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Greetings from the Editor

I hope you all have a great time at the WA Open! Although there are already some articles in the works for June—the third installment of James Hurt's instructional series from the 30s and a book review by IM John Donaldson—I'll be looking for more. That's where you come in.

Did you play an interesting game? Send it in to the magazine, annotated or not! Did you go to a tourney? Write a report! Did you like your newest chess book/software, or just hate it? Let the rest of us know about it by writing a review!

Of course, any other articles or pictures that you contribute will be more than welcome, though pictures generally have to fit in with some article

Best Wishes,

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Donaldson, Haessler Top Collyer Memorial

Record Number Participates

by Kevin Korsmo

A record total of 67 players competed in the 16th Dave Collyer Memorial tourney in Spokane on February 23-24, 2008. IM John Donaldson and NM Carl Haessler shared first place with 4.5 scores in the five-round event. Each received \$262.50 for sharing first and second place. Third place (4.0) was shared by NM David Bragg, Chris Kalina, Josh Sinanan, and Michael Wang. Sinanan also was the top Expert, while Kalina and Wang topped the Class A category. Each of the four won \$100.

While early round upsets were common, the first day's action saw the top four boards (Donaldson, Bragg, Haessler, and Sinanan) finish with perfect 3.0 scores. The quartet had to work hard the first day. Chelan's Desmarais twins, Cyrus and Niles, kept Donaldson and Bragg playing late into the second round. Third round saw Elston Cloy pushing Donaldson, whom he had drawn in the tourney six years earlier, and Haessler and David Rowles playing late into the evening.

The top four met in Sunday morning's fourth round. Donaldson bested Sinanan, while Haessler topped Bragg. The two winners reached a quick draw in the final round and headed off to a copy shop with Dave Collyer's collection of old *Northwest Chess* magazines! Meanwhile, Missoula Expert Greg ("the Octopus") Nowak, a half point back of the leaders entering the final round, battled Bragg with hope of tying for first. It was not to be, as Bragg rebounded from his round four defeat to deny Nowak the share of another Collyer title. The final game of the tourney was a thriller completed long after most players had left the venue. Michael Wang edged birthday boy Mark Havrilla in a tight endgame battle that ended in a Queen-vs.-Rook ending with both players having under a half minute on their clocks. While the spectators were few by that time, all were captivated by the ending of the contest.

The Class B prizes were split by Alex Chow, Cyrus Desmarais, and Casey Fleck, each of whom scored 3.5. The Class C prizes went to local players Ryan Ackerman and Dave Griffin with 3.0 scores. Leslie Cameron of Moscow, Idaho, scored 3.5 to win the \$100 first prize in the Class D and under category. Brett Thomas-Dejohng of Missoula scored 3.0 to take second in that class. Leslie and Brett each saw their ratings soar more than 100 points from the weekend's performances.

The tournament saw quite a few upsets, but the prize winners were extraordinary. Bill Spencer of Helena, Montana, scored a 688-point upset victory in the final round. Yakima's Robbin Arnett pulled off a 651 point upset in Round Two. Each received \$100 for their efforts.

In addition to the guaranteed prize fund, there were door prizes every round. The Gary Younker Foundation sweetened the prize fund by offering \$200 for a perfect score and another \$100 for the best performance by a player 18 or younger. Michael Wang pocketed the latter prize with his 4.0 score besting Alex Chow and Cyrus Desmarais by one-half point. With the added donations, a total of \$1,750 was paid out to this year's participants.


The tourney was played in the conference center of St. Anne's Children's Center. The rental fee for the site was a donation that was used to purchase pajamas and socks for men staying at the house of charity. The spacious

facility had several amenities and an on-site food vendor was present to make sandwiches and serve homemade soup. The usual assortment of cookies and coffee was supplemented with fruit and veggie trays and cakes brought in to celebrate birthdays and special occasions. This version of the Collyer Memorial may have been the most fun of all! The location already has been reserved for next year's tourney. The event was sponsored by the Spokane Chess Club and the Gary Younker Foundation.




The Collyer Memorial, which honors the memory of my old Tacoma Chess Club teammate David Collyer and his good friend Gary Younker, is my favorite tournament to play in. It is hard to imagine a friendlier event and better chance to catch up with old friends. I would like to particularly thank Steve Merwin, Judge Kevin Korsmo and Ellen Collyer for their efforts in making the Collyer Memorial possible each year.

I would also like to thank Ellen and Carl Haessler for spending three hours with me at Kinkos at the end of the tournament xeroxing old copies of the *Washington Chess Letter* and



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Northwest Chess. Last year Tim Tobiason of Nebraska performed a great mitzvah in scanning all issues of *Chess Review* from 1933 to 1969 and *Chess Life* from 1946 to 1975 into PDF files and putting it on a DVD for just \$30 a copy. I would love to see something similar happen for *Northwest Chess* which has been published continuously under various names for over 60(!) years. If you feel the same please e-mail me at imwjd@aol.com. If interest is strong, I will try to encourage Mr. Tobiason to take on the project. Critical to the success of the endeavor is finding copies of the magazine that are in good condition and preferably not bound. Such copies have been located for 1956-2007, but anyone who has earlier copies is greatly encouraged to contact me, especially issues before 1950. I would be happy to borrow, trade or buy them.—J.D.

QGD Semi-Tarrasch

IM John Donaldson (2458)

Joshua Sinanan (2178)

Spokane, Collyer Memorial (4) 2008

Annotations by IM John Donaldson

1. ♖f3 ♗f6 2. c4 c5 3. ♗c3 d5 4. cxd5 ♗xd5 5. d4

5. g3 ♗c6 6. ♗g2 ♗c7 followed by ...e5 leads to a reversed Maroczy Bind and Yasser had great success with 5. e4 in his younger days. The text is the preferred choice in the *Opening for White According to Kramnik* series and Pritchett's new book on the English.

5...e6

5... ♗xc3 6. bxc3 g6 7. e4 transposes into the Exchange Grunfeld.

6. e4

The main line of the Semi-Tarrasch variation of the Queen's Gambit, which Bobby Fischer employed for Black on more than one occasion. 6. e3 cxd4 7. exd4 ♗c6 8. ♗c4 ♗e7 9. O-O-O 10. ♖e1 or 8. ♗d3 ♗e7 9. O-O-O 10. ♖e1 leads to standard Isolated Queen Pawn positions, but Black does better to delay capturing on d4. For example, 6... ♗c6 7. ♗d3 ♗e7 8. O-O-O, when 9. ♖e1 is met by 9...b6 and 9. a3 by 9...cxd4. In both cases, White is unable to obtain his maximum IQP position.

6... ♗xc3 7. bxc3 cxd4 8. cxd4 ♗b4+

8... ♗c6 allows White the option of 9. a3, stopping ... ♗b4+.

9. ♗d2 ♗xd2+

Heading for an ending with a queen-side pawn majority by 9... ♖a5 10. ♖b1 ♗xd2+ 11. ♖xd2 ♖xd2+ 12. ♗xd2 might seem to make sense, but White's center and strong pressure on the b- and c-files make it inadvisable. 12... O-O 13. ♗b5! (to force weaknesses) 13... a6 14. ♗d3 ♖d8 15. ♖hc1 led to a classic victory for White in Rubinstein-Schlechter, San Sebastian 1912.

10. ♖xd2 O-O 11. ♗c4 ♗c6

11... b6 (N.B., 11... ♗d7 12. O-O b6 12. d5! might be a problem) 12. O-O ♗b7 13. ♖fe1 ♗d7 14. a4 ♖c8 15. ♗d3 a5!? is an interesting idea proposed by GM Comas Fabrego in *True Lies in Chess*. Black stops the plan of a4-a5 in its tracks and advancing d5 or e5 give him many squares. It is not considered by Khalifman and his team in the *Opening for White According to Kramnik* series.

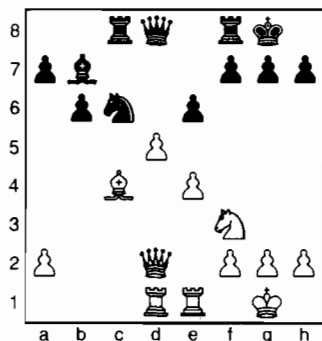
12. O-O b6 13. ♖ad1 ♗b7

13... ♗a5 14. ♗d3 ♗b7 is considered to be more accurate. 15. d5 (? according to Atalik) 15... exd5 16. e5 ♗c4 17. ♖f4 is Sharavdorj-Atalik, Berkeley 2005. The Turkish GM believes that 17... ♗b2 is strong(!), as the exclusion of ... ♖c8 and ♖fe1 favors Black. See his exhaustive notes in *Chess Informant 93*, game 364.

14. ♖fe1 ♖c8

14... ♗a5 gives White the additional option of 15. ♗f1, which he would not have had a move before. The Bishop might look modest on its original square, but White has d4-d5 coming.

15. d5



15... exd5

My knowledge of the variation ended with this move. I remembered 15... ♗a5 16. ♗d3 exd5 17. e5 ♗c4 18. ♖f4 ♗b2 19. ♗xh7+! ♗xh7 20. ♗g5+ ♗g6 21. h4 with a winning attack for White in Polugaevsky-Tal, Moscow 1969. A big improvement for Black is 16... ♖e7, keeping the tension.

16. ♗xd5

16. exd5 is also good.

16... ♖e7

Josh, who knew nothing about this line beforehand, finds the best move. Alternatives are not as good:

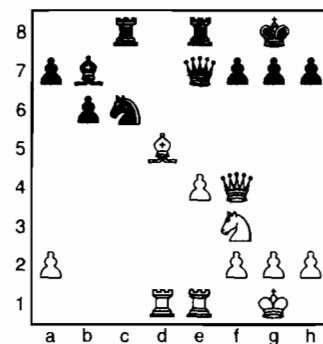
A. 16... ♖c7 17. ♖g5 h6 18. ♖g4 ♖fd8 19. h3 (to provide air for the King and free the back rank) (The immediate 19. ♗f5 is met by 19... ♗b4 20. ♗b3 ♗d3! 21. ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 22. ♖xf7+ ♗xf7 23. ♖xd3 ♖xd3 24. ♗e5+ ♗f8 25. ♗xd3 ♖c3 26. ♗e5 ♗xe4!) 19... ♗b4 20. ♗d4 with a strong attack brewing in Kolev-Delchev, Elenite 1994.

B. 16... ♗a5 17. ♖f4 ♖c7 18. ♖f5 ♗xd5 19. exd5 was better for White in Spassky-Petrosian from their 1969 World Championship match.

17. ♖f4

17. e5 ♗d8 18. ♗xb7 ♗xb7 19. ♗d4 g6 20. f4 ♖c5 21. ♖e3 ♗d8 22. f5 as in Bocharov-Bologan, Warsaw 2005, may well be stronger.

17... ♖fe8



17... ♖c7 18. ♗h4 ♖e5 is an untested suggestion of Bondarevsky.

18. ♖f5

It was hard to choose between the text and 18. ♗h4. 18. e5 was another move that I considered, trying to put a Knight

Tacoma Chess Times

by Gary Dorfner

The TCC G/10 tournament was held at the club on January 11th. There were eight players in all. The winners were: *top half* = 1st Nhon Do, Paul Bartron, & Drayton Harrison 4.0; *bottom half* 1st Stephen Buck 3.0, 2nd Eric Holcomb 2.0.

The President's Congress was held on Jan. 26-27. There were 14 players in all. The winners were: 1st Paul Bartron \$73, Group #1 Mike MacGregor \$44, Group #2 Jeff Lowther \$41, Group #3 David Meliti & Logan MacGregor \$18.50 each.

The Washington WoodPushers - Under 1800 was held on Feb. 9-10. There were only 6 players. The winners were: 1st Eric Holcomb \$35, 1st Group #1 Anthony Whitt \$23, 1st Group #2 August Piper \$22.

The 2008 Air Force Tournament was held at McChord Air Force Base. There were 8 players in all. The winners were: 1st Steven Herbert, 2nd Dale Bateman, and 3rd Robert Karch. The only two children played a match. Alex Stephens won 2-1. The winners all received trophies.

The 2008 Pierce County League was held on Fridays in February. Six teams of three players competed. The Drunken Knights—(Drayton Harrison, Eric Wade, and Alex Nikolskyy) and the Warriors (Bartron, Holcomb, and Gary Dorfner) tied for 1st. There was also a tie on Board One between Bartron and Mike MacGregor. Both ties will be broken by a playoff match. Holcomb took the Board Two prize, while Connie Etingher topped Board Three. TD for all of the above events: Gary Dorfner. ■

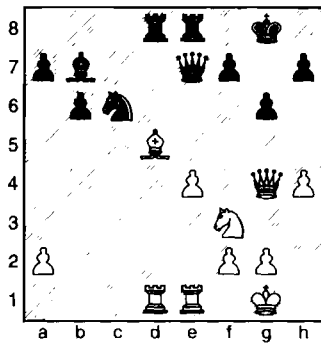
on d6 but didn't see how to do it. For example, 18...♖d8 19.♗xb7 ♜xb7 20.♘h4 g6 (20...♘e6 21.♜g3 g6 22.♘f5 is just what White wants) 21.♜g3 ♘h8 22.♘f3 ♘e6.

18...g6

This is necessary as 18...♞c7 19.♘g5 g6 20.♜f4 ♘e5 21.♜h4 h5 22.♜g3 leaves White with a strong initiative.

19.♜g4 ♞cd8

One idea of keeping the Queen on the h3-c8 diagonal is to control d7 as can be seen in the variation 19...♘b4 20.♗xb7 ♜xb7 21.e5 ♘xa2 22.♞d7 ♞c7? 23.♞xc7 ♜xc7 24.♜a4, picking up a piece. 20.h4



Another possibility here, and maybe an improvement, was 20.♞e3. The idea is to prepare ♘g5 and use the Rook for the attack. Also, on e3, it is never potentially hanging after ...♗xd5.

20...♘a5?

This is the first real mistake by Josh, who has played very well up to this point. Instead, 20...♘b4 21.♗xb7 ♜xb7 22.♞xd8 ♞xd8 23.♜g5 (23.e5 ♜e7) 23...♞e8 24.e5 was only slightly better for White. The problem with the text is that Black really never has the possibility to trade on d5 in a satisfactory way.

21.♜f4

A strong alternative was 21.h5, for example, 21...♗xd5 22.exd5 ♜d6 (one of the reasons I played ♜f4 was to avoid giving Black this blockading square, but it doesn't solve all of his problems) 23.♜h4 ♞xe1+ 24.♞xe1 ♜xd5 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.♘g5 h5 27.♘e6 ♞d7 28.♜g3 wins at least the Exchange.

21...♘g7

Played to guard the dark-squares around Black's King, but 21...b5 22.h5 ♘c4 might have been a better try in view of what happens. If 21...♗xd5, then 22.exd5 ♜d7 23.♘e5 is strong.

22.h5 h6 23.hxg6 fxg6

Now Black's King is more exposed and his second rank is vulnerable.

24.♜c1

24.♞c1 ♞c8 25.♞xc8 ♞xc8 26.♜g4 ♞d8 27.♘d4 was an attractive alternative. The idea behind the text is to grab the long diagonal and double Rooks on the c-file.

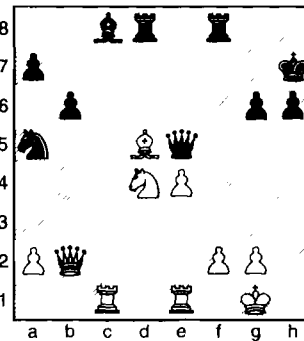
24...♗c8?!

Josh was running low on time. More stubborn was 24...♘h7 25.♜b2 ♜g7.

25.♘d4 ♞f8 26.♜b2 ♘h7 27.♞c1

Black's offside Knight really tells. He has no satisfactory answer to White invading with his Rooks along the c-file.

27...♜e5



This stops White's idea, but after ...

28.♜c3!


... the upcoming ending is untenable for Black.

28...♞fe8

Or 28...♗d7 29.♘e6! with a winning ending.

29.♜c7+ ♜g7
30.♜xg7+ ♘xg7
31.♞c7+ ♘h8
32.♞ec1 a6 33.♘c6 1-0

And Black resigned. ■



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Memberships: USCF and either WCF or OCF membership required in all sections, OSA. Memberships (including USCF) must be current or paid fully.

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May 24 Washington Open Scholastic. See NWC website, or contact David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Director, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074, ph. 425-868-3881, e-mail. DavidCHendricks@comcast.net.

May 24 WA Open Bughouse Championship. Format: 5 round Swiss (2 games per round) in 2 sections, Open and K-6 (scholastic). EF: \$25.00 per 2 player team. TC: G/5. Reg. by 5:00 PM. Rds: 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:45. No memberships required. Prizes (b/16): Open 1st \$50.00, 2nd \$30.00, 3rd \$20.00; K-6 trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th.

May 25 (Sunday night) WA Open Blitz Championship. Format: 6 round Swiss in 2 sections. Open and Reserve (U1700). EF: \$25.00 (until May 22nd), \$30.00 at site, \$10.00 discount if playing in main tourney. TC: G/5. Not USCF rated. WCF/OCF membership required, OSA. Reg. by 9:00 PM. Rds: 9:30, 9:45, 10:00, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45, 11:00 PM playoff to break ties for 1st place. Prizes (b/26): Open 1st \$100.00 + plaque, 2nd \$50.00, U1900 \$40.00; Reserve 1st \$100.00 + plaque, 2nd \$50.00, U1500 \$40.00.

May 25 WA Open Novice Championship. Format: one section 5 round Swiss, open to U1200 or unrated. TC: G/45. EF: \$12.00 (until May 22nd), \$16.00 at site. Reg. 9:00-9:45 AM. Rds: 10:00, 11:45, 1:30, 3:15, 5:00. Prizes: trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 1st, 2nd U1200, U1100, U1000, U900, U800. Unrated. WCF/OCF membership required (option to pay \$5 tournament membership instead of \$17 or \$25 full-year membership).

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An Interview with New WA Chess Champion, GM Gregory Serper

by NM Nat Koons

First off, congratulations on winning the championship. How do you feel about the tournament? How did it go for you?

... [D]espite the result, the tournament wasn't easy, because everyone was fighting; and, of course, I'm happy I won the tournament, but it wasn't an easy walk.

How would you evaluate your own play in the tournament?

Well, it wasn't perfect play, because I had mistakes here and there, but, fortunately for me, my opponents made more mistakes. Actually, that's how it works: you can never beat anyone if he doesn't make any mistakes.

I think there was a lot of attention focused on that last round game with Ignacio. How do you prepare, how do you tune yourself up for a struggle like that?

... [U]sually before the last round, when you have a very important game, you are nervous. But this time, I wasn't nervous at all, because I was in a very nice situation. Usually, when I play somebody 2200-2300 I desperately think "How am I going to beat him? How do I beat him?" but this time the draw was enough for me. So all I have to do is just to play chess, and how on earth he can beat me? I mean, I play someone 2500-2600, of course, I'll be nervous, I'll prepare something, but this time ... it's a very unusual situation ... I don't recall when I was in a situation like this, playing someone 2200-2300 and all I need to do is make a draw.

Okay, fair enough. Can we switch to more general questions now? Let's talk about your background a little bit. Who introduced you to chess, how did you get into it originally?

Oh, it was my grandfather ... it's kind of a funny story. He taught me ... how to move the pieces ... at the age of five or six, but I wasn't interested at all, it was just a board game, one of many. And then my grandfather ... [said], "Okay, here's the position, you have a King and Rook, and I have a King. Beat me." I tried, but I couldn't checkmate him, because I just moved the pieces around the empty board; of course, if you don't know how to do it, you can't win.

Right.

And then he turned the board, he got the Rook and King for himself, I had this lonely king, and I was so impressed by this precision of how you cut the opponent's King rank by rank, file by file. I don't know; somehow it was like a small miracle for me, and that's how I got interested in chess, and my grandfather taught me the notation, so that's how it started.

That's very interesting.

Yeah, ... many kids get interested when they see some combination, or some Fool's Mate or something, but the biggest impression of my life in chess is how you checkmate the lonely King when you have King and Rook.

(laughs)

I can guarantee you if I ever have King and Rook versus lonely King, you can bet I will know how to checkmate!

You must have made pretty rapid progress. I understand you attended the Botvinnik-Kasparov School, at least for a little bit.

... [W]hen I was accepted to the school, I was already one of the best, maybe the best, junior player in the Soviet Union. That session was for the best ten or twelve juniors and, at that point, I was one of the oldest and, naturally, I was the strongest player in the school. Of course, it gave me a great boost, because, at that time, I was a promising young Master ... After that, in no time, I got my International Master title, I got my World Junior title and, very soon, I became a Grandmaster ... But my initial progress had nothing to do with the Botvinnik-Kasparov school, because, at first, I achieved everything on my own.

Well, how did you achieve that? Was it just self-study? Did you have a coach, or was it a lot of tournament play? What was your method for improving?

Well, you see, I did have a coach, and, actually, if you can talk about this "Evil Empire," how the Soviet Union was called, you can find some bright spots ... when you are a kid, it's difficult to find a better place ... Because, can you imagine, when I was accepted to the Botvinnik-Kasparov school everything was paid: I mean airfare, hotel, food ... [T]his two-week session (we had four sessions per year) was free and you cannot even imagine anything similar here.

Right, right.

... [I]f you have the desire, when you are a kid in the Soviet Union, you just choose a subject and all doors are open for you. You can find a coach. You never worry about money or anything. The only thing you need is just desire. So, as I said, my grandfather jump-started my desire. I loved chess a lot, and I signed up for, actually, four chess clubs; so I had four coaches ... [E]very club had a session two times per week; still, it was not enough for me ... So basically every single day of the week, I had a session with a different coach. ... [But] the most important thing is how you work on chess,

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because, even if your coach is Kasparov, unless you work on chess on your own, there is no chance for progress. But, of course, I am very thankful that I had excellent coaches, because if you don't have a good guidance by a strong coach and you work in the wrong direction, then all your hard work can be fruitless.

Right.

The only thing I really regret is that I did not have a computer, because no one in my family played chess. I mean, my grandfather played chess, but . . . it's difficult to extrapolate his strength, but I believe he would be like a 1700-1800 player. Of course, for a beginner, it's great, but at some point I needed somebody stronger than him. As I said, I attended all of these classes, but it wasn't enough . . . I worked on chess literally five or six hours per day. Because I didn't have any sparring partner, I played against myself and that's kind of stupid, you just turn the board and you play against yourself and you know all your ideas. So, basically, you analyze. If I'd had a computer, it would [have been] much easier, I would [have played] against the computer and that's how modern Grandmasters—Carlson, Nakamura—that's how they achieve such rapid progress. I didn't have a computer: I did the best I could. So the short answer to the question would be I achieved a lot, only because I worked a lot on my own. So no matter who your coach is, unless you work on chess on your own, you are not going to go achieve things.

Right, Okay. What are your goals right now for chess? Short term, long term . . . what do you hope the future holds for you?

. . . [W]hen I was a kid, of course, my goal was to be the World Champion, I was very ambitious, but, umm, (chuckles) it's funny. I drew a picture . . . and there were two chess players on the chess board and I put some marks on the picture. One of the players in the picture was me, and one guy was Tal. At that point, it was the 70s and Tal was one of the strongest players—I mean, he [had been] World Champion. . . —and I put . . . on the demo board . . . “1-0,” that means I beat Tal!

(laughs)

It was funny, but the most interesting thing is that approximately 15 years [later] . . . I played in a blitz tournament. . . it was the last round of this qualification tournament and two players from each group qualified for the final. And I'm playing Tal, and I'm in a must-win situation. And I have a totally winning position, and my pawn is on the seventh rank . . . I grabbed it and I'm nervous, because not everyday you are beating Tal, especially in blitz, he was World Champion in blitz. Obviously, my move is to queen the pawn . . . but when I grabbed my pawn, due to my nervousness, my sweaty fingers, the pawn slips from my fingers. Okay, I grab my pawn again, and it slips again. So three times I tried to queen my pawn, and . . . I don't know what would've happened, but, fortunately, Tal just resigned. I still had like 40 seconds and . . . this totally winning position, but I couldn't queen my pawn. But Tal was an extremely nice guy, I mean he was unique, people said that he was actually alien, because no one else . . . When

you are World Champion you have many, many enemies; actually when you are . . . just a strong player, you naturally beat so many players; you have a bunch of enemies. To the best of my knowledge, Tal never had any enemies. He was one of the nicest guys around. So he just resigned.

Nice.

So it's funny, 15 years later, I achieved my dream. As I said, my dream was to become World Champion, but I achieved only part of it. I became World Junior Co-Champion, and European Junior Champion. And at that point, I thought my prospects were very bright, because I thought, “Okay, that's my generation, and I am the leader of my generation.” By the way, when I became World Co-Champion, I tied for first with Ivanchuk, Gelfand and Lautier. So I knew those guys were going to dominate the chess and I was one of them.

So I thought it would be great. But, unfortunately at that point, I was drafted into the army, and it was a rough time for two or three years. The best two years were crossed out. Of course, I became a Grandmaster, I even played in the Knockout World Championship, but at the best time I was gone. If you want to become World Champion, you have to be World Top Ten by age 20-22, otherwise your time is gone . . . I enjoyed being a kid in the . . . Soviet Union, but later on, of course, I hated it . . . I was scared, .

. . . [but] fortunately I didn't go to Afghanistan, but, anyway, basically, my ambitions were killed at this point; so I thought, “Okay, then my goal is to be absolutely the best at chess that I can.” And the best I could achieve . . . was Top-50 in the world for a couple of years: I won the World Junior Championship; I qualified for the top 16 (in the Knockout World Championship). So it's probably my best achievement. But now the time is gone. So now it would be just day dreaming for me to think about it.

So, for now, my goal is to just enjoy chess . . . I tell my friends that when you are a professional chess player and you playing for results; sometimes you have to play the best move not the most interesting move . . . but . . . I want to play some game maybe an important game, and I want to sacrifice my Knight on d6 just for the hell of it.

(laughs)

Not to work it out . . . No need to calculate, don't care about result. Just to sacrifice, and see what happens. So that's my stage right now, I just want to enjoy chess. Not some super-duper goals, just to enjoy chess.

I have down one of the questions I was preparing to ask you: what is your most memorable game, or the greatest game maybe you've ever played, and hearing you talk about sacrificing your pieces reminds me there was a King's Indian game I saw . . .

Right, right! So it's easy to answer: my game with Ioannis. Many chess players, when they get asked, “What's your best game you ever played?” answer, “Well, I hope I will play such a game one day.” But for me, in 1993, this question was closed, because, indeed, I played this game where I sacrificed all my

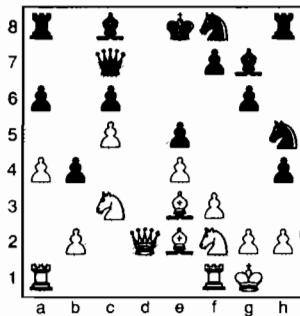
pieces . . . all my minor pieces, and Rooks and Queen, everything was sacrificed; so that was my best game . . . I played this game (after) I'd basically ruined my tournament. I'd lost all my chances for first place. I just played the way I described. I just sacrificed . . . there was no way for me to calculate even close to what was going to happen, all the sacrifices were intuitive . . . [T]hat was definitely the best game I ever played, there is no chance for me to get even close.

King's Indian Defense

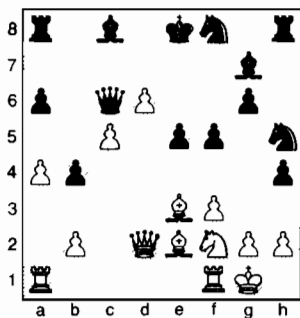
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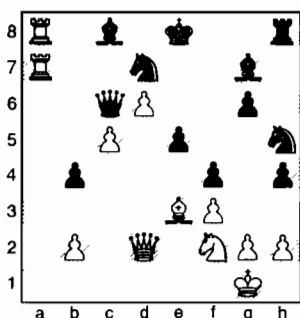
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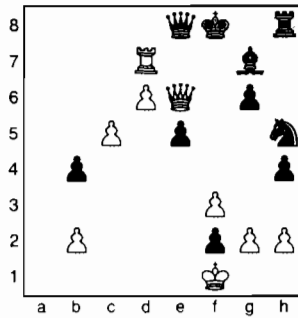
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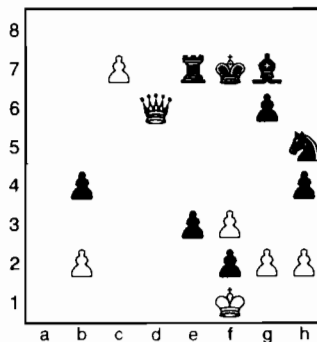
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Well, it's a great game. I have one more question, that's not related to what we've been talking about, but it's a topical question. What do you think of the problems in the chess world now, and what is the solution? What is the way to go?

What is wrong in the chess world?

Well, there been a lot of talk . . . not just (regarding) the World Championship, but are computers ruining chess? And, do you think the chess world has big problems? Do you see a solution?

Actually, I don't see a solution because chess is different now . . . [W]hen I started playing chess, it was—everyone says it was—"the Golden Age of Chess" and I totally agree, because, at that point, people knew the top chess players and probably they could recognize you on the street in the Soviet Union. And today, . . . if some guy on the street asks me, "You're a chess player, who's the World Champion right now?" I wouldn't be able to answer. So we have total chaos . . . [W]e cannot blame FIDE or even [Kas-

parov], there's no point in blaming one individual for all of this. It was a different time, and a different economic situation. In the former Soviet Union people didn't have things to do, but to play chess all of the day . . . [O]f course, this fight, Communist system versus the Western world, [led to] more interest for chess . . . [T]hen it was Kasparov vs. Karpov, titanic fight, Kasparov was suppose to be a "new guy" for a "new system" and Karpov was a typical guy from the old system of the Soviet Union; so it was another interesting thing behind chess. And for the general public, who doesn't know anything about chess, they don't understand all these finesses or when a Grandmaster plays some quiet move . . . all they see is Fischer beats some Russian master Spassky, and he's a hero.

Yes.

But, now, I don't see any fight on the streets here anymore. And, let's face it, most of the people don't understand chess, and if you don't understand chess, you cannot enjoy chess. I just remember I knew the rules of chess, but, before I could enjoy checkmating the lonely King, I did not enjoy chess at all. So you need to know something about chess. So chess is not going to be, never going to be, a main sport. So unless we have something behind chess . . . like when Kasparov played this IBM computer, then everyone was interested in chess. So we need something behind chess, that's the only thing that could save chess, in my opinion.

And the cheating problem is very, very bad for chess, and again I don't know the solution . . . [I]n my opinion, Fischer was the happiest man alive, because he achieved all his results before the computer. If he were to today beat Taimanov and Larsen 6-0, 6-0, everyone would say, "You are cheating; you cannot just beat two super Grandmasters 6-0, 6-0 back to back." And that's the problem, you see, the age of innocence in chess is gone, and you're never going to get it back. And I don't know how to fight it, because if you use these metal detectors, it's like you're playing in prison . . . I don't know, I don't see any solution, I'm just stating the facts. It's different.

Thank you. ■

Oregon High School Team Championship

VARSITY CHAMPIONS

1A	Siletz Valley Early College Academy	Siletz
2A	Portland Christian	Portland
3A	Coquille High School	Coquille
4A	Pleasant Hill High School	Pleasant Hill
5A	Sherwood High School	Sherwood
6A	Sunset High School	Portland

JUNIOR VARSITY CHAMPIONS

1A	no entries	
2A	Oakland High School	Oakland
3A	Coquille High School	Coquille
4A	Cottage Grove High School	Cottage Grove
5A	Willamette High School	Eugene
6A	Sunset High School	Portland

OPEN CHAMPIONS

International School of Beaverton Beaverton

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION

Matthew Chhay Sherwood HS

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP

The Dalles Wahtonka High School The Dalles

INDIVIDUAL SPORTSMANSHIP

Carson Viles Willamette HS

ALL STATE AWARDS (Perfect Score or Undefeated)

Marcus Robinson	Wilson HS
Jeremy Legrove	Sunset HS
Daniel Friesen	Sunset HS
Chris Griffin	Sherwood HS
Michael Riches	Sherwood HS
Zack Gentle	The Dalles Wahtonka HS
Jacob Shadwick	Pleasant Hill HS
David Garcia	Pleasant Hill HS
Caleb Kesey	Pleasant Hill HS
Omar Flores	Cottage Grove HS
Jesse Quinn	Pleasant Hill HS
Steven Koch	Portland Christian
Ryan Harding	Portland Christian

BLITZ CHAMPION

Dylan Gardner

MOTHERBOARD BUGHOUSE WINNERS

Qd 1 International School of Beaverton

Qd 2 Willamette Team A

INTERNATIONAL CHESS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Joshua Friedlein	Umpqua Valley HS
Caleb Kesey	Pleasant Hill HS
Jessica Ross	Coquille HS
Matthew Chhay	Sherwood HS

DEDICATED SERVICE AWARDS

5 YEAR

Alan Svehaug	Portland Christian
Peggy Ploem	Century
Kris Field-Eaton	Sherwood HS
Mark Stephens	Marshfield HS
Dave Swanston	Springfield HS
Darrin Henry	Sheldon HS
Jon Nuxoll	Marist HS
Dan Sharp	Sunset HS
Kate Taylor	Clatskanie HS

10 YEAR

Jerry Ramey	Eugene
Mark Claiborne	Marshfield HS

20 YEAR - "STEVE HAWKE LEADERSHIP AWARD"

Mike Wolfe	Cottage Grove
Stephen Runion	Lincoln

Tournament Notes

by Kate Taylor

2008 shall be remembered as the year of firsts

For the first time in our 45-year history, we officially awarded championship titles in every OSAA classification in Varsity and JV.

For the first time, every team registered online. No paper registrations this year. Not one!

For the first time, a 1A team participated in our event. Siletz Valley Early College Academy found our organization online, attended the tournament and played very well!

For the first time, we allowed any five Oregon students in grades 6-12 to form a team and participate in the Open division.

For the first time, a homeschool team played in the newly formed Open division.

For the first time, we presented Sportsmanship awards to both a team and an individual.

For the first time, we recognized coaches for their dedication and support of our organization for 5, 10 and 20 years of service. A total of 105 years of hard work supporting Oregon High School Chess!

For the first time, we presented every first place team player with a medal to commemorate the team's outstanding achievement.

For the first time, we played Motherboard Bughouse, which has never been done in a tournament setting. It was so popular, we'll do it again next year!

For the first time, we presented scholarships to the youngest top finishing player in each section (a \$450 value) from our sponsor The International Chess School.

Which brings me to another first . . . we had a sponsor of our event!

Thirty-nine teams and 200 players from around the state arrived to do battle head-to-head (literally), because, as we all know, chess is the sport of the mind. Think chess is just for geeks? You must have missed the basketball, football, soccer, track, swimming and softball players in our midst. Virtually every player competes in other sports as well! Not only do you need mental stamina and endurance for chess, you need the physical attributes as well. It's not easy to stay on

your game for eight long hours. But that's exactly what our students did. Competitive chess players are the best and brightest students in the state with leadership qualities and a desire to win!

It takes dedication and study to win at chess. Perseverance and a will to win. We saw all of that and so much more in Roseburg.

And good sportsmanship too. The Dalles Wahtonka went home with that honor. Throughout the tournament, both over the board and in one-on-one interactions, the players were helpful, kind, considerate, enthusiastic, and great competitors who loved to have fun. These qualities stood them well . . . they tied for second place in their division. An awesome accomplishment by an awesome team. Ernie Blatz has done a great job with his students!

Individual sportsmanship was awarded to Carson Viles of Willamette. Carson, while being interviewed by a Roseburg reporter, realized there was an error in his score. Carson immediately left to straighten it out. Not a big deal, really. Except that the error was in his favor and correcting it meant taking away a much-needed point for his team. When he reported the error to me, he said, "I feel

just sick. I know this will affect my team. But if we win, it's got to be right." In the end, Carson found it wasn't an error at all, just a misunderstanding of how the points were awarded. This kind of personal integrity and honor are to be admired and valued.

There were many close matches and games. Players and coaches are welcome to submit their best for inclusion on the website with analysis and comments by a Master.

In the end, we had clear first place winners (based on match and board points) and some very close ties for second. So close that the computer broke into a sweat during the calculations! The closest second place tie was in the 5A Varsity classification. Separated by only a 10th of a point. In one scenario, Willamette won. In another, The Dalles. As smoke started to billow from the hard drive, we decided to give both teams second place awards and medals! Great job teams! Both Sunset (6A) and Coquille (3A) won the Varsity and JV Championship titles for their division

In the brand new Open division, we had an interesting mix of schools and "Wildcard" teams. Going into the final round, a middle school, The



Sunset High School (Portland) won both the Varsity and Junior Varsity team championships for Category 6A

International School of Beaverton, was tied for first with a homeschool team, Umpqua Valley from Roseburg. Both ended with a match score of 4.5 and board score of 20.5. On board tie breaks they ended only 4/10 of a point apart with ISB coming out in first place and Umpqua Valley in second. These two teams were so evenly matched that they drew in head-to-head competition!

On Friday evening, Motherboard bughouse was a noisy, crazy, wild time! Eight teams gathered together to, well, figure out what the heck it was! This is a new variation of bughouse with five-member teams facing off. The strongest player is in the center on the "motherboard" and directs his team mates. All regular bughouse rules apply. Pieces can be passed to anyone . . . and they were! "I need a Knight" was responded with a torrent of Knights flying through the air as team mates reacted quickly to the urgent request. We'll definitely do this again next year! Although I may require protective head gear. And you thought chess was safe!

For the second year, we used computer pairings to match up the teams. It all went smoothly, thanks to the Pairings Tournament Director, Amy Coughlin, who wears many hats, including the 2008 OHSCA registrar beanie and her sorting hat as the NWSRS Coordinator for Oregon.

The Roseburg High School facility was easy to find, beautifully maintained, and perfect for playing chess with lots of room for teams to hang out between rounds. Randy Smolensky's school was an awesome place to hold a championship event. Many thanks to Roseburg High, Randy's students and his hard-working helpers. In particular, Ed Coughlin, who helped with logistics both pre-, during- and post-tournament, and Amy Coughlin, who coordinated a smooth registration process and sorted (paired) everyone with ease, or at least made it look that way! The coaches and parents who assisted with judging were also appreciated. As were the pre-awards organizational skills of Nancy Mitchell and Jonna Schuder. Randy and, Executive Director-elect, James Horton helped present awards. And, speaking of awards, a special thanks goes out to Mike Wolfe, Alan Svehaug, and Amy Coughlin, who helped me put together a package of awards that was bigger, both sizewise and numberwise, than ever before . . . and amazingly less expensive!

All in all, I'd say this was one of our best championships yet! ■

"Vera Menchik Club" and Beyond

by IM Nikolay Minev

The first Women's World Champion Vera Menchik (1906-1944), who, along with her mother and sister, was killed during an air raid in London, dominated convincingly in all women's tournaments and matches from 1927 to 1944. If you are interested, you can find many more details of her life and chess career in magazines and other publications, but this is not my intention here. In this article I will try to show an almost forgotten fact of her career that changed today's chess life for all of us. With this idea in mind, here is what Anne Sunnucks' *Encyclopedia of Chess* says about Menchik:

"The first woman ever to play in the British Championship and the first to play in a master tournament, Vera Menchik made her debut in master chess at Scarborough 1928 when she scored 50%. The following year she played in Paris and Carlsbad, and it was in Carlsbad that the famous "Vera Menchik Club" was formed. The invitation to Vera Menchik to compete among such players as Capablanca, Euwe, Tartakower and Nimzovich was received with amusement by many of the masters. The Viennese master Becker was particularly scornful, and in the presence of a number of the competitors he suggested that anyone who lost to Vera Menchik should be granted membership of "Menchik Club." He himself became the first member. Other famous players who later joined the club were Euwe, Reshevsky, Sultan Khan, Sir George Thomas, C.H.O'D Alexander, Colle and Yates.

"Her greatest success in international tournaments was at Ramsgate in 1929, when she was =2nd with Rubinstein, half a point behind Capablanca and ahead of Maroczy. In 1934 she was 3rd in Maribor, ahead of Spielmann and Vidmar. In 1942 she won a match against Mieses +4-1=5."

Below are presented two of Menchik's wins against high-level men players. The first is against Euwe, the most famous member of the club, whom she beat twice (Hastings 1930/31 & Hastings 1931/32). The second is a miniature against IM William Winter (1898-1955), chess professional and British Champion in 1935 and 1936.

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Games from the WA Invitational

King's Indian Attack

Michael Hosford (1878)
FM Paul Bartron (2106)

Seattle, WA Invitational (1) 2008

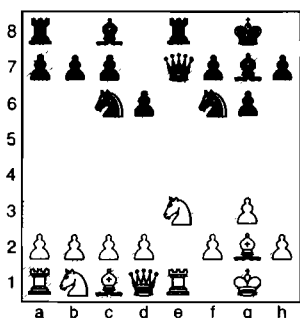
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♙h3 a5 33.♘c6 ♖b7 34.♙e3 a4 35.
♖e7 axb3 36.♖xd6 ♘xh3 37.♖xe5+ f6
38.♖xc3 bxa2 39.♖xh3 ♖b1 40.e5
a1=♖ 41.♖xa1 ♖xa1 42.e6 ♘xe6 43.
dxe6 ♖a6 0-1

Petroff Defense

Geoffrey Gale (2042)
Dereque Kelley (2035)

Seattle, WA Invitational (1) 2008

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘c4
♘xe4 5.♖e2 ♖e7 6.♘e3 ♘f6 7.g3
♘c6 8.♙g2 g6 9.O-O ♙g7 10.♖e1
O-O 11.♖d1 ♖e8



12.d4 ♙g4 13.f3 ♘d5 14.fxg4 ♘xe3
15.♙xe3 ♙xd4 16.♙f2 ♖xe1+ 17.
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♙xb2 0-1

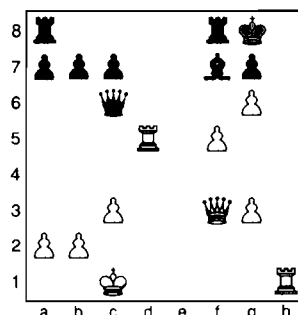
Nimzo-English

Nhon Do (2103)
Eddie Chang (1842)

Seattle, WA Invitational (1) 2008

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.♖c2
O-O 5.e4 d5 6.e5 ♙xc3 7.dxc3 ♘e4
8.♙d3 f5 9.exf6 ♘xf6 10.♙g5 h6 11.

♙h7+ ♙h8 12.h4 ♘c6 13.O-O-O ♖d6
14.♙g6 ♘e5 15.♘xe5 ♖xe5 16.♖d2
♘e4 17.♖e3 ♙g8 18.f4 ♖d6 19.♙xe4
hxg5 20.♙h7+ ♙xh7 21.hxg5+ ♙g8
22.g3 ♙d7 23.♖f3 ♙e8 24.cxd5 exd5
25.♖xd5 ♖c6 26.f5 ♙f7 27.g6



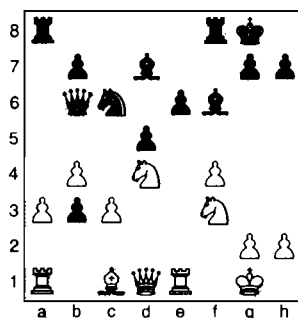
27...♖xd5 28.♖h8+ 1-0

French Steinitz

Sterling Kolde (1825)
Benjamin Calpo (2018)

Seattle, WA Invitational (1) 2008

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7
5.♘ce2 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.f4 ♙e7 8.♘f3
O-O 9.a3 cxd4 10.♘exd4 a5 11.♙d3
♘c5 12.♙c2 f5 13.exf6 ♙xf6 14.O-O
♙d7 15.♖e1 ♖b6 16.b3 a4 17.b4 ♘b3
18.♙xb3 axb3



19.♙e3 b2 20.♖a2 ♘xd4 21.cxd4 ♙a4
22.♖d3 ♖b5 23.♖b1 ♙b3 24.♖xb2
♙c4 25.♖a1 ♖a6 26.♙d2 ♖fa8 27.
♖e3 ♖e8 28.♖b1 ♖g6 29.♖b2 ♙d3
30.♖a1 b5 31.♖c3 ♙e4 32.♖c5 h5
33.♙e1 ♖g4 34.♖a2 ♖xf4 35.♙f2 h4
36.♖xb5 h3 37.g3 ♖g4 38.♖e2 ♖c6
39.♖d2 ♖c1+ 40.♖d1 ♖c2 41.♖d2
♖c1+ 42.♙e1 ♖ac8 43.b5 ♖b1 44.
♖d1 ♖xd1 45.♖xd1 ♙xf3 46.♖xf3
♙xd4+ 47.♙f2 ♖xf3 48.♖xf3 ♖c1+
49.♖d1 ♖xd1 mate

Semi-Slav Anti-Meran

Elston Cloy (1958)
Allen Smith (1998)

Seattle, WA Invitational (1) 2008

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 c6 4.♘c3 e6
5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♖c2 ♙e7 7.g4 O-O 8.g5
♘e8 9.♙d2 ♙xg5 10.♘xg5 ♖xg5 11.
O-O-O ♖e7 12.e4 dxc4 13.♙xc4 b5
14.♙d3 ♙b7 15.♙b1 a6 16.e5 f5 17.
exf6 ♘exf6 18.♙g5 ♖f7 19.♖hg1 ♙h8
20.♖e2 c5 21.dxc5 ♘xc5 22.♙c2 b4
23.♙xf6 gxf6 24.♘a4 ♘xa4 25.♙xa4
♖ad8 26.♙b3 ♖xd1+ 27.♖xd1 ♙c8
28.♖c4 ♖e7 29.f4 a5 30.♖e4 ♙d7
31.♖b7 ♖d8 32.♖c7 e5 33.♙a1 ♖c8
34.♖xa5 exf4 35.♖d5 ♖e3 36.♖b1
♙h3 37.♖f7 ♖d4 38.♙e6 ♙xe6 39.
♖xe6 ♖d8 40.♖e7 f3 41.a3 bxa3 42.
♖xa3 ♖d5 0-1

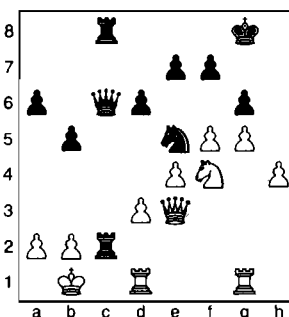
Round Two

Sicilian Dragon Yugoslav Attack

Allen Smith (1998, 1.0)
Nhon Do (2103, 1.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (2) 2008

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♙g7 3.♘c3 c5 4.♘f3 cxd4
5.♘xd4 ♘c6 6.♙e3 d6 7.♖d2 ♙d7
8.O-O-O ♘f6 9.f3 a6 10.♙b1 ♖c8 11.
g4 h5 12.g5 ♘h7 13.h4 b5 14.f4 O-O
15.♘xc6 ♖xc6 16.♙d4 ♙xd4 17.♖xd4
♙g4 18.♖d2 ♖d7 19.♖g1 ♖fc8 20.
♙d3 ♘f8 21.♘d5 ♖b8 22.♖f2 ♖c5
23.♘e3 ♙e6 24.f5 ♙c4 25.♖dd1 ♖e8
26.♘g2 ♘d7 27.♘f4 ♘e5 28.♖e2
♖c6 29.♘h5 ♙xd3 30.cxd3 ♖c8 31.
♘f4 ♖c2 32.♖e3



32...♖xb2+ 33.♙xb2 ♖c3+ 34.♙b1
♖b4+ 35.♙a1 ♖c2 0-1

Sicilian Defense

Benjamin Calpo (2018, 1.0)
FM Paul Bartron (2106, 2.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (3) 2008

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 ♞f6 5.♙d3 d5 6.e5 ♞fd7 7.♞e2 ♞c5 8.♙b5+ ♙d7 9.O-O a6 10.♙xd7+ ♞bxd7 11.b4 ♞a4 12.c4 dxc4 13.♙f4 b5 14.♞d2 ♞b6 15.♞c2 ♙e7 16.♞g4 g5 17.♙xg5 ♞g8 18.♞e4 ♞d8 19.♙xe7 ♞xe7 20.♞h4+ ♞f8 21.♞f3 ♞c3 22.♞g5 ♞xe5 23.♞xh7+ ♞g7 24.♞f6+ ♞xh7 25.♞xe5 ♞c6 26.♞h5+ ♞g7 27.♞g5+ ♞h7 28.♞h4+ ♞g7 29.♞ae1 ♞d3 30.♞e3 ♞f8 31.♞e1 ♞d5 32.h3 ♞xe3 33.♞h6+ ♞e8 34.♞xe3 ♞xa2 35.♞a3 c3 36.g3 ♞d2 37.♞f3 ♞e2 38.♞xa6 ♞xf3 39.♞c8+ ♞e7 40.♞xg8 c2 41.♞g5+f6 42.♞c5+ ♞f7 43.♞xc2 ♞xb4 44.♞h7+ ♞f8 45.♞a1 ♞d3 46.♞a8+ 1-0

Nimzo-Indian Rubinstein

Elston Cloy (1958, 0.0)
Dereque Kelley (2035, 2.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (3) 2008

1.d4 ♞f6 2.c4 e6 3.♞c3 ♙b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♙d3 c5 6.♞ge2 d5 7.O-O b6 8.a3 ♙xc3 9.♞xc3 dxc4 10.♙xc4 cxd4 11.exd4 ♞c6 12.d5 ♞a5 13.♙a2 ♞xd5 14.♞xd5 exd5 15.♞xd5 ♞xd5 16.♙xd5 ♙b7 17.♙a2 ♙a6 18.♞e1 ♞fe8 19.♙d2 ♙c4 20.♙xa5 ♙xa2 21.♞xa2 bxa5 22.♞aa1 f6 23.♞f1 ♞f7 24.♞ac1 ♞ac8 25.♞ed1 ♞e6 26.♞xc8 ♞xc8 27.♞e2 ♞c2+ 28.♞d2 ♞xd2+ 29.♞xd2 ♞d5 30.♞c3 ♞c5 31.a4 g6 Draw

Round Four

Two Knights Defense

Allen Smith (1998, 1.0)
Sterling Kolde (1825, 1.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (4) 2008

1.e4 e5 2.♞f3 ♞c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♙c4 ♞f6 5.e5 ♞e4 6.O-O ♙e7 7.c3 dxc3 8.♞d5 O-O 9.♞xe4 cxb2 10.♙xb2 d6 11.♞c3 dxe5 12.♞ad1 ♙d6 13.♞b5 ♞f6 14.♞fe1 ♙f5 15.♞h4 ♞ad8 16.♞xf6 gxf6 17.♞xd6 ♞xd6 18.♞xd6 cxd6 19.♞d1 ♞d8 20.♙a3 ♞a5 21.♙f1 ♙e6 22.♞xd6 ♞xd6 23.♙xd6 ♙xa2 24.♙d3 ♙d5 25.♞d2 ♞c6 26.f3 ♞g7 27.♞f2 ♙e6 28.g4 h5 29.h3 hxg4 30.hxg4 ♞h6 31.♙f8+ ♞g5 32.♞e4+

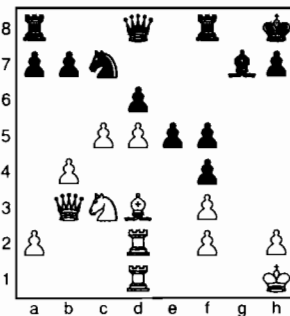
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King's Indian Petrosian

Eddie Chang (1842, 0.0)
Benjamin Calpo (2018, 2.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (4) 2008

1.♞f3 d6 2.d4 ♞f6 3.c4 g6 4.♞c3 ♙g7 5.e4 O-O 6.♙e2 c6 7.O-O e5 8.d5 ♞a6 9.♞b1 ♞h5 10.b4 ♞c7 11.♞b3 ♞f4 12.♞d1 cxd5 13.exd5 ♙f5 14.♞b2 g5 15.♙xf4 gxf4 16.♙d3 ♙g4 17.c5 ♙xf3 18.gxf3 ♞h8 19.♞h1 f5 20.♞bd2



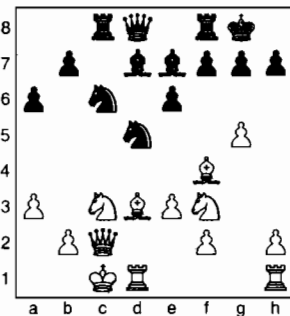
20...e4 21.fxe4 f3 22.♞g1 ♙e5 23.exf5 ♙xh2 24.♞g4 ♞g8 25.♞c4 ♞f6 26.♞c2 ♞xg4 27.♞xg4 ♞h6 28.cxd6 ♙xd6+ 29.♞g1 ♞g8 0-1

Queen's Gambit Declined

Dereque Kelley (2035, 2.5)
FM Paul Bartron (2106, 2.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (4) 2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♞c3 ♞f6 4.♞f3 ♙e7 5.♙f4 O-O 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc4 8.♞c2 ♙xc5 9.♙xc4 ♞c6 10.a3 a6 11.♙d3 ♙e7 12.O-O-O ♙d7 13.g4 ♞c8 14.g5 ♞d5



15.♞xd5 exd5 16.♞b1 ♞d4 17.♙xh7+ ♞h8 18.♞xd4 ♞xc2 19.♙xc2 ♞b6 20.♙e5 ♞c8 21.♞h4+ ♞g8 22.♙g3 ♞b5 23.a4 ♞e2 24.♙h7+ ♞f8 25.♞e5 ♙xg5 26.♙d3 ♞xd3+ 27.♞xd3 ♙xh4 28.♞c5 ♙f5+ 29.♞a2 ♙e7 30.♞xb7

♞c4 31.b3 ♞c2+ 32.♞a1 ♙b4 33.♙e5 ♞e7 34.f3 f6 35.♙d4 ♞c7 36.♞d8 ♞c2 37.♞b7 ♙c8 38.♞b1 ♞c7 39.♞d8 ♙a5 40.♞g1 ♞xd8 41.b4 ♞b7 0-1

Benko Gambit Declined

Elston Cloy (1958, 0.5)
Nhon Do (2103, 2.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (4) 2008

Annotations by Nhon Do

1.d4 ♞f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.♞f3 d6 5.a4 b4

Mark Ryan and Drayton Harrison suggested a line used by NM Michael Lee: 5...♞a5+ 6.♙d2 b4 7.♞a3 g6 8.♞c2 ♞c7 with the idea of keeping White's Bishop off the a1-h8 diagonal and misplacing White's Knight on c2.

6.b3 g6 7.♙b2 ♙g7 8.g3 O-O 9.♙g2 ♙b7 10.O-O e6 11.♞e1 exd5 12.cxd5 ♞e8 13.♞c2 ♞bd7

Both side's plans are apparent. White will try to consolidate the center and advance his f- and e-pawns. Black will attack the queenside and try to create a passed pawn there, while keeping an eye on the White pawns in the center.

14.♞e1 a5 15.e4 c4!?

Black is confident that he has completed development of his minor pieces and has the initiative on the queenside, while White is not ready to take action in the center; so he confidently sacrificed a pawn in order to make room for his Knight to penetrate the enemy's territory. However, perhaps he should have played a couple of preparatory moves such as ...♙a6 and ...♞c8 first.

16.bxc4 ♞c8 17.♞d2 ♞c5

Black has compensation for the minus pawn: two half open files, e and c; more actively placed Knights; and three weak pawns on a4, c4, and e4 to attack. 18.♙d4 ♞d7??

Black was too focused on continuing with his plan of attacking White pawns that he completely ignored White's intention and counterattack. Strategically, he has already lost!

19.♙xc5!

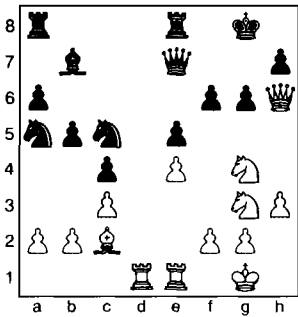
The Knight must be destroyed.

Ruy Lopez Worrall

Geoffrey Gale (2042, 0.0)
Elston Cloy (1958, 0.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (2) 2008

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♞e2 b5 7.♙b3 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.d3 ♞e8 10.h3 ♙b7 11.♘bd2 ♙f8 12.♞e1 ♞d7 13.♘f1 ♘a5 14.♙c2 c5 15.♙g5 dxe4 16.dxe4 ♞e6 17.♘g3 g6 18.♘h2 c4 19.♞e3 ♘d7 20.♞ad1 ♘c5 21.♘g4 ♙e7 22.♙xe7 ♞xe7 23.♞h6 f6



24.♘f5 ♞f8 25.♞h4 ♞e6 26.♘fe3 h5 27.♘h2 ♞d8 28.g4 ♞xd1 29.♞xd1 ♙xe4 30.♙xe4 ♘xe4 31.gxh5 ♘g5 32.hxg6 ♞d6 33.♞xd6 ♞xd6 34.♞g4 ♘c6 35.h4 ♘e6 36.♞h5 ♞d7 37.♘hg4 ♞g7 38.♘f5 ♞h8 39.♘gh6+ ♘f8 40.g7+ 1-0

Ruy Lopez Center Attack

FM Paul Bartron (2106, 1.0)
Sterling Kolde (1825, 0.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (2) 2008

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.d4 exd4 7.e5 ♘e4 8.♘xd4 O-O 9.c3 ♘c5 10.♙c2 ♘e6 11.f4 ♘exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.♘c3 ♘b4 14.♙b1 c5 15.a3 ♘c6 16.♙e3 b6 17.♘h1 ♙b7 18.♞d3 g6 19.f5 cxd4 20.♙xd4 ♘xd4 21.♞xd4 ♙c5 22.♞f4 ♞c7 23.b4 ♙e7 24.f6 1-0

English Symmetrical

Dereque Kelley (2035, 1.0)
Benjamin Calpo (2018, 1.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (2) 2008

1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 g6 6.g3 ♙g7 7.♙g2 O-O 8.O-O ♞b6 9.♘b3 d6 10.♘d5 ♘xd5 11.cxd5 ♘e5 12.♙e3 ♞a6 13.♙d4 ♙d7 14.f4 ♘g4 15.♙xg7 ♘xg7 16.♞d4+ ♘f6 17.e4 ♞b6 18.e5 ♘e8 19.e6+ ♞xd4+ 20.♘xd4 fxe6 21.dxe6 ♙c6 22.♙xc6 bxc6 23.♘xc6 ♘f6 24.g4

♙xe6 25.♞ae1+ ♘d7 26.♘xe7 ♘f6 27.g5 ♘h5 28.♘d5 ♞f7 29.♞e4 ♞e8 30.♞fe1 ♞xe4 31.♞xe4 ♘c6 32.♘b4+ ♘c5 33.♘g2 a5 34.♘d3+ ♘d5 35.♘f3 ♘g7 36.♞a4 ♞b7 37.♞xa5+ ♘c4 38.♞a3 ♘f5 39.♞c3+ ♘d4 40.a3 ♞e7 41.♘b4 ♞e6 42.♘c2+ ♘d5 43.♘e3+ ♘d4 44.♘xf5+ gxh5 45.♞c7 ♞e3+ 46.♘f2 ♞b3 47.♞xh7 ♘e4 48.g6 ♞xb2+ 49.♘g3 ♞b3+ 50.♘h4 ♞b2 51.♘g5 ♞g2+ 52.♘f6 1-0

The following game was played during the week between Rounds Four and Five.

Semi-Slav Botvinnik

Eddie Chang (1842, 0.0)
Michael Hosford (1878, 1.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (2) 2008

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 c6 5.♙g5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.♙h4 g5 9.♘xg5 hxg5 10.♙xg5 ♘bd7 11.g3 ♙b7 12.♙g2 ♞b6 13.exf6 O-O-O 14.O-O c5 15.d5 b4 16.♞b1 ♞a6 17.dxe6 ♙xg2 18.e7 ♙xf1 19.♞d5 ♙xe7 20.fxe7 ♙d3 21.♘e4 ♙xb1 22.♘d6+ ♘c7 23.♙f4 ♘b6 24.♘xc4+ ♘b5 25.♘d6+ ♘b6 26.♘c4+ ♘b5 27.♘d6+ Draw

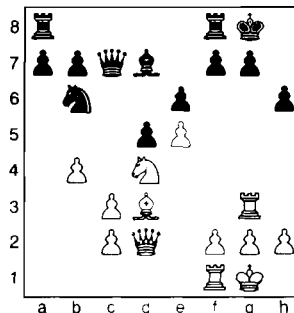
Round Three

French Defense

Sterling Kolde (1825, 0.0)
Eddie Chang (1842, 0.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (3) 2008

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 h6 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.e5 ♘e4 6.♙d3 ♙b4 7.♙d2 ♘xd2 8.♞xd2 c5 9.a3 cxd4 10.axb4 dxc3 11.bxc3 O-O 12.O-O ♞c7 13.♞ae1 ♘d7 14.♞e3 ♘b6 15.♘d4 ♙d7 16.♞g3



16...♞xe5 17.♞xh6 f5 18.f4 ♞f6 19.♞g6 ♞f7 20.♞f3 ♙e8 21.♞fg3 ♞xg6 22.♞xg6 ♙xg6 23.♞xg6 ♞f6 24.♞g3

♞c8 25.♘xe6 ♞xe6 26.♙xf5 ♞ec6 27.♙xc8 ♞xc8 28.♞d3 ♞c4 29.g3 ♘f7 30.h4 g6 31.♘f2 ♘f6 32.♞e3 ♘d7 33.♞xa7 ♘f5 34.♞xb7 ♘f6 35.♞f7 1-0

QGD Slav

Nhon Do (2103, 2.0)
Geoffrey Gale (2042, 1.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (3) 2008

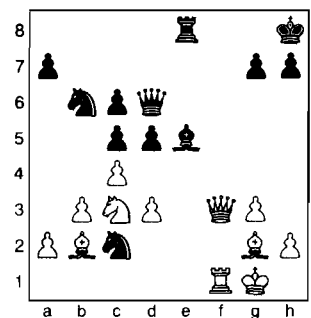
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King's Indian Attack

Michael Hosford (1878, 0.0)
Allen Smith (1998, 1.0)

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1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.♞e2 ♘c6 4.g3 ♙e7 5.♙g2 ♘f6 6.O-O d5 7.d3 O-O 8.e5 ♘d7 9.c4 ♘b6 10.♘c3 f6 11.b3 fxe5 12.♘xe5 ♘d4 13.♞d1 ♙f6 14.f4 ♙d7 15.♙b2 ♙c6 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♞e1 ♞d6 18.♞b1 e5 19.fxe5 ♙xe5 20.♞g4 ♞ae8 21.♞f1 ♞xf1+ 22.♞xf1 ♘c2 23.♞f3 ♘h8

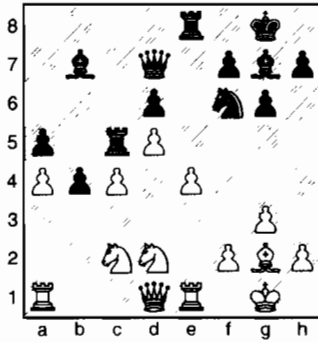


24.♘b5 ♙d4+ 25.♙xd4 cxb5 26.♙xg7+ ♘xg7 27.♞f7+ ♘h8 28.♞xe8+ ♘g7 29.♞f7+ ♘h6 30.♞e7 ♘d4 31.♞f8+ 1-0

2008 Washington State Invitational

	Name & USCF/FIDE	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T	S-B	
1	Gale, Geoffrey 12685185	2042		1	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7.5	29.75	1st
2	Cloy, Elston 12802247	1958	0		1	1	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.5	3.5	14.75	
3	Do, Nhon 13682737	2103	0.5	0		1	1	1	0	1	1	1	6.5	24.75	=2-3rd
4	Hosford, Michael 12557020	1878	0	0	0		0	1	0	0.5	1	0	2.5	9.25	
5	Kolde, Sterling 12699144	1825	0	1	0	1		0	0	1	0	0.5	3.5	10.75	
6	Calpo, Benjamin 12899258	2018	0	0.5	0	0	1		1	1	1	0	4.5	17.75	=4-5th
7	Bartron, Paul 12590173	2106	0	1	1	1	1	0		1	0.5	1	6.5	24.75	=2-3rd
8	Chang, Eddie 12705642	1842	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0		0.5	1	2.5	9.25	
9	Smith, Allen 12567613	1998	0	1	0	0	1	0	0.5	0.5		0.5	3.5	13.75	
10	Kelley, Dereque 12743590	2035	1	0.5	0	1	0.5	1	0	0	0.5		4.5	19.75	=4-5th

19... ♖xc5



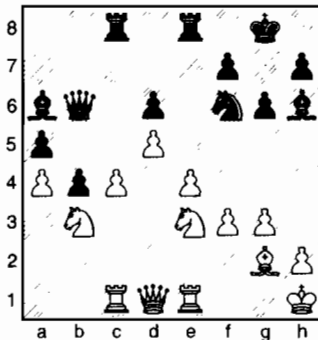
20. ♖e3?!

I think 20. ♖b3!, taking advantage of the unprotected a5-pawn, was better. If Black takes on c4, then 21. ♖xa5 threatens both c4 and b7 as well as the b4-pawn. Black's position would be very critical due to the additional threat of White advancing the a-pawn with the support of his Rook at a1. Now the Black Queen has time to correct her mistake by returning to d8 to protect the a5-pawn.

20... ♔d8 21. ♖c1 ♕a6 22. ♖b3 ♖c8 23. f3 ♗b6?!

As the fight was shifting to the control of not only the c5- but also the c4-square, Black should trade his dark-squared Bishop for White's e3-Knight so that White can't use the c4-outpost. With both dark-squared Bishops gone, Black would not have to worry much about the weakness at f6, King safety, or the long dark diagonal in general.

24. ♖h1 ♕h6?



Now White gains a tempo by attacking the Queen and returns the pawn to gain control of the important c4-square. 25. c5! dxc5 26. ♖c4 ♕xc4 27. ♖xc4 ♖d7 28. f4 ♗a6?

Allowing White gain time to seize control of the c4-square with his Bishop.

29. ♕f1 ♗a7 30. e5

As the White center pawns start moving, Black's position becomes hopeless, because he can't create any counterplay.

30... ♕f8 31. ♖d2 ♖b6 32. ♖e4!

White is aiming for the Black King now and confidently offers the Exchange. 32... ♖ed8 33. ♖f6+ ♖h8 34. f5! ♕g7 35. d6 ♖xc4

As White's Rook threatened to join the assault on the Black King by going to h4, Black is forced to take on c4. However, this allows the Bishop to take a commanding position on the important a2-g8 diagonal.

36. ♕xc4 ♕xf6 37. exf6 ♗d7 38. fxg6 hxg6 39. ♗d2 ♗h3 40. ♕xf7 ♖f8?

Both players were in time trouble and hustling to make time control, but, after move 40, White found a crushing double attack.

41. ♕e6 ♗h5 42. ♕xc8 ♗f3+

Black can't even take the Bishop back because of the threat 43. d7 and 44. ♖e8. The game is over now, but Black played a few more moves just in case White overlooked a silly perpetual check or failed to "see" the b4-pawn.

43. ♗g2 ♗xf6 44. ♗h3+ ♖g7 45. ♖e7+ ♖f7 46. ♖xf7+ ♗xf7 47. ♗d7 b3 48. ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 49. ♕a6 b2 50. ♕c4+ ♖e8 51. ♕d3 g5 52. ♕f5 1-0

A fine game played by Elston. A painful loss for me, but an instructive one nonetheless in terms of positional play: blockade, center domination leading to a kingside attack, control of key squares or outposts. I believe I learn more from my losses than my wins, but seriously hope I don't have to learn too much too often.



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Nimzovich Defense

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Michael Hosford (1878, 1.0)

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Comments by Drayton Harrison

1. e4 ♖c6 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 ♖f6 4. ♖c3 ♕g4 5. ♕e3 e5 6. d5 ♖e7 7. h3 ♕xf3 8. ♗xf3 ♖g6 9. g4 ♕e7 10. O-O-O ♖d7 11. ♕b5 a6 12. ♕xd7+ ♗xd7 13. g5 f5 14. exf5 ♖f8 15. h4 ♗xf5 16. ♗xf5 ♖f5 17. h5 ♖f4 18. ♕xf4 ♖xf4 19. g6 h6 20. ♖h2 O-O-O 21. ♖d2 ♖df8 22. ♖e2 ♖8f5 23. ♖g1 ♕f6 24. ♖d1 ♕g5 25. c3 c6 26. ♖e3 ♖f8 27. dxc6 bxc6 28. ♖g4 ♕d8 29. ♖xf4 ♖xf4 30. f3 ♖d7 31. ♖g2 ♖e6 32. ♖g4 ♖xg4 33. ♖xg4 ♕g5 34. b4 d5 35. ♖f2 ♕d8 36. ♖g4 ♕g5 37. a4 ♖f5 38. ♖f2 ♕e7 39. ♖g4 ♕g5 40. ♖f2 ♕e7 41. ♖h3 ♕h4 42. ♖e3 ♕e1 43. ♖d3 e4+ 44. fxe4+ dxe4+ 45. ♖e3 ♕xc3 46. ♖f2 ♕xb4 47. ♖xe4 ♕e7 48. ♖f3 c5 49. ♖c3 ♖g5 50. ♖e4 ♖xh5 51. ♖f5 ♕f6 52. ♖e4 ♕d4 53. ♖d6 ♖h4 54. ♖e6 ♖g5 55. ♖f7 h5 56. ♖e8 h4 57. ♖xg7 ♖g4 58. ♖e8 ♕h8 59. ♖f6+ ♖f3 60. ♖h7 h3 61. ♖g8 h2 62. ♖xh8 h1=♗ 63. g7 ♗a1 64. ♖g5+ ♖g4 65. ♖e6 ♗h1+ 66. ♖g8 c4 67. ♖f7 ♗b7+ 68. ♖f6 ♗c8 69. ♖d4 c3 70. ♖f7 ♗d7+ 71. ♖f8 ♗c8+ 72. ♖f7 ♖f4 73. g8=♗ ♗xg8+ 74. ♖xg8 ♖e3 75. ♖b3 c2 76. ♖f7 ♖d3 77. ♖e6 ♖c4 78. ♖c1 a5 79. ♖e5 ♖b4 80. ♖d4 ♖xa4

Black offered a draw and White declined, informing his opponent that he would try for checkmate. Black could not claim insufficient losing chances because they were playing with a 5-second delay clock.

81. ♖c4 ♖a3 82. ♖c3 a4?

82... ♖a4! draws easily. Either White repeats the position with 83. ♖c4 or allows Black's King to escape to the center.

In that case, Black would push pawns until White was forced to take or blockade them.

83. ♖d3 ♖a2

Black's time may or may not have expired.

84. ♖xc2 a3?? 1-0

Here White claimed a win on time, but he could soon win over the board, i.e., 84...a3 85. ♖b4+ ♗a1 86. ♜c1 a2 87. ♘c2 mate.

Round Five

Center-Counter

FM Paul Bartron (2106, 3.0)
Eddie Chang (1842, 0.5)

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1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3. ♘c3 ♗a5 4.d4 c6 5. ♙e2 ♘f6 6. ♘f3 ♙f5 7.O-O e6 8. ♙f4 ♘bd7 9.a3 ♙e7 10.b4 ♗d8 11. ♘a4 b5 12. ♘b2 O-O 13.c4 a6 14. ♘h4 ♙e4 15. ♘f3 ♗c8 16. ♘d2 ♙g6 17. ♗b3 ♘h5 18. ♙e3 ♙d6 19.g3 ♘hf6 20. ♙f3 h5 21. ♙g5 ♙e7 22. ♘d3 ♘h7 23. ♙xe7 ♗xe7 24. ♘f4 ♗g5 25. ♙g2 h4 26. ♘f3 ♗f5 27. ♘xh4 ♗c2 28. ♗e3 ♗fe8 29. ♘hxg6 fxg6 30. ♙e4 1-0

Sicilian Rossolimo

Michael Hosford (1878, 1.5)
Elston Cloy (1958, 1.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (5) 2008

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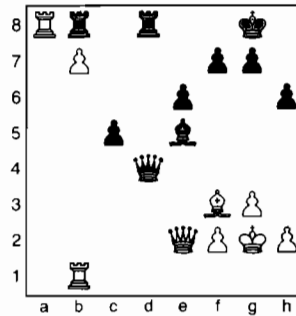
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Benjamin Calpo (2018, 3.0)
Allen Smith (1998, 2.0)

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dx5 26. ♗xa6 ♗c7 27.b5 ♙g5 28.b6 ♗e7 29.b7 ♗b8 30.g3 ♗d7 31. ♗a8 ♗d4 32. ♙f3 ♙f6 33. ♘g2 ♙e5



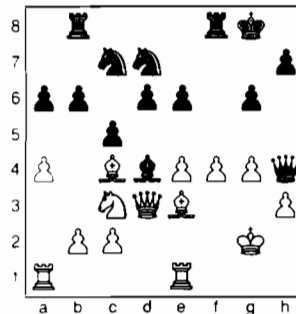
34. ♗d1 ♗xd1 35. ♗xe5 ♗d4 36. ♗xb8 1-0

Pirc Austrian Attack

Sterling Kolde (1825, 1.0)
Geoffrey Gale (2042, 2.5)

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19...g5 20. ♗f1 gxf4 21. ♙xf4 ♘e5 22. ♙xe5 ♗f2+ 23. ♗xf2 ♗xf2+ 24. ♘h1 ♙xe5 25. ♗e2 ♗h4 26. ♗g2 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28. ♙e2 b4 29. ♘d1 ♗e1+ 30. ♗f1 ♗d2 31. ♗a7 ♗f8 32. ♘f2 ♗f4 33. ♗g2 ♗c1+ 34. ♗g1 ♗e3 35. ♗xc7 ♗xf2 36. ♗c8+ ♘g7 37. ♙f1 ♗h2+ 38. ♗xh2 ♙xh2 39. ♘xh2 ♗d2+ 40. ♙g2 ♗xc2 41. ♗c7+ ♘g6 0-1

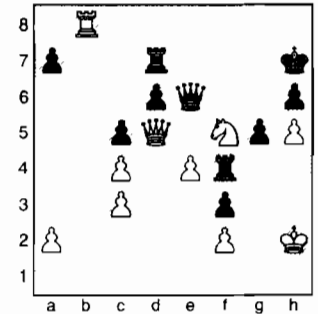
English Opening

Nhon Do (2103, 2.5)
Dereque Kelley (2035, 2.5)

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18.dxc4 ♘b4 19. ♗e2 e4 20. ♘d2 ♙xc3 21.bxc3 ♘c6 22. ♗ab1 ♗f7 23.g4 ♗be8 24. ♗b2 ♗e7 25. ♗fb1 ♘a5 26. gxf5 ♙xf5 27. ♗b5 ♘c6 28. ♘f1 ♘e5 29. ♘g3 ♘f3+ 30. ♙xf3 exf3 31. ♗d1 ♙xb1 32. ♗xb1+ ♘g7 33. ♗d3 ♗e6 34. ♘h2 ♗f6 35. ♗b8 ♗g4 36. ♗d5 ♗e6 37. ♗d3 ♗d7 38.e4 ♗f4 39. ♘f5+ ♘h7 40. ♗d5



40... ♗xe4 41. ♗b7 1-0

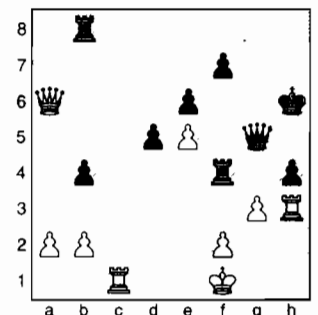
Round Six

Semi-Slav Meran

Dereque Kelley (2035, 2.5)
Eddie Chang (1842, 0.5)

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39... ♗f5 40. ♗h2 ♗e4 41. ♗d6 ♗g8 42. ♗e7 h3 43. ♗f6+ ♗xf6 44. exf6 ♗a8 45. ♗xh3+ ♘g6 46. ♗a1 ♗c4 47. ♗h4 ♘xf6 48. ♗xc4 dxc4 49. ♘e2 ♘e5 50.

a3 c3 51.bxc3 ♖xa3 52.♖c1 ♖xc3 53. ♖b1 b3 54.♗d2 ♗d4 55.♖a1 ♖c2+ 56.♗d1 ♗c3 0-1

Black Knights Tango

Nhon Do (2103, 3.5)

Michael Hosford (1878, 1.5)

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French Steinitz

Geoffrey Gale (2042, 3.5)

Benjamin Calpo (2018, 4.0)

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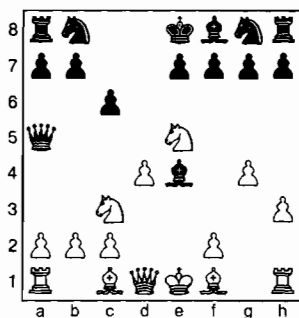
Center-Counter

Allen Smith (1998, 2.0)

FM Paul Bartron (2106, 4.0)

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Ruy Lopez Zaitsev

Elston Cloy (1958, 2.5)

Sterling Kolde (1825, 1.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (6) 2008

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♗b7 10.d4 ♖e8 11.♗g5 ♖f8 12.♗f3 ♖e8 13.♗bd2 ♗f8 14.a3 h6 15.♗c2 ♗b8 16.b4 ♗bd7 17.♗b2 g6 18.♖c1 ♗g7 19.♗b1 ♖c8 20.a4 ♗h5 21.axb5 axb5 22.♗d3 c6 23.g3 ♗b6 24.♗f1 c5 25.bxc5 dxc5 26.d5 c4 27.♗c2 ♗c5 28.♗e3 f5 29.exf5 e4 30.♗d4 ♗f6 31.♗e6 ♗d3 32.♗xd3 exd3 33.♗f4 g5 34.♗e6 ♗xd5 35.♗g4 ♗c6 36.f3 ♗d6 37.♗h2 ♖a8 38.♗xg7 ♗xg7 39.♖a1 ♖xe1 40.♗xe1 ♖xa1 41.♗xa1 ♗c8 42.♗e4 ♗f6 43.♗xf6 ♗xf6 44.♗e8 d2 45.♗g6+ ♗e7 46.f4 ♗d7 47.♗f7+ ♗c6 48.♗e8+ ♗d7 49.♗a8+ ♗b6 50.♗d8+ ♗b7 51.♗g8 d1=♗ 0-1

Round Seven

Semi-Slav Anti-Moscow Gambit

Eddie Chang (1842, 1.5)

Allen Smith (1998, 2.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (7) 2008

1.♗f3 d5 2.d4 ♗f6 3.c4 c6 4.♗c3 e6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗h4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.♗g3 b5 9.♗e2 ♗b4 10.♗c2 g4 11.♗e5 ♗xd4 12.♖d1 ♗xc3+ 13.bxc3 ♗xe4 14.♗xe4 ♗xe4 15.♗h4 ♗d7 16.♗xd7 ♗xd7 17.h3 ♗xc3 18.♗f6 ♗xe2 19.♗xh8 ♗f4 20.hxg4 O-O-O 21.♖xh6 ♗xg2+ 22.♗e2 Draw

King's Indian Attack

Michael Hosford (1878, 1.5)

Dereque Kelley (2035, 2.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (7) 2008

Annotations by Dereque Kelley

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.♗e2 ♗c6 4.g3 g6 5.♗g2 ♗g7 6.O-O ♗ge7 7.d3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.♗h4 e5

I was aware that Michael was likely to choose this setup, though I did not count on 9.♗h4. However, Black's position is very easy to play and the White Queen's placement on e2 contributes to neglect of other aspects of queenside development.

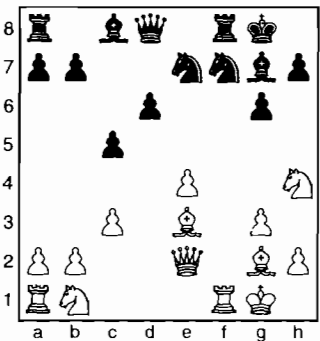
10.f4 f5 11.fxe5 ♗xe5 12.♗g5?!

12.♗d2?!

12...♗f7

I do not believe Michael anticipated this. It is somewhat strange to move the Knight away from its outpost, but the tempo that it wins is very helpful to Black for pursuing an initiative. Bad for Black is 12...h6? 13.♗xe7 ♗xe7 14.d4!

13.♗e3 fxe4! 14.dxe4



Now, the whole of Black's play centers around blockading the e4-pawn and taking advantage of the outpost created on e5. White finds himself in a miserable situation for many moves to come. Although 14.♗xe4 d5 15.♗g2 d4 16.cxd4 cxd4 also leads to difficulties for White, I believed during the game that this was a better solution than creating the long-term weakness on e4.

14...♗e5 15.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 16.h3 ♗7c6 17.♗d2 ♗e6 18.♖f1 ♗e7

The f-file means very little in this position.

19.a3 ♗d7 20.♗h2 ♖e8 21.♖d1 ♗c7 22.♗hf3 h6 23.♗h4

White continues to try to provoke Black in some manner, but it is very difficult for White to improve his position. In the meantime, Black is planning either a frontal attack on e4 or a pawn break with ...d5 at the appropriate time.

23...b6 24.♘df3 ♕f7 25.♘xe5 ♘xe5 26.♕f4 ♘h7 27.♞f2 ♕b3!±

It is time for Black to disrupt White's position.

28.♞d2?!

28.♞f1!?

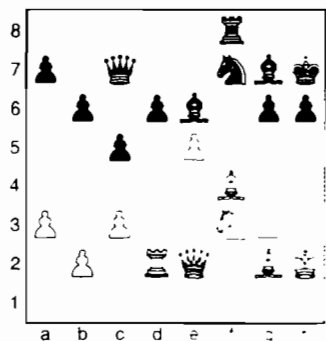
28...♞f8 29.♞e2 ♕e6!?

29...♘c4! 30.♞d5 g5 wins a piece, but I did not wish to give White the opportunity to launch a desperate attack (30...♞e7± is even better). 31. ♕xg5 hxg5 32.♞xg5 leaves Black ahead material, but fills White's heart with too much hope because of the exposed Black King.

30.♘f3 ♘f7?!

30...♘c4 was indicated.

31.e5?



In time pressure and sensing his only opportunity, White enthusiastically pushes the e-pawn, which has long been the source of his troubles. However, it is Black who benefits both from the lost pawn and the sudden opening of the position. 31.♞d3!± minimizes damages.

31...dxe5 32.♕e3 ♘d6 33.♕g1 ♘f5

33...e4! is even stronger

34.♞e4 ♘xg3! 35.♞h4

If 35.♘g3, then 35...♕f5 followed by ...e5-e4.

35...♞xf3! 36.♕xf3

36.♞d8 ♞f7 37.♞d3 ♘f1+ 38.♘h1 ♞xd3 39.♞xd3 ♕c4-+

36...e4 0-1

Northwest Chess

Two Knights Defense

Benjamin Calpo (2018, 4.0)

Elston Cloy (1958, 2.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (7) 2008

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♕c4 ♘f6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 d5 6.♕b5 ♘e4 7.♘xd4 ♕c5 8.O-O O-O 9.♘xc6 bxc6 10.♕d3 ♞h4 11.♕xe4 ♞xe4 12.♞e1 ♞h4 13.♞f3 ♕g4 14.♞g3 ♞xg3 15.hxg3 ♞ab8 16.♘d2 f6 17.e6 ♞fe8 18.♘b3 ♕d6 19.♕e3 ♞xe6 20.c3 ♞ee8 21.f3 ♕xg3 22.fxg4 ♕xe1 23.♞xe1 c5 24.♘xc5 ♞xb2 25.a4 ♘f7 26.♕f2 ♞xe1+ 27.♕xe1 ♘e7 28.♕f2 ♘d6 29.♕d4 ♞c2 30.♘b3 ♞b2 31.♘c5 ♞d2 32.♘b3 ♞b2 33.♘c5 c6 34.♘h2 ♞c2 35.♘d3 ♞a2 36.♘c5 ♞c2 37.♘d3 ♞a2 38.♘c5 ♞a3 39.♘b7+ ♘c7 40.♘c5 ♘d6 41.♘b7+ ♘c7 42.♘c5 ♘b6 43.♘b3+ ♘a6 44.♘c5+ ♘a5 45.♘g3 a6 46.♘f4 ♞xa4 47.♘b7+ Draw

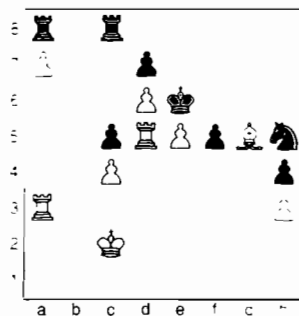
Sicilian Four Knights

FM Paul Bartron (2106, 4.5)

Geoffrey Gale (2042, 4.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (7) 2008

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♞a5+ 9.♕d2 ♞b6 10.c4 ♞d4 11.♘d6+ ♕xd6 12.exd6 ♞e4+ 13.♞e2 ♘f6 14.♕c3 ♞f4 15.♞e5 ♞xe5+ 16.♕xe5 c5 17.♕d3 ♕b7 18.f3 ♘f8 19.O-O-O ♘e8 20.♞he1 f6 21.♕g3 ♘f7 22.♘c2 ♞c8 23.♘c3 a5 24.a3 h5 25.h3 ♘4 26.♕h2 ♞h5 27.♕e4 ♕xe4 28.♞e4 a4 29.b4 axb3 30.♘xb3 e5 31.f4 ♕e6 32.fxe5 ♞b8+ 33.♘c2 f5 34.♞e3 g5 35.♞d5 ♞c8 36.a4 g4 37.♕f4 ♘g7 38.a5 ♞hh8 39.♞a3 ♞c6 40.a6 ♘h5 41.♕g5 gxh3 42.gxh3 ♞a8 43.a7 ♞cc8



44.♕e3 ♞g8 45.♞xc5 ♞g2+ 46.♕d2 ♘g3 47.♞ca5 ♘e4 48.♞d3 f4 49.♞d4 ♘xd2 50.♞xd2 f3 51.♘d3 f2 52.♞d1 ♞g1 53.♞aa1 ♞xd1+ 54.♞xd1 ♞xa7 55.♘e4 ♞a2 56.♞f1 ♞e2- 57.♘d3 ♞a2 58.♘d4 ♘f5 59.c5 ♘e6 60.♘e4

♞e2+ 61.♘d4 ♞a2 62.♘e3 ♘xe5 63.♞c1 ♞c2 64.♞d1 ♘e6 65.♘f3 ♞d2 66.♞f1 ♘d5 67.♞xf2 ♞xf2+ 68.♘xf2 ♘xc5 69.♘f3 ♘xd6 70.♘g4 ♘e5 71.♘xh4 ♘f4 72.♘h5 d5 73.♘g6 d4 74.h4 d3 75.h5 d2 76.h6 d1=♞ 0-1

Modern Defense

Sterling Kolde (1825, 2.0)

Nhon Do (2103, 4.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (7) 2008

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♕g7 3.♘c3 c5 4.dxc5 ♞a5 5.♕d2 ♞xc5 6.♘d5 ♘a6 7.♘f3 ♕xb2 8.♞b1 ♕g7 9.♞b5 ♞c6 10.♞b3 ♘f6 11.♕b5 ♞e6 12.♘g5 ♞d6 13.♞f3 O-O 14.h4 h5 15.♕xa6 ♘xd5 16.♕c4 ♘f6 17.♕b4 ♞e5 18.O-O d6 19.♞d3 ♘d7 20.♕c3 ♞f4 21.♕xg7 ♘xg7 22.g3 ♞f6 23.f4 ♘c5 24.e5 dxe5 25.♞d5 ♘xb3 26.fxe5 ♞b6+ 27.♘h2 f6 28.axb3 ♕f5 29.♞xf5 gxh5 30.♘e6+ ♘h7 31.♞f3 ♘h6 32.♞f4+ ♘g6 33.♞f3 fxe5 34.♕e2 ♞h8 0-1

Round Eight

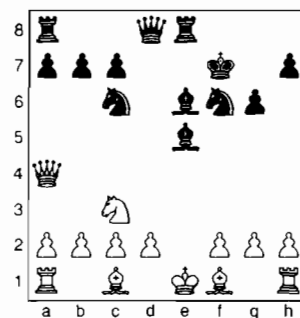
Elephant Gambit

Michael Hosford (1878, 1.5)

Sterling Kolde (1825, 2.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (8) 2008

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d5 3.♘xe5 ♕d6 4.♘xf7 ♘xf7 5.♞h5+ g6 6.♞xd5+ ♕e6 7.♞d4 ♘f6 8.e5 ♘c6 9.♞a4 ♕xe5 10.♘c3 ♞e8



11.♕b5 ♕xc3 0-1

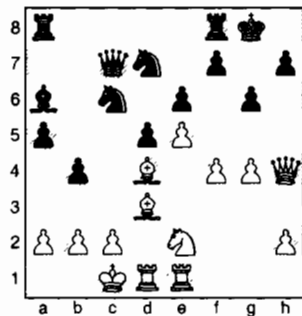
French Steinitz

Geoffrey Gale (2042, 5.5)

Eddie Chang (1842, 2.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (8) 2008

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♕e3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♕c5 9.♞d2 O-O 10.O-O-O a6 11.♞f2 ♕xd4 12.♕xd4 b5 13.♕d3 b4 14.♘e2 a5 15.♞he1 ♕a6 16.g4 ♞c7 17.♞h4 g6



18. ♖xa6 ♖xa6 19. ♖d3 ♖c8 20. ♗b1 ♗cxe5 21. ♖h3 ♗xc2+ 22. ♗a1 ♗f6 23. ♗xe5 ♗xe2 24. ♖b1 ♗d7 25. ♗xh7+ 1-0

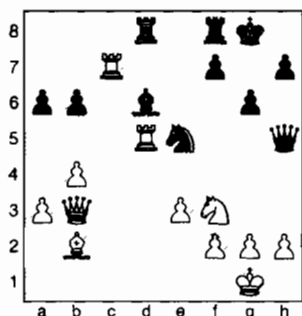
Semi-Slav Anti-Meran

Dereque Kelley (2035, 3.5)

Allen Smith (1998, 3.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (8) 2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.♗c3 e6 5.e3 ♗bd7 6.♗c2 ♗e7 7.b3 O-O 8.♗d3 b6 9.O-O ♗b7 10.♗b2 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.♖fd1 cxd4 13.♗xd4 ♗c5 14.♗f5 g6 15.♗h3 a6 16.♖ac1 ♗d6 17.b4 ♗cd7 18.♗b3 ♗e7 19.a3 ♗e5 20.♗f3 ♗h5 21.♗xd7 ♗xd7 22.♗xd5 ♖ad8 23.♖c7 ♗xd5 24.♖xd5 ♗e5



25. ♗xe5 ♗xc7 26. ♖xd8 ♗xd8 27.f3 ♗f5 28. ♗g4 ♗g5 29.g3 h5 30.h4 ♗b5 31. ♗h6+ ♗h7 32.♗xf7 ♗d7 33.♗xd8 ♖xd8 34.♗d4 ♖f8 35.♗g2 ♗c6 36.e4 b5 37.♗c5 ♖f6 38.♗d3 ♗e6 39.♗d5 ♗f7 40.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 41.e5 ♖d7 42. ♗d6 ♗g7 Draw

QGD Semi-Tarrasch

Elston Cloy (1958, 3.0)

FM Paul Bartron (2106, 4.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (8) 2008

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.cxd5 ♗xd5 6.♗xe7 ♗xe7 7.e4 ♗xc3 8.bxc3 c5 9.♗f3 ♗c6 10.♗e2 cxd4 11.cxd4 ♗b4+ 12.♗d2 ♗d7 13.♗xb4 ♗xb4 14.O-O ♗c6 15.♖ab1 ♗xa2 16. ♗b5 ♗c3 17.♗xc6+ bxc6 18.♖a1 ♗e7

19.♖fe1 ♖hc8 20.♖a3 ♗b5 21.♖a6 ♖ab8 22.d5 ♖b6 23.♖xb6 axb6 24.dxc6 ♖xc6 25.♗e5 ♖c3 26. ♗f1 f6 27.♗f3 e5 28.♖b1 ♖c5 29.♗e1 ♗c3 30.♖xb6 ♗xe4 31.♖b7+ ♗f8 32.f3 ♗d6 33.♖a7 ♗f5 34.♖b7 ♗d4 35. ♖a7 ♗e6 36.♖b7 ♖c7 37.♖b6 ♗f7 38.♖a6 h5 39.♖b6 g5 40.♖b4 f5 41. ♗e2 ♗f6 42.♖b6 f4 43.♗f2 ♗f5 44. ♖b5 ♗d4 45.♖b8 ♖a7 46.♖f8+ ♗g6 47.♖g8+ ♗f6 48.♖f8+ ♗g7 49. ♖e8 ♖a2+ 50.♗f1 ♗f5 51.♖b8 ♗e3+ 52. ♗g1 ♖e2 53.♖b1 ♗f6 54.g3 g4 55. gxf4 exf4 56. fvg4 hxg4 57.♗d3 f3 58. ♗f2 ♗g5 59.♖b5+ ♗h4 60.♖b1 ♗d5 61.♖c1 ♗f4 62.♖a1 ♗h3+ 63. ♗xh3 ♗xh3 64.♖a8 ♖g2+ 65.♗f1 ♗xh2 66. ♖h8+ ♗g3 67.♖b8 ♖a2 68. ♗e1 ♗g2 69. ♖g8 f2+ 0-1

King's Indian Classical

Nhon Do (2103, 5.5)

Benjamin Calpo (2018, 4.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (8) 2008

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 O-O 6.♗e2 ♗bd7 7.O-O e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 c6 11.♗c2 ♗c7 12.♖fd1 ♖e8 13.b4 ♗f8 14.♗e1 ♗e6 15.♗g3 ♗f4 16.♗f1 ♗h5 17. ♖ac1 ♗xg3 18.hxg3 ♗e6 19.♗b1 ♗d4 20.♗c2 ♗g4 21.♖d3 ♖ad8 22.♗e3 h5 23.c5 ♗h6 24.♗cd1 ♗e2 25.♖a3 a6 26.♗b2 ♗e7 27.♖e1 ♗xf1 28.♗xf1 ♗b5 29.♖f3 ♖d4 30.a4 ♗c7 31.♖b3 ♖ed8 32.♗d3 ♗g7 33.♗h2 ♗d7 34.♗b2 ♗e6 35.♗c2 ♗e7 36.♗f3 ♗e6 37.♗c4 ♗c7 38.♗d6 ♗e7 39.♗c1 ♖8xd6 40.cxd6 ♖xd6 41.♗c4 ♗d7 42.b5 axb5 43.axb5 ♗d4 44.♗xd4 ♖xd4 45.bxc6 bxc6 46.♗c5 ♗e6 47. ♖b8+ ♗h7 48.♖b7 g5 49.♖a1 h4 50. gxf4 gxf4 51.♖a3 ♖d1+ 52.♗h2 ♗h6 53.♖f3 ♗g6 54.♖bxf7 ♗g7 55.♗a7 ♗h6 56.♗b8 ♗f4+ 57.♖3xf4 exf4 58. ♗g8+ 1-0

Round Nine

Pirc 150 Attack

FM Paul Bartron (2106, 5.5)

Nhon Do (2103, 6.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (9) 2008

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♗f3 ♗g7 5.h3 O-O 6.♗e3 c6 7.♗d2 b5 8.a3 a5 9.♗d3 ♗bd7 10.O-O ♗b7 11.♗h6 b4 12.♗a4 c5 13.♗xg7 ♗xg7 14.♖fe1 c4 15.♗xc4 ♗xe4 16.♗e3 ♗c7 17.♗d3

♗d6 18.c4 bxc3 19.♗xc3 ♗xc3 20.bxc3 ♗d5 21.♗d2 ♗xc3 22.♖ec1 ♖fc8 23.♖c2 ♗xf3 24.gxf3 ♗b7 25.♖xc3 ♖xc3 26.♗xc3 ♗xf3 27.d5+ ♗g8 28.♖e1 ♗xh3 29.♖xe7 ♖c8 30.♗d2 ♗g4+ 31.♗f1 ♗h3+ 32.♗e1 ♗h1+ 33.♗f1 ♖b8 34.♗d3 ♗h4 35. ♖e4 ♗f6 36.♗e2 ♗g5 37.♗f1 ♖c8 38.♖c4 ♖e8 39.♗d1 ♗e5 40.♗e2 f5 41.♗xe5 ♖xe5 42.♖a4 g5 43.♖xa5 g4 44.♖a6 h5 45.♖xd6 f4 46.a4 f3 47.a5 ♖e4 48.a6 ♖d4 49.♗c2 1-0

Semi-Slav Botvinnik

Eddie Chang (1842, 2.0)

Elston Cloy (1958, 3.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (9) 2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.♗c3 e6 5.♗g5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♗xg5 hxg5 10.♗xg5 ♗bd7 11.g3 ♗b6 12.exf6 ♗b7 13.♗g2 O-O-O 14. O-O c5 15.d5 b4 16.♖b1 ♗a6 17.dxe6 ♗xg2 18.e7 ♗xf1 19.♗xf1 ♗c6 20. exd8=♗+ ♗xd8 21.♗d5 ♖xh2 22.♗g1 ♖h8 23.♗f3 ♗d6 24.♖d1 Draw

Sicilian Defense

Sterling Kolde (1825, 3.0)

Dereque Kelley (2035, 4.0)

Seattle, WA Invitational (9) 2008

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.♗ge2 e5 4.♗d5 d6 5.♗ec3 ♗ge7 6.d3 ♗xd5 7.♗xd5 ♗e6 8.g3 g6 9.♗g2 ♗g7 10.O-O O-O 11.c3 ♗d7 12.♗e3 ♖ae8 13.♗d2 f5 14.f4 ♗h8 15.♖ae1 exf4 16.gxf4 ♗e7 17.♗xe7 ♖xe7 18.a3 fxe4 19.dxe4 ♗c4 20.♖f2 ♗f6 21.e5 ♗h4 22.exd6 ♗xf2+ 23.♗xf2 ♖ef7 24.♗xc5 ♖xf4+ 25.♗g1 b6 26.♗e3 ♖g4 27.h3 ♖xg2+ 28.♗xg2 ♗e6 29.♗h2 ♗g8 30.♗h6 ♖f3 31.♖e3 ♖xe3 32.♗xe3 ♗xd6+ Draw

Sicilian Smith-Morra

Allen Smith (1998, 3.5)

Geoffrey Gale (2042, 6.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (9) 2008

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.♗xc3 ♗c6 5.♗f3 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.O-O ♗ge7 8.♗f4 ♗g6 9.♗g3 ♗e7 10.a3 d6 11.b4 ♗ge5 12.♗a2 O-O 13.♗d2 ♗f6 14. ♗c1 ♗d4 15.♗b1 ♗d7 16.♗h1 ♖c8 17.♗b2 ♗b5 18.♗xb5 ♗xb5 19.♖d1 ♗c4 20.♗a2 ♗xd2 21.e5 dxe5 22.♗e4 ♗xe4 23.♖xd8 ♖fxd8 24.♖e1 ♗c3 25.♗a1 e4 26.♗c1 ♗d4 27.♗g5 f5

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Grants Pass CC 10–Arcata 8

Seattle CC 6–Tacoma CC 1

Here are two games from the Arcata–Grants Pass Chess Club match held on January 19. I represented Board Two on the team. We played the same opponent, once with White and once with Black. I think it is very fair this way.—C. Russell

French Defense

Steven Jensen (1890)
NM Corey Russell (2200)

Crescent City, Arcata–Grants Pass (1.2) 2008

Annotations by NM Corey Russell

1.e4 e6 2.b3 d5 3.♘b2

I am no expert on this line. However, White's move can hardly be an oversight (my opponent is an A-player); he has prepared this. The only way to hold onto the e-pawn, should I capture on e4, would be to support it with ...f7-f5, but that weakens the King position and creates a backward pawn at e6 and a hole at e5. I decided to decline his gambit and just develop my pieces.

3...♗f6 4.e5 ♗fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♗c3 ♗c6 7.♗f3

I wanted to play 7...f6. However, White seemed better posted to deal with the open lines. For example, 8.♗d3? fxe5 9.fxe5 ♗dx5 10.♗xe5 ♗xe5 ♗h5+ ♗f7 12.O-O ♗e7 13.♗ae1 and White's lead in development should give him more than compensation for the pawn. I saw a plan that would blunt the effectiveness of his pieces and gain some space: so I chose that.

7...d4 8.♗e4 f5 9.♗f2 ♘e7 10.c4 dxc3

I did this, because I wanted at least some lines open. I thought if I did not capture *en passant*, then the resulting closed position would favor White. I believe his kingside attack would come faster than my queenside attack.

11.dxc3 O-O 12.♘c4 ?!

Forcing Black to defend with tempo. A better plan is 12.g3 and 13.♗g2 =

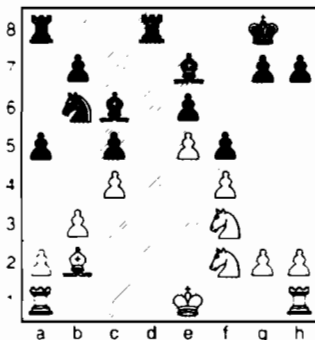
12...♗b6 13.♗xd8

I didn't see any compelling reason for White to do this. However, he was the lower ranked player; so perhaps he was trading to make it easier to draw. But as will be seen, there's still lots of life left in this position.

13...♗xd8 14.♘b5 ♘d7

White would have liked to castle here, but there's a tactical problem: 15.O-O? ♗xe5! wins a pawn for Black because of the hanging Bishop on b5.

15.♗xc6 ♘xc6 16.c4 a5



I was happy with my position, feeling the Bishop pair offered me a small advantage. After the game, my opponent said he should have played 17.a4 instead. However, Black gets a good advantage with this as well, viz: 17...♗xf3 18.gxf3 ♗h4! (threatening 19...♗xf2+ 20.♗xf2 ♗d2+) 19.O-O ♗d2.

17.♗e2 a4 18.♗hd1 ♗d7

This move has a two-fold purpose—to avoid trading pieces unnecessarily, and to open more lines for my Bishops with b7-b5.

19.g3 b5 20.cxb5 ♘xb5+ 21.♗d3

I was a little surprised my opponent put himself in a pin so willingly, but perhaps he was worried about 21.♗e1 c4.

21...♗b6 22.♗fe1 ♗d5 23.♗ab1 ♗b4 24.bxa4 ♗xa4 25.a3??

Loses. White must let the a-pawn fall and get out of the pin immediately

with ♗e3. Black would still have a clear advantage, but that's better than a piece down.

25...♗xd3 26.♗xd3 c4 27.♗c5 ♗xd1 0-1

Alekhine's Defense

NM Corey Russell (2200)
Steven Jensen (1890)

Crescent City, Arcata–Grants Pass (2.2) 2008

1.e4 ♗f6 2.e5 ♗d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 ♗b6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 c5 7.d5 g6 8.♗c3 ♘g7 9.♘f4

White's next series of moves is designed to postpone ♗f3 as long as possible, as, for sure, Black will play ...♘g4 and weaken White's e5-pawn, possibly even winning it.

9...O-O 10.♘e2 e6 11.♗d2 exd5 12.cxd5 ♗e8 13.♘g5

Putting the question to the Queen, as it were. I was hoping Black would allow me to trade his f-pawn for my e-pawn so I wouldn't have to defend it. I have no illusions about my position, however. Black is doing fine here.

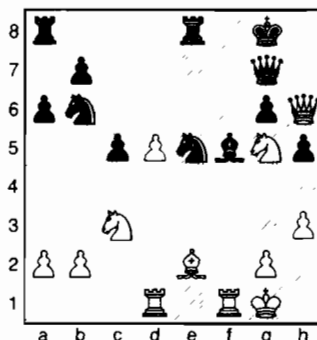
13...f6 14.exf6 ♘xf6 15.♘xf6 ♗xf6 16.♗f3 ♘f5

This move does improve Black's position, but I would prefer 16...♗c4 17.♗c1 ♗e3. It looks more promising for an advantage, with a well-placed Knight disrupting White from castling.

17.O-O a6 18.h3 h5

Necessary, as 18...♗bd7?? 19.g4! ♘e4 20.♗g5 wins material for White.

19.♗ad1 ♗8d7 20.♗h6 ♗e5 21.♗g5 ♗g7



Here I saw a chance to do a positional combination.

22.♗xg7+ ♗xg7 23.♗xf5 !

The point will soon be made clear.
23...gxf5 24. ♖e6+ ♙xe6

White was going to get his material back one way or another, if 24...♗g6, 25. ♖c7 wins one of the Black Rooks.

25. dxe6 ♗f6 26. ♖d6 ♖ec4 27. ♖d5+ ♖xd5 28. ♖xc4 ♖e7 29. ♖b6 ♖a7

This is a good move, and only a temporary indignity. And also much better than 29...♖b8?? 30. ♖xa6 wins a pawn for White.

30. a4 ♖c8 31. e7+ ♗xe7 32. ♖e6+ ♗d7 33. ♖e5 ♖d6 34. ♖e6+ ♗e7?

This is the wrong plan. Black's kingside pawns will fall; it's only a matter of time. Supporting his queenside pawns with 24...♗c6 was his best chance at equality, in my opinion.

35. ♖c8+ ♗f7

If 35...♗f6?? 36. ♖e6.

36. ♖xf5 ♗f6 37. ♖e6+ ♗xf5 38. ♖xd6 b5

This gives White a clearly winning endgame. I do not see any moves for Black to hold, as 38...♗e5 39. ♖b6 ♗d5 40. a5 puts Black in a bind. White can then just march his King to h4, pick off the lone Black h-pawn and win with his kingside majority.

39. ♖d5+ ♗g6 40. axb5 axb5 41. ♖xc5 ♖b7 42. b4 ♖b6 43. ♗f2 ♖f6+ 44. ♗g3 ♖b6 45. ♗h4 ♖d6 46. ♖g5+ ♗f6 47. ♗xh5 ♖d2 48. g4 ♖h2 49. h4 1-0

On Saturday, March 1, the Seattle CC and the Tacoma CC played a seven-board, G/120 match. Each board represented a class from Master through Class E. The Tacomans had White on the odd-numbered boards. The event was organized by Fred Kleist and Gary Dorfner; Gary also served as director. A rematch in Seattle is planned for later in the year.

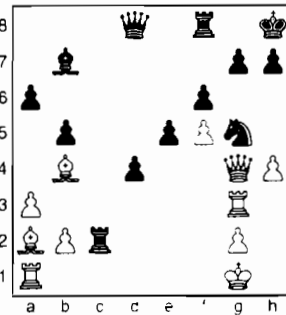
Sicilian Sozin

NM Michael MacGregor (2205)
NM Nat Koons (2313)

Tacoma, SCC vs. TCC (1.1) 2008

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 a6 6. ♖c4 e6 7. O-O b5 8. ♖b3 ♖e7 9. a3 O-O 10. f4 ♖b7 11. f5 e5 12. ♖de2 ♖xe4 13. ♖xe4 ♖xe4 14. ♖g3 ♖b7 15. ♖g4 ♖f6 16. ♖e4 ♖d7

17. ♖e3 d5 18. ♖g5 ♖xg5 19. ♖xg5 f6 20. ♖d2 ♖c5 21. ♖a2 ♗h8 22. ♖f3 ♖e4 23. ♖e3 ♖g5 24. ♖g3 d4 25. ♖d2 ♖c8 26. h4 ♖xc2 27. ♖b4



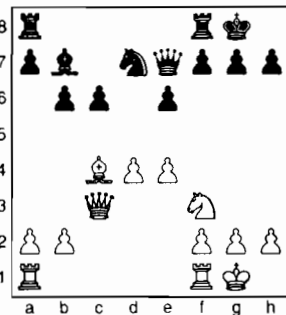
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QGD Lasker

Joshua Sinanan (2178)
FM Paul Bartron (2106)

Tacoma, SCC vs. TCC (1.2) 2008

1. ♖f3 d5 2. d4 ♖f6 3. c4 e6 4. ♖c3 ♖e7 5. ♖g5 O-O 6. e3 ♖e4 7. ♖xe7 ♖xe7 8. ♖c2 ♖xc3 9. ♖xc3 c6 10. ♖d3 ♖d7 11. O-O dxc4 12. ♖xc4 b6 13. e4 ♖b7



14. ♖fd1 ♖fd8 15. ♖ac1 c5 16. d5 exd5 17. exd5 ♖f6 18. ♖b3 ♖d6 19. ♖d2 ♖ad8 20. ♖cd1 ♖d7 21. ♖d3 ♖xd5 22. ♖b3 ♖xc4 23. ♖xc4 ♖xd2 24. ♖xd2 ♖e7 25. ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 26. ♖e2 ♖d5 27. b3 ♖e4 28. ♖b2 h6 29. h3 b5 30. a3 c4 31. bxc4 bxc4 32. ♖b8+ ♗h7 33. ♖xa7 c3 34. ♖c7 c2 35. ♖c3 ♖e2 36. ♖e1 ♖e4 37. ♖xc2 ♖xe1+ 38. ♗h2 f5 39. f3 ♖c3 40. ♖xc3 ♖xc3 41. f4 ♗g6 42. ♗g3 ♗f6 43. ♗f3 ♗e6 44. g4 g6 45. ♗g3 ♗d5 46. h4 h5 0-1

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Sicilian Alapin

Allen Smith (1998)

Nick Pazderic (1777)

Tacoma, SCC vs. TCC (1.3) 2008

Annotations by Nick Pazderic

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 ♖f6 4. e5 ♖d5 5. ♖f3 d6 6. cxd4 ♖c6 7. ♖c4 ♖b6 8. ♖d3?!

Black has an easy kingside fianchetto and probable equality. A few years back on ICC, 8. ♖xf7!? was the rage. Now I never see it. Where has it gone?

8...g6 9. O-O ♖g7 10. ♖e1 O-O 11. h3 ♖d5?!

Black should directly harass the key White Bishop via 11...♖b4 or complete development with tactical support, e.g., 11...♖e6 12. ♖g5 ♖xd4 13. ♖xg6 fxe6 14. ♖f7 ♖xf7.

12. ♖d2 h6?!

Weakening, by definition. Black should play ...♖db4. White's light-squared Bishop must move or be exchanged, and Black can calmly develop a strong Bishop on f5.

13. ♖c3 ♖xc3?

Black strengthens White's position. Black should yet again attack with the Knight, e.g., 13...dxe5 14. dxe5 ♖db4 15. ♖e4 ♖d3!

14. ♖xc3 ♖e6 15. ♖e2 ♖d5?!

Black puts the center in danger insofar as an e6-push becomes possible—a push that could, if timed right, dangerously divide Black's forces. Perhaps the simple 15...dxe5 16. dxe5 ♖c8 is better, though White still has an advantage in space and, perhaps, mobility

16. ♖ad1?

As is often the case in games at this level, White hands the advantage back to Black

16...♖xa2 17. ♖e4?!

This is consistent, but it commits White to a refutable direct assault.

17...e6! 18. ♖g4 ♖d5 19. exd6 ♖xf3?!

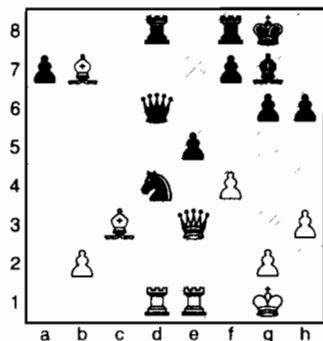
This removes an attacker. However, it comes at a cost. The light-squared Bishop's stature in the center is now secure, and it presents a powerful focal-point of defense and offense. Moreover,

Black can play ...♙xd6 and survive any sacrificial chop on g6. Lastly, by refraining from the exchange, Black may tempt White to try the unsound sac.

20. ♖xf3 ♗xd6 21. ♕e4 ♜xd4!

Dangerous, but warranted. More passive replies allow d4-d5! and Black must go on the defensive. Once again, White seems to have a clear path to an advantage, perhaps a decisive one, but the dark squares are equally available to Black for counterpins!

22. ♖e3 e5 23. f4 ♖ad8 24. ♕xb7



Perhaps 24. fxe5 would have been a better choice, if only because it stops the formation of a massive pawn chain and because it makes the game a little more unstable. Nonetheless, White is losing and in time pressure

24...exf4 25. ♖f2 g5 26. ♕e4 ♖b6 27. ♜h1 ♜e6

27...♜f5 would have forced the exchange of White's Queen.

28. ♖f3 ♖xd1 29. ♖xd1 ♖d8 30. ♖e1 ♖c5 31. ♕b1 ♖d5 32. ♖f2 ♕xc3 33. bxc3 ♖d2 34. ♖g1 a5

White could resign.

35. ♕a2 ♖xa2 36. ♖b6 ♖d5 37. ♖a1 ♖a8 38. ♖b2 f3 39. ♖g1 fxg2+ 40. ♖xg2 ♜f4 41. c4 ♖xg2+ 42. ♖xg2 ♜xg2 43. ♜xg2 a4 0-1

Sicilian Moscow

Bo Cao (1633)

Steve Buck (1769)

Tacoma, SCC vs. TCC (1.4) 2008

1. e4 c5 2. ♜f3 d6 3. ♕b5+ ♜c6 4. O-O ♕d7 5. c3 a6 6. ♕xc6 ♕xc6 7. ♖e1 e6 8. d4 cxd4 9. cxd4 d5 10. e5 ♕b4 11. ♕d2 ♕xd2 12. ♜bxd2 ♜e7 13. ♜g5 ♜g6 14. ♜gf3 O-O 15. ♜b3 ♕a4 16. ♖d3 ♕xb3 17. ♖xb3 ♖d7 18. ♖ac1 ♖fc8

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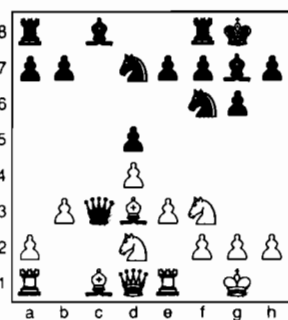
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Constantin Etingher (1560)

August Piper (1500)

Tacoma, SCC vs. TCC (1.5) 2008

1. d4 d5 2. ♜f3 ♜f6 3. e3 c5 4. c3 ♜bd7 5. ♜bd2 g6 6. ♕d3 ♕g7 7. O-O O-O 8. ♖e1 cxd4 9. cxd4 ♖c7 10. b3 ♖c3



11. ♕a3 ♖xd3 12. ♕xe7 ♖e8 13. ♕d6 ♜e4 14. ♕a3 ♜c3 15. ♖c1 ♜xd1 16. ♖exd1 ♖a6 17. ♜b1 ♜f6 18. ♖c7 ♕f5 19. ♕c5 ♕xb1 20. ♖xb1 ♖ac8 21. ♖xc8 ♖xc8 22. a4 ♜e4 23. ♕b4 ♖d3 24. ♖b2 ♖c1+ 25. ♕e1 ♖b1 26. ♖a2 ♖xb3 27. ♖e2 ♖xa4 28. g3 ♖b5 29. ♖c2 ♖b4 30. ♖c1 ♖xc1 0-1

Caro-Kann Classical

Mark James (1234)

John Hornickle (1310)

Tacoma, SCC vs. TCC (1.6) 2008

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ♜c3 dxe4 4. ♜xe4 ♕f5 5. ♜g3 ♕g6 6. ♜f3 ♜d7 7. ♕c4 e6 8. a3 ♕e7 9. O-O ♖c7 10. b4 h6 11. ♕b3 ♜gf6 12. ♕b2 O-O 13. ♖e1 ♕d6 14. ♜e5 ♕h7 15. ♜xf7 ♖xf7 16. ♕xe6 ♜f8 17. ♕xf7+ ♖xf7 18. c4 ♖xc4 19. ♜f1 ♜d5 20. ♜e3 ♜xe3 21. ♖xe3 ♖d5 22. ♖e2 ♜d7 23. ♖e8+ ♖xe8 24. ♖xe8+ ♜f8 25. ♖e2 ♕e4 26. f3 ♕g6 27. ♖f1 ♖h5 28. g3 ♖d5 29. f4 ♕f7 30. f5 ♜d7 31. ♖f2 ♜f6 32. h3 ♜e4 33. ♖g2 ♜xg3 34. ♖xd5 ♕xd5 35. ♖f2 ♜f7 36. ♕c1 ♜e4 37. ♖f1 ♜f6 38. ♕f4 ♜e7 39. ♜h2 ♜e4 40. ♕e5 ♜f6 41. ♜g3 ♕c4 42. ♖g1 ♜h5+ 43. ♜h4 ♕xe5 44. dxe5 ♕f7 45. ♖f1 ♕e8 46. ♜g4 g5 47. ♖d1 ♜f4 48. ♖d6 h5+ 49. ♜xg5 ♜xh3+ 50. ♜h4 ♜f4 51. ♜g5 ♕f7 52. ♜xf4 1-0

Alekhine's Defense

Gary Dorfner (1155)

Chris Edwards (937)

Tacoma, SCC vs. TCC (1.7) 2008

1. e4 c6 2. d4 ♜f6 3. e5 ♜d5 4. ♜f3 d6 5. ♕e2 ♕g4 6. ♜bd2 dxe5 7. dxe5 e6 8. O-O ♕e7 9. c4 ♜b6 10. b3 O-O 11. ♕b2 ♖c7 12. ♖e1 ♜a6 13. h3 ♕h5 14. ♜h2 ♕g6 15. ♜df3 ♜b4 16. ♖f1 ♖fd8 17. ♖c1 ♜c2 18. ♖b1 ♕c5 19. ♕d1 ♜b4 20. ♕e2 ♜xa2 21. ♖e1 ♕b4 22. ♜d2 ♕xd2 23. ♖d1 ♕b4 24. ♕d3 ♕xd3 25. ♖a1 ♜c3 26. ♕xc3 ♕xc3 27. ♖a2 ♕xf1 28. ♖xf1 ♕xe5 29. ♜f3 ♕f6 30. ♖c2 ♖f4 31. ♖c1 ♖d7 32. ♖b1 ♖ad8 33. ♜h1 ♖d3 34. ♖g1 ♖c7 35. ♖c1 ♖d1+ 36. ♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 37. ♖xd1 h6 0-1

WA Invitational cont'd from p.22

28. ♖e7 ♖e8 29. ♖xb7 h6 30. h4 e5 31. f4 ♜e2 32. ♕h2 exf4 33. ♖d5+ ♜h8 34. ♖xf5 ♜g3+ 35. ♕xg3 fxg3 36. ♖f4 ♕f2 0-1

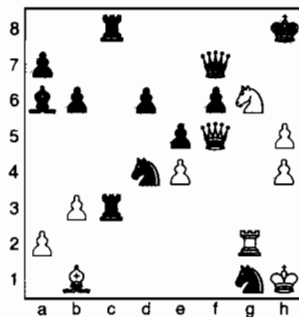
Modern Defense

Benjamin Calpo (2018, 4.5)

Michael Hosford (1878, 1.5)

Seattle, WA Invitational (9) 2008

1. e4 g6 2. d4 ♕g7 3. ♕c4 d6 4. c3 e6 5. ♕b3 ♜d7 6. ♜f3 h6 7. O-O ♜e7 8. h3 b6 9. ♕f4 ♕b7 10. ♖e1 O-O 11. ♜bd2 ♜h7 12. ♜f1 e5 13. ♕h2 ♜c6 14. ♖d2 ♜a5 15. ♕c2 ♖e7 16. ♕g3 c5 17. ♜e3 cxd4 18. cxd4 ♖ac8 19. b3 ♖fd8 20. ♕h4 f6 21. ♖ad1 h5 22. g4 ♕h6 23. ♖d3 ♕xe3 24. ♖xe3 g5 25. gxh5 ♜c6 26. ♕b1 gxh4 27. ♜xh4 ♖g8+ 28. ♖g3 ♜xd4 29. ♜g6 ♖f7 30. ♜h2 ♜c5 31. ♖e3 ♜ce6 32. h4 ♕a6 33. f3 ♖c7 34. ♖g2 ♖gc8 35. ♖dg1 ♖c3 36. ♖f2 ♜xf3+ 37. ♜h1 ♜xg1 38. ♖f5 ♜d4 39. ♜f8+ ♜h8 40. ♜g6+



40...♖xg6 41. ♖xg6 ♖h3+ 42. ♜xg1 ♖c1+ 0-1

Dangerous Weapons: 1.e4 e5

by GM John Emms, GM Glenn Flear and IM Andrew Greet.

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by Robert A. Karch

What is a Dangerous Weapon? Usually, it fits into one or more of these overlapping categories:

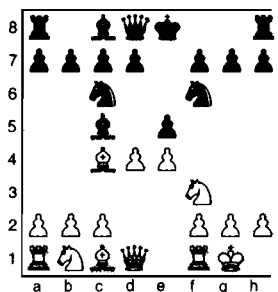
- (1) Moves that create complex, original positions full of razor-sharp tactics and rich positional ideas where creative, attacking play is rewarded; moves which are new, rare or very fresh, leaving plenty of scope for research.
- (2) Moves that are highly ambitious or which aim for total domination.
- (3) Moves that have been previously ignored, discarded, or discredited by theory, perhaps unfairly so or maybe for the wrong reasons.
- (4) Moves that are visually shocking; moves which seem to contradict the laws of the game.

Well, naturally, when you receive a book like this, the first question you are likely to ask is: Which openings are covered? The answer comes from the Table of Contents:

Max Lange Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♞c6 3.♞c4 ♞c5 4.O-O ♟f6 5.d4

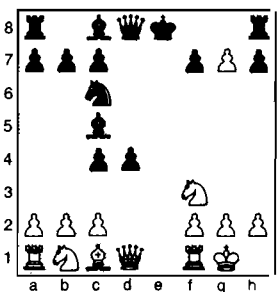
ECO Code C50: 609 games on my *MegaBase 2008*, 64% favorable for White. One sideline even yields 82% (42 games). With preparation, Black might be able to hold his own, but the shock effect was obvious for most of these OTB games. When White succeeds in playing f2-f4, there is often the tactical shot ♞xf7+, exploiting the domination of the f-file.



Max Lange Attack

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♞c6 3.♞c4 ♞c5 4.O-O ♟f6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.fxg7

C50: 104 games, also 64% for White. This brought back memories of my 1973 Seattle match with future GM Yasser Seirawan, which he won 4-2; he was then 13. We discovered that we shared the same birthday, March 24th, along with GM Vassily Smyslov. I observed that we three included a former world champion, a future WC, and one who would



never be. We had great hopes for Yasser in those days! The point is that in the match I faced the Max Lange twice. I think I won one and lost one. The analysis in *Dangerous* goes far deeper than my preparation at the time, and would be worth the effort for anyone wanting to play White in this line.

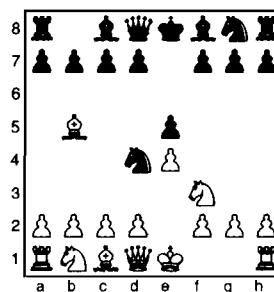
Guioco Piano and Evan's Gambit

Tactically challenging for over-the-board play. However, GM Flear, who wrote this chapter, seems to have found something favorable for Black in the defense.

Ruy Lopez, Bird's Defense

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♞c6 3.♞b5 ♟d4

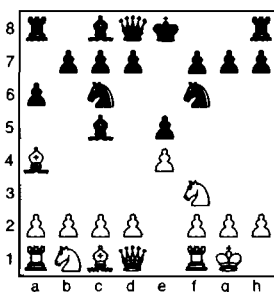
In the two main continuations, 4.♟xd4 (2,325 games, W-62%) and 4.♞a4 (125, 57%), GM Flear addresses the most popular replies and presents some "challenging lines" for White.



Ruy Lopez, Møller Defense

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♞c6 3.♞b5 a6 4.♞a4 ♟f6 5.O-O ♞c5

C78: 6.c3 (707 games, 62%), 6. d3 (240, 66%), 6.♟xe5 (149, 54%) plus other less popular alternatives are all equally favorable to White on the *MegaBase 2008*. However, GM Flear says that this variation makes an excellent surprise weapon. In his own games with this line, he gives several sparkle marks (!) for both sides, and admits to heavy calculations during play. On balance, though, his analysis favors Black.



King's Bishop's Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♞c4 —The authors state that this entire line is speculative, with a capital S. On my *MegaBase 2008*, there are 1,853 games, White scoring only 54%.

Centre Game

Some good stuff here: 101 pages!

Other chapters look at the Exchange Ruy Lopez, the Four Knights, the Three Knights and Scotch, Göring Gambit, Bishop's Opening, and the Vienna. I strongly recommend this book for those wanting a fresh look at both sides of 1.e4 e5!

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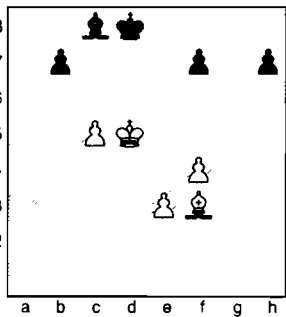
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The correct decision! In this difficult position, the exchange of the Rooks makes the defense easier.

28.♙b1 ♙xb1+ 29.♙xb1 ♙e6 30.♘h2 ♘d7 31.♘d7 ♙xd7 32.♙c7 ♙c8 33.♙xc8+ ♙xc8 34.♙a2 ♙e6 35.♘g1 ♘f8 36.♘f1 ♘e7 37.♘e2 ♘f6 38.♘d3 ♘e5 39.g4!?

39.f4+ ♘f5 40.♘d4 does not win, e.g., 40...♘g4 41.♙xd5 ♙xd5 42.♘xd5 ♘xg3 43.♘d6 ♘xg2 44.♘c7 h5 45.♘xb7 h4 and both sides promote.

39...g5! 40.g3 ♙xg4 41.f4+ gxf4 42.gxf4+?! ♘f6 43.♙xd5 ♙c8 44.♙f3 ♘e7 45.♘c4 ♘d8 46.♘d5



46...b6! 47.c6?

If 47.cxb6?? ♙b7+, while 47.♘c4 leads to a draw.

47...♘c7 48.♘e5 ♙e6 49.f5 ♙b3 50.♘f6 b5 51.♘g7 b4 52.♘xh7 ♙c2 53.♘g7 b3 54.♙d5 b2 55.♙a2 ♘xc6 56.f6 ♘d6 57.e4 ♙xe4 58.♘xf7 ♙d5+ 59.♙xd5 b1=♙ 60.♘g7 ♙g1+ 61.♘f8 ♘xd5 0-1

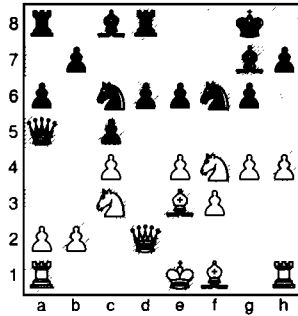
Czech Benoni

William Winter
Vera Menchik

Canterbury 1930

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 c5 4.d5 ♙g7 5.e4

d6 6.♘c3 O-O 7.♙e3 ♙a5 8.♙d2 ♙d8 9.♘ge2 a6 10.♘f4 e5 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.g4? ♘c6 13.h4



13...♘d4! 14.♙f2? e5 15.♘fd5 ♘d5 16.exd5 ♙f8 0-1

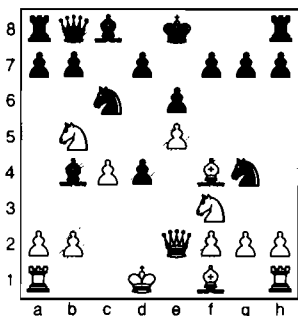
Initially, the Menchik Club was considered a joke. But Menchik's legacy, the idea that women can compete in chess on an equal basis with men, was a reality. Immediately after World War II, there were a few timid, but encouraging, attempts at participation in men's tournaments. Let's mention here Chantal Chaude de Silans, France's 5th board in the 1950 Men's Olympiad, Mme. Renoy-Chevrier, Monaco's 5th board in the 1960 Men's Olympiad, and Edith Keller-Hermann, who played in many East German men's tournaments and was invited to the Hastings B-Tournament. Here is one of Keller-Hermann's lovely miniatures.

Sicilian Defense

G. Kretschmer
Edith Keller-Hermann

Dresden 1950

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.c4 e6 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.e5 ♘g4 6.♙e2 ♙c7 7.♘b5 ♙b8 8.d4 cxd4 9.♙f4 ♙b4+ 10.♘d1



10...d3! 0-1

White loses his Queen!

Things changed dramatically in the 60s and 70s. Many international tournaments began to be played with Swiss

System and, more important, Nona Gaprindash-vili became Women's World Champion in 1962. She played interesting and strong chess and, like Menchik, soon became a desired participant in men's major invitational tournaments. Below are presented only a very small part of Nona's victories against masters.

Sicilian Grand Prix

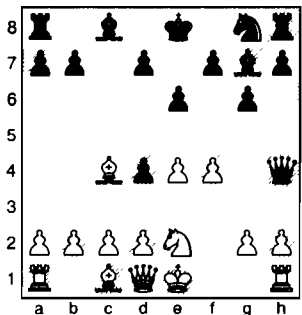
GM Nona Gaprindashvili
Alexander Blagidze

Georgia Championship, Tblisi 1963

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.f4 g6 4.♙b5!?

Usual is 4.♘f3 ♙g7 5.♙c4.

4...♘d4 5.♙c4 ♙g7 6.♘ge2 e6 7.♘xd4 cxd4 8.♘e2 ♙h4+



9.♘g3!?

A bold decision! In sacrificing the f-pawn, White hopes for attacking chances along the open f-file, while after 9.g3, 9...♙h3 would create some problems.

9...♙xf4

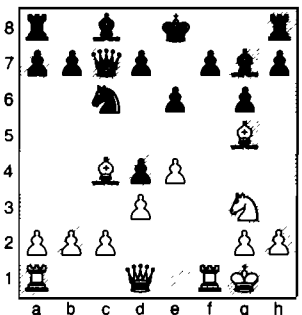
If 9...♘f6 or 9...♘h6, then not 10.O-O? ♘g4, but 10.♙f3! with the better game.

10.d3 ♙c7?!

10...♙h4 offers better resistance.

11.O-O ♘e7 12.♙g5 ♘c6?

Overlooks White's attractive tactical possibility. Necessary was 12...d6.



13.♘h5! gxh5 14.♙xf7!! ♙e5

If 14...♗xf7 15.♞xh5+ ♕g8 (15... ♗f8 16.♞f1+) 16.♞e8+ ♗f8 17.♞f1 and wins.

15.♞f5! 1-0

Because of 15...exf5 16.♞xh5+ ♕f8 17.♞f7 mate

Sicilian Paulsen

Denis Mardle

GM Nona Gaprindashvili

Hastings 1964-5

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 e6 5.♗e3 ♗f6 6.♗d2 e5! 7.♗xc6

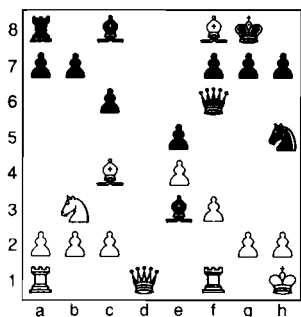
If the Knight retreats, then 7...d5!

7...dxc6 8.f3 ♗e7 9.♗c4 O-O 10.O-O ♗h5 11.♗b3 ♗g5 12.♗c5 ♞f6!

Setting a tactical trap.

13.♗xf8 ♗e3+ 14.♕h1?

Falling into the trap. Naturally, White was obligated to play 14.♞f2, but, after 14...♗xf2+ 15.♕xf2 ♕xf8, Black keeps a slightly better position.



14...♗g3+! 0-1

For if 15.hxg3 ♞h6 mate.

Sicilian Maroczy Bind

GM Nona Gaprindashvili

Rudolf Servaty

Dortmund 1974

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 g6 5.c4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♗f6 7.♗c3 ♗g4 8.♞xg4 ♗xd4 9.♞d1 e5 10.♗b5! O-O 11.♗e2!?

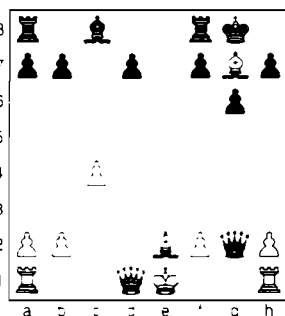
An interesting idea, used for the first time in this game. The common 11.♞d2 is also considered a good continuation.

11...♞h4

Pytel recommended 11...♗xb5 12.cxb5 d6 but, in my opinion, after 13.♗c4 ♗e6 14.♞b3!, White stands better.

12.♗xd4 exd4 13.♗xd4 ♞xe4 14.

♗xg7 ♞xg2?

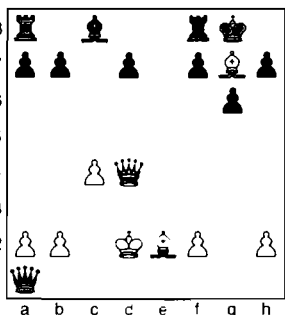


15.♞d4!!

An historic move and idea!

15...♞xh1+ 16.♗d2 ♞xa1?

Instead, 16...♞c6 17.♗xf8 ♕xf8 18.♞e1 f6 19.c5! (intending 20.♗b5!) 19...d5 20.cxd6 leads to a clear advantage to White. According to Pytel, Black should play 16...♞xh2!? unclear, but it seems that here again 17.♗xf8 ♕xf8 18.♞e1 gives White a very strong attack.



17.♞f6!! 1-0

The point of White's tactical idea. Wrong was 17.♗h6? f6. After the text, there is no defense against 18.♗h6.

Queen's Gambit Accepted

GM Nona Gaprindashvili

GM Maxim Dlugy

Brussels 1987

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.♗f3 a6 4.e3 e6 5.♗xc4 c5 6.♞e2!?

A variation introduced by S. Furman.

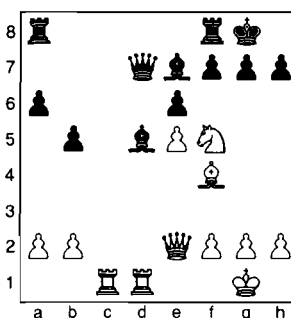
6...♗f6 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.O-O ♞c7 9.e4!

The point of the variation. White achieves more space and better chances.

9...♗c6 10.e5 ♗d7 11.♗f4 b5 12.♗b3 ♗e7 13.♗bd2 ♗c5 14.♞ac1 ♗xb3 15.♗xb3 ♗b7 16.♗fd4 ♗xd4

Black is already in trouble. If 16... ♞b6 17.♗e3!

17.♗xd4 ♞d7? 18.♞fd1 O-O 19.♗f5 ♗d5



20.♞xd5!! 1-0

If 20...♞xd5 21.♗xe7+ or 20...exd5 21.♞g4! In both cases, Black loses his Queen.

Petroff Defense

GM Judit Polgar

GM Anatoly Karpov

Wijk aan Zee 2003

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.♗xe5 d6 4.♗f3 ♗xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♗e7 7.O-O ♗c6 8.c4 ♗b4 9.♗e2

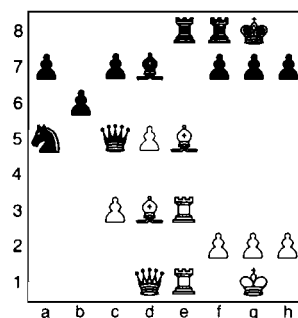
Instead of 9.cxd5 ♗xd3 10.♞xd3 ♞xd5 with approximately equal chances.

9...O-O 10.a3 ♗c6 11.cxd5 ♞xd5 12.♗c3 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♞d6 14.♞b1 b6 15.♞e1 ♗e6 16.♗d3 ♞ae8 17.♞b5!

A remarkable idea. By transferring this Rook to e-file, White achieves very strong initiative in the center and against the kingside.

17...♗a5 18.♞be5! ♗c6 19.♞5e2 ♗d7 20.d5! ♗a5 21.♗e5 ♗f6 22.♗f4 ♗xe5 23.♗xe5 ♞xa3 24.♞e3 ♞c5

Black is already lost. If for example 24...g6, then 25.♞h5!!



25.♗xh7+ ♕xh7 26.♞h5+ 1-0

Because of typical tactics 26...♕g8 27.♗xg7 ♕xg7 28.♞g3+ ♕f6 29.♞g5 mate.

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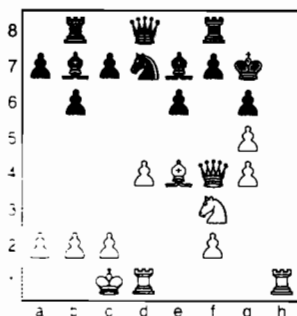
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5.♘xe4 ♙e7 6.♙xf6 ♙xf6 7.♘f3 O-O?!
8.♙d2 ♘d7 9.O-O-O ♙e7 10.♙d3 b6
11.♘eg5 h6 12.♙h7+ ♘h8 13.♙e4
hxg5?

Expecting only 14.♙xa8 g4!, when
White loses another minor piece.

14.g4!! ♖b8 15.h4 g6

If 15...gxh4 16.g5!

16.hxg5+ ♘g7 17.♙f4! ♙b7!



18.♖h7+!! ♘xh7 19.♙h2+ ♘g8 20.
♖h1 ♙xg5+ 21.♘xg5 ♙xg5+ 22.f4
♙xf4+ 23.♙xf4 ♙xe4 24.♙xe4 1-0

Grünfeld Fianchetto

GM Vassily Ivanchuk
GM Judit Polgar

Linares 1997

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♙g7 4.g3 O-O
5.♙g2 d5 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♘c3?!

A dubious gambit continuation.

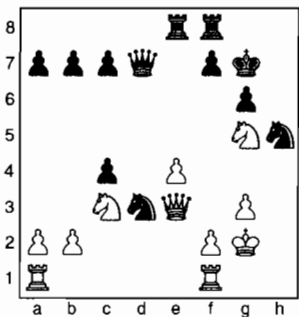
7...dxc4! 8.d5 ♘b4 9.e4

A novelty, instead of 9.♘e5 e6! 10.
dxe6 ♙xe6 11.♙xb7 ♖b8 12.♙g2 ♘fd5
13.♘xd5 ♙xe5 14.♙f4 ♙xb2! 15.♘xc7
♙f5 16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.♙xb8 ♘c3 18.♙xd8
♘xe2+ 19.♘h1 ♖xd8 20.♙c7 ♖c8 21.
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Levenfish-Aronin, Moscow 1948.

9...e6 10.♙g5 h6 11.♙e3 ♘d3 12.dxe6
♙xe6

White has no compensation for the
sacrificed pawn.

13.h3 ♙d7 14.♙d2 ♙xh3 15.♙xh6
♖ae8 16.♙xg7 ♘xg7 17.♘g5 ♙xg2
18.♘xg2 ♘h5 19.♙e3



19...♘df4+! 0-1

If 20.gxf4 ♙g4+ 21.♘h2 ♖h8 22.
♘h3 ♘xf4, 20.♘g1 ♙g4 21.♘f3 ♘xg3,
20.♘h2 ♖h8 21.gxf4 ♙g4, or 20.♘f3 f6
21.gxf4 fxg5, Black wins in all cases.

How about the future? Most likely,
we'll soon have only one World Cham-
pionship. Perhaps!

On a personal note, during my chess
career, I played against a dozen top level
women and I'm proud that I didn't lose
a single game. It is also correct that in
1958, in Tbilisi, I lost 3-0 against Gaprindashvili. However, it was not in chess,
but in backgammon! ■

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Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$7 (+\$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.

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Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$11 by 7/24, \$16 at site. (\$2 disc. for SCC mem., \$1 for 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.

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June 20-22

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Entry Fees: \$33 if rec'd by 6/18, \$42 at site. SCC members—subtract \$9. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, OR, and WA—subtract \$4. Unr—free with purchase of 1-year USCF and WCF. Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.

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

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SCC Fridays

- **Close Ratings:** May 2, 9, 16.
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- **Patzers' Challenge 2:** Dec. 26.

Future Events

☞ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

☞ May 31, June 28 PCC Game-in-60 ☞

Site: *Portland CC*, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219.
Format: 4-rd Swiss. **TC:** G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. **EF:** \$20, \$5 discount for PCC members. No advance entries. **Prize Fund:** \$\$200/b20. **Prizes:** \$60-40-30, U1800 35, U1500 35. **Reg:** 9-9:30 am. **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **Info:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.pdxchess.org.

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Bldg). **Format:** 5-SS **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$30 in advance, \$40 at site. Juniors: \$20, \$25. Economy (no Prizes): \$12. UNR free w/ purch. 1-yr. USCF+WCF. **Prize fund:** 67% of full-pay EFs. **Prizes:** 25%, top 3rd 15%, middle 3rd 14%, bottom 3rd 13% (2 prz grps if fewer than 9 full EFs). **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-2:30-7, 10-3 or ASAP. **Byes:** Two ½-pt byes avail. rds. **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.

☞ June 28 Qualchan Quads ☞

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31	Java Fusion Open	253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA

June 2008

1	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechess.org	Seattle WA
3	PCC Tuesday Quads begin	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
6,13,20,27	Tacoma City Ch (Rds 2-5)	253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
7	PCC Saturday Quads	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
13-15, 21-22	OR State Championship	Portland OR
14	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechess.org	Seattle WA
20-22	Emerald City Open	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechess.org	Seattle WA
21	Java Fusion Open	253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
28	♯ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
28-29	Evergreen Empire Open	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.org	Portland OR
11,18,25	Firecracker Swiss	253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
12-13	Portland Summer Open	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
12	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechess.org	Seattle WA
13	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechess.org	Seattle WA
16	Lecture: Rook Endings	Seattle WA
19-20	Puget Sound Open	253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
26	♯ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
26	WA Blitz Championships	www.chess4life.com	Bellevue WA

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Scholastic Events

May 2008

21	TCC Wed. Kids Night	Gary 253-535-2536 ggrychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
24	WA Open Scholastic	davidhendricks@comcast.net	Redmond WA
31	OR Junior Open & Denker Qualif.	http://oregonchess.org/index_files/page0007.htm	Gresham OR

June 2008

7-8	Miller Comm Ctr Bughouse	Seattle WA
18	TCC Wed. Kids Night	Gary 253-535-2536 ggrychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
22	Elena's Blitz II	www.chessplayer.com	Kirkland WA

July 2008

tb	OSCF All-Stars Invitational	OR
16	TCC Wed. Kids Night	Gary 253-535-2536 ggrychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
19	Ecuador Fundraiser	www.chess4life.com	Renton WA
21	Elena's Blitz III	www.chessplayer.com	Kirkland WA

August 2008

13	TCC Wed. Kids Night	Gary 253-535-2536 ggrychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
17	Elena's Blitz IV	www.chessplayer.com	Kirkland WA

USCF NATIONAL Scholastics

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

July 25-28

US Junior Open

Lindsborg KS

Nov. 7-9

National Youth Action

Brownsville TX

Dec. 12-14

Natinal K-12/Collegiate Championship

Kissimmee FL

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