



Walter Muir (1905-1999)

IM Walter Muir, of Salem, passed away on December 29th. His funeral was held on January 7th. One of America's greatest correspondence players (although he liked to describe himself as primarily an over-the-board player), Muir was arguably Virginia's most esteemed chess personage. Certainly he was known worldwide; among his other accomplishments, Muir was the first US player to defeat a Russian in international correspondence play.

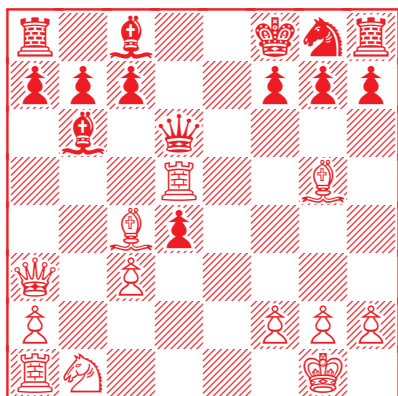


Muir's opponents over the years included such luminaries as Frank Marshall, Reuben Fine, Arnold Denker, George Koltanowski & I A Horowitz. He finished second at the Virginia state championships of 1938, 1958 and 1965. He was Roanoke city champion in 1958, 1959 and 1968. Muir published his autobiography, *My 75-Year Chess Career*, in 1997.

WALTER MUIR - G WILLIAMS NORTH AMERICAN CC PRELIM 1931 EVANS GAMBIT

Notes from www.chessmail.com

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 b4 Bxb4 5 c3
Ba5 6 d4 exd4 7 0-0 d6 8 Qb3 Qf6 9 e5 dxe5
10 Re1 Bb6 11 Bg5 Qg6? (11...Qf5 is correct)
12 Nxe5 Nxe5 13 Rxe5+ Kf8 14 Qa3+ Qd6 15
Rd5!! 1-0



WALTER MUIR - W MITCHELL ATLANTA 1939 ALBIN

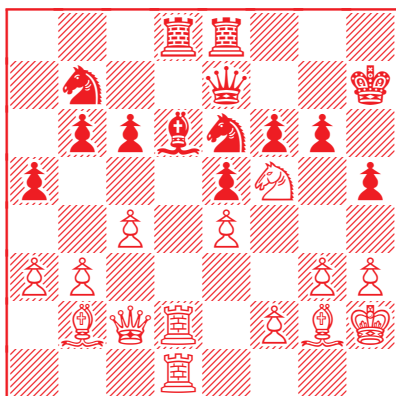
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 d4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 g3 Bg4
6 Bg2 Bb4 7 Bd2 Qe7 8 0-0 Bxd2 9 Nbx d2 0-
0-0 10 Qa4 Kb8 11 a3 Nxe5 12 Nxe5 Qxe5 13
Qb4 Bc8 14 c5 Nf6 15 Nc4 Qe7 16 Na5 1-0

WALTER MUIR - JOHN W COLLINS ILLINOIS CCA SPECIAL #29 1943 RETI

(John Collins is a member of the US Chess Hall of Fame. He is perhaps best known as "Bobby Fischer's chess teacher." For many years he was one of the nation's top players in his own right.)
1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 c6 3 b3 Nf6 4 g3 Bf5 5 Bg2 e6 6
Bb2 Nbd7 7 0-0 Bd6 8 d3 0-0 9 Nbd2 e5 10
e4! dxe4 11 dxe4 Bg4 12 Qc2 Qe7 13 h3! Bxf3
14 Nxf3 Rad8 15 Nh4 g6 16 a3 a5 17 Rfd1 b6
18 Rd2 Rfe8 19 Re2 Nh5 20 Nf3 Ng7 21 Rd2



f6 22 Rad1 Nc5 23 Nh2 Nge6 24 Ng4 Nb7 25
Kh2 h5 26 Nh6+ Kh7 27 Nf5



27...gxf5 28 exf5 Nd4 29 Bxd4 exd4 30 Bxc6
Rg8 31 Rxd4 Qc7 32 Bd5 Rg7 33 Qe2 Bxg3+
34 Kh1 Rxd5 35 Qxh5+ Kg8 36 Qe8+ Kh7 37
Rxd5 Bd6 38 R1d4 Bf4 39 Rd7! 1-0

WALTER MUIR - PIOTR ATYASHEV

CORRESPONDENCE 1958

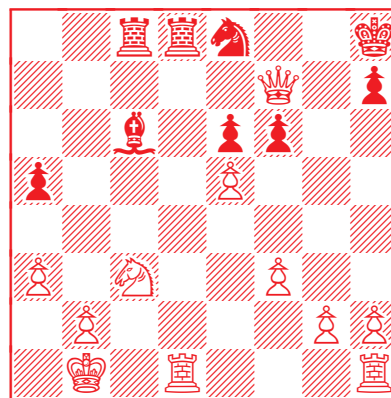
SICILIAN

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(Piotr Atyashev, of Baku, won the 2nd USSR CC
Championship 1952-55.) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4
cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 c4 Nf6 6 Nc3 Qc7 7 a3 Nc6
(Black introduces here a new idea to bring about
immediate pressure against the white c-pawn. The
normal development is 7...Be7 followed by ...0-
0, ...d6 and ...Nbd7) 8 Nc2 Ne5 9 Ne3 Bc5 10
Qe2! Nc6 11 Nc2 0-0 12 Be3 b6 13 f3 Bb7 14
0-0-0 Bxe3+ 15 Qxe3 Na5 16 Kb1 Nxc4 17
Bxc4 Qxc4 18 Qxb6 a5 19 Ne3! (After 19 Qxb7
Rfb8 the white queen would be trapped.)
19...Qc6! 20 Qd4 Rfd8 21 e5 Ne8 22 Nc4 Qa6
23 Nb6 Rab8 24 Nxd7 (White wins the backward
d-pawn, thus vindicating once again the Maroczy
Bind.) 24...Rbc8 25 Qg4 (White now initiates a
sudden attack against the Black king!) 25...Bc6 26
Nf6+ Kh8 27 Qh5!! gxf6 28 Qxf7

(see diagram at top of next column)

28...h6? (Black, anxious to avoid the immediate
mate, overlooks the loss of a rook. Necessary was
28...Rxd1+ or 28...Ng7) 29 Rxd8 Rxd8 30 Qf8+
Kh7 31 Qe7+ Ng7 32 Qxd8 fxe5 33 Rd1 Be8
34 Qd3+ 1-0 (Black's game is lost so he resigns.)



WALTER MUIR A FRANTZEN

CORRESPONDENCE 1961

EVANS GAMBIT

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 b4 Bb6 5 a4 a6
6 Ba3 d6 7 b5 axb5 8 axb5 Nd4 9 Nxd4 Bxd4
10 c3 Bb6 11 0-0 Qf6 12 Kh1 Nh6 13 f3 0-0
14 d3 Bd7 15 Nd2 Kh8 16 Qe2 Qe7 17 Nb3
Rxa3 18 Rxa3 d5 19 Rfa1 dxc4 20 dxc4 Be6
21 Ra8 f6 22 h3 Ng8 23 Kh2 h6 24 Qd3 f5 25
c5 Bxc5 26 Rxf8 Qxf8 27 Nxc5 Qxc5 28 exf5
Bc4 29 Qe4 Bxb5 30 Qxb7 e4 31 Qxe4 Qxc3
32 Ra7 Qd2 33 Qe5 Qd6 34 f4 Bd3 35 Rxc7
Qf8 36 g4 Nf6 37 Rb7 Ng8 38 Rb8 Qf7 39 Qe6
Bc4 40 Qxf7 Bxf7 41 g5 Bc4 42 Kg3 h5 43 Rb7
Bd3 44 Rf7 Bc4 45 Rf8 Be2 46 Kh4 Kh7 47
g6+ 1-0

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WALTER MUIR - M MICOVIC
CORRESPONDENCE 1970

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 a6 8 Qe2 Qc7 9 Bb3 b5 10 Nxc6 Qxc6 11 f3 Be7 12 a4 b4 13 a5 Bd7 (13...bxc3? 14 Ba4) 14 Na4 Qb7 15 Nb6 Rb8 16 Qd2 Bc6 17 0-0-0 0-0 18 Bg5 Rfd8 19 Bxf6 Bxf6 20 Qxb4 d5 21 exd5 exd5 22 Rhe1 d4 23 Kb1 Rd7 24 Ba4 Rc7 25 Rd3 g6 26 Rb3 Rd8 27 Re2 Kg7 28 Bxc6 Qxc6 29 Rd3 Rd6 30 f4 Re6 31 Qe1 Rxe2 32 Qxe2 Re7 33 Qd2 Qe8 34 Qb4 Re1+ 35 Ka2 Re2 36 Qc4 Rxc2 37 h3 Qe1 38 Qxa6 Rxc2 39 Nd7 Bd8 40 Qd6 Qe6+ 41 Qxe6 fxe6 42 a6 Rc6 43 Nb8 1-0

WALTER MUIR - WERNER STERN
CORRESPONDENCE 1972

SICILIAN

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1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Nxc6! bxc6 8 e5 Nd5 9 Nxd5 cxd5 10 Qxd5 Rb8 11 Bc4 0-0 12 f4! d6 13 Bb3

CHARLOTTESVILLE OPEN

July 8-9

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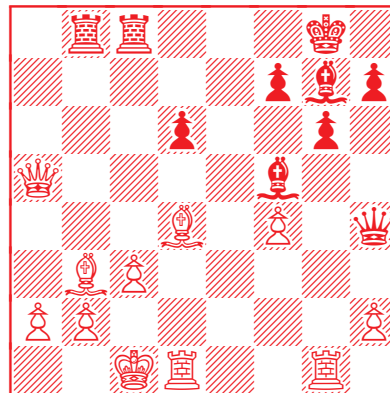
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15 Grand Prix Points

Bb7 14 Qc4 Bxc2 15 Rg1 Bh3 16 0-0-0 a5 17 exd6 exd6 18 Qa6! Qf6 19 c3 Rfc8 20 Qxa5 Bf5? 21 Bd4!! Qh4



22 Qxf5! gxf5 23 Bxc7!! 1-0 (If 23...Qxh2 24 Be5+ Kf8 25 Bxd6+ Ke8 26 Ba4+ Kd8 27 Rg8 mate)

WALTER MUIR - SANFORD GREENE
NAICCC II 1976

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3 Nc6 5 Nf3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Qe2 a6 9 Rd1 Qc7 10 Bf4 Nd7 11 Rac1 Qb8 12 b4 Be7 13 Ng5 Nce5 14 Nxe6 fxe6 15 Bxe6 Nb6 16 Bxc8 Nxc8 17 Nd5 Nc6 18 Qh5+ g6 19 Qh6 Bf8 20 Qh3 Kf7 21 Rd3 N8e7 22 Rf3 1-0

WALTER MUIR - ZOLTAN SAROSY
NAICCC II 1976

TWO KNIGHTS

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 6 Bb5+ c6 7 dxc6 bxc6 8 Qf3 Rb8 9 Bd3 Bd6 10 Bf5 0-0 11 0-0 h6 12 Bxc8 Qxc8 13 Ne4 Nxe4 14 Qxe4 f5 15 Qe2 e4 16 b3 Qe6 17 Ba3 c5 18 Nc3 Nc6 19 Rac1 Ne5 20 f4 exf3 21 gxf3 Rf6 22 Kh1 Qe8 23 Nd5 Re6 24 Rce1 Qc6 25 Nf4 Re7 26 Bb2 Kh7 27 Qg2 g5 28 Nh5 Kg6 29 Ng3 Rf8 30 h4 Qd5 31 h5+ Kh7 32 f4 Qxc2+ 33 Kxc2 Nc6 34 Rxe7+ Nxe7 35 fxc2 hxc2 36 Ne4 Bf4 37 Nxc5 Rc8 38 d4 Nd5 39 Bc1 Bxc1 40 Rxc1 Kh6 41 c4 Nf4+ 42 Kf3 Kxh5 43 Rd1 Kg6 44 Nd3 Nh5 45 d5 g4+ 46 Kf2 1-0



WALTER MUIR - RICHARD CALLAGHAN
NAICCC II 1976

CARO-KANN

(R Callaghan was 1968 Virginia state champion)
1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6
6 Qb3 Bg7 7 cxd5 0-0 8 Be2 Nbd7 9 Bf3 a5 10
Nge2 Nb6 11 Bg5 a4 12 Qb5 Bd7 13 Qb4 Re8
14 d6 exd6 15 Qxd6 h6 16 Bxf6 1-0

WALTER MUIR - JUAN SEBASTIAN MORGADO

1ST TORNEO DE LAS AMERICAS (CORR) 1977

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1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 Nxe4 4 Bd3 d5 5 Nxe5
Bd6 6 0-0 0-0 7 c4 Nc6 8 cxd5 Nxd4 9 Nc4
Qh4 10 Nxd6 Nxd6 11 g3 Qf6 12 Bf4 Bh3 13
Re1 g5 14 Qh5 Bf5 15 Be5 Qg6 16 Qxg6+ fxg6
17 Bxd4 Bxd3 18 Nc3 Rae8 19 Be5 a6 20 f4
gxf4 21 gxf4 Kf7?? 22 Na4! Be4 23 Nc5! +- Bf5
24 Bxd6 cxd6 25 Nxb7 Kf6 26 Nxd6 Rd8 27
Nxf5 Kxf5 28 Rad1 Kxf4 29 Re7 Rf5 30 d6
Rg5+ 31 Kh1 Rb5 32 b3 h5 33 d7 Rb7 34 Kg2
Rc7 35 Rd4+ Kf5 36 Rd6 g5 37 Kf3 g4+ 38 Ke3
h4 39 Kd4 g3 40 hxg3 hxg3 41 Rg7 a5 42 Rxg3
Rxd7 43 Rxd7 Rxd7+ 44 Kc5 Rd2 45 a4 Ke4
46 Rc3 Rd8 47 Kb6 Ra8 48 Kb7 Rh8 49 Rc5
1-0

R DEVAULT - WALTER MUIR

CORRESPONDENCE 1978

KING'S GAMBIT

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bc4 h6 5 d4 g5 6
0-0 Bg7 7 c3 Ne7 8 g3 d5 9 exd5 fxg3 10 hxg3
Qd6 11 Qe1 Bh3 12 Rf2 Qxg3+ 13 Kh1 0-0 14
Nbd2 Nf5 15 Ne4 Qg4 16 Ne5 Qxe4+ 17 Qxe4
Ng3+ 18 Kh2 Nxe4 0-1

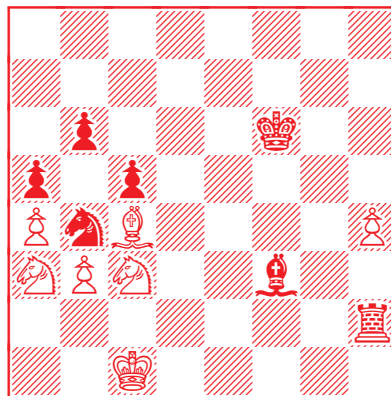
JEAN HEBERT - WALTER MUIR

NAICCC III 1978

RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 d4 exd4 5 Bg5
f6 6 Bf4 Bg7 7 0-0 Nge7 8 Nxd4 0-0 9 Nc3 Ne5
10 Ba4 b6 11 Bb3+ Kh8 12 a4 a5 13 Re1 Bb7
14 Qd2 Ng8 15 Rad1 Re8 16 h3 Rc8 17 Bg3
Nh6 18 f4 Nef7 19 e5 fxe5 20 fxe5 Nxe5 21
Ndb5 Nf5 22 Bxe5 Bxe5 23 Qxd7 Bd4+ 24
Rxd4 Rxe1+ 25 Kf2 Qxd7 26 Rxd7 Re7 27 Rxe7

Nxe7 28 Be6 Rd8 29 Ke3 c5 30 g4 Kg7 31 h4
Kf6 32 Bc4 Ke5 33 b3 h5 34 gxh5 gxh5 35 Be2
Nf5+ 36 Kf2 Rg8 37 Bxh5 Rg2+ 38 Ke1 Ne3
39 Bf7 Nxc2+ 40 Kd1 Bf3+ 41 Kc1 Nb4 42 Na3
Kf6 43 Bc4 Rh2 0-1

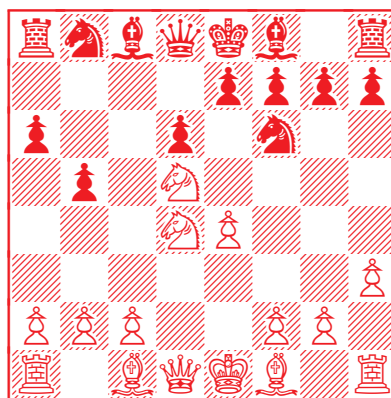


WALTER MUIR - ALEX DUNNE, ALEX

CORRESPONDENCE 1978

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3
a6 6 h3 b5 7 Nd5



7...e6 8 Nxf6+ Qxf6 9 Bd3 Be7 10 0-0 0-0 11
Nf3 Nc6 12 Kh1 Bb7 13 c3 Rfd8 14 a4 bxa4
15 Rxa4 e5 16 Qe2 g6 17 Bc4 a5 18 Bg5 Qg7
19 Rfa1 Rac8 20 Bd5 Bxg5 21 Nxg5 Rd7 22
Qb5 Rcc7 23 Rc4 Qf6 24 Bxc6 Bxc6 25 Rxc6
Rb7 26 Rb6 Rxb6 27 Qxb6 Qxg5 28 Qb5 Rd8
29 Rd1 f5 30 Qxa5 fxe4 31 Qd5+ Kg7 32 Qb7+
Kf6 33 Qxe4 d5 34 Qb4 Ke6 35 Kg1 Qf5 36
Re1 g5 37 Qc5 Rd7 38 b4 h5 39 b5 g4 40 hxg4
hxg4 41 b6 Qf7 42 c4 1-0



ALBERTO LAURENCENA - WALTER MUIR
CORRESPONDENCE 1980

KING'S GAMBIT

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d6 4 d4 g5 5 h4 g4 6
Ng1 Bh6 7 Nc3 Nc6 8 Bb5 a6 9 Bxc6+ bxc6
10 Nge2 f3 11 gxf3 gxf3 12 Bxh6 Nxh6 13 Nf4
f2+ 14 Kd2 Qf6 15 Nfe2 Ng4 0-1

VICTOR CONTOSKI - WALTER MUIR
CORRESPONDENCE 1989

ELEPHANT GAMBIT

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d5 3 Nxe5 Bd6 4 d4 dxe4 5 Bc4
Bxe5 6 Qh5 Qe7 7 dxe5 Be6 8 Bxe6 Qxe6 9
0-0 Nc6 10 Bf4 0-0-0 11 Nc3 f5 12 exf6 Nxf6
13 Qe2 Nd4 0-1

STEPHEN CLARKE - WALTER MUIR
TEAM CHALLENGE MATCH (CORR) 1995

QUEEN'S PAWN

Notes by Kristo Miettinen for Chess Mail, 1997,
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1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 c5 3 dxc5 Qa5+ 4 Nbd2 Nf6 5
e3 (More consistent with White's conservative
opening play would be 5. c3 Qxc5 6. g3,
Coveyou-Muir 1964-66) 5...e6 6 Be2 Bxc5 7 0-
0 Qc7 (In the past Walter has played Qb6 here,
e.g. 8. c4 Nc6 9. a3 a5 10. b3 d4, Cross-Muir,
6th US CC Ch. (P) 1983) 8 b3 0-0 9 Bb2 Nbd7
10 c4 b6 (The alternative 10...dxc4 11. Nxc4 (11.
Rc1!?) b6 would simplify rapidly.) 11 cxd5 exd5
12 Rc1 Qb8 13 Qc2 Bb7 14 Rfd1 Qd8 15 Qf5
Qe7 16 Ne5 Nxe5 17 Bxe5 Nd7 18 Bb2 g6 19
Qf4 Rac8 (Here is the crest of White's attack.
White aims to get his knight to f6, for which he
needs a pin on the d-file, for which he needs more
pressure on Black's nearly immobile knight on d7.
White should consider 20. Qa4 20 Bb5 Either Bf3
or Nf3 stands athwart Black's intended advance
of the d-pawn.) 20...Bd6 21 Qh6 Be5 22 Bxe5
(Here Rxc8 is a useful zwischenzug exploiting the
overworked queen on e7 to force Bxc8, pacifying
the c-file.) 22...Nxe5 23 Qf4 Rc5 24 Be2 Rfc8
25 Rxc5 Rxc5 26 Nf1 Kg7 27 Qd4 f6 28 f4 (This
move creates the basis of Black's attack: the weak
second rank, kingside light squares, and backward

e-pawn.) 28...Nf7 29 Bf3 Nd6 30 a4 Nf5 31 Qd2
Qc7 32 Bg4 Rc2 33 Qe1 d4 0-1 (And here
White resigns, as none of his defenses are
adequate, e.g. 33...d4 34 Rd2 d3 35 Bxf5 gxf5
and eventually ...Qc7-c3 is irresistible.)

See Bryce Avery's "Correspondence Chess In
America" elsewhere in this issue for additional
notes about Walter Muir.

George Washington Open

June 17-18, 2000

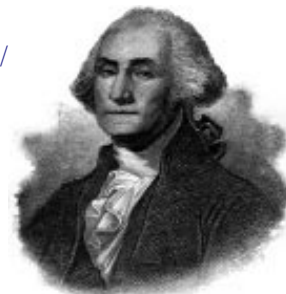
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*The traditional Fredericksburg Open will not be held in 2000 due to hotel renovations: the Sheraton/Holiday Inn Express, site of the last few events in Fredricksburg, will have finished their renovations but now cost too much to rent; whereas the old Howard Johnson site is undergoing its own renovations. So we thought we'd renovate the tournament and move it to Mt. Vernon this year. What else to call a Mt Vernon tournament but **The Best Western Mt Vernon George Washington Open** - hope to see you there!*

\$\$ (1800, top three G, rest b/60): \$500-300-200, top X, A, B, C, D, U1200 each \$120 Top Unr \$80. EF \$40 if rec'd by 6/10, \$50 at site. VCF memb. req'd (\$10, \$5 Jrs), OSA. Reg 9-9:45 am. Rds 10-2-6, 10-2-6. Two 1/2-pt. byes available, irrevokable byes in rds 5-6 declare before rd 3. HR: \$63 + tax, 1-2, (703) 360-1300. NS,NC,W. For more info e-mail: matkins@wizard.net or phone Catherine Clark 703-360-3391, but **no phone entries!** Website:

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20 Grand Prix points





THE MILLENIUM CHESS FESTIVAL, March 3-5 in Portsmouth, was one of the strongest tournaments ever held in Virginia. Six grandmasters, three IMs and a open section field that had a first round split at 2208 made this a really top quality event.

After three rounds, GMs Jan Ehlvest of Estonia, Igor Novikov of the Ukraine, Alex Wojtkiewicz of Poland and IM Enrico Sevillano all had 3-0 scores. They spent the final two rounds playing each other, all to draws — some hard fought and some quick — which allowed four others to catch them in the final rounds for an 8-way tie for first at 4-1. Joining the winners circle were GMs Alex Shabalov, Pavel Blatny of the Czech Republic, Alex Stripunsky, and Maryland Master Floyd Boudreaux.

An even larger contingent, including several Virginia players, finished a point behind the winners: IM Larry Kaufman, Emory Tate, Wang Lee, Daniel Miller, IM Oladapo Adu, state champion Macon Shibut, Svetoslav Dorobanov, former state champions Errol Liebowitz & Rodney Flores, Dwight McCurry and Jeremy Hummer. Hummer's result was particularly noteworthy. Rated only 1821, he opened with a win over Miller (2342) and went on to record a performance rating of almost 2300 for the event.

In the reserve section, Gary Cummings and Ted Udelson tied for first with $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, drawing one another in round 3. A quartet consisting of Ilia Kremenchugskiy, Michael Curcuru, Jose Hernandez, and Judah Brownstein finished half a point back.

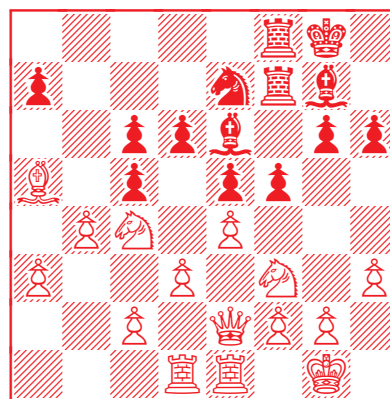
MILLENIUM FESTIVAL



ONE OF THE most striking games of the tournament, featuring two of the ultimate winners, was Sevillano's 3rd round upset of Shabalov.

ALEXANDER SHABALOV - ENRICO SEVILLANO
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 Bxc6 bxc6 5 0-0 Bg7 6 d3 d6 7 h3 e5 8 Be3 Ne7 9 Nbd2 0-0 10 a3 f5 11 Nc4 Qc7 12 Re1 h6 13 Bd2 Be6 14 Ba5 Qd7 15 Qe2 Rf7 16 Rad1 Raf8 17 b4



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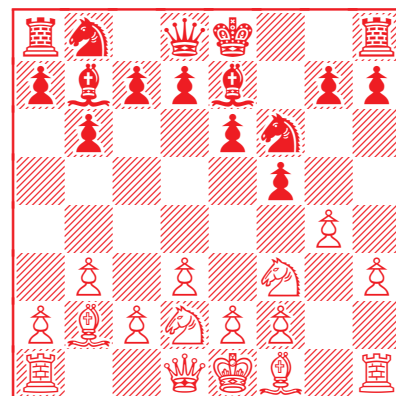
Open Section

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	GM Ehlvest, Jan	2709	W25	W23	W6	D3	D2	4
2	GM Novikov, Igor	2701	W26	W10	W5	D7	D1	4
3	GM Wojtkiewicz, Alek	2677	W37	W13	W9	D1	D7	4
4	GM Shabalov, Alexandre	2623	W33	W14	L7	W10	W9	4
5	GM Blatny, Pavel	2614	W27	W31	L2	W23	W11	4
6	GM Stripunsky, Alexan	2594	W20	W24	L1	W14	W12	4
7	IM Sevillano, Enrico	2547	W17	W15	W4	D2	D3	4
8	Boudreaux, Floyd A	2209	D41	W40	W18	D11	W20	4
9	IM Kaufman, Lawrence	2462	W28	W32	L3	W13	L4	3
10	FM Tate, Emory A	2390	W34	L2	W16	L4	W24	3
11	Lee, Wang S	2357	H—	W19	W22	D8	L5	3
12	Miller, Daniel I	2342	L19	W21	W24	W22	L6	3
13	IM Adu, Oladapo	2328	W29	L3	W26	L9	W28	3
14	Shibut, Macon A	2326	X—	L4	W25	L6	W26	3
15	FM Dorobanov, Svetosl	2261	W42	L7	D27	D18	W29	3
16	Liebowitz, Errol E	2226	W39	L22	L10	W36	W23	3
17	Flores, Efen Rodn	1978	L7	D39	W41	W33	D19	3
18	Mc Curry, Dwight	1938	H—	W41	L8	D15	W33	3
19	Hummer, Jeremy J	1821	W12	L11	H—	W27	D17	3
20	Johnson, Larry D	2013	L6	D36	W28	W31	L8	2 1/2
21	Derby, Danny S	1926	L22	L12	D39	W30	W36	2 1/2
22	FM Ardaman, Miles F	2431	W21	W16	L11	L12	U—	2
23	IM Delaune, Richard K	2414	W38	L1	W32	L5	L16	2
24	Strenzwillk, Denis	2208	W30	L6	L12	W34	L10	2
25	Kaufman, Raymond S	2208	L1	W38	L14	L28	W35	2
26	Braunlich, Tom	2189	L2	W34	L13	W39	L14	2
27	Stokes, William H	2026	L5	W42	D15	L19	H—	2
28	Bush, Chris J	1937	L9	W30	L20	W25	L13	2
29	Clifton, Robert C	1816	L13	L37	W38	W32	L15	2
30	Hedger, Wayne L	1540	L24	L28	B—	L21	W42	2
31	Belorusov, Mikhail	2270	W35	L5	D33	L20	U—	1 1/2
32	Pohl, Klaus A	2219	W36	L9	L23	L29	D34	1 1/2
33	Murillo, Mario A	2117	L4	W35	D31	L17	L18	1 1/2
34	Kirkpatrick, James	1826	L10	L26	W42	L24	D32	1 1/2
35	Narkinsky, Sam	1812	L31	L33	H—	W40	L25	1 1/2
36	Guglielmi, Jacquiel	1707	L32	D20	W40	L16	L21	1 1/2
37	Tesh, Rollie L	2149	L3	W29	U—	U—	U—	1
38	Sudharsan, Krishna	1829	L23	L25	L29	W42	U—	1
39	Pomerleano, Daniel	1671	L16	D17	D21	L26	U—	1
40	Keogh, William J	1816	H—	L8	L36	L35	U—	1/2
41	Fleming, Grant	1575	D8	L18	L17	U—	U—	1/2
42	Kitchen, Thomas M	unr.	L15	L27	L34	L38	L30	0

PAVEL BLATNY -
MIKHAIL BELORUSOV

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1 Nf3 e6 2 b3 f5 3 Bb2 Nf6 4
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38 Bxg7 Rf4 39 Bh6 Rg4 40
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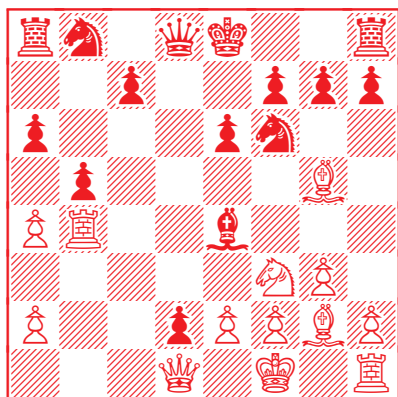
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12 Kf1



12...Bd5 13 Nxd2 Nc6 14 Rf4
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TOM BRAUNLICH - DANIEL POMERLEANO
TROMPOVSKY

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 e6 3 e4 Be7 4
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but over the board Braunlich

Reserve Section

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1	Cummings, Gary D	1772	W36	W19	D2	W26	W4	41/2
2	Udelson, Ted	1646	W23	W39	D1	W7	W10	41/2
3	Kremenchugskiy, Il	1750	W49	L6	W42	W14	W18	4
4	Curcuru, Michael	1748	W29	W11	W20	W12	L1	4
5	Hernandez,Jose T	1688	W51	L13	W52	W34	W20	4
6	Brownstein, Judah	1637	W46	W3	D7	W24	D8	4
7	Miller, Andrew J	1730	W42	W34	D6	L2	W28	31/2
8	Hughes, Robert	1707	W30	L12	W51	W25	D6	31/2
9	Sultan, Adam Augus	1697	W50	L21	W30	W19	D11	31/2
10	Pasic,Hasan	1676	W32	D28	W31	W13	L2	31/2
11	Chedester, Michael	1610	W40	L4	X—	W17	D9	31/2
12	Lopez, Nelson M	1508	W56	W8	W18	L4	D16	31/2
13	Bland, Mark	1490	W57	W5	H—	L10	W32	31/2
14	Jenkins, Harvey Le	1458	W16	D26	W28	L3	W24	31/2
15	Backus,Jonathan D	unr.	L28	D32	W38	W31	W26	31/2
16	Dulany, Larry D	1757	L14	W54	W35	D27	D12	3
17	Hill,Martin G	1722	W22	L20	W29	L11	W35	3
18	Redoloza,Fleford	1673	W52	W35	L12	W21	L3	3
19	Johnson, Stephen W	1644	W45	L1	W46	L9	W36	3
20	Norris, David	1561	W47	W17	L4	W41	L5	3
21	Flores, Bryan K	1507	W48	W9	L24	L18	W37	3
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24	Bankins,Barry L	1719	H—	W33	W21	L6	L14	21/2
25	Barko, James M	1659	L43	W44	W50	L8	D29	21/2
26	Faries, Joe	1646	W44	D14	W43	L1	L15	21/2
27	Goewert, Dennis J	1633	D38	W37	H—	D16	U—	21/2
28	Lestyan, Miklos	1489	W15	D10	L14	W43	L7	21/2
29	De Bois, Robert A	1414	L4	W40	L17	W52	D25	21/2
30	Kenny,Jonathan	1401	L8	X—	L9	D33	W45	21/2
31	Cano, Jerry	1367	H—	W38	L10	L15	W46	21/2
32	Nikolov, Ettie	1349	L10	D15	W33	X—	L13	21/2
33	Corcoran, Micah K	983	B—	L24	L32	D30	W49	21/2
34	Scheible, Jack W	1586	W53	L7	W39	L5	L22	2
35	Miller, Lee	1483	W55	L18	L16	W51	L17	2
36	Huber, Frank	1470	L1	L45	W57	W50	L19	2
37	Karn,Helen E	1204	H—	L27	W54	H—	L21	2
38	Jacobs, Larry A	1087	D27	L31	L15	D39	W50	2
39	Stiffler, David J	1075	W41	L2	L34	D38	H—	2
40	Stalls, Dwight	1057	L11	L29	W44	L22	W51	2
41	Neal, Chester W	1626	L39	W23	D45	L20	U—	11/2
42	Penwell, E J	1413	L7	W53	L3	D46	L23	11/2
43	Hoffmann, Thomas	1301	W25	H—	L26	L28	U—	11/2
44	Nikolov, Illinna	1238	L26	L25	L40	D54	W57	11/2
45	Culbreth,John	1191	L19	W36	D41	F—	L30	11/2
46	Johnson,James	1175	L6	W49	L19	D42	L31	11/2
47	Lanoué, Brady	unr.	L20	W22	F—	H—	U—	11/2
48	Brooks,Tommy	unr.	L21	L50	L22	W57	H—	11/2
49	Krehbiel,Christia	1456	L3	L46	W53	L23	L33	1
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57	Lynch,Bruce Dr	unr.	L13	L51	L36	L48	L44	0



didn't see what to do about 4...Nxe4!?, a move that was surprisingly absent from the reference books he checked afterwards.) 4... d5 5 e5 Nfd7 6 Bxe7 Qxe7 7 c3 c5 8 a3 Nc6 9 Ndf3 0-0 10 Bd3 f6 11 Qe2 b6 12 Nh3 Bb7 13 0-0 fxe5 14 dxe5 Rxf3 15 Qxf3 Ncxe5 16 Qg3 Nxd3 17 Qxd3 e5 18 Rfe1 e4 19 Qg3 Ne5 20 f3 Nd3 21 Re2 Ba6 22 fxe4 dxe4 23 Ng5 Nf4 24 Qxf4 Bxe2 25 Qf5 g6 26 Qd5+ Kg7 27 Qxa8 Qxg5 28 Qxe4 1-0

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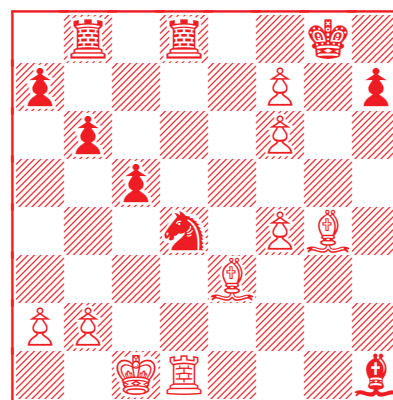
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LARRY KAUFMAN - ALEXANDER WOJTKIEWICZ
KING'S INDIAN

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 0-0 5 Be2 c6 6 e5 Ne8 7 f4 d6 8 Nf3 c5 9 dxc5 Nc6 10 cxd6 exd6 11 c5 dxc5 12 Qxd8 Nxd8 13 Be3 b6 14 0-0-0 Nc7 15 Ng5 Nde6 16 Nge4 Bb7 17 Bf3 Rab8 18 h4 Nd4 19 Bg4 Rfd8 20 h5 Nd5 21 Nxd5 Bxd5 22 Nf6+ Bxf6 23 exf6 Bxg2 24 hxg6 Bxh1 25 gxf7+

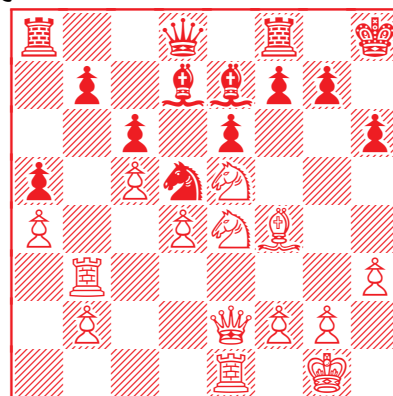
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25...Kxf7 26 Rxh1 Kxf6 27 Rxh7 Rh8 28 Rxa7 Rh1+ 29 Kd2 Rh2+ 30 Kd3 Rd8 31 Rd7 Rxd7 32 Bxd7 Rxb2 33 Bxd4+ cxd4 34 a4 Rf2 35 f5 Ke5 36 Be6 Rf3+ 37 Kd2 Ke4 38 Bd7 Rf2+ 39 Ke1 Ke3 40 Bb5 Rxf5 0-1



DANIEL MILLER - DENIS STREZWILK
PIRC

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 c6 4 a4 a5 5 h3 e6 6 Nf3 Be7 7 Be2 0-0 8 0-0 Na6 9 Bxa6 Rxa6 10 Qe2 d5 11 Re1 h6 12 exd5 Nxd5 13 Ne4 Qc7 14 Ne5 Bd7 15 c4 Nf6 16 c5 Raa8 17 Ra3 Kh8 18 Bf4 Qd8 19 Rb3 Nd5



20 Bxh6 gxh6 21 Qh5 Bg5 22 Nxc5 Qxc5 23 Qxc5 hxc5 24 Nxd7 Rfd8 25 Rxb7 Rac8 26 Ne5 Rf8 27 Nxf7 Rxf7 28 Rxf7 Nf4 29 Re5 1-0

RAY KAUFMAN - MACON SHIBUT
KING'S INDIAN

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 d6 3 Nc3 g6 4 e4 Bg7 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 Bg4 7 Be3 Nfd7 8 Ng1 Bxe2 9 Ngxe2 c5 10 d5 b5 11 cxb5 a6 12 bxa6 Qb6 13 0-0 Qxa6 (13... Qxb2) 14 Qd2 Ne5 15 b3 Nbd7 16 Bh6 Rfb8 17 Bxg7 Kxg7 18 f4 Nd3 19 Rf3 c4 20 Raf1 Qa7+? (20... N7c5) 21 Kh1 N7c5 22 f5 (22 bxc4) Ne5 23 Rh3 h5 24 fxg6 fxg6 25 Rxh5 Rh8 26 Ng3? (26 Rxh8) Rxh5 27 Nxc5+ gxh5 28 Qg5+ Ng6 29 Nb5 Nxe4! 30 Qf5 Qe3 31 Nc7 Rxa2 32 Ne6+ Kh6 33 g4 hxg4 34 Nf8 Rxh2+! 35 Kxh2 g3+ 36 Kh3 Nf2+ 37 Rxf2+ gxh2+ 38 Kg4 Qf4+ 0-1



THE ROANOKE VALENTINE tournament was held Saturday, February 26 at Fallon Park Elementary School. The tournament was attended by 179 players from all over the region, including Botetourt, Franklin, Giles, Rockbridge and Roanoke counties, as well as the City of Salem.

In the open section, Antonio Cunningham, of Patrick Henry High School, finished 1st. Adult participants Edward Boyers and Nathan Fitzgerald placed 2nd & 3rd respectively. They were followed, in order, by Tom Raney (James Madison Middle School), Judah Brownstein (Rockbridge County High School), Walt Carey (adult), Floyd Welton (Patrick Henry High School), Harvey Sherman (Rockbridge County High School), Nathan Johnson (Rockbridge County High School) and Jonathan Tanner (Patrick Henry High School). Rockbridge County won the team competition, followed by Patrick Henry and William Fleming.



In the K-8 Middle School section, 1st place went to Alexander Corcoran, of James Madison Middle School. Kevin Franklin, of Andrew Lewis Middle School, was second, followed by Manh Ly of Breckinridge Middle School. Other prizewinners, in order, were Jordan Garcia (Fishburn Park WEB Elementary), Jonathan Mason (Greater Roanoke Home Chess Club), Anemx Thepsimuong (Addison Aerospace Middle School), Jernel Sharp (Breckinridge Middle School), Derek O'Dell (Cave Spring Junior High School), Justin Burgess (Greater Home School Chess Club) and Micah Corcoran (James Madison Middle School). 1st thru 3rd place in the team competition went to, respectively, Breckinridge Middle School, the Greater Roanoke Home School Chess Club and Macy McClaugherty Elementary School.

The K-7 Elementary Section individual winner was Trevor Haupt, of Fishburn Park WEB Elementary. Ryan Fitzgerald, of Sontag Elementary School, finished 2nd. Gabriel Viehman, also of Fishburn Park WEB Elementary, placed 3rd. The remaining prizewinners included Matthew Gilley (Oak Grove Elementary School), Tyler Whitney (Raleigh Court Elementary School), Nguyen Chau (Fairview Elementary Magnet School), Jovan Prunty (Highland Park Learning Center), Corey Norman (Fairview Elementary Magnet School), Malcolm

Scott (Sontag Elementary School) and Billy Tyree (Burnt Chimney Elementary School). Fishburn Park Elementary School was the top team, followed by Fairview and Oak Grove Elementary.

In the K-3 Primary section, it was Adam Neel, of Oak Grove Elementary School, who took the top honors. Runner-up Rachel Taylor, of Fishburn Park WEB Elementary School and 3rd-place finisher Kurt Matthews, of Garden City Elementary School, came next. Will Claytor (Oak Grove Elementary School), Autumn Booth (Macy McClaugherty Elementary School), Shannon Murray (Huff Lane Elementary School), Stephen Ballard (Macy McClaugherty Elementary School), Torren Nanz (Oak Grove Elementary School), Dru Knox (Fishburn Park WEB Elementary School), and Kasi Quinn (Highland Park Elementary School) rounded out the prizewinners. Oak Grove Elementary was team champion. Fishburn Park WEB Elementary was 2nd and Grandin Court Elementary School 3rd.

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ROANOKE VALENTINE TOURNAMENT



BEST WESTERN MT VERNON CLASSIC

The 4th Best Western Mt Vernon Chess Classic was held over the weekend of Feb 26-27. A smaller than usual turnout of 55 came to play and were fed with the usual pastries and goodies washed down with free coffee.

In the Open section, Larry Kaufman Ray Kaufman and Alex Passov tied for first with 4-1 scores. Paul Yavari took Top Expert with 3½ and Bill Keogh and ACC President John Campbell took top A with 3-2. It is nice to see John playing well and winning money again!

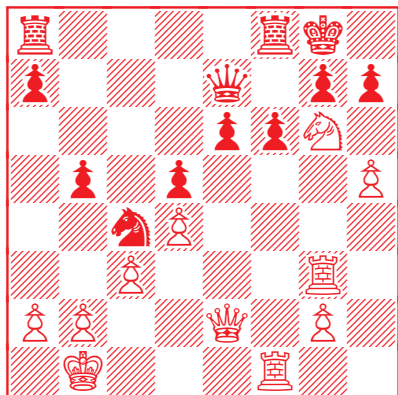
In the Amateur section, Harry Wright took first with 4½, followed by Ted Udelson, Jack Scheible, Leonard Harris, and David Hurlbert with 4-1 scores.

JOHN CAMPBELL - MICAH HERZIG

BLACKMAR-DIEMER GAMBIT

Notes by John Campbell

1 e4 d5 2 d4 (White decides to transpose to the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit if possible in order to play his own game rather than Black's Center Counter Defense.) **dx e4 3 Nc3 Bf5 4 Bc4 e6 5 f3 exf3 6 Nxf3 Nf6 7 Bg5 Be7 8 Qe2 Nbd7 9 0-0-0 c6 10 Bd3 Bxd3 11 Rxd3 Nd5 12 Bxe7 Qxe7 13 Nxd5** (A dangerous exchange, opening the c-file; but it may be more dangerous to leave Black's knight in its dominating position.) **cx d5 14 Kb1 b5 15 h4 Nb6 16 Ne5 Nc4 17 Rf1 0-0 18 h5 Qb4 19 c3 Qe7 20 Rg3 f6 21 Ng6**



(The knight forks queen and rook, and is immune to capture because of the (dangerous attack on the h-file after hxg6) **21...Qd6 22 Rh3 Rfe8 23 Kc1 Rac8 24 Qg4 b4 25 Rxf6** Hanging a second piece, but White gets a dangerous attack if either is taken.) **25...bxc3 26 Rxc3 Ne3 27 Qg5 Rxc3+ 28 bxc3 gxf6?** (Allowing White to set up a possible mate in the marble. Had Black played 28 ... Nf5 however, it's White who may be losing, or at least not winning, eg, 29 Ne5 Rf8) **29 Qxf6 Nf5?** (Too late, and now the mate is in the marble. Black had to play 29...hxg6 when White only has a draw by perpetual check.) **30 Qh8+ Kf7 31 Ne5+ Ke7 32 Qxh7+ Kf6 33 Qg6+** (White also has mate in the marble with 33 Qf7+ Kg5 34 Qg6+ Kf4 35 Qg4+ Ke3 36 Qf3#) **33...Ke7 34 Qg5+ Kf8 35 Qf6+ Kg8 36 Qf7+ Kh8 37 Ng6mate 1-0**

KAIDANOV EXHIBITION SET FOR RICHMOND

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Kaïssa Chess Club will host GM Gregory Kaidanov on Saturday, April 29, 2000 for a lecture, blindfold exhibition, and simultaneous exhibition in at the museum (Grove Ave & Boulevard) in Richmond. Attendance and/or participation is free of charge!

The agenda for April 29th is:

10:00	Introduction and Remarks
10:15	Lecture
11:00	Blindfold Chess Exhibition
11:30	Lunch
01:00	Simultaneous Exhibition
06:00	Closing Remarks and Awards

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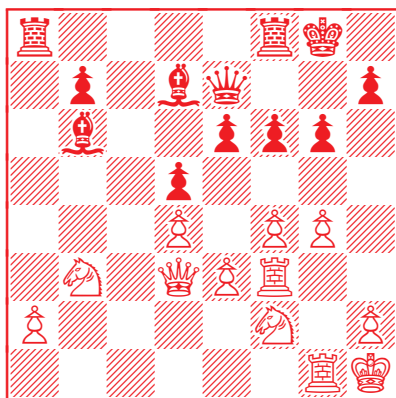
THE SOURCE of the following games is a very small (43 pages) book about blindfold chess, a selection of games. The book is one of a series: *Morgan's Shilling Chess Library, Book 11*, published by W W Morgan, Fleet Works, New Barnet, England, 1901.

Of particular interest are six game in which both opponents were blindfold. These players involved include Anderson, Zukertort, Lasker, Mackenzie, Pillsbury and Showalter. (Two game involve unidentified opponents, listed as two amateurs.)

Pillsbury was an excellent blindfold player, but the following is one of his losses. This game was played on board the SS PARIS on a journey to England.

SHOWALTER - PILLSBURY
BOTH BLINDFOLD, 1901 OR PRIOR
STONEWALL

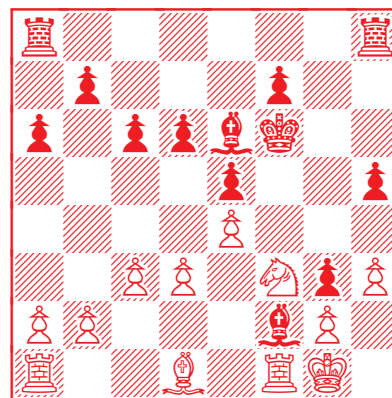
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11 Nb3 Bd6 12 d4 0-0 13 0-0 Ne4 14 Nc3 Nxd2 15
Qxd2 Bd7 16 Rf3 g6 17 Kh1 Bb4 18 Qd3 Bxa5 19
g4 f6 20 Nd1 Bb6 21 Nf2 Qe7 22 Rg1



22...Rxa2 23 g5 fxg5 24 Qb1 Qa3 25 Rg5 Rb2 26
Rxc6+ Kh8 27 Qg1 Qxb3 28 Rg7 h5 29 Qg5 1-0

FERENCZY - CHAROUSEK (blindfold)
1901 OR PRIOR
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 d3 Bc5 6
Nc3 d6 7 0-0 Bg4 8 Be3 Nd4 9 Bxd4 Bxd4 10 Nd5
Nxd5 11 Bxd5 c6 12 c3 Ba7 13 Bb3 Qf6 14 h3 h5 15
Qe2 g5 16 Bd1 Be6 17 Qd2 g4 18 Qg5 Ke7 19 Qxf6+
Kxf6 20 Nh4 g3 21 Nf3 Bxf2+



22 Kh1 Rag8 23 Ng1 Bg4 24 Bf3 Ke7 25 Rad1 f5 26
exf5 Bxf5 27 Rd2 d5 28 b3 Bg4 29 c4 Rf8 30 a4 Rhg8
31 hxg4 hxg4 32 Bxg4 Rxg4 33 Nh3 Rh8 34 Re2 and
Black announced mate in four moves (0-1): 34...
Rhx3+ 35 gxh3 g2+ 36 Kh2 gxf1N+ (36...gxf1Q also
wins of course, but it wouldn't accomplish the mate in
four because of 37 Rxe5+ etc) 37 Kh1 Rg1mate

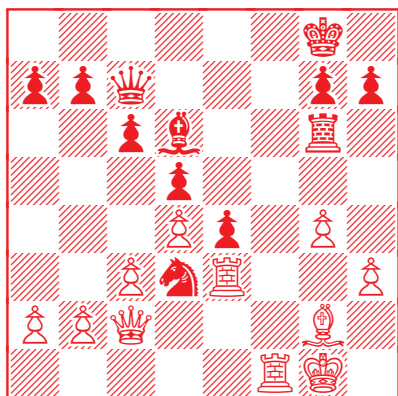
BLACKBURNE (blindfold) - LUCKCOCK
SIMUL (8 GAMES), LONDON 1900
EVANS GAMBIT

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 b4 Bxb4 5 c3 Ba5 6
0-0 d6 7 d4 exd4 8 cxd4 Bb6 9 Nc3 Nge7 10 Ng5 d5
11 exd5 h6 12 Nxf7 Kxf7 13 dxc6+ Ke8 14 Ba3 Rh7
15 Re1 g6 16 Nd5 1-0



J'ADOUBE!

In a series of emails, **David Hydorn** points out an error in our notes to his Virginia Open game versus John Campbell, published last issue.



Hydorn-Campbell
White to Play

Black has just blundered 26...Nd3? but White returned the favor with 27 Rxd3? and the game was eventually drawn.

White could have won by 27 Qxd3. The queen is immune from capture because of 27...exd3 28 Re8+ and Black gets mated. Besides 27 Qxd3 straight away, Hydorn continues to champion his original suggestion 27 Bxe4!? when the editor's previous recommendation runs into the same tactical point (27...dxe4 28 Qxd3 etc)

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VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thanks go out to *Peter Hopkins*, who sent results from the Virginia Scholastic Championships held at *Oscar Smith High School*, in *Chesapeake*, March 11-12:

High School (K-12) Section, Individual: **James Hare** 6-0; Andrew Miller 5½; Ricky Carew & Judah Brownstein 5; Jeremy Hummer 4½. Team: Governor's School for Govt & International Studies (Richmond) 19½; Thomas Jefferson (Fairfax) 17; Chancellor (Fredericksburg) & Westen Branch (Virginia Beach) 16; Patrick Henry (Roanoke) 15½.

Middle School (K-8) Section, Individual: **Robert Brady** 6; Illinna Nikolov, Heather Tickle, & Derek O'Dell 5. Team: Longfellow 18; G H Moody (Henrico County) 16; Macy McClaugherty (Giles County); Bayside (Virginia Beach) & Gildersleeve (Roanoke) 12½.

Elementary (K-5) Section, Individual: **Ettie Nikolov** 6; Jack Barrow, Bret Latter, Alec Hollingsworth & Sean Clendenning 5. Team: Deer Park Alternative (Newport News) & Swift Creek (Chesterfield County) 16; Clover Hill (Chesterfield County), Kent Gardens & Pattie 15½; Louise Archer 15.

Primary (K-3) Section, Individual: **Aryan Khojandi** 5½; Micah Corcoran, David Ludwinski, Johnny Trischler & Dylan Kolhoff 5. Team: Kent Gardens 17½; Lakeside (Henrico County), Swift Creek (Chesterfield County) & Deer Park Alternative (Newport News) 14; St Louis 12.





Last issue we reported on the 2000 Virginia Open. Now we take a trip back in time to the 1984 edition of that event, held at the Howard Johnson's "chess motel" off the I-95 Massaponax exit. A great field turned out to play that year. Ultimately there was a tie for first prize between grandmasters Lubomir Kavalek & Arthur Bisguier, IM Igor Ivanov, and "some other guy", as Denis Strenzwilk recalled for me recently. Then Denis revealed that he was indeed that other guy, and noted *en passant* that the newsletter of the day featured photographs of the other three on its cover. So now, sixteen years later, we redress the injustice and offer a picture of Denis Strenzwilk, 1984 Virginia Open co-champion, taken by an unknown photographer sometime closer to 1984 than today! We are also pleased to revisit all of Strenzwilk's games from that event, some with brief notes by the other guy himself. —ed

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

STUART JONES - DENIS STREZWILK

QUEEN'S G-D, SEMI-SLAV

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c6 4 Nf3 dxc4
5 e4 b5 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Bb4 8 Bg5
Nbd7 9 0-0 h6 10 Bxf6 Nxf6 11 Ne5
Bb7 12 a3 Bxc3 13 bxc3 0-0 14 Rb1
Qa5 15 Qc1 a6 16 Nxc4 Qc7 17 Ne5
c5 18 Re1 Rad8 19 Qe3 Nd7 20 Nf3
Nb6 21 Nd2 Na4 22 Rec1 Qd7 23
Nb3 Qe7 24 c4 cxd4 25 Nxd4 Qc5
26 Nc2 Qxc4 27 Nb4 Qd4 28 Qxd4
Rxd4 29 Rc7 Bxe4 30 Bxe4 Rxe4 31
Nxa6 Ra8 32 Rc6 Rc4 33 Rd6 Nc3
34 Rb3 Ne4 35 Rb6 Rc2 36 Nb4
Rc1+ 37 Kg2 Rd8 38 Rxb5 Rdd1 39
h4 Rg1+ 40 Kf3 Nd2+ 41 Ke3 Nxb3
42 Rb8+ Kh7 43 a4 Rce1+ 44 Kd3
Nc5+ 0-1

DENIS STREZWILK - JERRY FLOWERS
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
e5 5 Nb5 a6 6 Nd6+ Bxd6 7 Qxd6
Qf6 8 Qa3 Nge7 9 Nc3 Rb8 10 Be3
b5 11 Nd5 Nxd5 12 exd5 b4 13 Qd3
Ne7 14 0-0-0 (14 d6 "Sicilian: ... e5,"
by Harding & Markland, p 28.) 0-0 15
Kb1 (15 h4 *ibid*, p 28) d6 16 Qd2 h6
17 f3 Bb7 18 Bc4 Rfc8 19 b3 Nf5 20
Ba7 Ra8 21 Bf2 a5 22 h4 Ba6 23
Bxa6 Rxa6 24 Qd3 Rca8 25 g4 a4
26 Rd2 Ne7 27 Qe4 axb3 28 cxb3
Nc8 29 g5 Qg6 30 Qxg6 fxc6 31 Rc1
Na7 32 Bxa7 R6xa7 33 Rc6 Rf7 34
Rxd6 Rxf3 35 gxh6 e4 36 Rxc6 e3
37 Rxc7+ Kh8 38 Rc2 Rf6 39 Rg3
(39 Re7 time trouble; 40 moves in 2
hours.) Re8 40 Re2 Rf2 41 Rxe3 (41
Rxf2 exf2 42 Rf3 Re1+ 43 Kc2 f1Q 44
Rxf1 Rxf1 45 Kd3!) 41...Rc8 42 Rgf3
Rd2 43 Rd3 Rh2 44 Rh3 Rg2 45
Rhg3 Rh2 46 Rh3 Rg2 47 Rhg3
½-½



DENIS STREZWILK - TOM PETERS
SICILIAN

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 b5 10 Nd5 f5 11
Bd3 Be6 12 c3 Bg7 13 Qh5 f4 14
0-0-0 (14 g3! *Sicilian: Lasker-Pelikan*,
by Wade, et al, p 208) b4 15 Nc4
bxc3 16 bxc3 Na5 17 Rd2 Bxd5 18
exd5 Rc8 19 Qg4 Kf8 20 Nxa5
Rxc3+ 21 Kd1 Qxa5 22 Qd7 Qc7
23 Qxc7 Rxc7 24 Ke2 (24 Bxa6) a5
25 Rb1 Ke7 26 Rb5 Rbc8 27 Rxa5
e4 28 Ba6 Bc3 29 Ra4! Ra8 30 Rc2
f5 31 Bb5 Rxa4 32 Bxa4 Ra7 33
Bc6 Ra3 34 Bb5 Kf6 35 Bc4 Ke5
36 Bb3 Kd4?! 37 Rc1 e3 38 g3 Ke4
(38...exf2 39 gxf4 Be1? 40 Rc4+) 39
Rxc3 f3+ 40 Ke1 Kd4 41 Rxe3 1-0

LARRY KLEIN - DENIS STREZWILK
QUEEN GAMBIT DECLINED

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5
c5 5 e3 cxd4 6 exd4 Be7 7 Nf3 0-0

8 Bd3 b6 9 0-0 Bb7 10 Qe2 dxc4 11
Bxc4 Nbd7 12 Rfd1 Re8 13 Ne5 Nd5
14 Bxe7 Rxe7 15 Ba6 Nxc3 16 bxc3
Qc7 17 Bxb7 Qxb7 18 c4 Rd8 19
Rd3 Nxe5 20 Qxe5 Qc7 21 Qb5
Red7 22 Rad1 h6 23 h3 Rc8 24 Rc1
Rd5 25 Qb2 Rd3 26 Rdc3 Qd7 27
Rg3 g6 28 Rd3 Kh7 29 Qd2 Qc7 30
Rcc3 Qf4 31 Qc2 Qc7 32 d5 Qd6 33
dxe6 Qxe6 34 Re3 Re5 35 Rxe5
Qxe5 36 Re3 Qf4 37 Rf3 Qc7 38
Qc3 Kg8 39 Qf6 Qxc4 40 Rg3 Qc1+
41 Kh2 Qc6 42 Qd4 Qc5 43 Qd2 h5
44 Re3 Qc7+ 45 g3 h4 46 Rd3
hxg3+ 47 fxg3 Qc2 48 Kg2 Rc3 49
Rd4 b5 50 a4 Qb3 51 Qg5 Rc2+ 52
Rd2 Qd3 53 Rxc2 Qxc2+ 54 Kf3
Qd1+ 55 Kf2 Qd4+ 56 Kf3 bxa4 57
Qe7 Kg7 58 h4 Qf6+ 0-1

DENIS STREZWILK - STEVEN STOYKO
NIMZOVICH

1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nbd2
g6 5 c3 Bg7 6 Bb5 0-0 7 0-0 Bd7 8
Re1 Ne8 9 a3 e5 10 dxe5 Nxe5 11
Bf1 Nxf3+ 12 Nxf3 Bg4 13 h3 Bd7
14 Bg5 Bf6 15 Bh6 Ng7 16 e5 dxe5
17 Nxe5 Be6 18 Qf3 Bd5 19 Qf4
Ne6 20 Qd2 Bg5 21 Bxg5 Nng5 22
c4 Bc6 23 Qxd8 Rfxd8 24 Nxc6 bxc6
25 Rad1 c5 26 Rd5 Ne6 27 Red1
Rdb8 28 R1d2 a5 29 Be2 Rb6 30
Bg4 f5 31 Bf3 Rab8 32 Rd7 c6 33
Ra7 Nd4 34 Rd3 f4 35 Rxa5 Rxb2
36 Rxc5 Rb1+ 37 Kh2 Nf5 38 Rxc6
Rf1 39 Rd1 Rxf2 40 Rc7 Ng3 41 Bb7
Rd2 42 Rxd2 Nf1+ 43 Kg1 Nxd2 44
c5 Re8 45 Rd7 1-0 (I tied for first place
with Igor Ivanov, Lubomir Kavalek,
and Arthur Bisguier.)





What do these people have in common?

- ♙ a female physician from Romania
- ♙ a research scientist for the US Navy
- ♙ a former fighter pilot who ran the bulls in Spain
- ♙ an economist who helped plan Japan's recover after World War II
- ♙ a retired Army colonel who once challenged the great Frank Marshall

ARLINGTON SENIOR CHESS CLUB: SOME HISTORY

by Earl Brown

If you would like to know, come to the Madison Senior Center, 3829 N Stafford St (at the intersection with Old Glebe Rd, near Walker Chapel), Arlington, any Monday from about 10am-3pm. You will find the members of the Senior Chess Club in their weekly competition, focused in concentration, eyes burning into the chessboards before them, moving the pieces with purpose and assurance as they revel in the Royal Game. This is the passion that these diverse people share: a dedication and love for the marvelous game called Chess.

You will find 18 to 22 players on a typical Monday vying for points on the club's ladder competition. It will quickly become apparent that serious games are underway. At the same time there may be one or two skittles games in progress, and the pleasure on the faces of the casual players is no less than the intensity of those seeking ladder points.

How did this come to be, this group come together? I consulted Charlie Connelly, our most senior member. Back in the '70s, three men used to meet at the Gunston Senior Center to play chess. Since there was an odd number, one always had to sit out. But in time others joined, and soon there were five or six who met to play...

One of these was a former government economist, Larry Potter. He had spent his adult life, which included stints in Japan and Iran, as a member of one chess club or another. It seemed natural that he would keep records of the play and establish a ladder. Very early a principle arose which still governs the club today: members play on the ladder so that there is a consequence, the games mean something.

In the '80s the group moved to St Andrews Church where the Arlington Recreation Department had a meeting place for seniors. Some played

shuffleboard, some bridge, some chess... The Arlington supervisor, charming and perceptive Anne Gress, encouraged the chess club, provided an inexpensive lunch and a quiet place to concentrate on beating up each other over the board. With the further encouragement and support of new supervisor Kitty Riordan, the club has seen attendance increase gradually since moving to our present home at the former Madison Elementary School in the '90s.

It was while we were still at St Andrews that Jack Matheson started attending from time to time. Years before, while attending the US Military Academy (where he was President of the cadet chess club), Jack had been assigned to escort world famous Frank Marshall when the great champion visited West Point for a simultaneous exhibition. With time to kill before the exhibition got underway, Marshall invited Jack to play a game! Jack kept his handwritten score sheet, signed by Marshall, for over 50 years. Once he brought the original to the club, played over the game for the members, and distributed Xerox copies. In his military career Jack rose to the rank of colonel. Along the way he originated the US Armed Forces Chess Championship, an inter-service competition that is still contested

annually. Jack won the Virginia state championship in 1936 and continued playing right up until his death a couple years ago.

At present there are three women among our regular members, and others have played from time to time. Foremost among them is Romanian-born physician Sanda Costescu, who plays with a verve and aggression that seems at odds with her otherwise quiet demeanor. She is especially proficient at speed chess and delights in dispatching her masculine opponents.

Our current President, John Campbell, is always ready to answer questions or give directions to the club if you call him at (703) 534-6232. (The telephone number at the Madison Senior Center is 228-5285.)

This article has mentioned only a handful of the players who make up our diverse membership. Each of us is a senior with a lifetime of accomplishment and experiences to relate. You may hear a variety of languages at our meetings, from German, French, Spanish and Italian to some less familiar tongues like Arabic, Urdu and Hindi. But a single enthusiasm binds us together in our little United Nations of chess: love of the wonderful game which Tartakower called, "an ocean in which an elephant may bathe or from which a gnat may drink."



My new book *Correspondence Chess in America* discusses the history of the game in the United States and mentions two prominent Virginia chess players: Walter Muir and William Woodbury.

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS IN AMERICA

by Bryce Avery



Walter Muir is well-known to many Virginians, and he should be. Now in his 95th year, Muir is one of America's best-known and most skilled players of correspondence chess. [The news of Muir's death reached us shortly after we received Avery's article; see page 1 of this issue. —ed] During his postal chess career of nearly 75 years, he qualified for the World Correspondence Chess Championship preliminary rounds seven times and played on America's postal Olympiad team five times. When he received his IM title from the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) in 1971, he was the first man born in the United States ever to do so.

In 1998, ICCF named Muir an Honorary Life Member for his promotional work, and his yeoman efforts in starting both the North American Invitational and the United States Correspondence Chess Championship in the early 1970's have rightly earned him the appellation "Dean of American Correspondence Chess".

Several years ago, Muir wrote his memoirs *My 75-Year Chess Career*. Surprisingly, one of the games he left out of his book (but I put in mine) was the game that actually earned him his IM title.

MUIR (US) - NEVOLE (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) ICCF OLYMPIAD VII PRELIMINARY, 1968

SICILIAN

Notes by Walter Muir

With a score of 4-2, I needed a draw and would gladly have taken one after Black's 23rd move. I spent many hours on difficult analysis but was rewarded in the end with a win and my IM title. It was a nice Christmas present for 1970.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e5 5 Nb5 a6 6 Nd6+ Bxd6 7 Qxd6 Qf6

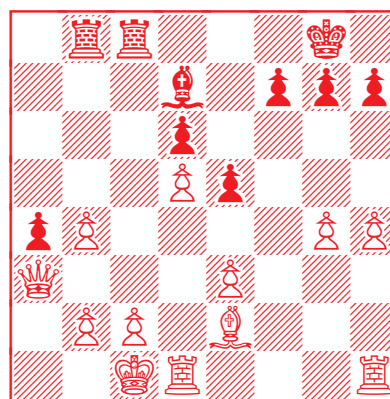
Black poses a problem: what to do with White's queen. Never having had White in this position before, I decided to keep Black from castling.

8 Qa3 Nge7 9 Nc3 Rb8 10 Be3 b5 11 Nd5 Nxd5 12 exd5 b4 13 Qd3 Ne7 14 Be2 d6 15 h4 Nf5 16 0-0-0 Nxe3 17 fxe3 a5 18 g4 a4 19 Qc4 Qe7 20 a3! Bd7 21 axb4!?! 0-0

Black shrinks from 21...Bb5 22 Qxb5! Rxb5 23 Bxb5+ K-any 24 Bxa4, when White has a rook, a bishop and two pawns for the queen.

22 Qc3 Rfc8 23 Qa3 Qe8

In the July 1969 issue of the Czech postal magazine, all positions of the US-Czechoslovakia match were given. My opponent said that Black had a winning position here.



24 e4 Bb5 25 Bf3! Bc4 26 Kd2 Qb5 27 c3 f6 28 Rde1 Qd7 29 Re3 Ra8 30 Rg1 Kh8 31 Bd1 Rf8 32 Reg3 Qa7 33 R3g2 Rfc8 34 Bc2 Bb5 35 Ra1 Rc7 36 Qa2!

White has finally extricated his queen.



36...g6 37 Qb1 f5?! 38 gxf5 gxf5 39 Qg1 Qb7
40 Bxa4 Bxa4 41 Rxa4 Rf8 42 exf5! Qxd5+ 43
Kc1 Qd3 44 f6! d5 45 Rd2 Qb5 46 Ra5 Qc6

46...Qxb4? 47 Qg7+! Rxc7 48 fxg7+ Kxc7 49
cxb4.

47 Raxd5 Qxf6 48 Qe3 Re8 49 Re2 1-0

One of Muir's postal opponents was fellow Virginian William Woodbury, a civil engineer one generation older than Muir and a fine postal player in his own right. Woodbury won the first two "North American" correspondence tournaments in 1914 and 1915, served as President of the National Correspondence Chess Association until it merged with other postal clubs in 1917, and continued playing postal chess throughout World War II.

PRATT - WOODBURY
1914 NORTH AMERICAN
TWO KNIGHTS

Notes by William Woodbury

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5
Na5 6 Bb5+ c6 7 dxc6 bxc6 8 Be2 h6 9 Nf3 e4
10 Ne5 Bd6 11 d4 0-0

Stronger than 11...Qc7 at once, as it leaves White uncertain which way to turn.

12 c3 Qc7 13 f4 exf3 14 Nxf3 Bg4 15 Nbd2
Rae8 16 Nf1

From here, Black's attack looks very strong, but White defends so well that it becomes a matter of great delicacy to force the win.

16...Re7 17 Kf2 c5 18 Ne3 Rd8 19 Qa4 cxd4
20 cxd4 Bf4 21 Re1

Now, however, there is no defense; if the e3 knight moves, Black plays ...Bd7 and ...Ng4+.

21...Rxe3! 22 Bxe3 Ne4+ 23 Kf1 Bxe3 24 Bd3
Nd2+ 25 Ke2

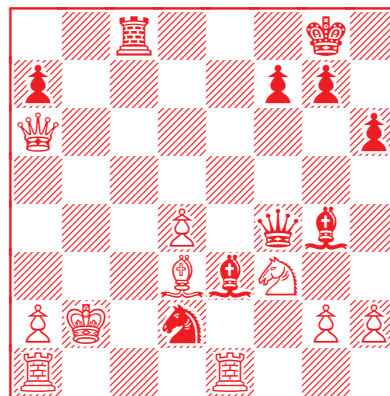
25 Nxe2 Qf4+ 26 Nf3 Bxf3 27 Rxe3 Bc6+.

25...Qf4 26 Kd1 Nac4 27 Kc2 Rc8 28 Qa6
Nxb2+ 29 Kxb2 0-1

Black now announced mate in four (which the interested reader can figure out — see diagram at top of next column).



My book *Correspondence Chess in America* is published by McFarland and Co. To quote part of Amazon.com's description of the book:



"This is an historical overview and detailed analysis of American correspondence chess from the 1840s to the present. Particular attention is paid to the Correspondence Chess League of America (CCLA), the oldest correspondence chess organization in America and the second oldest in the world. Also included are comparisons of American postal chess play to that of other nations; discussions of the United States Postal Chess Federation, which runs the national championship and encompasses most major American clubs; and biographies on America's two World Correspondence Chess Champions. Over 200 illustrative games are included with diagrams.

"Bryce D Avery, a member of the Correspondence Chess League of America for nearly two decades, was elected as one of the youngest directors ever and was appointed as League Historian in 1998."

The list price from McFarland or Amazon.com is \$49, including shipping. However, you may purchase an autographed copy from me directly for \$42, including shipping, (a discount of almost 15%) by sending your check to Bryce Avery, 45280 Elmbrook Drive, California MD 20619.



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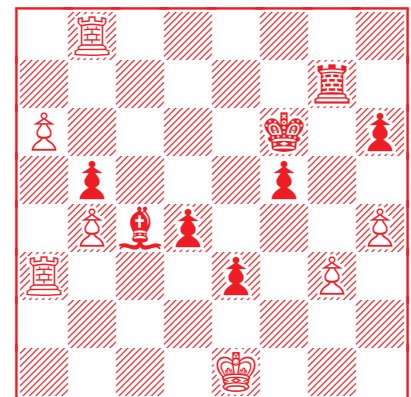
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DC LEAGUE 1999

KING'S INDIAN ATTACK
Notes by David Long

1 e4 e6 2 d3 c5 3 Nf3 g6 4 Nbd2 Bg7 5 g3 Ne7 6 Bg2 00 7 00 Nbc6 8 c3 b6 9 Re1 a5?! (Up to this point, it all looks pretty normal and very quiet for both sides. But now the Black pawn formation with a5-b6-c5 won't be dynamic enough to generate queenside play after White's next move, even after the Bishop goes to a6. That maneuver seems more promising where Black has placed a pawn on d5 and advanced a5-b5-c5 and looks ahead to playing b4). **10 a4 Ba6 11 Nf1 h6 12 h4 f5?! 13 ef gf** (White seems a little better now, since there are lots of weak squares in the Black position. It is hard for Black to advance his center pawns to cover the weaknesses and take central space. White starts play on the self-inflicted black-square weaknesses in the center.) **14 Bf4! Ng6 15 Bd6 Re8 16 d4! cd 17 Nd4 Nd4?! 18 Ba8 Qa8 19 cd Qc6 20 Be5** (20 Ba3?! may be possible.) **20...Bb7** (A critical position, the result of the play starting with 16 d4. Black has either sacrificed or lost an exchange — “*you be the judge!*” Does he have enough for the material? The first issue is whether the direct attack on the White king will break through. It doesn't appear that

Black can afford to play an endgame with yet 20...Ne5 21 de Bb7 22 f3 Qf3 23 Qf3 Bf3 24 Kf2, since White emerges with a small advantage.) **21 f3** (Also 21 d5 Qd5 22 Qd5 Bd5 23 Bg7 Kg7 24 Ne3 leaves White with an edge.) **21...Be5** (White doesn't need to give back his material here with 22 Re5 Ne5 23 de Qf3 24 Qf3 Bf3, which favors Black.) **22 de Qc5+!** (Best in this position, keeping White's advantage to a minimum. The initially attractive idea 22...f4 – looking for a favorable endgame – is weak after 23 Rc1 Qf3 24 Qf3 Bf3 25 Nd2 Bg4 26 Ne4 [courtesy of Fritz]) **23 Kg2 Ne5 24 Nh2 Ng4** (threatens mate in two) **25 Qd2 Nh2 26 Kh2 Bf3** (The direct attack doesn't do the trick, so Black tries to hang on to the two extra pawns. But White recovers one quickly and holds a small edge in the ensuing endgame.) **27 Rac1** (Either Qd7?? or Qh6?? allows mate in two.) **27...Qb4** (Obviously, White cannot capture on h6 because of 27...Qb2 leading to mate, so...) **28 Qb4 ab4 29 Rc4 b3 30 Rec1 Bc6 31 Rb4 Rb8** (31...Kf7?! is worth a close look.) **32 a5 b5 33 Rb3 Ra8 34 Ra1 Kf7 35 a6** (Another idea here might be to leave the pawn on a5 and play to protect it with b4.) **35...Ra7 36 Kg1 Ke7** (Again a critical position; White should still be for choice,

but he does not come up with a plan to put the rooks on open files or create weaknesses in the Black position. Black, on the other hand, plays to use his strengths in the position — the strong pawn center, well-placed bishop, and centralized king. Objectively it's still balanced here, but Black has found a clear and dangerous plan.) **37 Kf2 d5 38 Ke3 e5! 39 Kd2 d4! 40 Rba3 e4! 41 Rc1 Kd6 42 b4 Bd5?!** (Probably 42...Bd7 is better. In the game White could have played for lines like 43 Rc5 e3 44 Kd3 Bc4 45 Kd4 e2 46 Ra1 Re7 47 Re1) **43 Rc8 Bc4 44 Rh8 e3+ 45 Ke1 Ke5** (Now White doesn't like 46 Rh6 d3 47 Rc6 Rd7) **46 Re8+ Kf6 47 Rb8** (White may be able to keep some of his advantage with 47 Kd1?! for reasons that become clear soon.) **47...Rg7**



48 a7?? Rg3! -+ (Now the rook threatens mate on g1, and Black's king can enter the position to support the pawns. It's over. Instead of 48 a7, amazingly enough White still has



a last chance to hold the position with this beautiful line: 48 Rf8+ Ke7 49 a7 Rg3 50 Re8+! Kf7 51 Rf8+! Ke7 52 Re8+! = The sacrifice to change the location of the Black king and gain a tempo to queen with check makes all the difference. Chess just never gets stale. The rest of the game features an interesting series of "Black to mate in x moves" problems. Black closes it out quickly with some precise tactics.) **49 Ra6+?! (But 49 Kd1 e2+ 50 Kd2 Ra3 51 a8Q Ra8 52 Ra8 isn't enough, either.) 49...Ke5 50 Re8+ Kf4 (It's not too soon for White to resign.) 51 Kd1 d3! (a terrific finish) 52 Re3 (52 Kc1 d2+ 53 Kc2 Bd3+ 54 Kc3 d1Q 55 Kd4 Be4+ 56 Kc5 Qd5+ 57 Kb6 Rg6+ 58 Kc7 Rg7+ 59 Re7 Qb7+ 60 Kd8 Qe7+ 61 Kc8 Qc7# — Fritz spent over two full seconds**

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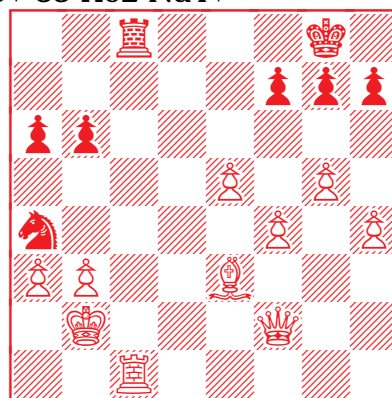
on that calculation! Lines with the desperate 52 Re4+ are met by fxe4!) **52...Ke3 53 Kc1 d2+ 54 Kb2 d1Q 55 Ra3 Bd3 0-1 (More mates! 55...Bd3 56 Rd3 Qd3 57 a8Q Qd2 58 Ka3 Kf2 59 Qf3 Rf3# Attack and defense were balanced most of the way. The game illustrates**

some of the problems in assessing positions unbalanced material.)

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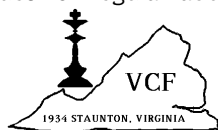
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1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Be7 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 a3 0-0 6 d4 exd4 7 Nxd4 Ne5 8 Ba2 d6 9 Be3 a6 10 h3 c6 11 Qe2 Qe8 12 0-0-0 Bd8 13 f3 c5 14 Nf5 Bc7 15 g4 Be6 16 Nxd6 Bxd6 17 Rxd6 Bxa2 18 b3 Rd8 19 Rxd8 Qxd8 20 Kb2 Bxb3 21 cxb3 Qc7 22 f4 Ned7 23 e5 Ne8 24 Rd1 Nb6 25 g5 Qc6 26 h4 Nc7 27 Qf2 Nb5 28 Nxb5 Qxb5 29 Ka2 Rc8 30 Rc1 Nd5 31 Bxc5 b6 32 Be3 Nc3+ 33 Kb2 Na4+



34 Ka2 (Of course if Kahn had played 34 Ka1 Rxc1+ 35 Bxc1 Qxb3 36 Qd2 = As it was I managed to pull victory from the jaws of defeat!) 34 ... Rc3! 35 Rb1 (He was worried about protecting his pawn on b3. 35 bxa4 Qb3+ 36 Ka1 Qxa3+ wins) 35 ... Qd3! 36 Bxb6 Rc2+ 0-1

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Grandmasters at Portsmouth

Forget Linares, the center of the chess universe on the first week-end of March was Portsmouth, Virginia! The Millennium Chess Festival drew half a dozen GMs (those pictured here, clockwise from upper left, are: Shabalov, Stripunsky, Ehivest, Novikov) plus numerous other luminaries. See page 6 for the full story.