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Nathan Jiang, 9th grader from Eagle High School (left) wins the 2013 Idaho Scholastic Championship. Also pictured is retiring ICA President, Jay Simonson (right). Photo credit: Jeff Roland

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State Championship Games

Part III: Washington State Championship (Rounds 5-9), plus additional annotated games by players in the Championship Section R1-R4 that were submitted after the March 2013 issue, and two games from the Washington Invitational and Premier Sections. This concludes our 3-part series of the State Championships for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho that started with the March 2013 issue. Many of the games are annotated by the players of the event.

Please note the following less commonly used symbols and their meanings.

- ∞ Unclear
- ⊃ Better is
- With an attack
- Only move
- ↻ Counterplay

Tian Sang -

Nathan Lee [B51]

WA Championship Seattle
(R5), Feb. 16, 2013

[*Ralph Dubisch*]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.0-0
a6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.Re1 e5 7.d3 Be7
8.Nbd2 f5 9.c3 fxe4 10.Nxe4 Nf6
11.Qa4 Qb6 12.d4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4
cxd4 14.cxd4 Bf5 15.Re1 e4 16.Bg5
Bxg5 17.Nxg5 0-0 18.b3

18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Qxb2 (19...
Rxf2 20.Kxf2 Qxb2+ 21.Kg3 Qxa1
22.Qxc6 Rf8 23.Qd5+ Kh8 24.Qxd6±)
20.Qb3+ Qxb3 21.axb3=

18...d5 19.f3 exf3 20.Nxf3 c5
21.Rac1 cxd4 22.Qxd4 Qxd4+
23.Nxd4 Be4 24.Rc7 Rf6 25.Rf1
Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Rf8+ 27.Ke2 Re8
28.Kf2 Bb1 29.Ra7 Re4 30.Nf3
Bxa2 31.Ra8+ Kf7 32.Ng5+ Ke7
33.Nxe4 dxe4 34.Ra7+ Kf8 35.b4
Bc4 36.Ke3 Bd3 37.g4 h6 38.h4 Kg8
39.h5 Kf8 40.Rd7 Bc2 41.Kf4 Bd3
42.Ra7 Kg8 43.Re7 Kf8 44.Rxe4
Bxe4 45.Kxe4 Ke8 46.Kd4 Kd8
47.Ke5 Ke7 48.Kf5 Kf7 49.g5 hxg5
50.Kxg5 Ke7 51.Kg6 Kf8 52.Kf5
Kf7 1/2-1/2

Costin Cozianu -

Roland Feng [C06]

WA Championship Seattle
(R5), Feb. 16, 2013

[*Ralph Dubisch*]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5
Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2

Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6
Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bf4 Bxf4
13.Nxf4 Qxb2 14.Re1 0-0 15.Nxe6
Bxe6 16.Rxe6 Rae8 17.Rb1 Qxa2
18.Rxe8 Rxe8 19.Rxb7 Ne4 20.Qf1
h6 21.Rc7 Nb4 22.Bb1 Qa5 23.Rc1
Qb6 24.Qd1 a5 25.Ne5 Qf6 26.f3
Rxe5 27.fxe4 Rxe4 28.Bxe4

28.Rc8+

28...dxe4 29.Qb3+ Kh7 30.Qe3
Qg6 31.Rc5 a4 32.h3 a3 33.Qxa3
Nd3 34.Rc8?!

34.Rc2±

34...Nf4

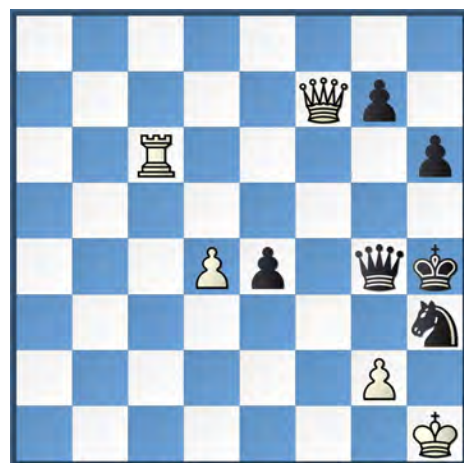
34...Qf6! forking the d4-pawn
and perpetual checks starting with
Qf2+. The attempt to defend both
with 35.Qa1 Qf2+ 36.Kh1 still
leads to a draw: 36...Ne1 (Or 36...
Qg3=) 37.Rh8+ Kxh8 38.Qa8+ Kh7
39.Qxe4+

35.Qa2 Nxh3+ 36.Kh1 Qg4
37.Qg8+ Kg6 38.Rc6+ Kh5
39.Qf7+ Kh4

[Diagram top of next column]

40.Rc1

40.Qe7+! Kh5 (40...Ng5 41.Qxg7
Qf4 42.Rf6; 40...Kg3 41.Qa3+ Kf4
42.Qxb3) 41.Qe5+ Ng5 (41...Kh4
42.g3+ (Or the Fritz suggestion
42.Kh2 Nf4 43.Qxe4 Qg3+ 44.Kg1 Kh5
45.Kf1) 42...Qxg3 43.Qxg3+ Kxg3



44.Rc3+ Kg4 45.d5 (Tempting but
insufficient is 45.Rxb3 Kxb3 46.d5
e3 47.Kg1 g5 48.d6 g4 49.d7 e2 50.Kf2
g3+ 51.Kxe2 g2=) 45...Ng5 46.d6 Nf7
47.d7 Kf5 48.Rc8 Ke6 49.Rf8 Kxd7
50.Rxf7+ Ke6 51.Rxg7+-) 42.Qh2+
Qh4 43.d5 Qxh2+ 44.Kxh2 e3
45.Kg3+-

40...Nf4 41.Qe7+ Kg3 42.Rc3+ Kf2
43.Rc2+ Ke3 44.Qa3+ Nd3 45.Qa1
Qh4+ 46.Kg1 1/2-1/2

Ignacio Perez -

Joshua Sinanan [B42]

WA Championship Seattle
(R5), Feb. 16, 2013

[*Ralph Dubisch*]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Qe2
Nc6 8.Be3 Nge7 9.N1d2 d6 10.0-0
0-0 11.Bxa7 Rxa7 12.Qe3 e5
13.Kb1 a5 14.Nc4 a4 15.Nc1 Be6
16.Be2 Bxc4 17.Bxc4 Qc7 18.Qa3
Nd4 19.Bd3 Rb8 20.Ne2 b5 21.Qc3
Nec6 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Qd2 b4

24.Rhe1 b3 25.cxb3 a3 26.Rc1 Qb7 27.Rc4 axb2 28.Qxb2 Nb4 29.Qxd4 Nxa2 30.Bc2 Nb4 31.Re3 Qa6 32.Kc1 Qa3+ 33.Kd2 Rab7 34.Bd1 g6

□34...Qa5 35.Ke2±

35.Ke1 Qa6

35...Qa6 36.Rec3 Rb6 37.Rc7±

1/2-1/2

Samir Sen -

Curt Collyer [B00]

WA Championship Seattle
(R5), Feb. 16, 2013

1.d4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nd2 e6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Qc7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ne4 f5 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bxb5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qb6 14.Bc4 Na5 15.Ba2 Rc8 16.Bd2 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Ne2 0-0 19.Rb1 Rfc8 20.Nc3 Qc6 21.Ra1 g5 22.Nxd5 Qxd5 23.Bc3 Bd8 24.Ne1 Kg7 25.f3 Ba5 26.Qd2 Bxc3 27.Qxg5+ Kh8 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Qg5+ Kh8 30.bxc3 Rxc3 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.Qg5+ Kh8 33.Qf6+ 1/2-1/2

Igor Ummel -

David Golub [C00]

WA Championship Seattle
(R5), Feb. 16, 2013
[David Golub]

This was the shortest of all of my games! I thought Igor would play the b3 line against the French, so I looked up what to play in the morning before the round. Luckily the preparation paid off and I knew what to do!

1.e4 e6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 dxe4 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qe2 Bb4 6.0-0-0 Qe7 7.Nxe4 Ba3

That's the idea behind this move: to exchange the strong bishop and perhaps play a5-a4. Note Nxf6 is always met by Qxf6, and the bishop cannot be taken because of mate on a1.

8.Nf3 0-0 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Qe5 Bxb2+ 11.Kxb2 Nd7 12.Qxf6 Nxf6 13.Be2 c5 14.d4 cxd4 15.Rxd4 b6 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 Rac8 19.Ne5 Rc5 20.Nd7 Nxd7 21.Rxd7 Rfc8 22.c4 R5c7 23.Rhd1 Kf8 24.Kc3 Ke8 25.Rxc7 Rxc7 26.Rd3 Ke7 1/2-1/2

Nathan Lee -
Samir Sen [B31]

WA Championship Seattle
(R6), Feb. 16, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Qa4 Bf5 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Nd2 Bf5 15.Nb3 f6 16.e6 Bc2 17.Be3 f5 18.g3?! 18.Rec1! Bxb3 19.axb3 f4 20.Rxc6 Qb7 21.Bd2 Bxd4 22.Rac1 when White has some initiative.

18...f4 19.Bxf4 Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Bxd4 21.Be3 Qxb3 22.axb3 Bxb2 23.Rxa7 Rxa7 24.Bxa7 Ra8 25.Bc5 Bf6 26.Rb1 Ra2 27.b4 Re2 28.Be3 Kg7 29.Kf1 Rb2 30.Rc1 d4 31.Bf4 g5 32.Bc7 d3 33.Rd1 d2 34.Ke2 Rxb4 35.Rxd2 Re4+ 36.Kf3 Rxe6 37.Bb6 Kg6 38.Rc2 Rd6 39.Bc7 Re6 40.Rc4 h5 41.h3 Kf7 42.Re4 c5 43.Rxe6 Kxe6 44.Ke4 c4 45.Bb6 c3 46.Be3 Kd6

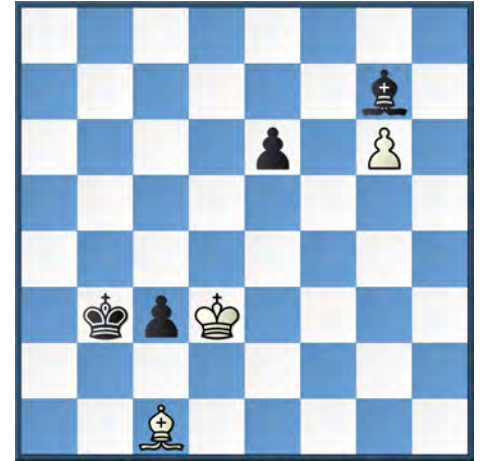
Non-intuitive, but apparently effective, is 46...g4! 47.hxg4 hxg4. The point is that the white pawns are fixed on the same color as the bishop, and White cannot snag the undefended g-pawn: 48.Kf4?! Kd5 49.Kxg4 Bd4! 50.Bg5 c2 51.f3?! Kc4 52.Bc1 Kd3 53.Kf5 e6+! 54.Kxe6 Be3 55.Ba3 Kc3+-

47.g4 hxg4 48.hxg4 e6 49.f4 White seems able to block out the black king with 49.Kd3! Kd5 (49...Kc6 50.Kc4) 50.Bb6 c2 51.Be3! Bd4 52.Bxg5 Bxf2 53.Kxc2=

47.g4 hxg4 48.hxg4 e6 49.f4

White seems able to block out the black king with 49.Kd3! Kd5 (49...Kc6 50.Kc4) 50.Bb6 c2 51.Be3! Bd4 52.Bxg5 Bxf2 53.Kxc2=

49...gxf4 50.Bxf4+ Kc5 51.g5 Bg7 52.Kd3 Kb4 53.g6 Kb3 54.Bc1



54...c2?

54...e5!-+ 55.Bg5 (55.Ke4 Kc2 56.Be3 Kd1) 55...Kb2

55.Kd2 Bb2 56.Ke2 Bg7

56...Bxc1 57.g7 Bf4 58.g8Q c1Q 59.Qxe6+ draws instantly.

57.Kd2 e5 58.Kd3 Bf6 59.Kd2 Bg5+ 60.Kd3 Bf6 61.Kd2 1/2-1/2

Roland Feng -
Tian Sang [E32]

WA Championship Seattle
(R6), Feb. 16, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.e4 0-0? 6.Bd3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 h6 8.Nf3 Bb7 9.e5 Ne8 10.h4 Bxf3 11.gxf3 f5 12.h5 Nc6 13.Bf4 d6 14.Ke2

14.0-0-0!?

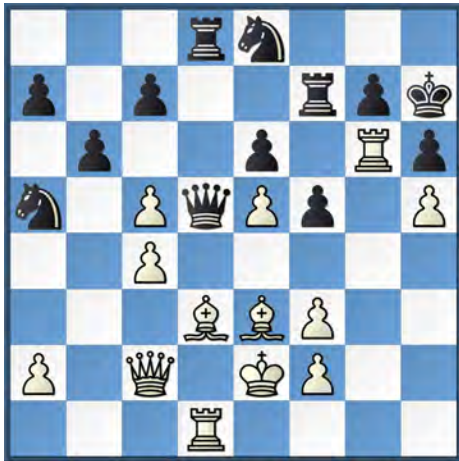
14...dxe5 15.dxe5 Qe7 16.Qa4 Na5 17.Rag1 Kh7 18.Rg6 Rd8 19.Be3 Rf7 20.Qc2 Qd7 21.Rd1 Qc6

21...c5 22.Qc1 Nc6 (22...Qe7 23.Bxb6) 23.Bxf5 Qxd1+ 24.Qxd1 Rxd1 25.Be4 Rd8 26.Rxe6+ Kg8 27.Rxc6±; 21...Qe7∞

22.c5

22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Rxd8 Qxf3+ gives Black too much play.

22...Qd5 23.c4



23...Qxe5??

23...Qd7 is necessary, when Black survives for awhile longer.

24.f4 1-0

**Ignacio Perez -
Costin Cozianu [B38]**
WA Championship Seattle
(R6), Feb. 16, 2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.Qd2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Nd5 Nd7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h4 f6 14.h5 g5 15.h6+ Kh8 16.0-0 Ne5 17.Kb1 Rc8 18.Rc1 Rg8 19.Be2 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Qd7 21.g3 Rc5 22.Qd4 a5 23.f4 Nc6 24.Qe3 e5 25.fxg5 Rxg5 26.Rcf1 Qe7 27.Rf2 Nd4 28.Rhf1 f5 29.exf5 Qf6 30.g4 Nxe2 31.Qxe2 Qxh6 32.Rh2 Qf8 33.Rfh1 Rc7 34.c5 Rgg7 35.cxd6 Qxd6 36.Rd1 Qc5 37.Qe4 Rgd7 38.Rdh1 Qd4 39.Qxd4 exd4 40.g5 Kg8 1/2-1/2

**Curt Collyer -
Igor Ummel [B00]**
WA Championship Seattle
(R6), Feb. 16, 2013

1.d4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bd3 g6 4.Ne2 Bg7 5.c4 e6 6.Nbc3 Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3 f5 9.e5 d6 10.Nf4 Qd7

11.exd6 cxd6 12.d5 e5 13.Ne6 Rf7 14.Nxg7 Kxg7 15.f4 e4 16.Bd4+ Kf8 17.Be2 Ng8 18.g4 Nf6 19.gxf5 gxf5 20.Kh1 Qe7 21.Rg1 Nbd7 22.Rg5 b5 23.Nxb5 e3 24.Nc7 Rc8 25.Nb5 Ne4 26.Rg2 Nf2+ 27.Rxf2 exf2 28.Bd3 Rxc4 29.Be2 Qxe2 30.Qxe2 Bxd5+ 31.Qf3 Bxf3# 0-1

**Joshua Sinanan -
David Golub [E61]**
WA Championship Seattle
(R6), Feb. 16, 2013
[David Golub]

Although this game only lasted 23 moves, it was very interesting! I decided to try out an opening I saw Vassily Ivanchuk play once against the King's Indian.

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bf5!?

The idea behind this move is to prevent e4 as long as possible and force white to make some concessions before playing it. There are many replies against this move. The most critical is Qb3, provoking b6, and then g3, aiming to exploit the weakening on the long diagonal. Sometimes Black has the chance to play Nc6, c5 and Na5, winning the pawn on c4. However, our game went differently.

5.Nh4

5.Qb3 b6 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.d5 Na5 9.Qb4 c5 10.dxc6 Nxc6 is how the Ivanchuk game went (Ivanchuk was Black). In the end, it was a draw although Black's position looked quite dangerous at some point.

5...Bd7 6.e4 e5

Although not a bad move, I think this is a mistake. I should have played Bg7 and castled. I didn't like e5, but then the center becomes overextended.

7.Nf3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Be2 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.b4 Ne8 12.c5

Now this is like some kind of bayonet attack where Black is a half tempo up because of the bishop on d7. Is this to Black's advantage or not? Maybe it'll give White extra tempi when he plays c6 and pushes the bishop away.

12...h6?!

I think this is still a mistake. The computer recommends a5, which is interesting. White's queenside pawns are broken apart to some extent. 12...f5 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Ng5±; 12...a5! 13.Ba3 axb4 14.Bxb4 dxc5 15.Bxc5 Nd6±

13.Nd2 f5 14.Nc4 g5 15.exf5?!

I think this was actually a mistake, the plan with a queenside pawn storm was stronger. Here I have more counter play with Nd4, etc. and my bishop on d7 suddenly becomes useful. 15.Qd3 f4 16.Ba3 g4 17.b5 Ng6 becomes quite crazy. 18.c6 f3 19.cxd7 fxe2 20.Qxe2 Qxd7 21.g3 h5±

15...Nxf5 16.Ne4 Nd4

16...Nf6! was better, exchanging the dangerous knight on e4.

17.Bd3 Bf5 18.Ne3 Bg6 19.Bb2 Rf4 20.f3 h5?!

This is a mistake. I should have exchanged pieces on the queenside, especially the rook on a8, which wasn't doing anything.

21.Ng3 Qf6 22.Ne4 Qd8 23.Ng3 Qf6

Here we agreed to a draw. As it turns out, White is much better. With the exchange of light-square bishops White will firmly control e4. However, we were both short on time and Black's threats (such as e4) looked quite dangerous. The computer recommends the simple Rc1, after which White can start eyeing the c-file for penetration. 1/2-1/2

Igor Ummel -
Nathan Lee [B22]
WA Championship Seattle
(R7), Feb. 17, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5
Qxd5 5.d4 e6 6.Be3 cxd4 7.cxd4
Nf6 8.Nc3 Qd6 9.a3 a6 10.Bd3 Be7
11.0-0 0-0 12.Bc2 b5 13.Qd3 Bb7
14.Bg5 g6 15.b4 Rfd8 16.Rad1

16.Rfd1=

16...Rac8 17.Bb3 Qc7 18.Rc1



18...Qb6

18...Ng4! 19.Bxe7? (19.Ne4
Rxd4! 20.Qe2 (20.Qb1 Rxe4 21.Bxe7
Rc4! 22.Bxc4 Nd4!-+; 20.Qc2 Rc4!
21.Qd3 Nce5 22.Nxe5 Nxe5-+) 20...
Rxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxg5 22.Qxg4 Bxc1
23.Rxc1) 19...Nxd4 20.Bxd8 Nxf3+
21.Qxf3 Qxh2#

19.Be3

19.d5 Rd7 (19...Kg7 20.Be3 Qc7
21.Rfd1 exd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Bxd5
Bf6 24.Qb3±) 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Ne4
Be7 (21...Bg7 22.Nc5 Rxd5 (22...
Rdd8 23.Nxb7 Qxb7 24.dxc6) 23.Bxd5
exd5 24.Nxb7 Qxb7 25.Qxd5+-)
22.d6 (22.Nc5 Bxe5∞) 22...Rcd8
23.Qd2 Rxd6 (23...Bxd6 24.Qh6
(24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.Qb2 e5 26.Nxd7
Rxd7 27.Bd5±) 24...Be7 25.Neg5
Bxg5 26.Nxg5 Nd4 27.Qxh7+ Kf8
28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qg7→) 24.Qh6

19...Qc7 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.Qe2 Na7
22.Bg5



22...Qa8?

22...Rxc3! 23.Rxc3 Ne4 24.Bxe7 (24.
Qe3 Bxg5 25.Nxg5 Nxc3 26.Qxc3∞;
24.Bd2 Nxc3 25.Bxc3 Bf6 26.Ne5;
24.Qxe4!? Bxe4 25.Bxe7 Rc8 26.Bc5
Nc6 27.Ng5 Bd5 28.Bxd5 exd5
29.Rf3 f5) 24...Nxc3 25.Qe3 Bxf3
(25...Nxd1 26.Qb6+- Rd7 27.Ng5)
26.Qxf3 Nxd1 27.Bxd8 Qxd8
28.Qxd1=

23.Bxe6 Rc7

23...Bxf3 24.gxf3 Rc6 25.Bb3 Qb7
26.d5 Rcd6 27.Bf4+- R6d7 28.Ne4!
Nxd5? 29.Rxd5! Rxd5 30.Rc7!

24.Qe5 fxe6 25.Bxf6 Bxf6 26.Qxc7
Bxf3 27.gxf3 Qxf3 28.Qxa7
Qg4+ 29.Kf1 Bxd4 30.Rxd4
Rxd4 31.Qa8+ Kg7 32.Ne2 Rd7
33.Qg2 Qf5 34.Qg3 e5 35.Rc5 Kf6
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Kd6 39.Ne3 Qe4 40.Qd5+ Qxd5
41.Rxd5+ 1-0

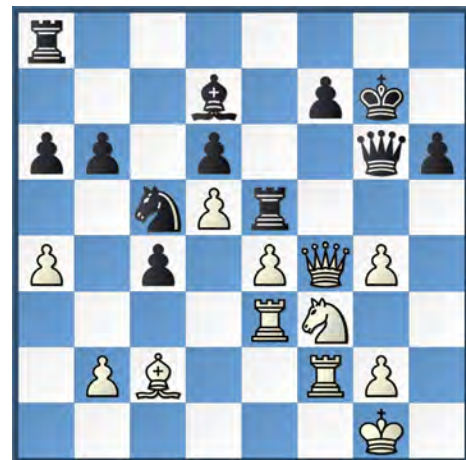
Samir Sen -
Roland Feng [E14]
WA Championship Seattle
(R7), Feb. 17, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3
Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 0-0 7.Nc3 d6
8.d5 c5 9.e4 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.h3
Bf8 12.Bf4 a6 13.a4 c4 14.Bc2 Nbd7
15.Re1 Qc7 16.Nd4 g6 17.Qd2 Bg7
18.Bh6 Bh8 19.Rad1 Nc5 20.Nf5

Nfd7 21.Qg5 Bf6 22.Qg3 Ne5
23.Re3 Kh8 24.Bg5 Qd8 25.Bxf6+
Qxf6 26.Nh6 Kg7 27.Ng4 Nxg4
28.hxg4 h6 29.f4 g5 30.Rf1 Qg6
31.Rf2 gxf4 32.Qxf4 Re5 33.Ne2
Bc8 34.Nd4 Bd7

34...Bxg4?! 35.Rg3 Rg5 (35...h5
36.Nf5+ Kb8 37.Nb6 Rxe4 38.Nxf7+
Kg7 39.Qd2,) 36.Nc6±

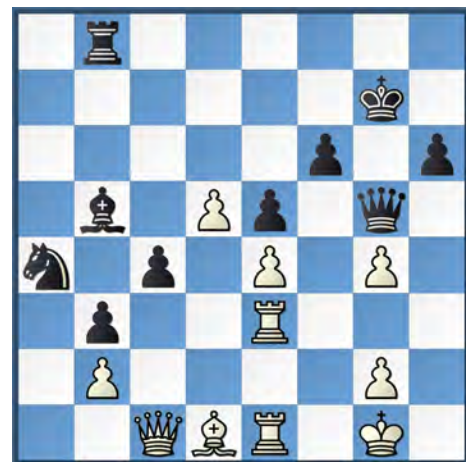
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35...f6

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complications favoring White.

36.Nxe5 dxe5 37.Qh2 Qg5 38.Qg3
Rf8 39.Rd2 b5 40.axb5 axb5 41.Qe1
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47.Bxb3 Qxg4 48.Bxc4 Rc8 49.b3 Nb6 50.Qd1 Qxd1 51.Rxd1 Nxc4 52.bxc4 Rxc4 53.Rb1 Ba6 54.Rb6 Ra4 55.Rc3 Be2 56.Rg3+ Kh7 57.Rb7+ Kh8 58.Rc3 Ra8 59.Kf2 Bg4 60.Rcc7 h5 61.Kg3 Kg8 62.Rg7+ Kf8 63.Rh7 Kg8 64.Rbg7+ Kf8 65.Ra7 Kg8 66.Rxa8+ Kxh7 67.d6 Kg6 68.Ra7 f5 69.exf5+ Kf6 70.d7 Ke7 71.f6+ Kd8 72.f7 Ke7 73.f8Q+ Kxf8 74.d8Q# 1-0

Tian Sang -
Ignacio Perez [B09]

WA Championship Seattle
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[Tian Sang]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4

Our game at the WA Class Championship last year is worth mentioning: 4.Be3 Bg7 5.f3 0-0 6.Qd2 Re8 7.g4 Nc6 8.Nge2 e5 9.0-0-0 exd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.h4 Ne5 12.Be2± Although I won that game, I did not want to repeat the same line, for my opponent may have prepared a surprise for me; so I decided to go for another variation, which is also good for White in my opinion.

4...Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Bg4

More popular is 6...Nc6 or 6...Na6, where Black does not have to give up the bishop pair early.

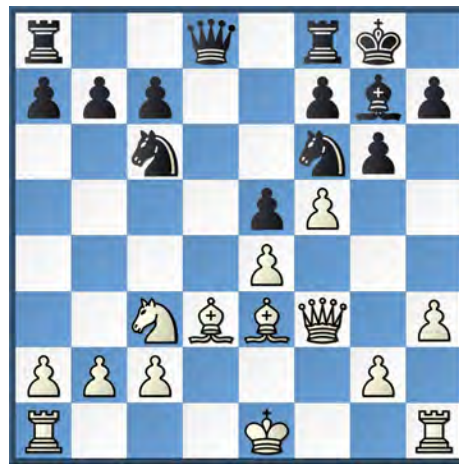
7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.Be3

Now White enjoys both the bishop pair and a strong center. I really like White's setup.

9...e5

A typical move to break White's center, but it comes at a price, as illustrated by the game. That said, Black must do something, or White will go for pawn e5 or d5, to further extend the space advantage.

10.dxe5 dxe5 11.f5!



That is the point! White will press Black along the f-file, and most importantly, the kingside pawn storm (g4, h4, etc.) will be coming soon.

11...Nd4 12.Qf2 gxf5!?

Exposing the kingside is a probably risky idea for Black. 12...b5 13.g4 b4 14.Ne2 Nd7 15.g5 c5 16.0-0-0 Qc7 17.f6 Bh8 18.h4→

13.exf5 e4?!

Too aggressive, but consistent with Black's last move and Ignacio's style. If Black chooses safer moves here, White still has an attack but Black has a better chance to hold. 13...c5 14.0-0-0 b5 15.g4 c4 (15...b4 16.Ne4±) 16.Be4 b4 17.Bxa8 Qxa8 18.g5 bxc3 19.gxf6 cxb2+ 20.Kb1 Bxf6 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.Rhg1+ Kh8 23.Rxd4±

14.Bxd4 exd3 15.0-0-0□



Once the white king is safe, the

d-pawn becomes a tough problem for Black.

15...Ng4?!

Could it be sound? Complication is inevitable, but definitely favoring White. However, there is no pleasant choice for Black anyway. 15...dxc2 16.Qxc2 Qd6 17.g4 c5 18.Bf2 Qf4+ 19.Kb1 b6 20.Rhf1±

16.hxg4 Bxd4



This is a critical moment for White. Where to place the queen requires comprehensive and precise calculation.

17.Qf4!±

The only move that gives White a clear advantage! After a deep thought, I realized that White's queen must be on the dark square to stop Black's Qg5 check. 17.Qd2 Bxc3 18.Qh6 (18.Qxc3 Qg5+ 19.Qd2 Qxd2+ 20.Rxd2 dxc2 21.Rxc2 Rfe8 22.Rxc7 Ra8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8+ 24.Kd2 Rc4=) 18...Bxb2+ 19.Kb1 Re8 20.Qxh7+ Kf8 21.Rxd3 Qf6 22.g5 Qxg5 23.Kxb2 Qf6+±; 17.Qh4? d2+! 18.Kb1 Qxh4 19.Rxh4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rad8±; 17.Qf3?! Qg5+ 18.Kb1 Bxc3 19.bxc3 dxc2+ 20.Kxc2 Rfd8=

17...Bxc3

17...Bf6 18.Ne4!+-; 17...Qd6 18.Qg5+ Bg7 19.Rxd3 Qf6 20.Qxf6 Bxf6 21.Ne4 Bg7 22.g5 Rfe8

23.Nf6+-; 17...Qf6 18.Rxd3
Be5 19.Qd2 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Qxc3
21.Rxc3±

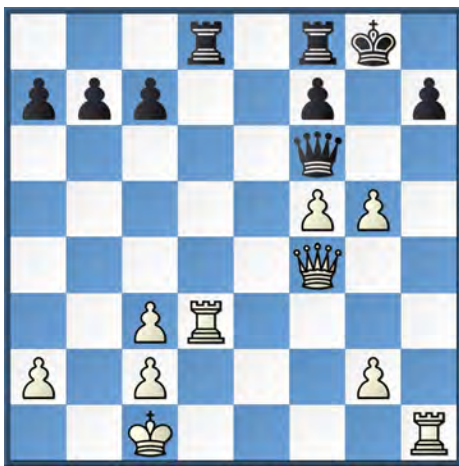
18.bxc3 Qf6 19.Rxd3

It is a little bit hard to believe that Black's position is already lost. White's attack along the h-file will be decisive.

19...Rad8

19...Rfe8 20.Rdh3+-

20.g5!+-



Even stronger than doubling the rooks on the h-file. Now white's queen goes to h4 for the killing.

20...Qa6

Ignacio spent a long time on the move, but it was already too late. White would play Qh4 no matter what, except for 20...Qg7 21.f6+- Qh8 but that would be more painful than losing for Black.

21.Qh4! h6 22.gxh6

White has double threats: Rd8 and Qg5, which black cannot defend at the same time.

22...Rd6 23.Rxd6

Black resigned. A short but interesting game! White played quite accurately throughout the game; while Black

initiated the complication but got nothing out of it. I am very proud that I delivered the only loss to the 2013 WA Champion Ignacio. **1-0**

**Costin Cozianu -
Joshua Sinanan [B20]**
WA Championship Seattle
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[Costin Cozianu]

1.e4 c5 2.d3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6

I knew Joshua prefers the scheme with Nc6, e6, Bg7, Nge7 against closed Sicilian, however White sets his pieces in such a way that this arrangement is ineffective. Knights will not be on f3 and c3, so that Black's Nd4, Nec6 becomes meaningless. Therefore Black has to see these nuances and choose d5 earlier, with a completely different set up.

5.Nh3

Now if Black chooses d5 too early the knight threatens to come to f4, putting a lot of pressure on d5. Black has to change plans and push e5 to limit the activity of Nh3, but then the knight can be rerouted via f2 to sustain the attack on the kingside, and Black loses a precious tempo.

5...Bg7 6.f4 Nge7 7.c3

Now White's pawn setup is perfectly flexible. Black should try at all costs to push d5 and be prepared to respond to e5 with f6.

7...d6 8.a4 h6

This is a mistake. Most likely Black wants to prevent the knight from coming to g5 in some variations. However, one should never react to remote future threats. In our case, the pawn on h6 becomes the main weakness inside Black's castle and the focus of White's attack.

9.Na3 0-0 10.0-0 e5

10...d5 The computer prefers this variation, however it would be really hard for a human player to choose to weaken his king so dramatically. 11.e5 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nf2 h5 14.Be3 b6 15.Re1 Black's problems stem from the fact that he has a lot of weaknesses in his position while White hardly has any. If e5 then the following variation may illustrate the point that it's very difficult for Black to free himself of all his weaknesses. 15...e5 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.Bxf6 Rxf6 19.Qd2 a6 Δ20.Re2 (Rae1, Qg5, Nh3, Nf4) 20...Qd6 21.Nc4 Qc7 (21...dxc4 22.Ne4 Qe6 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6 24.Rxe7 Qxe7 25.Bxc6 Bb7 26.Qh6±) 22.Qg5 Rf5 23.Qh6 dxc4 24.Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Rxe7 Rf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Ne4 Bf5 29.Rf1→ cxd3

11.g4!?

A rather "lazy" move. I calculated first lots of variations along the lines of 11.f5 gxf5 12.Qh5 fxe4 13.dxe4 Δ f5 Qe8 to exchange the queens, but it turns out White has a big upper hand, because there's always Nb5 aiming at d6 and c7. For example: 14.Bxh6 Qe8 15.Qxe8 Rxe8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nb5 Rd8 18.Nc7 Rb8 19.Ng5 threatening the fork on e6 19...Kg6 20.Nge6 Bxe6 21.Nxe6 Rg8 22.exf5+ Kf6 23.Rad1 Nxf5 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Rxd6 Ke7 26.Rxc6± But then I was lazy and said to myself, why complicate when I can put more pressure without much thinking effort... it turns out it's not so simple...

11...f5!

The only move, otherwise Black gets buried with f5.

12.gxf5 gxf5 13.Kh1

A little lazy... White just wants to increase the pressure given that the tension in the center cannot be resolved. Usually the side who starts the first exchange loses the advantage by bringing enemy pieces into the center.

13...Be6 14.Rg1 Qd7?!

Plays into White's plan. Kh8 was needed here, where White will hold but a small advantage, for example: 14...Kh8 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Be3 b6 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.Nf2 Rac8 20.Nc4± White's play is based on weak squares e4, g6, h6 as well as subverting the queen side with a4-a5, for example 20...Nce7 21.Bd2 Ng6 22.Be4 Nf4 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Qh5 Rce8 25.a5 b5 26.Nd2 b4 27.Rg6 bxc3 28.bxc3 Bd5 29.Rag1 Re6 30.R6g5 Re7 31.Bxd5 Qxd5+ 32.Nde4

15.fxe5

Opening the Bc1 line of attack all the way to h6

15...fxe4

15...dxe5 16.Bxh6 Bxh6 17.exf5± threatening Bc6+ check, winning the black queen. White is winning; 15...Nxe5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Bxh6 Bg4 18.Qb3+ d5 (18...Be6 19.Qxb7±) 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.d4 N5g6 21.c4! With attack. Although the computer thinks Black's king can be defended, I don't think a human can have the cool head needed to defend such a tough position -- one pawn deficit and the king is completely unprotected.

16.Bxh6!!

Sacrifice one piece but all the pieces come to attack the unprotected king

16...Bxh6 17.Bxe4+ Bg7

17...Kh8 18.Qh5 Ng8 19.Rxg8+ Bxg8 20.Qxh6+ Bh7 21.Ng5 Qg7 22.Qh5 Nxe5 23.Nxh7±

18.Qh5

Now the weak point on h7 and the threats on the g-file are impossible to defend.

18...Rf7

18...Rf5 19.Ng5

19.Raf1

Although computer programs like Ng5 better, I enjoyed this move immensely because it now displays all pieces attacking on all lines and files. White threatens Qh7+ Kf8 Qxg7+ taking advantage of the f-file bind.

19...Bf5

19...Kf8 20.exd6 Qxd6 21.Ng5 Nd8 22.Nb5 Qe5 23.d4



This position warrants a diagram. White now attacks with all the pieces and Black has nothing left.

20.Ng5 Nxe5 21.Nxf7 Nxf7 22.Rxf5

The end. Black is now behind in material and still under attack. The next moves are just Black's hopelessness.

22...Qe6 23.Rf3 Nh6 24.Qg5

Black resigns. He cannot defend the mate on g7 without losing more material. 1-0

David Golub -
Curt Collyer [B00]
WA Championship Seattle
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[David Golub]

This was probably my best game of the tournament, although there were a few moments where the game could have taken quite a different turn.

1.d4 e6 2.Nc3 b6 3.e4 Bb7 4.a3

I decided to play quite sharply and castle queenside here, with a pawn storm starting with f3, g4, etc.

4...d6 5.Be3 Nd7 6.Qd2 a6 7.Nge2 Ngf6 8.f3 c5 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.g4

Here I think Black had a pretty good position. I didn't have any clear targets for attack, and meanwhile Black could start pushing on the queenside. Instead of castling perhaps the immediate queenside pawn push (b5-b4), etc. would have been better. Also h6, preventing g5 for the time being, would have been a good move.

10...0-0?!

This is a mistake. It gives me more time to develop my attack. 10...h6 11.h4

11.g5 Ne8 12.h4 b5 13.dxc5

Here I really liked my position, because after Nc5 the knight is somewhat awkwardly placed, preventing counterplay on the queenside. And in the meantime I can continue expanding on the kingside. However, I completely missed Curt's next move, which is a great practical chance.

13...Ne5



14.Ng3?±

14.c6! would have been the best move giving back the pawn to slow down black's counterplay and get the knight on d4. I think white is winning here, with a much improved version of the English attack. However, I became confused and played Ng3. 14...Nxc6 15.h5±

14...Qc8?

14...Nxf3! 15.Qg2 Ne5 16.Nh5 Qc7 17.cxd6 Bxd6± Although White retains a small plus, the position is becoming very double-edged.

15.f4! Nc6 16.Bh3 Qc7 17.f5 dxc5 18.Bf4 e5



Now I'm winning.

19.Nd5 Qd8 20.f6!?

Flashy and still winning, but perhaps the prosaic Be3 was better.

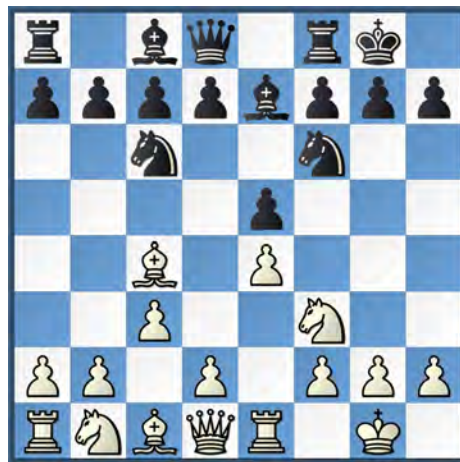
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Nathan Lee -
David Golub [C55]
WA Championship Seattle
(R8), Feb. 17, 2013
[David Golub]

1.e4 e5

I decided to try e5 too! Well, if you only play a few tournaments a year, better make the best of them! I found an interesting variation Smyslov used to play, with g6, and Bg7, aiming for a Kings-Indian-esque setup.

2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Re1 0-0 6.c3?



I let down my sense of alertness and missed Nxe4! After which Black has a pretty big edge.

6...d6?

6...Nxe4 7.Rxe4 (7.d3 Nf6 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Rxe5 d5 10.Bb3 Bd6 11.Re2 with a very big lead in development. 11...c6±) 7...d5+—

7.d4



7...exd4?!

7...Nxe4 is still possible 8.Rxe4 d5 9.Re1 dxc4

8.Nxd4

8.cxd4!

8...Re8 9.Qb3?!

Although White is still bordering on equality, the plan of attacking f7 only gives Black time, and is quite dangerous for White.

9...Ne5 10.Bf1 c5! 11.Nf5?!

11.Nf3 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3±

11...Bf8



Now White's position is extremely dangerous. Black has a big lead in development and more space in the center.

12.Ng3 d5

exd5 is impossible because of Nf3+

13.Bg5 c4 14.Qc2 h6?

As it turns out, Bc5! is better. I thought White could reply Be3, exchanging bishops, but it turns out that this loses! 14...Bc5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 h5!

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I missed this move. White's rook and knight are in big trouble. The



immediate threat is h4 and Nxe4.

15.Bf4 Ng6?

Bc5! would still have won: see last note.

16.Bd2?

Now I'm winning again. Strangely the best reply was sacking back the pawn: Be3, followed by Nd2 and b3, targeting the somewhat overextended c4 pawn.

16...Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf5! 18.f3 dxe4 19.fxe4



19...Be6?

Another mistake! As Lasker once said, the hardest thing to do was to win a winning position. The best way to win was Qh4, and there is no good way to defend White's weaknesses. 19...Qh4! 20.exf5 Bc5+ 21.Be3 (21. Kb1 Qf2-+) 21...Rxe3 22.Rxe3 Qf4+

20.Be3 Bd6 21.Nd2 Qc7 22.Nf3 Bg4 23.Qf2 Bxf3

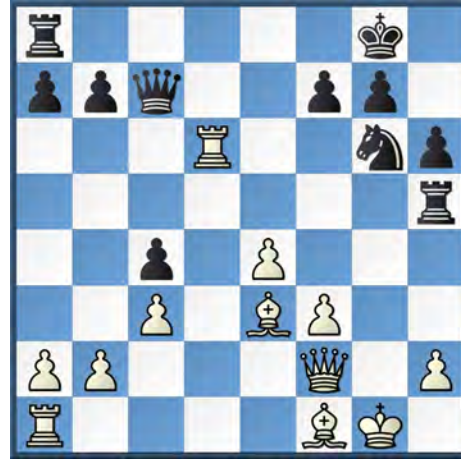
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Qxe4+ 26.Bxa7? Rxa7 27.Qxa7 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Qe5+ Dubisch

24.gxf3 Re5 25.Red1

If I can establish my bishop on f4 I am much better, but Nathan found a great exchange sack.

25...Rh5 26.Rxd6!



26...Qxd6 27.Bxc4

Although objectively I am still better, the position has become sharper and White has counter chances.

27...Ne5?!

The idea of going into this endgame is incorrect, better was Nf4 with a blockade on the dark squares, with advantage to Black.

28.Be2 Nd3 29.Rd1 Qg6+ 30.Qg3 Qxg3+ 31.hxg3 Nxb2 32.Rb1 Na4 33.Rxb7 Rc8 34.c4 Nc3 35.Bf1 Nxa2 36.Rxa7 Nb4 37.c5 Rhxc5 1/2-1/2

Roland Feng - Igor Ummel [D13]
WA Championship Seattle
(R8), Feb. 17, 2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bf4 a6 7.Rc1 g6 8.e3 Bg7 9.h3 0-0? 10.Be2 Ne4 11.0-0? e6 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 f5 14.Nc4 Ne7 15.Be5 Bd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Ne5 Bc6 18.Bc4 Bd5

19.Qb3 Rc8 20.Qb4 Rc7 21.b3 Re8 22.Rfd1 Nc6 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.g3 Qe7 25.Qa5 Rec8 26.Qe5+ Kf7 27.Rb1 b5 28.d5 exd5 29.Bxd5+ Bxd5 30.Qxd5+ Qe6 31.Qd4 Qf6 32.Qxf6+ Kxf6 33.Rd6+ Kg5 34.Rxa6 Rc2 35.a4 bxa4 36.bxa4 Ra2 37.Ra5 Rc4 38.g4 Rcx4 39.Rxa4 Rxa4 40.gxf5 gxf5 41.Rb5 h5 42.Kg2 h4 43.Rc5 1/2-1/2

Ignacio Perez - Samir Sen [B33]
WA Championship Seattle
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[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 d5 10.Nxd5 Bxa3 11.bxa3 Be6 12.Qd2 f5 13.Bc4 fxe4 14.0-0-0 Nd4 15.Qh6 Qa5?



15...Rc8∞

16.Qf6 Qxa3+ 17.Kb1 Rg8 18.Nc7+ Kd7 19.Nxe6 Qb4+ 20.Bb3 fxe6 21.Qxe5 1-0

Costin Cozianu - Tian Sang [E04]
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1.d4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 c5 5.c4 dxc4 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Ne5 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Nd5 9.Na3 Be7 10.Nxc4 b6 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Qxd5 Be6 14.Qxd6 Qd7 15.f3 0-0-0 16.Qxd7+ Rxd7 17.Kf2 Rd5 18.Bf4 Rhd8 19.Rfc1 Kb7 20.g4

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 hxg4 24.hxg4 a5 25.a3 Bb3 26.Rc3
 a4 27.e4 Re8 28.Bf4 Red8 ½–½

Joshua Sinanan -
 Curt Collyer [A92]
 WA Championship Seattle
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1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2
 Be7 5.Nf3 0–0 6.0–0 Ne4 7.b3
 Bf6 8.Bb2 c5 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.dxc5
 Nb4 11.Qc1 Na6 12.Nc3 Naxc5
 13.Nd2 d5 14.Ndxe4 Nxe4 15.Rd1
 Qa5 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bxf6 Rxf6
 18.Qg5 Qc7 19.Qd2 e5 20.Qd8+
 Qxd8 21.Rxd8+ Rf8 22.Rd5 Re8
 23.Rad1 Kf7 24.Kf1 Kf6 25.Ke1 Be6
 26.Rd6 Rec8 27.a4 Ke7 28.e3 Rc6
 29.Rxc6 bxc6 30.Kd2 Rd8+ 31.Kc2
 Rxd1 32.Kxd1 a5 33.g4 g6 34.g5
 c5 35.h4 Kf8 36.Ke1 Kg7 37.Kf1 h6
 38.Kg1 hxg5 39.hxg5 Bd7 40.Kh2
 Kf8 41.Kg3 Ke7 42.Bf1 Bc6 43.Bh3
 Bd7 44.Bg2 Kd6 45.Bf1 Be6 46.Bg2
 Bd7 47.Bf1 ½–½

Curt Collyer -
 Nathan Lee [D36]
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 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5
 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3
 Nbd7 8.Qc2 0–0 9.Nf3 h6 10.Bf4
 c5 11.0–0 a6 12.Rad1 c4 13.Bf5 b5
 14.Ne5 Nb6 15.Nc6 Qe8 16.Nxe7+
 Qxe7 17.a3 Be6 18.Rfe1 Qd7
 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qg6 Kh8 21.Be5
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22.f3

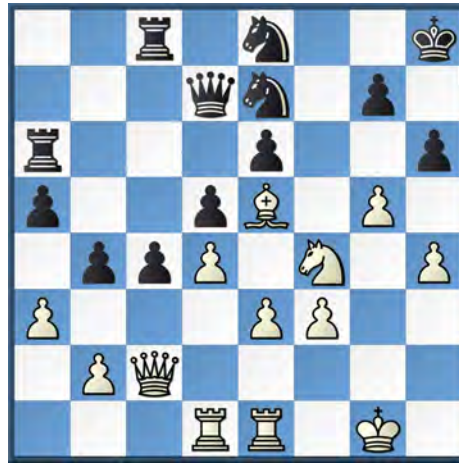
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27.h4 Ne8 28.g5

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28...hxg5?



∞28...Nf5±

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 Rcc6 38.Rxb3 Qc4 39.Rh2+ Kg8
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David Golub -
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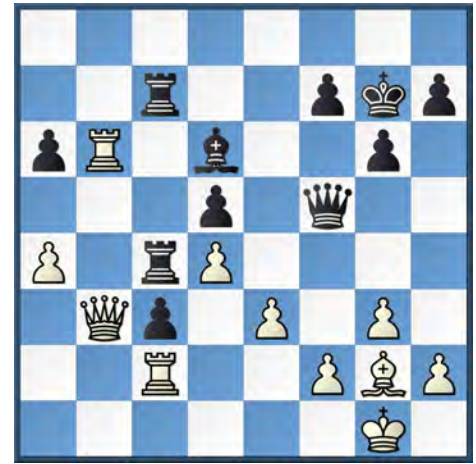
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 13.e3 Rfd8 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.b4 Kh8
 16.Qb3 c5 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Ne2 Ba6
 19.Rfe1 Bc4 20.Qc2 Bxe2 21.Qxe2
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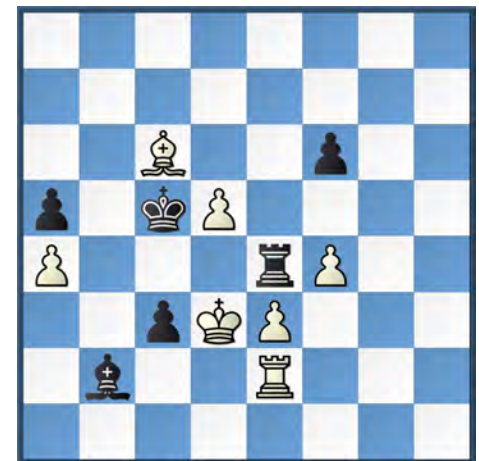
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40.Rxb4 Bxb4 41.Bxd5 a5 42.Kg2



h5 43.Kg1 h4 44.Bg2 hxg3 45.hxg3
 Kf8 46.Bf1 Kg7 47.Qb1 Ba3 48.Qd1
 Bb2 49.Qd3 Qxd3 50.Bxd3 Rb7
 51.Be4 Rb4 52.Bc6 Kf6 53.Kf1 Rc4
 54.d5 Ke5 55.Ke2 Kd6 56.Kd3 Rb4
 57.f4 Ba1 58.Rc1 Bb2 59.Rh1 Kc5
 60.Rf1 Rc4 61.Rf2 Rb4 62.Rf1 Rc4
 63.Kc2 Re4 64.Re1 g5 65.Re2 gxf4
 66.gxf4 f6 67.Kd3



67...Re7

67...f5±

68.e4 Kd6 69.Kc2 Ba1 70.Re3 Bb2
 71.Re1 Rh7 72.e5+ fxe5 73.fxe5+
 Kc5 74.Re2 Ba1 75.Ba8 Ra7
 76.Bc6 Rh7 77.e6 Kd6 78.Bb5 Rg7
 79.Bc4 Bb2 80.Kb3 Rc7 81.Rf2 Ra7
 82.Bb5 Rb7 83.Rf8 Ba1 84.Kc2 Bb2
 85.Rd8+ Ke7 86.Ra8 Kd6 87.Rxa5
 Rh7 88.Bd3 Rh2+ 89.Kb3 Ba1
 90.Bc2 Re2 91.Rb5 Bb2 92.a5 Re1
 93.a6 Ra1 94.Rb6+ Kc5 95.Rc6+
 Kxd5 96.Be4+ Kxe4 97.e7 Kd3
 98.Rd6+ Ke4 99.e8Q+ Kf5 100.
 Qf7+ Ke5 101.Qe7+

101.Qf6+ Ke4 102.Re6+ Kd3 (102... Kd5 103.Qe5#) 103.Qd8#

101...Kf5 102.Rf6+ Kg5 103.Qg7+ Kh5 104.a7 Bc1 105.Qh8+ Kg5 106.Qg7+ Kh5 107.Rf5+ Kh4 108.Qf6+ Kh3 109.Qxc3+ Kg4 110.Qxa1 Kxf5 111.Qxc1 Ke6 112.a8R Kd7 113.Qc8+ Ke7 114.Ra7+ Kd6 115.Rd7+ Ke6 116.Qe8+ Kf6 117.Rf7+ Kg6 118.Qg8+ Kh6 119.Rh7# 1-0

Igor Ummel -

Ignacio Perez [A00]

WA Championship Seattle
(R9), Feb. 18, 2013

Forfeit 0-1

Samir Sen -

Costin Cozianu [A48]

WA Championship Seattle
(R9), Feb. 18, 2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 h6 5.Bh4 d6 6.c3 Nbd7 7.e4 Nh5 8.Bc4 g5 9.Bg3 Nb6 10.Be2 Nxc3 11.hxc3 c5 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.a4 Be6 14.a5 Nd7 15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Qc7 17.Ne3 e6 18.Qc2 Rb8 19.0-0 b5 20.axb6 axb6 21.Rfd1 0-0 22.Rd2 Rfd8 23.Rad1 Nf8 24.Rxd8 1/2-1/2

Tian Sang -

Joshua Sinanan [B42]

WA Championship Seattle
(R9), Feb. 18, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Qg4 Nf6 8.Qg3

8.Qxg7?! Rg8 9.Qh6 Bxf2+

8...d6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nc3

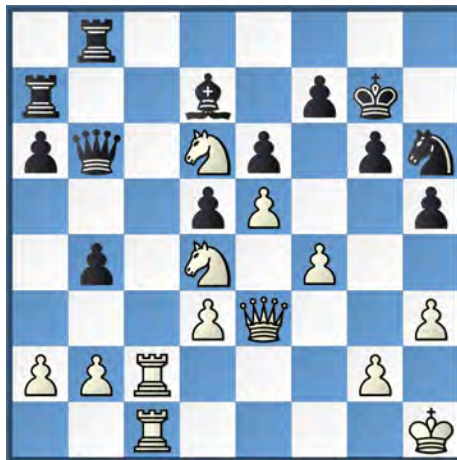
10.Qxg7!?

10...b5 11.Kh1 Ne5 12.f4 Nxd3 13.cxd3 h5 14.e5 Ng4 15.Ne4 d5

15...dxe5 16.fxe5 Bb8 17.d4±

16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Bd2 g6 18.Rac1

Bb6 19.Bb4 Kg7 20.Bc5 Bc7 21.Nd4 Bd7 22.h3 Nh6 23.Nb7 Qb8 24.Bd6 Bxd6 25.Nxd6 Qb6 26.Qe3 Rhb8 27.Rc2 b4 28.Rfc1 Ra7



29.Rc6

29.Rc6 Bxc6 30.Rxc6 Qd8 31.Nxe6+ fxe6 32.Qxa7+ 1-0

Annotated Games by players for Rounds 1-4

Ignacio Perez -

David Golub [C18]

WA Championship Seattle
(R1), Feb. 9, 2013
[David Golub]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Ba5

A very interesting variation introduced by Botvinnik in his match against Smyslov. I decided to play the French again rather than try out another opening because I wanted to play it safe, at least for the first round.

6.b4 cxd4 7.Nb5 Bc7 8.f4 Bd7 9.Nxc7+ Qxc7 10.Nf3 Ba4

[Diagram top of next column]

11.Ra2

An interesting position, where White has the two bishops and more space



while Black has counter play on the queenside due to the weakened c3 square. Note that Bd3? is a mistake because of Qc3+ and after Bd2 Qxd3 is possible, with a nice endgame for Black. I think with best play White should still retain a small plus. 11.Bd3?! Qc3+ 12.Bd2 Qxd3 13.cxd3 Bxd1 14.Rxd1 Ne7=

11...a6 12.Nxd4 Ne7 13.Be3 Nbc6

It's very dangerous to castle kingside for Black because of the impending threat of Bxh7+ and Ng5, so instead I decided to prepare Bb5.

14.Bd3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bb5 16.Bc5



Provoking b6, and creating a weakness, but I think this shot is a little premature because White still hasn't castled. I think castle is a better option, where White still has a slight initiative due to more space, and Black still has no invasion squares on the c file, while White can go for the f4-f5 push at some point.

16...b6 17.Bf2 g5!? 18.0-0 gxf4
19.Qh5 Ng6 20.Bd4 0-0 21.a4 Bxd3
22.cxd3 f6 23.exf6 e5 24.Bf2 d4?!

Suprisingly, this is a mistake. After which White can get a small plus in a rook endgame after Bh4!

25.h4?!

25.Bh4 Qf7 26.Re2 Nxh4 27.Qxh4
Qxf6 28.Qxf6 Rxf6 29.Rxe5±

25...Rxf6 26.Qg5

26.Bxd4? Qf7 27.Bxe5 Rf5 I missed this variation during the game.

26...Kf7 27.h5

27.Bxd4 Qd7 28.Bf2 is possible, with an unclear game.

27...Nf8?

I missed Bxd4, but luckily the position was still equal.

28.Bxd4 Nd7 29.Ba1 Rg8 30.Qh4
f3 31.Qe4 Rxc2+??

With very sharp position and less than a minute left on the clock, I made the wrong choice. f3 was better because then I have Rg7 after Qxh7+, but I felt like I lost control over the position after f3, opening up the position for the bishop. 31...fxg2 32.Qxh7+ Rg7

32.Rxc2 f3 33.Qxh7+ Ke6
34.Rxc2+??

Qg8+ would have won, because of all of the pins on my king. 34.Qg8+ Kd6 35.Rxf6+ Nxf6 36.Bxe5+!



36...Kxe5 37.Qg3+ Ke6 38.Qxc7

34...Kxf6 35.Kxc2 Qc2+ 36.Kh3
Qxa4 37.Bc3 Qb5 38.Bd2 Qd5
39.Qg6+ Ke7 40.Bg5+ Kf8 41.h6

Now, although Black's king is in a very precarious position, White's king is too exposed and I can force perpetual.

41...Qf3+ 42.Kh4 Qf2+ 43.Kg4
Qg2+ 44.Kh4 1/2-1/2

David Golub -
Costin Cozianu [C11]
WA Championship Seattle
(R2), Feb. 9, 2013
[David Golub]

1.d4

I thought I had a pretty large plus throughout this game, but Costin defended well and in the end only I could be worse.

1...Nf6 2.Nc3

I wanted to play Nc3 for a while, since it worked well in blitz games!

2...e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 b6

Nce2 was played by Anand against Shirov in the World Championship Final. The idea is to defend the center with c3 instead of allowing Black to exchange the d4 pawn in the regular variations with f4 and Be3. Then White plans to attack on the kingside. Black usually tries to undermine the center with f6, and sometimes sack a piece on e5 in such positions. However b6 takes us out of theory.

6.Nf4 Ba6 7.Bxa6 Nxa6 8.Qe2 Qc8
9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 c6 11.Be3 Nc7
12.c4 Qa6 13.Rfc1 Rc8 14.Nd2 0-0
15.Qg4 Kh8

So far I think I played quite well. I have a spatial advantage and chances on the kingside. However, I became somewhat hasty at this point. I

think the simple a3 or h4 was better, retaining tension in the position.

16.Nh5 Rg8 17.Qf3 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6
19.Nf4 Bd6 20.Qh3 Rge8 21.Nf3
Bxf4 22.Bxf4 dxc4 23.Ne5 Ncd5
24.Bg3 Ne4 25.Nxc4 b5?



Here both of us missed Nec3! Which leads to an equal position.

26.Nd6 Nxd6 27.Bxd6± Qb7
28.Re1 Qf7

Here I was quite happy to have emerged with such a strong bishop, but again, I was too hasty. The simple Rac1, Qg3, h3, etc. was better, slowly putting pressure on Black's position. Instead I decided to win a pawn, but this was a mistake, since afterwards only Black could be better, because my pawns were blockaded.

29.Re4 Qf5 30.Rae1

This is the point. After the exchange of queens the e-pawn can no longer be defended.

30...Qxh3 31.gxh3 Kg8 32.Rxe6
Kf7 33.R6e5

33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Rxe8 Kxe8 35.Kg2
Kd7 36.Be5 g6 37.a3 a5 38.Kf3 a4
39.Ke4 Nb6 40.Bf4 Nc4 41.Bc1²

33...Rxe5 34.dxe5 Ke6

And here we agreed for a draw. 1/2-1/2

Tian Sang -
David Golub [B35]
WA Championship Seattle
(R3), Feb. 10, 2013
[David Golub]

I think it's very important to look over and annotate the games we can learn a lot from them. The main reasons that I lost this game were: 1) I was unfamiliar with the opening structure and plans, and 2) I overestimated the attacking chances in the position. Nevertheless, it turned out to be quite an interesting game.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6
7.Bc4 Qa5



8.0-0

A sideline, sidestepping the sharp lines where White castles queenside in the Dragon and forcing White to castle kingside instead.

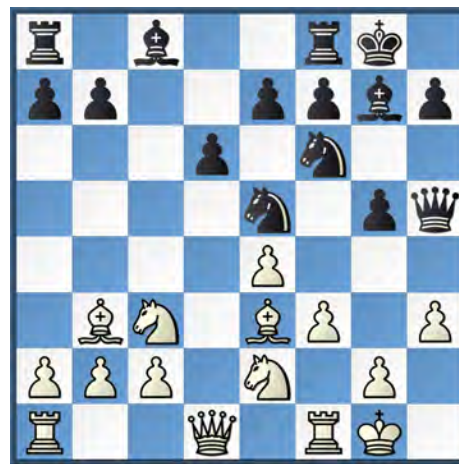
8...0-0 9.h3

9.Bb3 d6 10.Nd5 was played by Grischuk against Ivanchuk in the 2013 Candidates, and Grischuk won in the end, although White didn't get a lot out of the opening.

9...d6 10.Bb3 Qh5!? 11.Nde2 Ne5
12.f3

12.f4 I was going to go all in after this and sack a piece with Ng4 12...Neg4
13.Bd4 e5 14.fxe5 Nxe5

12...g5?



I shouldn't have begun aggression before completing my development! Bd7 was better, and then perhaps Nc6, allowing the queen to retreat.

13.Qe1 Ng6 14.Qg3 h6 15.Qh2
Nh4?!

15...Ne5± Allowing my queen to retreat to g6 and not trapping my knight on h4. This allows a fantastic move by White.

16.f4?!

After this it turns out that I could have had an equal position! 16.Qh1!! And Black cannot save his queen. The threat is g3 and then g4.

16...gxf4?

I missed Nxe4 and Qxe2, which would have saved me. Perhaps if I would have looked at forcing moves during this critical moment I would have seen this. However, after Nxf4 Black is lost because the knight on h4 is permanently trapped: Ng6 is met by Nxe6 and the pin on f7 prevents Black from taking back.

17.Nxf4 Qe5 18.Bf2 Qg5 19.Qg3!
e5 20.Nfd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Qxg3
22.Bxg3 Ng6 23.Nf6+ Kh8 24.Rad1
Be6 25.Rxd6 Rfd8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8
27.Bxe6 fxe6 28.Nh5 Kg8 29.Rf3
Rd1+ 30.Kh2 Rd2 31.Rc3 Rd4
32.Rc8+ Bf8 33.Rc7 Be7 34.Rxb7

a5 35.Bxe5 Rxe4 36.Rxe7 Rxe5
37.Rg7+ Kh8 38.Rxg6 Rxh5
39.Rxe6 Kg7 40.c4 Rc5 41.b3 h5
42.Rd6 1-0

Ignacio Perez -
Nathan Lee [B69]
WA Championship Seattle
(R3), Feb. 10, 2013
[Nathan Lee]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6
7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 a6 9.f4 Bd7
10.Nf3 b5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.f5 b4
13.Ne2 e5 14.Ng3 Qa5

While this continues my plan of an attack on the queenside, it was better to play the prophylactic move 14...h5 first. The move would stall White's kingside play, giving me extra time to generate even more counter play on the queenside. Better was 14...h5 15.Bc4 Qa5 16.Nf1 Qc5 17.Qd3 h4 18.Qb3 Rh7 19.Bd5 a5

15.Bc4 Qc5 16.Bd5 a5

Again, the move 16...h5 might have been a slightly better option. 17.Kb1 Rc8 18.Ne1 Bd8 19.h4 Qb5 20.Nd3 a5 with a similar position to the previous variation.

17.Qh6 a4 18.Nh5 b3 19.Rd2
bxa2 20.Bxa2 a3 21.Nxf6+ Kd8
22.Nxd7?

Better was 22.Kb1 axb2 23.c3 Qxc3 24.Qg7 Re8 25.Nd5 Qa3 26.Rxb2 Qd3+ The position is still unpleasant for White because of a complete lack of a pawn shield, but Black still has to proceed somewhat carefully, as the tables could turn quickly.

22...axb2+ 23.Kd1 Rxa2?

I played too quickly here, which led me to completely forget that my queen was under attack after Ignacio's previous move. Taking the bishop on a2 dissipates much of the advantage I held. 23...Qb5! wins

on the spot 24.Rd5 b1Q+ 25.Bxb1 Qxb1+ 26.Qc1 Qxc1+ 27.Kxc1 Ra1+ 28.Kd2 Rxh1 29.Ndxe5 Nxe5 30.Nxe5 Rg8

24.Nxc5 b1Q+ 25.Ke2 Qb5+

More active was 25...Qxh1 26.Rxd6+ Ke8 27.Rxc6 Qxg2+ 28.Ke3 Ra3+ 29.Nd3 f6 30.Nfxe5 Kd8

26.Nd3 Qc4 27.Qe3

A bit too passive of a move by Ignacio, allowing me to regroup my pieces and solidify my position. Striking while the “iron is hot” with Qg7 followed by f6 would have caused me significant problems on the defensive side. 27.Qg7! Qxe4+ 28.Kf2 Rf8 29.f6 Qg6 30.fxe7+ Kxe7 31.Qxg6 fxg6

27...Rxc2 28.Rhd1 Kc7

A bit counter-intuitive to move my king towards a side with no cover, but it was the only way to activate my rook on h8.

29.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 30.Rd2 Qc4 31.Rb2 Qa6 32.Kf2 Rb8 33.Rxb8 Kxb8 34.g4 Bd8

Rerouting the bishop to the more active a7-g1 diagonal.

35.Qd2 Bb6+ 36.Kg2 Qc4 37.Nf2 Nd4 38.Nxd4 Bxd4 39.Nd3 Bb6 40.Qe2 d5 41.Kf3 f6

A draw was agreed to just after reaching time control, ending a very chaotic and exciting game. 1/2-1/2

Premier Section

**Viktors Pupols -
Michael MacGregor [D79]**
WA Premier Seattle
(R2), Feb. 9, 2013
[Michael MacGregor]

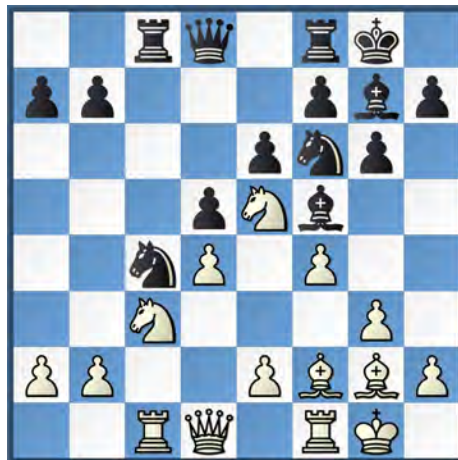
This game illustrates how some

apparently simple moves in the middle game, appearing only positional in nature, may prove tactically decisive in a matter of moves. First came the c-file, then the weakening of c3, then the control of the diagonals a3-c8 and a5-e1, with the pin on c3 proving decisive.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3

Viktors and I have played many Grunfeld games. One of the variations recommended by a book I've studied is the one I played in the game.

4...c6 5.Bg2 d5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.f4 Nb6 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.Be3 Rc8 12.Rc1 Nc4 13.Bf2 e6



14.Nxc4 Rxc4

Eliminating White's powerful knight on e5 and fighting for the c-file is a successful campaign.

15.b3 Rc6 16.e3 Qe7 17.h3 h5

○17...Rfc8 right away.

18.Qd2 Rfc8

18...Qd7

19.Qb2-+ Bf8!

[Diagram top of next column]

20.Rfd1 Qa3



I remember studying the games of Capablanca when a teenager and how he would use his bishop on a3 (or a6 if White) to control the c-file. The same idea works well here.

21.Qa1

21.Qxa3 Bxa3 loses the exchange and more.

21...Qa5 22.Be1

22.Ne2 Bc2 23.a4 Qb4 24.Bf3 Qxb3+

22...Bb4



winning a piece and leading to Viktors next move.

23.e4

Essentially an offer of resignation, but Viktors will pounce on any error.

I saw this possibility and that it would not lose the game for me. 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Rc5 Qa3 25.Bxb4 Qxb4 26.Qb2 Ne4 27.Rxc6 Rxc6

23...dxe4 24.d5 exd5



25.Ne2 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rxc1 27.Nxc1 Bxe1 28.Qxf6 Bxg3

28...Qc5+ 29.Kh2 Qxc1 is also possible, winning a piece, but I wanted the king right away.

29.Qb2 Qe1+



And Viktors resigned because of the mounting kingside attack. One possible continuation is 29...Qe1+ 30.Bf1 Bxh3 31.Qe2 Qxc1 32.f5 Bg4 33.Qg2 Qe3+ 34.Kh1 Bf3 35.fxg6 Qf2 36.gxf7+ Kf8 37.b4 Qxf1# 0-1

Invitational Section

Samuel He -
Patrick Van Dyke [B31]
WA Invitational Seattle
(R5), Feb. 16, 2013
[Patrick Van Dyke]

1.e4

The first little surprise. In earlier rounds in this event, Samuel had played 1. d4 followed by 2. Bf4, and I'd spent much of the week looking at systems to find one that seemed promising.

1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

The second surprise. Most of the 1. e4 games I'd seen had featured a KIA style setup. While I'd been expecting someone to try this system this year, it wasn't this game.

3...g6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Qc7 7.Nc3 e5 8.Be3 b6 9.Qd2 f6!?

I hadn't figured out which way White was going to castle yet, and didn't want to tip my hand too much either. With the b6-pawn chained to the safety of the c5-pawn for now, I figured an attack where he castles queenside and I castle kingside was faster for him, so I wanted to leave open the option of castling queenside. To get there, I wanted to secure e6 for the light squared bishop, but ...h6 seemed too committal, and that it would be too difficult to castle kingside if I needed to later.

10.a3 Be6 11.b4

Well, castling queenside won't be part of the plan now!

11...cxb4 12.axb4 Ne7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Ra6 Rad8!

The idea that Black can blunt all of the queenside pressure by sticking a knight on c8 suggests this move.

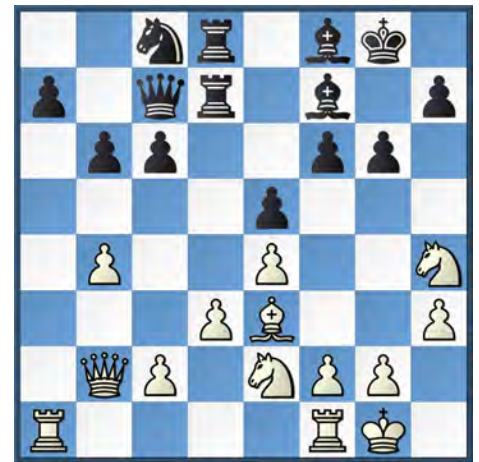
15.Qc1 Rf7

This utility move provides so many options for Black, the option of repositioning the bishop to f8 for active duty later, bringing the rook available to watch a7 if needed or to swing over to d7 to double.

16.Rd1 Nc8 17.Ra4 Bf8 18.Qb2 Rfd7 19.Raa1 Bf7 20.Ne2 Nd6 21.Rf1 Nc8

My original thought with 20. ...Nd6 was that there would be something interesting to do with the knight once it got there. But closer analysis seemed to suggest that wasn't the case, so I put it back out of the way.

22.Nh4?!



There are a lot of moves that seemed to be just moves waiting for me to do something at this point, but this particular one jumped out at me as inaccurate. It seemed to me that the idea was to clear the way for a potential f4 break at some point, but if that's the idea, having the knight on h4 means constantly having to analyze whether ...exf4, (something) xf4 g5 is a sound piece sacrifice or not. Rather, either 22. Nd2 (if you think the knight will be helpful on the queenside) or 22. Nh2 (perhaps repositioning to g4?) would be stronger.

22...c5!

This move seemed to me to create a plan to break through; I'd finally

create a passed a-pawn, and as long as I made sure it was strong rather than weak, I liked my chances.

23.bxc5 Bxc5 24.Bh6 Ne7

Taking advantage in a lull in the pressure to reposition to a stronger square.

25.Bd2 Nc6 26.Nf3 Kg7 27.Bc3 a5 28.Rfd1 Nd4 29.Nfxd4?!



I'm pretty sure that this is the wrong way to capture. I was expecting 29. Nxd4 exd4 when the knight on f3 helps to support a later e5 break.

29...exd4 30.Bd2 Qc6 31.Rdb1 Ra7 32.Qb5 Qd6

I was pretty certain that the exchange of queens would give me the only winning chances, but I wasn't sure if they were enough. I figured that since White didn't seem to have a concrete plan rather than to try to stop me, I could always try to exchange the queens later in a more clear position.

33.Ng3

Subsequent computer analysis reveals that 33. Bb4! is a neat equalizing shot, taking advantage of the pin on the a5-pawn to trade off a set of bishops.

33...Be8 34.Qb2 Rda8 35.Qc1 b5 36.Qd1 a4

Black gains space.

37.Qe1

Now that the queenside pawns need more support to keep moving forward, time to pause and reposition.

37...Rc8

This move is designed to prevent 38. Bb4.

38.Ra2 Rac7 39.Ne2 Qe6 40.Raa1 Ba7

At the time, I really didn't like this move, but it seemed I needed a spot to move my dark-squared bishop out of the way while still watching d4.

41.c3 Qd7 42.Bf4 dxc3!?

The idea of getting three connected passed pawns seemed overwhelming compensation for the exchange, as getting rid of the c-pawn would help to let the b-pawn through. But capturing with the rook was a stronger alternative to get to the same goal.

43.Bxc7 Qxc7 44.Ra2?

I had underestimated the strength of 44. Ra3! here, and it was to the point where many evaluators had suggested that it would be winning. In subsequent analysis, it seems like Black is able to hold his own with 44...c2 45. Rc1 Bb8!, where 46. g3 seems relatively forced, and that loosening of the kingside gives Black time to reposition his forces more adequately.

44...Qc5

In retrospect, I wish I had put this queen on a5 instead, but it seemed that I would have more options this way.

45.Nf4 Bf7 46.Raa1

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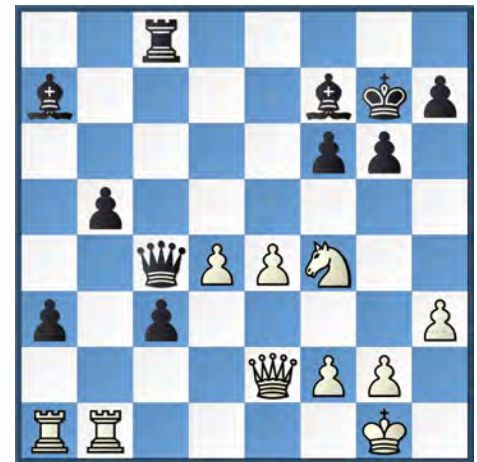
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It seems odd to sacrifice another pawn, but software analysis is suggesting that the light-squared bishop is so strong that 46. Nd5 might be needed to blunt its impact.

46...a3 47.d4!

And this is why I wanted my queen on a5!

47...Qc4 48.Qe2?



Exchanging the queens won't blunt this pressure and removes any chances White has of saving the game.

48...Bxd4 49.Qxc4 Rxc4 50.Ra2

50. Rxa3 c2 followed by 51. ...Bb2 isn't really any better. The rest is just mop-up.

50...c2 51.Rc1 Bb2 52.Nd3 Bxc1 53.Nxc1 b4 54.Ra1 Rd4 55.Kh2 Rd1 56.g4 Rxc1 57.Rxc1 b3 58.Kg2 b2 0-1

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Oregon Chess News

by Frank Niro

Portland Spring Open

FIDE Master Nick Raptis continued his winning ways with a sweep of the Portland Spring Open held March 16-17 at PCC. His score of 5-0 topped the 16 player Open Section. Michael Morris finished clear second with 3 1/2 points. The Reserve Section had 21 players and ended in first place tie at 4-1 between Aaron Nicoski and Peter Donchenko. Grisha Alpernas was the TD.



Portland Spring Open winner Nick Raptis (left), in his customary seat on Board 1, with Steven Deeth in the foreground. Photo credit: Russell "Rusty" Miller

Coffee Time #4

The First Saturday USCF Quick Rated chess tournament was held April 6 at the historic blitz location, Coffee Time in Portland. 17 players took part in the event won by Chuck Schulien with a 4-0 score. Yaman Tezcan, Galen Pyle and Gunther Jacobi all finished at 3-1. Galen Pyle was the TD.

Portland CC March Game in 60

Daniel Gay won the monthly G/60 event held at the Portland Chess Club on March 30. His score was 4-0. 2nd was Micah Smith with 3.5-0.5. 30 players took part under the direction of Grisha Alpernas.



Michael Morris and Becca Lampman at the Portland Spring Open. Photo credit: Russell "Rusty" Miller

March TGIF

12 players took part in TGIF March 2013 event at Cedar Hills Crossing in Beaverton. Nick Raptis of Portland won with 6-0. Tied for 2nd at 4-2 were Steven Witt and Kirk Hedlund. Sean Tobin handled the TD duties.

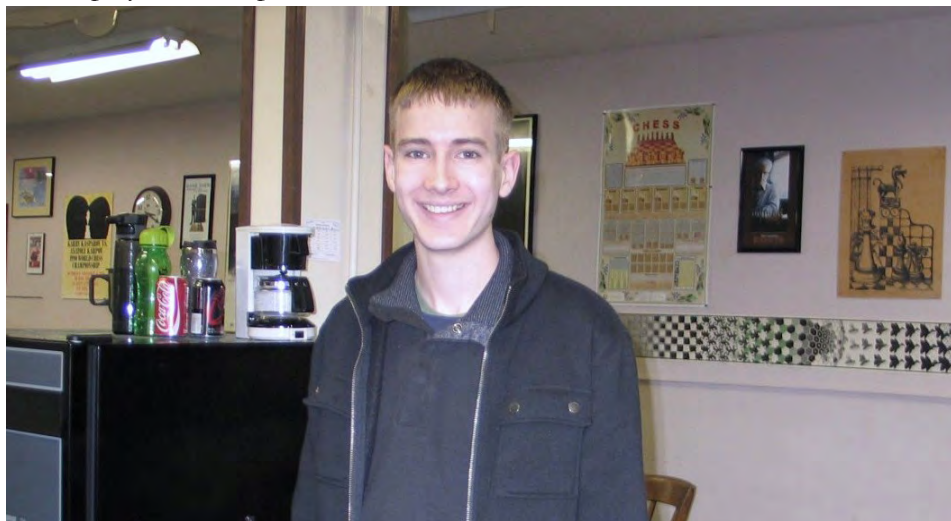
Red Castle Sunday Slam

Two events were held under the direction of Sean Tobin of Portland on March 24 at Red Castle Chess Club in Portland. The eight-player BLITZ rated event with time control of G/5 was won by Bradley Boglewith 8-2. Seven players took part in the Slam

played at G/90 d5. Brian Bergerof West Linn won that event. Red Castle CC is located at 6416 SE Foster Rd, Portland.

Portland CC Monthly Quads

The monthly quad event was played one round per week March 5-26 at



Daniel Gay, winner of PCC March G/60. Photo credit: Russell "Rusty" Miller

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the Portland Chess Club under the direction of Michael Morris. The Upper Section of 8 players was won with 3-1 by Jerry Sherrad. This result pushed his USCF rating above 2000 for the first time in his 9-year playing career. 4 players took part in the Lower Section. A 2-1 score was recorded by both Sean O'Connell and Arlis Dietz.

“TGIM 003” Beaverton Results

Sean Tobin directed an event in two sections in Beaverton, Oregon on March 12. FM Nick Raptis of Portland won the 4 player TOP DOGS section with 5-1. The Open Section had 18 players and ended in a tie at 3.5-0.5 score by Sean Tobin and Sean O'Connell.



TD extraordinaire Grisha Alpernas.

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Red Castle Chess Club. Photo credit: Russell "Rusty" Miller



Washington Open Chess Tournament May 25-27, 2013

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Washington Chess Federation

WA Open Sections/Entry Fees (by April 27 / May 18 / on site)

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\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100
\$200	\$150	\$100	\$75
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\$350	\$200	\$150	\$120
\$250	\$150	\$125	\$80
\$150	\$125	\$100	\$120(*)
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$80 (*)

(*) Prizes for unrated players.

All prizes will be mailed starting 6/1/2013.

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Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation (WCF).
Online registration available at
www.nwchess.com.

North Seattle Community College
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Seattle, WA 98103

Format: Four sections as shown at left, six-round Swiss system. Late registrations may receive half-point byes for first round.

Ratings: USCF rated. Open Section also FIDE rated (except G/60 games if applicable). *USCF May 2013 rating supplement will be used to determine section eligibility.* Higher of USCF or FIDE/foreign rating used at TD discretion. Unrated players may only win the top five prizes in the Open Section, or the unrated prizes in the Booster Section.

Registration: Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM for 3-day schedule, or 3:00-3:30 PM if entering with one half-point bye. Sunday 8:00-9:00 AM for 2-day schedule, or 8:30-9:30 AM if entering 3-day event with two half-point byes. Two half-point byes available at registration or before the end of round 2. Play any two days, if taking two half-point byes.

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 30/90 and SD/1 with 5-second delay. 2-day schedule: G/60 with 5-second delay (rounds 1-3), rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule. Please bring tournament chess set, board and digital clock.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Saturday: 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM, Monday 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. 2-day schedule: Sunday 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule with round 4. WCF annual meeting and elections: 4:00-5:00 PM Sunday, May 26, 2013.

Memberships: Current USCF membership and WCF or OCF membership required in all sections. Other States Accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration.

Miscellaneous: Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10. Chess Magnet School JGP. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring set, board and clock.

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Please see separate flyer for details on the following WA Open Side Events:

- May 25 WA Open Scholastic
- May 25 WA Open Blitz Championship
- May 26 WA Open Novice
- May 27 WA Open Game/10 Championship



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May 25 WA Open Scholastic. See NWC website, or contact David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Director, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074, ph. (425) 868-3881 email: DavidCHendricks@comcast.net.

May 25 WA Open Blitz Championship. Format: 5-round Double Swiss in one section. Two games, one with white, one with black. EF: \$25.00 pre-registered or at site. TC: G/5, USCF rated. Reg: 7:00-8:00 PM. Rds: 8:30 PM, 8:55 PM, 9:20 PM, 9:45 PM and 10:10 PM. Prize fund \$400 (b/20). 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, U2000 \$40, U1700 \$40, U1400 \$40, U1200 and Unrated \$40. WCF or other state membership required.

May 26 WA Open Novice Championship. Format: one section 4 round Swiss, open to U1200 or Unrated. TC: G/45; 5 second delay. EF: \$15.00 (until May 18), \$20.00 at site. Reg: 8:00-9:00 AM. Rds: 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:15 PM, 3:00 PM. Prizes: Trophies 1st, 2nd overall and 1st U1100, U1000, U900, U800, Unrated. State membership required.

May 27 WA Open Game/10 Championship. Format: 5-round Swiss in one section. TC: G/10; 5 second delay, USCF quick rated. Entry Fee: \$20.00. Prize fund: \$160 based on 10 entries. Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$30 in Top Half; 1st \$50, 2nd \$30 in Bottom Half. Register before 11:00 AM Monday. Rounds at 11:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 12:30 PM, 1:00 PM and 1:30 PM. WCF or other state membership required.

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Scroll down to June and find the Newport event
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Washington Chess News

Compiled by Russell "Rusty" Miller

Seattle Spring Open

On March 22-24, the Seattle Chess Club hosted the annual Seattle Spring Open. 61 players took part two sections. Nathan Lee and Michael Wang tied for first place with 3.5 points in the four round open section. They drew each other in the final round. Tian Sang was a half point behind at 3-1 followed by a four way tie for fourth place between Joshua Sinanan, Roland Feng, Derek Edwards and Daniel He. Ethan Bashkansky of Bellevue came out on top in the five round under-2000 reserve section with a 5-0 score, a full point ahead of Neil Bonrud, Anthony He, Dan Mathews and Gary Edwards. Fred and Carol Kleist directed for the host club.

Daffodil Open

Paul Bartron of Tacoma finished with a 3-1 score in the Daffodil Open held April 6-7 at the Tacoma Chess Club. That gave him first place ahead of 2.5-1.5 scorers James Colasurdo and Matthew Nill. 10 players took part under the direction of Gary Dorfner.

Seattle CC March and April Quads

20 players in five sections took part in the March Quads at the Seattle Chess Club on March 16. Fred Kleist handled the TD tasks. Section winners were: *Quad A* – David Bragg; *Quad B* – tie between Harish Srinivasan and Benjamin Brusniak; *Quad C* – Brendan Zhang (perfect 3-0 score); *Quad D* – Rowland Cordero; *Quad E* – Neil Chowdhury.

16 players competed in four quads on April 13 at SCC. Winners were: *Quad A* – three-way tie between Viktors Pupols, Bryce Tiglon and

Marcel Szabo; *Quad B* – two-way tie between Harish Srinivasan and Kenneth Truong; *Quad C* – Benjamin Brusniak (perfect 3-0 score); *Quad D* – tie between Olga Cherapakhin and Sujatha Chalasani. Once again, Fred Kleist directed.

Seattle CC April Tornado

William Schill and Daniel He both scored 3.5 of 4 in the SCC Tornado held April 14. Viktors Pupols held them both to a draw. Pupols tied for third place at 3-1 with Arjun Thomas. 20 players took part in the event directed by Fred Kleist.

Northwest Open

Viktors Pupols won the 2013 Northwest Open. His score of 3.5-.5 topped the nine player field in the tournament held March 9-10 at the Tacoma Chess Club. Paul Bartron finished a half point behind in second place. Gary Dorfner directed the event. Pupols previously tied for first in the Northwest Open in 1995 and again in 1997.

Success at SuperNationals V

Washington players won numerous trophies at the 2013 SuperNationals V held in Nashville April 5-7. Bellevue's Spirit Ridge Elementary team (Derek Zhang, Naomi Bashkansky, Zachary Zhang, Richard Yang, and Brian Chen) took the 2nd place team award in the K-5 Championship section. Derek also placed 9th individually in that section. In the K-12 Championship section, Seattle's Lakeside 9-player team won the 5th place trophy. Members include Michael Omori, who tied for 9th-

18th place individually, Quentin Chi, Nicolo Gelb, Thomas Thongmee, David Inglis, Nicholas Xing, Justin Yu, Peter Sherman, Alexander Koh. In the K-8 Championship section, Bellevue's Odle Middle won the 7th place team award. Team members are Jason Yang, Benjamin Cheung, Aditya Kannan, Jack Yu, Emily Bazar, and Cheyenne Zhang. Bryce Tiglon of Redmond Junior High was 6th in the individual K-6 Championship, Anthony He of Christa McAuliffe Elementary in Sammamish was 5th in K-3 Championship, Jason Yu of Open Window in Bellevue was 7th in K-1 Championship, Eric Zhang of Endeavour Elementary in Issaquah was 11th in the K-1 Championship and Praneeth Somisetty of Tye Middle in Bellevue was 1st, K-6 Unrated. The tournament officially broke the attendance record for largest rated chess competition in history with 5335 participants. Congratulations to all!

Washington Girls Championship

Congratulations to Becca Lampman for winning the WA State Girls Championship for the second year in a row. Becca is planning to spend her \$500 prize toward the World Open July 3-7 in Washington DC. She also earned sponsorship into the 2013 Susan Polgar Girls Invitational (SPGI) at Webster University in St. Louis July 20-25. Second place finisher Naomi Bashkansky was awarded a special tournament director's wild card invitation to the SPGI event.

Spokane Chess Club

David Griffin directed the March Madness event held March 14 and 21 at the Spokane Chess Club. Nilolay Bulakh started with a half point bye



Pictured above are participants in the 2013 Washington Girls Championship: Back row left to right: Wanchen Zao, Priya Kudva, Sarah May, Audrey Whitmer. Front row left to right: Cheyenne Zhang, Naomi Bashkansky, Becca Lampman, Sujatha Chalasani. Absent from the photo is third place finisher Olga Cherepakbin. Photo courtesy of Washington scholastic director David Hendricks.

and won the 15-player dual rated event after winning his final three games. Jeremy Krasin, Glenn Griggs and James Burney all finished at 3-1.

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Idaho Chess News

Idaho Scholastic Championship

The 34th Annual Idaho Scholastic Championship was held March 16, 2013 in Boise, Idaho. For the first time ever in the history of the tournament the playing site was not a school. This year it was held at the Vineyard Boise, which is a church, and was in fact a very suitable site for this highly prestigious event. Almost everyone commented on how much they liked the playing site.

274 students participated, which is not a record, but it is still a respectable number. This event is the big scholastic event in Idaho each year with students preparing for it all year long.

9th grader, Nathan Jiang, of Eagle won first place in the Championship Section with a perfect 5-0 score in a very tough field of players. Last year, Nathan Jiang represented Idaho at the Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, and this year he has the opportunity to represent Idaho at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions that will be held along-side the U.S. Open, which is in Madison, Wisconsin later this year.

Tyler Lopez, an unrated student from Borah, was second place in the Championship Section and Savanna Naccarato from Sandpoint came all the way to Boise and was third place on tie-breaks, each scoring four points.

Carmen Pemsler, Kory Puderbaugh, Megan Jones, and Michaela Abernathy also scored four points.

3rd grader, Jacob Nathan, won the right to represent Idaho at the next Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions which is also held along-



Nathan Jiang (left) and Savanna Naccarato (right) during the fourth round. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

side the U.S. Open in Madison later this year.

We have room to list the individual winners (teams were also awarded but aren't shown in the following list).

Championship Section

Overall

- 1st Place – Nathan Jiang (Eagle, 9th Grade)
- 2nd Place – Tyler Lopez (Borah, 12th Grade)
- 3rd Place – Savanna Naccarato (Sandpoint, 10th Grade)

Grade 12

- 1st Place – Megan Jones (Wood River)
- 2nd Place – Nick Care (Boise)

Grade 11

- 1st Place – Cody Gorman (Renaissance)
- 2nd Place – Tristan Arnold (Boise)

Grade 10

- 1st Place – Kory Puderbaugh (Meridian Technical)
- 2nd Place – Desmond Porth (Wood River)

Grade 9

- 1st Place – Carmen Pemsler (Riverglen)
- 2nd Place – Michael Abernathy

Barber K-8 Champion

- 1st Place – Jacob Nathan (3rd Grade)
- 2nd Place – Blake Magnuson (Northstar, 6th Grade)

Grade 8 Section

- 1st Place – Robert Jiang (Lowell Scott)
- 2nd Place – Sebastian Chao (Lewis and Clark)
- 3rd Place – Brayden Riley (Fresco)
- 4th Place – Nathan Stouffer (Rood River)
- 5th Place – Kieran Arnold (Hillside)

Grade 7 Section

- 1st Place – Jo Wang (Heritage)
- 2nd Place – Lucas Knoll (Sage)
- 3rd Place – Alethea Chaney (Ambrose)
- 4th Place – Dylan Porth (Wood River)
- 5th Place – Ari Berg (Sage)

Grade 6 Section

- 1st Place – Isaac Blake (Cynthia Mann)*
- 2nd Place – John Chen (Lowell Scott)*
- 3rd Place – Anthony Luo (Lowell Scott)
- 4th Place – Jordan Nielsen (La Mia Terra)
- 5th Place – Noah Jarvis (Northstar)
- 6th Place – Elias Willerup (Washington)
- 7th Place – Garrett Stouffer (Wood River)
- 8th Place – Brooklyn Mayer (Sage International)
- 9th Place – Olivia DeAngelis (Riverstone International)
- 10th Place – Michael Kappelman (Lake Hazel)

* Tie-breaks gave the bigger 1st place trophy to Isaac Blake, but Isaac Blake and John Chen are considered to be co-champions of the 6th grade.

Grade 5 Section

- 1st Place – Kevin Yang (Valley View)
- 2nd Place – Adam Pettyjohn (Cynthia Mann)
- 3rd Place – Lance Thrall (Pioneer)
- 4th Place – Sabrina Ripley (Pioneer)
- 5th Place – Taylor Nicholas (Sage International)
- 6th Place – Leah Abernathy
- 7th Place – Andras Britschgi (Sage International)
- 8th Place – Braxton Quintero (Payette)
- 9th Place – Zane Barckholtz (Hailey)
- 10th Place – Carson Barningham (Cecil Andrus)
- 11th Place – Natalie Adams
- 12th Place – Amelia Mussler-Wright (Washington)
- 13th Place – Laurel Wheaton

- (Washington)
- 14th Place – Austin Hunt (Washington)
- 15th Place – Seth Moore (Washington)

Grade 4 Section

- 1st Place – Daniel Duan (Riverside)
- 2nd Place – Ryan Ripley (Pioneer)
- 3rd Place – Jonah Banta (Washington)
- 4th Place – Elijah Thibodeau (Cynthia Mann)
- 5th Place – Rosie Hill (Northstar)
- 6th Place – Henry Neal (Galileo)
- 7th Place – David Hoehler (Riverstone International)
- 8th Place – Keegan Jones (Sage International)
- 9th Place – Matt O’Meara (Riverside)
- 10th Place – Aidan Gray (Galileo)
- 11th Place – Vishvesha Sridhar (Collister)
- 12th Place – Carl Tomchak (Collister)
- 13th Place – Nathaniel Adams
- 14th Place – Austin Li (Cecil Andrus)
- 15th Place – Jacoby Smith (Riverside)

Grade 3 Section

- 1st Place – Rayan Mahin (Challenger)
- 2nd Place – Nathan Bommerbach (Payette)
- 3rd Place – Logan McDougal (White Pine)
- 4th Place – James Liu (Collister)
- 5th Place – Frederick Zhang (White Pine)
- 6th Place – Vincent Giordano (Cecil Andrus)
- 7th Place – Colin Dempsey (Sage International)
- 8th Place – Isaac Fishman (Collister)
- 9th Place – Ryan Thrall (Pioneer)
- 10th Place – Bennet Pierce-Loayza (Sage International)
- 11th Place – Darci DeAngelis (Riverstone International)
- 12th Place – Nathan Edvalson (Cecil Andrus)
- 13th Place – Max Keller (Sage International)
- 14th Place – Miles Nielsen (La Mia Terra)
- 15th Place – Ryan Grubb (Galileo)

Grade 2 Section

- 1st Place – Daniel Fernandez

- (Collister)
- 2nd Place – Verah Arnold
- 3rd Place – Ryan Marquardt (Galileo Magnet)
- 4th Place – Tyler Erben (Challenger)
- 5th Place – Justin Siek (Collister)
- 6th Place – Owen Stouffer (Bellevue)
- 7th Place – Ben Siegenthaler (Sage International)
- 8th Place – Jieming Mei (Riverside)
- 9th Place – Wency Suo (Riverside)
- 10th Place – Alexander Wong (Sage International)
- 11th Place – Paul Sawyer (Longfellow)
- 12th Place – Moten Samuel (Northstar)
- 13th Place – Jaydin Morin-Bishop (Payette)
- 14th Place – Akshay Shyam (Cecil Andrus)
- 15th Place – Erik Tomten (Washington)

Grade 1 Section

- 1st Place – Lucas Coltrin (Summerwind)**
- 2nd Place – Alex Kitsinger (Collister)**
- 3rd Place – Mercedes Fernandez (St. Marys)
- 4th Place – Ryan Hughes (Challenger)
- 5th Place – Nathan Smith (Payette)
- 6th Place – Jacob Edvalson (Cecil Andrus)
- 7th Place – August Mussler-Wright (Washington)
- 8th Place – Emma Palmer (Washington)
- 9th Place – Ethan Li (Cecil Andrus)
- 10th Place – Dallan Riley (River Valley)

** Tie-breaks awarded first place (and the top trophy) to Lucas Coltrin and second place to Alex Kitsinger, but they are considered to be co-champions of the first grade.

Kindergarten Section

- 1st Place – James Wei (Pioneer)
- 2nd Place – Daniel Zhang (Cecil Andrus)
- 3rd Place – Samuel Li (Riverside)
- 4th Place – Oliver Nathan
- 5th Place – Dylan Waugh (Galileo Magnet)

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The 2013 Elena Donaldson Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, Amateur Mathematician

In recent years, the top performers in the Grand Prix have scored over 200 Grand Prix points. Last year there was just one, Stephen Buck with 230.5. In 2011 Buck also lead the field with 242, joined by Noah Fields at 231 and Dan Kramlich with 207. The record for points was set in 2010 when Dennis Ambler collected 276 points. That year, Dan Mathews edged out Buck for second highest, 240.5 to 240.

One would expect that, having just finished the first quarter of the year, we'd have a few contestants at or above 50 points. Yet, this is not the case, as our highest score is Ralph Anthony's 41.5 and the next players are in the low 30s. This is not due to all of our chess players becoming slackers, far from it. It is due to the fact that all quarters of the year are not created equal. While there were three events with multipliers in this first quarter, none was higher than 3x. Coming up in April, after I write this but before you read it, will be (was) the Harmon Memorial with a multiplier of 4x. The end of May is the Washington Open also with a 4x multiplier. Later will be the Oregon Open and the Washington Class, both projected to be 4x events, and the Newport Open and Western Idaho Opens, expected to be 3x events. So, as you can see, the calendar is somewhat back loaded with the most rewarding of Grand Prix events. Plenty of time for players to cross that magic 200 point barrier. I think Anthony has his eye on that target. Who else among you will join him?

The most significant changes to the statistics came from people who moved up a rating class or two. Our number of entrants is rising nicely, as we have had over 270 players enter 467 times into GP events in the first three months of 2013. These data should increase rapidly as those higher multiplier events come in. The statistics below are complete through the end of March and use the peak official ratings through April.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Masters								
			1 Raptis	Nick	13	1 Pupols	Viktors	24.5
			2 Gay	Daniel Z	12	2 Bragg	David R	12.5
			3 Haessler	Carl A	11	3 Feng	Roland	10.5
						4 Sang	Tian	5
						5 Sinanan	Joshua C	4.5
Experts								
M/X/Class A			1 Tezcan	Yaman	20.5	1 Bartron	Paul R	24
1 Leslie	Cameron D	23.5	2 Morris	Michael J	17.5	2 Szabo	Marcell	21
2 Havrilla	Mark A	18	3 Saputra	Yogi	12	3 Lampman	Becca	18
3 Parsons	Larry R	7	3 Cigan	Jason	12	4 Tiglon	Bryce	17
4 Kircher	Caleb P	6	5 Herrera	Robert	11	5	Four tied at	16.5
Class A								
Class B			1 Skalnes	Erik	15.5	1 Lee	Kevin	27.5
1 Roland	Jeffrey T	20	2 Sherrard	Jerry	15	2 Smith	Micah	27
2 Bodie	Brad	15	2 Sun	Maxwell S	15	3 Nagase	Masayuki	21
2 Griggs	Glenn	15	4 Eagles	Roland	14	4 Nagase	Toshihiro	19
4 Gorman	Cody A	6	5 Surak	Steve S	13.5	5	Two tied at	18
4 Machin	Alex J	6						

Class C			Class B					
1	Weyland	Ronald M 13.5	1	Donchenko	Peter 19	1	Anthony	Ralph J 41.5
2	Imamovic	Nedzad 6	2	Burris	Christopher E 15	2	Ramesh	Jothi N 33
3	Pemsler	Carmen 5	3	Tache	Corey 9	3	He	Anthony B 28.5
3	Hollingsworth	Gary M 5	4	Sato-Duncan	Takuma 8	4	Buck	Stephen J 18
			5	Four tied at 4		4	Kramlich	Dan 18
Class D			Class C					
1	Naccarato	Savanna 13.5	1	Berger	Brian F 24.5	1	Piper	August 31
2	Handeen	Bjorn J 12	2	Murphy	Dmitri M 15.5	1	Zhang	Eric M 31
3	Taylor	Shane 5	3	Beverly	Jacob P 15	3	Chowdhury	Neil 30.5
4	Porth	Adam 4.5	4	Wu	Ethan 14.5	4	Deshpande	Aaryan H 14
			5	Two tied at 12		5	Two tied at 12	
Class E and Below			Class D and Below					
1	Wetmur	Harold R 12	1	Buerer	Harry F 15.5	1	Richards	Jerrold 23.5
2	Hiatt	Arlene 7.5	2	Chairet	Tim 12.5	2	Burney	James L 13.5
3	Porth	Desmond 5	3	Uan-Zo-Li	Sean A 12	2	Bryant	David G 13.5
4	Knoll	Lucas 4.5	3	Chavarri	Jose 12	4	Fields	Dawn E 12
4	Nathan	Jacob A 4.5	5	Butson	Jeffrey C 11.5	4	Dixon	Max L 12
Overall Leaders, by State								
1	Leslie	Cameron D 23.5	1	Berger	Brian F 24.5	1	Anthony	Ralph J 41.5
2	Roland	Jeffrey T 20	2	Tezcan	Yaman 20.5	2	Ramesh	Jothi N 33
3	Havrilla	Mark A 18	3	Donchenko	Peter 19	3	Piper	August 31
4	Bodie	Brad 15	4	Morris	Michael J 17.5	4	Zhang	Eric M 31
4	Griggs	Glenn 15	5	Skalnes	Erik 15.5	5	Chowdhury	Neil 30.5
6	Weyland	Ronald M 13.5	5	Buerer	Harry F 15.5	6	He	Anthony B 28.5
6	Naccarato	Savanna 13.5	5	Murphy	Dmitri M 15.5	6	Lee	Kevin 27.5
8	Handeen	Bjorn J 12	8	Beverly	Jacob P 15	8	Smith	Micah 27
8	Wetmur	Harold R 12	8	Sherrard	Jerry 15	9	Pupols	Viktors 24.5
10	Hiatt	Arlene 7.5	8	Sun	Maxwell S 15	10	Bartron	Paul R 24
11	Parsons	Larry R 7	8	Burris	Christopher E 15	10	Richards	Jerrold 23.5
12	Four tied at 6		12	Wu	Ethan 14.5	10	Two tied at 21	

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May 3 **SCC Annual Membership Meeting**
 Election of SCC Board & Officers' Reports. Before the start of Friday's rated game in the Close Ratings tournament.

♠ **May 5, June 2** **Sunday Tornado** ♠
Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/60; d5 (or G/64; d0). **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

♠ **May 11, June 8** **Saturday Quads** ♠
Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120; d5. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 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.

May 15 **SCC Dues Rise ~20%**
 Sign up for another year before the SCC's membership dues rise on May 15, 2013!

May 24 **WA Open Warm-Up Blitz**
Format: 5-2xSS. **TC:** G/5; d0. **EF:** \$7 (-\$2 for SCC mem.). **Prize Fund:** at least 70% of EFs. **Reg:** 7-7:45 p.m. **Rd 1:** 8:00. **Byes:** 1. **Misc:** USCF blitz rated. NS, NC.

How to Find the SCC
 Look for the Northway Square East Building, just across I-5 from Northgate Mall, with large signs proclaiming "Northwest Kidney Centers" and "City University." The main entrance is reached by turning east on N. 107th Street from Meridian Ave. N. The club is on the lower level.

Attendance at 2013's events
 G/15 Ch. (3/1)-12; Novice (1/19)-2, (4/7)-6; Quads (1/26)-11, (2/23)-26, (3/16)-20, (4/13)-16; Tornados (1/6)-25, (2/3)-10, (3/3)-32, (4/14)-19; **Seattle City Championship** (1/11-13)-30; **Seattle Spring Open** (3/22-24)-60.

Attendance at 2012's events
 3-Day Wknd Tnmts (6)-ave. 44.3; Tornados (13)-ave. 19.2; Quads (10)-ave. 16.6; 2-Day Wknd Tnmts (2)--11.5; Octagonals (1)-9; Novice (4)-ave. 7.

Emerald City Open

June 14-16

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule – G/64 or G/60;d5). The prize fund of \$1000 is based on fifty-five entries.

a Northwest Grand Prix event

Open	Reserve (U1700)
First \$250	First \$175
Second \$160	Second \$110
U1950 \$120	U1450 \$80
	Unr \$25

Upset (rds 1-4) \$20

Entry Fees: \$33 if rec'd by 6/12, \$42 at site. SCC members—subtract \$9. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, ID, OR, and WA—subtract \$4. Unr—free with purchase of 1-year USCF and WCF. Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

☞ denotes 2013 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 31

May 18-20 38th Annual Paul Keres Memorial, **Richmond, BC**. See <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm> for more details.

☞ **May 18-19** Idaho Open Chess Championship, **Pocatello, ID**. 5SS, G/120; d5. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: ISU, Student Union Bldg, Salmon River Suites, 1065 S. 8th St., Pocatello, Idaho. EF: USCF mem req., \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), by 05/15/13. \$5 more (all) after. Reg & Ck in: 7:30-8:30 AM 05/18/13. Those not paid & ck'd in by 8:30 AM may not be paired in 1st rnd. RDS.: 9,2,7,9,2. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, Rd 1-4 only. 0 pt bye avail rnd 5. Commit by end of rd 2. Prizes: \$\$ b/30; Open: \$175-85-65; Reserve: \$75-50 -35. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA, c/o Jay Simonson, 391 Carol Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, 208-206-7667, rooknjay@yahoo.com, <http://www.idahocheessassociation.org>. NC, NS, W.

☞ **May 18** Pierce County Open, **Tacoma, WA**. Site: The Tacoma Chess Club in the DTI Soccer Store Building on the second floor at 409 Puyallup Ave across the street from Alfred's Cafe. Registration: 9 – 9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees. 1st 25%; 2nd \$15%; U2000, U1700, U1400 20% each. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 or A.S.A.P. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, phone (253) 535-2536, email ggarychess@aol.com.

☞ **May 18, June 22** Portland CC Game in 60. **Portland, OR**. 4SS, G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. OCF/WCF and USCF memb reqd, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9-9:30. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Prizes: (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30 U1800, U1500 \$35 each. Info: e-mail portlandchessclub@gmail.com, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.com.

☞ **May 25-27** Washington Open, **Seattle, WA**. See full-page ad on page 22 and side events on page 23.

☞ **June 15-16** 2013 Newport June Open, **Newport, OR**. See half-page ad on page 23.

☞ **June 15** Qualchan Quads, **Spokane, WA**. Site: Spokane Valley Library, E. 12004 E. Main, Spokane, WA 99206. Reg: Sat 8:30-9:45, E.F. \$16, Format: 3 Rds, G/2Hr with 5 second delay. USCF membership required n/c (USCF rated), coffee & snacks provided. Ent/Info: Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037, (509) 994-9739, Email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, www.spokanechessclub.org. Note: Chess downstairs - take elevator.

☞ **June 29** Evergreen Empire Open, **Tacoma, WA**. Site: The Tacoma Chess Club in the DTI Soccer Store Building on the second floor at 409 Puyallup Ave across the street from Alfred's Cafe. Registration: 9 – 9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees. 1st 25%; 2nd \$15%; U2000, U1700, U1400 20% each. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 or A.S.A.P. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, phone (253) 535-2536, email ggarychess@aol.com.

July 6-7 Oregon Senior Chess Championship, **Oregon City, OR**. See full page ad on page 19.