prepared for it and forces Roman to sac the Exchange and get into an endgame.



21... ♖db4+ 22. ♗xb4 ♖xb4+ 23. ♗xb4 ♗xb4 24. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 25. g3 ♗e8

Marcel prevents Moreno from freeing up his kingside pieces, or at least makes things very tricky. It will cost a full pawn to get out of the tangle.

26. ♗g5+ ♖c7 27. ♖b3 ♗e7 28. ♗f4+ ♗d6 29. ♗d2 ♗b8+ 30. ♖c2 ♗e5 31. b4 ♗ba8 32. f4 ♗a2+ 33. ♖d3 ♗d1 34. fxe5 ♗axd2+ 35. ♖e3 ♗b2 36. ♗g2 ♗xh1 37. ♗xh1 ♗xh2

Marcel shows us that they actually know how to play endgames in Canada, especially when they are up the Exchange. Miami's Roman did manage to get his pieces out (and exchanged), but the market price for that lobster was one pawn.

38. ♗e4 h6 39. b5 ♗b2 40. ♗d3 ♗b4 41. ♖f3 ♖b6 42. ♖e3 ♖c5 43. ♗e2 ♖d5 44. ♗d3 ♖xe5 45. ♖f3 ♗b3 46. ♖e3 ♖d5 47. g4 ♖c5 48. ♖d2 ♗b4 49. ♗e2 ♗b2+ 0-1

Sicilian Rossolimo

NM Nat Koons (2223)

Jose Cabrera (2077)

US Chess League (8.4) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

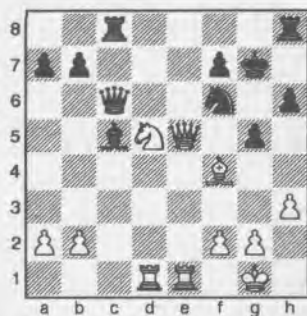
1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. ♗b5+ ♖c6 4. O-O ♗d7 5. ♗e1 ♖f6 6. c3 e5 7. d4 cxd4 8. cxd4 ♖xd4 9. ♖xd4 exd4 10. ♗xd7+ ♗xd7 11. ♗xd4

Nat appears to have a comfortable advantage with a better center, centralized Queen and an isolated d-pawn to work against.

11... ♗e7 12. e5 dxe5 13. ♗xe5 ♗c8 14. ♗g5

Cabrera must feel like a piñata.

14... ♖f8 15. ♖c3 h6 16. ♗f4 ♗c5 17. ♗ad1 ♗c6 18. h3 g5 19. ♖d5 ♖g7



20. ♗xg5 hxg5 21. ♗xg5+ ♖f8 22. ♖xf6 ♗e7 23. ♗xe7 ♖xe7 24. ♖d7+ ♖e8 25. ♗e5+ ♗e6 26. ♗xh8+ ♖e7 27. ♗xc8 1-0

Round 9 (23 Oct.)

Sluggers vs. San Fran. Mechanics

English

GM Gregory Serper (2570)

IM Josh Friedel (2513)

US Chess League (9.1) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. c4 e5 2. g3 ♖f6 3. ♗g2 c6 4. d4 exd4 5. ♗xd4 d5 6. ♖f3 ♗e6 7. ♖g5 ♖bd7 8. ♖xe6 fxe6 9. ♗e3 ♖c5 10. cxd5 cxd5 11. O-O ♗c8 12. b4 ♖ce4 13. ♖d2 ♗b6

With mass exchanges about to happen, I have a feeling that doubled pawns will decide the game.

14. ♖xe4 dxe4 15. ♗xb6

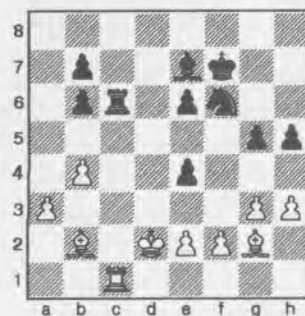
Serper trades Queens. He has the Bishop pair and a wide open board, while Friedel has two sets of isolated doubled pawns. Black does have a Rook that can

get to the second rank as compensation, but it doesn't seem like enough.

15... axb6 16. a3 ♗e7 17. ♗b2 O-O 18. ♗ac1 ♗fd8 19. ♗xc8 ♗xc8 20. ♗c1

Greg decided to trade off one pair of Rooks and put the other Rook right on the c-file, perfectly willing to go into a Bishop-pair-vs.-Bishop-and-Knight endgame where his opponent has two sets of isolated doubled pawns. Serper is effectively a pawn or more up.

20... ♗c6 21. ♖f1 ♖f7 22. ♖e1 g5 23. h3 h5 24. ♖d2



Serper decides not to win a pawn and go into an opposite-colored-Bishop endgame and is now down to eight minutes.

24... ♗xc1 25. ♗xc1 ♖g6 26. ♖c3 b5 27. ♗e3 ♖f5 28. ♗a7 ♗d6 29. ♖d4 e5+ 30. ♖c3 ♖d5+ 31. ♖b3 g4 32. hxg4+ hxg4 33. e3 ♗c7 34. ♗f1 b6 35. ♗xb5 ♖e6 36. ♗e2 ♖d6 37. a4 ♖e7 38. a5 bxa5 39. ♗c5+ ♖e6 40. ♗xg4+ ♖f6 41. b5 ♖d5 42. ♖c4 ♖b6+ 43. ♗xb6 ♗xb6 44. ♖d5 a4 45. ♗d1 a3 46. ♗b3 ♖f5 47. ♖c6 ♗a7 48. b6 ♗b8 49. ♖d5 ♖g4 50. ♖xe4 ♖g5 51. f4+ ♖f6 52. ♖d5 1-0

Game of the Week

Queen Pawn

IM Vinay Bhat (2463)

IM Georgi Orlov (2580)

US Chess League (9.2) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. d4 d6 2. ♖f3 ♗g4 3. e4 ♖f6 4. ♖c3 e6 5. h3 ♗h5 6. g4 ♗g6 7. ♗e2 d5

I think this achieves full equality and exposes g2-g4 as being a bit early. Note that Georgi is offering his b-pawn.

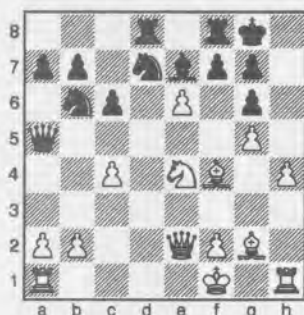
8. exd5 ♖xd5 9. ♖e4 ♖d7 10. ♗g2 c6 11. c4 ♗b4+ 12. ♖f1 ♖5f6 13. ♖g3 ♗e7 14. ♗f4 ♗a5 15. ♖h4 ♖b6 16. g5 ♖fd7

Orlov is moving his Knights back and forth, totally confusing me and, I hope, his opponent.

17. ♖xg6 hxg6 18. h4 ♖d8

Orlov has an open h-file and seems to have managed to activate most of his pieces. Maybe Georgi has a slight edge.

19. ♖e4 e5 20. dxe5 O-O 21. e6



21... fxe6 22. ♖g3 ♖c5 23. ♖xc5 ♖xc5 24. b3 ♖d4 25. ♖xe6+ ♖h8 26. ♖e1 ♖c5 27. ♖e2 ♖de8 28. ♖xe8 ♖xe8 29. ♖xe8+ ♖h7 30. ♖e4 ♖d7 31. h5 ♖xe8 32. ♖xg6+ ♖xg6 33. hxg6+ ♖xg6 34. ♖h8 1-0

Reti

FM John Readey (2331)

IM Dmitry Zilberstein (2435)

US Chess League (9.3) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. ♖f3 d5 2. c4 d4 3. g3 ♖c6 4. ♖g2 e5 5. d3 ♖b4+ 6. ♖d2 a5 7. O-O ♖f6 8. ♖a3 O-O 9. ♖c2 ♖c5 10. a3 e4 11. dxe4 ♖xe4 12. ♖e1 a4 13. ♖b4 ♖e8

John's opponent had to spend a lot of time to find 13... ♖e8, which seems to have stopped all of John's threats, for the moment. Black still has weak pawns on d4 and a4 as long term things to deal with.

14. ♖xc5 ♖xc5 15. ♖fxd4 ♖a5 16. ♖e3 ♖a6 17. ♖b5 ♖d7 18. ♖c2 ♖c8 19. ♖ad1 ♖h6 20. h4 ♖ab3

John simply took the weak d4-pawn. Black had abandoned it to post a Knight on b3. Too bad for Black, John's King is

on the kingside; so the b3-Knight seems a bit out of play.

21. ♖d4 ♖xd4 22. ♖xd4 ♖b3 23. ♖f4 ♖d6 24. ♖d5 c6 25. ♖b6 ♖d8 26. ♖d1 ♖f5 27. ♖xd6 ♖xc2 28. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 29. ♖xa4 ♖d4 30. ♖c3 ♖e6 31. ♖f3 ♖d4 32. ♖e3 ♖f5 33. ♖e5 ♖d6 34. ♖e7 ♖b8 35. c5 ♖c4 36. b4 ♖xa3 37. b5 ♖f8 38. ♖c7 ♖xb5 39. ♖xb5 cxb5 40. ♖xb7 ♖f5 41. ♖d5 ♖e6 42. ♖xe6 fxe6 43. c6 ♖b6 44. ♖b7 ♖xc6 45. ♖xb5 ♖f7 46. h5 ♖f6 47. ♖g2 ♖c3 48. f4 h6 49. ♖f2 ♖a3 50. e3 ♖a2+ 51. ♖f3 ♖h2 52. e4 ♖h1 53. e5+ ♖f7 54. ♖b7+ ♖f8 55. ♖g4 ♖f1 56. ♖a7 ♖e1 57. ♖a3 ♖f7 58. ♖f3 ♖h1 59. ♖a7+ ♖f8 60. ♖g4 ♖f1 61. ♖b7 ♖e1 62. ♖b2 ♖f1 63. ♖h3 ♖h1+ 64. ♖h2 ♖g1 65. g4 ♖b1 66. ♖g2 ♖e1 67. ♖f2 ♖e7 68. ♖g3 ♖h1 69. ♖f3 ♖e1 70. ♖g2 ♖f1+ 71. ♖e3 ♖e1+ 72. ♖f2 ♖e4 73. ♖f3 ♖e1 74. g5 hxg5 75. ♖xg5 ♖f7 76. ♖g3 ♖h1 77. ♖g4 ♖f1 78. ♖g5 ♖h1 79. ♖g2 ♖f1 80. ♖g4 ♖h1 81. ♖g2 ♖f1 82. ♖a2 ♖g1+ 83. ♖h4 ♖h1+ 84. ♖g4 ♖g1+ 85. ♖f3 ♖h1 86. ♖g4 ♖g1+ 87. ♖h3 ♖h1+ 88. ♖h2 ♖g1 89. ♖h4 ♖f1 90. ♖g4 ♖g1+ 91. ♖f3 ♖f1+ 92. ♖e3 ♖e1+ 93. ♖f2 ♖b1 94. ♖h4 ♖b4 95. ♖f3 ♖b1 96. h6 g6 97. ♖xh6 ♖f1+ 98. ♖e3 ♖e1+ 99. ♖f2 ♖e4 100. ♖f3 ♖e1 101. ♖h7+ ♖f8 102. ♖a7 ♖f1+ 103. ♖e4 ♖d1 104. ♖f3 ♖g1 105. ♖e2 ♖g4 106. ♖f3 ♖g1 107. ♖e4 ♖d1 108. f5 ♖e1+ 109. ♖d4 ♖d1+ 110. ♖c5 ♖d5+ 111. ♖c6 ♖xe5 112. ♖d6 ♖xf5 113. ♖xe6 ♖f1 Draw

Sicilian Dragon

Sam Shankland (2106)

Michael Lee (2102)

US Chess League (9.4) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 g6 6. ♖e3 ♖g7 7. f3 ♖c6 8. ♖d2

O-O 9. ♖c4 ♖d7 10. O-O ♖b8 11. ♖b3 ♖a5 12. h4 b5 13. ♖b1 ♖c4 14. ♖xc4 bxc4

Michael declines a draw for the second time, the first was shortly after the game started. He has managed to get the Bishop pair and an open b-file with a Rook on it

15. ♖a1 ♖c7 16. h5 ♖fc8 17. g4 ♖a5 18. ♖b1

Michael's opponent seems to want an early draw as he offered another one.

18... ♖b4 19. ♖h6 ♖h8 20. a3

Michael's opponent shows us why he is one of the top 14-year-olds in the country. He manages to defuse Michael's attack before it really gets going full steam.

20... ♖cb8 21. g5 ♖xe4 22. fxe4 ♖a4

Michael's Knight sac was based on purely positional considerations. With White's dark-squared Bishop entombed on h6, Black's Bishop on h8 would be super strong without the Knight on f6. Now Michael has doubled on the a-file and has the long diagonal. Incredible. At 13, Michael already has GM-level concentration, as he stays focused at the board pretty much the entire game.

23. ♖hd1 ♖g4 24. ♖xa4 ♖xa4 25. c3 ♖xd1 26. ♖xd1 ♖d7 27. ♖f3 ♖xd4 28. cxd4

Michael trades off his dark-squared Bishop for White's menacing Knight. If he keeps his back rank safe, White's material edge will, I hope, be optical. Aha, Michael also gets the b3-square for his Rook with tempo on the Queen. Maybe he planned this back in his deep think?

28... ♖b3 29. ♖d1 ♖a4 30. ♖a2 ♖b5 31. d5 ♖d3 32. ♖c2 f5 33. gxf6 exf6 34. ♖c1 ♖b3 35. hxg6 hxg6 36. e5 ♖f7 37. ♖g1 ♖d3 38. e6+ ♖e7 39. ♖xg6 ♖xd5 40. ♖g7+ ♖xe6 41. ♖e2+ ♖e5 42. ♖g4+ ♖d5 43. ♖xa7 ♖e8 44. ♖a5+ 1-0

Round 10 (1 Nov.)

Dallas Destiny vs. Sluggers

QGD Semi-Slav

IM Jacek Stopa (2512)

GM Gregory Serper (2570)

US Chess League (10.1) 2006

1. d4 d5 2. ♖f3 ♖f6 3. c4 c6 4. e3 e6 5. ♖c3 ♖bd7 6. ♖d3 ♖e7 7. O-O O-O 8. ♖c2 b6

Sluggers Scoring

	White		Black		Total					
	Score	PR	Score	PR	Score	PR	Pts	BAP	Ave	Slg
Serper	+3=1-0	2829	+1=2-2	2440	+4=3-2	2613	5.5	11	.611	.478
Orlov	+1=0-0	2923	+1=0-1	2455	+2=0-1	2611	2.0	5	.667	.625
Tangborn	+1=0-1	2402	+1=0-1	2456	+2=0-2	2430	2.0	5	.500	.500
Mikhailuk	+1=1-1	2413	+1=1-1	2392	+2=2-2	2403	3.0	6	.500	.400
Readey	+0=3-1	2279	+2=0-0	2789	+2=3-1	2449	3.5	6	.583	.429
Milat			+1=0-1	2396	+1=0-1	2396	1.0	3	.500	.500
Koons	+3=0-0	2572	+1=0-0	2623	+4=0-0	2585	4.0	9	1.000	1.000
Lee	+1=1-0	2339	+3=0-1	2338	+4=1-1	2338	4.5	11	.750	.688

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15.gxf3 bxc5 16.♙ad1 ♗b6 17.♙e5 g6
18.♗c1 ♘h5 19.♙fe1 ♙ad8 20.b3 ♙f6
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♙xd6 27.♙e5 ♘f5 28.♙e4 ♘g7
29.♙xf5 exf5 30.♗e7 ♙d1+ 31.♙e1
♙xe1+ 32.♗xe1 ♙d6 33.♗c3+ ♙f6
34.♗f3 a5 35.♘f1 ♙d4 36.♘g2 Draw

Reti

FM Slava Mikhailuk (2438)

IM Peter Vavrak (2438)

US Chess League (10.2) 2006

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♙g2 ♙f5 4.O-O
e6 5.b3 h6 6.♙b2 ♙e7 7.d3 O-O 8.
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♗g5+ ♘f8 23.♗h6+ ♘g8 24.♗g5+
♘f8 25.♗h6+ ♘g8 Draw

King's Indian Fianchetto

FM Andrei Zaremba (2354)

FM Marcel Milat (2345)

US Chess League (10.3) 2006

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♙g7 4.g3 O-O
5.♙g2 d6 6.♘c3
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♗xd1 10.♙xd1
♘a6 11.♘b3 ♙e6
12.d5 ♙g4 13.f3
♙d7 14.♙e3 c5
15.♙f1 ♙fc8 16.
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♘xd7 19.f4 b6
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♘1e2 ♙ab8 22.a4

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♘a6 26.♙db1 ♙xc4 27.♙xb6 ♙b4
28.♙xb4 axb4 29.♙a7 ♙xc3 30.♙xb8
♘dxb8 31.♘c3 bxc3 32.♙c1 ♘d7
33.♙xc3 ♘dc5 34.♙c4 f5 35.e5 ♘c7
36.exd6 exd6 37.♙xc5 dxc5 38.d6 1-0

Sicilian Moscow

NM Nat Koons (2223)

NM Keaton Kiewra (2239)

US Chess League (10.4) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♙b5+ ♘d7 4.O-O
♘gf6 5.♗e2 a6 6.♙xd7+ ♙xd7 7.e5
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Byes: 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration.

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▣ Dec. 9

SCC Saturday Quads ▣

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

▣ Nov. 19, Dec. 3

SCC Sunday Tornado ▣

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

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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.

Future Events

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

♣November 18 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.

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Site: Tacoma CC, Rm. 11 (2nd floor), 409 Puyallup Ave, 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:** Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 10-12:30-3-5:30, Sun 10-3 (or ASAP). **Misc:** USCF and WCF/OCF membership req'd. NS, NC. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445 (make checks payable to TCC); 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

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Site: Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219.
Format: 2-sec., 5-rd Swiss. **TC:** Rds 1-3 - 40/90, SD/30, Rds 4-5 - 40/2, SD/1. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 12/6, \$35 at site. \$10 discount for PCC members. No advance entries. **Prize Fund:** \$650/b40. **Prizes:** Open - \$150-100, U2000 75; Reserve (U1800) \$100-75, U1600 50, U1400 50, U1200/UNR 50. **Reg:** 9-9:30 am. **Rds:** 10-2-ASAP, 10-ASAP. **Byes:** Two ½-pt. byes avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **Ent:** See site address. **Info:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.pdxchess.org.

♣Dec 16-17 Christmas Congress♣
Site: Tacoma CC, Rm. 11 (2nd floor), 409 Puyallup Ave, Tacoma WA. **Format:** 5-rd. Swiss. **TC:** 40/90, SD/60. **EF:** \$30 adv., \$35

at site; jrs \$20 adv., \$25 at site; Economy (no prize money) \$10, free for UNR; UNR may play for 1st w/regular EF. **Prize Fund:** 67% of full-paying EFs. **Prizes:** 25%, U2000 15%, U1700 14%, U1400 13%. Econ. winner: certificate and free econ. entry to future event. **Reg:** Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 10-3 (or ASAP). **Byes:** Two ½-pt. byes avail. if requested in advance. **Misc:** USCF and WCF/OCF membership req'd. NS, NC. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445 (make checks payable to TCC); 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣Dec 16-17 Washington Challengers' Cup♣
Site: Schoenberg Center, Room 201, Gonzaga U., N 900 Pearl St, Spokane WA (SW corner of campus - 1 blk E of Division/Ruby couplet off DeSmet Ave). **Format:** Two Sections: Open - 4-rd. Swiss. **TC:** 40/2, SD/1. **Reserve (U1800):** 5-rd. Swiss, **TC:** G/2. **EF:** Open: \$30; \$40 if U1800. **Reserve:** \$25 if rec'd by 12/15, \$30 at site; u18 - \$5 less. **Prize Fund:** \$1,000 gtd. **Prizes:** Open: \$250-150, U2000 100. The highest finishing WA resident who meets WCF activity requirements will be seeded into the 2007 Washington Closed Championship in February. Ties for Championship seed will be broken in following order: (1) head-to-head result; (2) G/10 playoff. **Reserve:** \$140-100, C 70-40, D/E/UNR 70-40, Biggest Upset (estab. rts only) 40. Class prizes b/5 per class; classes (and class prizes) may be reconfigured if fewer than 5 class entries. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Open: 10-5, 9-4 (or ASAP); **Reserve:** 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 (or ASAP). **Byes:** Open: One ½-point bye avail. for rounds 1-3 if declared at reg. **Reserve:** One ½-point bye avail. if requested by end of preceding rd. Sunday bye must be requested by end of rd 3. **Misc:** WCF/Ocf req'd. OSA. NS, NC, W. **Entries:** Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo, N 9923 Moore, Spokane WA 99208-9339. **Info:** 509-466-0530 evenings or weekends; 509-477-2871 days. www.spokanechessclub.org.

♣Jan 18,25; Feb 1,8,15 Spokane Winter Champ.♣
Site: Herak (Rm 121), Gonzaga U, Spokane WA. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$16. **Reg:** 6:30-7:15 p.m. **Rds:** 7:15 p.m. **Misc:** USCF membership req'd. **Info:** David Griffin 509-928-3260; dbgriffin@hotmail.com

More Scholastic Events

January 2007

20 ♠ Mystery Scholastic	Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
20 Purdy Elementary	Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Purdy WA
20 Medina Elementary Tmt (K,1-3,4-6)	Marianne Mowat mgmowat@msn.com	Medina WA
24 TCC Wed. Kids Night (K-12)	Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
26-7 WA State HS Individual (9-12)	Kirk Wings kwings@comcast.net www.whsca.org/TA-HSIndivid2007/html	Lynnwood WA

February 2007

3 UCDS (K, K-3, K-3 U800, 4-6, 4-6 U900)	www.chessplayer.com/ucds.htm	Seattle WA
3 Washington Hoyt Challenge (K-3,4-6)	Scott MacDonald WaHoytChess@hotmail.com	Tacoma WA
3 International Chess Jam 2007 (K-12)	Randy Kaeck kaeck@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaeck	Ferndale WA
3 Seaview Classic (U800, K-3,4-6,7-8)	April Nowak 425-771-5259 mrsnowak@comcast.net	Edmonds WA
9-10 WHSCA High School Team Tmt	http://www.whsca.org/tournannounce.html	Issaquah WA
10 TCC Scholastic Bughouse	Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
10 Nightmare's Gauntlet (K,1-3,4-6; K-8 Qds)	http://signup4chess.com/	Shoreline WA

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USCF NATIONAL Scholastics

For information on any national event, contact Diane Reese at events@uschess.org.

Dec. 8-10	Nat'l Scholastic (K-12)/Collegiate Ch	Orlando FL
Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Nat'l Junior High (K-9) Championship	Sacramento CA
April 13-15	Nat'l High School (K-12) Championship	Kansas City MO
May 11-13	Nat'l Elementary (K-6) Championship	Nashville TN

Open Events

November

17,24 Eckstein MS Friday Weekly Quads
18 SCC Novice
Pb18 **8** PCC Game-in-60
Pb19 SCC Sunday Tornado
Pb24-26 Washington Class

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December

1,8,15 TCC Christmas Swiss
 1,8,15 Eckstein MS Friday Weekly Quads
Pb2 TCC Game in 60 Tmt #4
Pb3 SCC Sunday Tornado
 5 Portland CC Tuesday Quad Tmt Begins
Pb9 SCC Saturday Quads
Pb9-10 Portland Winter Open
Pb16-17 WA Challengers' Cup
Pb16-17 Christmas Congress
 29 Tacoma CC G/15 Championship
Pb30 **8** PCC Game-in-60

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5,12,19 TCC New Year Quads
Pb6 TCC Tornado
 7 TCC Sunday Blitz
Pb7 SCC Sunday Tornado
Pb12-14 Seattle City Championship
Pb18,25 Spokane CC Winter Championship
Pb20 Seattle CC Saturday Quads
 26 TCC Annual Membership Meeting
Pb27-28 Stephen Christopher Memorial
 31 TCC Wednesday Night Blitz

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Scholastic Events

November 2006

19 **8** Fall Classic Scholastic (K-12)
 19 **8** Mod Quads - Episode 2
 20 Beta Tournament (2-12)
 22 TCC Wed. Kids Night (K-12)
 24 Thanksgiving Sch. (K-3,4-6,7-12)

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December 2006

2 Internat 2006 (Annual WA-BC K-12 match)
 2 Richland Rook Roundup
 2 Sunny Hills State Qualifier (K-6)
 2 Bryant Fall Classic (K, 1-3, 4-6)
 3 **8** Soccer Season Quad #4
 9 Black Knight Joust (K-3,4-6,7-12)
 9 Lakeridge Elementary (K,1-3,4-6)
 9 WHSCA Mini Teams (5-12)
 16 **8** Hillsboro Holiday Classic (K-12)
 16 Skagit Chessfest (K-4,5-8)
 16 Ridgefield Holiday Extravaganza (K-12)
 20 TCC Wed. Kids Night (K-12)

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6 ~~Ollie LaFraniere Memorial~~ CANCELLED
 13 State Qualifier (K-6)
 13 Whatcom Cty Championships (K-12)
 13 Meridian Park (K, K-3, K-6)
 13 Chess Pentathlon (5-12)
 15 **8** Martin Luther King Jr. Classic (K-12)

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