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Greetings from the Editor

It's the end of an era!
Russell (a.k.a. Rusty) Mil-
ler is stepping down from
his post as the Northwest's
tournament clearinghouse.
If you've been on Rusty's
e-mail list, you've received
countless reminders of
tournaments being held
here in the Northwest. He has provided this
magazine with its calendar page as well as
its crosstables for many years.

Thanks for all you've done to help chess
here in Washington and the Northwest. I
know that Caissa will forever smile upon
one of her most devoted servants.

Best Wishes,
Frederick K. Kleist

Thanks to R. Miller for working on the crosstables
and for providing the calendar to these many years!!
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Spokane News

Julian Wins Summer Lightning

John Julian scored 13.5 from 14 to win the eight-person double-round-robin Summer Lightning quick event on July 28. Adam Attwood (12.0) finished second, while Khai Le (6.5) won the U1300 prize.

Julian Wins Grand Prix Race Again

The club's 2006-2007 Grand Prix season came to an end July 31 with the same result as last year—John Julian is the club's Grand Prix winner. This year John had to withstand the late season charge from two youngsters—Zach Countryman finished second and Ryan Ackerman claimed third.

There were numerous prizes, all gift certificates to Aunties Bookstore provided by Dave Griffin. John won \$20 for first place and \$10 for topping the “regular ratings” category. Phil Weyland (\$10) was the top A and Zach (\$10), the top B. Ryan won a total of \$25 as the top C, top quick player, and for the cumulative upset prize. David Blue (\$25) was the top D and won three upset prizes. Scott Engelhard (\$10) and Annette Weyland (\$10) each claimed two upset prizes. Congratulations to all the winners!

Qualchan Quads

Eight players turned out August 4 for the Qualchan Quads. Quad A was won by Pullman's John Walton who scored 2.5. Quad B was won by Taylor Coles and Paul Ramer, each of whom scored 2.5.

Spokane City Championship

Dave Sprenkle finished a double round-robin with a perfect 4.0 against Phil Weyland and Kevin Baker to earn a re-match with John Julian for the Spokane City Championship. Phil Weyland earned a free birth into the first Spokane Falls Open with a score of 2.0

Sprenkle Regains City Championship

Challenger David Sprenkle regained the city championship title by defeating John Julian 2.5-0.5 in a match held August 17-18. Sprenkle had held the championship in 2004 and 2005, before losing to Julian (2.5-1.5) in the 2006 championship match.

First Spokane Falls Open

Cyrus Desmarais won the first Spokane Falls Open held August 18-19 at Riverpark Square. He scored 4.0/5 to top the fourteen-player event held in conjunction with the City Championship match. His twin, Niles, tied with John Walton and Phil Weyland for second place with a 3.5-1.5 score. Cyrus won \$90 for his efforts. The three second place finishers each claimed \$55 as their shares of the second place, the U2000, and the U1700 prizes. Taylor Coles won \$55 for the U1400 prize. John Walton also won the biggest upset prize. ■

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On the Cover: Michael MacGregor, winner of the Oregon Open on his home turf at the Tacoma CC in December 2006. *Photo by H. G. Pitre.*

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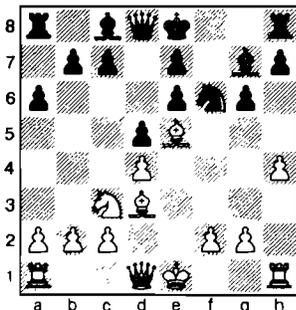
11... ♖xe2 12. ♘g6 ♜h6 13. ♖xe2 ♜xg6
14. ♖h5 ♘ge7 15. ♜c2 f5 16. ♖xg6+
♘xg6 17. g3 e5 18. ♜xf5 exd4 19. O-O
dxc3 20. ♜fe1+ ♘ce7 21. bxc3 ♜c5
22. ♜xg6+ 1-0

Nimzovich Defense

NM James Bricher (2243)
Paul Motta (1930)

Eugene, Oregon Open (1) 2007

1. e4 ♘c6 2. d4 d5 3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4. e5 ♘d7
5. e6 fxe6 6. ♖d3 ♘f6 7. ♘f3 g6 8. ♖f4
a6 9. ♘e5 ♘xe5 10. ♖xe5 ♖g7 11. h4



11... ♗d7 12. g4 ♜f8 13. ♜e2 ♘e8 14. h5
g5 15. h6 ♖f6 16. f4 gxf4 17. g5 ♖xg5
18. ♖xh8 ♜xh8 19. ♜g4 ♜f6 20. ♘xd5
♜xd4 21. O-O-O ♘d6 22. ♜xg5 1-0

Ruy Lopez Exchange

NM Corey Russell (2200)
Raleigh Foster (1997)

Eugene, Oregon Open (2) 2007

Annotations by NM Corey Russell
1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♖b5 a6 4. ♖xc6
dxc6 5. O-O f6 6. d4 exd4 7. ♘xd4 c5
8. ♘b3 ♜xd1 9. ♜xd1 ♖g4 10. f3 ♖e6
11. ♖e3 b6 12. ♘c3 ♖d6 13. a4 O-O-O
14. a5 ♗b7 15. axb6 cxb6

Incredibly, I actually remembered all this theory. At this point I was out of book (opponent was out of book at 10... ♖e6, he asked me afterwards what he was supposed to do, but I honestly didn't know). After some searching, I think found the key move.

16. e5 ♖c7 17. ♜xd8 ♖xd8 18. ♘e4

Threat is 19. ♘bxc5!, winning at least a pawn. But if Black takes on b3, then the threat will be 19. ♘d6+ ♗~ 20. ♘f7, winning the Black Rook.

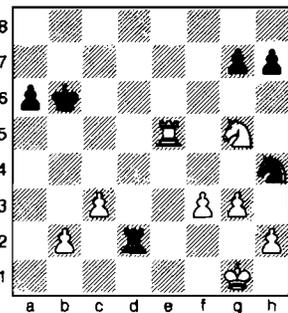
18... ♖e7 19. ♖xc5!

This only works, because if 19... ♖xb3, then 20. ♖xe7 is a sufficient intermezzo.

19... ♖xe5 20. ♖xe7 ♘xe7 21. ♘bc5+ bxc5
22. ♘xc5+ ♗b6 23. ♘xe6 ♘f5!

Nice move. I had a difficult time here deciding what to do.

24. c3 ♖e8 25. ♘g5 ♖d8 26. ♖e1 ♖d2
27. ♖xe5 ♘h4 28. g3



28... h6!

A great move by Black, and also the only move. 28... ♘g6?? 29. ♖e6+ ♗~ 30. ♘xh7 and the Black Knight is trapped! Or if the unnatural 28... ♘g2, 29. ♘h3! followed by ♘f2 and the Black Knight is trapped in this line as well!

29. gxf4 hxf4 30. hxf4 ♖xb2 31. ♖e7 a5

At this point, I realized the Black a-pawn is a screamer. I will have to sac the Rook for it, so I need to take the g-pawn. However, if I take it right away, my g-pawn gets in my way and also the enemy King will prevent my Rook from getting behind the enemy pawn. I need to divert the Black forces somehow to give me time to take it.

32. ♖e6+ ♗b5 33. ♖e8 ♗c4 34. ♖a8 ♖b5 35. h4 ♗b3 36. ♖a7 g6 37. ♖a6 a4 38. ♖xg6

Even if the Black Rook gets behind his pawn, I can still see a way to sacrifice my Rook for the a-pawn.

38... ♖a5 39. ♖b6+ ♗c2

Trying to deny me access to b1.

40. ♖e6

The key move for White's defense. This is the move Black missed.

40... a3 41. ♖e2+ ♗xc3 42. ♖a2 ♗b3 43. ♖xa3+ ♖xa3 44. g6 ♖a8 45. h5

Note that if 45... ♖a5?? 46. f4! would win!

45... ♖g8 46. f4

This does win, but a faster and easier win is to move my King up immediately to g5. If I do that, Black will be helpless and I will be able to queen and still have at least one other pawn remaining, which would have made it much easier to beat the Rook. As it was, I got into a Queen-vs.-Rook endgame. I knew that was winning and knew what position I had to aim for, but I've had no experience playing such an endgame. Nevertheless, I was optimistic of my chances.

46... ♗c4 47. f5 ♗d5 48. h6 ♗e5 49. h7 ♖h8 50. g7 ♖xh7 51. g8=♜ ♖h6!

This move guarantees the f-pawn will fall. There are stalemate possibilities in Queen-vs.-Rook endgame; so Black has every reason to play on.

52. ♗g2 ♖f6 53. ♗g3 ♖xf5 54. ♜e8+ ♗d5 55. ♜b5+ ♗e4 56. ♜c4+ ♗e5 57. ♗g4 ♖f6 58. ♜c3+ ♗e6 59. ♗g5 ♖f5+ 60. ♗g6 ♖d5 61. ♜f6+ ♗d7 62. ♜f7+ ♗c6 63. ♗f6 ♗c5 64. ♗e6 ♖d3 65. ♜f4 ♖c3 66. ♗e5 ♖c4 67. ♜f8+ ♗c6 68. ♜d6+ ♗b5 69. ♗d5 ♖b4 70. ♜c6+ ♗a5

Finally! I have driven the Black King to the back rank. If I can only force the key position now, which at this point is still not clear to me.

71. ♜a8+ ♗b5 72. ♜a7 ♖b3 73. ♜c5+ ♗a4 74. ♜c2 ♗b4 75. ♗d4 ♗a3 76. ♗c5 ♖b5+

A good try, if a little obvious. I will need to regroup.

77. ♗c6 ♖b3 78. ♜c5+ ♗a4 79. ♜c4+ ♗a3 80. ♗c5 ♗b2 81. ♜d4+ ♗a2 82. ♜d2+ ♗a3 83. ♗c4 ♖f3

Finally! I now see a clear win. I was tempted to sac my Queen for the Rook, the progress was so slow. However, I figured I should at least play the 50 moves. If I haven't won by then I don't deserve to win and I would claim the draw myself.

84. ♜d1 ♖f4+ 85. ♗c3 ♖f2 86. ♜b3mate

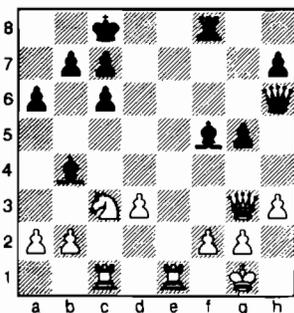
Ruy Lopez Schliemann Deferred

Michael MacGregor (2188)
Michael Wang (1803)

Eugene, Oregon Open (1) 2007

1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♖b5 a6 4. ♖a4 f5
5. exf5 e4 6. ♖xc6 dxc6 7. ♘e5 ♖xf5 8.
O-O ♘f6 9. d4 exd3 10. cxd3 ♜d4 11. ♖e1
O-O-O 12. ♘f7 ♖b4 13. ♘c3 ♜h4 14.

15. ♖xh8 ♜xh8 16. ♖xf6 ♜xf6
17. ♜f3 ♜f8 18. ♜ac1 ♜g6 19. ♜g3 ♜h6
20. h3 g5



21. ♖d5 ♖d6 22. ♖e7+ ♖b8 23. ♖xf5
♜xf5 24. ♜e8+ ♖a7 25. ♜e3+ c5
26. ♜c4 ♜f6 27. ♜c2 ♖d5 28. ♜e6 ♜f5
29. ♜e4 h5 30. ♜cc4 b6 31. d4 cxd4
32. ♜cxd4 ♜xd4 33. ♜xd4 ♖c5 34. ♜d2
♜xe4 35. ♜xg5 ♜e1+ 36. ♖h2 ♖xf2
37. ♜xh5 ♖g3 mate

English Opening

Gunther Jacobi (1970)
NM Curt Collyer (2243)

Eugene, Oregon Open (1) 2007

1. c4 c5 2. ♖c3 ♖f6 3. ♖f3 ♖c6 4. d3 g6
5. g3 ♖g7 6. ♖g2 O-O 7. O-O ♜b8 8. h3 a6
9. a4 d6 10. e4 ♖e8 11. ♖e3 ♖d4 12. ♖xd4
cxd4 13. ♖e2 e5 14. ♖d2 ♜a5 15. ♜c2
♖h6 16. b4 ♜xb4 17. f4 ♜a5 18. ♖b3 ♜c7
19. g4 f6 20. f5 ♖g7 21. ♜a2 ♖d7 22. c5
♜bc8 23. ♜c4+ ♖h8 24. ♜c2 dxc5
25. ♖xc5 ♜d6 26. ♜b4 b6 27. ♖xa6 ♜xb4
28. ♖xb4 ♜xc2 29. ♖xc2 ♖xa4 30. ♖b4
♖d3 31. ♖d5 b5 32. fxg6 hxg6 33. ♜b1 ♖e6
34. ♜b2 ♖a5 35. ♖g3 ♖g7 36. ♖f1 ♜c8
37. h4 ♖e1 38. ♖g2 ♜c2+ 39. ♜xc2 ♖xc2
40. h5 b4 41. hxg6 b3 42. ♖f5+ ♖xg6
43. ♖e2 b2 44. g5 ♖xg5 0-1

King's Indian

LM Viktors Pupols (2215)
Drew Serres (1961)

Eugene, Oregon Open (2) 2007

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖f3 g6 3. b4 ♖g7 4. ♖b2 O-
O 5. e3 b6 6. c4 c5 7. b5 cxd4 8. ♖xd4 ♖b7
9. ♖d2 d6 10. ♖2f3 ♖bd7 11. ♖e2 ♖c5
12. O-O ♖fe4 13. ♖e1 ♜d7 14. f3 ♖g5
15. ♖d3 ♖xd3 16. ♖xd3 ♜ac8 17. e4
♖e6 18. ♖xe6 ♜xe6 19. ♖xg7 ♖xg7
20. ♜d2 ♜c5 21. ♜ae1 ♜f6 22. f4 ♜d4+
23. ♜f2 ♜fc8 24. h3 a6 25. a4 axb5
26. axb5 ♜a8 27. ♖f1 ♜xd2 28. ♜xd2
♖c8 29. ♖f2 ♖e6 30. ♜c2 ♖f6 31. g4 g5
32. f5 ♖d7 33. ♜d2 ♖e5 34. ♖e3 ♜a3+
35. ♜d3 ♜xd3+ 36. ♖xd3 e6 37. ♜a1 d5

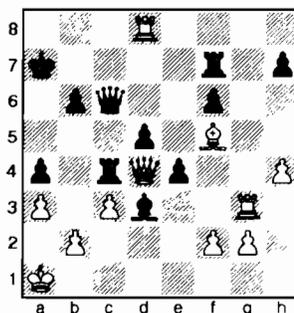
38. ♜a7 ♖d6 39. e5+ ♖e7 40. f6+ ♖d8
41. ♖d4 h6 42. ♜b7 dxc4 43. ♖xc4 ♖xb5
44. ♖xb5 ♖xb5 45. ♜xf7 ♖b4+ 46. ♖c3
♜e4 47. ♜g7 ♖e8 48. ♜e7+ ♖f8 49.
♜xe6 ♜e3+ 50. ♖d4 ♜xh3 51. ♜xb6
♜f3 52. ♖d5 ♜d3+ 53. ♖e4 1-0

French Winawer

Michael MacGregor (2188)
NM Harley Greninger (2259)

Eugene, Oregon Open (2) 2007

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♖c3 ♖b4 4. e5 c5
5. ♖d2 ♖c6 6. ♖b5 ♖xd2+ 7. ♜xd2
♖xd4 8. ♖xd4 cxd4 9. ♖f3 ♖e7 10.
O-O-O ♖c6 11. ♖d3 ♖d7 12. ♖b1 ♜e7
13. ♜he1 O-O-O 14. ♖f1 ♖b8 15. ♖xd4
♖xd4 16. ♜xd4 ♜c8 17. ♜e3 ♜c7 18.
♜a3 b6 19. ♜g3 f5 20. exf6 gxf6 21. ♜h4
♖c6 22. ♖d3 ♜f8 23. c3 ♖b7 24. ♜h6
♜f7 25. ♜e1 e5 26. ♖f5 a5 27. ♜d2 ♜c5
28. ♜g8+ ♖a7 29. ♜e3 a4 30. h4 ♜c7 31.
♜eg3 ♖a6 32. a3 e4 33. ♜d4 ♖c4 34.
♜e8 ♖d3+ 35. ♖a1 ♜c6 36. ♜d8 ♜c4



37. ♜xd5 ♜xc3 38. ♜xf7+ ♖a6 39.
♜gxd3 ♜c1+ 40. ♖a2 exd3 41. ♖xd3+
b5 42. ♜d5 ♜xd5+ 43. ♜xd5 1-0

Grünfeld

NM Curt Collyer (2243)
NM Peter Prochaska (2200)

Eugene, Oregon Open (2) 2007

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 d5 4. ♖f3 ♖g7
5. ♖g5 ♖e4 6. cxd5 ♖xc3 7. bxc3 ♜xd5
8. ♜b3 ♜xb3 9. axb3 c5 10. e3 ♖c6 6

11. ♖b5 ♖d7 12. O-O cxd4 13. exd4 h6
14. ♖c1 O-O 15. ♖a3 ♜fc8 16. ♜ac1 e6
17. ♜fe1 a6 18. ♖f1 ♖a5 19. ♜b1 ♜xc3
20. ♖b4 ♜xf3 21. gxf3 ♖c6 22. ♖c5
♖xd4 23. ♖xd4 Draw

Sicilian Smith-Morra

NM Radu Roua (2200)
NM Corey Russell (2200)

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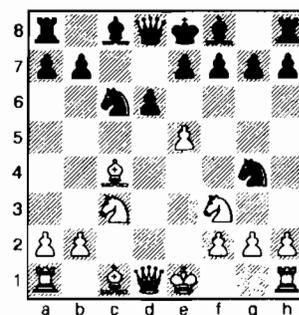
Annotations by NM Corey Russell

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 dxc3 4. ♖xc3 ♖c6
5. ♖f3 d6 6. ♖c4 ♖f6 ?

According to Roua, this is a mistake. He looks correct on that. Necessary was to play 6...a6 first before ...♖f6.

7. e5 ♖g4

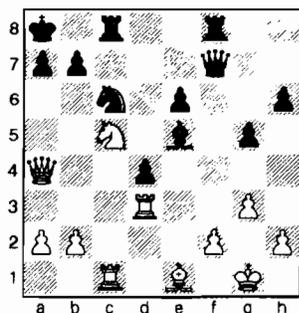
Anything else looks like instant death for Black.



8. e6 ?

I think Black is okay after this. Instead, I was looking at 8. ♖xf7+ !? ♖xf7 9. ♖g5+ ♖g8 10. e6 ♖ge5 11. f4 h6! 12. fxe5 hxg5 13. exd6 ♖xe6 14. ♖xg5 ♜xd6 15. ♜xd6 exd6 and White is UP a pawn.

8... ♖xe6 9. ♖xe6 fxe6 10. ♖g5 ♖f6
11. ♖xe6 ♜d7 12. ♜e2 ♖d8 13. ♖g5 e6
14. O-O h6 15. ♖ge4 ♖e7 16. ♖xf6+
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22. ♜ac1 ♖a8 23. g3 g5 24. ♜d3 d5
25. ♖c5 ♜c8 26. ♜a4 d4 27. ♖d2 ♜fh8
28. ♖e1



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28... ♖f4 ??

The losing move. The move I WANTED to play (and the move my opponent later said he feared) was 28... ♖b8! Black would have a clear advantage after that. I was afraid of 29. ♖b3, but Radu showed me later that 29... ♗e5! is a good defense. Because then if 30. ♖xb7?? Qxb7! 31. ♗xb7 ♖xc1, Black will get two Rooks and a minor piece for the Queen, more than enough compensation.

29. gxf4 gxf4 30. f3

If Black could play ...f4-f3, he would win. As it is, White is now clearly winning.

30... ♗e5 31. ♖a3 b6 32. ♖xd4 ♗c6 33. ♖d7 bxc5 34. ♖xf7 ♖xf7 35. ♖xc5

Black has regained the material only to be faced with a vastly inferior endgame. The White Bishop will be a much better piece than Black's Knight.

35... ♖g8+ 36. ♗f1 ♗d4 37. ♖f2 ♗f5 38. ♖ca5 ♗e3+ 39. ♖xe3 fxe3 40. ♖xe3 ♖fg7 41. ♖xe6 ♖g1+ 42. ♗e2 ♖1g2+ 43. ♗e3 ♖xb2 44. ♖xh6 ♖gg2 45. ♖h8+ ♗b7 46. ♖h7+ ♗b6 47. ♖axa7 ♖xh2 48. ♖xh2 ♖xh2 49. ♖a3 ♗c5 50. ♗e4 ♗d6 51. ♖d3+ ♗e6 52. a3 ♖a2 53. ♖b3 ♗f6 54. ♗d4 ♗f5 55. ♗c5 ♗e5 56. ♗b5 ♗d6 57. a4 ♗c7 58. f4 ♖f2 59. ♖b4 ♗b7 60. ♗c5+ ♗c7 61. ♗d5 ♗d7 62. ♗e5 ♗e7 63. ♖b7+ ♗f8 64. f5 ♖c2 65. ♖a7 ♖c5+ 66. ♗f6 ♖c6+ 67. ♗g5 ♖d6 68. a5 ♖c6 69. a6 ♖b6 70. ♖a8+ ♗f7 71. a7 ♖a6 72. ♖h8 1-0

Ruy Lopez Steinitz

Daniel Gay (1997)

NM James Bricher (2243)

Eugene, Oregon Open (2) 2007

1. e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♖b5 ♗ge7 4. O-O d6 5. d4 ♖d7 6. dxe5 ♗xe5 7. ♗xe5 dxe5 8. ♖xd7+ ♖xd7 9. ♖xd7+ ♗xd7 10. ♗c3 c6 11. ♖e3 ♗g6 12. ♗e2 ♖e7 13. ♖ad1+ ♗c7 14. ♖d3 ♖hd8 15. ♖fd1 ♗f8 16. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 17. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 18. ♗c1 ♗e6 19. ♗d3 ♖f6 20. f3 b6 21. c3 ♗d6 22. ♗f2 ♖g5 23. ♖xg5 ♗xg5 24. ♗e3 ♗e6 25. g3 b5 26. b3 f6 27. ♗c1 c5 28. ♗e2 c4 29. b4 ♗f8 30. ♗g1 ♗d7 31. ♗h3 ♗b6 32. ♗d2 g6 33. ♗f2 ♗e6 34. h3 ♗f7 35. g4 ♗a8 36. h4 ♗c7 37. ♗h3 ♗e6 38. ♗e3 ♗e7 39. ♗f2 ♗f7 40. ♗g3 h6 41. ♗f2 h5 42. gxf5 gxf5

43. ♗e3 ♗e7 44. f4 exf4+ 45. ♗xf4 ♗xf4 46. ♗xf4 ♗e6 47. ♗f3 ♗d6 48. ♗f4 ♗e6 49. ♗f3 ♗e5 50. ♗e3 ♗d6 51. ♗f3 ♗e5 52. ♗e3 f5 53. exf5 ♗xf5 54. ♗f3 ♗e5 55. ♗e3a6 56. a3 ♗f5 57. ♗f3 ♗e5 Draw

English Opening

NM James Bricher (2243)

NM Peter Prochaska (2200)

Eugene, Oregon Open (3) 2007

1. c4 ♗f6 2. ♗c3 g6 3. g3 ♖g7 4. ♖g2 c5 5. d3 ♗c6 6. ♖b1 O-O 7. a3 d6 8. b4 cxb4 9. axb4 ♖b8 10. b5 ♗a5 11. ♖d2 ♖e6 12. ♖a4 b6 13. ♗f3 d5 14. cxd5 ♗xd5 15. ♗xd5 ♖xd5 16. O-O ♗b7 17. ♖fc1 ♗c5 18. ♖a3 ♗e6 19. e3 ♖d7 20. ♖c3 ♖fd8 21. ♖xg7 ♗xg7 22. ♗e5 ♖d6 23. ♖xd6 ♖xd6 24. d4 ♖xg2 25. ♗xg2 ♖b7 26. ♖c8 ♖d8 27. ♖xd8 ♗xd8 28. d5 f6 29. ♗c6 ♖d7 30. e4 f5 31. ♗xd8 ♖xd8 32. ♗f3 ♖c8 33. ♖a1 ♖c7 34. ♗e3 ♗f6 35. f4 fxe4 36. ♗xe4 ♖c5 37. ♖xa7 ♖xb5 38. ♖b7 h5 39. h3 ♖b4+ 40. ♗d3 ♖b3+ 41. ♗d4 ♖xg3 42. ♖xb6+ ♗f7 43. ♖b7 ♗f6 44. ♖b6+ ♗f7 45. ♖b7 Draw

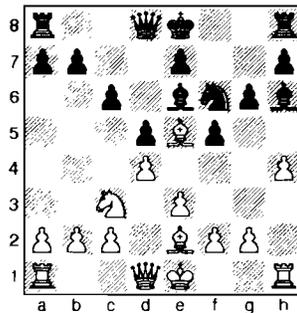
Dutch Defense

Michael Schemm (1979)

LM Viktors Pupols (2215)

Eugene, Oregon Open (3) 2007

1. d4 d5 2. ♗c3 f5 3. ♖f4 c6 4. e3 ♗f6 5. ♗f3 ♖e6 6. ♗e5 ♗bd7 7. ♖e2 ♗xe5 8. ♖xe5 g6 9. h4 ♖h6



10. g4 ffg4 11. ♖g1 ♖d7 12. ♖xf6 exf6 13. ♖xg4 ♖xg4 14. ♖xg4 f5 15. ♖g2 f4 16. ♖g4 fxe3 17. ♖xd7+ ♗xd7 18. f3 ♖af8 19. ♗e2 ♖f4 20. ♖g4 ♖hf8 21. ♖f1 ♖g7 22. ♖xf4 ♖xf4 23. ♗xe3 ♖xh4 24. ♗e2 ♖h6+ 25. ♗d3 ♖h3 26. a4 g5 27. ♗g1 ♖h2 28. ♖e1 ♖g2 29. b3 ♖f8 30. ♗e2 ♖d6 31. c4 h5 32. cxd5 cxd5 33. ♗c3 ♖g3 34. ♖h1 h4 35. ♗xd5 ♗e6 36. ♗e3 ♖b2 37. d5+ ♗d7 38. ♗f1 ♖xb3+ 39. ♗e4 ♖f4 40. ♗h2 ♖b4+ 41. ♗f5 ♖d4 42. ♗g4 ♖xd5+ 43. ♗f6 ♖a5 44. ♖d1+ ♗c6 45. ♖d4 h3 46. ♗e6 h2 47. ♖c4+ ♖c5 0-1

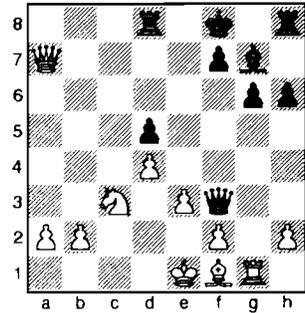
Grünfeld

NM Curt Collyer

NM Michael MacGregor

Eugene, Oregon Open (3) 2007

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♗c3 d5 4. ♗f3 ♖g7 5. ♖g5 ♗e4 6. cxd5 ♗xg5 7. ♗xg5 e6 8. ♖d2 exd5 9. ♖e3+ ♗f8 10. ♖f4 ♖f6 11. ♖xc7 ♗a6 12. ♖g3 ♗b4 13. ♖c1 h6 14. ♗f3 ♖f5 15. ♖c7 ♗c2+ 16. ♖xc2 ♖xc2 17. ♖xb7 ♖d8 18. ♖xa7 ♖e4 19. e3 ♖xf3 20. gxf3 ♖xf3 21. ♖g1



21... ♖f6 22. ♖g3 ♖f5 23. ♖h3 ♖c2 24. ♖f3 ♖c1+ 25. ♗e2 ♖xb2+ 26. ♗f1 ♗g7 27. ♖a6 ♖e7 28. ♗e2 ♖hf8 29. ♗f4 ♖g5 30. ♗g2 ♖b1 31. ♗e2 ♖e1 32. ♗g3 ♖a8 33. ♖b7 ♖xa2 34. ♖e6 ♖f6 35. ♖xd5 ♖a1 36. ♖c6 ♖h4 37. ♖c7 ♖f6 38. ♖xf6 ♖a7 39. ♖xa7 ♗xf6 40. ♖c7 ♗g7 1-0

Pirc 150 Attack

NM Harley Greninger (2259)

Daniel Gay (1992)

Eugene, Oregon Open (3) 2007

1. d4 ♗f6 2. ♗f3 g6 3. ♗c3 ♖g7 4. e4 d6 5. ♖e3 O-O 6. ♖d2 c6 7. ♖d3 ♗bd7 8. O-O e5 9. ♖ad1 ♖c7 10. h3 b5 11. ♗e2 a6 12. c3 d5 13. dxe5 ♗xe4 14. ♖xe4 dxe4 15. ♗g5 ♗xe5 16. ♗xe4 ♖xh3 17. ♖c5 ♖fd8 18. ♖d6 ♖c8 19. ♖g5 ♖f5 20. ♖e7 ♖xd1 21. ♖xd1 ♖c7 22. ♗2g3 h6 23. ♖d8 hxg5 24. ♖xc7 g4 25. ♗xf5 gxf5 26. ♗g3 f4 27. ♗h5 ♖e8 28. ♗xf4 ♖e7 29. ♖d8+ ♗h7 30. ♖d6 ♖d7 31. ♖xd7 ♗xd7 32. ♗h2 ♖e5 33. ♖xe5 Draw

Sicilian Najdorf

NM Corey Russell (2200)

Daniel Gay (1992)

Eugene, Oregon Open (4) 2007

Annotations by NM Corey Russell
1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♗xd4 ♗f6 5. ♗c3 a6 6. ♖g5 e6 7. ♖d3 ♖e7 8. f4 ♗c6 9. ♖e2 ♖b6 10. O-O-O ♗xd4 11. ♖xd4 ♖xd4 12. ♖xd4 h6 13. ♖h4 b5 14. ♖f3

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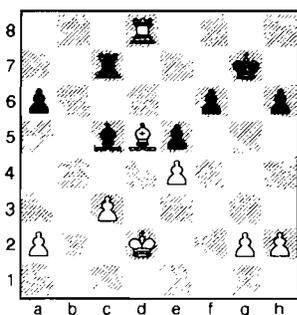
e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16. ♖d3 ♗b7 17. ♗xf6 gxf6

A truly shocking move. This opponent had already drawn two Masters, and I was not expecting him to weaken his king side unnecessarily. He may have wanted the a3-f8 diagonal, but I do not believe that was a sufficient reason.

18. ♖hd1 ♗c6 19. ♘d5 ♗xd5 20. ♖xd5 O-O 21. ♖d7 ♗c5 22. c3 ♖fc8

Apparently, my opponent wanted some activity. It is short lived and will cost him a pawn. However, the issue is still far from clear while Bishops of opposites are on the table.

23. ♗h5 b4 24. ♗xf7+ ♖h8 25. ♖1d3 ♖a7 26. ♖d8+ ♖xd8 27. ♖xd8+ ♖g7 28. ♗d5 bxc3 29. bxc3 ♖c7 30. ♖d2



The smoke has cleared and White has a great Bishop at d5, an aggressive Rook and an extra pawn. However, the extra pawn is firmly blockaded and there is no hope of breaking the blockade, even with the support of the White King. At this point, I believe my only chance to win is to get my King on the kingside, even if it costs me a pawn.

30...a5 31. ♖a8 ♖a7 32. ♖c8 ♗d6 33. ♖c6 ♗e7 34. ♖c8 ♗d6 35. c4 ♖c7 36. ♖a8 ♗b4+ 37. ♖e2 ♖g6 38. ♖f3 ♗c3 39. ♗e6 ♗d2 40. ♗f5+ ♖g7

Of course, 40...♖g5?? would lead to mate. Retreat was necessary.

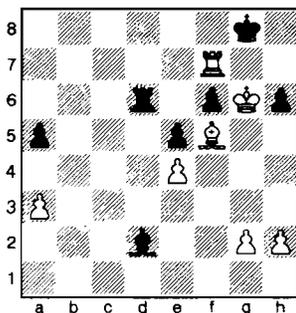
41. ♖g4

A good try at a win. The c4 pawn was going nowhere. This pins the Black King at the first rank and allows the White King to infiltrate. It does entail some risk, as the Black Rook could go to the seventh rank.

41... ♖xc4 42. ♖a7+ ♖f8 43. ♖h5 ♖c6

43... ♖c2 seemed more natural. After 44.g3 ♖xa2 45. ♖g6 ♗g5 46.h4, the f6-pawn will fall. White still has chances to win.

44. ♖g6 ♖d6 45. ♖f7+ ♖g8 46. a3



I can win a pawn, but at the cost of trading Rooks. I'm trying to win the pawn under more favorable circumstances. Also, the text sets up a cool trap. The threat is 47. ♗e6! ♖xe6 48. ♖d7 (threatening the d2-Bishop and mate — with the pawn on a3, Black can't play ...♗d2-b4 and interpose on f8). With Bishops off, even with even pawns, victory for White seems certain because of his more aggressive King position and active Rook. Note also that white would like to play ♗d7 and ♖e7. But 46. ♗d7?? loses to 46...f5+! So white will need to probe black for a mistake.

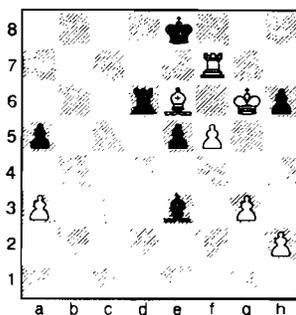
46... ♗e3 47. g3 ♖c6 ??

The losing move! In a few moves, white returns the favor and ALSO plays a losing move! But black misses his one chance to win.

48. ♗d7

Now 48...f5+? doesn't work since the c6-Rook is being hit. White will get the tempo needed to play ♖e7 and won't lose material.

48... ♖d6 49. ♖e7 f5+ 50. ♗e6+ ♖f8 51. ♖f7+ ♖e8 52. exf5??



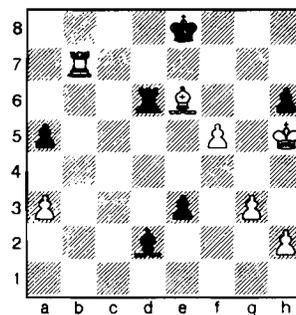
The losing move! I was overestimating the power of the f-pawn. The Black

e-pawn is MUCH faster, because none of White's pieces are in a good position to stop it, while, on the other hand, Black's Rook and Bishop will be able to keep the f-pawn tied down via pins, if I try to advance it. The correct move was 52. ♖xf5. This would lead to a two-pawn advantage, because, if Black plays 52... ♗d4 to protect the e5-pawn, then 53. ♖h7 and there is no way to cover the h-pawn without losing the e-pawn.

52... ♗d2 53. ♖b7 e4 54. ♖b8+ ♖e7 55. ♖b7+ ♖e8

White was just testing Black. Allowing a trade of Rooks loses by force. Black didn't take the bait, so now it's time to try to stop the e-pawn. Just so the reader knows, my opponent was in time pressure in much of the game. At the end, he had 20 seconds left in sudden death, while I had about 24 minutes.

56. ♖h5 e3 ??



There is no way to recover from this mistake, Black will now lose as the kingside pawns will become very strong, even if White has to sacrifice the Bishop. Their effectiveness is because they are connected passers, with the King nearby and Black's King pinned down in the first rank.

Instead, Black should play 56... ♖xe6! 57. fxe6 e3 58. a4! e2 59. ♖b1 ♖e7 with a draw a likely result, as Black will have to lose the h-pawn to promote. However, since the Bishop is the same color as the queening square for the a-pawn, Black may be able to win this.

57. ♗c4 ♗c1 58. h4 ♗xa3 59. g4 ♗c1 60. g5 hxg5 61. hxg5 ♖d2 62. f6 ♖f2 63. f7+ ♖f8 64. ♖b8+ ♖g7 65. ♖g8+ ♖h7 66. ♗d3+ 1-0

I like this mate because every single White piece is converging on the Black King. 66.g6 would mate a move earlier,

but I saw that 66. e3 was forced mate and didn't look any further. This game lasted five-and-a-half hours; so I was more than happy just to finish it!

French Tarrasch

FM Nick Raptis (2243)

NM Curt Collyer (2243)

Eugene, Oregon Open (4) 2007

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. c3 c6 4. e5 c7 5. e3 c5 6. c3 c6 7. e2 cxd4 8. cxd4 f6 9. f4 dxd4 10. h5 e7 11. g6 hgx6 12. exf6 xf6 13. hxh8 f7 14. f4 c5 15. b1 d7 16. O-O b5 17. f3 xf3 18. xf3 f6 19. e3 Draw

London System

LM Viktors Pupols (2215)

Raleigh Foster (1997)

Eugene, Oregon Open (4) 2007

1. d4 d5 2. f3 f6 3. e4 e6 4. e3 c5 5. c3 c6 6. d3 d6 7. dxc5 xc5 8. bd2 O-O 9. O-O e8 10. e5 xe5 11. xe5 d7 12. g3 e5 13. e4 d4 14. cxd4 xd4 15. b1 c5 16. c2 f6 17. b4 e6 18. f3 a5 19. bxa5 xa5 20. b3 h8 21. xd4 xd4 22. f3 xb3 23. xb3 b5 24. fd1 e7 25. c3 xa2 26. xb5 e6 27. f2 h6 28. b2 xb2 29. xb2 c8 30. e3 c7 31. a3 d8 32. c1 d7 33. f2 c8 34. xc8 xc8 35. c5 xc5 Draw

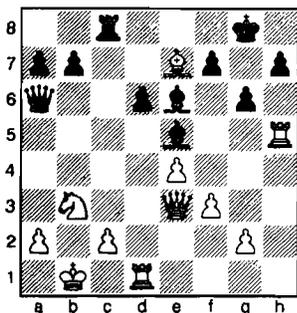
Sicilian Dragon

Michael MacGregor (2188)

Sean Tobin (1910)

Eugene, Oregon Open (4) 2007

1. e4 c5 2. f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. xd4 f6 5. c3 g6 6. e3 g7 7. f3 O-O 8. d2 c6 9. c4 d7 10. O-O-O e5 11. b3 a5 12. b1 fc8 13. e1 c4 14. xc4 xc4 15. b3 a6 16. g5 e6 17. h4 ac8 18. h5 hxh5 19. xe7 xc3 20. bxc3 xc3 21. e3 e5 22. hxh5



22... xc2 23. xc2 xa2 24. d3 xb3 25. e2 c4 26. f2 g3 27.

gxg3 xe3 28. hh1 f5 29. xd6 g5 30. f2 fxe4 31. fxe4 a5 32. he1 b5 33. g1 h5 34. e5 f7 35. c5 e8 36. e3 f5 37. b6 g5 38. e6 e7 39. xa5 xe6 40. c3 c5 41. d4 c8 42. f2 f7 43. a1 g5 44. a7 g6 45. e7 d5 46. e5 g4 47. h4 c5 48. h2 d4 49. g5 h6 50. f5 b4 51. f6 g7 52. e7 g8 53. d6 f4 54. g3 xd6 55. xd6 b3 56. e5 f7 57. g3 f8 58. c7 g6 59. f4 e8 60. g5 f7 61. g3 d5 1-0 (Time)

London System

David Fulton (1800)

NM James Bricher (2243)

Eugene, Oregon Open (4) 2007

1. d4 d5 2. f4 c6 3. c3 f5 4. e3 f6 5. d3 xd3 6. xd3 e6 7. d2 d6 8. gf3 O-O 9. O-O c7 10. xd6 xd6 11. e4 dx4 12. xe4 xe4 13. xe4 d7 14. ae1 fd8 15. g5 f6 16. h4 h6 17. e4 xe4 18. xe4 c5 19. g4 cxd4 20. xd4 c7 21. fd1 xd4 22. xd4 f6 23. g3 e5 24. d5 c4 25. d7 xa2 26. h4 xb2 27. d3 h8 28. d8 xd8 29. xd8 h7 30. d3 g8 31. d8 f7 32. d7 f8 33. d8 Draw

French Steinitz

Brian Esler (1854)

LM Viktors Pupols (2215)

Eugene, Oregon Open (5) 2007

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. c3 c6 4. e5 fd7 5. f4 c5 6. f3 c6 7. e3 cxd4 8. xd4 c5 9. d2 a6 10. O-O-O xd4 11. xd4 b5 12. g4 h5 13. gxh5 hxh5 14. e2 h8 15. f3 b4 16. e2 g6 17. g3 xd4 18. xd4 a5 19. b1 h4 20. he1 b6 21. d2 b7 22. e4 O-O-O 23. d6 b8 24. g2 xf4 25. g3 d4 26. xd4 xd4 27. xf7 f8 28. g5 c5 29. d1 e3 30. e1 f4 31. g1 c8 32. b3 e4 33. xe4 dx4 34. xe6 xe5 35. g3 gxg3 36. hxg3 c3 37. d4 e3 38. c1 c7 39. e6 d6 40. d4 e4 41. b1 e5 42. e2

xc2 43. a1 xe2 44. xe2 d4 45. b2 d3 46. e1 d2 0-1

Center-Counter

NM Radu Roua (2200)

Michael MacGregor (2188)

Eugene, Oregon Open (5) 2007

1. c3 d5 2. e4 dx4 3. xe4 f5 4. g3 g6 5. f3 f6 6. e5 bd7 7. gxg6 hxg6 8. d4 e5 9. dx5 xe5 10. e2 e7 11. f4 c6 12. xe7 xe7 13. b5 O-O 14. xc6 bxc6 15. d2 g4 16. f1 c5 17. O-O-O f2 18. g3 xd1 19. xd1 hx2 20. e4 b6 21. c4 f5 22. g5 gxg2 0-1

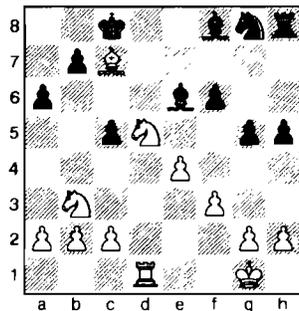
Ruy Lopez Exchange

NM James Bricher (2243)

Raleigh Foster (1997)

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1. e4 e5 2. f3 c6 3. b5 a6 4. xc6 dxc6 5. O-O f6 6. d4 exd4 7. xd4 c5 8. b3 xd1 9. xd1 g4 10. f3 e6 11. f4 d8 12. xd8 xd8 13. c3 c8 14. d1 h5 15. d5 g5 16. xc7



16... c4 17. d4 xd5 18. exd5 xc7 19. e6 d6 20. xf8 e7 21. e6 xd5 22. c7 xc7 23. xd5 b5 24. f2 e8 25. f4 g8 26. f5 g6 27. a4 c6 28. axb5 axb5 29. fxg5 fxg5 30. e3 h4 31. d4 d6 32. c3 d5 33. xd5 xd5 34. b4 c6 35. g4 hxg3 36. hxg3 b6 37. g4 a6 38. c5 a5 39. b3 1-0



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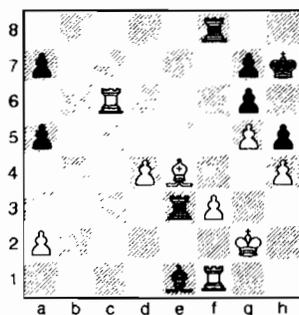
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 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♙f4 ♙g4 7.♚e5 ♖b6
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 18.b3 ♗h7 19.♙c7 ♗c4 20.bxc4 ♖xa4
 21.cxd5 exd5 22.♖a5 ♖xa5 23.♙xa5
 ♗b8 24.♗g2 ♗c6 25.♙d2 ♙d6
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 31.♙c6 ♙b4 32.♙e4 ♙e1



33.♙e6 ♗h8 34.♙d5 ♙e8 35.♙xe8+
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Grünfeld

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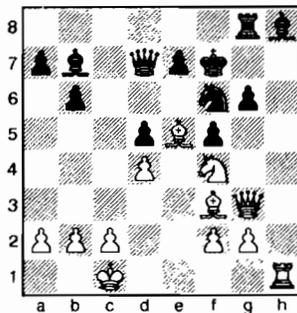
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1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♙f4 ♙g7
 5.e3 O-O 6.♙e2 c5 7.♗e5 b6

My opponent claimed this was a mistake. The setup Black takes is effective against Byrd's opening and is logical. However, considering the massive (and what should have been winning) attack White shortly obtained, I am forced to agree with his statement. 7...♗c6 is better he claims.

8.h4 ♙b7 9.h5 ♗bd7 10.h×g6 h×g6
 11.♙g4 ♗xe5 12.♙xe5 ♗e4 13.♖f3 f5

14.♖h3 ♗f6 15.♙f3 ♗f7 16.O-O-O ♙h8
 17.♖g3 ♙xh1 18.♙xh1 cxd4 19.exd4
 ♖d7 20.♗e2 ♙g8 21.♗f4 ♙h8



22.♙xf6?

Instead, 22.♙xh8! ♙xh8 23.♖xg6+
 ♗f8 24.♙xf6 ♙h1+ 25.♗d2 exf6 26.
 ♖xf6+ ♗g8 27.♗e6 is winning for White,
 and also much better than the mere pawn
 that he actually won. My opponent saw
 this variation, but underestimated how
 good it was for White.

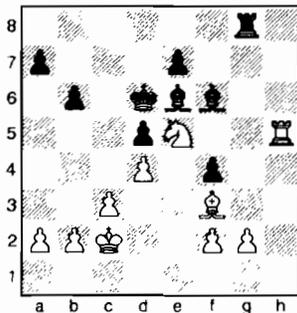
22...♙xf6 23.♙h7+ ♗e8 24.♗xg6 ♗d8

Gets out of problems with ♙h5, and
 even has a threat. If White does nothing,
 25...f4! will win a piece. Before 24...
 ♗d8, White can play ♙h5 to pin and win
 my Rook.

25.♖b8+ ♖c8 26.♖xc8+ ♙xc8 27.♗e5
 ♙e6 28.c3 ♗c7 29.♗c2 ♗d6 30.♗d3
 f4 31.♙h5

This prevents ...♙f5. If Black can
 just trade the Rooks and the white-
 squared Bishop for the White Knight, he
 will get excellent chances to draw.

31...♙g5 32.♗e5 ♙f6



33.♗d3?

A mistake. Now the Knight has no
 where to run without being captured by
 the White Bishop. 33.♗d2 would avoid
 the positional combination that now hap-
 pens.

33... ♙h8

If White plays 34.♙xh8 ♙xh8
 35.♗g6, Black wins the Knight with
 35...♙f5+.

34.♗g6 ♙xh5 35.♙xh5 ♙f5+ 36.♗e2
 ♙xg6 37.♙xg6 Draw

White offered a draw here. With
 Rooks off and Bishops of opposites (a
 condition notorious for draws, even when
 up multiple pawns), a draw indeed is a
 very likely result. I couldn't refuse, be-
 ing a pawn down.

Generally speaking, in a Bishops-of-
 opposite-color endgame, the only way to
 win is to have at least two connected
 passers, then advance on the squares
 OPPOSITE your Bishop. Otherwise, you
 need at least one Rook on the board to
 win with a one pawn advantage.

I had already lost once, so I knew
 that I had to win my last two games in
 order to be in the running for the money.

I had seen one of Nathan's games in
Northwest Chess and knew he was a solid
 player.—DB

Stonewall Attack

David Bannon (1776)

Nathan Porter (1619)

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Annotations by David Bannon

1.f4 d5 2.♗f3 g6 3.e3 ♙g7 4.♙e2 ♗c6

I suspect that Black was hoping for
 5. O-O e5.

5.d4

The Stonewall Attack. Black usually
 attacks on the queenside with c5. How-
 ever, in this position, the c-pawn is
 blocked. Better for Black would have
 been 4...c5 5.O-O ♗c6.

5...♗f6 6.O-O ♙f5

The combination of ...♙f5 and ...g7-
 g6 is unappealing. In several lines, White
 can threaten to win Black's light-squared
 Bishop after ...e7-e6 and ...♗e4, when
 the Bishop has nowhere to retreat after a
 supported g4-thrust.

7.a4 a6 8.♗a3 ♖d7 9.c4 e6

Usually in the Stonewall Attack,
 White moves the pawn to c3 to support
 d4. However, since Black does not have
 ...c7-c5 at his disposal, c2-c4 is indi-
 cated, increasing the pressure.

10. $\text{d}2$ O-O 11. $\text{c}1$

White prepares a queenside attack.

11...a5

Moving the a-pawn twice effectively loses a move. In this position, Black has no counterplay.

12. $\text{e}5$ $\text{e}5$ 13. $\text{f}e5$ $\text{e}8$

13... $\text{e}4$ is also possible.

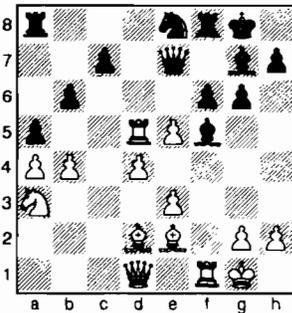
14. $\text{b}4$ $\text{f}6$ 15. $\text{c}x\text{d}5$ $\text{e}x\text{d}5$ 16. $\text{c}5!$

Threatening to capture on d5.

16...b6

Black misses the threat.

17. $\text{c}x\text{d}5$ $\text{e}7$



18. $\text{c}x\text{f}5!$ $\text{g}x\text{f}5$ 19. $\text{e}6$

Black is helpless on the light squares. White's Bishop is a monster.

19... $\text{d}6!$

An excellent defensive move by Black, blockading the d-file and defending c4.

20. $\text{d}b5$

White wants to eliminate or displace Black's best defender.

20... $\text{c}h8$

Black finally eliminates the threats along the a2-g8 diagonal.

21. $\text{d}x\text{d}6$ $\text{c}x\text{d}6$

Black's position is shattered. All of his pawns are weak and disconnected and his King's position is perilous.

22. $\text{c}x\text{f}5$ $\text{e}6$ 23. $\text{d}3$ $\text{h}6$ 24. $\text{f}3$ $\text{a}e8$

Black counterattacks White's backward pawn.

25. $\text{c}f2$ $\text{f}7$

Preparing to double rooks on the e-file but missing the following tactic.

26. $\text{h}5$ $\text{f}8$ 27. $\text{g}6!$

Winning back the earlier Exchange sac.

27... $\text{a}x\text{b}4$ 28. $\text{c}x\text{f}7$ $\text{c}x\text{f}7$ 29. $\text{c}x\text{b}4$ $\text{a}2+$ 30. $\text{e}2$ $\text{a}4$ 31. $\text{d}3$ $\text{a}2+$ 32. $\text{c}f3$ $\text{f}7$ 33. $\text{g}4$ $\text{b}7+$ 34. $\text{d}5$ $\text{e}5$ 35. $\text{f}5$ $\text{e}7$ 36. $\text{c}3$

Forcing the Rook trade.

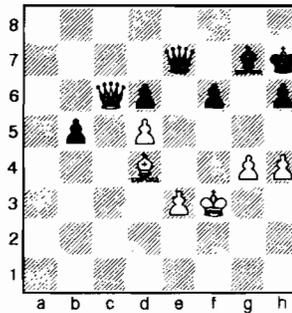
36... $\text{c}x\text{f}5+$ 37. $\text{c}x\text{f}5$ $\text{g}7$ 38. $\text{h}4$ $\text{h}6$

White is clearly winning. Black's Bishop is locked in and all of his pawns are isolated and weak.

39. $\text{d}4$ $\text{b}5$ 40. $\text{c}8+$ $\text{c}h7$

Both players make time control with only seconds left on their clocks. I saw that I could win the b-pawn outright, but I missed Black's reply.

41. $\text{c}6$



41...f5!

Black opens up all kinds of threats.

42. $\text{c}x\text{g}7$ $\text{f}x\text{g}4+$ 43. $\text{c}x\text{g}4$ $\text{c}x\text{g}7+$ 44. $\text{c}f3$ $\text{f}7+$ 45. $\text{c}e2$ $\text{c}h5+$ 46. $\text{c}d2$ $\text{c}x\text{h}4$ 47. $\text{c}x\text{d}6$ $\text{c}4$

Now that the smoke has cleared, White's pawns are connected, which may give him the advantage.

48. $\text{c}d7+$ $\text{c}g6$ 49. $\text{c}6+$ $\text{c}f5$

50. $\text{c}x\text{c}4$ $\text{b}x\text{c}4$ 51. $\text{c}3$ loses; so I had to keep trying.

50. $\text{c}6+$ $\text{c}g5$ 51. $\text{c}7+$ $\text{c}h5?$

Blockading his own h-pawn was not indicated.

52. $\text{d}6$

White's Queen protects both of her precious pawns. Does Black have a perpetual? If not, then White marches the d-pawn to victory.

52... $\text{c}d5+$ 53. $\text{c}e1$ $\text{c}h1+$ 54. $\text{c}f2$ $\text{c}h2+$ 55. $\text{c}f3$ $\text{c}h3+$ 56. $\text{c}f4$ $\text{c}g4+$ 57. $\text{c}e5$

$\text{c}g3+$ 58. $\text{c}d5$ $\text{c}g2+$ 59. $\text{c}c5$ $\text{c}c2+$ 60. $\text{c}x\text{b}5$ $\text{c}b3+$ 61. $\text{c}c6$

White's King heads for the protection of his Queen and d-pawn.

61... $\text{c}c3+$?

61... $\text{c}c4+$ was indicated, i.e., 62. $\text{c}d7$ $\text{c}b5+$ etc.

62. $\text{c}d7$ $\text{c}4$

Is there a better square?

63. $\text{c}e5+$ 1-0

If 63... $\text{c}g6$ or 63... $\text{c}g4$, then 64. $\text{c}e6+$. If 63... $\text{c}h4$, then 64. $\text{c}f4+$. Either way, the Queens come off. Great game.

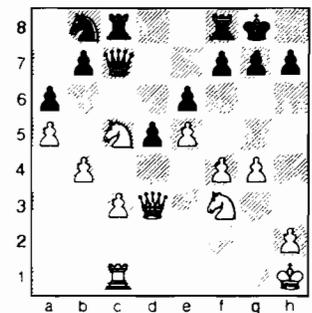
Caro-Kann Advance

Gary Bricher (1682)

Carson Hannibal (1559)

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23... $\text{d}d7$ 24. $\text{d}g5$ $\text{g}6$ 25. $\text{c}h3$ $\text{h}5$ 26. $\text{g}x\text{h}5$ $\text{d}x\text{c}5$ 27. $\text{h}x\text{g}6$ $\text{f}x\text{g}6$ 28. $\text{b}x\text{c}5$ $\text{f}e8$ 29. $\text{d}x\text{e}6$ $\text{c}d7$ 30. $\text{f}5$ $\text{c}h7$ 31. $\text{c}g4$ $\text{c}f7$ 32. $\text{f}g1$ $\text{c}6$ 33. $\text{c}x\text{g}6+$ $\text{c}x\text{g}6$ 34. $\text{c}x\text{g}6+$ $\text{c}h7$ 35. $\text{d}g5+$ $\text{c}h8$ 36. $\text{f}6$ $\text{f}8$ 37. $\text{e}6$ $\text{f}c\text{c}8$ 38. $\text{d}f7+$ $\text{c}x\text{f}7$ 39. $\text{e}x\text{f}7$ $\text{f}8$ 40. $\text{f}h6$ mate

French Winawer

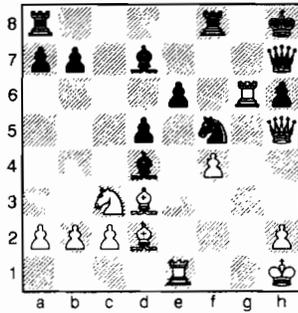
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♙d7 20.g4 ♘d6 21.g5 ♗f7 22.gxh6 gxh6
23.♙g1+ ♖h8 24.♙g6 ♘f5 25.♗h5
♗h7



26.♙xe6 ♙xe6 27.♙xe6 ♗f7 28.
♙xh6+ ♘xh6 29.♗xh6+ ♖g8 30.♙g6
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36.♖g3 ♗d7 37.♘d4 ♙xd2 38.♘f5
♗c7+ 39.♖f3 ♙xh2 40.♗g4 ♙xc2
41.♗d4 ♙c5 42.♗f6 1-0

Reti Opening

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1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.b3 ♙g4 4.♙g2 ♘d7
5.♙b2 ♘g6 6.O-O e6 7.c4 ♙d6 8.♘c3
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14.cxd5 ♙xf3 15.♙xf3 exd5 16.♘a4
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♖e6 49.♖f3 ♖f6 50.♙bc1 ♙e8 51.♖e2
♖e6 52.♖d3 ♖d6 53.♙5c3 ♙aa8
54.♖e2 ♙e7 55.♙3c2 ♙a6 56.♙c3
♙a8 57.♙3c2 ♙a6 58.♙c3 ♙a8 Draw

Four Knights' Game

Daniel Gay (1992)
NM Radu Roua (2200)

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1.e4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.♙b5
♘d4 5.♘xd4 exd4 6.♘d5 ♘xd5 7.exd5
♙e7 8.O-O 9.♙e2 a5 10.a4 b6 11.b3
♙b7 12.c4 dxc3 13.dxc3 ♙f6 14.♙b2
d6 15.♙b1 ♙c8 16.c4 ♙e8 17.♗d2 ♙d7
18.♙xf6 ♗xf6 19.♙fe1 ♙e5 20.♙d3

♙ae8 21.♙bc1 ♙xe1+ 22.♙xe1 ♙xe1+
23.♗xe1 ♗e5 24.♗d1 f5 25.h3 f4
26.♗f3 g6 27.♖h2 ♖g7 28.♖g1 ♙e8
29.♙c2 ♙f7 30.♙e4 ♗d4 31.♖h2 g5
32.g3 ♗e5 33.g4 h6 34.♖g2 ♗d4
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41.♗f5 ♗e5 42.♗h7 ♗f6 43.♗e4 h5
44.♖f3 hxg4+ 45.hxg4 ♗c3+ 46.♗d3
♗xd3+ 47.♙xd3 ♖e7 48.♙f5 ♖f6
49.♖e4 ♙e8 50.♖d4 ♖e7 51.f3 ♖f6
52.♙e4 ♙d7 53.♙h7 ♙e8 54.♙e4 ♙d7
55.♙h7 ♙e8 Draw

French Winawer

NM Peter Prochaska (2200)
NM Harley Greninger (2259)

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.e5 c5
5.♗g4 ♘e7 6.dxc5 ♙xc3+ 7.bxc3 ♗c7
8.♘f3 ♗xc5 9.♙d2 ♘bc6 10.♙d3 ♙d7
11.O-O ♘g6 12.♙ab1 ♘a5 13.♙b4
♗c7 14.♙e1 O-O-O 15.♗g5 ♖b8 16.
♙eb1 ♖a8 17.♙e3 h6 18.♗g3 ♘e7
19.♘d4 Draw

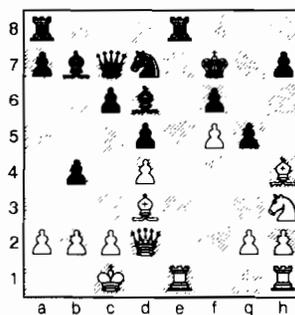
Pirc Defense

NM Corey Russell (2200)
NM James Bricher (2243)

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Annotations by NM Corey Russell

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♙g5 c6
5.♗d2 b5 6.♙d3 ♘bd7 7.f4 ♙b7 8.e5
b4 9.♘e4 ♘xe4 10.♙xe4 f6 11.exf6 exf6
12.♙h4 d5 13.♙d3 ♙d6 14.O-O-O ♗c7
15.♙e1+ ♖f7 16.♘h3 ♙he8 17.f5 g5



This invites a tempting sacrifice,
which I fell for. The main problems with
the sacrifice are that Black has too much
central control and once the Knight is ex-
changed on e6, White will have nothing.
Instead of playing 17.f5, white should
have played a more solid move like 17.
♙g3.
18.♙xg5

If 18.♙f2 then 18...g4 19.♘g1 ♙f4
20.♙e3 ♙xe3! 21.♙xe3 ♙e8 wins for
black.

18...fxg5 19.♘xg5+ ♖g8 20.g3

Necessary, as 20...♙f4 would have
been deadly.

20...♙xe1+ 21.♙xe1 ♘f6 22.♘e6 ♗f7
23.g4

23.♗g5+ ♖h8 is nothing, as White
has no follow up.

23...♙e8

I wanted to play 24.g5, but if I did
then 24...♘e4 25.♙xe4 dxe4 26.♙xe4
Qxf5 wins for Black.

24.♗g2 ♙c8 25.g5 ♘e4 26.♙xe4 dxe4
27.♗xe4 ♙xe6 28.fxe6 ♗f4+ 29.♖d1
♗xe4 30.♙xe4 ♙xh2 31.c4 bxc3
32.bxc3 ♖g7 33.c4 ♖g6 34.♙h4 ♙d6
35.♙h6+ ♖g7 36.e7 ♙xe7 37.♙xc6
♙xg5 38.♖c2 h5 39.♙a6 h4

Black correctly sees the truth of the
position. His only remaining pawn will
be a Rook pawn with his Bishop unable
to control the queening square. However,
with Rooks on the board AND White's
King cut off and the Black King can eas-
ily aid the h-pawn or stop White's con-
nected passers, it is a definite win for
Black.

40.♙xa7+ ♖g6 41.♙b7 h3 42.♙b1 h2
43.♙h1 ♙f4 44.d5 ♖f5 45.♖d3 ♙g8
46.♖e2 ♙g1 0-1

The money round. Dan had 4.5
points and four other players, including
myself, had four. I was hoping to meet
Dan in the final round. I had looked at
some of his games previously in *North-
west Chess* and noticed that his style and
openings were somewhat similar to mine.
During the game, I noticed that Dan and
I were also similar in the fact that we both
write left-handed.—DB

French Winawer

Dan Stevens (1760)
David Bannon (1776)

Eugene, Oregon Open (6) 2007

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.a3 ♙xc3+
5.bxc3

I have played the Black side of this
line many times online and lost every
game. Typical is 5...dxe4 6.♗g4 ♘f6 7.

♖xg7 ♜g8 8. ♖h6 ♜bd7 9. ♗g5 b6 10. ♜e2 ♗b7 11. ♜g3 and White's Knight will come to h5, ensuring a permanent bind. I saw a game in *Northwest Chess* where Landon Brownell played Black in this line and managed to get his Queen to h8, breaking the pin, while maintaining the defense of the Knight. I was determined to find an alternative over the board. After a 30-minute think, I decided on moving my f-pawn, so that my Queen could defend the g7-square. I rejected 5...f5, which would lead to a version of the Stonewall Defense, because I had already traded away my dark-squared Bishop. So, I went with 5...f6, which I thought would lead to a version of the French Exchange, i.e. 6. exd5 exd5 7. ♗d3 ♜e7 8. ♜e2 O-O 9. O-O ♗f5 etc.

5...f6 6. ♗d3 ♜e7 7. ♜f3

Not the best square for the Knight, as the f6-pawn controls g5 and e5

7...c5 8.e5

So much for the exchange variation.

8...f5

Now the Stonewall Defense is a little better, because White wants his Knight on e5.

9. ♜g5?

Premature. The Knight does little from this square.

9...♜bc6 10. ♗b2?

Pushing a2-a4 first, followed by ♗a3 would have been much better for White.

10...♜g6 11. f4???

A huge blunder. 11...♜xf4 followed by an exchange or retreat of White's good light-squared Bishop would spell disaster for White.

11...♗d7???

One good blunder deserves another. I was so transfixed by my plan that I didn't even look at White's move, having planned ...♗d7 and ...♖b6, winning. I soon saw what had happened and almost laughed out loud. Dan saw his mistake, too, grinned silently and quickly remedied the situation.

12.g3 ♖b6

My attack stills works, but, even so, it was embarrassing, for both of us.

13. ♖b1 cxd4 14. ♗c1 ♖c7

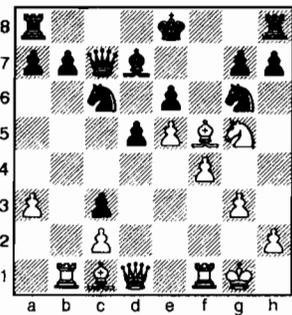
13. ♖b1 cxd4 14. ♗c1 ♖c7

The Queen protects the b-pawn, eliminating any immediate counterplay.

15.O-O

If White had taken back on d4 first, i.e., 15.cxd4 ♜xd4 16.O-O, then he would have been down only one pawn.

15...dxc3 16. ♗xf5



Desperation. White tries to mix things up.

16...exf5 17.e6 O-O-O 18.exd7+ ♖xd7

The sac accomplished nothing except a trade of Bishops, simplifying the position in Black's favor.

19. ♖f3?

Another poor move, blocking the Knight's good retreat square.

19...h6 20. ♜h3 d4

Black is in total control. The backward pawn on the open d-file could be of concern. However, White's dark-squared Bishop has fewer prospects than a recently-graduated philosophy major.

21. ♖d3 ♖he8 22.a4

White should have done this on move nine.

22...♖e6

Black's plan is simple. Double Rooks on the open e-file, make the battleship, if possible, and infiltrate.

23. ♗a3

Activating the Bishop and taking the e7-square away from the Queen.

23...b6

Eliminating the last possible entry point for the Bishop.

24. ♖f3 ♖d5 25. ♖xd5 ♖xd5 26. ♖b5 ♖d8 27. ♜f2 ♜ge7

The Knight heads for the hole on e3.

28. ♗xe7 ♜xe7 29.a5 ♖ed6

Cautiously over-protecting the weak pawn on d4.

30.axb6 axb6 31. ♜g1 ♜c7 32. ♜f3 ♖d5

33. ♖b4 ♜c6 34. ♖a4 b5 35. ♖a1? ♜b4

Winning the exchange or the c-pawn.

36. ♖dd1 ♜xc2

White could resign here with three connected passed pawns staring him in the face. But, as they say, nobody ever won a game by resigning.

37. ♖a7+ ♜b6 38. ♖xg7 b4 39. ♜e5 ♜e3

40. ♖b1 ♖b5

Black made time control with only seconds left on his clock. White has made the most of the position by infiltrating with one of his Rooks and centrally posting his Knight on e5.

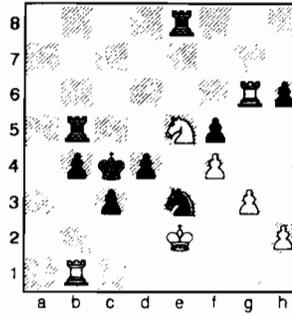
41. ♖g6+ ♜b7 42. ♖g7+ ♜b6

Originally, I was going to retreat back to the eighth-rank, but White's Rook-and-Knight combo is just too strong, as his other Rook takes away the a-file.

43. ♖g6+ ♜c5 44. ♜d3+ ♜c4 45. ♜e2 ♖e8

Setting up a nasty discovered check. If the White King moves, then Black takes his Knight. So, the text is forced.

46. ♜e5+



46... ♖bxe5 47.fxe5 ♖xe5

I don't know if the Exchange sac was correct, but it seemed the quickest way to victory.

48. ♖c6+ ♜b5 49. ♖c8 ♜d5+ 50. ♜d3 ♖e4

The only way to protect the d-pawn.

51. ♖a1?

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Chess in Historical Perspective from the 15th and 20th Centuries

by Adam Attwood

The contemporary variant of chess is one in a long evolutionary line. The moves of some of the pieces have altered along with their titles. The philosophical foundation of the game also changed through the centuries: from being viewed as morally dubious by the Roman Catholic Church to becoming a rallying point for nations. Throughout these and other changes, one thing remained constant: chess was a game for social commentary from religious and, later, nationalist points of view.

A point of reference for tracing the changes of chess and its attendant social moorings is the 15th Century book, *The Game and Playe of the Chesse*. David Antin analyzes the book (as translated by E. A. Axon) in his article, "Caxton's the Game and Playe of the Chesse." The book was originally published in Latin by a member of the Roman Catholic clergy who used chess as a metaphor upon which to base moral teachings. The book was soon translated into French. William Caxton then translated it into English. Book production was expensive and the readership would have been relatively small because of low literacy, but the book was so popular among those who could read (many of whom were clergy) that Caxton made an upgraded second edition featuring woodcut prints (Antin 269). Chess was considered to be within the gambling category of games and was thus frowned upon, in principle, by Church officials. Antin notes that "a Florentine bishop was required to do penance for playing chess in public" (271). Nevertheless, this incident may be seen as a nod towards the growing acceptance of chess by Europe in theory (since a bishop played the game in public), which would eventually lead to acceptance in principle.

When a member of the clergy wrote a book, it was done with determined intent because of a sense of religious mission and because of the resources and energy needed to bring the project to completion. For the book to then be translated into two languages within the same century was remarkable, considering that chess at the time

was viewed as a "gambling game." The question then is: Why would the clergy take so much time and effort to make a book about a gambling game and then see it translated and dispersed across the continent? Surely they would not do so if they considered the book to have been immoral. The first part of the answer to this question is that the book had a moral teachings overlay, as noted by Antin, but Antin also suggests that the book was not as moral-centric as its preface claimed (270) and remarks that the Moslems had little or no issue with the game's morality in the first place (271). The second part of the answer is deduced by Antin, who declares that "[Chess] had once been a game in which chance elements were included but from which they had subsequently been excluded; thus it became a complete game of skill" (272). This is perhaps an overstatement and certainly arguable, but it does help answer why chess became acceptable to the Roman Catholic Church. So, although the Florentine bishop was publicly chastised for playing chess, the times were about to change, as was the game itself.

Germany may be viewed as a case study of the changing view of chess in Europe. The Wurzburger synod of 1329 declared chess to be a "gambling game" (Antin 271). This view was essentially unheard of by the 19th Century. Chess was seen for its emphasis on a player's skill. War philosophies and sportsmanship could be played out in a game, and religion was practically a mute point for those who played chess. The removal of religious restrictions unleashed the popular potential of chess among civilians and the military. Ultimately, the game garnered a nationalist following.

The German Reich during World War II is an example of what could be called the new phenomenon of chess nationalism. Tomasz Lissowski, with research assistance from Professor Andrzej Kwilecki, remarks in his article "Keres Plays With the Wehrmacht" (chessarch.com) that Grandmaster Paul Keres (from Estonia) was part of a public relations spectacle in German-controlled

Poznan in 1943. Lissowski reprints an article from an “anonymous journalist” published on May 24, 1943 (in *Ostdeutscher Beobachter*), in which the Reichsschachwart [Reich Chess Secretary, translated by Lissowski] commented that chess was unique in being an excellent “pastime” for soldiers. This was institutionalized not only by a state Chess Secretary but also by the Reich’s Truppenbetreuung [“pastimes for soldiers,” translated by Lissowski]. The 1943 chess festivities and tournament at Poznan, Poland, were attended by officials of the Reich and its various departments, including the Posnan commandant General Bielfeld, who had ecstatic words of praise for chess. Keres was one of four masters to hold a simultaneous exhibition with members of the Wehrmacht (Lissowski).

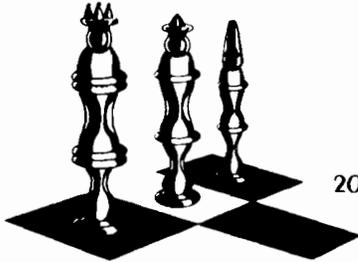
The German government’s institutionalization of chess was a huge step forward in the recognition of chess as a game that exceeded “pastime” status. The fact that there was a Reich Chess Secretary attested to chess’s status as a game held in high esteem in Europe. One of the Wehrmacht members was awarded with “the XXI Military Region prize for the first victory over Keres” (Lissowski). This was as much about national pride as it was about chess itself. Chess was not only a pastime but also a basis for commentary about the players’ contemporary political and social situation. In the context of the 1940s, this was expressed idealistically by General Bielfeld who remarked that chess called for attributes in those who played the game that “could be said to be truly soldierly in nature: courage, concentration, logical thinking and ambition” (qtd. in Lissowski). These characteristics were in line with the Reich’s militaristic focus. Therefore, chess was a respectable pastime for individuals and it was a game for which its players could expect national recognition if they had positive tournament results.

The news article about the events at Posnan in 1943 (reprinted in Lissowski) is a rare window into how chess was viewed by the press during World War II in Europe. The article, although written by an anonymous journalist, is quite cordial in tone and may be described as almost happy. Chess was a diversion from the dire depression of the Eastern Front. The article discusses Keres’s wins, losses, and draws, noting that he had an overall better record against his Wehrmacht challengers. This indicated that

chess could bring various persons together for sporting competition. The respectability of chess in Europe was in the making for a long time—at least since the era of *The Game and Playe of the Chesse* when some pre-Reformation clergy played chess. With the change in time and the evolution of the game, chess marched forward to national and international prominence—from a cleric’s moral metaphor to highly respected and esteemed social convention.

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Sluggers Pursue Destiny in the West

The Seattle Sluggers, with three wins, one draw and one loss, are one match behind the Dallas Destiny in the Western Division after the first five weeks, the halfway point of the U.S. Chess League season. This year's team includes two newcomers, FM Loren Schmidt and NM Josh Sinanan, who will be the assistant manager, as well as five returning regulars—GM Gregory Serper, IM Georgi Orlov, FM Slava Mikhailuk, FM John Readey, and NM Michael Lee. Also returning is super-sub FM Marcel Milat. By using the October 2006 ratings list, the Sluggers, according to manager Eddie Chang, "have a good set of underrated Board Fours." The lack of GMs and IMs is, says Chang, inconsequential, as "[i]t is much harder to win on the top boards, and [last year] we had a rock [GM Serper] on Board One. We scored all our points on Board Four, along with a stellar performance from John Readey [Board Three]."

Round One: August 29

Boston Blitz 2.5–Sluggers 1.5

Josh Sinanan characterized the opening match as "a disappointing loss."

King's Indian

GM Gregory Serper (2572)

GM Larry Christiansen (2669)

USCL Seattle vs Boston (1.1) 2007

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♘g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘ge2 a6 6.♘g3 O-O 7.♘e2 c5 8.d5 b5 9.cxb5 axb5 10.♘xb5 ♖b6 11.O-O ♘a6 12.a4 ♘bd7 13.♚b1 ♚fc8 14.♘d2 ♘xb5 15.♘xb5 ♖a6 16.b3 c4 17.bxc4 ♖xa4 18.♚b4 ♖xd1 19.♚xd1 ♘e5 20.♘f4 ♘fd7 21.♘d4 ♚xc4 22.♚xc4 ♘xc4 23.♘c6 ♘f8 24.♘g5 f6 25.♘f4 ♘c5 26.h4 h5 27.f3 ♘f7 28.♘f1 ♘e5 29.♘xe5+ fxe5 30.♘e3 ♘b3 31.♘d2 ♘xd2 32.♚xd2 ♘f6 33.♘g5 ♚a1+ 34.♘h2 ♚f1 35.♚a2 ♘g7 36.♚a7 ♘f6 37.♚b7 ♚d1 38.♚b8 ♚f1 39.♘h6 ♘g7 40.♘g5 ♘f6 41.♚a8 ♘g7 42.♚a3 ♘f6 43.♚a7 ♚b1 44.♘g3 ♚h1 45.♘xf6 ♘xf6 46.♚a8 ♘f7 47.♚h8 ♘g7 48.♚b8 ♘f7 49.♚b7 ♘f6 50.♚a7 ♘f7 51.♚a2 ♘f6 52.♚a7 ♘f7 53.♚b7 ♘f6 54.♚a7 Draw

Northwest Chess

Sicilian Alapin

FM William Kelleher (2392)

FM Slava Mikhailuk (2433)

USCL Seattle vs Boston (1.2) 2007

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 e6 6.♘e3 cxd4 7.cxd4 ♘e7 8.♘c3 ♖d6 9.♘d3 O-O 10.O-O ♘c6 11.a3 b6 12.♚e1 ♘b7 13.♖e2 ♚fd8 14.♚ad1 ♚ac8 15.♘b1 g6 16.♘a2 ♘d5 17.♘e4 ♖d7 18.♘h6 ♘a8 19.♘fg5 ♘f4 20.♖f3 ♘xd4 21.♚xd4 ♖xd4 22.♘xf7 ♖xe4 23.♖xe4 ♘xe4 24.♘xd8 ♚xd8 25.♘xf4 ♘d5 26.♘xd5 ♚xd5 27.♘f1 ♘f7 28.♚c1 b5 29.♚c7 a5 30.b3 ♘e8 31.♘e2 a4 32.bxa4 bxa4 33.♚a7 ♘xa3 34.♚xa4 ♘e7 35.♚a8+ ♘f7 36.♚a7 h5 37.h4 ♘e8 38.g3 ♚d7 39.♚xd7 ♘xd7 40.♘d3 ♘c5 41.f3 ♘e7 42.♘e4 ♘f7 43.♘g5 ♘d6 44.g4 hxg4 45.fxg4 ♘f6 46.♘e5 ♘g7+ 47.♘e4 Draw

Queen's Indian

FM Loren Schmidt (2430)

NM Denys Shmelov (2391)

USCL Seattle vs Boston (1.3) 2007

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♘b7 5.♘g2 ♘e7 6.♘c3 ♘e4 7.♘d2 f5 8.O-O O-O 9.♚c1 ♘f6 10.d5 ♘a6 11.a3 ♘ac5 12.b4 ♘xc3 13.♘xc3 ♘e4 14.♘xf6 ♖xf6 15.♖d4 ♖e7 16.♖e5 ♖d6 17.dxe6 ♖xe5 18.♘xe5 dxe6 19.♚fd1 ♚fd8 20.♚d3 ♚xd3 21.exd3 ♘d6 22.c5 ♘xg2 23.♘xg2 ♘f7 24.♘c6 ♘f8 25.♘d4 ♘d8 26.♘b5 c6 27.♘d4 ♘e7 28.cxb6 axb6 29.♘xc6+ ♘xc6 30.♚xc6 ♚xa3 31.♚xb6 ♚xd3 32.♚b7+ ♘f6 33.h4 h6 34.b5 g5 35.b6 ♚b3 36.♚b8 g4 37.b7 ♘g7 38.♚e8 ♚xb7 39.♚xe6 ♚f7 40.f3 ♚b7 41.fxg4 fxg4 42.h5 ♚b2+ 43.♘f1 ♚b5 44.♚g6+ ♘h7 45.♚xg4 ♚xh5 46.♘g2 ♚f5 47.♚a4 ♘g6 Draw

Sicilian Dragon

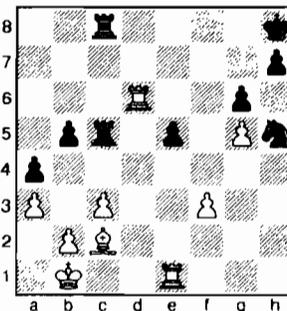
NM Chris Williams (2241)

NM Michael Lee (2240)

USCL Seattle vs Boston (1.4) 2007

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♘e3 ♘g7 7.f3 O-O 8.♖d2 ♘c6 9.O-O-O ♘xd4 10.♘xd4 ♘e6 11.♘b1 ♖c7 12.♘d5 ♘xd5 13.exd5 ♚fc8 14.♚c1 ♖d7 15.g4 b5 16.g5 ♘h5 17.♘xg7 ♘xg7 18.♘d3 ♚c5

19.♘e4 ♚ac8 20.h4 ♘h5 21. ♚hg1 e5 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.♖e3 e5 24. ♚cd1 ♘f4 25.c3 ♖e6 26.♘c2 ♘h8 27. ♚d2 a5 28. ♚e1 ♘d5 29.♖d3 a4 30.h5 ♘f4 31. ♖xd6 ♖xd6 32. ♚xd6 ♘h5 33.a3



33... ♚f8 34. ♚e6 ♘f4 35. ♚6xe5 ♚fc8 36. ♚1e4 ♘h3 37.f4 ♘g7 38. ♚e7+ ♘g8 39. ♚b7 ♚f8 40. ♚ee7 ♚xf4 41. ♚g7+ 1-0

Round Two: Sept. 5

Sluggers 3.5–Miami Sharks 0.5

Becerra played a fianchetto against Serper's Kan Sicilian and quickly sacrificed his e4-pawn. Serper spent a lot of time on the clock, eventually reaching a possibly-winning Rook endgame before accidentally repeating the position three times, while trying to gain time with the 30-second increment. 62... ♚h5 63.b3 ♚g5 would have put White in Zugzwang, according to Serper.—DH

Sicilian Kan

GM Julio Becerra (2634)

GM Gregory Serper (2572)

USCL Miami vs Seattle (2.1) 2007

Annotations by Drayton Harrison & Fritz

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.♘c3 a6 4.g3 b5 5.♘g2 ♘b7 6.d4 cxd4 7.♘xd4 b4 8. ♘a4 ♘f6 9.♘g5 ♘e7 10.O-O ♖a5 11.e5?!

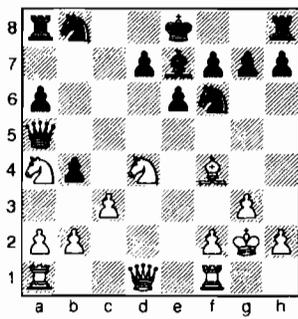
White sacrifices a pawn. 11.♘xf6 ♘xf6 12.c3 O-O was an unclear alternative. 11... ♘xg2

Not 11... ♖xe5?? 12.♘f4+- 12.♘xg2 ♖xe5

12... ♖xa4?! 13.exf6 gxf6 14.♖f3!± 13.♘f4 ♖a5 14.c3

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14...O-O

Black prefers to castle and remain a pawn ahead, instead of trying to win more material, e.g., 14...e5!? 15.cxb4 ♖d5+! 16.f3 (16.♟f3 ♖xd1 17.♞axd1 exf4 18.♟b6 ♞a7-+) 16...♞xd4 17.♞xd4 exd4 18.♟b6 ♞a7 19.♟c8 (19.♟xb8? ♞b7 -+) 19...♟c6 20.♟xa7 ♟xa7±.

15.cxb4 ♖xb4 16.♞c1 ♟d5 17.♟e3 ♟c6 18.♟xc6 dxc6

18...♟xe3+!? 19.fxe3 dxc6 20.♞f4 ♖b5±; 18...♞e4+? 19.♞f3 ♖xf3+ 20.♟xf3 dxc6 21.♞xc6

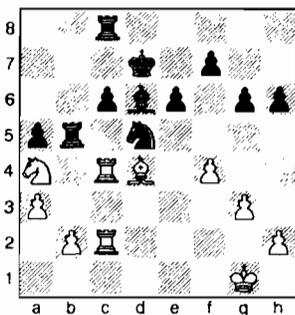
19.♟d2 ♖e4+ 20.♟g1 ♞fd8 21.♞c2 ♖xc2 22.♞xc2

White blockades the extra c-pawn, making it as difficult as possible for Black to make progress.

22...♟b4 23.♟c1 ♞dc8 24.a3 ♟e7 25.♞e1 ♟f8 26.♟e3 ♟e8 27.♟d4 ♞g6 28.♞ec1 ♟d7 29.♞d1 ♟e8 30.♞dc1 ♟d7 31.♞d1 a5 32.♞c4 ♟e8 33.♞dc1 ♟d7 34.♞1c2 ♞ab8 35.♞d2 ♟e8 36.♞dc2 ♟d7 37.♞d2 ♞b5 38.♞dc2 ♟d6

Black is finally threatening to break out with ...e6-e5. White prevents this, but weakens his kingside.

39.f4 h6



Black prepares to open lines.

40.h4 g5! 41.fxg5 hxg5 42.hxg5 ♞g8 43.♞f2 ♞xg5 44.♞xf7+ ♟e7 45.♟f2 ♟xg3 46.♟xg3 ♞xg3+ 47.♟f2 ♞h3

48.♞g7 ♟d6 49.♟g2 ♞hh5 50.♞g3 ♞hg5 51.♞xg5 ♞xg5+ 52.♟f2 ♞b5 53.♟e2 ♟d5 54.♟d3 ♟b6

Black had been low on time for many moves. The Knight exchange relieves Black of the possibility of falling to a Knight fork in time trouble, but increases the odds of a draw. Before proceeding, Black verified that his teammates on boards three and four had won, and that a draw would win the match.

54...e5!±; 54...♞b3+!? 55.♟c2 ♞f3 56.♞c5 ♞f5±

55.♞d4+ ♟c7 56.♟xb6 ♟xb6 57.♟c3 ♞f5 58.♞e4 e5 59.♞e3 ♟c5 60.a4 ♟d5 61.♞d3+ ♟c5 62.♞e3 ♟d5 63.♞d3+ ♟c5 64.♞e3 Draw

This game started late, though Tangborn was ready to play. Martinez did not receive a penalty on the clock. Consequently, this game was the last to finish. In the Symmetrical English, the advantage shifted back and forth several times (both sides missed opportunities). Tangborn saved the game with 57.♟f1!! and Black lost a piece with 57...♟e5?? The players commented that Martinez must have been under a lot of pressure to salvage a point for honor after the Miami team had been defeated.—DH

English Opening

IM Eric Tangborn (2475)

FM Marcel Martinez (2462)

USCL Miami vs Seattle (2) 2007

1.c4 ♟f6 2.♟c3 c5 3.♟f3 ♟c6 4.g3 g6 5.♟g2 ♟g7 6.O-O O-O 7.a3 d6 8.♞b1 a5 9.d3 ♟g4 10.h3 ♟d7 11.♟d2 ♟e8 12.♟h2 ♟c7 13.♟e1 ♞b8 14.♟c2 b5 15.cxb5 ♟xb5 16.♟xb5 ♞xb5 17.b4 cxb4 18.axb4 ♞h5 19.♞h1 a4 20.e3 ♟e5 21.d4 ♟c4 22.♟c1 ♖c8 23.h4 ♞b5 24.♟a3 ♞b8 25.♞e2 ♟xa3 26.♟xa3 ♟b5 27.♞d2 ♖f5 28.e4 ♞d7

28...♞f6!±

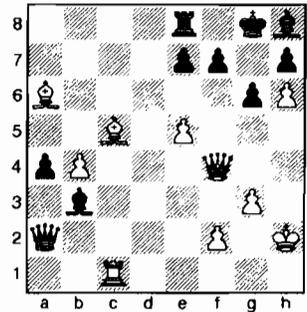
29.♞hc1 ♖a7 30.♟b2 ♞fc8 31.♞a1 ♖a6 32.h5 ♞xc1 33.♞xc1 ♟c4?!

33...♞c8!±

34.h6 ♟f6 35.e5 dxe5 36.dxe5 ♟h8 37.♟c3 ♟b3 38.♞f4 ♞c8 39.♟d4 ♖d3?! 40.♟f1 ♖c2 41.♟a6

41.b5 ♟d5 42.b6 e6 [42...♞c6 43.♞a3 (43.e6 f6 44.♟a6 ♞f8 45.♞c1 ♖xe6 46.♞xa4 ♖g4 47.♟f1 ♖h5+ 48.♟h3 g5 49.♟c5±) 43...e6 44.♟a6 ♞a8

45.♞c3+-] 43.♟a6 ♞d8 44.♞c1+- 41...♞d8 42.♞c1 ♖a2 43.♟b6 ♞f8 44.♟c5 ♞e8



45.♟b5?!

45.♟xe7! ♟xe5 (45...♞xe7? 46.♞c8+) 46.♞xe5 ♖xf2+ 47.♟h3 (47.♟h1 ♖f3+ 48.♟h2 ♖f2+) 47...♟e6+ 48.g4 ♖f3+ 49.♟h2 ♖f2+ 50.♟h1 ♖f3+ 51.♟g1 ♖xg4+ 52.♟f2+-

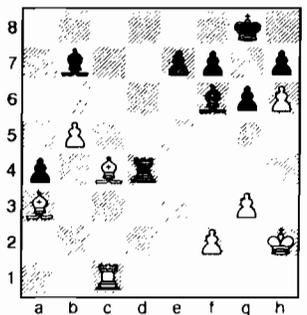
45...♞c8 46.♟d3 ♖b2 47.♟a6? ♟xe5! 48.♞e3 ♞e8 49.♟b5 ♞b8 50.♟d3 ♟f6 51.♟a7 ♞f8 52.b5 ♟d5?

52...a3! 53.♞b1 a2! (53...♞c3 54.♞c1 ♖xc1!+-) 54.♞xb2 ♟xb2 55.♟xg6 hxg6 56.♞xb3 a1=♖+-

53.♟c5 ♟b7 54.♟c4 ♞d8 55.♟a3?! ♖d4

55...♞d2 56.♟c5 ♟b2+-

56.♞xd4 ♞xd4?



56...♟xd4 57.♟xe7 (57.♟g1 ♞c8±) 57...♞c8±

57.♟f1!! ♟e5?

57...♞d2? 58.♞c7+-; 57...e6? 58.♞c7; 57...♞d7 58.♞c4 e6 59.♞xa4 ♞d2 60.♟c5±

58.♟g2!+- ♞h4+

58...♟xg2 59.♞c8+

59.♟g1 1-0

Espino gave Mikhailuk a perfect opportunity to show off his mastery of the isolated Queen's pawn in the Tarrasch Defense. White never managed to stop

Black's initiative and resigned on move 49. There was plenty of time left on the clocks, but no time left on the chessboard, as it was mate in two more moves.—DH

QGD Tarrasch

NM Miguel Espino (2307)
FM Slava Mikhailuk (2433)

USCL Miami vs Seattle (2.3) 2007

Annotations by Drayton Harrison & Fritz
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.e3 ♘f6 7.♗e2

This is not very ambitious and allows Black to equalize.

7...cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♗d6 9.♘cb5

White dreams of exchanging pieces and blockading square in front of the isolated Queen's pawn until the endgame.

9...♗e7

Black is not going to let that happen.

10.♘f3 O-O 11.O-O ♘e4

Since White has not put any pressure on the d-pawn itself, Black is free to occupy the outpost square e4.

12.♗d2 ♗g4

12...f5 is another possibility.

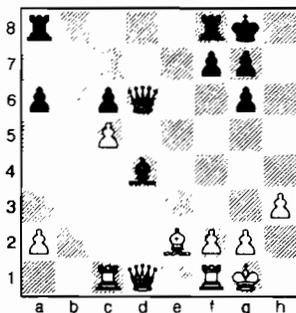
13.h3 ♗h5 14.♗c3 a6 15.♘bd4
♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♗g6 17.♘xc6 bxc6
18.♘e5 ♗d6 19.♘xg6 hxg6!

19...♗xg6 could also be played, but Black saves a tempo by making an escape square for his King.

20.c4 ♗f6

Opposite-color Bishops favor the aggressor, for the defending Bishop cannot cover the squares that its counterpart is attacking.

21.♗c1 d4 22.exd4 ♗xd4 23.c5



25...♗f4

Of course, Black will not play 23...♗xc5? 24.♗xd6 ♗xd6 25.♗xc6±.

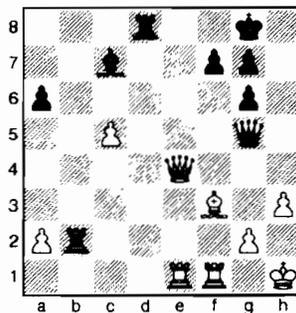
Black wants to make a Queen-and-Bishop battery pointing towards the h2-square, with the Queen in front. This will force White to weaken the pawn shelter in front of his King.

24.♗f3 ♗ad8! 25.♗b3 ♗b8! 26.♗d3
♗b2! 27.♗c4 ♗d8 28.♗e4 ♗d2 29.
♗xc6 ♗xf2+ 30.♗h1 ♗g3 31.♗cc1
♗e5

31...♗xa2 32.♗cd1 ♗g5 33.♗d5 ♗f2
32.♗e4 ♗g5 33.♗ce1

33.♗g4 ♗d4 34.♗a8+ ♗h7 35.
♗ce1 ♗xg4 36.♗xe5 ♗xe5 37.hxg4
♗xc5 38.♗xa6 ♗c2 39.♗a8 ♗xa2
40.♗f3 f6+

33...♗c7



34.♗g4?

34.♗c4? ♗g3 35.♗xf7+ ♗h7-+;
34.♗e3 ♗f4 35.♗g1 ♗xa2+; 34.♗e2
♗g3 35.♗g1 ♗dd2 36.♗xd2 ♗xd2
37.♗e2 ♗xa2+

34...♗xc5

Threatening 35...♗d6.

35.g3 ♗xa2 36.♗e2 ♗xe2 37.♗xe2
♗e5 38.♗f3 ♗a7 39.♗c4 ♗f6 40.g4.
g5 41.h4 ♗d2

41...gxh4 42.g5 ♗c7 43.♗xf7+ ♗xf7
44.gxf6 ♗d5-+

42.hxg5 ♗c7 43.♗f4 ♗c6+ 44.♗f3
♗c7

Gaining time on the clock.

45.♗f4 ♗c6+ 46.♗f3 ♗xc4 47.gxf6
♗d3 48.♗a8+ ♗h7 49.♗g2 ♗xg4+
0-1

Sinanan also found himself in the Symmetrical English. Instead of fiddling around on the flank, he seized the center with 7.d4 and established the Maroczy Bind with 9.e4. His superior central position allowed him to prepare a kingside attack, but when his opponent floundered

about for lack of space, he changed plans, won the Exchange, traded Queens and won another piece.—DH

English Opening

Joshua Sinanan (2191)
Dennis Mederos (2062)

USCL Miami vs Seattle (2.4) 2007

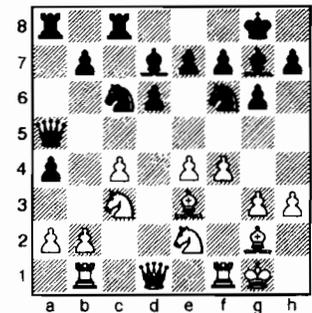
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1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 g6 4.g3 ♗g7
5.♗g2 d6 6.O-O ♘f6 7.d4 cxd4 8.♘xd4
♗d7

8...♘xd4 9.♗xd4 O-O 10.♗d3±

9.e4 O-O 10.♘de2 a5 11.h3

11.b3!? prevents ...a4 at the cost of a tempo.

11...a4 12.♗b1 ♗a5 13.♗e3 ♗fc8
14.f4



White has built a dominating Maroczy Bind-type position in the center, and then proceeds to outplay Black for the rest of the game, never giving up control of the center.

14...♗d8?! 15.♗e1 ♘b4 16.♗d2 ♗c6
17.♘d4 ♘h5?

17...♗d7±

18.♗h2

18.a3! ♘a6 19.g4! ♘f6 (19...♗xd4
20.♗xd4! (20.♗xd4? e5 21.♗e3 ♘xf4
22.♗xf4 exf4 23.♗xf4 ♗c5+ 24.♗f2
♗xc4) 20...♘f6 (20...♘g3? 21.♗fe1 e5
22.♗d2 h5 23.♗f2 h4 24.f5 ♘c5 25.
♗h6+-; 20...♘g7 21.f5+-) 21.f5!±) 20.
f5!± with a kingside attack.

18...e5?!

18...♗xd4 19.♗xd4 (19.♗xd4 ♘xa2
20.♗f2 ♘xc3 21.♗xc3 ♗c5) 19...♘c2
20.♗d3 ♘xe3

19.♘xc6 bxc6 20.f5 ♗d7 21.♗f2
♗ad8? 22.♗b6+- ♗a8 23.♗xd8 ♗xd8
24.fxg6 hxg6 25.♗f3 ♘f6 26.♘xa4
♘d3 27.♗e3 ♘b4 28.♗b6 ♗xb6

29. ♖xb6 ♜b7 30. c5 dxc5 31. ♗c4 ♜e7
 32. a3 ♗c2 33. ♜bc1 ♗d4 34. ♙g2 ♗e8
 35. h4 ♙h6 36. ♜cd1 ♙g7 37. ♜d3 ♗f6
 38. ♗h3 ♗e8 39. ♜c3 ♗e2 40. ♜b3
 ♗c7 41. ♜b8+ ♗h7 42. ♜b7 ♗g8 43.
 ♗d6 f6 44. ♜f2 ♗d4 45. ♙f1 ♗h7 46.
 ♙c4 ♜d7 47. ♗e8 1-0

Round Three: Sept. 12

Sluggers 3.5–Tennessee Tempo 0.5

Its time for me to get nervous. Every week, I spend a lot of time working on the lineups and when the week starts, my heart starts to pound. I hate not being able to affect the outcome of the match. All I can do is watch from the sidelines. No pinch hitters, no calling to the bullpen for help, no running of gadget plays, or calling for a corner blitz. Just sitting and watching intently.—Eddi Chang

Toilet Reading

I don't get a chance to play many tournament games these days. Weekend tournaments always seem to interfere with summer BBQs and weekend football games. So it's fun to play for the Seattle Sluggers and play some fresh, up-and-coming players via the internet.

I played Jerry Wheeler in an a fairly 'tame' Sicilian. I had asked a friend what Jerry played against 1. c4 and 1. d4. The answer was somewhat disturbing in that against 1. e4 he plays either Hyper-Accelerated Dragons (1... c5 and 2... g6) or 1... g6 Moderns. While neither is terrifying, both leave a lot of room for creativity and are hard to prepare concrete lines for.

Based on this, I decided to do my usual crappy preparation by picking three opening books from my shelf and leaving them in my bathroom. My . . . 'bathroom' notes were as follows: 1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 g6 3. c3 ♙g7 4. d4 cxd4 5. ♙c4!? Without FRITZ or ChessBase, this seemed like a fun line to try, since it stopped 5... d5, the usual move after 5. cxd4. And 5... dxc3 6. ♗c3 transposed into a supersharp and risky fianchetto line for Black in the Smith-Morra. I had good dreams . . .

Five minutes before the round, John Readey ruined my prep by saying that if he had Black, he would either play 5... d3 or 5... d5! (anyway!).

Sicilian Moscow

FM Marcel Milat (2354)

Jerry Wheeler (2200)

USCL Seattle vs Tennessee (3.3) 2007

Annotations by FM Marcel Milat

1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 d6

While I did see Jerry had a few Dragon games back in the late 90's, this made me think that their team had prepared some lines in either the Najdorf or the Rauzer, in which I have had some published games against GMs the last few years.

3. ♙b5+

I should also mention I picked up Richard Palliser's *The Bb5 Sicilian* in 2006 while at the National Open. This made it to my bathroom shelf as well.

3... ♙d7 4. ♙xd7+ ♜xd7 5. c4

The old main line and quite safe of preparation. Nowadays 'the Rub' [GM Sergei Rublevsky] prefers 5. c3.

5... g6

I was sort of hoping for 5... ♜g4 6. O-O ♜e4 7. d4 with compensation.

6. O-O ♙g7 7. d4 cxd4 8. ♗xd4 ♗f6 9. f3!

Around here, I was remembering the recent Kamsky game and a Rub game where Black easily equalized with 9. ♗c3 0-0 10. f3 ♜c8! 11. b3 d5! I did not want this happening and had not really prepared anything.

9... O-O 10. ♙e3!? ♜c8

I wonder, was my opponent thinking this was the Kamsky game?!

11. b3 a6!?

This is interesting and fine, but also playable is 11... ♗c6 with ±/= game.

12. ♗c3

Rightly, or wrongly, not worrying about ... b7-b5.

12... b5

12... ♗c6

13. ♗d5 ♜b7

13... ♗d5 seemed slightly better for White, with little risk.

14. a4!?

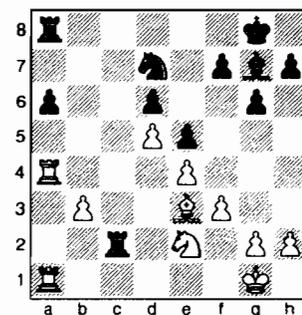
Perhaps 14. ♜c1 is more accurate,

since 14... bxc4 is bad currently because of the position of the Black Queen on the b-file after 15. bxc4 and 16. ♜b1.

14... e5!?

This was a surprise, though both FRITZ and CRAFTY rank this move high. I was thinking more along the lines of either 14... bxc4 15. bxc4 ♗xd5 16. cxd5 ± or 14... b4 15. ♜d2 ♗xd5 16. cxd5 ♗d7 ±. 15. ♗e2 ♗xd5 16. ♜xd5 ± ♜xd5 17. cxd5 bxa4 18. ♜xa4 ♗d7

Perhaps he should've played 18... f5. 19. ♜fa1 ♜c2



This looks aggressive, but there are many lines where the Black back rank is weak and ♜c1 forces a favorable trade.

20. ♗f2 ♗b8

20... ♜b8 21. ♜xa6! ♜xb3 22. ♜c6 is a key idea. This will win the d-pawn at the minimum.

21. b4

I like this move. It's cleaner than 21. ♜c1, which is also good.

21... ♜b2 22. ♜c1 ♗d7

The only move.

23. ♜c7 ♗f6 ± 24. ♜b7

This seems stronger to me than the FRITZY 24. ♙c1 ♜b3 25. ♜c6.

24... ♜c8?

The move I was hoping for. Still, the position is difficult for Black, e.g., 24... h6 {FRITZ} 25. b5 a5 26. b6 ♜c8 27. ♜c7 ♜xc7 28. bxc7 ♜c2 29. ♙b6 ♗e8 30. ♗e3! ♗xc7 31. ♗d3 ♗a8 32. ♗xc2 ♗xb6 33. ♜xa5.

25. ♜xa6 ♜cc2 26. ♜a8+ ♙f8 27. ♙h6 ♜xe2+ 28. ♗f1 1-0

The rest of the round three games as well as games from succeeding rounds will appear next month. ■

51. ♖f8 would have given Black trouble

51... ♖b6 52. ♖f8

White's Rook arrives one move too late.

52... ♖e5

If 53. ♗xd4, then 53... ♖d5+ and White's King will be unable to help defend against the remaining two connected passed pawns.

53. ♖h1 ♖d5

Black has everything set: 54... ♗d7, 55... ♗c5+ and 54... ♗c4, 55... ♗e5+ both win.

54. ♖f6 ♗c4 55. ♖xh6 ♗e5+ 56. ♗c2 d3+ 57. ♗b3 ♗c4 58. ♖h8???

One more blunder seals White's fate.

58... ♗d2+ 0-1

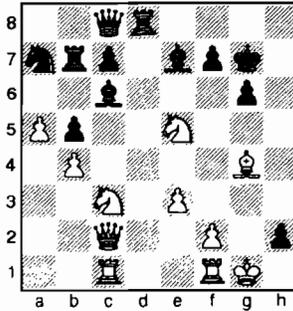
King's Indian

Michael Vaughn (1707)

Rex Henzie (1210)

Eugene, Oregon Open (6) 2007

1. d4 ♗f6 2. ♗f3 g6 3. h3 ♖g7 4. ♖f4 O-O 5. e3 d6 6. ♖e2 ♖d7 7. c4 ♗c8 8. ♗c3 ♗c6 9. ♖c1 ♖b8 10. a3 ♖e8 11. O-O a6 12. b4 ♗a7 13. a4 b5 14. cxb5 axb5 15. a5 ♖b7 16. ♗d2 e5 17. dxe5 dxe5 18. ♖g5 ♖d8 19. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 20. ♗d5 ♗g7 21. g4 ♖c6 22. ♗c3 h5 23. ♗c2 ♖e7 24. ♗f3 hxg4 25. ♗xe5 gxf3 26. ♖g4 h2+



27. ♗xh2 ♖h8+ 28. ♗g3 ♖h4+ 0-1

London System

Aaron Minoo (1530)

Carson Hannibal (1559)

Eugene, Oregon Open (6) 2007

1. d4 ♗f6 2. ♖f4 e6 3. e3 c5 4. ♗d2 d5 5. c3 ♗c6 6. ♖d3 ♗b6 7. ♖b1 c4 8. ♖c2 ♗a6 9. a3 ♖e7 10. ♗gf3 ♖d7 11. ♗e5 h6 12. ♗e2 ♗xe5 13. dxe5 ♗g8 14. ♗f3 ♖d8 15. ♗d4 ♗e7 16. e4 ♗c6 17. ♗xc6 ♖xc6 18. exd5 ♖xd5 19. O-O ♗c6 20. f3 ♖b6+ 21. ♖e3 ♖d8 22. ♖bd1 ♗e7 23. ♖d2 a6 24. ♖fd1 ♖hg8 25. ♖xb6 ♗xb6+ 26. ♗f1 g6 27. ♖e4 ♖xe4 28. ♗xe4 ♖xd2 29. ♖xd2 ♖d8 30. ♖xd8 ♗xd8 31. ♗xb7+ ♗f8 32. ♗b4+ ♗g7 33. ♗d6 ♗g5 34. ♗d1 ♗xe5 35. ♗d4 ♗f6 36. ♗xc4 ♗xh2 37. ♗xa6 h5 38. ♗b6 h4 39. a4 ♗f5 40. ♗c5+ e5 41. ♗c8+ ♗f6 42. ♗d8+ ♗g7 43. ♗d7 ♗f4 44. ♗d1 g5 45. a5 g4 46. a6 h3 47. gxf3 gxf3 48. ♗e2 h2 49. ♗g2+ ♗f6 50. ♗h1 ♗c1+ 51. ♗g2 ♗xb2+ 52. ♗g3 ♗xc3 53. ♗xh2 ♗a5 54. ♗h3 ♗e7 55. ♗h4+ ♗d6 56. ♗f6+

♗d5 57. ♗xf7+ ♗d4 58. ♗a7+ ♗d3 59. ♗d7+ ♗e2 60. a7 ♗e1+ 61. ♗g4 ♗g1+ 62. ♗f5 1-0

Ruy Lopez Cozio

Gary Bricher (1682)

F. Scott Wilkinson (1723)

Eugene, Oregon Open (6) 2007

1. e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♖b5 ♗ge7 4. d4 exd4 5. ♗xd4 g6 6. O-O ♖g7 7. c3 O-O 8. ♗xc6 bxc6 9. ♖c4 d5 10. exd5 cxd5 11. ♖b3 ♖b7 12. ♖f4 c5 13. ♖e1 ♗f5 14. ♗d2 ♖e8 15. ♗a3 ♗d7 16. ♖xe8+ ♖xe8 17. ♖e1 ♖xe1+ 18. ♗xe1 d4 19. f3 ♖f6 20. ♗c4 ♖d5 21. ♖e5 ♗e6 22. g4 ♗h4 0-1

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| 35 Grimaldi, Richard | 1300 | 1340 | L20 | W28 | W21 | L2 | L18 | L23 | 2.0 |
| 36 Kelly, Jimmy | 926 | 1044 | L27 | W16 | W38 | L14 | L17 | L21 | 2.0 |
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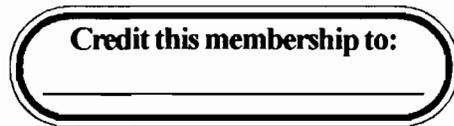
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SCC Saturday Quads

November 18

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

SCC Sunday Tornado

November 4

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10 by 8/22, \$15 at site. (20% disc. for SCC mem., 10% mem. of other dues-req'd CCs in WA, OR, & BC). **Prizes:** Memberships (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45a. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3 or 4-commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd, NS, NC.

SCC Novice

2nd SCC Extravaganza

November 9-10, 2007

A three-section, seven-round Swiss with a time control of **G/90**. The prize fund of **\$1000** is guaranteed.

| <u>Open</u> | | <u>Reserve (U2000)</u> | |
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| First | \$200 | First | \$120 |
| Second | \$125 | Second | \$75 |
| U2200 1 st | \$100 | U1800 1 st | \$60 |
| 2 nd | \$50 | 2 nd | \$30 |

Booster (U1600)

First \$90

Second \$60

U1400 1st \$40

2nd \$20

U1200/Unr \$30

Entry Fee: \$40 by 11/6 (\$30 for SCC members, \$35 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC), \$48 at site (\$36 for SCC members, \$42 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC).

Registration: Friday 7-7:45 p.m.

Rounds: Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11-2:30-6, Sunday 11-2:30-6.

Byes: 3 available; 1 for rounds 5-7, must commit before round 3.

Miscellaneous: USCF & W/OCF membership required. OSA, NC, NS.

Side Event: Blitz (G/5) tournament. Starts at 9:30 p.m., Saturday. EF: \$5.

Ent/Info: SCC Tnmt Dir, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); cfkleist@cs.com.

Future Events

98445; 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

♣ **Oct 27, Nov 17** **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.

♣ **Nov 10** **Spokane Game/10**♣
Site: *Spokane Valley Library*, 12004 E Main, Spokane WA 99206.
Format: Single- or double-RR. **TC:** G/10. **EF:** \$11 (can be paid at the club or day of tournament). **Prize Fund:** 100% of EFs. **Prizes:** \$100 for first overall (b/10). Section prizes to be awarded as well **Reg:** 10-10:30. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. Coffee and snacks provided. **Info:** Dave Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com

♣ **Nov 17-18** **Tacoma Open**♣
Site: *Tacoma CC*, 409 Puyallup Ave E, rm 11, 2nd flr (DTI Soccer Bldg). **Format:** 5-SS **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$30 adv., \$40 at site. Jrs \$20 adv., \$25 at site. UNR free w/purch. of USCF & WCF/OCF memb, but ineligible for prize \$ (may pay EF to compete for Open place prizes). Economy plyrs \$12. **Prize fund:** 67% full-pay EFs. **Prizes:** 25%, Top third 15%, Middle third 14%, Bottom third 13% (if fewer than 9 full-pay entrieEFs, then two grps). **Reg:** 9-9:45. **Rds:** 10-2:30-7 or ASAP, 10-3 or ASAP. **Byes:** Two ½-pt. byes avail. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF memb. req'd. OSA. NS. NC. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445; 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **Oct 27-28** **Puget Sound Open**♣
Site: *Tacoma CC*, 409 Puyallup Ave E, rm 11, 2nd flr (DTI Soccer Bldg). **Format:** 2-sec., 5-rd Swiss. Open and Reserve (U1800). **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$30 adv., \$40 at site. Jrs \$20 adv., \$25 at site. UNR free w/purch. of USCF & WCF/OCF memb, but ineligible for prize \$ (may pay EF to compete for Open place prizes). Economy plyrs \$12. **Prize Fund:** \$\$600 (b/25 full EFs). **Prizes:** *Open:* \$110-90, U2000 80; *Reserve:* 100-80, U1600 70, U1400 70. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45. **Rds:** 10-2:30-7, 10-3 or ASAP. **Byes:** Two ½-pt. byes avail. rds 1-4. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF memb. req'd. OSA. NS. NC. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA

More Scholastic Events

November 2007

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| 12 | ISB Youth Action | Nancy Mitchell 971-732-5216 nancy-mitchell@comcast.net | Aloha OR |
| 17 | MtLake Fall Kickoff (K,1-3,4-6; U800 1-3,4-6) | rick.jorgensen@gmail.com www.chess4life.com | Moutlake Terrace WA |
| 17 | ChessMates Fall Kick-Off (K,1-2,3-4,5-8) | chessmates@earthlink.net www.chessplayer.com/signuptoplaychess.htm | Seattle WA |
| 17 | Fall Classic (Nov., K-5,6-12,Super 6) | Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoube@efn.org | Eugene OR |
| 19 | NWL Autumn Grand Prix #2 | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Mt. Vernon WA |
| 21 | TCC Wed. Kids Night | Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |
| 23 | Thanksgiving Scholastic | David Hendricks | Seattle WA |
| 26 | NWL Autumn Grand Prix #3 | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Lynden WA |

December 2007

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| 1 | Bryant Fall Classic (K,1-3,4-6) | Kim bryantchessclub@gmail.com | Seattle WA |
| 3 | NWL High School Chess Meet #1 | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Burlington WA |
| 8 | Lakeridge Elementary (K,1-3,4-6) | Carolyn Hassall carolynhassall@comcast.net www.lakeridgechess.org | Mercer Island WA |
| 8 | Terrace Park Fall (K,1-3, 4-6 (both U800 & Open), 7-8) | www.chess4life.com/chess-event/Terrace-Park-K-8-Back-to-Chess-Tournament/209 | Mountlake Terrace WA |
| 8 | HS & MS/JHS Mini-Team | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Mountlake Terrace WA |
| 8 | Oregon Grade-Level Champs | www.chessodyssey.com | Portland OR |
| 15 | Skagit Chess Festival | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Sedro-Woolley WA |
| 17 | NWL High School Chess Meet #2 | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Sedro-Woolley WA |
| 19 | TCC Wed. Kids Night | Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |

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| 2-4 | Chess Odyssey Holiday Camp | Pete Prochaska chesscoach@comcast.net www.chessodyssey.com | Portland OR |
| 7 | NWL High School Chess Meet #3 | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Bellingham WA |
| 12 (or 19) | Whatcom County Champs | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | Lynden WA |
| 12 | Medina Elementary Tnmt (K,1-3,4-6) | Marianne Mowat mgmowat@msn.com | Medina WA |
| 14 | NWL High School Chess Meet #4 | Randy Kaech http://mysite.verizon.net | Lynden WA |

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USCF NATIONAL Scholastics

For information on any national event, visit www.uschess.org

Nov. 16-18

National Youth Action

Saint Louis MO

Dec. 7-9

National K-12/Collegiate Championship

Houston TX

Open Events

October 2007

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| 19,26 | TCC Championship (rds 5-6) | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |
| 19,26 | SCC Championship (rds 5-6) | SCC Infoline | 206-417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| Feb 20-21 | Ben Delson Thematic NEW EVENT | SCC Infoline | 206-417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 23,30 | PCC Championship (rds 4-5) | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| Feb 27 | 8 PCC Game-in-60 | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| Feb 27-28 | Puget Sound Open | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |

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| 2 | TCC Quick Chess (G/15) Champ | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |
| 3 | PCC Saturday Quads | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| Feb 3 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline | 206-417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 4 | SCC Novice | SCC Infoline | 206-417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| 6 | PCC Tuesday Quads Begin | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| 9 | TCC Blitz Championship | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |
| 9-11 | King's Island Open | www.chesstour.com | | | Cincinnati OH | |
| Feb 9-10 | Extravaganza | SCC Infoline | 206-417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| Feb 10 | Spokane G/10 | Dave Griffin | 509-928-3260 | dbgriffin@hotmail.com | Spokane WA | |
| Feb 17 | 8 PCC Game-in-60 | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| Feb 17-18 | Tacoma Open | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |
| Feb 18 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline | (206) 417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| Feb 23-25 | Washington Class Championships | Dan Mathews | 425-218-7529 | dthmathews@hotmail.com | Seattle WA | |
| 30 | TCC Quick Chess (G/30) Champship | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |

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| 1 | PCC Saturday Quads | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| 4 | PCC Tuesday Quad Tmts Begin | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| 7,14,21,28 | TCC Jingle Bell Swiss | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |
| Feb 8 | SCC Saturday Quads | SCC Infoline | 206-417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| Feb 9 | SCC Sunday Tornado | SCC Infoline | 206-417-5405 | cfkleist@cs.com | www.seattlechessclub.org | Seattle WA |
| Feb 15-16 | Portland Winter Open | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| 26-29 | North American Open | www.chesstour.com | | | Las Vegas NV | |
| Feb 29 | 8 PCC Game-in-60 | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR | |
| Feb 29-30 | Christmas Congress | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA | |

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| 5 | PCC Saturday Quads | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR |
| 18-21 | Western Class Champs | www.chesstour.com | | | Agoura Hills CA |
| 26-27 | Presidents' Congress | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |

February 2008

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| 2 | PCC Saturday Quads | 503-246-2978 | portlandchessclub@gmail.com | www.pdxchess.com | Portland OR |
| 9-10 | TCC Under 1800 | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |

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Scholastic Events

October 2007

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| 24 | TCC Wed. Kids Night | Gary | 253-535-2536 | ggarychess@aol.com | www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com | Tacoma WA |
| 27 | Terrace Park Fall Tmt (K-8) | Michael Behar | 425-745-2020 | www.chess4life.com | chess-event/tournaments | MtLake Terrace WA |
| 28 | 8 Bishops Boooooonanza | Kate Taylor | 503-728-3754 | katetaylor@clatskanie.com | clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com | Clatskanie OR |
| 29 | NWL Autumn Grand Prix #1 | Randy Kaech | http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech | | | |

November 2007

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| 3 | Chess4Life Beginner Tmt (K-6) | 425-283-0549 | tournaments@chess4life.com | www.chess4life.com | Bellevue WA |
| 3 | Northshore Novice, Open, Girls Only! (K-3,4-6) | chess64@comcast.net | www.chessplayer.com/signuptoplaychess.htm | | Woodinville WA |
| 10 | Chess4Life Queens Quest (K-12 girls) | 425-283-0549 | tournaments@chess4life.com | www.chess4life.com | Bellevue WA |

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