



GEORGE MASON OPEN

by Mike Atkins

IM Eugene Meyer, Stas Kriventsov and upstart A player Daniel Pomerleanu tied for 1st at the George Mason Open, held April 27-28 at George Mason University's Arlington Campus. At first the tournament worked exactly like the rating system would predict: Meyer and Kriventsov, the two highest rated players by over 170 points, walked through to the only perfect 4-0 scores. Then they met in the fifth round, played to a quick draw, and settled in to wait and see if either of the players with 3½ would catch them. Master Phil Collier was favored in that matchup versus the rapidly improving Pomerleanu. However, Daniel managed to grab the full point to join the winner's circle.

A tie for 4th at 4-1 consisted of master John Meyer, experts Alex Passov, Paul Yavari, Ruixin Yang & Harry Cohen, and class A players Daniel Arceo & Jason McKinney. Ted Udelson was top B, followed by Daniel P Summers, Ettie Nikolova, Kenneth Thomas, Philip Shing, Howard Reid & Jason Hart. Raghu Rajaram & Louis Helly took top C honors. Jordan Flemer & Aryan Khojandi were top D. Brian Montes claimed the Upset prize. Under 1200 went to Eric Halseth with Thomas Butler second. Sameer Wadkar scored 3-2 to take top unrated.

One should never make a living trying to predict the turnout at chess tournaments! It seems at times that the number of players who show up on a given weekend is completely random. With only 37 advance entries, and in the face of a poor turnout at Grand Prix events up and down the east coast, it did not seem that the George Mason Open would amount to anything special on the weekend of April 27-28. But then 57(!) walk-ins transformed the tournament into a most pleasant surprise and a complete success. The room had been setup for only 68 players, requiring a last minute rearrangement of the boards (good problem!) but still we managed to begin only about five minutes late.

This was the third of Arlington Chess Club's annual events at GMU. Most of the tournaments at this site have drawn 70 to 75 players with a significant number of them rated over 2200. This one had only 13 players rated over 2000, making

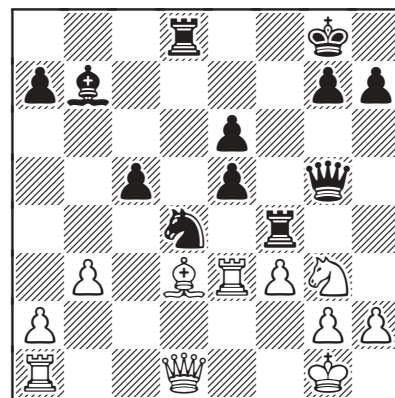
it a more normal sample of the overall chess population. The big turnout allowed prizes to be raised \$700, up to a total of \$2500, with the extra funds allotted based on the class entry distribution. The biggest increase went to the Class A prize fund, for which 25 players contended.

We played on the third floor this time, instead of our customary first floor location. The third floor had a lot more activity with classes, several different churches and a very interesting art gallery exhibit. Arlington thanks everyone who played and we'll see you back on Oct 12-13 for the Arlington Open.

JOHN MEYER - EUGENE MEYER

BENKO

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 f3 bxc4 5 e4 d6 6 Nd2 e6 7 dxe6 fxe6 8 e5 dxe5 9 Bxc4 Nc6 10 Ne2 Be7 11 O-O O-O 12 b3 Nd4 13 Ng3 Bb7 14 Bb2 Nd5 15 Re1 Bg5 16 Nde4 Rc8 17 Nxc5 Qxc5 18 Bc1 Nf4 19 Bxf4 Rxf4 20 Re3 Rd8 21 Bd3



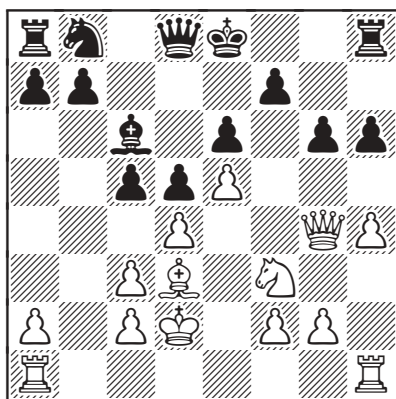
21...Rxf3 22 Rxf3 Nxf3+ 23 Kh1 e4 0-1

**George Mason Open***continued*

STAS KRIVENTSOV - DAKOTA CRONIN

FRENCH

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Bb4 5 e5 h6 6
Bd2 Bxc3 7 bxc3 Ne4 8 Qg4 g6 9 Bd3 Nxd2 10
Kxd2 c5 11 Nf3 Bd7 12 h4 Bc6

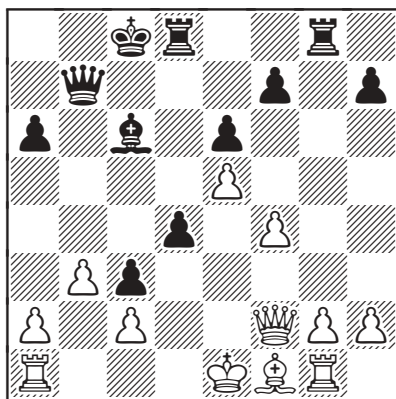


13 Bxg6 fxg6 14 Qxe6+ Qe7 15 Qxg6+ Kd8 16
e6 cxd4 17 Nxd4 Rf8 18 Nf5 Rxf5 19 Qxf5 Na6
20 Rae1 Nc5 21 f3 b6 22 Rh3 Kc8 23 Rg3 Kb7
24 Qf7 1-0

ALEXANDER PASSOV - LINWOOD BOLDEN

FRENCH

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6
Nf3 a6 7 Be3 Nc6 8 Qd2 b5 9 dxc5 Nxc5 10 Nd4
Bb7 11 Qf2 b4 12 Nxc6 Bxc6 13 Bxc5 bxc3 14
b3 Qc8 15 Bxf8 Rxf8 16 Qg3 d4 17 Qxg7 Qb7
18 Rg1 O-O-O 19 Qg3 Rg8 20 Qf2



20...d3 21 Bxd3 Rxd3 22 cxd3 Qb4 23 Rc1 Rd8
24 Qc2 Qxf4 25 Qxc3 Qe3+ 26 Kf1 Qf4+ 27 Ke2
Qg4+ 28 Ke1 Qd4 29 Qxd4 Rxd4 30 Rxc6+ Kb7
1-0

MARK YOUNG - JOHN MEYER

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6
6 Bc4 a6 7 Be3 b5 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 a3 Nbd7 10 Qe2
Be7 11 O-O-O Rc8 12 f4 O-O 13 Kb1 Rxc3 14
bxc3 Nxe4 15 Bxe4 Bxe4 16 Bc1 Qa8 17 Rhg1
Rc8 18 Bb2 Nb6 19 g4 Na4 20 Rg3 d5 21 Ka2
Rc4 22 Nb3 Qc8 23 g5 Qc7 24 Qd2 a5 25 f5 exf5
26 Ra1 f4 27 Rh3 f3 28 Nd4 Nxc3+ 29 Bxc3 Rxc3
30 Kb2 Rc4 31 c3 Qc8 32 Rg3 b4 33 cxb4 axb4
34 a4 Rxd4 0-1

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REMEMBERING CHARLIE POWELL

by Denis Strenzwilk

I WAS A LATE BLOOMER TO THE GAME OF CHESS. When I was a freshman at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY in 1958 I only knew the moves of the chess pieces. I got hooked on playing while I was living in the dormitory. In December of 1961 I played in my first USCF tournament, which was the Intercollegiate Championship at Howard University in Washington, DC. I played badly and acquired a low 1600 rating. The next year I enrolled in graduate school at Clarkson University in remote Potsdam, NY. We had a small group of ardent chessplayers at Clarkson and we played a lot during the cold winters, but not many of those games were USCF rated. I estimate that my rating was in the 1900-2000 range at that time.

Some friends and I decided to play in the 1966 Eastern Open, in Washington, DC over the 4th of July weekend. The Eastern Open was the biggest open tournament on the east coast, as there was no World Open then. Many famous players of the day attended and it was there that I first met Charles Powell, of Virginia. I guess he was 7-10 years younger than me and a little higher rated. I was pleased to draw that first game.

As fate would have it, I graduated from Clarkson with a PhD in physics in 1968 and took a job in Maryland. Over the next 10 years it seemed that

every time I went to a chess tournament in Maryland or Virginia, Charlie Powell was there and I would have to get past him if I were to win a prize. We were the fiercest of competitors but quite cordial to each other away from the board. On a few occasions I shared a hotel room with Charlie and even had him once as an overnight guest at my apartment in Aberdeen, MD, only to find out that we were paired against each other the next morning. Charlie was always rated higher than me but I managed a lifetime score of 5 wins, 5 losses, and 6 draws from 1966 to 1976.



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By the time Charlie left for California he had a Senior Master's rating. The last time I saw him was at the 1981 US Open in Palo Alto, CA, where he introduced his girl friend to me at the restaurant. I was saddened to hear of his death in 1991 at a relatively young age.

So why am I sending in these chess games? Well, chess is my hobby of a lifetime and I have played nearly 4000 rated games, all of which are saved on my computer. Maybe one of these games will be enjoyed by someone else and it will all be worth it. (Most of the annotations stem from Fritz.)

DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1966 EASTERN OPEN, WASHINGTON, DC

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bb5 d6 6 Bxc6+ bxc6 7 O-O Nh6 8 d3 O-O 9 Qe1 (9 Qe2 Rb8 10 Kh1 Kh8) 9...f5 10 e5 Nf7 11 Qg3 dxe5 12 fxe5 Nxe5 13 Nxe5 Qd4+ 14 Be3 Qxe5 15 Qxe5 Bxe5 16 Bxc5 Bf6 17 Rae1 Re8 18 Re2 Rb8 19 Ba3 Kg7 20 Nd1 e5 21 Rfe1 Rd8 22 b3 Ba6 23 Bb2 e4 24 Bxf6+ Kxf6 25 Nb2 exd3 26 Re6+ Kg5 27 Nxd3 Bxd3 28 cxd3 Rb7 29 Rxc6 Rxd3 30 Re2 Rd1+ 31 Kf2 Rh1 32 h3 Rd7 33 Ra6 Rhd1 34 Rae6 Ra1 35 Ra6 Rb7 36 Rb2 ½-½

DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1968 BALTIMORE OPEN

SICILIAN

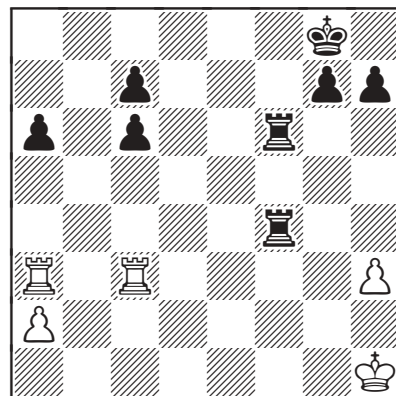
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Rb4 (Time trouble for both.) 48 Rc3 Ra4 (48...Ke6 49 Re3+ Kf6 50 Rxa3 Bxc5 51 Ra6+ Bb6±) 49 c6 Bd6+ 50 Kh3 Bc7 51 h5 g5 52 Rc5 Ra5 (52...Rd4 53 Rxc5 Rd2 54 Rf5+ Ke6 55 Kh4 Rxa2 56 Kg5 Rc2 57 Rf8 a2 -+) 53 Rxa5 Bxa5 54 Kg3 Ke6 55 Kf3 Kd5 56 h6 Kxc6 57 Ke4 Kc5 58 Kf5 Kc4 (58...Bd2 59 h7 Bc3 60 Kxc5 Kd6 61 Kg6 Ke7 -+) 59 Kxc5 Bd2+ 60 Kg6 Kd3 61 h7 Bc3 62 g5 Kc2 63 Kf7 Kb2 64 g6 Kxa2 65 g7 Bxc7 66 Kxc7 Kb1 67 h8Q a2 68 Qh1+ Kb2 69 Qg2+ Kb1 70 Qf1+ Kb2 71 Qe2+ Kb1 72 Qe1+ Kb2 73 Qe2+ Kb1 74 Qb5+ Ka1 ½-½

CHARLES POWELL - DENIS STREZWILK
1968 BAY REGION CONGRESS

RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Be7 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 Qe2 Nd7 8 c3 (8 d4 exd4 9 Nxd4 O-O 10 Nc3 Bf6 11 Be3 Qe8 12 f4 c5 13 Nf5) 8...O-O 9 d3 f6 10 d4 exd4 11 cxd4 Nb6 12 Nc3 Bg4 13 Be3 f5 14 h3 Bxf3 (14...fxe4 15 hxg4 exf3 16 gxf3 Bd6 17 Ne4 Qh4 18 Nxd6 cxd6 19 Kg2 Rae8 20 Rh1 Qf6 21 Rh3 Nd5 22 Qd3 h6 23 Bd2 Qe6±) 15 Qxf3 f4 16 Bd2 Qxd4 17 Bxf4 Bd6 18 Qe3 Qxe3 19 Bxe3 Nc4 20 Nd1 Be5 21 Rc1 Nxe3 22 Nxe3 Bxb2 23 Rb1 Bd4 24 Rxb7 Rae8 25 Nf5 Bb6 26 Nd6 Rd8 27 Nc4? Bxf2+! 28 Kh1 Bg3 29 Rfb1 Rd4 30 R7b3 Bf4 31 g3 Rxc4 32 gxf4 Rxe4 33 Rc1 Rf6 34 Ra3 Rxf4 35 Rcc3



35...h5 (35...Rf1+ 36 Kg2 R1f2+ 37 Kg3 R2f5 38 Rxa6 Rg5+ 39 Kh2 Rf2+ 40 Kh1 c5 -+) 36 Rxa6 h4 37 Rc2 Rf3 38 Kh2 Rg3 39 Rg2 Rc3 40 Ra5 Rh6 (40...Rff3 41 Kg1 Rxc3 42 Rf2 Rc1+

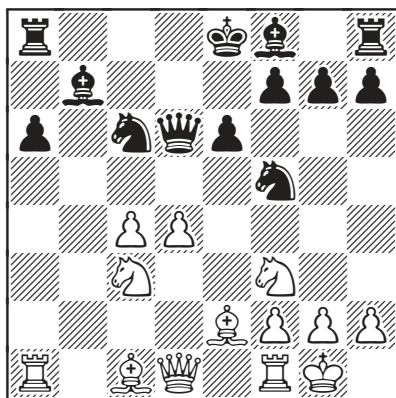


43 Kg2 Rg3+ 44 Kh2 g5 45 a4 Rgg1 -+) 41 Ra7 Kh7 42 Rxc7 Rg6 43 Rxc6 Kxc6 44 a4 Rc2+ 45 Kg1 Kf6 46 a5 c5 47 a6 Ra2 48 a7 g5 (48...g6 49 Kf1 Ke6 50 Rg7 Kd5 51 Ke1 c4 52 Kd1 c3 53 Re7 g5=) 49 Rc6+ Kf5 50 Rxc5+ Kf4 51 Rc4+ Kf3 52 Rc3+ Ke4 53 Rc4+ Ke5 54 Rc7 Kf6 55 Kf1 Ke5 56 Kg1 Ke4 57 Rc4+ Kf5 58 Rc5+ Kg6 59 Rc6+ Kh5 60 Rc7 Kg6 ½-½

DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1969 TURKEY SHOOT OPEN

SICILIAN

1 e4 e6 2 d4 c5 3 Nf3 a6 4 Bd3 (4 d5 exd5 5 exd5 d6 6 c4 Bg4 7 Nc3 Nd7 8 Be2 Ngf6 9 O-O Be7) 4...b5 5 O-O c4 6 Be2 Bb7 7 e5 Ne7 8 b3 cxb3 9 axb3 Nbc6 10 c4 bxc4 11 bxc4 d6 12 exd6 Qxd6 13 Nc3 Nf5



14 d5! Nd8 (14...exd5 15 cxd5 Nce7 16 Re1 Qc7 17 Qb3 Rc8 18 Bb2 Rb8 -) 15 c5! Qc7 16 Qa4+ Qd7 17 Qxd7+ Kxd7 18 c6+ Nxc6 19 dxc6+ Kxc6 20 Ne5+ Kc7 21 Nxf7 Rg8 22 Bf4+ Kd7 23 Rfd1+ Ke8 24 Nd6+ Bxd6 25 Bxd6 Nxd6 26 Rxd6 Ke7 27 Rb6 Rgb8 28 Rab1 Ra7 29 Bxa6 Bxa6 30 Rxb8 Rc7 31 Nd1 Kf6 32 Ne3 h5 33 R8b6 Bc4 34 Rc1 Ra7 35 Nxc4 Rc7 36 Rbb1 h4 37 h3 g5 38 Ne3 Re7 39 Rb6 Kg6 40 Rcc6... (Black was mated on move 64) 1-0

DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1969 WASHINGTON ADULT OPEN

SICILIAN

1 e4 e6 2 d4 c5 3 Nf3 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Bd3 Nf6 6 Qe2 d6 7 O-O e5 (7...Qc7 8 c4 g6 9 Nc3 Bg7 10 Rd1 O-O 11 Nf3 Nc6 12 Bf4 e5 13 Be3 Bg4 14 h3 Bxf3 15 Qxf3 Nd7 16 Nd5 Qd8 17 b4 Nd4

18 Qg3 Nf6) 8 Nb3 Nc6 9 Nc3 Be7 10 Nd5 Nxd5 11 exd5 Nb8 12 c4 O-O 13 f4 Nd7 14 f5 (14 Bd2 Re8 15 Bc3 h6 16 Bf5 Qb6+ 17 Kh1 Bf6 18 Rae1 Nc5 19 fxe5 Bxf5 20 Nxc5 Qxc5 21 Rxf5 Bxe5 22 Bxe5 Rxe5 23 Rxe5 dxe5 24 Qxe5=) 14...b6 15 Nd2 Nc5 16 Bc2 a5 17 Rf3 Bg5 18 Ne4 Bxc1 19 Rxc1 Nxe4 20 Qxe4 Qf6 21 Rcf1 a4 22 g4 Bd7 23 Rg3 Qg5 24 f6 g6 25 h4?! (25 Qe2 Qh4 26 Bd3 h6 27 Qf3 Rac8 28 Rh3 Qg5 (28...Qxg4+ 29 Qxg4 Bxg4 30 Rxh6=) 29 Rg3=) 25...Qxh4 26 Qe3 (26 Rff3 Rac8 27 Rg2 Rfe8 -) 26...Bxg4 27 Rf2 Bd7 28 Rgf3 Rac8 29 Bd3 Rfe8 30 Bf1 Bf5 31 Bh3? (31 Rg3 Qxf6 (31...Kh8 32 Rg5 Rxc4 33 Bxc4 Qxc4 34 Rd2 Qc1+ 35 Kh2 Be4 36 Rg1 -) 32 Bh3 Kf8 33 Qh6+ Ke7 -) 31...e4? (31...Rxc4 32 Bxf5 gxf5 33 Rg2+ Rg4 34 Rxf5 Rxg2+ 35 Kxg2 Kh8 36 Rg5 Rc8 -) 32 Rg3 (I offered a draw. Both players had less than a minute to make 45 moves. 32 Rxf5 gxf5 33 Bxf5 a3 34 Bxc8 axb2 35 Rxb2 Rxc8 36 Qf2 Qh6 37 Rxb6 Kh8 38 Rb3 Rg8+ 39 Rg3 Rxc3+ 40 Qxc3 Qxf6 =) 32...Bxh3 (32...Kh8 33 Rh2 Qxf6 34

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Bxf5 gxf5 35 Rh6 f4 36 Rxf6 fxe3 37 b3 axb3
38 axb3 b5 39 Rxe3 bxc4 40 bxc4 Rxc4 41 Rxf7
Rc5 42 Rh3 Rg8+ 43 Kf1 Rc1+ 44 Kf2 Rc2+ 45
Kf1 Rg5 46 Rfxh7+ Kg8 Black has work to do.)
33 Rxb3 Qg4+ 34 Rg2 (34 Kh2 Re5 35 Rg2 Qh5
36 b3 b5 37 Rxh5 Rxh5+ 38 Kg1 bxc4 39 bxa4
+-) 34...Qd1+ (34...Qf5 35 Rf2 Qg4+ 36 Kh2 +-
) 35 Kh2 Kh8 36 Qh6 1-0

DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1969 WASHINGTON EXPERTS

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1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 Ne7 5 Qg4 c5 6
dxc5 Nbc6 7 Bd2 Nf5 8 Nf3 Bxc5 9 Bd3 h5 10
Qf4 Nce7 11 Nh4 Nxb4 (11...d4 12 Na4 Nd5 13
Qe4) 12 Qxh4 Bd7 13 O-O a6 14 a3 Nc6 15
Qxd8+ Rxd8 16 Bg5? Rc8 17 Rae1 Bd4 18 Bf4
h4 19 Nd1 Rh5 20 Be2 Rf5 21 Be3 Rxe5 22 c3
Bxe3 23 Nxe3 Na5 24 Bd3 Bb5 25 Bxb5+ axb5
26 Nd1 Rxe1 27 Rxe1 Nc4 28 Re2 g5 29 f3 Ke7
30 Kf2 f5 31 Ne3 Nxe3 32 Kxe3 e5 33 h3 Ke6
34 Rd2 Rc4 35 Re2 Rc6 36 Rd2 Ra6 37 Re2 Ra5
38 Rd2 Ra4 39 Re2 Ra8 40 Rd2 Ra6 (40...Kd6
41 Re2 Re8 42 Rd2 Kc5 43 Kd3 e4+ 44 fxe4
dxe4+ 45 Ke2 Kc6 46 Rd4 f4 47 c4 Re5 48
cxb5+ Kxb5 49 b3 e3 -+) 41 Re2 Rd6 42 Re1
f4+ 43 Kd3 Kf6 44 Kc2 Kf5 45 Kb3 e4 46 Kb4
Re6 47 Rf1 exf3 48 gxf3 Re2 49 b3 Rh2 50 Kxb5
Rxb3 51 Kb6 (51 Kc5 g4 52 ffg4+ Ke4 53 Rc1
Rg3 54 a4 h3 55 Kb6 Rfg4 56 Kxb7 h2 57 Rh1
Rh4 -+) 51...g4 52 ffg4+ Kxg4 53 Kxb7 Rxc3 54
Rb1 h3 55 a4 h2 56 b4 Rg3 57 Rh1 Kh3 58 a5
Rg1 59 Rxh2+ Kxh2 60 b5 f3 61 a6 f2 62 a7 f1Q
63 a8Q Qxb5+ 64 Kc7 Qc5+ 65 Kd7 Qa7+ 66
Qxa7 Rg7+ 67 Kd6 Rxa7 0-1

DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1969 BALTIMORE OPEN

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1 e4 Nc6 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 d4 d6 4 f4 (4 Nf3 Bg4 5
Be3 e6 6 h3 Bh5 7 d5 exd5 8 exd5 Ne5 9 g4
Nxf3+ 10 Qxf3 Bg6 11 O-O-O Be7 12 h4 h5)
4...e5 5 dxe5 dxe5 6 c6 21 Bf3 Bd7 22 Rxe8
Rxe8 23 Rxe8 Kxe8 24 Kd2 Ke7 25 Ke3 Kd6
26 Be4 Be6 27 a3 Kc5 28 g3 a5 29 f5 gxf5 30
Bd3 b5 31 Kf4 Kd4 32 Bxf5 Bxf5 33 Kxf5 c5

34 g4 b4 35 Kxf6 bxa3 36 bxa3 Kc3 37 g5 Kxc2
38 Kg7 Kb2 39 Kxh7 c4 40 g6 c3 41 g7 c2 42
g8Q c1Q 43 Qg3 Qc2+ 44 Kh6 Qc6+ 45 Kh5
Qe8+ 46 Kh4 Qh8+ 47 Kg4 Qg7+ 48 Kh3 Qxg3+
49 hxg3 Kxa3 50 g4 Kb2 51 g5 a4 52 g6 a3 53
g7 a2 54 g8Q a1Q ½-½

DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1969 MARYLAND OPEN

FRENCH

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 Qg4 Ne7 6
dxc5 Nbc6 7 Bd2 (7 Nf3 d4 8 Bb5 Qa5 9 Bxc6+
bxc6! 10 Qxd4 Nf5!) 7...Ng6 8 Nf3 Bxc5 9 Qg3

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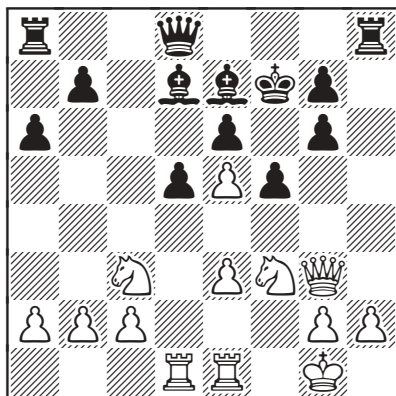
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(9 Bd3 Bd7 10 O-O Nb4 11 Bxg6 hxg6 12 Na4 Na6 13 Nxc5) 9...f6 10 Bd3 Kf7 11 Bxg6+ hxg6 12 O-O (12 O-O-O fxe5 13 Nxe5+ Nxe5 14 Qxe5 Bd6 15 Qe3 Rxh2 =) 12...a6 13 Rfe1 Ne7 14 Rad1 Nf5 15 Qg4 Bd7 16 Be3 Nxe3 17 fxe3 f5 18 Qg3 Be7



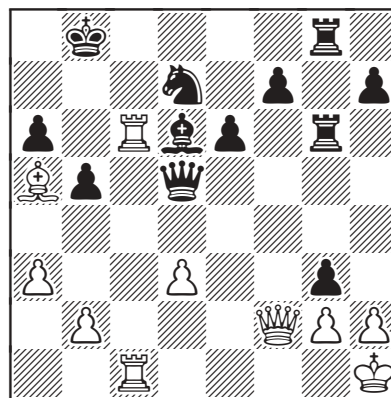
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1969 BALTIMORE SPRING CONGRESS

SICILIAN

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29 Rxe6 Qg7 30 Rd6+ Ke8 31 Re6+ =) 21 Bc3 O-O-O (21...Ne5 22 Nxf5 exf5 23 Qxf5 Ng4 24 h3 (24 Qxg4 Rxg4 25 Nf6+ Kf8 26 Nxd5 26...Bxd5 -) 24...Qxf5 25 Rxf5 Bxe4 26 Rxe4 Nh6 27 Rfe5 Ng8 28 Bb4 28...Ra7 -) 22 Ng3 Bd6 23 Ba5 Rdg8 24 Rc1+ Kb8 25 Rec2 (25 Nf3 f4 26 Ne4 Rxc2 27 Qxc2 Rxc2 28 Rxc2 Qxd3 29 Rg8+ Ka7 -) 25...f4 26 Nc6+ Bxc6 27 Rxc6 fxc3



28 Rb6+ (28 Qc2 Bf4 29 Rc8+ Rxc8 30 Qxc8+ Ka7 31 Rc6 Nb8 32 Bb6+ Ka8 33 Bc7 +-)) 28...Nxb6 (28...Ka7 29 Qxf7 R6g7 30 Rxd6 Rxf7 31 Rxd5 exd5 -) 29 Qxb6+ Qb7 30 Qxd6+ Ka8 31 hxg3 (31 Bd8 e5 (31...gxh2 32 Rc6 e5 33 Bf6 Rxf6 34 Qxf6 Rg6 35 Qd8+ Qb8 36 Rc8 +-)) 32 Bf6 Rc8 33 Rxc8+ Qxc8 34 Qd5+ Ka7 (34...Qb7 35 Qd8+ Ka7 36 Bxe5 gxh2 37 Bd4+ Rb6 38 Qf6 a5 39 a4 bxa4 40 Bxb6+ Qxb6 41 Qxf7+ =) 35 Qxf7+ Kb6 36 hxg3 Qc1+ 37 Kh2 Rh6+ 38 Bh4=) 31...Rxc3? (31...e5 32 Qc7 Rxc3 33 Qxb7+ Kxb7 34 Rc7+ Ka8 35 Rxf7 Rxc3 36 Bc3 Rg1+ 37 Kh2 R8g2+ 38 Kh3 Rg5 39 Kh2 R1g2+ 40 Kh3 R2g3+ 41 Kh2 Rxd3 -) 32 Rc6! Rh3+ 33 Kg1 Qa7+ 34 Bb6 (34 Rb6 Rb8 35 Qc6+ Rb7 36 gxh3 -) 34...Qb8





(34...Rxd3 35 Qxd3 Qb7 36 Qe4 Kb8 37 Bc5 f5 38 Qe5+ Ka8 39 Qxe6 +-) **35 Rc7 Rxd3 36 Qc6+ 1-0** Both players were short of time; the time control was 50 moves in 2 hours.

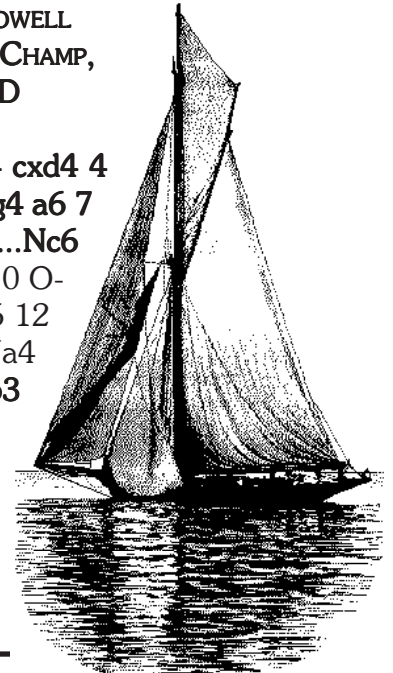
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25 Rxe4 Nxb2 26 Rxd4 Bxf4 27 gxf4 c3 28 Rc1 Rxa3 29 Rd6 O-O 30 Rc6 Na4 31 Kg2 Rd8 32 Rc2 Rd4 33 Kg3 Rxb4 34 f3 Rb2 35 Rc1 gxf3 36 Kxf3 c2+ 37 Kf2 Rc3 38 Rg1+ Kh7 0-1

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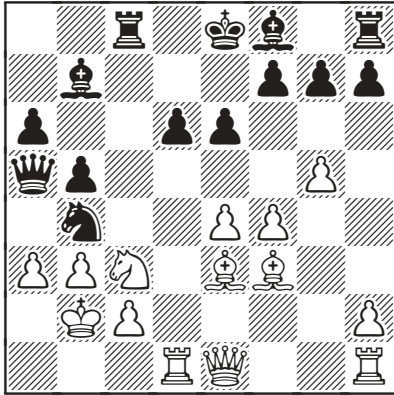
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TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHESS CLUB

The TCC Chess Club meets every Monday 6:45-10 pm for tournament and casual chess, and Wednesday for casual chess, at Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach Campus, in the cafeteria in Building D. Browse <http://home.earthlink.net/~eschlich> to keep up to date on Tidewater chess or phone Ernie Schlich (757) 853-5296. Upcoming TCC events are:

- ♔ May 6 USCF quick rated G/20 Quads. EF \$2, no prizes. USCF membership required. Reg 7:00-7:15. Rd 1 @ 7:30
- ♔ May 13 & 20 USCF Rated G/40 Swiss. EF \$3, no prizes. USCF membership required. Reg 6:40-6:55. Rd 1 @ 7:00. Two games a night for 2 nights.
- ♔ May 27 Blitz (G/5) tournament 5 round double Swiss. \$5 EF with small cash prizes based on entries. Not rated and USCF membership is not required. Reg 7:00-7:15. Rd 1 @ 7:30
- ♔ Jun 3 USCF quick rated G/20 Quads. EF \$2, no prizes. USCF membership required. Reg 7:00-7:15. Rd 1 @ 7:30
- ♔ Jun 10 & 17 USCF Rated G/40 Swiss. EF \$3, no prizes. USCF membership required. Reg 6:40-6:55. Rd 1 @ 7:00. Two games a night for 2 nights.
- ♔ Jun 24 Two-player team fun chess. G/20, 3 rds, not USCF rated and no entry fee. Team members alternate moves without consultation. Winner declared TCC 2002 Team Champion and wins bag of chess cookies. Average rating of team must be below 1600.
- ♔ Jul 1 USCF quick rated G/20 Quads. EF \$2, no prizes. USCF membership required. Reg 7:00-7:15. Rd 1 @ 7:30



19...Nxc2 20 Kxc2 b4 21 axb4 Qa2+ 22 Kd3 Qxb3 23 Rc1 Qc4+ 24 Kd2 d5 25 Bc5 Bxc5 26 bxc5 Qd4+ 27 Kc2 Qxc5 28 exd5 O-O 29 Qd2 exd5 30 Rhd1 d4 (30...Qb4 31 Rb1 Rxc3+ 32 Qxc3 Qxc3+ 33 Kxc3 d4+ 34 Rxd4 Bxf3 35 Rd6 Be2 36 Rb7 Bb5 37 h4 g6 38 Rf6+) 31 Bxb7 dxc3 32 Qd4 Qb5 (32...Qf5+ 33 Qd3 Qxf4 34 Bxc8 Qxh2+ 35 Kxc3 Rxc8+ 36 Kb3 Rb8+ 37 Ka4 Qa2+ 38 Qa3 Qe2 =) 33 Bxc8 Qb2+ (White was short of time until move 50) 34 Kd3 Rxc8 35 Rxc3 Re8 36 Rc2 Qb5+ 37 Kd2 Qa5+ 38 Kc1 Qa3+ 39 Kb1 g6 40 Rb2 a5 41 Qd6 Qf3 42 Rb8 Qxd1+ 43 Qxd1 Rxb8+ 44 Ka2 Rb5 45 Qd8+ Kg7 46 Qf6+ Kg8 47 Ka3 Rf5 48 Qd8+ Kg7 49 Qd4+ Kg8 50 Ka4 f6 51 Qd8+ Kf7 52 Qd7+ Kf8 53 Qxh7 Rxf4+ 54 Kxa5 Rf5+ 55 Kb6 Rxc5 56 Kc6 Rg2 57 Kd6 f5 (57...Rb2 58 h4 Rb6+ 59 Kc5 Rb1 60 Qxg6 Rc1+ 61 Kd5 Rd1+ 62 Ke4 +-) 58 Ke6 Re2+ 59 Kf6 1-0

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1975 GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY OPEN
SICILIAN

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DENIS STREZWILK - CHARLES POWELL
1975 TURKEY SHOOT OPEN, WASHINGTON DC
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 g4 a6 7 g5 Nfd7 8 Rg1 (8 Be3 Strenzwilk - Powell 1974; 8 Bg2) 8...b5 9 Bg2 (9 a3! Nb6 10 Rg3 Bb7 11 Bg2 N8d7 12 b3 Rc8 13 Bb2 Be7 14 Qe2) 9...Bb7 10 f4 Nc5 11 a3 Qb6 12 Be3 b4 13 axb4 Qxb4 14 Qd2 Nbd7 15 Kf2 (15 Ra2 Rb8 16 Rf1 h6 17 gxh6 Rxh6 18 h3 Nf6 19 f5 Rh8 =) 15...Nb6 (15...e5 16 Nf5 Bxe4 17 Rgd1 Rd8 18 Nxe4 Nxe4+ 19 Bxe4 Qxe4 20 Qd3 Qxd3 21 Rxd3 =) 16 b3 h6 17 h4 hxg5 18 hxg5 e5 19 Nf5 (19 Nde2 Rc8 20 Rgd1 exf4 21 Bxf4 Bxe4 (21...Nbd7 22 Bxd6 Bxe4 23 Bxf8 Nxf8 24 Qe3 Rh2 25 Rd4 Rxc2+ 26 Kf1 Rxe2 27 Kxe2 Qxd4 28 Qxd4 Nfe6 29 Qd6 +-)) 22 Qe3 d5 23 Nxd5 Nxd5 24 Rxd5 +-) 19...Bxe4 20 Bxe4 Nxe4+ 21 Nxe4 Qxe4 22 Nxd6+ (22 Ng3 Qd5 23 Rh1 Rxh1 24 Rxh1 Qxd2+ 25 Bxd2 Rc8 26 c4 d5=) 22...Bxd6 23 Qxd6 Rh2+ 24 Kg3 Re2 25 Bd2 (25 Bc1 Rxc2 26 Qxe5+ Qxe5 27 fxe5 Rc3+ 28 Kf2 Rxb3 29 g6 Nc4=) 25...Rd8 26 Qxe5+ Qxe5 27 fxe5 Rdx2 28 Rxa6 Re3+ 29 Kh4 Nd5 30 g6 Rh2+ 31 Kg4 fxc6 32 Rxc6 Kf7 33 Rg5 Re4+ (33...Rxc2 34 e6+ Kxe6 35 Rxc6 Rxb3 36 Kg5 Rf3=) 34 Kg3 (34 Kf3 Rf4+ 35 Kg3 Rhf2 36 Kh3 Ne3 37 Rxc6+ Ke6 38 R7g6+ Kxe5=) 34...Rxc2 35 e6+ (35 Rxc6+ Ke6 36 Rf1 Re3+ 37 Rf3 Re1 38 Rgf7 Rg1+ 39 Kh3 Kxe5=) 35...Rxe6 36 Rf1+ Nf6 37 Rb5 Rb2 38 Rf3 Kg6 39 Rb4 Ree2 40 Kh3

(40 Rb6 Rbd2 41 b4 Rg2+ 42 Kh4 Rh2+ 43 Kg3 Rdg2+ 44 Kf4 Rh4+ 45 Ke3 Rb2 -) 40...Rh2+ 41 Kg3 Nh5+ 0-1

Charlie Powell
in 1968





CHARLES POWELL - DENIS STREZWILK
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PARK, MD
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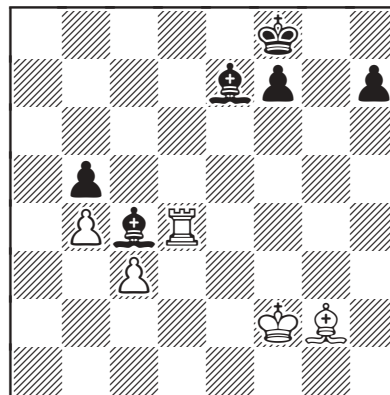
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1976 ACA GUY FAWKES OPEN, WASHINGTON DC
SICILIAN

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Rd1 Be7 (37...Qd6 38 Qc5 Qxc5+ 39 bxc5 Bxf3 40 c6 Bxc6 41 Rd6 Bg5 42 Rxc6 +-) 38 Qxe5 Qb6+ 39 Qd4 (39 Rd4 Bf6 40 Qxd5 Bxd4+ 41 cxd4 Qg6+ 42 Kh2 +-) 39...Qxd4+ 40 Rxd4 Bxf3 41 Bg2 Be2 42 Kf2 Bc4



43 Rf4 Bd6 44 Rf5 Ke7 (44...Kg7 45 Bd5 Kg6 46 Be4 Kg7 47 Ke3 f6 48 Bd3 +-) 45 Ke3 (45 Bd5 f6 46 Bxc4 bxc4 47 Rh5 Be5 48 Rh4 +-) 45...f6 (45...Ke6 46 Rf3 Be5 47 Kf2 h6 48 Bh3+ Kd5 49 Bg4 Ke4 50 Bf5+ Kd5 51 Bd7=) 46 Rh5 Be5 47 Rxh7+ Kd6 48 Kd2 f5 49 Bh3 f4 50 Rh6+ Kc7 51 Bg2 Kd7 52 Bf3 Kc7 53 Be4 Kd7 54 Bd3 f3 55 Rh7+ Kd6 56 Bxc4 Bf4+ 57 Kd3 bxc4+ 58 Kxc4 f2 59 Rh1 Bh2 60 Rf1 Bg3 61 Kd3 1-0

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1976 BALTIMORE CHESS CONGRESS
SICILIAN

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36 Ng4 Bb5+ 37 Kf2 Rh8 (37...Bc4 38 Ra3 Bxb2 39 Rxb2 Rxb2 40 Bxb2 Rxb2 41 Rxa4 Rxc2+ 42 Kg3=) **38 Bg2** (38 Kg3 Bh4+ 39 Kh2 Rc8 40 Ne3 Bg5 41 Ng2 Bc4 42 Ra3 Bxc1 43 Rxc1=) **38...Bh4+** (38...Rc8 39 b3 axb3 40 cxb3 (40 Ra7+ Kf8 41 Nxf6 Rxc2+ 42 Kg1 gxf6 43 Ba3 Ra4 44 Bxd6+ Ke8 45 Rxa4 Bxa4 -+) 40...Bd3 41 Ra7+ Ne7 42 Nxf6 Bxb1 43 Ba3 Rxb3 44 Bxd6 Kxf6 45 Bxe7+ Kg6 46 Bd6 Rc2+ 47 Kg3 Re2 48 Be5 Bxe4 49 Rxc7+ Kf5 50 Bc7 Rc2 Black has winning chances.) **39 Kg1 Bg3 40 b3 Nf4** (The 40th move was the time control; both players were short of time.) **41 Bxf4 Bxf4 42 Rab2 Rc8 43 Bf1 Bxf1 44 Kxf1 Rc3 45 Ke2 axb3 46 cxb3 Kg6 47 Kf2 Kg5 48 Kg2 Bc1 49 Ra2 Rxb3 50 Rxb3 Rxb3 51 Nf2 Be3 52 Nh3+ Kh4 53 Nf2 Bxf2 54 Kxf2 Rb7** (54...d5 55 exd5 exd5 56 Ra7 g6 57 Rd7 Rb2+ 58 Ke3 Rb5 59 Kd4 =) **55 Rd2 Rd7 56 Rd4 Kg5 57 Kg3 Kf6 ½-½** The sealed move. Powell won his last round game. When I drew in round 5, Powell accepted a draw since he would win the tournament with a score of 4-1.

History of the VCF

In 1976, the nation's bicentennial, Fairfax hosted the US Open Chess Championship. For this trip down Memory Lane, the following passages about the 1976 Open are excerpted from a long (71 typed pages) manuscript titled The Brief History of the George Mason University Chess Club. The author was Richard O'Keefe but for whatever reason he wrote under the pen name Felix Australis. ("Australis" also published a regular column in Virginia Chess Newsletter during the 70s.) You will find that the writing style is, shall we say, irregular... odd punctuation and capitalization, no particular attention to sentence structure, and occasional "facts" that are wrong but perhaps intentionally so (eg, Jerry Hanken is referred to as a holder of the Internation Master title). All of this is part of the life of the manuscript, however, so with the exception of correcting a few obviously unintended typos (eg, Kavalek's name was misspelled "Kabalek") the text is reproduced below exactly as it appears in the original. So assume a big [sic] in front of every (pseuo)sentence. — ed

THE 1976 US OPEN

by "Felix Australis" (Richard O'Keefe)

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings." (Proverbs xxii.29). The 77th US Open at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., attracted 566 entrants, six grandmasters among them, received an overwhelming good press from the media and fulfilled the fondest expectations of the local sponsors, Virginia Chess Federation. This second largest US Open in the history of the event scored several firsts: The local sponsor was a State affiliate with specific contract with US Chess Federation. The Fairfax US Open is also the first time a University has been host to the event. Finally among the firsts, the local sponsor was able to broadcast by closed circuit television the first half of the tournament's top board games (see below for players' reactions to this first).

An extremely strong US Open commenced Sunday August 15, 1976, with 36 master level players and up in the field of 566 entrants. The top six boards were sequestered in a special conference room; closed circuit tv, operated by George Mason University's Media Services, broadcast pictures of the demonstration Boards (four were all USCF sent, so top boards were rotated in coverage nightly) to one floor below where visitors and hooky playing contestants at the other 280 boards could follow the action remotely, play out



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variations, yell & scream, rattle potato chip sacks, and watch the masters' games move by move. Two cameras displayed for remote monitors the demonstration boards while another camera zoomed in and out on the overboard play. Not enough, or rather a technical breakthrough without required warning to too many at the Open. Doris Thackery, USCF Policy Board Member and IM Jerry Hanken were the most articulate critics of this "undemocratic segregation." A small host of players/visitors protested bitterly, but Dick O'Keeffe, US Open Committee Chairman, persisted in the "innovation" during the tournament's first week. He could not see what advantage accrued to the tournament of the spectators' "garlic proximity" to the top board players. And too, he argued, the remote monitors permitted unchecked talking, bag rattling, overboard and on-screen analysis in the Main Lounge. Still, the protests redoubled, embittered at the "sacrosanct status of the Grandmasters and their opponents" each night. The GMs themselves who at first had been rather favorably disposed to the arrangement became somewhat intimidated by their "public." Some direct action disciple articulated his/her/their criticism of the segregation by ripping cables out of the backs of monitors, and on one occasion by snipping a (dead) tv cable. Vox populi, vox Caissae. By Sunday August 22nd an emergency meeting of the VCF/US Open Committee decided that the budget could not include replacement of the rather expensive tv equipment.

Felix gives this lone unpleasantness connected with the US Open lengthy treatment: It is the only sour note in two weeks of chess camaraderie, special events and surprisingly trouble free chess of a great tournament. IM Edward Lasker, truly a grand gentleman master visited the Open for four days, talked to press and plebs, expounded his views on Go and gave evidence of startling memory for one half his 90 years. Felix had him over at George Mason's new Library and the two of us browsed (on microfilm) the New York Times accounts of Lasker's peripatetic match with Frank Marshall in 1924... but Dr. Lasker scarcely required the clippings, so precise was his recall of these 52-years ago events.

Or, one felt the cheery presence of Jack Collins and his gracious sister Ethel, greeting GMs and some of the maestro's proteges, seemingly omnipresent. His favorite spot was the Study Lounge, a large hall where

the "next 80 boards" had plenty of room, light and carpeted playing room. But the "fish" and opponents were not exiled to outer darkness at the Open. The sound of almost 200 chess clocks ticking in the New Cafeteria downstairs struck Felix as not unlike "the buzzing of a distant swarm of bees." As in a few prior US Opens, the event labored under the drawback of separation of playing site (George Mason University) and housing. The closest motels are two miles from the Student Union Building at the University. Still, the local committee and the University cooperated to provide just about flawless transportation in "Maxiwagons" making seven runs per night between housing and playing site.

Felix provided one of the grosser incidents of the tourney when, one night when GM Anatoly Lein was waiting for the return bus, the latter communicated his question ("When does the bus leave?") aptly by pointing to his wrist watch and then to the Maxiwagon. Well sir, Felix understood the question and knew the answer (in English) but his six weeks of freshperson Russian failed him entirely and the best (worst) he could think to say (and said) was "Fünfzehn Minuten." As the Spaniards say, "Mas da el duro que el desnudo."

Language barriers arose the night when GM Shamkovich complained of thoracic pains after finishing off his opponent. Lev Blonarovitch of Richmond, as translator and Paul H. Dame as driver, took the GM off to nearby Doctors' Commonwealth Hospital where the medicine men soon confirmed, "No heart attack ... perhaps an old ulcer acting up." But as he was being led off to capitalist therapy, Mr. Shamkovich expressed in the single phrase, another anxiety than angina: "NO MONEY! NO MONEY!" Well, of course, in the United States, they kick one out in the gutter to nurse his coronary, don't they? ... lacking the F. Olding Money ... Not quite.

A no smoking tournament, this US Open, another first ... this first Open in the Old Dominion, turned out to be not as difficult as VCF had anticipated. VCF officialdom (Felixque) yet believe that given adequate ventilation, the decision as to smoking/no smoking in the playing area should be left to tournament organizers. But "noble experiments in prohibition" live on, and ... Roma locuta ...



No one asked Felix why there wasn't a workshop on "Gay Chess," but he'd not be surprised if the US Open's gargantuan banquet of workshops doesn't create the demand next year. Led by Doris Thackery, the twenty or so workshops truly covered all areas of the royal game: prison chess; women's chess; chess books and stamp collecting; master's chess, etc. These workshops were appetizers and desserts to the middleweekend meetings of US Chess Federation in George Mason's Lecture Hall: Friday: Membership meetings; Saturday/Sunday: Delegates meetings. Saturday night (8/21) being a no-round night, the delegates and US Open Committee were wined and regaled by the Policy Board, well into the wee hours in the Student Union Main Lounge. Splendid! Dr. Patricia Ryan warbled her way into everyone's heart. *Dolce vita.*

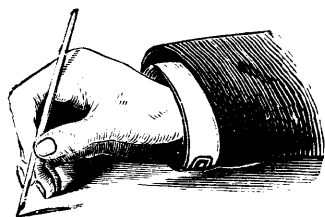
But the workshops, the parties, the meetings, the necessary distraction of twelve rounds of good Swiss System chess are insufficient for the true chess buff (Man does not live by rating points alone). VCF provided a ceaseless menu of daytime special events for all those not so jaded they went off to see the sights of Washington: Quick Quad Days; Speed Chess Championships; weekend Swisses, and a penultimate special event, something called the "\$\$ 30/30." But the first and last of the special events (directed by Frank Rollins) were GM Arthur Bisguier's heroic six hours Simul (8/16); GM Lubomir Kavalek's simul (8/28), he just back from placing 2nd at Montilla (no, Felix is sad to report: The tourney in Spain was NOT held in a wine cellar; rather in an air conditioned discotheque), and President Elect (of USCF) George Koltanowski's ever fantastic "An Evening with Kolty" (8/23), all three of these being events' proceeds for which were donated by their "stars" to VCF's US Open Fund.

George Mason's Chess Club was pleased to present the other two special events: Its "Living Chess Game" (8/22-5) wherein 32 T-shirt emblazoned pieces reenacted the Morphy vs. Duke of Brunswick/Count de Isouard 1858 game. The Living Chess Game was directed and produced by George Mason's Ray Wild and starred Richard Ochs (lead of 1776) and colleagues + Fairfax's Karon Gymnasts. And the next day the Club sponsored a free concert by the Goliard Brass Ensemble, together with a barbecue on Student Union Patio.

Such, schlock fans, was the article Felix submitted summarizing the 1976 US Open in Fairfax, to Chess Life & Review. The halcyon month of August of the bicentennial year preserves much much more in Felix's journals. A random listing of topics covered: Heuer clock with engraved plate expressing thanks to Felix, presented at end of Tourney; The six "tournament director's chairs" now at Oakcrest School in Washington; Anatoly Lein's addiction to papirosi in the corridors; Woody Harris' stamp exhibition; Joseph McLellan's play in the Open and his magnificent page one Style Section summary of the Open in Washington Post 8/28/76; the after midnight call to Judge Deierhoi's Court so that a young chess player who'd been living *al fresco* (apparently in a bed of *Rhus toxicodendron*) could be treated at Commonwealth Doctor's Hospital, for poison ivy, since we couldn't get parents in Cleveland on phone; Henry Tennenbaum of Channel 9 came out with full camera crew 8/16/76, which filming was shown on "Eyewitness News" that night, interview with Joel Benjamin, vignettes of Arthur Bisguier's simul, plus 30 seconds of a lightning wipeout of Henry T. by Joel Benjamin (same program played 1300 8/17/76); visit of Dr. Edward Lasker to Felix's house, two nights, from thence the grand old man of US chess is going to Outer Banks to visit his friend Huntington Cairns; Ed Albaugh's first installment in Washington Star with picture of Lein-Ballinas game in Round 1; Sarah Hansard's article in Washington Post p. C-1, 8/17/76, "Amateurs seek to upset Grandmasters of chess;" US Open Program (18 p., Richmond, Copycat Printers) stock is quickly exhausted; Pablo's sideline of Viggiano postal chess boards; Dr. Lasker asks if he can watch top boards from close up ... in the verboten ground of broadcast studio ... Felix becomes Solomonic: "Dr. Lasker, I am appointing you assistant page to Mr. (Sal) Rosario; please assume your duty station: if Mr. R. should collapse, faint, or otherwise wilt, you will assume his duties..."; Scraps from the Open, Karl E. Peterson (White) 1466 vs. F. Harris (Black) 1679: 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Nc6 3 Bg2 e5 4 d3 Nf6 5 0-0 h6 6 c3 Bc5 7 Nbd2 0-0 8 c4 d4 9 Nb3 Be7 10 e3 Rb8 11 Re1 Re8 12 exd4 exd4 13 Bf4 Be6 14 Ne5 Bd7 15 Nxc6 Bxc6 16 Be5 Bxg2 17 Kxg2 Bb4 18 Re2 b5 19 Nxd4 Rxe5 20 Nc6 resigns; Woody Harris, fresh and grateful from his discovery of Picco's pizza, is Felix's bodyguard in all night game of Botticelli at Bob's House of Beef, where the cramo is A.A. Brill (1874-1948): "Brevis esse laboro, obscurus fio," When I struggle to be brief, I become obscure — Horace *Ars Poetica*, 25.



PERSONAL & GENERAL



from the editor

“Those who have not lived in France can form little idea of the important place the CAFE occupies in the life of an average Frenchman ... As a Frenchman rarely asks an acquaintance, or even a friend, to his apartment, the CAFE has become the common ground where all meet, for business or pleasure. Not in Paris only, but all over France, in every garrison town, provincial city, or tiny village, the CAFE is the chief attraction, the centre of thought, the focus toward which all the rays of masculine existence converge.”

— Eliot Gregory, *The Ways of Men*

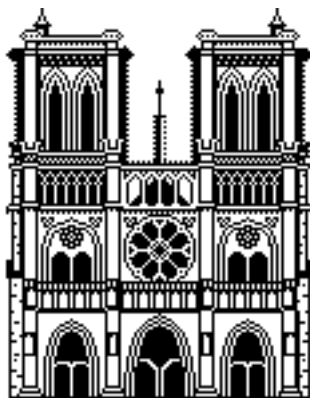
If the mythology of our game could be contained in one place, that venue must surely be a chess café. Cafés were the center of chess life during the game's most romantic era, the last part of the 19th and early years of the 20th century. As *de facto* world champion, Howard Staunton held court at Simpson's on the Strand, in London. Later greats like Steinitz (Café Rebhuhn, Vienna) and Lasker (Café Kaiserhof, Berlin) began their careers in chess cafés.

The most famous of all chess cafés, however, was Paris's Café de la Régence. Philidor played there, as did celebrities from a world beyond just the 64 squares: Voltaire, Robespierre, Benjamin Franklin, and a young army officer named Bonaparte... Then, of course, came Paul Morphy. His stakes match versus the Régence's house pro, Daniel Harrwitz, and even more his famous blindfold simultaneous

exhibition memorialized the Café de la Régence as Morphy's European vacation palace in the minds of succeeding generations. Later world champions made pilgrimages to site, but for whatever reason the café's management was less inclined to welcome chess players after World War II (even if they still kept Napoleon's board mounted on the wall behind the bar). The Régence closed altogether some time around the 1960s, I understand, after nearly three centuries of operation.

Cafés chess in Paris still lives, however! Last issue I promised to share a few words about my recent trip there. By sheer good fortune, a regular fraternity of chess players gathered within two hundred yards of my hotel at the Café Guilthi, on rue Étienne Marcel. Drinking wine or incredibly strong coffee and smoking mind-numbing cigarettes, they assembled in the early evenings for blitz tournaments and skittles games.

The reigning king of *la cercle Guilthi* is a Ukrainian expatriate named Vladimir Okhotnik. He appears to be in his mid-late 50s, although it can be hard to tell with these guys who have led hard lives first behind the iron curtain and then wandering nomad-like through the cafés of western Europe. I visited the Guilthi three different times and he was always there at his same corner table. At his peak, Okhotnik said (in quite good english), he was rated about 2500. His tournament resumé includes a draw against no less an opponent than Viswanathan Anand at the GMA open in Belgrade, 1988.



I entered a couple impromptu blitz tournies at the café. Okhotnik won both, once with a perfect score and once conceding a last round “grandmaster draw.” The field included a few other masters plus several players who I judge to be strong expert level. In the first of these events I finished 2nd. In the second tournament I missed a chance to repeat this accomplishment when I



lost stupidly to a player who I had crushed in the first tournament. My consolation was that I beat the guy who did finish 2nd — a young master whose name I cannot recall now, although at the time it seemed to me that I've seen it before in some chess magazine. (Sorry! — both to him and to the reader.)

My game versus Okhotnik from this second tournament was about as close as any I witnessed to someone beating the man. A couple days later I reconstructed it from memory while killing time waiting for a train.

VLADIMIR OKHOTNIK - MACON SHIBUT

CAFE GUILTHI, PARIS BLITZ (GAME/5 MINUTES) 2002

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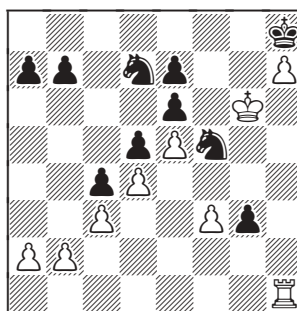
1 e4 c6 2 d3 g6 3 f4 d5 4 e5 h5 5 Nf3 Bg4 6 h3 Bxf3 7 Qxf3 h4 (7...e6 is more sound) 8 f5 gxf5 9 Qxf5 Qd7 10 Qf2 Qe6 11 d4 Bh6 12 Nd2 Nd7 13 Bd3 0-0-0 14 Bf5 (Since this does *not* win the queen 14 Rf1 is likely better.) 14...Be3 15 Bxe6 Bxf2+ 16 Kxf2 fxe6 17 Nf3 c5 18 c3 Rf8 19 Bg5 Rh5 (Now, to my surprise, he ignored my threat and played...) 20 Ke3 Rxf3+ 21 gxf3 Rxc3 22 Rag1 (Obviously this was the point. Black has two pieces but White's rook is going to run amok on the g-file and the king's knight appears to be in very poor shape. But then I looked for a few seconds and noticed a detail that must have eluded Okhotnik in his original calculations.)

22...Rg3 23 Rxc3 hxc3 24 Rg1 Nh6! (Thanks to the check at f5 White not only cannot invade with his rook but Black retains the monster passed pawn on g3. I'm winning!)

25 Kf4 Nf5 26 Kg5 Kd8 27 h4 Ke8 (A natural move and one that requires no excuses in 5-minute chess. However, with more time to calculate Black might consider

27...cxd4 28 cxd4 Nxd4!? 29

Rxc3 Nxe5. The thing about having knights is you want to concentrate the play all on one flank if possible. Under the circumstances — the complete annexation of White's center — even giving up Black's pride and joy at g3 is not out of the question because then Black is okay even after surrendering a whole piece to eliminate the dangerous h-pawn, eg, 30 f4 Nef3+ 31 Kh5! Nxe4!? 32 Rg8+ Kd7 33 Kxe4 Nc6 Δ ...e5 etc.) 28 h5 (28 f4! avoids ...cxd4 etc, whereas now Black gets another chance. But this was speed chess.) 28...Kf7 (28...cxd4 29 cxd4 Nxd4, eg, 30 Rxc3 Nf5 31 Rh3 Nxe5 32 f4 Nf7+ ♣) 29 h6 c4 (Now things were becoming clearer and I feared that if 29...Nf8 30 dxc5 and White would advance his pawn majority on the queenside.) 30 h7 Kg7 31 Rh1 Kh8 32 Kg6 (diagram) 32...g2? (I didn't know



what to do! It seemed White was going to play Kf7 and start taking my pawns. I sat there, my mind racing, trying to make some combination of g2 and N-h4+ xf3 work. But I couldn't find anything until finally I

had only seconds left and just lashed out the text move. I don't think there's much point in dissecting blitz games, but guess what? 32...Nf8+! might have done the trick in view of the variation 33 Kf7 Nxe4 34 Kxe6 (to be perfectly honest, the reason I summarily rejected this whole 32...Nf8+ branch was simply 34 Kg6 "winning the knight," — and failing to look even one move farther: 34...g2 Black wins) 34...g2! 35 Rg1 and now a cute bit of acrobatics can occur: 35... Ng5+ 36 Kxf5 [36 Kxd5 Ne3+ 37 Kc5 Nxf3 38 Rxc2 Nxc2 39 Kxc4 was somewhat better; Black should win but must take care not to be left trying to mate with just two knights] Nxf3 37 Rxc2 Nh4+) 33 Rg1 Nf8+ 34 Kf7 Nxe4 (Again there was a better try: 34...Nh4! 35 Kxf8 Ng6+! 36 Ke8 Nf4 37 Kxe7 Kxe7) 35 Rxc2 Nh6+ (Not at all what I'd intended, of course, but suddenly I noticed White threatened Rg8 mate!) 36 Kg6! Nf5 37 Rh2 1-0





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