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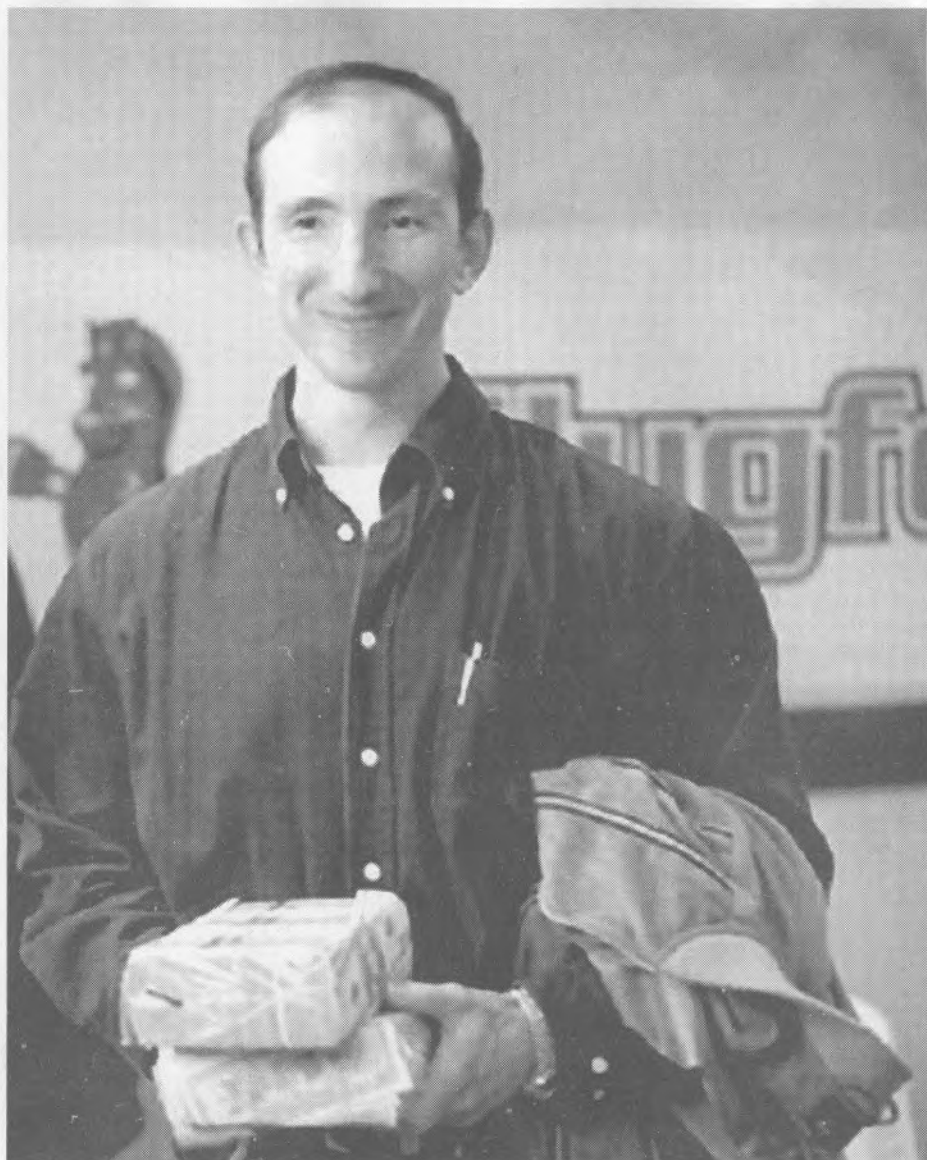
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Happy Holidays from the Editor

A little bit earlier this time, too! Next issue will feature the WA Class, I hope (I've received nothing yet), and the SCC Extravaganza. Meanwhile, I still need articles and photos.

In 2006, Northwest Chess received "Honorable Mention" for the Chess Journalists of America award for "Best State Magazine, Circulation Under 1000." With your contributions, the magazine can be even better next year!

Best Wishes,

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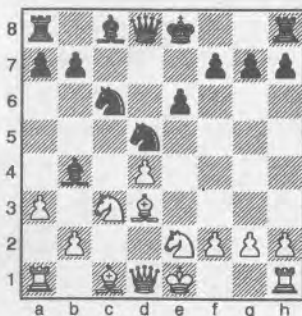
by GM John Emms, GM Chris Ward and IM Richard Palliser
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by Robert A. Karch

In a previous issue, I reviewed *Play the Nimzo-Indian* by IM Edward Dearing. That book was geared for the Black side, extolling the virtues of this solid and reliable defense. Now comes along *Dangerous Weapons*, aimed at both sides! Who to believe? I will compare the opinions of both books in some places.

In the Preface, *Dangerous* claims to be part of a new series in major openings “to concentrate on variations that are ambitious, sharp, innovative, disruptive, tricky, enjoyable to analyze; ones not already weighed down by mountains of theory, and ones unfairly ignored or discredited.” Intent is “to present a considerable number of fresh, hard-hitting opening weapons for both White and Black.”

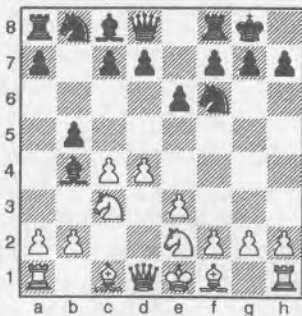
Chapters 1-6 cover 4.♖c2 (Classical line). Chapter 7 in *Dangerous* shifts attention to 4.e3, the historically popular Rubinstein line. IM Dearing favors 4...b6, and after 5.♘ge2 c5!? “is highly provocative and gives rise to intensely volatile positions.” *Dangerous* recommends the immediate 4...c5 5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.♘ge2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.a3!? Both books discuss the ramifications of ...c7-c5. From here on, I will review *Dangerous* only.



After 9.a3

If Black does not play an early ...d7-d5, White may himself occupy the d5-square. Kingside castling is often delayed while both sides fight for control in the center. There are middlegame tactical shots and traps to be avoided (on both sides). Good discussion on the placement of the Bishops; the Knights seem not to matter so much in this variation, or perhaps the Knight moves are “obvious” (at the GM level).

A short chapter introduces the Vitolinsh (1988): 1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♘ge2 b5 offering a pawn to unbalance the position.



the Vitolinsh

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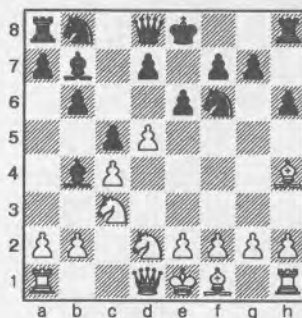
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On the Cover: GM Victor Mikhalevski, who flew in all the way from Israel for the GM Slugfest, captured Clint's cash by winning both his games on the first and last days of the tournament, while picking up zero BAP on the middle day. Photo courtesy of Clint Ballard and Slugfest7.com.



the Milov Gambit

Then there is the Milov Gambit 4.♘f3 b6 5.♗g5 ♗b7 6.♘d2 h6 7.♗h4 c5 8.d5 in which White prepares to advance the pawn to e4 without the stutterstep e2-e3 (Kasparov's idea). This line is deeply analyzed by GM Ward and would make a useful reference for the correspondence or e-mail player.

The authors don't really collaborate as a team (there is no index of variations, players or games), but apparently each has his own chapters for discussion of concepts and analysis of moves. I found GM Ward to be the most useful. However, other readers may prefer the other authors. If you play the Nimzo, you will almost certainly need this book in self-defense! ■

Mikhalevski Walks Off with Clint's Cash

The GM Slugfest was to be the first high-level test of the Ballard Anti-Draw Point (BAP) System—Black win, three points; White win, two points; Black draw, one point; other results, zero. Under the current point system, established in the mid-nineteenth century, the percentage of draws rises from about 30% at the Expert level to about 55% at the GM level. Clint Ballard, the developer of BAP, estimates that the draw percentage will fall to about 25% with his system. For more on BAP, see NWC January 2006, page 17.

Story, game commentary, and Slugfest pairing report are extracted from Clint Ballard's tournament-related blog entries, appearing on the Slugfest website.—ed.

by Clint Ballard

Get ready for a tournament with very few quick draws, I predict a total of 0% of such things at the Slugfest. I will also go out on a limb and predict a 25% draw rate between the titled players. The big question is the ratio of White wins to Black wins. At anything over 1.7, BAP has the same or less bias as the current point system. However, the color balancing in a BAP tournament removes any bias, making it more fair than existing ones, which is mathematically provable.

Day One—Rounds One and Two

The day started out with the normal first round confusion. FM Nick Raptis, who had won a spot in the event at the qualifier, was unable to play. WCF President Geoff Gale offered to bring NM Curt Collyer as a substitute, but, when he hadn't arrived by start time, I had to fire up the Human Cloning Machine. Well, it didn't create an exact clone of Nick, but at least NM Elliott Neff, proprietor of the Chess4Life Center, where the first four rounds were to be held, knew how the chess pieces moved; so we got the first round under way.

The score in the first round was four Black wins, two White wins and, one draw. Black scored 13 BAP to White's four. Totally out of balance, but the first round had several games with pretty large rating differences. The true measure of color biasing is among approximately equal strength players.

Round two pairings were much closer, for the most part, than round one pairings. As such, it would be the first real test of BAP at the GM level. Three of the seven games were drawn, but none of them were grandmaster draws.

For all the controversy about how much BAP is unfair to White, in round two, White scored 8 BAP vs. only 3 BAP for the Black side. If it is so easy to score points as Black, this wasn't a very good example. Round one's lopsided score in favor of Black needs to be adjusted by the fact that of the four Black wins, only one was against a GM and that was a clock confusion flagging.

We can see some interesting things from the big rating difference games. The only major upset so far has been Readey's

draw against Ftacnik, with Readey playing White. In fact, in all four draws so far (28% draw rate), White was the lower rated player by around 100, 200, or 300 points. This is no accident, as it is easier to draw as White than it is as Black.

Day Two—Rounds Three and Four

In round three, we had a GM vs. GM game and two GM vs. IM games; so some were expecting that we would see some more draws. Instead, we got a bloodbath. Seven games, all decisive. No question of how much a White draw is worth vs. Black draw. There were no draws! In almost all the games Black, having castled kingside, either had no g-pawn or had pushed it far forward.

In round four, we had three GM vs. GM games; so we had to get more draws, right? Well, we did get one draw, but only one! The draw rate is still under 25%. The inclusion of non-titled players tends to lower the draw percentage overall, but the lower rated players also draw games with White that otherwise would have been decisive; so the net change in draw rate is diminished. Since the Slugfest is over halfway done, it will be unlikely that the draw rate will go above my predicted level.

In a Slugfest tournament, a lot can change in a day. Jonathan Berry was 0/5 on the first day, but 5/5 today and has a 50% score, as does the leader after two rounds, GM Mikhalevski, and should be just a couple points behind the leaders going into the money rounds. Unlike at non-BAP tournaments, the money rounds are guaranteed to increase the fighting spirit, as if that is even possible from where it is now.

Day Three—Rounds Five and Six

We moved to the Paragon hotel for rounds five and six. The new space is wide open with the seven tables along three of the walls. In the middle, we have seating area for the spectators and two artificial suns, courtesy of Sunleashed.com. The lights were blinding and even though we have the typical October rain outside, it felt like the middle of a tropical summer. The lights are pointed directly up at the ceiling and even the indirect light that is covering almost half the ceiling is glowing brighter than the built in fluorescent lights. Sunleashed sure lives up to its name!

Wow, what a fifth round!! If Shabalov could have drawn as White, then he would have been in the driver's seat, leading by one. Another thing that Lubo did with the critical fifth round win, was that four players were eliminated from contention! Just a single point difference and Akobian, Pruess, Berry and Friedel would have been in the running for the pounds of cash. In the analysis room, they were all hoping for a draw, but knowing that there was no realistic chance for it. Still a last round win and these four could finish in the number two spot, which will be good for bragging rights.

Usually, the players arrive a few minutes before the round starts. However, for this most important round of all, Shabalov was the only one of the top players at the board. Did all the other players decide to go home early?

Of course not, they were just getting their game face on and since this is THE game of the tournament, it took a bit longer than normal.

I put the big block of cash next to the players on Board One, just in case they forgot what is at stake. I doubt it though as eight of the players still have a chance to win the bundle of cash. That's over half the field!

I haven't had a chance to really study the games in depth from the event yet. There will still be skeptics out there, but the bottomline is that with the strength of the lineup we had, there were seven draws out of forty games—17.5%—and they were all fighting draws, not a single GM draw. Even the draws were exciting, but there were 33 decisive games. Count 'em, 33.



Round One

Young Andy May put up a valiant effort against top seed Mikhalevski, for a while the position was pretty close and wildly imbalanced. Andy made it into the middlegame without the game being decided! This was quite an achievement for one of the less well-known juniors in Washington state. If you've never played against a GM, let me tell you, it is like trying to juggle chain-saws when you really can't juggle that well. Just avoiding getting parts of your body chopped off is hard enough, let alone making any sort of progress with anything resembling a plan. At least that's my usual experience.

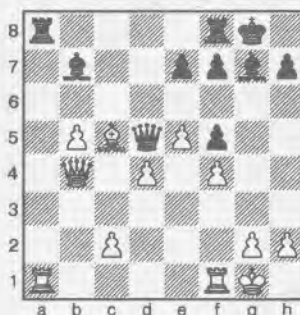
Sicilian Grand Prix

Andy May (1952)

GM Victor Mikhalevski (2661)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (1) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.f4 g6 4.♗f3 ♗g7 5.♗b5 ♘d4 6.O-O ♘xb5 7.♘xb5 d5 8.e5 d4 9.d3 ♘h6 10.a4 O-O 11.♖e1 b6 12.b4 ♗e6 13.bxc5 bxc5 14.♗a3 a6 15.♗xc5 axb5 16.axb5 ♘f5 17.♖b4 ♗d5 18.♘xd4 ♗b7 19.♘xf5 gxf5 20.d4 ♖d5



21.♖d2 ♗xa1 22.♗xa1 ♗c8 23.♖f2 ♗h6 24.♗e1 ♗h8 25.♗xe7 ♗g8 26.♗f6+ ♗g7 27.♗g5 h6 28.h4 hxg5 29.fxg5 ♗c8 30.♗e2 ♗c3 31.h5 ♗g8 32.h6 ♗f8 33.♖xf5 ♗g3 34.♖f2 ♗xg5 35.e6 fxe6 36.h7+ ♗xh7 37.♖f7+ ♗g7 0-3

Third seed Shabalov had the most interesting game of the round against Jonathan Berry. After a somewhat normal opening, things got quite complicated. Jonathan had Rook and Bishop versus Queen, but he also had a very dangerous a-pawn and some incredibly rich tactical variations arose. They went into a tactical jungle. So close, but one tempo that Alex gained was all he needed to seize the initiative.

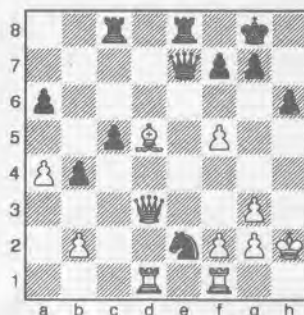
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GMC Jonathan Berry (2284)

GM Alexander Shabalov (2650)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (1) 2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♗d3 dxc4 7.♗xc4 b5 8.♗e2 ♗d6 9.♖c2 O-O 10.e4 e5 11.♗g5 ♖e7 12.a3 a6 13.♗d1 ♗e8 14.O-O ♗b8 15.♗d2 h6 16.♗h4 exd4 17.♘xd4 ♗f4 18.♗dd1 ♘e5 19.♗g3 ♗xg3 20.hxg3 c5 21.♘f5 ♗xf5 22.exf5 ♗ac8 23.a4 ♘c6 24.♗f3 ♘d4 25.♖d3 b4 26.♘d5 ♘xd5 27.♗xd5 ♘e2+ 28.♗h2



28...c4 29.♗xc4 ♖g5 30.♖xe2 ♗xe2 31.♗xe2 ♗c2 32.♗xa6 ♗xb2 33.♗d7 ♗d2 34.♗b7 ♗d4 35.♗b5 h5 36.a5 h4 37.♗b7 hxg3+ 38.fxg3 ♖h6+ 39.♗g1

♖e3+ 40.♗h2 ♖h6+ 41.♗g1 ♖e3+ 42.♗h2 ♖e2 43.♗a6 ♗h7 44.♗b6 ♖e5 45.♗b5 ♗h4+ 46.♗g1 ♖e3+ 47.♗f2 ♗d4 48.♗e2 ♗d2 49.♗f1 ♗c2 50.♗d6 b3 51.f6 b2 0-3

Fourth seed Becerra was up against a replacement player. Elliott has been not so secretly practicing blindfold chess and can now play something like twelve games at once without looking at the board. He is like Clark Kent, who looks like an ordinary guy, but he does that transformation thing and next thing you know he is matching GM Becerra move for move. The other GMs were saying that the position got to a drawn endgame, but there wasn't enough time left for Elliott to hold it.

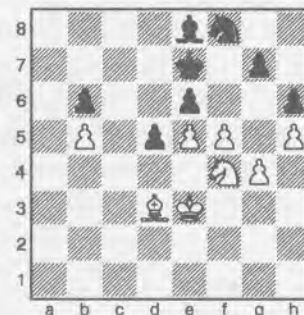
French Classical

GM Julio Becerra (2605)

NM Elliott Neff (2268)

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e5 ♘fd7 6.♗xe7 ♖xe7 7.f4 a6 8.♘f3 b6 9.♖d2 ♗b7 10.♘d1 c5 11.c3 ♘c6 12.♘e3 cxd4 13.cxd4 ♖b4 14.f5 a5 15.♗c1 ♖xd2+ 16.♗xd2 ♗c8 17.♗b5 ♗e7 18.♗hf1 ♘cb8 19.g4 h6 20.♘g2 ♗xc1 21.♗xc1 ♗c8 22.♗xc8 ♗xc8 23.♘f4 ♘f8 24.♗d3 f6 25.a3 ♘c6 26.♗e3 ♘f7 27.h3 ♘e7 28.♘h4 ♘c6 29.♘hg6 fxe5 30.♘xe5+ ♘xe5 31.dxe5 ♗b7 32.♗d4 ♗e7 33.h4 ♗c8 34.b4 axb4 35.axb4 ♗d7 36.♗e3 ♗c6 37.h5 ♘f7 38.♗c2 ♗b7 39.♗b3 ♗e7 40.♘e2 ♗a6 41.♘d4 ♗c8 42.♗c2 ♗d7 43.♘e2 ♗c6 44.♗d4 ♗b5 45.♘f4 ♗c4 46.♗a4 ♗a6 47.b5 ♗c8 48.♗c2 ♗d7 49.♗d3 ♗e8 50.♗e3



50...♘d7 51.♘xe6 ♘xe5 52.♗e2 ♘c4+ 53.♗d4 ♗xb5 54.♘xg7 ♗d7 55.♗xd5 ♘d6 56.♗d3 ♘f7 57.♗c4 ♘d6 58.♗b3 ♘e8 59.♘xe8 ♗xe8 60.♗e5 ♗f8 61.f6 ♗d7 62.g5 ♗b5 63.g6 2-0

Fifth seed GM Ftacnik was up against the amazing John Readey, who has been performing at the 2700+ level for about 100 moves now {in USCL play—ed.}. It's not quite the 40,000 move streak that the super-GMs have, but the longest journey starts with the first step. John felt he was unstoppable, but he finally met his match and the game up was the one and only draw of the first round.

English

FM John Readey (2326)
GM Lubomir Ftacnik (2599)
Bellevue, GM Slugfest (1) 2006

1. d4 f3 2. c4 c5 3. g3 b6 4. g2 b7 5. O-O e6 6. c3 e7 7. d4 cxd4 8. xd4 d6 9. d1 a6 10. g5 bd7 11. d2 O-O 12. f4 e8 13. ac1 c7 14. e4 d8 15. e1 ef6 16. e5 dxe5 17. xe5 xg2 18. xg2 xe5 19. xe5 c6+ 20. f3 xd1 21. xd1 d8 22. f2 d7 23. xf4 g5 24. d2 de5 25. xe5 xd2 26. c3 d7 27. c2 xc2 28. xc2 d4 29. b3 c5 30. e4 g1+ 31. h3 e7 32. f2 a1 33. g4 h5 34. gxh5 f5 35. g3 f7 36. g2 c5 37. d2 g1+ 38. h3 e7 39. e2 d4 40. c2 c5 41. e2 a5 42. f1 f6 43. e2 c3 44. d1 e7 45. e2 d7 46. d1+ d6 47. g2 e7 48. e2 e5 49. f2 d4 50. e2 xf2 51. xc3 d4 52. e2 e3 53. g3 f6 54. f1 g7 55. e2 g1 56. f1 c5 57. e2 h6 58. g3 e3 59. g2 c5 60. f1 e3 61. g2 d4 62. f1 c5 63. g2 e3 0-1

Torre Attack

IM Eric Tangborn (2475)
IM Josh Friedel (2541)
Bellevue, GM Slugfest (1) 2006

1. d4 f6 2. f3 e6 3. g5 c5 4. e3 b6 5. bd2 d5 6. xf6 gxf6 7. c4 cxd4 8. exd4 c6 9. cxd5 exd5 10. d3 xd4 11. O-O e6 12. xd4 xd4 13. f3 g4 14. b5+ d8 15. e2 c5 16. c1 c8 17. e5 d4 18. d3 b6 19. b3 e8 20. cd1 c4 21. a3 c7 22. f3 e7 23. b4 d6 24. c1 e7 25. c5 c7 26. d3 xc5 27. bxc5 xc5 28. xc5 xc5 29. xh7 d8 30. h4 d4 31. b1 b6 32. c1 e5 33. d3 f8 34. h5 g7 35. d2 g5 36. b2 d3 37. d1 d2 38. a3 e5 39. b4 d4 40. c3 d7 0-3

There was an unusual clock issue in the Serper–Pruess game. The position looked unclear to me, though David said he was totally winning. Greg was in his usual time trouble. Of course Greg never actually loses on time, even though he ends up with 10 moves to make in less than a minute on a semi-regular basis. He made a move with 12 seconds left, the clock goes to 1:00:12. David makes a move and Serper's clock starts ticking. As soon as the clock goes below one hour, David stops the clock! He very quietly says to Greg that he has flagged. After checking scoresheets, both players agreed that the clock had added the time for the 40th move, but it was really the 39th move. So, in an unclear position, GM Serper flagged because he trusted the clock display. Ouch!

QGD Semi-Slav

GM Gregory Serper (2582)
IM David Pruess (2448)
Bellevue, GM Slugfest (1) 2006

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. f3 c6 4. bd2 f6 5. e3 bd7 6. b3 d6 7. b2 e4 8. xe4 dxe4 9. d2 f5 10. h5+ g6 11. h6 f8 12. f4 f6 13. e2 d6 14. h6 e7 15. O-O-O d7 16. f3 exf3 17. gxf3 c5 18. he1 O-O-O 19. b1 e5 20. h4 he8 21. f2 exd4 22. exd4 h5 23. f1 g5 24. dxc5 f4 25. c1 e3 26. e4 xf2 27. d6+ b8 28. xg5 xe1 29. xe1 xe1 30. xd8 b4 31. b5 xc5 32. c7+ c8 33. e5 xb5 34. cxb5 d7 35. h3 d6 36. d4 b6 37. c2 f4 38. a4 e6 39. e2 c5 0-3 {Time}

Second seed Akobian achieved a nice position as White and Ignacio had fewer and fewer good moves that he could make. A very methodical performance by Akobian. Ignacio did have some chances, but it required going into the chaos and somehow outdueling Akobian in a very complex middlegame.

Benoni

GM Varuzhan Akobian (2654)
NM Ignacio Perez (2241)
Bellevue, GM Slugfest (1) 2006

1. d4 f6 2. c4 g6 3. c3 g7 4. f3 O-O 5. g5 h6 6. h4 c5

7. d5 d6 8. e3 a5 9. d2 a6 10. a4 e5 11. e2 bd7 12. O-O c7 13. f4 exf4 14. exf4 e8 15. f5 g5 16. g3 e3



17. c2 e5 18. de4 d7 19. xe5 dxe5 20. d6 d8 21. xf6+ xf6 22. d5 xe2 23. xe2 c6 24. ad1 xa4 25. xf6+ xf6 26. d5 e8 27. d7 d8 28. e1 xd7 29. xe5 g7 30. g4 b6 31. f2 xe5 32. exe5 f6 33. xd7 xd7 34. d5 e7 35. d3 b5 36. h3 b4 37. xh6 f6 38. h7+ d6 39. f7 a4 40. xf6+ d7 2-0

Round Two

Standings:

- 3: Friedel, Mikhalevski, Pruess, Shabalov
- 2: Akobian, Becerra,
- 1: Ftacnik,
- 0: Berry, May, Neff, Perez, Readey, Serper, Tangborn

IM David Pruess was up a pawn early in the opening phase and I couldn't see any real compensation. As the game



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17. ♖xf3 ♖xf3 18. gxf3 ♘xc5 19. bxc5 ♘d7 20. ♖fb1 ♖ab8 21. ♖b4 a5 22. ♖g4 g6 23. ♖c1 ♘e6 24. c6 ♖hc8 25. ♖d4 ♖b6 26. ♖d6+ ♘xd6 27. ♘xb6 ♘xe5 28. ♘xa5 ♘d5 29. c7 ♘e6 30. ♖c6 ♘d7 31. ♖b6 ♖xc7 32. ♖xb5 ♖c2 33. ♘b4 ♘xb4 34. ♖xb4 0-1

Jonathan Berry won two pieces for a Rook and had all the winning chances. Unfortunately, he was low on time and Ignacio Perez plays a lot of bullet games. Ignacio created enough complications to force Jonathan to use up all his time. Berry is recovering from the flu, can barely walk around without help, and had just played in a marathon Canadian tournament. It could be a very tough couple days for him.

Ruy Lopez Steinitz Deferred

NM Ignacio Perez (0, 0.0)

GMC Jonathan Berry (0, 0.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (2) 2006

1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 ♘c6 3. ♘b5 g6 4. O-O ♘g7 5. c3 a6 6. ♘a4 d6 7. h3 ♘f6 8. d4 O-O 9. ♘bd2 ♘d7 10. ♖e1 ♘h5 11. ♘f1 ♖e8 12. ♘b3 ♘h8 13. ♘e3 f5 14. dxe5 dxe5 15. ♘d5 ♖c8 16. ♘e3 f4 17. ♘c5 ♖g8 18. ♘b4 ♘e6 19. ♘g5 ♘xb3 20. ♖xb3 ♘f6 21. ♘xc6 ♖xc6 22. ♘f7+ ♘g7 23. ♖ad1 ♖g8 24. ♘xf8+ ♖xf8 25. ♘xe5 ♘xe5 26. ♖d5 ♖xd5 27. ♖xd5 ♘f6 28. ♖ed1 ♘e6 29. ♖d8 ♖xd8 30. ♖xd8 ♘f6 31. f3 ♘e7 32. ♖b8 b6 33. ♘f1 ♘d7 34. ♖a8 a5 35. ♘e2 ♘c5 36. b4 ♘b7 37. ♘d3 ♘d7 38. ♘c4 ♘d6+ 39. ♘b3 axb4 40. cxb4 b5 41. ♖a5 ♘e6 42. a4 bxa4+ 43. ♖xa4 h5 44. ♖a7 ♘f7 45. ♖a8 ♘d6 46. ♖g8 ♘f7 47. ♖a8 g5 48. ♖a5 ♘e6 49. ♖c5 g4 50. fxg4 hxg4 51. hxg4 ♘xe4 52. ♖c2 ♘d5 53. ♖c1 ♘d4 54. ♖d1+ ♘e3 55. ♖e1+ ♘d3 56. g5 f3 57. gxf3 ♘d2+ 58. ♘a4 ♘xf3 59. ♖d1+ ♘c4 60. g6 ♘d4 61. ♖c1+ ♘d5 62. ♖xc7 ♘e6 63. ♖c2 2-0

Victor got a running start through his knowledge of opening theory and, by the early middlegame, the position required Serper-like skill to defend.

King's Indian Classical

GM Victor Mikhalevski (3, 1.0)

FM John Readey (0, 0.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (2) 2006

1. d4 d6 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3. c4 g6 4. ♘c3 ♘g7 5. e4 O-O 6. ♘e2 e5 7. O-O ♘a6 8. ♘e3

♘g4 9. ♘g5 ♖e8 10. c5 h6 11. ♘h4 exd4 12. ♘xd4 dxc5 13. ♘b3 ♖e6 14. ♘d5



14...c6 15. ♘e7+ ♘h7 16. ♘xc8 ♘f6 17. ♘d6 ♖fd8 18. e5 ♖xe5 19. ♘xf7 ♖xd1 20. ♘xe5 ♖xa1 21. ♖xa1 ♖e8 22. ♘xa6 ♖xe5 23. ♘xb7 c4 24. ♘d2 ♖b5 25. ♘a6 ♖xb2 26. ♘xc4 ♖b4 27. ♘xf6 ♘xf6 28. ♖c1 ♖a4 29. ♘b7 ♖xa2 30. ♘xc6 a5 31. ♘d5 a4 32. ♘e3 ♖b2 33. ♖c7+ ♘h8 34. ♘f1 a3 35. ♖a7 ♖b1+ 36. ♘e2 ♘b2 37. ♘e4 2-0

Round Three

Standings:

- 5: Mikhalevski
- 3: Akobian, Becerra, Friedel, Ftacnik, Pruess, Shabalov
- 2: Koons, Perez
- 1: Serper
- 0: Berry, May, Readey, Tangborn

Mikhalevski got into big time trouble. He had more than ten moves to make and seconds to do it in. In a wide open Queen and pieces endgame with pawns on both sides of the board and an exposed King, Victor could not reach move 40 with a salvageable position. He made time control with two seconds left, but was down a pawn and had worse piece activity.

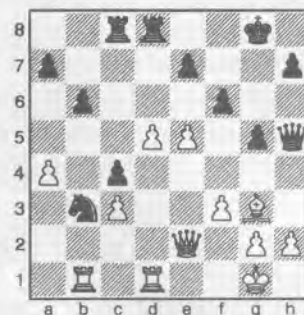
Grünfeld

GM Varuzhan Akobian (3, 1.5)

GM Victor Mikhalevski (5, 2.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (3) 2006

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♘c3 d5 4. ♘g5 ♘e4 5. ♘h4 ♘xc3 6. bxc3 dxc4 7. e3 ♘e6 8. ♖b1 b6 9. ♘f3 ♘h6 10. ♘e2 ♘c6 11. O-O O-O 12. ♘g5 ♘xg5 13. ♘xg5 ♖d5 14. ♘h6 ♘f5 15. ♖c1 ♖fe8 16. f3 ♘d3 17. e4 ♖b5 18. a4 ♖h5 19. ♘xd3 cxd3 20. ♖d1 ♘a5 21. ♖b1 c5 22. ♖xd3 ♖ad8 23. ♘f4 f6 24. ♖c2 g5 25. ♘g3 c4 26. ♖dd1 ♘b3 27. ♖e2 ♖c8 28. d5 ♖ed8 29. e5



29...f5 30. e6 f4 31. ♘f2 ♖g6 32. h4 ♖f5 33. hxg5 ♖xd5 34. ♖xd5 ♖xd5 35. ♖d1 ♖xg5 36. ♖d7 ♘c5 37. ♖xc4 ♖f6 38. ♖xa7 ♖d8 39. ♘d4 ♖h4 40. ♖e2 ♘b3 41. ♖d7 ♖c8 42. ♘xb6 ♖xc3 43. ♖d1 ♖f6 44. a5 ♖c6 45. ♖b5 ♖xe6 46. ♖g5+ ♘f7 47. ♖xf4+ ♘g6 48. ♖b4 ♘f7 49. ♖e1 ♖c4 50. ♖xe6 ♖xb4 51. ♖e4 ♖b5 52. ♖a4 ♘c1 53. a6 ♘e2+ 54. ♘f1 ♘c3 55. ♖a1 ♘d5 56. ♘f2 ♘c7 57. a7 ♘a8 58. ♖c1 ♖a5 59. g3 ♖g5 60. ♖c8 ♖g8 61. ♖b8 ♖e8 62. ♘e2 h5

Slugfest Pairings

In Slugfest Pairings, the highest-rated player gets to choose his first-round color. This determines the colors for all the other players, for this round and the next! Every pair of rounds, things reset, as everybody should have played one White and one Black. Since the even-numbered rounds are much more constrained and the pairings are usually almost forced, it is critical to project the likely results in the odd-numbered rounds so that problem pairings are minimized. So far, I have been able to do it, especially with the involvement of the players. I find it best to get the people involved to participate or even make the decisions.

The other benefit of Slugfest Pairings is that the highest-ranked is paired with the lowest-ranked in each point group. The reason is to eliminate the random noise added by the halfway cutoff in traditional Swiss pairings. Typically, players just above, and just below, the halfway point will have entirely different outcomes after the first round and, in a short tournament, that could be a significant difference. With Slugfest Pairings, you end up with roughly the same strength opponent each round as the other players around you. Almost too simple. Players in the middle play against each other and even a 50-point rating difference doesn't significantly change the strength of the opponent.

GM Slugfest BAP Crosstable

(with old-style points appended)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	1867 Pts
1. GM Victor Mikhalevski	2661	B15 3	W9 5	B4 5	W3 5	W10 7	B8 10	4.5
2. GM Gregory Serper	2582	W10 0	B5 1	B13 4	W4 6	W8 6	B3 9	4.0
3. GM Lubomir Ftacnik	2599	B9 1	W12 3	W6 5	B1 6	B5 9	W2 9	4.0
4. GM Varuzhan Akobian	2654	W13 2	B10 3	W1 5	B2 5	B7 6	W5 8	4.0
5. GM Alexander Shabalov	2650	B7 3	W2 3	W11 5	B8 8	W3 8	B4 8	3.5
6. IM Joshua Friedel	2541	B12 3	W8 3	B3 3	W7 3	B11 6	W13 8	3.5
7. GMC Jonathan Berry	2284	W5 0	B13 0	W9 2	B6 5	W4 5	B10 8	3.5
8. GM Julio Becerra	2605	W14 2	B6 3	B10 6	W5 6	B2 7	W1 7	3.0
9. FM John Readey	2326	W3 0	B1 0	B7 0	W15 2	B13 5	W11 7	3.0
10. IM David Preuss	2448	B2 3	W4 3	W8 3	B12 6	B1 6	W7 6	2.5
11. NM Nat Koons	2317	Bye 0	W15 2	B5 2	W13 4	W6 4	B9 4	2.0
12. IM Eric Tangborn	2475	W6 0	B3 0	B15 3	W10 3	— 3	— 3	1.0
13. NM Ignacio Perez	2241	B4 0	W7 2	W2 2	B11 2	W9 2	B6 2	1.0
14. NM Elliott Neff	2268	B8 0	— 0	— 0	— 0	— 0	— 0	0.0
15. Andy May	1952	W1 0	B11 0	W12 0	B9 0	— 0	— 0	0.0

A Thank You from Clint

I would like to thank everyone who helped to put the GM Slugfest together. It was a team effort and together we showed the rest of the country that Seattle is indeed the chess capital of the USA!

Thanks to Elliott, who lets us use his Chess4Life center, seemingly all the time; Ed Daroza for tirelessly manning the relay machine for the bulk of the tournament; and the SunLeashed guys for blinding us and, later, for unblinding us. All of the rides people gave to the GMs, people who helped with the cameras, fed us, helped setup, cleanup, it goes on and on. There must have been over 50 people that chipped in, we definitely couldn't pull it off without you.

We all need to thank Eddie Chang who dealt with logistics, so I could concentrate

on writing a few pages of stuff to get the word out about BAP and the death of the grandmaster draw. Without Eddie, there would have been no press, fewer GMs, and it certainly wouldn't have been the first class setup that we had.

We also need to thank all of the players, some of whom flew halfway across the world, who agreed to take part in this experimental new format. Without Victor, Varuzhan, Alex, Julio, Lubo, Josh, David, and Jonathan traveling to Bellevue, this whole thing would not have the international credibility that it has. Together with our Seattle Slugger heroes, Greg, Eric, John, and Nat, they proved that all you have to do is tweak the point system and chess is totally re-energized. There is absolutely nothing wrong with chess, just the point system. Once the word spreads and other people start running BAP tournaments, then we will be ready for the next step of getting chess on TV.

63.♔d3 ♖c7 64.♗c4 e5 65.♞b7 ♞e7
66.♙c5 2-0

NM Nat Koons played very well and got all the way into the endgame until he was outmaneuvered by Shabalov.

Ruy Lopez Berlin

GM Alexander Shabalov (3, 1.5)
NM Nat Koons (2, 1.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (3) 2006

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♖c6 3.♙b5 ♗f6 4.O-O
♗xe4 5.d4 ♙e7 6.dxe5 d5 7.c4 a6
8.♙xc6+ bxc6 9.♞c2 O-O 10.♙e3 f5
11.♗d4 ♞d7 12.♗e2 c5 13.cxd5 ♞xd5
14.f3 ♗g5 15.♞d2 ♞xd2 16.♗xd2 ♗e6
17.♞ac1 f4 18.♙f2 ♙f5 19.♗c4 a5
20.♗c3 ♙a6 21.♗e4 ♙xc4 22.♙xc4
♙xe5 23.♙fc1 ♙b8 24.b3 ♙b4



25.♙e1 ♙b5 26.♗f1 g5 27.♙a4 ♙d6
28.♙xa5 c4 29.♙c3 ♙xe4 30.fxe4 cxb3
31.♙b1 ♗c5 32.♙c4 ♗f7 33.a4 ♙b7
34.a5 ♗e6 35.♗e2 ♗d7 36.♙d4 c5
37.♙b2 ♙a7 38.♙c3 ♗e5 39.♙a4 c4
40.a6 g4 41.♙d4 ♙a8 42.♗d2 f3 43.g3
f2 44.♗e2 ♗f3 45.♙xf2 ♙e5 46.a7
♗d4+ 47.♙xd4 ♙xd4 48.♙xc4 2-0

This was the quietest game of the round, and even it had some nice fireworks at the end.

Dutch Stonewall

GM Lubomir Ftacnik (3, 1.5)
IM Josh Friedel (3, 1.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (3) 2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 e6 4.e3 ♙d6
5.♗bd2 f5 6.c5 ♙c7 7.b4 ♗f6 8.♙b2
O-O 9.♙e2 ♙d7 10.O-O ♙e8 11.♗e5
♙g6 12.♗b3 ♞e8 13.♗c1 ♙h5 14.f3
♗bd7 15.♗cd3 ♗xe5 16.dxe5 ♗d7
17.♞d2 ♞b8 18.♙d4 a5 19.b5 cxb5
20.♙ab1 ♙e8 21.f4 ♙f7 22.♗f2 b4 23.
a3 b5 24.axb4 a4 25.♗d1 ♗f8 26.♗c3
♙d8 27.♙d3 ♙b7 28.g4 g6 29.♞e2
♙c6 30.♙f2 ♙e7 31.♙g2 ♗f7 32.h4
♞d8 33.h5 ♙ab8 34.♞f3 ♞d7 35.hxg6+

hxg6 36.gxf5 exf5 37.♞h3 ♞e6 38.♗f2
♗e8 39.♙bg1 ♞f7 40.e6 ♗xe6 41.♙xg6
♗xd4 42.exd4 ♙f6 43.♙xf6 ♞xf6
44.♙g8+ ♗f7 45.♞h7+ ♗e6 46.♙xf5+
2-0

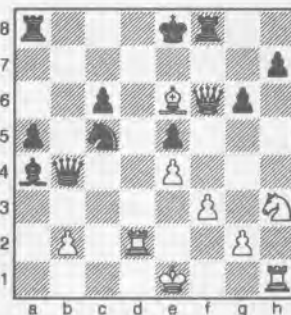
Jonathan ("I carry a giant club.") Berry simply pulverized Readey, who had earlier held Lubo to a draw. We all need to find out what they put in the water up in Sasquatch country.

Pirc

GMC Jonathan Berry (0, 0.0)
FM John Readey (0, 0.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (3) 2006

1.d4 d6 2.e4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♙e3 c6
5.♞d2 b5 6.f3 ♗bd7 7.a4 b4 8.♗d1 a5
9.c3 bxc3 10.♗xc3 ♙g7 11.h4 ♗b6
12.♙h6 ♙xh6 13.♞xh6 e5 14.dxe5 dxe5
15.h5 ♞e7 16.♙d1 ♙e6 17.hxg6 fxg6
18.♗h3 ♙b3 19.♙d2 ♗xa4 20.♗xa4
♙xa4 21.♙c4 ♞b4 22.♞g5 ♗d7 23.
♙e6 ♗c5 24.♞f6 ♙f8



25.♙f7+ ♙xf7 26.♞xe5+ ♗f8 27.♞h8+
♗e7 28.♞xa8 ♗b3 29.♞d8+ ♗e6
30.♗g5+ ♗e5 31.♗xf7+ ♗e6 32.♞d7+
♗f6 33.e5+ 2-0

Andy gave Eric a run for his money, but didn't play precisely enough to hold a draw against the continual pressure.

Sicilian Grand Prix

Andy May (0, 0.0)
IM Eric Tangborn (0, 0.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (3) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 g6 3.f4 ♙g7 4.♗f3 ♗c6
5.♙b5 ♗d4 6.O-O ♗xb5 7.♗xb5 d5 8.e5
d4 9.d3 ♗h6 10.a4 O-O 11.♞e1 b6 12.b4
♙b7 13.♙b1 ♙d5 14.bxc5 bxc5 15.c4
dxc3 16.♞xc3 ♞d7 17.♙e3 a6 18.♗a3
♞xa4 19.♙xc5 ♞xf4 20.d4 ♗f5
21.♙be1 ♙h6 22.♗c4 ♙xc4 23.♞xc4
♗e3 24.♞a2 ♗xf1 25.♙xf1 ♙fe8 26.d5
♙ac8 27.♙d4 ♙c1 28.♞xa6 ♙ec8
29.♙f2 ♙xf1+ 30.♗xf1 ♙c1+ 31.♙e1

♙f8 32.♞d3 ♞a4 33.h4 ♙d1 34.♞e3
♞c4+ 35.♗g1 ♞xd5 36.h5 e6 37.♗h2
♞d3 38.♞f2 ♙h6 39.♞h4 gxh5
40.♞xh5 ♞g6 41.♞h4 ♙g7 42.♞a4
♙xe1 43.♞a8+ ♙f8 44.♗xe1 ♞h5+
45.♗g1 ♞xe5 46.♗f3 ♞c5+ 47.♗h1
♗g7 48.♞a1+f6 49.♗d4 ♞h5+ 50.♗g1
♙c5 51.♞a4 ♞d5 0-3

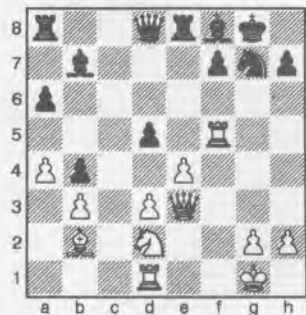
Perez sacrificed a piece to get a strong attack against Serper, but missed the strongest continuation.

Sicilian Kan

NM Ignacio Perez (0, 0.0)
GM Gregory Serper (1, 0.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (3) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 a6
5.♙d3 ♗f6 6.O-O d6 7.♗c3 b5 8.a4 b4
9.♗b1 ♙e7 10.♗d2 ♙b7 11.♞e2 ♗bd7
12.b3 O-O 13.♙b2 ♙e8 14.♙ad1 ♙f8
15.f4 e5 16.fxe5 ♗xe5 17.♞f2 d5 18.♗f5
g6 19.♞f4 ♗h5 20.♞e3 gxf5 21.♙xf5
♗xd3 22.cxd3



22...♗g7 23.♙df1 dxe4 24.♙xf7 ♙d5
25.♙f6 ♞d6 26.♙xg7+ ♙xg7 27.♞g5
♙a7 28.dxe4 ♙xe4 29.♗c4 ♞d5
30.♗e5 h6 31.♞h5 ♙xe5 0-3

A wild game, Becerra had no kingside pawns, but was up the Exchange. Both players were attacking with all they had. A great slugfest game!

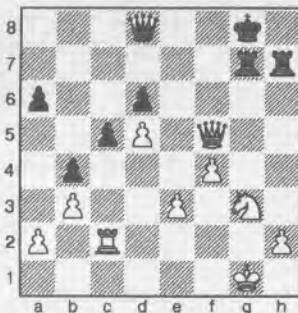
English

IM David Pruess (3, 1.5)
GM Julio Becerra (3, 1.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (3) 2006

1.c4 c5 2.g3 ♗c6 3.♙g2 g6 4.♗c3 ♙g7
5.♗f3 ♗h6 6.d3 a6 7.♙d2 ♙b8 8.O-O
b5 9.b3 O-O 10.♙c1 d6 11.♗g5 ♙d7
12.♗ge4 b4 13.♗d5 f5 14.♙xh6 ♙xh6
15.♗d2 e6 16.♗f4 ♗e5 17.♙c2 g5
18.♗h3 g4 19.♗f4 ♙xf4 20.gxf4 ♗g6
21.e3 ♙f7 22.♙e1 h5 23.♗f1 ♞b6
24.d4 ♗h4 25.♙h1 ♙c6 26.d5 exd5 27.
cxd5 ♙b5 28.♗g3 ♙bf8 29.♗xh5 ♙h7

30. ♖g3 ♗d8 31. f3 gxf3 32. ♙xf3 ♖ff7
33. ♗h1 ♖fg7 34. ♖g1 ♙d3 35. ♗xd3
♗xf3 36. ♗xf5 ♗xg1 37. ♗xg1



37... ♖h6 38. ♖g2 a5 39. ♗e4 ♖xg2+
40. ♗xg2 c4 41. bxc4 a4 42. ♗g5 ♗e8
43. c5 dxc5 44. d6 ♗c6+ 45. ♗g3 ♗xd6
46. ♗f7+ ♗h8 47. ♗e8+ ♗g7 48. ♗xa4
♗e7 49. e4 c4 50. e5 c3 51. h3 ♗c7
52. ♗c2 ♗c5 53. ♗d3 ♗c7 54. e6 c2
55. e7 ♗xe7 56. ♗xc2 ♗e3+ 57. ♗g4
♗g1+ 58. ♗f3 ♗h1+ 59. ♗e3 ♗e1+
60. ♗f3 ♗c3+ 61. ♗xc3+ bxc3 62. ♗e2
♖d6 0-3

Round Four

Standings:

- 6: Becerra
- 5: Akobian, Ftacnik, Mikhalevski, Shabalov
- 4: Serper
- 3: Friedel, Pruess, Tangborn
- 2: Berry, Koons, Perez
- 0: May, Readey

Queen's Indian

FM John Readey (0, 0.5)

Andy May (0, 0.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (4) 2006

1. ♗f3 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 b6 4. ♙g2 ♙b7
5. O-O ♙e7 6. d4 O-O 7. ♖e1 ♗e4 8. ♗fd2
d5 9. ♗xe4 dxe4 10. ♗c3 f5 11. ♙e3 ♗d7
12. f3 exf3 13. exf3 e5 14. ♗d5 ♙xd5
15. cxd5 ♙d6 16. dxe5 ♗xe5 17. f4 ♗g4
18. ♙d4 ♗d7 19. ♗b3 ♖ae8 20. ♗c3 ♖f7
21. ♖xe8+ ♗xe8 22. ♖e1 ♖e7 23. ♖xe7
♗xe7 24. h3 ♗f6 25. ♗e3 ♗f7 26. ♗b3
♗e7 27. ♗h2 ♗f7 28. ♙e5 ♗e7 29. ♗c3
♗d7 30. ♙d4 ♙c5 31. ♗c4 ♙d6 32. ♗d3
♗f7 33. ♗a6 ♗c5 34. ♗xa7 ♗e8 35. ♗a3
♗e4 36. ♗e3 ♙c5 37. ♙xc5 bxc5 38. g4
g6 39. ♙xe4 fxe4 40. ♗g3 ♗e7 41. b3
♗f8 42. a4 ♗e8 43. a5 ♗d8 44. a6 c6
45. d6 ♗a7 46. ♗xe4 c4 47. ♗e7+ 2-0

Wow, Jonathan Berry won the shortest game of the tournament. And he was playing Black against Josh Friedel, a rapidly improving teenage 2500+ IM, who already has two GM norms.

Jonathan is from Canada and looks a bit like Santa Claus. Nice guy, kind and gentle and carries hand grenades, rocket launchers and who knows what else in his backpack. He says that he only attacks when the position calls for it, but I think that means he attacks whenever he has any pieces left.

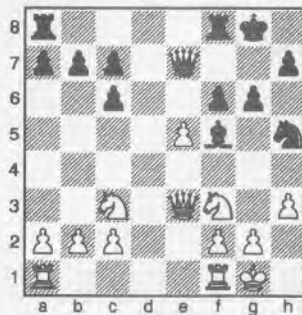
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IM Josh Friedel (3, 1.0)

GMC Jonathan Berry (2, 1.0)

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1. e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♙b5 g6 4. d4 exd4
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11. ♗c3 ♙f5 12. ♗e3 f6 13. h3



13... fxe5 14. g4 ♗f4 15. gxf5 ♗xh3+
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♖h5+ 19. ♗g2 ♗h4 20. ♖h1 ♖xf2+
21. ♗xf2 ♗h3+ 0-3

Sicilian Sveshnikov

GM Julio Becerra (6, 2.5)

GM Alexander Shabalov (5, 2.5)

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1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♗xd4
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♙g7 12. ♙g2 f4 13. c3 h5 14. ♗c2 h4
15. gxf4 exf4 16. ♗xf4 ♗e5 17. ♗e3 h3
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QGD Slav

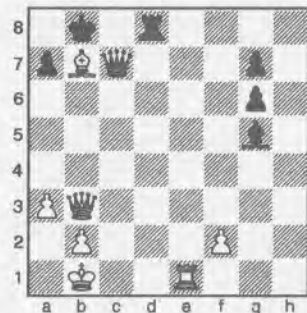
GM Gregory Serper (4, 1.5)

GM Varuzhan Akobian (5, 2.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (4) 2006

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. ♗f3 ♗f6 4. e3 ♙f5
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♗bd7 12. ♙d2 ♗b6 13. cxd5 exd5 14.

O-O 15. ♗b1 ♗b8 16. ♙c1 ♙d6
17. g5 ♗h5 18. e4 dxe4 19. ♙xe4 ♗f4
20. h4 ♖he8 21. ♖he1 ♖e7 22. ♙xf4
♙xf4 23. d5 cxd5 24. ♗xd5 ♗xd5
25. ♙xd5 ♖xe1 26. ♖xe1 f6 27. a3 fxg5
28. hxg5 ♙xg5 29. ♙xb7



29... ♙f6 30. ♖e4 ♙d4 31. ♙d5+ ♙b6
32. ♖e6 ♖d6 33. ♖e8+ ♖d8 34. ♖e6
♖d6 35. ♖e1 ♗d7 36. ♙g2 ♗f5+
37. ♗a2 ♗xf2 38. ♖e8+ ♗c7 39. ♗c4+
♗c5 40. ♗e4 ♖d7 41. ♖e6 ♖d4
42. ♖c6+ ♗d8 43. ♖xc5 2-0

Grünfeld Exchange

GM Victor Mikhalevski (5, 2.0)

GM Lubomir Ftacnik (5, 2.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (4) 2006

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♗c3 d5 4. cxd5 ♗xd5
5. e4 ♗xc3 6. bxc3 ♙g7 7. ♗f3 c5 8. ♖b1
O-O 9. ♙e2 ♗c6 10. d5 ♗e5 11. ♗xe5
♙xe5 12. ♗d2 e6 13. f4 ♙c7 14. O-O exd5
15. exd5 ♙a5 16. d6 ♖b8 17. ♙a3 ♙f5
18. ♖bd1 ♗f6 19. ♙xc5 ♙xc3 20. ♙d4
♙xd4+ 21. ♗xd4 ♗xd4+ 22. ♖xd4 b5 23.
♖c1 ♙e6 24. ♖d2 ♖fd8 25. ♖c6 b4 26.
♖a6 ♖b6 27. ♖xb6 axb6 28. h3 ♗f8 29.
♙f1 h5 30. h4 ♖a8 31. ♖d4 ♖d8 32. ♖d2
♖a8 33. ♖d4 ♖d8 34. ♖d2 0-1

English

IM Eric Tangborn (3, 1.0)

IM David Pruess (3, 1.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (4) 2006

1. d4 e6 2. ♗f3 c5 3. c4 cxd4 4. ♗xd4 ♗f6
5. ♗c3 d5 6. e3 ♙e7 7. cxd5 ♗xd5
8. ♙b5+ ♗f8 9. ♙d2 b6 10. ♗f3 ♙f6
11. ♗xd5 ♗xd5 12. ♙b4+ ♗g8 13. ♗xd5
exd5 14. ♙c3 ♙a6 15. a4 g6 16. O-O ♗g7
17. ♖fd1 ♖d8 18. ♗e2 ♙b7 19. ♙xf6+
♗xf6 20. ♗d4 a6 21. ♙e2 a5 22. ♖ac1
♗d7 23. ♙b5 ♗c5 24. f3 ♖ac8 25. ♗f2
♗e6 26. ♗e2 ♗e5 27. ♗c6+ ♙xc6
28. ♖xc6 ♖xc6 29. ♙xc6 d4 30. f4+ ♗d6
31. ♙b5 ♗c5 32. ♖c1+ ♗b4 33. ♖c6
♖b8 34. ♖d6 dxe3 35. ♗xe3 ♗c5
36. ♖d4+ ♗b3 37. ♙c4+ ♗xb2 38. ♙xf7

♖b7 39. ♗d5 ♖e7+ 40. ♗f3 ♗d7 41. g4 ♗xa4 42. ♖xa4 ♗xd5 43. ♗e4 ♗d1 44. f5 ♗b3 45. ♗d4 ♗xf5+ 46. ♗xf5 ♖e1+ 47. ♗d5 a4 48. ♗d3+ ♗b2 49. ♖f3 a3 50. f6 a2 51. f7 a1=♖ 52. f8=♖ ♖a5+ 53. ♗c6 ♖e6+ 54. ♗b7 ♖d5+ 55. ♗b8 ♖e5+ 0-3

King's Indian Classical

NM Nat Koons (2, 1.0)

NM Ignacio Perez (2, 1.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (4) 2006

1. e4 g6 2. d4 ♗g7 3. c4 d6 4. ♗c3 ♗f6 5. ♗f3 O-O 6. ♗e2 e5 7. O-O ♗c6 8. d5 ♗e7 9. ♗d2 ♗d7 10. ♖b1 f5 11. b4 ♗f6 12. c5 ♗h8 13. f3 ♗h6 14. ♗h1 ♗xd2 15. ♗xd2 f4 16. ♖c2 a6 17. b5 g5 18. b6 cxb6 19. cxd6 ♗g6 20. a4 g4 21. ♖b2 g3 22. ♖xb6 ♖e8 23. ♗e1 ♗h5 24. ♖c7 ♖f7 25. d7 ♖xd7 26. ♖c5 ♖d8 27. a5 ♖h4 28. ♖g1 ♖c7 29. ♗a4 ♖c2 30. ♗d1 ♖xg2 31. ♖xg2 ♗h3 32. ♖c2 g2+ 33. ♖xg2 ♗xg2+ 34. ♗xg2 ♖e7 35. ♗h1 ♖g8 36. ♗f2 ♗g3+ 37. hxg3 fxg3 38. ♗xg3 ♗f4 39. ♗xf4 exf4 40. ♖b2 ♖d7 41. ♖h2 ♖b5 42. ♖g1 ♖g3 43. ♖hg2 ♖h3+ 44. ♖h2 ♖g3 45. ♖xg3 fxg3 46. ♖e2 h5 47. ♗g2 h4 48. d6 ♖d3 49. e5 ♖xd1 50. ♗c3 ♖d3 51. e6 h3+ 52. ♗xh3 ♖xf3 53. d7 g2+ 54. ♗h2 g1=♖+ 55. ♗xg1 ♖g3+ 56. ♗h1 ♖f3+ 57. ♗h2 ♖f4+ 58. ♗g2 ♖g5+ 59. ♗f1 ♖f6+ 60. ♖f2 ♖d8 61. ♗d5 ♗g7 62. ♖g2+ ♗h6 63. ♖e2 ♖f8+ 64. ♖f2 ♖d8 65. ♖e2 ♖f8+ 66. ♗g2 ♖d6 67. ♖d2 ♗g5 68. ♗f3 b5 69. axb6 a5 70. b7 a4 71. ♖d3 a3 72. b8=♖ ♖xb8 73. ♖xa3 ♖f8+ 74. ♗e4 ♖d6 75. ♖a6 ♖b8 76. ♖b6 ♖a8 77. ♖a6 ♖d8 78. ♖c6 ♖b8 79. e7 ♖b1+ 80. ♗e5 ♖b2+ 81. ♗d6 ♖a3+ 82. ♖c5 ♖g3+ 83. ♗c6 2-0

Round Five

Standings:

- 8: Shabalov
- 6: Becerra, Ftacnik, Pruess, Serper
- 5: Akobian, Berry, Mikhalevski
- 4: Koons
- 3: Friedel
- 2: Perez, Readey

Within an hour, a knockout blow was delivered by Josh ("I really shouldn't have lost yesterday") Friedel. Josh turned into some sort of crazed maniac and just ripped off Nat's head and handed it to him. Ouch! Josh still has the shortest game of the tournament, but it is this 16-move miniature.

Two Knights

NM Nat Koons (4, 2.0)

IM Josh Friedel (3, 1.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (5) 2006

1. ♗f3 ♗c6 2. e4 e5 3. ♗c4 ♗f6 4. d4 exd4 5. e5 d5 6. ♗b5 ♗e4 7. ♗xd4 ♗c5 8. O-O O-O 9. ♗xc6 bxc6 10. b4 ♗b6 11. ♗e3 ♖e8 12. ♗d2 ♗c3 13. ♖h5 f6 14. ♖xe8 ♖xe8 15. ♖fe1 ♗a6 16. ♗xc6 ♗e2+ 0-3

Young gun Pruess couldn't dodge the Mikhalevskian opening book and got dazed when it hit him in the head. When his head cleared, he realized he was in trouble, but couldn't hold the draw.

Catalan

GM Victor Mikhalevski (5, 2.5)

IM David Pruess (6, 2.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (5) 2006

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. ♗f3 c6 4. g3 ♗f6 5. ♗g2 ♗bd7 6. ♖c2 ♗d6 7. O-O O-O 8. ♗c3 dxc4 9. ♖d1 b5 10. e4 ♗e7 11. d5 exd5 12. exd5 cxd5 13. ♗xd5



13... ♗b7 14. ♗xf6+ ♗xf6 15. ♗g5 ♗xg5 16. ♗xb7 ♖c7 17. ♗xa8 ♗xc1 18. ♖axc1 ♖xa8 19. ♖f5 ♗e5 20. ♖d5 f6 21. ♖e6+ ♗f8 22. ♖xb5 ♖e8 23. ♖d5 ♖d8 24. ♖e4 ♖d6 25. ♖xh7 ♗f3+ 26. ♗g2 ♗g5 27. ♖xg5 fxg5 28. ♖c3 ♖d5+ 29. ♖f3+ ♗e7 30. ♖xg7+ ♗d6 31. g4 ♖d7 32. ♖f6+ ♗c7 33. ♗g3 ♖d1 34. ♖e5+ ♗b7 35. ♖b5+ ♗c8 36. ♖xc4+ 2-0

Pirc

NM Ignacio Perez (2, 1.0)

FM John Readey (2, 1.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (5) 2006

1. e4 d6 2. d4 ♗f6 3. ♗c3 g6 4. f3 c6 5. ♗e3 b5 6. a4 b4 7. ♗b1 a5 8. g4 ♗g7 9. h4 h5 10. g5 ♗fd7 11. f4 c5 12. c3 ♖b6 13. ♗d2 ♗b7 14. ♖b1 cxd4 15. cxd4 d5 16. ♗gf3 e5 17. fxe5 ♗xe5 18. ♗xe5 ♗xe5 19. ♗b5+ ♗c6 20. ♖f3 ♗xd4 21. exd5 ♗xe3 22. ♖e4+ ♗f8 23. dxc6 ♗xd2+ 24. ♗xd2

♗g7 25. ♖bf1 ♖d8+ 26. ♗e2 ♖a7 27. ♖e5+ ♗g8 28. ♖f6 ♖c7 29. ♖xc7 ♖xc7 30. ♖d1 ♖e7+ 31. ♗f2 ♖xd1 32. ♗c4 ♖c1 33. b3 ♖xc4 34. bxc4 ♖c7 35. ♗e3 ♗xc6 36. ♗e4 ♗e7 37. ♗d4 ♗f5+ 38. ♗d3 ♖b7 0-3 (in 48)

Canadian wildman Jonathan Berry pushed Akobian to a Rook ending with only two pawns. When he couldn't see a Rook sac that led to a forced mate, he offered a draw. Akobian reluctantly took it, as he didn't have a Rook sac either.

French Steinitz

GMC Jonathan Berry (5, 2.0)

GM Varuzhan Akobian (5, 2.5)

Paragon Hotel, GM Slugfest (5) 2006

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♗c3 ♗f6 4. e5 ♗fd7 5. f4 c5 6. ♗f3 ♗c6 7. ♗e3 a6 8. ♖d2 b5 9. ♗d3 b4 10. ♗d1 ♗e7 11. O-O cxd4 12. ♗xd4 ♗xd4 13. ♗xd4 ♗c5 14. ♗f2 a5 15. ♖e3 ♖c7 16. ♗h1 ♗a6 17. ♗g3 g6 18. ♖ac1 ♗a4 19. ♗e2 ♗c5 20. b3 ♗xd4 21. ♖xd4 ♗c3 22. ♗xc3 bxc3 23. ♖cd1 ♗e7 24. ♖f3 ♖hc8 25. ♗xa6 ♖xa6 26. ♖dd3 ♖c6 27. g4 ♖b6 28. ♖xb6 ♖xb6 29. ♖xc3 ♖xc3 30. ♖xc3 ♖b4 31. ♖c7+ ♗e8 32. c4 a4 33. ♗f2 axb3 34. axb3 ♖xb3 35. cxd5 exd5 36. f5 ♗xf5 37. ♗xf5 ♖b4 38. ♗f3 ♖e4 39. e6 fxe6 40. fxe6 h6 41. ♖d7 ♖xe6 42. ♖xd5 0-1

Becerra gambitted a pawn as Black and had quite a few open lines, but, of course, against Serper you need more than that. To Becerra's credit, he didn't push too far and was able to score the field goal.

QGD Semi-Slav

GM Gregory Serper (6, 2.5)

GM Julio Becerra (6, 2.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (5) 2006

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. ♗f3 ♗f6 4. e3 e6 5. ♗d3 ♗bd7 6. O-O ♗e4 7. ♗fd2 f5 8. f3 ♗xd2 9. ♗xd2 ♗d6 10. cxd5 exd5 11. ♗xf5



11...♖h4 12.f4 O-O 13.♗d3 ♘f6 14. ♘c3 ♗h8 15. ♖c2 ♗d7 16. ♗ae1 ♘g4 17.h3 ♘f6 18. ♗f3 ♗ae8 19. ♗ef1 ♘e4 20. ♗e1 ♖e7 21.g4 b5 22. ♗xe4 dxe4 23. ♗3f2 a5 24.f5 b4 25. ♘a4 ♗c8 26. ♘b6 ♗b7 27. ♘c4 ♗c7 28.f6 gxf6 29. ♗f5 ♗c8 30. ♗c5 f5 31.gxf5 ♗g8+ 32. ♗h1 ♖g5 33. ♖f2 ♖h5 34. ♖h4 ♖e2 35. ♖f2 ♖h5 36. ♖h4 ♖e2 37. ♖f2 ♖h5 0-1

In a massively complicated middle-game with the clock winding down for both of them, Shabalov and Lubo still had to make about a dozen moves. When the dust settled Lubo had a five pawn to four advantage and even had a Bishop versus Knight. Try as he might, Alex couldn't hold the draw

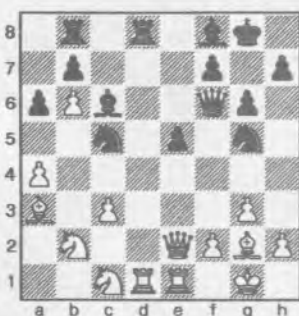
Sicilian

GM Alexander Shabalov (8, 3.5)

GM Lubomir Ftacnik (6, 3.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (5) 2006

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25. ♖e3 ♘f3+ 26. ♗xf3 ♖xf3 27. ♖xf3 ♗xf3 28. ♗xd8 ♗xd8 29. ♗xc5 ♗xc5 30. ♘cd3 ♗xb6 31. ♘xe5 ♗d2 32. ♘xf3 ♗xf2+ 33. ♗f1 ♗xe1 34. ♘xd2 ♗xd2 35.c4 ♗e3 36. ♗e2 ♗d4 37. ♘d3 f5 38. ♘c1 ♗f7 39. ♘b3 ♗g1 40. ♗f3 ♗e6 41. ♘a5 ♗b6 0-3

Round Six

Standings:

- 9: Ftacnik
- 8: Shabalov
- 7: Becerra, Mikhalevski
- 6: Akobian, Friedel, Pruess, Serper
- 5: Berry, Readey
- 4: Koons
- 2: Perez

Mikhalevski showed us why he is one of the top players in the world. In a must-win situation and with things going badly, he upped the ante into an endgame race. After the game, he said that he overlooked Becerra's g4 move and was forced to do an unintentional Exchange sac. One inaccurate move by Becerra and, all of a sudden, he was fighting to hold the draw. From the brink of being eliminated, Mikhalevski heroically fights back and gets into a worse endgame, but at least one with winning chances. Talk about a high pressure win! This is what champions are made of!

Sicilian Dragon

GM Julio Becerra (7, 3.0)

GM Victor Mikhalevski (7, 3.5)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (6) 2006

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.O-O-O d5 10.♗b1 e5 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.exd5 cxd5 13.♘xd5 ♗e6 14. ♘xf6+ ♖xf6 15. ♗g5 ♖f5 16.g4 ♖xf3 17. ♗g2 ♖xg4 18. ♗xa8 ♗xa8 19. ♖d8+ ♗xd8 20. ♗xd8+ ♗f8 21. ♗h6 ♖b4 22. ♗xf8+ ♖xf8 23. ♗xf8 ♗xf8



24. ♗e1 f6 25. ♗e3 a6 26. ♗g3 ♗c8 27. ♗c3 ♗d7 28. ♗c7 ♗e7 29.c4 f5 30.c5 ♗d8 31. ♗a7 f4 32. ♗c1 e4 33. ♗xa6 e3 34. ♗d6 f3 35. ♗d1 f2 36. ♗e2 ♗e7 37. ♗xd7+ ♗xd7 38.h4 ♗c6 39.b4 h6 40.a4 g5 41.a5 ♗b5 0-3

Ignacio went down the Exchange for a pawn and his position looked pretty tough to hold.

Sicilian Dragon

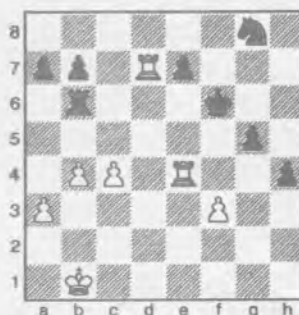
IM Josh Friedel (6, 2.5)

NM Ignacio Perez (2, 1.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (6) 2006

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O-O 9.O-O-O ♗d7 10.h4 ♗c8 11.♗b1 ♘e5 12.h5 ♗xc3 13. ♖xc3 ♘h5 14. ♖e1 ♘f6 15. ♗h6 ♗xh6 16. ♗xh6 ♗g7 17. ♖d2 ♘g8 18. ♗h1 ♖b6 19.g4 h6 20. ♗e2 ♗c8 21. ♗dg1 ♘c4 22. ♗xc4 ♗xc4 23. ♘f5+ ♗xf5 24.gxf5 ♖d4 25. ♖xd4+ ♗xd4 26.fxg6 fxg6 27. ♗d1 ♗c4 28.e5 dxe5 29. ♗d7 ♗b4 30. ♗e1 h5 31.a3 ♗b6 32. ♗xe5 ♗f6 33. ♗e4 g5 34.b4 h4 35.c4



35...♘h6 36. ♗exe7 ♘f5 37. ♗h7 ♗e5 38. ♗d5+ ♗e6 39. ♗h5 ♗f6 40.f4 ♗e6 41. ♗xg5 ♗e1+ 42. ♗b2 ♘e3 43. ♗d6+ ♗e7 44. ♗h6 ♘xc4+ 45. ♗b3 ♘d2+ 46. ♗c2 ♘f3 47. ♗g7+ ♗f8 48. ♗xb7 ♗g8 49. ♗xa7 2-0

When our Canadian wildman pushed his pawn to h3, David looked a bit concerned.

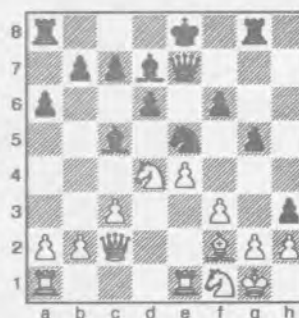
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GMC Jonathan Berry

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19. ♘e3 hxg2 20. ♘d5 ♖d8 21. ♖b3 ♗h8 22. ♖xb7 ♗b8 23. ♘xc7+ ♗f7 24. ♖d5+ ♗g6 25. ♘c6 ♖g8 26. ♗xg2 ♗xe6 27. ♘xe6 ♗xf2 28. ♗xf2 ♗xb2+ 29. ♗e3 ♗hxh2 30. ♘d4 ♖c8 31.c4 ♘xc4+ 32. ♗d3 ♘e5+ 0-3

John Readey did an old fashioned Knight fork against his fellow teammate Nat Koons. When Board Three plays Board Four, it is a must-win game for the board three player and John was more than ready to teach Nat some things.

Reti

FM John Readey (5, 2.5)

NM Nat Koons (4, 2.0)

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (6) 2006

1. ♖f3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. g3 ♘f6 4. ♗g2 dxc4 5. ♖c2 ♘bd7 6. O-O a6 7. a4 ♖b8 8. ♘a3 b5 9. axb5 axb5 10. ♘d4 c5 11. ♘c6 ♖c7 12. ♘xb8 ♖xb8 13. b3 cxb3 14. ♖xb3 c4 15. ♘xc4 2-0

Lubo went into an early endgame. His edge, the queenside pawn majority, seemed too thin to convert to a win.

Sicilian Alapin

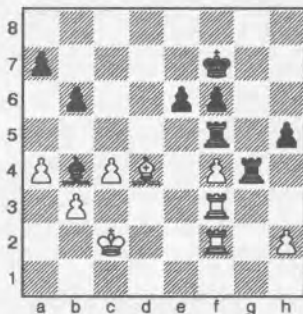
GM Lubomir Ftacnik

GM Gregory Serper

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1. e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. exd5 ♖xd5 4. d4 e6 5. ♘f3 ♘f6 6. ♘a3 ♘c6 7. ♗e3 cxd4 8. ♘b5 ♖d8 9. ♘bxd4 ♘xd4 10. ♖xd4 ♖xd4 11. ♗xd4 ♗e7 12. ♘e5 O-O 13. O-O

O-O ♘d5 14. ♗c4 f6 15. ♘d3 ♖d8 16. ♖he1 b6 17. f4 ♘f8 18. a3 ♘c7 19. ♖d2 ♖d6 20. g4 ♗a6 21. ♗xa6 ♘xa6 22. ♖de2 ♘c7 23. a4 ♘f7 24. ♖f1 ♖d5 25. ♖f3 h5 26. g5 ♖f5 27. gxf6 gxf6 28. ♖ef2 ♗d6 29. c4 ♘a6 30. b3 ♖g8 31. ♖g3 ♖g4 32. ♘c2 ♘b4+ 33. ♘xb4 ♗xb4 34. ♖g3



34...e5 35. h3 ♖h4 36. ♗c3 e4 37. ♗xb4 exf3 38. ♗d6 ♖xh3 39. ♘d3 h4 40. ♘e4 ♖h5 41. f5 ♖h1 42. c5 bxc5 43. ♗xc5 h3 44. ♗d6 h2 45. ♘xf3 ♖xf5+ 46. ♘g2 ♖b1 47. ♗xh2 ♖xf2+ 48. ♘xf2 ♖xb3 0-3

Akobian relished his role as the spoiler for Alex's grab for the cash. These two players go way back and Akobian said that if he can't get the cash, there's no way he's going to let Alex get it.

King's Indian Classical

GM Varuzhan Akobian

GM Alexander Shabalov

Bellevue, GM Slugfest (6) 2006

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♘c3 ♗g7 4. ♘f3 O-O 5. e4 d6 6. ♗e2 c6 7. O-O a6 8. h3 b5 9. a3 bxc4 10. ♗xc4 d5 11. ♗d3 ♘bd7 12. ♗e3 dxe4 13. ♘xe4 ♘d5 14. ♗g5 h6 15. ♗d2 ♖b6 16. b4 ♖d8 17. ♖c1 ♘f8



18. ♖a4 ♘e6 19. ♖xc6 ♖b8 20. ♖a5 ♘df4 21. ♗xf4 ♖xf4 22. ♘c5 ♗xd4 23. ♘xd4 ♖xd4 24. ♗xa6 ♘xc5 25. ♖xc5 ♗d7 26. ♖c7 ♘g7 27. b5 e5 28. ♖e1 ♖e8 29. b6 ♗xh3 30. gxf3 ♖g5+ 31. ♘f1 ♖f5 32. ♗b7 ♖xh3+ 33. ♗g2 ♖d3+ 34. ♘g1 ♖g4 35. ♖e7 ♖xe7 36. ♖xe7 ♖g5 37. b7 20

The Gresham Open is back! January 6-7, 2007

5-round Swiss

Time Control:

Rounds 1-3: 40/90; SD/30

Rounds 4-5: 40/120; SD/60

Registration: Sat 9-9:45; Rounds: Sat 10, 2, ASAP; Sun 10, ASAP

Location: Mt. Hood Community College, Jazz Café and Town & Gown Room; 26000 SE Stark, Gresham. Check www.pdxchess.org for directions to playing site

½ point byes available for rounds 1-4 if requested at registration, limit 1

\$1,500 (Based on 60 entries)

1st \$300; 2nd \$200; 3rd \$125; U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400: \$100 – \$75

Entry Fee \$40, \$10 discount to PCC members if registered in advance before January 4

Memberships: USCF and OCF/WCF required (OSA) NW Chess Grand Prix event.

Entries: Payable to Portland Chess Club; mail to Mike Morris, 2344 NE 27th Ave., Portland, OR 97212

USCF Crosstables

(qqq) indicates Quick Rating

Spokane End-of-Summer Quick 9/7 TD: David Griffin

1 Countryman, Zachary	(1649)	(1669)	W15	W8	W5	H	3.5
2 Korsmo, Kevin	(1550)	(1583)	W11	D14	W4	W7	3.5
3 Attwood, Adam	(1677)	(1663)	L6	W17	W14	W8	3.0
4 Stripes, James	(1594)	(1590)	W16	W9	L2	W12	3.0
5 Baker, Kevin	(1589)	(1576)	W10	W7	L1	D6	2.5
6 Ackerman, Ryan	SC (1361)	(1419)	W3	L15	W9	D5	2.5
7 Chow, Alex	(1452)	(1447)	W12	L5	W15	L2	2.0
8 Pajarillo, Jose	(1300)	(1400)	W17	L1	W11	L3	2.0
9 Blue, Alton	(1365)	(1361)	W18	L4	L6	W14	2.0
10 Weyland, Ronald	ID (1322)	(1293)	L5	L12	W17	W18	2.0
11 Blue, Benjamin	(1225)	(1261)	L2	W16	L8	W15	2.0
12 Waugh, James	(1209)	(1225)	L7	W10	W13	L4	2.0
13 Blue, David	(596)	(696)	L14	W18	L12	W16	2.0
14 Chow, Ward	(1401)	(1383)	W13	D2	L3	L9	1.5
15 Baker, Ted	(1342)	(1324)	L1	W6	L7	L11	1.0
16 Weyland, Annette	ID (1253)	(1190)	L4	L11	W18	L13	1.0
17 Christiansen, Peter	(917)	(907)	L8	L3	L10	B	1.0
18 Pajarillo, Jomell	(463)	(307)	L9	L13	L16	L10	0.0

Tacoma/Pierce County Quick Champ. 9/30 TD: Gary Dorfner

1 Bartron, Paul	(2052)	(2080)	W6	W11	W7	W2	W3	5.0
2 McGeary, Bill	(2176)	(2178)	W5	W8	W3	L1	W7	4.0
3 MacGregor, Michael	(2198)	(2180)	W4	W7	L2	W8	L1	3.0
4 Smith, Allen	(1566)	(1586)	L3	W9	W6	L7	W8	3.0
5 Etingher, Constantin	(1395)	(1390)	L2	W10	L8	B	W11	3.0
6 Bleich, Travis	(1282)	(1281)	L1	B	L4	W9	W10	3.0
7 Lowther, Jeff	(1834)	(1824)	W9	L3	L1	W4	L2	2.0
8 Buck, Stephen	(1684)	(1669)	W10	L2	W5	L3	L4	2.0
9 Nikolskyy, Daniel	(750)	(750)	L7	L4	W11	L6	B	2.0
10 Nikolskyy, Oleksiy	(1300)	(886)	L8	L5	B	W11	L6	2.0
11 Smith, Patrick	(100)	(100)	B	L1	L9	L10	L5	1.0

PCC Game-in-60 9/30 TD: Gregori Alpernas

1 Raptis, Nick	2299(2205)	2298(2204)	W22	W13	W5	D2	3.5
2 Haessler, Carl	2200(2130)	2205(2133)	W12	W10	W6	D1	3.5
3 Magee, Tony	1800(1658)	1819(1697)	D18	W23	W9	W7	3.5
4 Banner, Richard	1840(1560)	1846(1584)	W15	W11	L7	W13	3.0
5 Peake, Ethan	1829(1624)	1841(1643)	W19	W17	L1	W11	3.0
6 Kaiser, Brian WA	1727(1550)	1734(1562)	W24	W26	L2	W15	3.0
7 Breckenridge, Steve	1889(1809)	1899(1819)	W25	W8	W4	L3	3.0
8 Gutman, Richard	2000(2165)	2000(2145)	W14	L7	W22	D10	2.5
9 Robinson, Marcus	1761(1740)	1752(1722)	D23	W18	L3	W22	2.5
10 Arun, Aditya	1687(1514)	1707(1557)	W16	L2	W12	D8	2.5
11 Smith, Micah WA	1666(1468)	1663(1464)	W21	L4	W17	L5	2.0
12 Kudva, Vikram	1553(1427)	1563(1436)	L2	W16	L10	W18	2.0
13 Bailey, Taylor	1669(1367)	1663(1366)	W20	L1	W26	L4	2.0
14 Porter, Nathan	1598(1397)	1567(1366)	L8	L21	W27	W25	2.0
15 Dietz, Arliss	1500(1429)	1500(1403)	L4	W28	W25	L6	2.0
16 Harry, Ken	1325(1204)	1315(1196)	L10	L12	W28	W26	2.0
17 Becker, Brett	1626(1449)	1606(1423)	W28	L5	L11	H	1.5
18 Taylor, Michael	1484(1319)	1492(1337)	D3	L9	W23	L12	1.5
19 Friesen, Daniel	1447(1351)	1452(1353)	L5	W20	H	U	1.5
20 Porter, Joel	1209(1098)	1211(1089)	L13	L19	D24	W28	1.5
21 LeGrove, Jeremy	1029(946)	1079(995)	L11	W14	H	U	1.5
22 Carney, Dirk	1571(1490)	1567(1486)	L1	W24	L8	L9	1.0
23 Morehouse, Brandon	1436(1329)	1427(1313)	D9	L3	L18	D24	1.0
24 Robinson, Tim	1391(1165)	1370(1159)	L6	L22	D20	D23	1.0
25 Smith, Chloe	681(646)	734(715)	L7	W27	L15	L14	1.0
26 Smith, James	576(801)	576(799)	B	L6	L13	L16	1.0
27 Kudva, Sudhakar	797(888)	760(842)	U	L25	L14	U	0.0
28 Lehto, Daniel WA	1300(1300)	818(699)	L17	L15	L16	L20	0.0

Seattle Fall Open 9/22-24 TD: Fred Kleist

1 Koons, Nat	2303	2317	W3	W18	W11	W5	H	4.5
2 Guo, Alex	1881	1911	D24	W22	W16	W9	W6	4.5
3 O'Gorman, Peter	1821	1874	L1	W14	W23	W11	D5	3.5
4 Wilson, Matthew	1789	1810	H	D17	D19	W13	W10	3.5
5 Rupel, David	2050	2047	H	W7	W21	L1	D3	3.0
6 Calpo, Benjamin	CA2018	2013	W7	L11	W12	W20	L2	3.0
7 Xing, Kerry	1674	1704	L6	L5	B	W17	W14	3.0
8 Arganian, David	2039	2020	D21	L10	W17	H	H	2.5
9 Chen, Howard	1898	1893	D17	W5	W10	L2	U	2.5
10 Watts, Peter	1720	1749	D19	W8	L9	W21	L4	2.5

11 Collyer, Curt	2217	2202	W13	W6	L1	L3	U	2.0
12 Wu, Darren	1841	1840	H	H	L6	W16	U	2.0
13 Hickey, Patrick	1714	1700	L11	B	H	L4	D16	2.0
14 Buck, Stephen	1718	1714	L18	L3	W22	W23	L7	2.0
15 Lee, Nathan	1712	1706	H	L9	L20	D22	W23	2.0
16 Li, Jerry	1639	1654	W20	H	L2	L12	D13	2.0
17 Kolde, Sterling	1639	1661	D9	D4	L8	L7	W22	2.0
18 Lee, Michael	2163	2159	W14	L1	H	U	U	1.5
19 Gale, Geoffrey	1974	1964	D10	H	D4	U	U	1.5
20 Kalina, Chris	1974	1953	L16	H	W15	L6	U	1.5
21 Crawford, Scott OR	1759	1744	D8	X	L5	L10	U	1.5
22 Omori, Michael	1646	1618	H	L2	L14	D15	L17	1.0
23 Wang, Michael	1659	1628	H	H	L3	L14	L15	1.0
24 Kolde, Sterling	1639	1661	D2	U	U	U	U	0.5

Reserve

1 Warriar, Krishnan	1623	1649	W23	W8	D4	W5	H	4.0
2 Piper, August	1522	1506	L19	W16	W20	W14	W3	4.0
3 Kleist, Carol	1439	1459	W20	H	H	W9	L2	3.0
4 Fan, George	1594	1588	W17	H	D1	D7	D9	3.0
5 Monahan, Darby	1500	1506	W10	W14	H	L1	D7	3.0
6 Lee, Megan	1565	1541	L14	W10	H	D12	W11	3.0
7 McClung, Charles	1424	1436	H	D19	W18	D4	D5	3.0
8 Thongmee, Thomas TX	1425	1431	W13	L1	H	W19	H	3.0
9 VanVeen, Kerry	1436	1455	W22	H	W19	L3	D4	3.0
10 Guo, Anthony	1357	1395	L5	L6	W17	W20	W15	3.0
11 Wu, Darryl	1291	1293	H	H	D12	W13	L6	2.5
12 Qu, Frank	1210	1249	H	D15	D11	D6	D14	2.5
13 Mellott, Michael	1157	1152	L8	B	D16	L11	W19	2.5
14 Dawson, Drew	1090	1220	W6	L5	W15	L2	D12	2.5
15 Etingher, Constantin	1400	1400	H	D12	L14	W18	L10	2.0
16 Yu, Justin	906	1029	D21	L2	D13	D17	D18	2.0
17 Sun, Tristan	1313	1264	L4	L20	L10	D16	B	1.5
18 Omori, Jeffrey	1314	1269	H	H	L7	L15	D16	1.5
19 Grabar, Svetlana	1173	1186	W2	D7	L9	L8	L13	1.5
20 Milener, Gene	1434	1395	L3	W17	L2	L10	U	1.0
21 Mathews, Dan	1734	1720	D16	U	U	U	U	0.5
22 Piper, August	1522	1506	L9	U	U	U	U	0.0
23 Louie, Henry	AK 1468	1458	L1	U	U	U	U	0.0

Eckstein Friday Night Seattle 9/15 TD Siva Narayanan

1 Narayanan, Siva	1448(1402)	1456(1409)	-	W	W	W	3.0
2 McPoland, Gary	599(592)	810(782)	L	-	W	W	2.0
3 Song, Matthew	1074(969)	1051(952)	L	L	-	W	1.0
4 McPoland, Devin A	1117(1036)	1043(960)	L	L	L	-	0.0

Portland Fall Open 10/14-15 TD: Kornelijis Dale

1 Schullien, Charles	2339	2336	W9	W3	L2	W7	W8	4.0
2 Brownell, Landon	2242	2250	W10	W8	W1	W6	L4	4.0
3 Foster, Raleigh	1977	1993	W13	L1	D6	W11	W10	3.5
4 Jacobi, Gunther	1852	1913	L6	W11	D8	W12	W2	3.5
5 Smigel, Ezekiel	1720	1759	L8	D13	D10	W15	W9	3.0
6 Pupols, Viktors WA	2203	2200	W4	W12	D3	L2	U	2.5
7 Janniro, Mike	2079	2061	D11	L9	W15	L1	W14	2.5
8 Tisinger, Steve	1999	2002	W5	L2	D4	W9	L1	2.5
9 Breckenridge, Steve	1899	1903	L1	W7	W12	L8	L5	2.0
10 Gay, Daniel	1867	1854	L2	D14	D5	W13	L3	2.0
11 Robinson, Marcus	1752	1766	D7	L4	W13	L3	D12	2.0
12 Alpernas, Gregori	1979	1951	W14	L6	L9	L4	D11	1.5
13 Arun, Aditya	1707	1700	L3	D5	L11	L10	W15	1.5
14 Becker, Brett	1606	1610	L12	D10	H	H	L7	1.5
15 Pendergraft, Troy	1758	1727	H	H	L7	L5	L13	1.0

Reserve

1 Bailey, Taylor	1664	1704	W6	W8	W14	W2	D3	4.5
2 Buck, Stephen	WA 1714	1706	W10	W15	D4	L1	W9	3.5
3 Gagnon, William	1624	1628	W20	D17	H	W16	D1	3.5
4 Dietz, Arliss	1500	1518	W21	W19	D2	D9	D5	3.5
5 Friesen, Daniel	1452	1469	L11	W23	W19	W14	D4	3.5
6 Hong, Brian	WA 1366	1442	L1	W18	W15	D8	W12	3.5
7 Olson, Michael	1659	1630	L19	D21	H	W20	W16	3.0
8 You, Sean	1450	1454	W18	L1	D10	D6	W17	3.0
9 Midson, Tony	1424	1468	H	W13	W17	D4	L2	3.0
10 Robinson, Tim	1370	1400	L2	W22	D8	D17	W14	3.0
11 Shimida, Masakazu	1300	1485	W5	L14	L16	W15	W20	3.0
12 Smith, Micah	WA 1663	1600	L17	L20	W21	W19	L6	2.0
13 Fortune, Jonathan WY	1500	1500	H	L9	D20	W22	U	2.0
14 Taylor, Michael	1492	1465	W23	W11	L1	L5	L10	2.0
15 Hong, Albert	WA 1450	1422	W22	L2	L6	L11	W21	2.0
16 Etingher, Constantin	WA 1400	1408	H	H	W11	L3	L7	2.0

17 Harry, Ken	1315	1344	W12	D3	L9	D10	L8	2.0
18 Hong, Katie	WA 752	811	L8	L6	B	L21	W23	2.0
19 Cohen, David	1292	1291	W7	L4	L5	L12	D22	1.5
20 Chin, Benjamin	WA1225	1269	L3	W12	D13	L7	L11	1.5
21 Tanquary, Joseph	1202	1205	L4	D7	L12	W18	L15	1.5
22 Le Grove, Jeremy	1079	1094	L15	L10	W23	L13	D19	1.5
23 Mullins, Michael	WA1089	1020	L14	L5	L22	B	L18	1.0

Autumn Leaves		Seattle	9/8-29	TD: Fred Kleist				
1 Fan, George	1588	1602	W8	W7	H	D6	3.0	
2 Hubbell, Larry	1753	1754	U	H	W8	U	1.5	
3 Plesha, Joe	1431	1437	U	H	W7	U	1.5	
4 Milener, Gene	1395	1400	U	U	H	W10	1.5	
5 Weller, Stephen	1221	1229	H	W9	U	U	1.5	
6 Fryberg, Skylor	1863	1855	U	U	H	D1	1.0	
7 Breneman, Jesse	1139	1129	W12	L1	L3	U	1.0	
8 Poyneer, Thomas	1057	1054	L1	W11	L2	U	1.0	
9 McGee, Donald	943	933	H	L5	U	U	0.5	
10 Yu, Justin	1029	1022	U	U	H	L4	0.5	
11 Zhu, Hanlin	157	157	H	L8	U	U	0.5	
12 Brawman, Vladislav	440	438	L7	U	U	U	0.0	

Soccer Season Quads		Portland	10/22	TD: Sudhakar Kudva				
1 Taylor, Michael	1465(1337)	1511(1398)	-	W	W	W	3.0	
2 Hannibal, Carson	1459(1432)	1443(1403)	L	-	D	W	1.5	
3 Scott, Ryan	WA 1262(1106)	1284(1146)	L	D	-	W	1.5	
4 Chin, Benjamin	WA 1269(1104)	1229(1068)	L	L	L	-	0.0	
1 Diamond, Noah	1285(1182)	1301(1203)	-	L	W	W	2.0	
2 Hannibal, Dana	1279(1282)	1296(1279)	W	-	W	L	2.0	
3 Li, Devin	1223(1117)	1212(1110)	L	L	-	W	1.0	
4 Kesey, Caleb	1282(1139)	1259(1127)	L	W	L	-	1.0	
1 Piatski, Alex	1251(1072)	1255(1092)	-	D	W	W	2.5	
2 Chen, Joseph	841(815)	970(921)	D	-	W	D	2.0	
3 Pikus, Benjamin	1147(1030)	1106(990)	L	L	-	W	1.0	
4 Peake, Annelise	938(888)	918(858)	L	D	L	-	0.5	
1 Dirickson, Mason	1077(801)	1062(816)	-	L	W	W	2.0	
2 Kelly, Connor	755(581)	841(701)	W	-	L	W	2.0	
3 Pikus, Aaron	1051(994)	1040(967)	L	W	-	W	2.0	
4 Nisbet, Robert	556(565)	538(527)	L	L	L	-	0.0	

1 Kudva, Priya	802(751)	935(896)	-	W	D	W	W	W	4.5
2 Harnsberger, Ephriam	869(810)	916(872)	L	-	W	W	W	W	4.0
3 Petersen, Alexander	893(867)	875(853)	D	L	-	D	W	W	3.0
4 Smith, Chloe	734(715)	746(720)	L	L	D	-	W	W	2.5
5 Paralkar, Mihir	428(428)	564(526)	L	L	L	L	-	W	1.0
6 Thakkar, Pavan	665(604)	577(521)	L	L	L	L	L	-	0.0
1 Stole, Kyle	301(270)	683(617)	-	W	W	W	W	W	5.0
2 Harnsberger, Alex	640(528)	672(579)	L	-	W	W	W	W	4.0
3 Still, Craig	466(526)	522(511)	L	L	-	W	W	W	3.0
4 Mitchell, Allison	584(432)	529(397)	L	L	L	-	W	W	2.0
5 Quiring, Benjamin	568(329)	468(276)	L	L	L	L	-	W	1.0
6 Paralkar, Mayur	428(428)	100(100)	L	L	L	L	L	-	0.0

SCC Tornado 10/8		TD: Chris Babcock						
1 Pupols, Viktors	2203	2206	W14	W4	W7	W3	4.0	
2 Wentz, Dale	OR 1503	1547	W13	D9	W14	D7	3.0	
3 Briggs, Mark	1623	1685	D5	W10	W9	L1	2.5	
4 Van Wyk, Daniel	1638	1660	W15	L1	D10	W9	2.5	
5 Torkelson, Alan	1400	1452	D3	D13	W8	H	2.5	
6 Sun, Tristan	1264	1362	L8	W16	W12	H	2.5	
7 Xing, Casey	1239	1390	W16	W8	L1	D2	2.5	
8 Fan, George	1602	1582	W6	L7	L5	W10	2.0	
9 Hickey, Patrick	1700	1671	W11	D2	L3	L4	1.5	
10 Xing, Kerry	1704	1674	W12	L3	D4	L8	1.5	
11 Thongmee, Thomas	TX1431	1426	L9	D14	D13	H	1.5	
12 Inglis, David	1414	1403	L10	W15	L6	H	1.5	
13 Linscott, Gary	1191	1338	L2	D5	D11	H	1.5	
14 Kolde, Sterling	1661	1624	L1	D11	L2	D15	1.0	
15 Gossman, John	1300	1363	L4	L12	D16	D14	1.0	
16 Wang, Michael	1628	1571	L7	L6	D15	U	0.5	

SCC Quad 10/14		TD: Fred Kleist					
1 Kleist, Fred	2025	2021	W4	D2	W3	2.5	
2 Desmarais, Niles	1741	1756	W5	D1	W6	2.5	
3 Desmarais, Cyrus	1584	1580	W6	W5	L1	2.0	
4 Lee, Megan	1541	1539	L1	W6	W5	2.0	
5 Nikolskyy, Oleksi	547	547	L2	L3	L4	0.0	

6 Nikolskyy, Daniel	114	114	L3	L4	L2	0.0
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SCC Tornado 10/29		TD: Fred Kleist					
1 Pupols, Viktors	2200	2203	W8	W6	W3	W7	4.0
2 Pitre, H G	1826	1836	W12	W11	H	H	3.0
3 Xing, Kerry	1674	1719	W16	W5	L1	W6	3.0
4 Kleist, Fred	2021	2025	W15	H	W10	U	2.5
5 Gregg, Bruce	1821	1807	W13	L3	D8	W11	2.5
6 Hickey, Patrick	1671	1667	W9	L1	W12	L3	2.0
7 Kolde, Sterling	1622	1615	W17	L10	W16	L1	2.0
8 Holcomb, Eric	1518	1529	L1	W14	D5	D13	2.0
9 Sun, Tristan	1303	1366	L6	W15	D11	H	2.0
10 Mathews, Dan	1732	1737	H	W7	L4	U	1.5
11 Buck, Stephen	1706	1700	W14	L2	D9	L5	1.5
12 Thongmee, Thomas	TX 1426	1421	L2	W17	L6	H	1.5
13 Etingher, Constantin	1408	1400	L5	L16	W17	D8	1.5
14 Xing, Casey	1231	1250	L11	L8	D15	W17	1.5
15 Monahan, Darby	1514	1500	L4	L9	D14	H	1.0
16 Kelley, Arcus	1100	1234	L3	W13	L7	U	1.0
17 Dawson, Drew	1187	1147	L7	L12	L13	L14	0.0

Close Ratings 2 Seattle 10/6-27		TD: Fred Kleist					
1 Fan, George	1582	1583	D7	W9	W12	L3	2.5
2 Yu, Justin	1022	1024	W14	W13	U	U	2.0
3 Fryberg, Skylor	1855	1859	U	U	U	W1	1.0
4 Watts, Peter	1749	1758	W8	U	U	U	1.0
5 Kelly, David	1389	1395	U	U	U	W10	1.0
6 Heimisch, Roland	1300	1326	U	U	U	W11	1.0
7 Kolde, Sterling	1624	1622	D1	U	U	U	0.5
8 Baxter, Cecil	1611	1601	L4	U	U	U	0.0
9 Weller, Stephen	1229	1223	U	L1	U	U	0.0
10 Poyneer, Thomas	1054	1047	U	U	U	L5	0.0
11 Mcgee, Donald	933	927	U	U	U	L6	0.0
12 Babcock, Chris	681	680	U	U	L1	U	0.0
13 Zhu, Hanlin	157	157	U	L2	U	U	0.0
14 Bi, Patrick	391	391	L2	U	U	U	0.0

Portland Game-in-60 10/28		TD: Komelijis Dale					
1 Surak, Steve	1946(1804)	1956(1821)	W21	W14	W5	W4	4.0
2 Gutman, Richard	2000(2145)	2005(2139)	W23	W13	D3	W9	3.5
3 Banner, Richard	1846(1584)	1859(1629)	W24	W20	D2	W10	3.5
4 Holler, Robert	1669(1605)	1703(1651)	W22	W16	W8	L1	3.0
5 Smith, Micah	WA 1600(1464)	1623(1506)	W6	W11	L1	W18	3.0
6 May, Sarah	WA 1263(1234)	1368(1349)	L5	W28	W16	W15	3.0
7 Porter, Joel	1211(1089)	1333(1227)	L13	W27	W17	W19	3.0
8 May, Andy	WA 1946(1713)	1926(1695)	W17	W15	L4	D12	2.5
9 Peake, Ethan	1863(1643)	1856(1654)	D12	W23	W19	L2	2.5
10 Sharp, Austin	1509(1423)	1548(1442)	W26	D19	W13	L3	2.5
11 Dietz, Ariiss	1518(1403)	1513(1400)	W28	L5	W22	H	2.5
12 Morehouse, Brandon	1427(1313)	1526(1418)	D9	D21	W14	D8	2.5
13 Bairely, Taylor	1704(1366)	1690(1381)	W7	L2	L10	W21	2.0
14 Nyman, Michael	1642(1563)	1626(1541)	W29	L1	L12	W24	2.0
15 Becker, Brett	1610(1423)	1590(1407)	W25	L8	W24	L6	2.0
16 Fortune, Jonathan	WY 1500(1741)	1500(1703)	W27	L4	L6	W25	2.0
17 You, Sean	1454(1322)	1432(1301)	L8	W25	L7	W26	2.0
18 Hooker, Justin	1394(1294)	1408(1305)	L19	W26	W20	L5	2.0
19 Robinson, Marcus	1766(1722)	1731(1676)	W18	D10	L9	L7	1.5
20 Porter, Nathan	1567(1366)	1530(1330)	W30	L3	L18	D22	1.5
21 Friesen, Daniel	1469(1353)	1477(1357)	L1	D12	W23	L13	1.5
22 Kim, Isaac	1283(1193)	1286(1192)	L4	W30	L11	D20	1.5
23 Shimida, Masakazu	1485(1485)	1417(1377)	L2	L9	L21	W28	1.0
24 Terrill, Michael	1415(1259)	1398(1241)	L3	W29	L15	L14	1.0
25 Mullins, Michael	WA 1020(1020)	1015(1017)	L15	L17	W27	L16	1.0
26 Young, Heather	WA 618(713)	702(772)	L10	L18	W29	L17	1.0
27 Smith, James	576(799)	634(824)	L16	L7	L25	W30	1.0
28 Nikolskyy, Oleksiy	WA 547(886)	671(950)	L11	L6	W30	L23	1.0
29 LeGrove, Jeremy	1094(995)	1041(943)	L14	L24	L26	H	0.5
30 Jackson, Joshua	862(873)	778(812)	L20	L22	L28	L27	0.0

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One month to go for the 2006 edition of the Grand Prix. It looks as though prizes and participation will be roughly equivalent to 2005, barring extra large, or extra small turnouts at the few remaining events. The big event on the horizon is the Washington Class with a 4x multiplier, which will be complete before you read this. The recently completed SCC Extravaganza had a 3x multiplier and is included in these data. Coming in December is the Washington Challenger's Cup in Spokane with a 3x multiplier. These events have or will have an impact on many of the final standings.

The December ratings update has been processed and all classes are final for this year. Many people moved up in the October supplement, but only a few as a result of December. Two notable movers were from the Washington list, where Sterling Kolde moved from 3rd place in Class C to 2nd in Class B, and Tristan Sun moved from 2nd Class D to 3rd Class C. The December rating supplement is everyone's starting point for 2007.

The USCF is changing its supplement schedule, going to a monthly report available electronically. I probably will not be able to keep up with monthly upgrades in my database, but your Grand Prix rating will continue to be your peak official rating during the competition year. I will just have to modify the methods by which I conduct my updating.

A few class winners are pretty well identified already, such as Stephen Buck and Constantine Etingher in Washington, and some others have comfortable, although not insurmountable leads (Eduardo Daroza, Tony Midson and Darryl Wu). In most of those classes, second place is still very much up for grabs. Elsewhere in the standings there are two, three, or four players still with a shot at top money. In the overall standings, Taylor Bailey and Brett Becker are in a hot race in Oregon, while Buck, Etingher, and Nick Raptis appear to be headed to a photo finish in Washington, as only 8.5 points currently separate them. It may rest on if they go and how they do in Spokane at the Challenger's Cup.

The standings below include all events through November 19th.

Players from Other States			
1	Weyland, Phillip	ID	1899 60.5
2	Weyland, Ronald	ID	1540 58.5
3	Milner, Arie	CAN	1552 37.5
4	Anderson, Mark	ID	1750 36.0
5	Martin, Robert	MT	1764 34.5
6	Carpenter, Romie	MT	1825 33.5
7	McBroom, William	MT	1589 32.5
8	Mulford, Michael	GA	1808 30.0
9	Monkhouse, Neale	CAN	1741 27.5
10	Pechisker, Alfred	CAN	2222 27.5
11	Walker, Andrew	NJ	1836 27.5
12	Brewster, Robert	CAN	2014 25.0
13	Milner, Aviv	CAN	1418 25.0
14	Zhao, Donovan	CAN	1209 25.0
15	Erickson, Kenneth	ID	1594 24.0

Players in Database 2006				
	OR	WA	Other	T
Master	7	12	3	22
Expert	12	17	2	31
Class A	23	32	13	68
Class B	23	71	9	103
Class C	32	50	7	89
Class D-below	45	124	18	187
totals	142	306	52	500

Oregon		Washington	
Masters			
1	Haessler, Carl	50.0	Raptis, Nick 194.0
2	Roua, Radu	49.0	Collyer, Curt 102.0
3	Prochaska, Peter	42.0	Koons, Nat 98.0

4	Brownell, Landon	30.0	Pupols, Viktors 90.0
5	Harmon, Clark	15.5	MacGregor, Michael 80.5

Experts

1	Daroza, Eduardo	84.5	Gale, Geoffrey 117.0
2	Phillips, Blake	55.0	Bartron, Paul 115.5
3	Gutman, Richard	54.5	Sinanan, Joshua 78.5
4	Morris, Michael	52.5	Lee, Michael 68.5
5	Alpermas, Gregori	37.5	Selzler, Richard 65.5
6	Yu, Corbin	34.5	Julian, John 60.5

Class A

1	Gay, Daniel	82.5	Buck, Stephen 206.0
2	Foster, Raleigh	74.0	Mathews, Dan 124.5
3	Banner, Richard	70.5	O'Gorman, Peter 112.5
4	Peake, Ethan	69.0	Wu, Darren 103.5
5	Serres, Drew	68.0	Guo, Alex 85.0
6	Breckenridge, Steven	60.0	Smith, Allen 83.5
6	Robinson, Marcus	60.0	

Class B

1	Bailey, Taylor	103.0	Wang, Michael 110.0
2	Becker, Brett	94.5	Kolde, Sterling 104.0
3	Porter, Nathan	62.5	Lee, Nathan 101.0
4	Breckenridge, David	54.5	Piper, August 87.0
5	Sinclair, Paris	42.5	Countryman, Zachary 83.0
6	Gagnon, William	41.5	Hickey, Patrick 70.5
6	Taylor, Michael	41.5	Omori, Michael 70.5

Class C

1	Midson, Tony	75.0	Etingher, Constantin 197.5
2	Kudva, Vikram	53.5	Hornickle, John 102.0
3	Terrill, Michael	44.5	Sun, Tristan 98.0
4	Wentz, Dale	42.5	Lee, Megan 92.5
5	Dietz, Arliss	38.5	Monahan, Darby 76.5
6	Friesen, Daniel	36.0	Li, William 76.0
			Yang, Matthew 76.0

Class D and Below

1	Cohen, David	59.0	Wu, Darryl 94.5
2	Porter, Joel	49.0	Omori, Jeffrey 61.5
3	Petersen, George	30.0	Kirlin, Patrick 59.0
4	Harry, Ken	28.0	Waugh, James 59.0
5	LeGrove, Jeremy	23.0	Guo, Anthony 55.0
6	Petersen, Dennis	21.5	Yu, Justin 53.0

Overall Leaders

1	Bailey, Taylor	103.0	Buck, Stephen 206.0
2	Becker, Brett	94.5	Etingher, Constantin 197.5
3	Daroza, Eduardo	84.5	Raptis, Nick 194.0
4	Gay, Daniel	82.5	Mathews, Dan 124.5
5	Midson, Tony	75.0	Gale, Geoffrey 117.0
6	Foster, Raleigh	74.0	Bartron, Paul 115.5
7	Banner, Richard	70.5	O'Gorman, Peter 112.5
8	Peake, Ethan	69.0	Wang, Michael 110.0
9	Serres, Drew	68.0	Kolde, Sterling 104.0
10	Porter, Nathan	62.5	Wu, Darren 103.5
11	Breckenridge, Steven	60.0	Collyer, Curt 102.0
12	Robinson, Marcus	60.0	Hornickle, John 102.0
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14	Phillips, Blake	55.0	Koons, Nat 98.0
			Sun, Tristan 98.0

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Sluggers Defy Destiny, Overhauled by Mechanics

As noted in the previous issue of Northwest Chess, the Sluggers made it to the playoffs. The first opponent was the Dallas Destiny, with whom the Sluggers had drawn in the last week of the regular season. In the Week Three match, the Destiny had lost 1½-2½ on an endgame blunder. With the teams this evenly matched, it was fortunate for the Sluggers that they had draw odds.

The Sluggers fell behind 0-2, losing on boards one and four, though John Readey (Bd. 3) seemed to be clearly won. He took his time, but eventually won. Slava Mikhailuk, meanwhile, nursed a tiny edge, winning when his opponent decided to exchange Bishops and failed to find the drawing line in a pawn ending. The Sluggers advanced to the Division Championship with a 2-2 draw!

In the Division Championship, the Sluggers faced the San Francisco Mechanics. The season series went to San Francisco, having drawn the first match on October 11th and having won the second 2½-1½ on October 23rd, by one game. This time the Mechanics throttled the Sluggers, taking boards one and four and drawing the middle boards.

Ed.—Notes to the games 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.

QGD Ragozin

IM Jacek Stopa (2512)

GM Gregory Serper (2570)

US Chess League Playoffs (1.1) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. ♖f3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. d4 ♘f6 4. ♖c3 ♗b4
5. cxd5 exd5 6. ♗g5 h6 7. ♗h4 g5 8. ♗g3
♗e4 9. ♗d2 ♗xg3 10. hxg3

Serper has traded off a Knight for a Bishop, but his opponent has an open h-file in return. With Serper's pawns on g5 and h6 being a potential weakness, things

are headed away from the safe harbor of a balanced game.

10...c6 11. e3 ♘f8 12. ♗d3 ♖g7

I guess with things quiet on the queenside, there is time for this unusual slow castling. With ...♗c8-e6 and ...♗b8-d7, Black's development will be complete and it is not clear what advantage White will have in exchange for the Bishop pair.

13. ♖b3 ♖b6 14. O-O-O ♗e6 15. f4 ♗e7
16. ♖c2 ♗a6 17. ♗xa6 ♖xa6

Now Serper gets the Bishop pair versus the Knight pair. This game sure looks like it will be opening up and that bodes well for Bishops, which have 60% more mobility in open boards than Knights. Serper could have recaptured with his b-pawn to get an open b-file, but opted for the more solid Q recapture to preserve his pawn formation. If Serper can get this to an endgame, it looks like the full point for us.

18. f5

Ah, I see, Stopa can play g3-g4, blocking up the position. In that case, the Knights will be just fine, but how will Stopa be able to break through?

18...♗d7 19. e4 dxe4 20. ♖xe4

Stopa has a menacing centralized Queen. If it weren't for the fact that it is Serper defending, I would be worried.

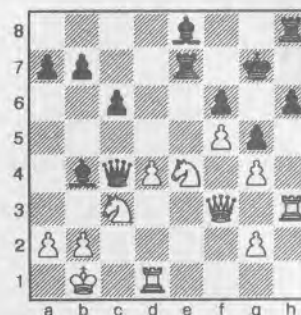
20...♖ae8 21. ♖f3 ♗b4 22. ♗de4 ♖c4

Serper is daring Stopa to play f5-f6 with check. With two Knights, it would seem that getting a pawn on f6 is very tempting, but Serper has many threats of his own on White's King.

23. ♖b1 f6 24. g4

Most of the kingside pawns are locked, acting as a heat shield against White's force. With a breakthrough needed to salvage this game, expect Stopa to do something dramatic soon.

24...♖e7 25. ♖h3 ♗e8



26. ♗xf6

What else could Stopa do?

26...♘xf6 27. ♗e4+ ♖xe4 28. ♖xe4 ♖d5
29. ♖e5+ ♖xe5 30. dxe5+ ♖xe5

Stopa was forced into an endgame and Serper thought a while before taking the e5-pawn. Greg definitely has the material to win. Will Stopa win back enough to stem the tide?

31. ♖d8 ♗c5 32. ♖h1 ♖f4 33. ♖e1
♘xg4 34. ♖dxe8 ♖xe8 35. ♖xe8 ♖xf5

Serper won two pawns, but at the cost of an Exchange. It looks like he will have to give up a queenside pawn; so a win looks doubtful.

36. ♖h8 ♖g6 37. ♖c2 h5 38. ♖d3 g4
39. ♖e4 ♖g5 40. ♖h7 b5 41. ♖c7 ♗b6
42. ♖xc6 h4 43. ♖c3 a5 44. ♖d3 ♗c7
45. ♖d5+ ♖g6 46. ♖c5 ♗g3 47. ♖xb5
h3 48. gxh3 gxh3 49. ♖b3 1-0

Serper couldn't hold, as, on a wide open board with pawns on both sides, a Rook is better than a Bishop.

Game of the Week

English

FM Slava Mikhailuk (2438)

IM Davorin Kuljasevic (2423)

US Chess League Playoffs (1.2) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. c4 e5 2. ♗c3 ♗f6 3. ♗f3 ♗c6 4. g3 ♗b4
5. ♗g2 O-O 6. O-O e4 7. ♗e1 ♗xc3 8. dxc3
h6 9. ♗c2 d6 10. ♗e3

Slava has spent three moves on a single piece, but his Knight is safely planted on e3, radiating power in all directions. Not only is it preventing Black from advancing the e4-pawn, it prevents ...d6-d5 to support it, and also protects the doubled c4-pawn. I have a feeling that the Knight will become so annoying that Slava's opponent will play something like ...d4 at some point to trade if off.

10... ♖e8 11. ♖c2 ♖e5

A bit unusual, Rooks can often be attacked with gain of tempo by pawns or minor pieces this early in the game.

12. ♗d2 ♖e7 13. f4 exf3 14. exf3 ♖f5

As predicted, Black has played to get rid of Slava's e3-Knight, but he has preserved his King Knight.

15. ♖ae1 c6 16. f4 ♖xe3 17. ♗xe3 ♗f5 18. ♖d1 ♖e6 19. ♗d4 ♖e7 20. ♖xe6 ♖xe6 21. ♖e1 ♖xc4 22. ♗xf6 gxf6 23. ♖xd6

Slava decided to give up the Bishop pair to double Black's f-pawns. This looks to turn into a pawn-munching contest, but Slava should come out ahead as he gets a head start with 23. ♖xd6 and immediately threatens the f-pawn.

23... ♗g7 24. a3 ♖b5 25. ♖d2 ♖b6+ 26. ♖f2 ♗d8 27. ♖xb6 axb6 28. ♗f3 ♗d2 29. ♖e2 ♖xe2 30. ♗xe2 ♗e6 31. ♗f2 f5

Slava is down to a Bishop ending where his opponent has two sets of doubled pawns. Slava has an edge, especially with the isolated, doubled f-pawns on the same color as the remaining Bishops. However, this one will not be easy to win.

32. ♗e3 ♗f6 33. ♗d4 c5+ 34. ♗e3 ♗d5 35. b4 ♗e6 36. ♗d3 ♗f6 37. ♗c2 ♗e6 38. ♗a4 ♗d6 39. ♗b5 ♗b3 40. ♗e2 ♗d5 41. ♗f1 ♗e6 42. ♗d3 ♗d6 43. ♗h3 ♗e6 44. ♗e3 ♗f6 45. ♗f1 ♗e6 46. ♗e2 ♗d6 47. ♗f1 ♗e6 48. h3 ♗f6 49. ♗d3 ♗g2 50. ♗c4 ♗e7 51. h4 f6 52. ♗e2 ♗d5 53. g4 fxg4 54. ♗xg4 ♗d6 55. ♗f5 ♗f7 56. ♗e4 ♗d5 57. ♗d3 ♗e6 58. ♗g6 ♗d6 59. ♗f5 ♗f7 60. ♗e4 ♗d5 61. c4 ♗xe4+ 62. ♗xe4

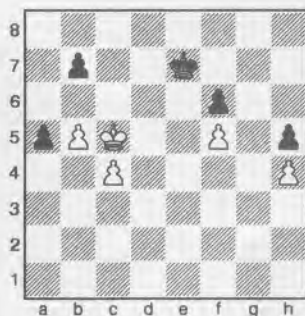
As soon as the Bishops came off, I knew that Slava would win. The psychological pressure of going from a dead drawn position to a precarious endgame race would be too much for the defender. We were in "Hail, Mary" desperation

mode, as the Destiny had already won on boards one and four.

62... ♗e6 63. f5+ ♗d6 64. b5 h5 65. a4 ♗d7

(?) 65... ♗e7 66. ♗d5 ♗d7 67. a5 bxa5 68. ♗xc5 ♗e7 69. b6 a4 70. ♗b4 ♗d6 71. ♗xa4 ♗c5 72. ♗b3 ♗xb6 73. ♗b4=

—IM Greg Shahade
66. ♗d5 ♗e7 67. a5 bxa5 68. ♗xc5



69... ♗d7

68... ♗e8!! 69. ♗b6 (69. b6 ♗d7 70. ♗b5 a4 71. ♗xa4 ♗c6 72. ♗b4 ♗xb6 73. c5+ ♗c6 74. ♗c4 ♗d7 75. ♗d5 ♗e7 76. c6 b6!! 77. c7 ♗d7 78. c8=♖+ ♗xc8 79. ♗e6 b5 80. ♗xf6 b4 81. ♗g6=) 69... a4 70. ♗xb7? (70. c5 a3 71. c6 bxc6 72. bxc6 a2 73. c7 a1=♖ 74. c8=♖+=) 70... a3 71. c5 a2 72. c6 a1=♖ —IM Greg Shahade

69. ♗b6 a4 70. ♗xb7 ♗d6 71. b6 a3 72. ♗c8 a2 73. b7 a1=♖ 74. b8=♖+

As our season was going over the edge of the cliff, Slava grabbed an extended branch and flung himself up and around and now he just has to convert this Queen and pawn endgame!

74... ♗c5 75. ♖b5+ ♗d4 76. ♖d5+ ♗c3 77. c5 ♖a6+ 78. ♗d7 ♖a7+ 79. ♗e6 ♖g7 80. ♖d7 ♖g8+ 81. ♗xf6 ♖f8+ 82. ♗g6 ♖xc5 83. f6 ♖g1+ 84. ♗xh5 ♖g3 85. f7 ♖f3+ 86. ♗g5 ♖g3+ 87. ♖g4 ♖e5+ 88. ♖f5 ♖g7+ 89. ♗h5 1-0

John had an adventurous game that kept us on the edge of our seats. He took no chances and just kept building up his advantage. While he missed much quicker wins, White never had a chance.

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FM Igor Schneider (2387)

FM John Readey (2331)

US Chess League Playoffs (1.3) 2006

1. e4 d6 2. d4 ♖f6 3. ♖c3 g6 4. h3 ♗g7 5. ♗e3 a6 6. g4 h5 7. g5 ♖fd7 8. ♗g2 c5

9. ♖ge2 ♖c6 10. d5 ♖a5 11. O-O b5 12. f4 ♖c4 13. ♗c1 b4 14. ♖a4 a5 15. c3 ♗a6 16. ♖b1 ♖cb6 17. ♖xb6 ♖xb6 18. ♗e3 ♖b8 19. cxb4 axb4 20. ♖f2 b3 21. a3 ♖a5 22. e5 dxe5 23. f5 gxf5 24. ♖xf5 ♖b5 25. ♖g3 ♖d3 26. ♖e1 h4 27. ♖d1 ♖b5 28. ♖e4 ♖e2 29. ♖xe2 ♗xe2 30. ♖d2 ♗h5 31. ♖xc5 ♖xc5 32. ♗xc5

John is up a pawn in a complex endgame with a Bishop pair and a Rook pair for both sides, but I don't get the feeling that pawns will decide this one, at least not for a while. Piece activity is the key in this one.

32... ♖c8 33. ♗b4 ♗g6 34. ♖f3 ♗c2 35. ♗c3 ♖h5 36. ♖e3 ♖xg5 37. ♗h2 ♗h6 38. ♖de2 f6 39. ♗h1 ♖g8 40. ♗f3 ♗f4+ 41. ♗h1 ♗d1 42. ♖e1 ♖g3 43. ♗xd1 ♗xe3 44. ♗g4 ♖xc3 45. bxc3 ♗d2 46. ♖b1 ♖xc3 47. ♗d1 ♖xh3+ 48. ♗g2 ♖g3+ 49. ♗f2 ♗e3+ 50. ♗e2 h3 51. ♗xb3 ♗g1 52. ♗a4+ ♗f7 53. ♖b8 ♖xa3 54. ♗d7 h2 55. ♖h8 ♗g7 56. ♖h5 ♗e3 57. ♗f5 ♗h6 58. ♗f2 ♖a4 59. ♗e6 ♖a2+ 60. ♗f3 ♗g6 61. ♖h4 ♗f4 62. ♖g4+ ♗g5 0-1

Trompowsky

NM Nat Koons (2223)

NM Keaton Kiewra (2239)

US Chess League Playoffs (1.4) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♗g5 c5 3. d5 ♖e4 4. ♗f4 ♖b6 5. ♗c1

Nat seems to have lost a move by moving his Bishop for the third time out of five moves. With Black having planted a Knight on e4 and a Queen on b6, it looks like Nat's used up his advantage as White. Of course, this is the Tromp and strange moves like 5. ♗c1 are "book," but I personally don't like moving one piece to the exclusion of the other pieces. They just feel left out and get cranky.

5... ♗g6 6. f3 ♖f6 7. e4 ♗g7 8. e5 ♖h5 9. g4 ♗xe5

Kiewra is staking the entire Dallas season on the result of this sac!

10. gxh5 ♗xb2 11. ♗xb2 ♖xb2 12. ♖d2 ♖e5+

Black can pick up a third pawn for the Knight. When a sac is done to expose a King, anything that isn't bolted down can usually be picked off. Good thing for

Nat, Black has used up all his developed pieces other than the Queen. With no safe place for his King, Nat is still not out of the woods and when he does get out, he will have a complex endgame to deal with. If Nat can avoid losing another pawn and use his extra piece to win a pawn back, then we win.

13. ♖e2 ♜xd5 14. hxg6 hxg6 15. c4

This game will hinge on Black's undeveloped queenside and whether Nat finds a way to take advantage of that.

15... ♜e5 16. f4 ♜h5 17. ♗g2 ♖c6 18. ♖f3 d6 19. ♜b1



Nat's pawn structure looks like a week old halloween pumpkin that had a dentistry accident. If he didn't have an extra piece, he would surely be lost!

19... ♜f5 20. O-O

At least Nat is safe from perpetuals in this setup.

20... ♜e4 21. ♖g5

Nat offers Black another pawn. Hey, it's not like he can win the endgame by queening a pawn, so he has to play to activate his pieces!

21... e3+ 22. ♖h1 ♗g4

At first, 21... ♜e3+, forcing Nat's King into the corner, looked decent, but afterward there was an immediate threat to trap Black's Queen!! Rather than retreat her, Black ups the ante with 22... ♗g4 double-attacking the e2-Knight.

23. ♗f3 ♖e5 24. fxe5 ♜xg5 25. ♗xg4 ♜xg4 26. ♜a4+ ♖f8 27. ♜c2 ♖g7

Black just went 27... ♖g7 to connect his Rooks. I guess he saw what Serper did and figured if it works on Board One, it should work on Board Four!

28. ♗f2 dxe5 29. ♗xb7 ♜h4 30. ♖c3 ♗ab8 31. ♗xa7 ♗b4 32. ♜e2 ♗h5 33. ♗a4 ♗b8 34. ♗f1

With an extra piece and a passed pawn, Nat is getting close to the technical win category. Unfortunately, the position is tricky; 30 seconds per move might not be enough to find the win. Until Queens are traded, this one is solidly planted in the expected draw category.

34... ♗b8 35. ♖e4 f5 36. ♖xc5 ♜f6 37. ♗a6 ♗xh2+ 38. ♜xh2 ♗xh2+ 39. ♖xh2 ♜h4+ 40. ♖g2 ♜g4+ 41. ♖h2 ♜e2+ 42. ♖g1 ♜e3+ 43. ♖h1 ♜xc5 44. ♗c1 ♜e3 45. ♗c2 ♜e1+ 46. ♖h2 ♜h4+ 47. ♖g1 ♜g4+ 48. ♖f2 ♜d1 0-1

Division Championship

Game of the Week

Sicilian Kan

IM Josh Friedel (2513)

GM Gregory Serper (2570)

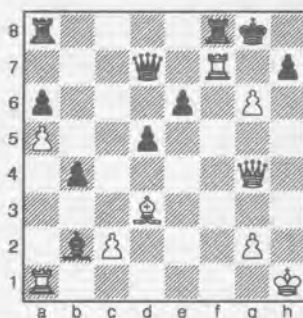
US Chess League Playoffs (2.1) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 a6 5. ♖c3 b5 6. ♗d3 d6 7. O-O ♖f6 8. f4 g6 9. ♖h1

With four White pieces aimed at f5, clearly the f5-pawn push is what the rest of the opening, and maybe even the middlegame, will revolve around.

9... ♗g7 10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 ♖d5 12. ♜f3 O-O 13. ♖xd5 exd5 14. ♗f4 ♗e6 15. a4 b4 16. a5 ♜c7 17. ♖xe6 fxe6 18. ♜g4 ♜d7 19. h4 ♖c6 20. h5 ♖xe5 21. ♗xe5 ♗xe5 22. hxg6 ♗xb2 23. ♗f7



23... h5 24. ♜g5 ♜d8 25. ♗xf8+ ♜xf8 26. ♗f1 ♜d8 27. ♜xh5 ♗a7 28. ♗f3 ♜xa5 29. g7 1-0 [Time]

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IM Georgi Orlov (2580)

IM Vinay Bhat (2463)

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Comments by Clint Ballard

1. ♖f3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. b3 ♗g4 4. ♗b2 ♖d7 5. g3 ♖g6 6. ♗g2 e6 7. O-O ♗d6 8. d3

O-O 9. ♖bd2 ♜e7 10. h3 ♗h5

Georgi's Bishops have a bit more scope and development is pretty much equal. Maybe Georgi has a slight edge, but demonstrating the advantage takes GM-level skill.

11. ♜c2 a5 12. e4 dxe4 13. dxe4 ♗g6 14. ♖h4 a4 15. ♗fe1 e5 16. ♖f5 ♗xf5 17. exf5 ♗b4 18. ♗c3 ♗fe8 19. ♜b2 ♗a3 20. ♜c2 ♗b4 21. ♖f3 ♜c5 22. ♗e3 axb3 23. axb3 ♗xa1+ 24. ♗xa1 ♜a7 25. ♗c3 ♗c5 26. ♗e2 e4 27. ♖g5 e3 28. f4 ♗d4 29. ♗xd4 ♜xd4 30. ♖f3 ♜b6 31. ♖h2 ♖c5 32. ♖e5 ♜xb3 33. ♜c1 ♗d8 34. ♗xe3 ♜a2 35. ♗a3 ♜e2 36. ♜g1 ♖a6 37. ♗e3 ♜c2 38. g4 h6 39. ♗e1 ♗d2 40. g5 ♖h5 41. ♗f1 hxg5 42. fxg5 ♜c3 43. ♖f3 ♗c2 44. ♜a7 ♜b4 45. ♜a8+ ♜f8 46. ♜xf8+ ♖xf8 47. ♖e5 ♖c5 48. f6 gxf6 49. gxf6 ♖e4 50. ♖g4 ♖g8 51. ♗f5 ♖hg3 52. ♗f4 b5 53. cxb5 cxb5 54. ♖h6+ ♖f8 55. ♗g4 ♖e8 56. ♗g8+ ♖d7 57. ♖xf7 ♖f1+ 58. ♖g1 ♖xf6 59. ♗g6 ♖e3 60. ♗f3 ♖e6 61. ♖h6 b4 62. ♖g8 ♖f7 63. ♗xf6+ ♖xg8 64. ♗b6 ♗b2 65. h4 ♖f5 66. h5 ♖d4 67. ♗d5+ ♖h8 68. h6 ♖e2+ 69. ♖f1 ♖g3+ 70. ♖e1 ♗h2 71. ♗xb4 Draw

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon

IM David Preuss (2459)

FM Marcel Milat (2345)

US Chess League Playoffs (2.3) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 ♖c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 g6 5. ♖c3 ♗g7 6. ♗e3 ♖f6 7. ♗c4 O-O 8. ♗b3 a5 9. a4 ♖g4 10. ♜xg4 ♖xd4 11. ♜h4 ♖xb3 12. cxb3

Preuss has more space and a possible attack on Black's King in exchange for crippled queenside pawns.

12... ♗a6 13. O-O ♗e6

Very strange to see a Rook in front of the e-pawn and so early in the game, but, hey, Marcel is from Canada.

14. ♗ad1 b6 15. ♗h6 ♗xh6 16. ♜xh6 f5 17. ♗fe1 ♗b7 18. exf5 ♗xe1+ 19. ♗xe1 ♗xf5 20. ♜h4 ♗f7 21. ♖e4 ♗xe4 22. ♜xe4 ♜c7 23. g3 ♜c5 24. ♗e2 ♜c6 25. ♜xc6 dxc6 26. ♖g2 ♖f8 27. ♗e6 ♗f6 28. ♗xf6+ exf6 29. ♖f3 ♖e7 30. ♖e4 ♖d6 31. ♖d4 c5+ 32. ♖c4 ♖c6 33. f3 f5 34. f4 h6 35. h3 h5 36. h4 ♖c7 37. ♖d5 ♖d7 38. ♖e5 ♖e7 39. ♖d5 ♖d7 40. ♖e5 ♖e7 41. ♖d5 ♖d7 Draw

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 ♘e7 5.♘e2 O-O 6.d4 ♘xd5 7.cxd5
 exd4 8.♘xd4 ♗f6 9.♘b3 ♙b6 10.♙e2
 d6 11.O-O ♙f5 12.♘d2 ♘d7 13.♘c4
 ♘e5 14.♘xb6 axb6 15.f3 ♗g6 16.♙h1
 ♙d3 17.♙xd3 ♗xd3 18.♙g1 f5 19.

♗xd3 ♘xd3 20.♙d1 ♘c5 21.b4 ♘a4
 22.♙d4 b5 23.h4 ♘b6 24.♙f2 ♙fe8
 25.♙g3 ♘c4 26.♙f4 ♙e5 27.a3 g6
 28.♙a2 ♙e7 29.♙d3 ♙ae8 30.a4 ♙a8
 31.a5 ♙a6 32.♙e2 b6 33.axb6 ♘xb6
 34.♙g5 ♙e5 35.♙c2 ♙a7 36.♙cd2
 ♙a8 37.f4 ♙e4 38.h5 ♙f7 39.hxg6+
 hxg6 40.♙c2 ♙c4 41.♙xc4 bxc4 42.
 ♙d1 ♙h8 43.g4 ♙h2 44.♙g1 ♘xd5
 45.gxf5 ♙h5+ 46.♙g4 ♘f6+ 47.♙f3
 gxf5 48.♙g2 c3 49.♙e2 ♙h1 0-1 ■

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Yes, there are on line forums and blogging, but dashing off an e-mail letter to the editor is not really more work, and ensures an additional audience. Or, if you still remember how to use the little boxes on the corner, you could drop a stamped (no more licking required) master-crafted essay into one.

Here's to hearing more of your thoughts on any chess subject!

Carol Klait



I'm writing because I would like to see more letters to the Editor in this magazine. Every day in the morning paper I read exciting opinions

and often learn new facts and widen perspectives, but among the chess community silence is too golden.

As volunteer at my local chess club I would welcome ideas for realistic improvement or encouragement for what is found pleasing and desirable. The *Northwest Chess Magazine* is every chess player's opportunity to enthuse, vent, invite the chess community to take on his/her ideas, and in general, to be heard. Surely the Washington



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January 12-14, 2007

A 2-section, 5-round Swiss chess tournament. Time controls: 40/2 & SD/1. Prize fund: \$1000 based on 50 paid entries, 5 per prize group.

A Franett Memorial Grand Prix event

City Championship(5SS): \$225-140, X

\$90, A \$70 EF: \$40 by 1/10, \$48 at site.

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\$50, E & under \$40, Unr. \$20 EF: \$32 by 1/10, \$40 at site.

Entry Fees: Discounts- 25% for SCC members, 12.5% for members of other NW dues-req'd CCs; Unrateds free w/purch 1-yr USCF & WCF; GMs, IMs, WGMs free. **Addition-** add \$1 for 2-day schedule (Rd 1 - Sat. 10 a.m., G/64). Make checks payable to SCC.

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

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

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

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

2007 Weekends

Novice: Feb. 3, May 5, Aug. 25, Nov. 4

Quads: Jan. 20, Feb. 24, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 8

Tornados: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 11, Apr. 1, Apr. 29, June 3, July 1, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9

Seattle City Ch-January 12-14.

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Plus-Score Swiss-May 12-13.

Emerald City-June 22-24.

Seafair Open-August 10-12.

Seattle Fall Open-September 21-23.

Extravaganza-November 9-10.

Jan. 20, Feb. 24

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.

Jan. 7, Feb. 4 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

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.

February 3 SCC Novice

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

⌘ 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.

⌘ December 30 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.

⌘ January 6 TCC Tornado ⌘

Site: Tacoma CC, Rm. 11 (2nd floor in the DTI Soccer store bldg), 409 Puyallup Ave E, Tacoma WA. **Format:** 4-rd. Swiss. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$15. **Prize Fund:** \$205 b/20. **Prizes:** \$70-50, Bottom Half 45-40. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-1-3:30-6 (or ASAP). **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye avail. **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.

⌘ 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 King's Way Chess Tmt (K-3,4-6,7-12)	Trish Seydlitz 360-885-7065 trishseydlitz@hotmail.com	http://www.nwchess.com	Vancouver WA
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27 Scholastic at Meridian Park (K-6)	http://www.chessplayer.com/SignuptoPlayChess.htm	Shoreline WA
27 John Muir Scholastic (K,1-3,4-6)	www.chessplayer.com/SignuptoPlayChess.htm	Kirkland WA
27 Blitz at John Muir (1-6)	www.chessplayer.com/SignuptoPlayChess.htm	Kirkland WA

February 2007

3 Blitz at UCDS	www.chessplayer.com/ucds.htm	Seattle WA
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
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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
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10 Knightmare's Gauntlet (K,1-3,4-6; K-8 Qds)	http://signup4chess.com/	Shoreline WA
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19 Pres. Day Capital City Chess Festival	Eric Hannibal 503-931-5626 erichannibal@comcast.net	Salem OR
23-24 Oregon HSCTA State Tmt	Portland OR
24 Cornerstone Chess Challenge (K-12, parents)	Norm May nmay@pacifier.com	www.playingforthekeing.com	Vancouver WA

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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

December

15	TCC Christmas Swiss (Rd 3)	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
15	Eckstein MS Friday Weekly Quad	Siva 206-963-1841 siva@shakthi.net Seattle WA
16-17	WA Challengers' Cup	K Korsmo www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA
16-17	Christmas Congress	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
20-21	Washington Junior Closed (inv.)	David Hendricks 425-868-3881 DavidCHendricks@comcast.net Sammamish WA
27	TCC Wednesday Night Blitz	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
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January 2007

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12-14	Seattle City Championship	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
18,25	Spokane CC Winter Championship	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgriffin@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org Spokane WA
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26	TCC Annual Membership Meeting	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
27	8 PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland OR
27-28	Stephen Christopher Memorial	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
31	TCC Wednesday Night Blitz	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA

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2,9,16,23	Pierce County Chess League	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
3	SCC Novice	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
3	TCC Quads	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
4	SCC Sunday Tornado NOTE DATE CHANGE	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
4	TCC Sunday Blitz	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
6	Portland CC Tuesday Quad Tmt Begins	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland, OR
10-11,17-19	WA Championship & Premier	Dan Mathews 425-778-7482 dthmathews@hotmail.com Seattle WA
17	8 PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland OR
17-18	TCC Under 1800	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA

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Scholastic Events

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16	8 Hillsboro Holiday Classic (K-12)	Helen 503-628-7305 hnoonanharns@comcast.net www.oscf.org Hillsboro OR
16	Skagit Chessfest (K-4,5-8)	Randy Walther randywalther@msn.com http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/ Sedro-Woolley WA
16	Ridgefield Holiday Extravaganza (K-12)	Steve 360-887-8315, seymours@pacifier.com Ridgefield WA
18-22	Winter Break Chess Camp (K-6)	http://www.chessplayer.com/winterchess.htm Shoreline WA
18-22	Winter Break Chess Camp	http://www.chessplayer.com/winterchess.htm Kirkland and Bellevue WA
20	TCC Wed. Kids Night (K-12)	Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
27-29	Chess Odyssey Holiday Chess Camp	503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com Portland OR
27-29	Winter Break Chess Camp 2 (K-6)	http://www.chessplayer.com/winterchess.htm Shoreline WA
27-29	Winter Break Chess Camp 2	http://www.chessplayer.com/winterchess.htm Kirkland and Bellevue WA

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various	Chess for Success Regional Tmts	Julie Young info@chessforsuccess.org www.chessforsuccess.org various OR
6	Blitz at NSC (1-2,3-4,5-6)	http://www.chessplayer.com/SignuptoPlayChess.htm Shoreline WA
6	Rookies (U800,U900 & Open) at NSC	http://www.chessplayer.com/SignuptoPlayChess.htm Shoreline WA
13	State Qualifier (K-6)	Elliott Neff 425-283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com Tacoma WA
13	Whatcom Cty Championships (K-12)	Randy Kaech kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/ Lynden WA
13	Meridian Park (K, K-3, K-6)	www.chessplayer.com/mrp.htm Shoreline WA
13	Blitz at Meridian Park (1-2,3-4,5-6)	http://www.chessplayer.com/SignuptoPlayChess.htm Shoreline WA
13	Chess Pentathlon (5-12)	http://www.whsca.org/tournannounce.html Lynnwood WA
15	8 Martin Luther King Jr. Classic (K-12)	Helen 503-628-7305 hnoonanharns@comcast.net www.oscf.org Hillsboro OR
15	WA Jr Open & Res. (K-3,4-6,7-12,Open)	David Hendricks 425-868-3881 DavidCHendricks@comcast.net Sammamish WA
20	8 Mystery Scholastic	Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com Clatskanie OR
20	Purdy Panther Open (K-3,4-6)	Jane Hansen jane&shane@yahoo.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Purdy WA
20	Medina Elementary Tmt (K,1-3,4-6)	Marianne Mowat mgmowat@msn.com www.signup4chess.com Medina/Bellevue WA

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