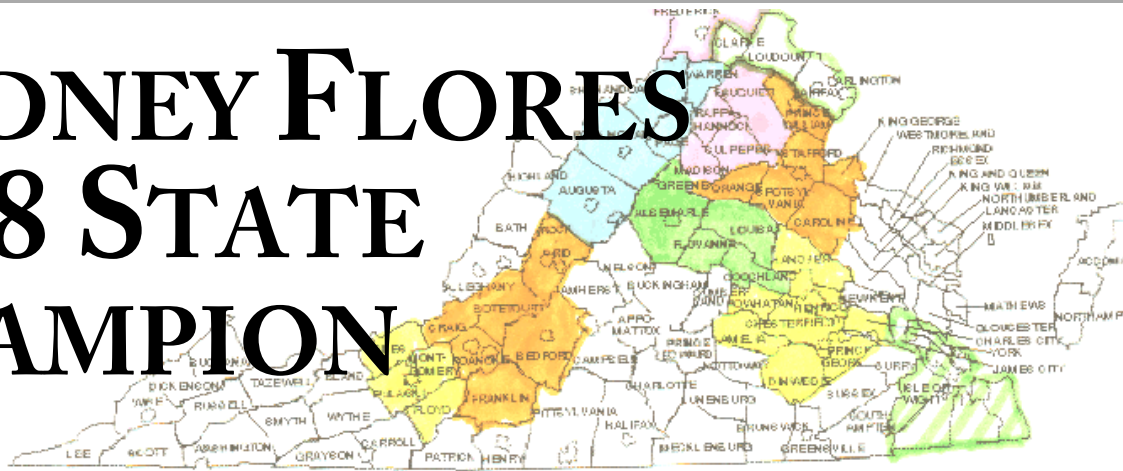




RODNEY FLORES

1998 STATE CHAMPION



RODNEY FLORES, OF VIRGINIA BEACH, SCORED AN UNDEFEATED 6-1 to win the annual Labor Day weekend Virginia Closed tournament in Charlottesville, and so capture the 1998 state championship. By no means a pre-tournament favorite at 2106, Flores became the first expert to capture the state championship since Bill Robinson in 1982. Defending champion Steve Greanias tied with Alan Brownstein, Bora Yagiz & Roderick Brown for 2nd-5th. (See box next page for complete list of prizewinners.) Catherine Clark, of Alexandria, was elected VCF President at the annual business meeting, held Saturday morning prior to the first round. Outgoing President Mark Johnson directed the tournament.


The penultimate round game between Flores and former (1993) champion Macon Shibut stands out as the critical juncture in this year's title race. To that point Shibut had looked to be pulling away from the pack, standing alone at 5-0 including wins over Greanias and two-time champion Rusty Potter. Flores was a half point behind and scheduled for the black pieces. However, in this battle of editors (Flores oversees *Tidewater Chess News*, Shibut *Virginia Chess*) the new champion experienced no real trouble in the opening, gradually took command in the middlegame, and wrapped up the point with incisive endgame play.

Macon Shibut - Rodney Flores Modern

Notes by Rodney Flores

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 c6 4 Be3 d6 (A departure from our encounter at the Virginia Open last January. There I played 4...d5 and 5 Qd2 Qa5 6 0-0-0!? dxe4 7 Bc4 = followed. [see Virginia Chess 1998/#1, page 7]) **5 Nf3 Qc7 6 Qd2 b5 7 Bd3 a6 8 h3 Nd7 9 0-0 Ngf6 10 Rfe1** (If 10 e5 dxe5 11 dxe5 Nxe5 12 Nxe5 Qxe5 13

Bf4 Qc5 14 Be3 Qd6 15 Bf4 Qd8 =) **10...0-0 11 Bh6** (Now if 11 e5 dxe5 12 dxe5 Nxe5 13 Nxe5 Qxe5 14 Bf4 Qc5 15 Be3 Qd6 16 Bf4 Qd8 =) **11...e5 12 Bxg7 Kxg7 13 dxe5 dxe5 14 Qe3** (I'm not sure of the purpose of this move—perhaps to shift the queen to the kingside in a subtle manner? It does inhibit ...Nc5

for the time being.) **14...Bb7 15 Ne2** (I figured Macon was going to attack me; he had played aggressive chess in his first five rounds, all strong victories. But it seems this method of attack is a bit slow.) **15...c5 16 c3 c4 17 Bc2 Nc5 =**  (Black has close to a clear edge.)

We regretfully report that David Brydon, a former President of the Virginia Chess Federation, was killed sometime mid-September when a plane he was piloting crashed in Alaska. All chess players in Virginia benefited from David's wisdom and service. He will be missed.



1998 VIRGINIA CLOSED

September 5-7, Charlottesville



Virginia State Champion:

Rodney Flores (6-1)

=2nd-5th place:

Steve Greanias, Alan

Brownstein, Bora Yagiz,

Roderick Brown (5^{1/2}-1^{1/2})

Top Expert:

Alan Brownstein

Top Class A:

Bora Yagiz

Top Class B:

Jamarl Thomas, Joe

Wheelhouse, Robert Harrison,

Eric Cecil (4-3)

Top Class C:

Ralph Gibson (4^{1/2}-2^{1/2})

Top Class D:

Robert DeBois, Bill Simmons,

Jimmy Davies, Ricky Carew

(3^{1/2}-3^{1/2})

Top Class E:

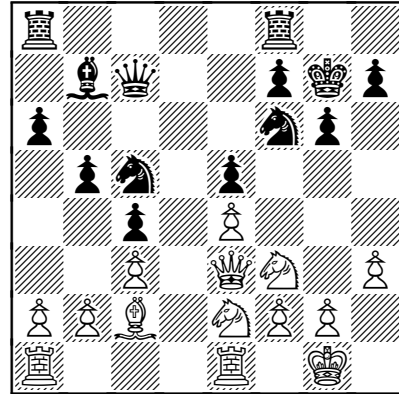
Judah Brownstein (4-3)

Top Unrated:

Jason Koprowski (4-3)

Top Scholastic:

Daniel Ludwinski (4-3)



18 Ng3 Ne6! (This stops any nonsense with queen to g5 without playing a weakening ...h6. It also prepares an invasion on d3 with ...Nf4 and ...Nd7-c5-d3. If instead 18...Rad8?! 19 Nf5+ Kh8 20 Qh6 Rg8 21 Ng5 etc.) **19 Nh2 Rad8** (Black takes the only open file.) **20 Ng4 Nxg4 21 hxg4 Rd6?!** (The rook is awkwardly placed here, in Black may be obliged to take on a possible Nf5!?) In any case, tripling of heavy pieces should not be an option for Black since White's bishop holds d1.) **22 Ne2** (22 Nf5+ doesn't work: 22...gxf5 23 exf5 Nc5 24 Qxe5+ f6 25 Qg3 Nd3 -) **22...Rfd8 23 Rad1** (White offered a draw here, which was difficult to decline, not because of the position but due to a 15 minute deficit on the clock and the possibility of botching a nice position.)

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23...Nc5 24 Rxd6 (24 Ng3 is White's best try to hold at this point. Then 24...Rxd1 25 Rxd1 Rxd1+ 26 Bxd1 Nd3 =) 24...Rxd6 25 Kh2?! (It seems time for White to cut his losses and trade down to an inferior ending by getting rid of pieces on the d-file.) 25...Nd3 26 Rh1 Qc5 +- 27 Qxc5 Nxc5 28 Rd1 Rxd1 29 Bxd1 Bxe4 30 f3 Bb1 31 b4 Nd3 32 Ng3 Nc1! (Black correctly eschews the win of the unimportant a-pawn in favor of getting to the c-pawn.) 33 a4 Na2 34 axb5 axb5 35 Ne2 Kf6 (Black takes a moment to ensure he is well within the "triangle" of the b-pawn in case White tries to sac with Ba4.) 36 Kg3 Bd3 37 g5+! (He tries every trick available.) 37...Ke6 38 f4 Bxe2 39 Bxe2 Nxc3 40 Bg4+ f5 41 gxf6+ Kxf6 42 Bd7 Na2 43 Bxb5 c3 44 fxe5+ Kxe5 0-1

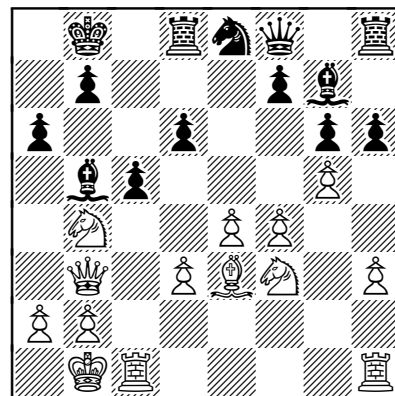
Rod Flores - Roderick Brown Pirc

Notes by Rodney Flores

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f3 Bg7 5 Be3 Nbd7 6 Qd2 h6?! (Black cannot have time to play this move. Now the Black king is in the center for a while.) 7 0-0 e5 8 h3! (White plans to open the center with f4 while disallowing any possible exchanges beginning ...Ng4) 8...a6 9 dxe5? (Missing Black's 10th move. If 9 f4 I thought 9...Nh5 was good, but then 10 Nge2 exf4 11 Nxf4 Ng3 12 Rg1 b5 13 Bd3 =) 9...Nxe5! (Usually taking with a piece would be bad, but now Black becomes only slightly worse.) 10

f4 Nc6 ± (With the queen not hanging on d8, White cannot easily open the center.) 11 Qf2 (White tries to regroup to open the center. Black will get pressure against e4, though.) 11...Qe7 12 Bd3 Nb4?! (I don't think Black has time to win the bishop pair. In any event the soon-to-be pawn on d3 protects e4, which was source of Black's counterplay. Also the c-file opens for White with little risk.) 13 Nf3 Nxd3+ 14 cxd3 Be6 15 Kb1 (15 g4?! b5 16 f5 b4 17 fxe6 bxc3 18 exf7+ Qxf7 19 b3 a5 ∞) 15...0-0-0 (The king looks a little bare here, but he probably should be able to defend. I suppose kingside castling looked unappetizing.) 16 g4 Bd7 17 g5 Ne8 (The knight must go here to defend the king.) 18 Nd5 Qf8 (Forced; if 18...Qe6? 19 gxh6! Bxh6 (19...Rxh6 20 Ng5 +-) 20 Nd4 traps the queen.) 19 Rc1 ± (White starts directing his pieces at the king, while most of Black's pieces are mere spectators.)

19...Bc6?! (19...Be6 is better than the game, since the White knight should not be traded.) 20 Nb4 Bb5 21 Qc2 Kb8 22 Qb3 c5? (Black is lost after this. 22...Ka8 23 Nd4 Bd7 24 Nd5 ±)



23 a4! a5 (If 23...Bd7 24 Nxa6+ Ka8 (24...Kc8 25 Bxc5! Bc6 26 Bb6 +-) 25 Nxc5 dxc5 26 Bxc5 Nd6 27 Qb6) 24 axb5 axb4 25 b6! (Black is in a mating net.) 25...hxg5 26 Nxc5 (Threatens to win the exchange and a pawn, but more important it completes the mating net.) 26...Nf6! (Looking to dump the exchange to get some counterplay.) 27 Qa4! (White is in search of bigger game and so

9TH DAVID ZOFCHAK MEMORIAL

November 14-15, 1998

Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach

5-SS, rds: 1-2 G/2, Rds 3-5 35/90, SD/1. \$1150 (b/40 adult entries): \$300(G)-150, X (if no X is 1st or 2nd), A, B, C, D/E, each \$120, Unr \$100 (b/5 per class). Reg 9-9:40, rds 10-2:30-7, 9-2:30. 1/2pt bye avail rds. 1-4. EF \$30 by 11/7, \$40 at site; over 2400 \$20 by 11/7, \$30 at site; over 2200 \$25 by 11/7, \$35 at site (discounts deducted from any prizes won), Scholastic (under 19, grade school) \$7 by 11/7, \$10 at site (play for book prizes only). Hotel: Fairfield Inn By Marriott, 4760 Euclid Road, (757) 499-1935. NS, NC, W. Enter: "Big" Bob Collins, 4008 Vineland Circle, Virginia Beach, Va 23456, (757)471-4025, bcollins@series2000.com



Black's camp. Starting at the base of the pawn chain is always a good plan. White will play to break through on the c5/d6 island. Black, by placing a pawn on b6, will allow White to play against both d6 and b6 if he can get in c5. The more patient 6...0-0, 6...c6, or even 6...Nh5 would be better.

7. Be3 0-0 8. Qd2 Nh5! 9. Bd3?

One of those irritating errors that so often results from moving without thinking. The bishop move allows Black to get the kind of irritating counterplay for which the King's Indian is designed. 9. Nge2 would have been much more effective, eg 9...f5 10 exf5 gxf5 11 Ng3 Nxc3 (no better 11...f4 12. Nh5 fxe3 13. Qxe3 Qh4+ 14. Ng3) 12 hxg3. In this way White could actually take advantage of the placement of Black's knight. As it turns out, White allows the sidelined knight to become a real force.

9...f5 10. exf5 Bxf5?

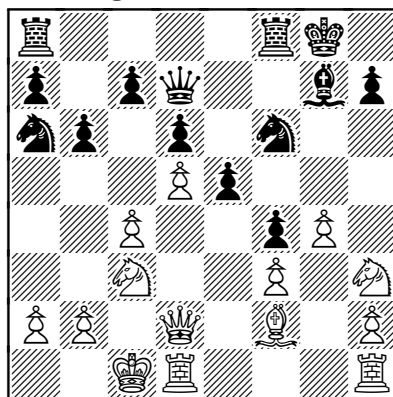


Better 10.. gxf5 keeping the white squares healthy.

11. Bxf5 gxf5 12. g3

This move was forced or else Black has the shot: 12. Nge2? Qh4+ 13. g3 Qxc4.

12..f4 13. Bf2 Qd7 14. 0-0-0 Na6 15. g4 Nf6 16. Nh3?



The error deserves a diagram. White is playing on autopilot, while Black is looking for counter chances. This illustrates a very common mistake that higher rated players make against lower rated opponents. What exactly is White's plan? He has boldly castled on the Queenside, signifying that he plans to attack the Black kingside. Yet the Black king looks to be much safer than White's. The semi-open g-file is not a real weakness. White's kingside pawns lack real targets and only get in the way of their major pieces. The bishop on f2 looks pathetic. And what is that on h3? Black's early mistake in playing 6..b6 now looks justified. White will not be attacking the base of Black's pawn chain any time soon. White could have pressed for an advantage if he had instead played 16. h4, for ex-

ample 16...Rfd8 17. Nh3 Rac8 18. Ng5 Nc5 19. Bxc5 bxc5 20. Ne6 Re8 21. g5 Nh5 22. Ne4.

16...Nxc4!

Black maybe lower rated but he's certainly not shy. Mr Hoffman played this move instantly, forcing me out of my lazy slumber.

17. Ng5

If 17. fxg4 Black has the sexy 17...Qxg4 18. Ng1 Qg2 19. Nge2 Qxf2 20. Rdf1 Qh4

Now I had to do some mental preparation. Okay, I'm down a pawn, but what do I have for it? Not much, as I'm about to lose my bishop. If I activate my knight, gun it towards e6, maybe I can rustle some feathers? Actually, it's the only think I *can* do. Should he open the h8-a1 diagonal, I'm toast. Whatever you do, don't let on that you blundered. Make it look like a sac instead.

17...Nxf2 18. Qxf2 Qf5 19. Ne6 Rf6?

Black starts to lose the thread. 19...Rf7 20. Nxc7 Rxc7 was correct, and Black would be a clean pawn up.

The first glimpse that something bad was going to happen to Black! Call it a gut feeling... When playing down and you find yourself in trouble, avoid panic at all costs. After all, what's a pawn or two if you can create a position where the complications favor your practical experience? The whole maneuver with 19. Ne6 is really quite harmless for Black, it just looks wicked. After the game, Mr



Hoffman expressed that he was very concerned with this invasion and spent a good amount of time looking for a way to combat the knight. This is probably due to some curse that Soltis or Mednis have inflicted on a whole generation of club players.

20. Rhg1 Rxe6?

Now its over. The rating difference really kicked in. Black could have stayed in the game with a smile on his face if he had played 20...Nc5 21. Nxc5 bxc5 22. Ne4 Rg6 23. Rxc6 hxc6 24. Rg1

21 dxe6 Qxe6 22 Qg2 Qf7 23 Kb1?! Re8 24 Ne4 +- Re6 25 Qh3! h6 (25...Rg6 26 Qc8+) 26 Rg2 Nc5 27 Nxc5 Rg6 (27...bxc5 28 Rdg1 +-) 28 Rxc6 Qxc6+ 29 Ne4 b5 30 cxb5 d5 31 Rxd5 Qg1+ 32 Kc2 1-0

Jimmy Hare - Bill Keogh Ruy Lopez

Notes by Bill Keogh

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Qe2 fxe4 5 Bxc6 dxc6 6 Qxe4 Bd6 7 Nxe5 Nf6 8 Qe3 Qe7? (8...0-0) 9 Nf3 Be6 10 Ng5 Bd5 11 Qxe7+ Bxe7 12 0-0 h6 13 Nh3 g5 14 f4 Bc5+ 15 Kh1 g4 16 Nf2 Rg8 17 Nd3 Bd4 18 Nb4 g3 19 Nxd5 cxd5 20 c3 Bf2 21 d3 0-0 22 Nd2 d4 23 Ne4 Nxe4 24 dxe4 Rg4 25 c4 Rh4 26 h3 Rg8 (Δ 27...Rhx3+ 28 gxh3 g2+ 29 Kh2 gxf1=Q etc. Black accepted a draw offer due to time shortage.) ½-½

Bora Yagiz - Steve Mayer Sicilian

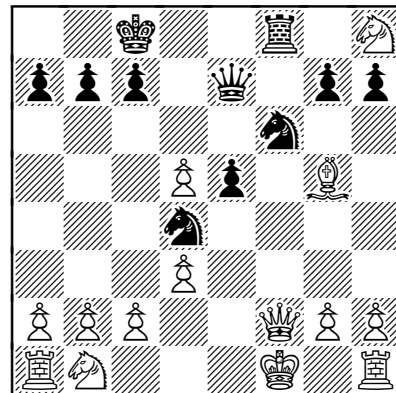
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 c4 Nf6 6 Nc3 Qc7 7 Bd3 Be7 8 0-0 d6 9 Be3 Nbd7 10 Rc1 b6 11 f4 0-0 12 g4 Nc5

13 g5 Ng4 14 Qxg4 Nxd3 15 Rc2 d5 16 cxd5 exd5 17 f5 dxe4 18 Nd5 Qb7 19 Nc6 Bc5 20 Qxe4 Bxe3+ 21 Qxe3 Nc5 22 Nce7+ Kh8 23 b4 Na4 24 Rc7 Qb8 25 Nc6 1-0

And finally, an old-fashioned Queen Sac for Mate miniature:

Ricky Carew - Bill Keogh Two Knights

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 Bc5 5 Nxf7 Bxf2+ 6 Kf1 Qe7 7 Nxh8 d5 8 exd5 Bg4 9 Be2 Bxe2+ 10 Qxe2 Nd4 11 Qxf2 0-0 12 d3 Rf8 13 Bg5



13...Ng4! 14 Bxe7 Rxf2+ 15 Ke1 Re2+ 16 Kd1 Ne3+ 17 Kc1 Rxc2
mate



UPCOMING EVENTS

The tournament calendar for the coming months includes the following tournaments. This makes no claim to be a complete list! Also, for some events we have no information beyond dates—please, tell us if you know anything. (Feed the editor at mshibut@dgs.dgsys.com). See more detailed announcements elsewhere in this issue for those events where we do know more.

Nov 7-8	Mt Vernon Best Western Open (Alexandria)
Nov 7-8	Harrisonburg
Nov 14-15	9th David Zofchak Memorial (Virginia Beach)
Nov 21	Culpeper Open
Dec 5-6	Jefferson Open (Charlottesville)
Dec 12-13	2nd Winter Open (Virginia Beach)
Jan 16-17	Virginia Open (presumably Fredricksburg)
Feb 99	Mt Vernon Best Western (Alexandria)
June 99	Fredericksburg Open
July 11-12	Charlottesville Open
Sept 99	State Chess Championship (Charlottesville,)



Seasoned VCF members will recall the bingo/Internal Revenue Service/Chess Center affair that consumed the Federation and made our annual business meetings so much more, ah, interesting a few years back. Since then the whole matter has kind of dropped off most peoples' radars, but that doesn't mean it's all cleaned up yet. VCF Inc. Board Chairman Helen Hinshaw issued a report at this year's meeting outlining recent developments, and she kindly consented to capture the key points on paper.

VCF, INC BOARD REPORT OF NON-CHESS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR

or, "What ever happened with all that bingo stuff?"

by Helen Hinshaw

Kirwin

As some VCF members might recall, the Federation won an original judgment for \$35,000 against Robert Kirwin, for bingo game accounting irregularities. This judgment was assigned over to a law firm representing the VCF in several lawsuits. Several years ago, Kirwin paid off \$10,000 of the judgment and negotiated a payment schedule for \$25,000, which involved making monthly payments to the law firm. This past fall he offered to pay \$15,000 in cash to settle the outstanding balance (approximately \$23,000 at that time). The Board Chairman's understanding is that Kirwin made this offer because he needs to have the judgment removed in order to obtain a car dealership license. Considering that Kirwin was at that time two monthly payments behind, and further considering our own legal expenses and a prevailing desire to put the whole "bingo affair" behind us, VCF Inc decided to accept the lump cash payoff plus two monthly back payments. We thereby settled our debt owed the Taylor, Hazen, Kauffman & Pinchbeck law firm. These outstanding legal bills amounted to approximately \$14,000, which left approximately \$1,500 of the settlement for the VCF.

The IRS

Correspondence back and forth with the IRS has continued this past year regarding taxes for fiscal

years 1991, 1992 and 1993, and the tax forms to be filed by our organization. As part of the settlement agreement that VCF achieved in US Tax Court, our tax-exempt status was lost for these three tax years, but to be automatically reinstated for tax year 1994 and forward. The VCF was to automatically (without reapplication) continue as a non-profit, educational organization. The agreement further stated that tax forms 1120's need not be filed for the 3 non-exempt years, but that the appropriate forms for non-profit, educational, 501 c (3) organizations should continue to be filed, which the VCF has done.

In July, 1997, separate letters were received from the IRS stating that no taxes were due from the VCF, Inc for those same three tax years (91,92,93), and that a refund of approximately \$5,000 was due back from the IRS to the VCF Auxiliary. VCF's legal council advised that these letters seemed to indicate—contrary to the previous IRS contention—that VCF did not owe any prior taxes, interest or penalties, and we should wait and see if the IRS did in fact send a refund to the Auxiliary. Council further cautioned that if a refund was received, it should not be spent right away.

In February 1998, the IRS sent letters to the VCF requesting tax, interest and penalty payments for the three tax years (91,92,93). We have defended, so far



successfully, by sending back copies of the IRS's own letters indicating nothing due for those years, along with a request that the IRS update their records accordingly. Likewise in June 1998 the Auxiliary received a letter indicating that tax form 1120 was required for the three disputed years, and that taxes, penalties and interest were due. Here again we provided copies of our original settlement (December 1996) to the Richmond IRS Office, and the local IRS Office subsequently dropped the audit.

Chess Center Land

Several years ago, the membership voted to turn over to the note holders VCF's land in Henrico County, originally purchased for constructing a chess center and headquarters, if the land did not sell within a specified time. At the 1997 Labor Day meeting, the VCF Board reaffirmed its intent to swap the land for the mortgage notes if the land did not sell by June, 1998. This summer, during discussions on how to handle this transaction, our lawyer discovered that the IRS had put a lien for \$76,000 on the land to recover debts supposedly owed by the VCF Auxiliary. Since the VCF Auxiliary never had title to the land in any

case, and since we had just finished clearing with the local IRS office that the Auxiliary owed nothing, we successfully requested IRS cooperation in removing the lien. However, as preparation resumed for swapping the land for the notes, an offer on the land arrived through Harrison & Bates Real Estate Company. The VCF Board instructed our lawyers to temporarily suspend transfer activity while we evaluate the offer. Negotiations with the prospective buyer are still underway. One way or another way—either through this contract or through the swap with note holders—we anticipate that VCF, Inc will have divested itself of the land by the end of this calendar year.

Board Membership

The VCF Inc. Board this past year consisted of: Mike Atkins, R Mark Johnson, Helen Hinshaw, Henry R Odell and W P Hoogendonk. The new VCF President, Catherine Clark, succeeds Mark Johnson on the Board this year in a one-year term. Odell and Hoogendonk were reelected to two year terms. Mike Atkins and Helen Hinshaw continue for an additional year in their present terms.



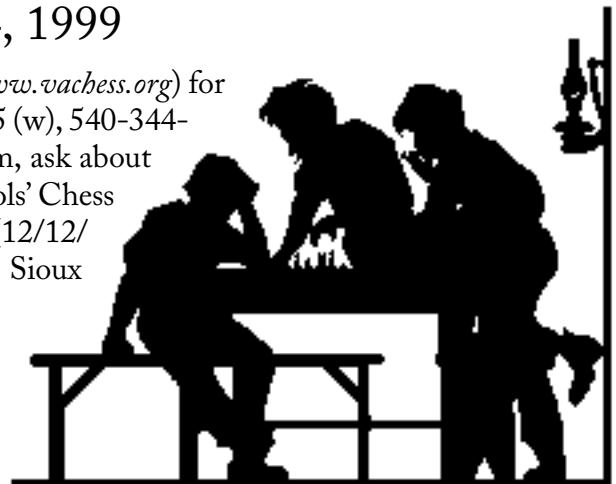
Coming soon!

1999 Virginia State Scholastic Championship

Roanoke

March 13-14, 1999

Other details forthcoming—check the VCF web page (www.vachess.org) for the latest updates, or contact Mickey Owens, 540-345-8555 (w), 540-344-0812 (h) or divecaves@aol.com While you're talking to him, ask about these other events sponsored by Roanoke City Public Schools' Chess Club: Halloween Tnt (10/31/98); Winter Extravaganza (12/12/98); SW VA Scholastic Championships (2/20/99); trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for National H.S. Championships (4/8-12/99); ACC Championships (5/22-23/99); Hylton Scholastic III (9/26/98); Prince George Scholastic II (10/10/98); Chancellor Fall Scholastic VI (10/31/98); Luray Fall Scholastic II (11/7/98)





CHESS MADNESS

Digested from Tidewater Chess News

The inaugural edition of this Tidewater event turned out to be a huge success with nearly 40 players turning out April 18-19 for this crazy affair (the first 7 games were G/30). Newcomer Jason Earley (2117) proved that he is the man to beat now in Hampton Roads. He powered to a very impressive 8-1 score that included only an 8th round draw against Rodney Flores and a 9th-round draw against 2nd place finisher Robert Clifton. Jason is a 20-year former National High School Champion who is now in the Air Force, stationed on the peninsula. He is a well-mannered young man, obviously strong expert, and a welcome addition to our chess community.

Clifton's strong second place result included two wins against strong 1900 players. It was nice to see Robert back, and the chess community looks forward to seeing some of our other "lost, strong players." Top A was split by Martin Roper & Lucas Revellon, each with 6-3. Martin had a nice win against Ruixin Yang, who is number 12 on the US Top 50 under 12-year-olds list. Evan Whittington, of Raleigh, NC, and Paul Leggett claimed the Top B prize with 6-3 scores. Top C player was Mark Ludwinski, from Northern Virginia, with a 5-4 score. Top D player was split by Robert Fairchild & Joseph Uson, both 5-4. Top E/below was claimed by *Tidewater Chess News* Webmaster Richard Rybarczyk, who also claimed a win against the young Ruixin in the first round. Ruixin Yang won the Top Scholastic prize.

Opinion...

What Ever Happened to One-Day Tournaments?

by Vince LoTempio

YES, WHAT EVER HAPPENED to those quick, experience-enriching, low budget, don't enrage your wife because you're gone for the weekend, single day beauties?

These were the tournaments that were fun and did not take too much time. Even with game-in-90 time controls they were worth the drive to faraway hotels with small skittles rooms and poor air quality. Players who need as much tournament experience as possible have had too few choices the last 3-4 years in Virginia.

Is it not profitable to run these tournaments? Probably so, since the smaller tournaments have a lower entry fee, and therefore less of a prize fund. But the main concern should not always be drawing experts and masters with big money. There are enough B thru E -class players out there who could make a small tournament profitable. The days of the \$15 tournament entry fee are gone, but some evidence exists that "if you host it, they will come." In Richmond, Peter Hopkins has drawn a fair number of players for a fair price (with a modest prize fund!). If these Richmond tournaments are





not making enough, then I submit that many players would pay a few dollars more to go to these one-day gems.

Part of the problem may be that we don't have enough tournament directors who are willing to put in the time and energy that it takes to put on these shows. This has been the case with scholastic chess in Virginia as well—too few people doing all the work. Many chess players would rather play in the tournaments than run them. I can understand that. There is no easy solution. If a few are doing the work, then they can charge what they want, schedule two-day events, and raise the prize funds in order to make it worth their while. No easy solution is out there.

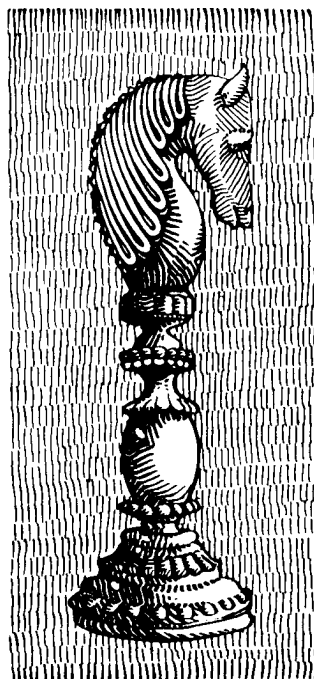
One idea I have is to set up a "league" of sorts. Designate certain tournaments (both large and small) as part of a "points" system series similar to what NASCAR does with its standings. If entry fees are to be a little high anyway, maybe some of the money could go towards a prize for the player who accumulates the most points based on their performance in the designated tournaments. There could be two prizes, one each for the players in the "Open" and "Amateur" divisions who totaled the most points.

Will we ever see an organized system of tournaments like this in Virginia? Who knows. If the molding of scholastic chess into a more organized body through the efforts of the Virginia Scholastic Chess Council, and the Dominion Scholastic Chess League takes hold on these young players in the state, maybe they will expect (demand?) a better organized system. Time will tell.

Visit the Culpeper Chess Club web site at <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Loge/6739/>

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

Spotsylvania Chess and the Dominion Scholastic Chess Council have published *Scholastic Chess Schedule for Virginia & Surrounding Counties*. This 27-page packet contains far more than its title suggest. Besides detailed announcements of upcoming events, you'll find an almanac of scholastic chess data: organizations, affiliations, contacts, rules, tips & guidance, sources for the purchase or repair of equipment... This is evidently to be a regular (quarterly) periodical. The cover price is \$3. Order yours from Mike Cornell, 12010 Grantwood Dr, Fredricksburg VA 22407.



The Virginia Scholastic Chess Council (VASCC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting chess in the schools. The officers and staff as well as assistant tournament directors are made up of volunteers who give their time to make this mission a success. Parent volunteers as well as teachers and others who work in education combine their efforts to provide an outlet for student chess players to get involved and have fun.

The VASCC magazine will be published 4 times a year to provide scholastic chess news and information. E-mail kencorn@erols.com for details on subscriptions (\$3 per copy, \$10 for all four issues) or to otherwise contact the VASCC.

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Summer Camp and GM Simul Set Tidewater Kids on the Road to Chess Discovery

by Martin Roper

THE SILENT HALLWAYS OF BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL in Virginia Beach awakened August 10-14, not with the sounds of students trudging through summer school, but with thirty-two enthusiastic players taking part in a chess camp. The Say Yes to Chess Camp, offered by local scholastic coaches Mark Bland and Martin Roper, is in its third year at Bayside. The campers, ages six to sixteen, were divided into Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced groups and received instruction ranging in difficulty from *en passant* to mating patterns several moves deep.

On the final day, a USCF-rated tournament was held as a graduation exercise to showcase the newly acquired skills of the participants. In the Beginner section, eight year-old Sean Goodrow of Virginia Beach edged out Collin O'Malley, 9, also from Virginia Beach, for the first place trophy on tie-breaks. Eleven year-old Ryan Post of Chesapeake captured the third place trophy. No one went home unrewarded—the two youngest participants, 6 year-old Trevor St. John-Gilbert and 7 year-old Katherine O'Malley scored wins against older players.

In the Intermediate section, eleven year-old Charlie Forsyth of Chesapeake was the outright winner. Nine year-old Ben Bland of Virginia Beach, winner of this section in 1996 and 1997 had to settle for second this time ahead of Harrison Waldo, 11, of Norfolk.

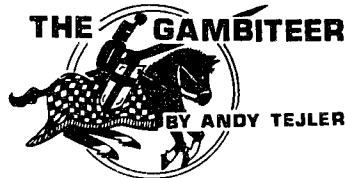
Rob DeBois of Chesapeake took home top honors in the advanced section. Jed Hubbard, also of Chesapeake was second. Nine year-old Nelson Lopez of Chesapeake justified his placement in the advanced section with the High School crowd by a third place finish on tiebreaks ahead of Ryan Arab of Virginia Beach. Nelson was equal first in the primary section of the 1998 Virginia Scholastic Championships and placed equal second in the U1200 section of the 1998 World Open in Philadelphia. Keep your eye on this young man in the future!

Several campers took the opportunity to play Grandmaster Igor-Alexandre Nataf, of France, at 7:30 pm on Friday night following the camp. Nataf, 20, is ranked among the world's top players under the age

of 21. Johnmark Newman, celebrated his third year of Chess Camp by holding the GM to an adjudicated draw as the exhibition continued well past midnight. Ben Bland extended Nataf into the late hours as well, but his Rook and three pawns versus Knight and five pawns ending was adjudicated a win for the Grandmaster due to his advanced pawns and superior King position. Also showing well were Rob DeBois, Nelson Lopez, Daniel Newman and Jed Hubbard, all of whom succumbed in long games.

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BLINDFOLD CHESS - Part 1

IN MAY, 1783, IN LONDON, ANDRE DANICAN PHILIDOR astonished the chess audience by playing — and winning — three games without sight of the board. In August 1858, in Birmingham, Paul Morphy more than doubled Philidor's feat by playing a total of eight "blindfold" games, winning six, drawing one and losing one. Then along came Johann H Zukertort who, in December 1876, in London, played a total of sixteen games, winning 12, losing 1, and drawing 3.

Each of these exhibitions set the world record at the time. And so the race was on, to see who could play the most games without sight of the board.

Between 1900 and 1902, Harry Nelson Pillsbury set four consecutive records. One of the greatest blindfold players, he nonetheless had difficulty mastering more than 21 games. However, in December 1902 he achieved his best record: 22 games, winning 17, losing 1 and drawing 4.

In August 1919 Richard Reti played a total of 24 games, winning 12, losing 9 and drawing 3.

In July 1933, in Chicago, Alexander Alekhine set a new record by playing 32 games, winning 19, losing 4 and drawing 9.

Next issue I will bring up to date the world records for blindfold chess, concluding with the exploits of George Koltanowski. My source concerning the above-mentioned records was *Complete Games of Alekhine, Vol 2, 1921-1924*, by Kalendovsky and Fiala, published by Moravian Chess, 1996. The book, in English, is available through Chess Digest.

The following blindfold games illustrate the work of Zukertort, Pillsbury, Reti and Alekhine.

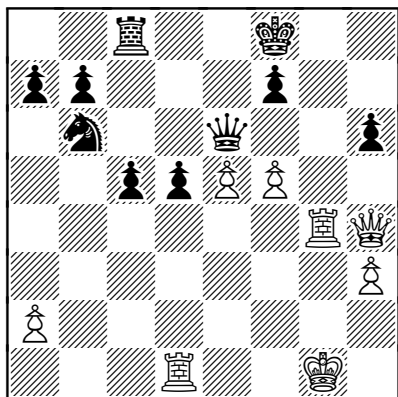
Zukertort - Minchin

December 1876 (1 of 16 simultaneous games)

Evans Gambit

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 b4 Bxb4 5 c3 Ba5 6 0-0 Nf6
7 d4 Nxe4 8 Nxe5 Nxe5 9 dxe5 0-0 10 Qd5 Bxc3 11 Nxc3
Nxc3 12 Qf3 Na4 13 Qg3 d5 14 Bh6 g6 15 Rad1 Nb6
16 Bd3 Qd7 17 Bxf8 Kxf8 18 h3 Qe7 19 f4 Bf5 20 Bxf5 gxf5
21 Qf3 Qe6 22 Qh5 Qg6 23 Qh4 h6 24 Rf3 c5 25 g4 Rc8
26 Rg3 fxg4 27 Rxf3 Qe6 28 f5!





28...Qxe5 29 Qxh6+ and mates in two moves. 1-0. Source: *Johannes Zukertort* by Jimmy Adams. Caissa Editions, Yorklyn, DE, 1989.

Harry Nelson Pillsbury - A Donde Moscow, Dec 1902

(1 of 22 simultaneous games)

King's Gambit

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 g5 4 Bc4 g4 5 Nc3 d6 6 0-0 gxf3 7 Qxf3 Qf6 8 d3 c6 9 Bxf4 Bh6 10 Qe3 Be6 11 Bxh6 Qxh6 12 Qd4 Nd7 13 Qxh8 0-0-0 14 Bxe6 fxe6 15 Qd4 Nc5 16 b4 e5 17 Qf2 Ne6 18 Qxa7 Nf4 19 Qa8+ Kc7 20 Qa5+ Kc8 21 b5 Ne7 22 Qa8+ Kc7 23 b6+ Kd7 24 Qxb7+ Ke8 25 Qc7 1-0. Source: *Harry Nelson Pillsbury*, by Jacques N Pope, Pawn Island Press, Ann Arbor, MI, 1996.

Reti - Kortmann Haarlem, Aug 1919

(1 of 24 simultaneous games)

French

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 Ne7 6 e5 c6 7 Qd2 Nd7 8 h4 Nb6 9 Bd3 Bd7 10 Bh6 Bxh6 11 Qxh6 Nf5 12 Bxf5 exf5 13 Qg7 Rf8 14 Ng5 Qe7 15 Nxh7 0-0-0 16 Nxf8 Rxf8 17 h5 Qb4 18 hxg6! fxg6 19 Rh7

Rd8 20 e6 Qxb2 21 exd7+ Nxd7 22 Rb1 Qxc3+ 23 Kf1 Qxc2 24 Re1 Qd3+ 25 Kg1 Qd2 26 Re8! Qc1+ 27 Kh2 Qf4+ 28 g3 Qxf2+ 29 Kh3 Qf1+ 30 Kh4 Qh1+ 31 Kg5 Qc1+ 32 Kxg6 1-0. Source: *Phänomen Blind-Schach*, by Ludwig Steinkohl, Edition Madler, Walter Rau Verlag, Dusseldorf, Germany, 1992. (I have heard of a Spanish book devoted to blindfold chess; however the Ludwig Steinkohl book is the only one I've actually seen. If anyone is aware of others, I'd like to hear from you. This is a neglected corner of chess literature.)

Alex. Alekhine - Virginia Sheffield Chicago 1933

(1 of 32 simultaneous games)

King's Gambit

1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 exd5 exf4 (Failing to follow through with the Falkbeer Countergambit, the normal move being 3...e4) 4 Nf3 Qxd5 5 Nc3 Qd8 6 Bc4 Be7 7 0-0 Nf6 8 d4 0-0 9 Bxf4 c6 10 Ne5 Bf5 11 Bg5 Bg6 12 Nxc6 hxc6 13 Qd3 b5 14 Bb3 a5 15 a3 Qd6

16 Rae1 Nd5 17 Bxe7 Nxe7 18 Ne4 Qd7 19 Nc5 Qd6 20 Ne6 Nd7 21 Nxf8 Rxf8 22 Qe4 Nf5 23 c3 Nf6 24 Qe5 Qd7 25 h3 Re8 26 Qf4 Nh5 27 Rxe8+ Qxe8 28 Qe5 Nf6 29 g4 Qxe5 30 dxe5 Ng3 31 exf6 Nxf1 32 Kxf1 1-0. Source: *A Alekhine's Chess Games, 1902-1946* by L M Skinner & R G P Verhoeven. McFarland & Co, Jefferson, NC, 1998. (The most comprehensive one-volume edition of Alekhine's chess I've seen — 807 pages, 2543 games!)

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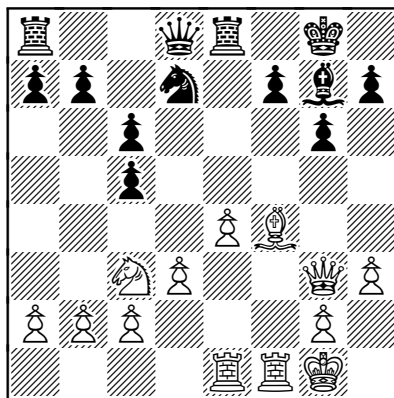
READERS' GAMES & ANALYSIS

Rodney Flores - Albert Rich
1998 World Open
Sicilian

Notes by Rodney Flores, reprinted from Tidewater Chess News

(I went to the World Open for the first time this year and ventured into the Under 2200 section, which was sure to be filled with lots of sharks (masters) with camouflaged ratings. After playing poorly in the first 2 rounds but still managing 1 1/2 of 2, I found myself going into the fifth round with 2 wins and 2 draws, which is pretty good. I was paired against a nice guy from California who brought his wife to the board with him. For nearly the first hour of the game, she crouched down to about the level of the board and stared at me. To make matters worse, she was dressed to distract, especially the way she was situated at the board. I noticed this tactic the first few minutes of the game, and could hardly believe it. I came close to saying something to him, but felt if I did I would sort of be admitting that they could get to me. So I covered my face with my hands, and we commenced to battle.) **1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 0-0 Bg7 6 d3 Nf6 7 Nc3 Bg4!** (This seems to be a pretty good idea, blockading e5 that is. It wasn't bad enough that my opponent was very strong, nearly master strength and had his wife there. He additionally cracked his fingers constantly, shook his head a lot, and opened a "loud" candy

wrapper for most of the game.) **8 Be3 Nd7 9 h3 Bxf3 10 Qxf3 0-0 11 Qg3 e5 12 f4 exf4 13 Bxf4 Re8!** (maintaining his idea to blockade e5) **14 Rae1?!** (This move develops a piece but does nothing aggressive. It merely protects e4 in case of c4 by Black. Better is 14. Bc7 Be5 15. Bxd8 Bxg3 16. Bg5 ± with play on the f file, dark squares, and better endgame chances.)



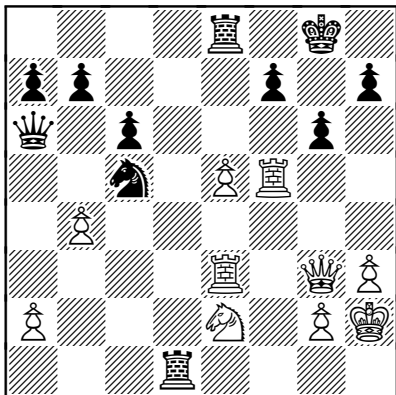
14...c4!! 15 Bc7? Be5 16 Bxe5 Nxe5 ± (Only now did I notice how nice 14...c4!! was. In my calculations I didn't see that d3 was hanging because I was looking at a variation where the queens were traded. But even if I trade queens, a Black rook ends up on d8 with the same pressure on my d3. In short, I'd bungled the position and it made me angry to think that he and his wife would go back to their room gloating about the latest victim...

So I hunkered down.) **17 Re3 Qb6 18 Kh1** (giving up on the pawn) **cx d3 19 cxd3** (I offered a draw here even though I felt Black was clearly better. I felt it would sit in the back of his head that he must win after he refused my offer.) **19...Rad8!** (Stops d4 by White. On the other hand 19...Qxb2 20 d4 Nc4 21 Re2 Qa3 22 e5 would be unclear—White has some attack for the pawn.) **20 b3** (A painful move to make in any game, but especially so in this psychological war.) **20...Qa5 21 Ne2** (Surrendering the pawn, but Black's queen may be awkward on a2: 21...Qxa2 22. d4 Nd7 23. Nf4 ∞ Again White gets play for the pawn on the weak, dark kingside squares.) **21...Qa6?!** (This sets a cheapo, but little else. Now simply 22 Nf4 would have kept things balanced. But...) **22 d4??** (I promptly fall for it. I saw the tactic a few minutes before but forgot about it. My well-mannered opponent played his next move as though the whole thing was a forced sequence, and his body language said that he knew he'd win all along. Of course this just strengthened my desire to crush him.) **22...Rxd4 ± 23 Rf5** (Time to go for the patented Phony Baloney Attack.





Everything including the kitchen sink will be thrown in. Actually, White does have some practical chances for his pawn.) **23...Rd1+ 24 Kh2 Nd7 25 e5 Nc5 26 b4!**



26...Ne6 27 Nc3 Rd4 (If 27...Rf1 28 b5! wins, the point of White's 26th move.) **28 Ne4 Red8 29 Nd6** (I felt White had taken over the game by this point, and that if he really wanted to continue for a win he had to give up a rook for my knight and pawn. I offered a draw because I had about 3 minutes to make move forty and didn't see a forced mate. I felt he would take it, especially since he only had about 4 minutes, but sometimes greed gets a hold of someone and they get what they

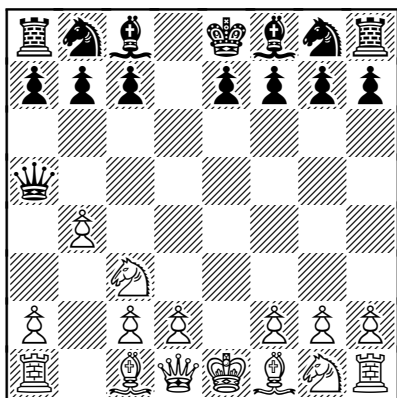
deserve. The remainder of the game was played in front of a large crowd because of the time scramble.) **29...Rd7 30 Ref3 Nd8 31 Qg5 Qb6!** (Threatens to play ...Rd1 and ...Qg1+, which is frightening in a time scramble.) **32 Rf1 Qc7 33 Ne8!** (White is winning!) **Ne6 34 Qh6 Qb8 35 Nf6+ Kh8 36 Qxh7 mate**—played with less than 30 seconds remaining, and slammed down with authority, as you might imagine. I hope everyone enjoyed the game and story as much as I did.

We reported last issue the Charlottesville Open, held July 11-12 and won by Emory Tate. Now VCF webmaster Roger Mahach fleshes out the picture by providing one of the winner's games plus another of his own efforts.

Emory Tate - Roger Mahach 1998 Charlottesville Open Center Counter

Notes by Roger Mahach

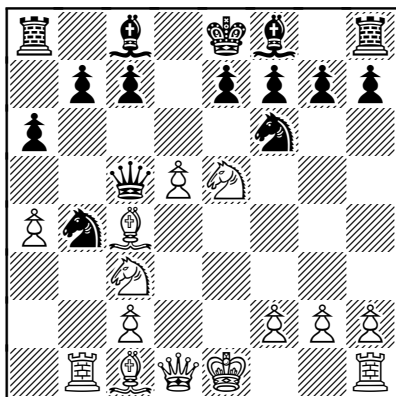
1. e4 d5 2. ed5 Qd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. b4 (The Mieses Gambit, an obscure footnote that gets the usual frown of disapproval from all the tomes.)



4...Qb4 (Black is really forced to take, anything else will give him plenty of time to stroll around Charlottesville. Take a look: **4...Qb6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Nd5** wins. If Black tries to get tricky there

will be no treats after **4...Qe5 5. Be2 c6 6. Nf3 Qc7 7. 0-0 e5 (7...Bg4) 8. Re1 Bd6 9. d4 Ne7 10. Ne5 Bb4 11. Bd2 Nd7 12. Nb5 cb5 13. Bb4 Ne5 14. Bb5** was winning for White in Breyer-Englund, Scheveningen 1913) **5. Rb1 Qd6** (5...Qa5!? looks dreadful but it's kinda funny: 6. Rb5 Qa6 and what's White up to now?) **6. Nf3** (Positions with a half open b-file can be really gruesome should Black relax a bit. A common theme in these positions appears in the variation 6. Qf3 Nf6 7. Rb7! Bb7 8. Qb7 Qc6?? 9. Qc8, party's over, do come again!) **6...Nf6 7. d4 a6!** (I really liked this move when I made it. 7...c6 seems more natural but for some reason my gut feeling was to go with 7...a6. This is what the database gods have to offer: 7...c6 8. Bd3 b6 9. 0-0 e6 10. Qe2 Be7 11. Ne4 Ne4 12. Qe4

Qd5 13. Qg4 Bf6 14. c4 Qd8 15. Ba3—time for plastic surgery and a new identity.) **8. a4?** (See, moves like this are what make chess so much fun. Here's a world class master and he wastes a critical tempo on stopping ...b5, which I had no intention of playing just yet. But I think White is worse regardless. If 8. Bc4 e6 9. 0-0 Be7 10. Re1 b5 11. Bb3 Bb7 12. Bg5 Nbd7 ♣) **8...Nc6!** (This move brings about a forcing variation that should lead to a nice edge for Black. Notice that I use the word *should*.) **9. d5 Nb4 10. Bc4 Qc5!** (Tate missed this one. Anyone counting queen moves? Out of the past 10 turns, Black has moved his queen 5 times. Chess coaches around the world are gunning for me.) **11. Ne5** (The only move—and just what I wanted! White is busted. It's my moment of truth, the position I envisioned when I played 9. d5...)



11...Ng4? (Poor, poor pitiful me, destined to be a fish forever. Right plan, very wrong execution. Tate pointed the winning sequence the next day: 11...Qd4!! 12. Qd4 Nc2 13. Kd2 Nd4 and white has nothing to show for his two pawn deficit.) 12. Ne4 Qd4 13. Qd4 Nc2 14. Kd2 Nd4 15. Ng4 (Now I suffer.) Bg4 16. Rb7 Kd8? (Okay, so I went down the wrong path. But this move is inexplicable, and 16...c5 17. dc6 Nc6 18. Ba3± would have been less humiliating.) 17. Ng5 +- Bh5 18. Kd3 Nf5 19. g4 Nd6 (I thought I was being very sophisticated here; Tate went into auto pilot mode to wrap up) 20.

gh5 h6 21. Nf7 Nf7 22. Be3 Nd6 23. Ra7 Ra7 24. Ba7 Nc4 25. Kc4 Kd7 26. Re1 Kc8 27. Re6 Kb7 28. Bc5 g5 29. hg6 Rg8 30. f4 1-0

Ron Dennis - Roger Mahach 1998 Charlottesville Open Bogo Indian

Notes by Roger Mahach

1. c4 Nf6 2. d4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4 4. Bd2 a5 5. a3 Bd2 6. Nbd2 Nc6 (I never cared for this move in the Bogo but for some reason decided to play it anyway. "Turn off your mind, you are dreaming—too bad it turned out to be a nightmare. Both 6...0-0 and 6...Qe7 are better options. The knight move just incites White and loses a couple tempi.) 7. e4 d6 8. Be2 0-0 9. 0-0 Qe7 10. Re1 e5 11. d5 Nb8 (This tournament can be summarized as the event where I forgot everything I learned when I was a 1300 player.) 12. b4 ab4 13. ab4 Ra1 14. Qa1 Na6 15. Qa3! (I really like this move. It sets up a doubling on the open a-file, x-rays the Black Queen on e7, and

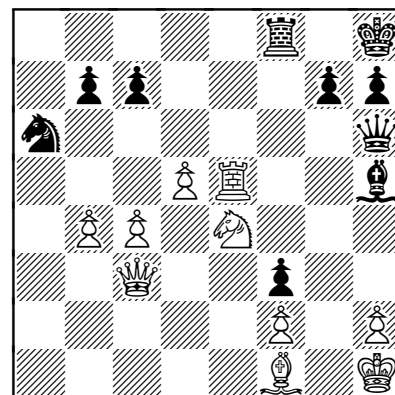
protects the real estate on the third row.) 15...Nh5 16. Rc1 Nf4 17. Bf1 f5 18. Qc3 Kh8? (One of those baffling moves that can only be accredited to reading too many *Informants* in one's youth. The king is very safe on g8.) 19. g3 (Another critical moment and another poor showing. I didn't think White's last move was possible.) 19...e4? (Dropping back with 19...Nh5 would make for a sunny holiday.) 20. gf4 ef3 21. fe5 Qg5 22. Kh1 de5 23. Re1 Qh6 24. Re5 (Or 24. Nf3 since if 24...Nb4 25. Ne5 Rf2 26 Nf7+ Rxf7 27 Re8+) Bg4 25. Ne4 Bh5 (Black's in big, big trouble now. A funny thing about rating. In general they don't mean much at our level. One thing they do indicate, though, is level of practice or experience. I outrated Ron by about 150 points, though you can't tell from this game. Here I knew I was busted and thought, "Gosh, it sure would be nice to trade places so I could play the White side." The winning plan seemed real clear: White has more space, use it to push back all Black's pieces, tie the queen to the defense of g7, and became Pac-Man the Pawn Eater)

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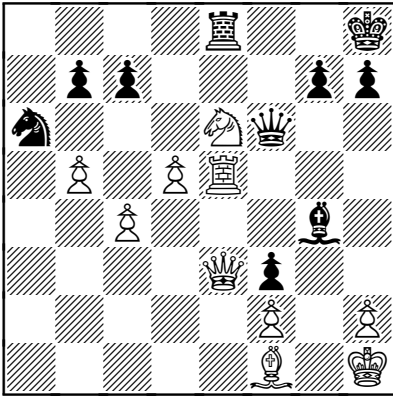
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26. Ng5?! (And here I sense that Ron had lost the thread. I was going to resign if he played 26. b5 Nb8 27. Re7—I've fallen and I can't get up. But now...) 26...Qf6 27. Ne6? Re8 28. Qe3 Bg4 (equalizes) 29. b5



29...Nc5! (the move Ron missed) 30. Ng5 (Here Ron offered a draw. I pretended to think for a minute.) ½-½

1997 state champion Steve Greanias represented Virginia at a "Tournament of Champions" pitting representatives from throughout the country, held in conjunction with last summer's World Open in Philadelphia. Here are two of Steve's games from the event:

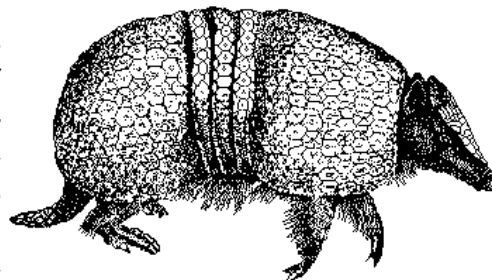
Steve Greanias - Adam Weissbarth
Philadelphia 1998
Benoni

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 Bg7 4 d5 e6 5 e4 exd5 6 cxd5 d6 7 Be2 Nf6 8 Nc3 0-0 9 0-0 Re8 10 Nd2 Na6 11 Qc2 Nc7 12 a4 a6 13 Nc4 Rb8 14 f4 b5 15 axb5 axb5 16 Na5 Bd7 17 Bf3 b4 18 Ne2 Qe7 19 Nc4 Nxe4 20 Ra7 Bf5 21 g4 Ng3 22 gxf5 Nxf1 23 Kxf1 Ra8 24 Rxa8 Rxa8 25 Qe4 Qxe4 26 Bxe4 gxf5 27 Bxf5 Ra1 28 Be4 Nb5 29 Kf2

f5 30 Bd3 Nd4 31 Nxd4 Bxd4+ 32 Be3 Bxe3+ 33 Nxe3 Kg7 34 Nxf5+ Kf6 35 Nxd6 Rd1 36 Ne4+ Ke7 37 Ke3 Re1+ 38 Kf3 Rh1 39 d6+ Ke6 40 f5+ Kd7 41 Bb5+ Kd8 42 Nxc5 1-0

Steve Greanias-Shearwood McClelland
Philadelphia 1998
English

1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nf3 f5 4 d4 e4 5 Bg5 Be7 6 Bxe7 Qxe7 7 Nd5 Qd8 8 Ng1 Nf6 9 e3 0-0 10 Ne2 Ne7 11 Qb3 c6 12 Nxe7+ Qxe7 13 c5+ Kh8 14 h4 d5 15 cxd6 Qxd6 16 Nf4 Nd5 17 Nxd5 cxd5 18 g3 Bd7 19 Be2 Rfc8 20 0-0 g5 21 hxg5 Rg8 22 Qa3 Qxa3 23 bxa3 Rxc3 24 Rfc1 Bc6 25 Rc5 Rf8 26 Kf1 Rg6 27 Rac1 Rff6 28 Bb5 a6 29 Bxc6 Rxc6 30 Ke1 Rgd6 31 Kd2 Kg7 32 a4 Rb6 33 R1c2 Rb4 34 a5 Rb1 35 Rc8 Rd7 36 R8c7 Rxc7 37 Rxc7+ Kf6 38 Rxh7 Rb2+ 39 Ke1 Rxa2 40 Rxb7 Ra1+ 41 Ke2 Rxa5 42 Rb6+ Kg5 43 Kf1 Kh5 44 Kg2 Kg4 45 Rd6 Kh5 46 f4 exf3+ 47 Kxf3 Kg5 48 Re6 Ra1 49 Re5 Rf1+ 50 Ke2 Ra1 51 Rxd5 Kg4 52 Re5 Ra2+ 53 Kd3 Ra3+ 54 Kd2 Ra2+ 55 Kc3 Ra3+ 56 Kb4 Rd3 57 Kc4 Rd1 58 d5 Rf1 59 d6 Rc1+ 60 Kb4 Rd1 61 Kc5 a5 62 Rd5 Rc1+ 63 Kb5 Rc8 64 Kxa5 Kxg3 65 Rxf5 Rd8

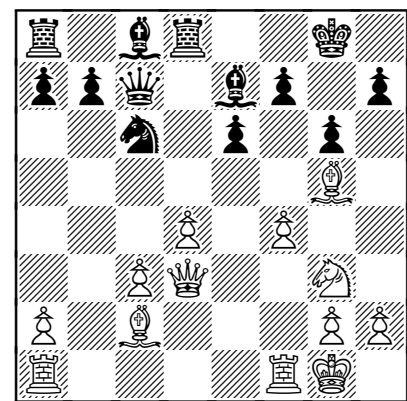


66 Rf6 Kg4 67 Kb6 Kg5 68 Kc7 Ra8 69 Rf1 Ra2 70 d7 Rc2+ 71 Kd8 Re2 72 Rc1 Rxe3 73 Kc8 1-0

Finally, the 1998 Southwest Virginia Open was August 15-16, in Roanoke. We cannot say who won as no one sent Virginia Chess a tournament report and a few email inquiries by the editor went unanswered. (We probably will, however, hear complaints that we are "too centered on Northern Virginia" and "never pay attention to events in the western part of the state.") But at least Rusty Potter passed on the scores of three games from the event. The brief notes are based on marginalia scribbled on his scoresheets.

Rusty Potter - Alan Brownstein
1998 Southwest Virginia Open
Nimzoindian

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 c5 6 Ne2 d5 (6...cxd4) 7 cxd5 cxd4 8 exd4 Nxd5 (8...exd5) 9 0-0 Nc6 10 Bc2 Nxc3 11 bxc3 Bd6 12 Qd3 g6 13 Ng3 Qc7 14 Bh6 Rd8 15 Bg5 Be7 16



16...Bxg5 17 fxg5 Ne5 18 Qe2 Nc4 19 Ne4 b6 20 Nf6+ Kg7 21 Qf3 Bb7 22 Qh3 Rh8 23 Qh6 mate



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Please send additions / corrections to the Editor. Please note that the Editor specifically recalls that a couple people alerted him to needed changes while at the Virginia Closed, but the Editor foolishly failed to write them down at the time and now finds that he cannot remember them. So the Editor apologizes straightaway and requests again that corrections be forwarded, preferably via email, mshibut@dgs.dgsys.com

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Emory Tate - Rusty Potter 1998 Southwest Virginia Open Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 f3 e5 6 Bb5+ Nbd7 7 Nf5 d5 8 exd5 g6 (8...a6) 9 Ne3 Bc5 10 Be2 a6 11 c4 b5 12 Nc3 bxc4 13 0-0 Nb6 14 Kh1 0-0 15 Nxc4 Nfxd5 16 Ne4 Bd4 17 Bh6 Nxc4 (17...Re8) 18 Bxc4 Ne3 19 Bxf7+ Rxf7 20 Bxe3 Qb6 21 Bxd4 exd4 22 Qd2 Bf5 23 Rfe1 Rd8 24 Ng3 d3 25 Re3 Rc7 26 Nxf5 Rc2 27 Qe1 gxf5 28 Re8+ Rxe8 29 Qxe8+ Kg7 30 Qd7+ Kg6 31 Re1 Qe3 32 Qd6+ Kf7 33 Qd5+ Kf6 34 Qd8+ Kf7 35 Qd5+ Kf6 ½-½

Rusty Potter - Peter Bereolos 1998 Southwest Virginia Open Kings Indian

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 e5 7 d5 Nh5 8 Qd2 Qh4+ 9 Bf2 Qf4 10 Be3 Qh4+ 11 Kd1 Qe7 12 g4 Nf4 13 Nge2 f5 14 gxf5 Nxe2 15 Bxe2 gxf5 16 Kc2 Kh8 17 Rag1 Nd7 (17...f4) 18 exf5 (18 h4) Nf6 19 Bd3 Nh5 20 Bg5 Qf7 21 h4 Bxf5 22 Be4 Bxe4+ 23 fxe4 Nf4 24 h5 h6 25 Bh4 Rg8 26 Ne2 Nxe2 27 Qxe2 Raf8 28 Rg6 Qf3 29 Qxf3 Rxf3 30 Rhg1 Kh7 31 Kd2 Rf4 32 R1g4 Rxd4 33 Rxd4 Rf8 34 Ke2 Bf6 35 Bxf6 Rxf6 36 b4 b6 37 a4 Kh8 38 a5 Kh7 39 axb6 axb6 40 c5 b5 41 c6 Rf8 42 Rg6 Rg8 43 Re6 Rg5 44 Re8 Rg8 45 Re6 Rg5 46 Re8 Rg8 47 Re7+ Rg7 48 Re6 Rg5 49 Kf3 Rg1 50 Re7+ Rg7 51 Rd7 Kh8 52 Rd8+ Rg8 53 Rd7 ½-½



TIDEWATER CHESS NEWS OPEN #7

Digested from Tidewater Chess News

The top 5 players of this 31-person event were rated above 2100!! That didn't seem to phase Jason Earley, however, as he faced Tomas Merel (2161) and Errol Liebowitz (2226) in the final 2 rounds en route to a 4-0 sweep. (In fairness to Errol, their last round encounter was G/80 and Errol lost on time in a slightly better position). Merel is also a newcomer to Tidewater chess, stationed here now with the Navy. Jason's post tournament rating is 2164, so we may have a new master on our hands shortly.

Rodney Flores & Chris Gibbs tied for second with 3½ points. Gibbs' result was particularly impressive; the B player hung in there when experts had him on the ropes.

Martin Roper claimed the Top A prize. Bryan Flores took Top C with a 3-1 score. Jeff Albright took Top D honors with a 3-1 score also. Top E/below was a logjam between Ryan Arab, Nelson Lopez II, Ettie Nikolova, Hank Haubold & Dave Stiffler. It should be noted that little Ettie is the youngest of three Nikolov siblings, yet she appears to be the strongest. She appeared to have a 1600 player beat up in the first round.

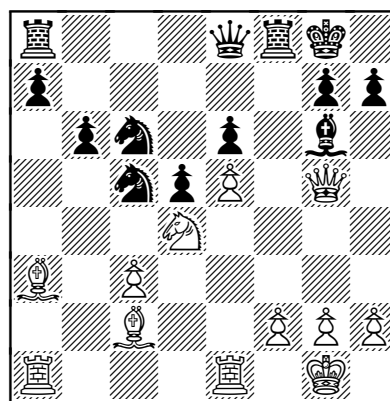
Tomas Merel - Jason Earley

French

Notes by Rodney Flores

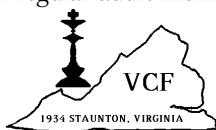
1 e4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 e5 c5 4 b4!? (an interesting gambit) **cx b4 5 d4 Ne7 6 a3 Nec6 7 axb4 Bxb4+ 8 c3 Be7 9 Bd3 Nd7 10 0-0 f6 11 Re1 fxe5 12 dxe5 Nc5** (It appears that the young Jason has seen this line before.) **13 Bc2 0-0 14 Na3 Bd7 15 Nb5 Be8! 16 Nbd4 Bh5 17 Qd2 Qe8 18 Ng5 Bxg5 19 Qxg5 Bg6 20 Ba3 b6**

(diagram)



21 Ba4? Nxa4 22 Bxf8 Nxd4 23 cxd4 Kxf8 -+ 24 h4 b5 25 g4 Qe7 26 Qf4+ Kg8 (The 2 pieces vs the rook, queenside passers, and active position quickly decide.) **27 h5 Rf8 28 Qg3 Be4 29 Ra3 Qb4 30 Rd1 Bc2 31 Rc1 Qxd4 32 Rf3 Rxf3 33 Qxf3 Qd2 34 Qe3 Qxe3 35 fxe3 Bd3 36 Rc8+ Kf7 37 Rc7+ Kf8 38 Rxa7 h6 39 Kf2 Bc4 40 Ke1 Nc5 41 Ra8+ Kf7 42 Ra7+ Kg8 43 Kd2 Nd3 44 Kc3 Nxe5** and Black wins... **0-1**

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