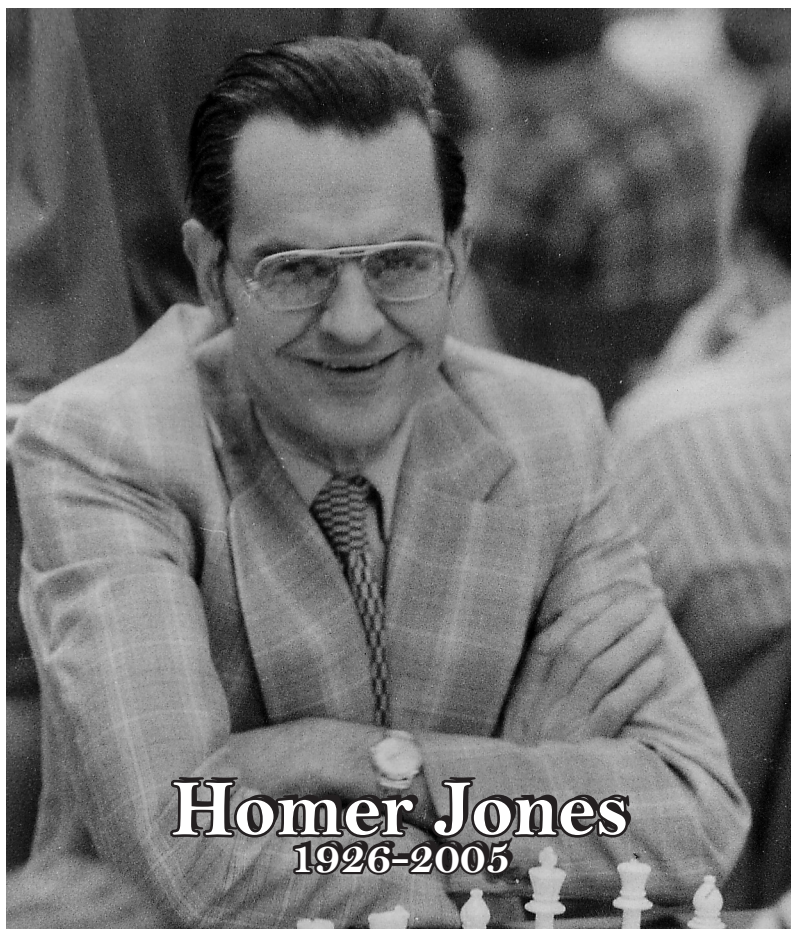


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Homer Jones, 1926-2005

by John Campbell & Steve Skirpan

HOMER JONES JR., a long-time resident of Alexandria and a leading figure in Virginia and DC-area chess for some three decades, died in Winter Parks, Florida on August 31, 2005.

Homer first moved to Virginia in 1959, where he worked as a statistician at the IRS until his retirement in 1988. He soon became active in the D.C. area chess scene, playing at the Washington Chess Divan, the DC Chess League, and, later, the Arlington Chess Club. The DC League in particular benefited from Homer's energy and dedication; for over a decade he served the league as either its Executive Director, Treasurer or *King's File* editor. He also became the DC area's first certified National Tournament Director.

As a player, Homer's style was sharp and combative, with a decided taste for gambit play. As Black he favored the Albin Counter Gambit against the queen's pawn, and old-fashioned tactical lines with ...Bc5 against the Ruy Lopez. In addition to standard tournament games, he played correspondence and speed chess. At his peak, Homer attained a high Expert rating.

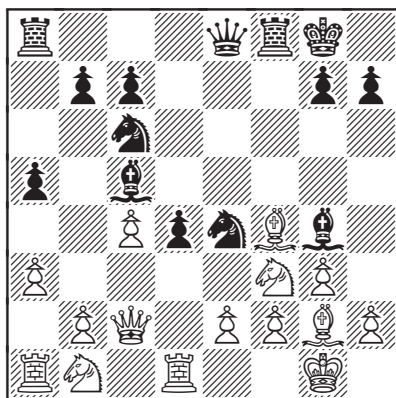
Virginia and the VCF also profited from Homer's energy and dedication. He served variously as assistant editor and Games Editor of the newsletter, and for many years was a USCF delegate. In this last capacity he attended numerous US Open events throughout the country. Here are a couple of his games:

JOHN FRITZVOLD - HOMER JONES

1971 US OPEN, VENTURA CA

ALBIN COUNTERGAMBIT

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 d4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 g3 f6 6 exf6 Nxf6 7 Bg2 Bc5 8 a3 a5 9 Qc2 O-O 10 O-O Bg4 11 Rd1 Qe8 12 Bf4 Ne4



13 Nxd4 (Asking for trouble; instead of blockading this pawn [13 Rd3] White removes it, opening the floodgates for Black's pieces.)

13...Nxd4 14 Qxe4 Nxe2+ 15 Kh1 Qxe4 16 Bxe4 Nxf4 17 f3 Nh3 18 Kg2 Nf2 19 Bd5+ Kh8 20 Rd2 Bh3+ 0-1

HOMER JONES - ALFRED TESORO

1971 US OPEN, VENTURA CA

TWO KNIGHTS

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 O-O d6 6 Nxd4 Nxd4 7 Qxd4 Be7 8 Nc3 O-O 9 b3 Re8 10 Bb2 Bf8 11 Rae1 Nd7 12 f4 Nb6 13 Bd3 Bd7 14 Qf2 Qe7 15 Qg3 f6 16 Nd1 Qe6 17 Ne3 Kh8 18 Qh4 Qf7 19 Rf3 Be7 20 f5 d5 21 Rh3 h6 22 Ng4 h5? (Instead of hanging tough with 22...Qf8, Black panics in the face of Homer's kingside buildup and tries to buy him off, offering a free pawn to exchange queens.) **23 e5!** (White will accept the offer but on his own terms: while the queens are still on he uses the hammer of the threat e6 to insure that Black will exchange on e5, opening maximum lines for White's active pieces.) **23...fxe5 24 Qxh5+ Qxh5 25 Rxh5+ Kg8 26 Rxe5 Bd6 27 Rxe8+ Rxe8 28 Rg5** (Winning more material by the dual threats Rxg7 and Nf6 [and answering ...Re7 with f6]) **28...Bc5+ 29 Kf1 d4 30 Nf6+ Kf8 31 Nxe8 Bxe8 32 f6 1-0**

38th Annual...

Virginia Open

Jan 27-29, 2006

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30 Grand Prix points



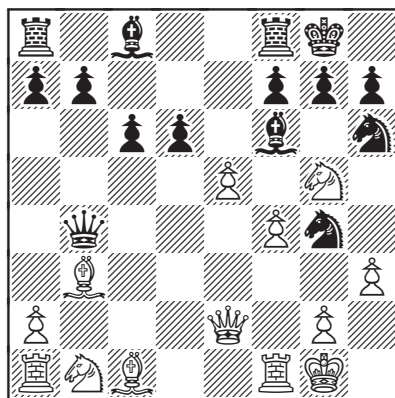
In the following game, Homer finds himself on the receiving end of a gambit opening. Despite the unaccustomed situation, he confidently consolidated his position and took over the initiative.

ROY JACKSON - HOMER JONES
1977 US OPEN, COLUMBUS OH
GÖRING GAMBIT

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 c3 dxc3 5 Bc4 cxb2 6 Bxb2 Qe7 7 0-0 Qb4 8 Qd5 Nh6 9 Bc1 d6 10 Ng5 (He doesn't want 10 Bxh6 Be6, but 10 Bb5!? might have been a better way) **10...Ne5 11 Bb3 c6 12 Qd1 Be7 13 f4 Neg4 14 Qe2 0-0** (14...Qd4+ 15 Kh1 Qxa1 16 Bb2 was White's idea.) **15 h3 Bf6 16 e5**

(diagram)

16...dxe5 17 hxg4 exf4 18 Rxf4 Qc5+ 19 Be3 Qxg5 20 Rc4 Bxg4! 21 Qd2 Qg6 22 Nc3 Rad8 23 Qf2 Be6 24 Bc2 Bf5 25 Bxf5 Nxf5 26 Bc5 Rfe8 (26...b5!) **27 Rf1 Ng3 0-1**



As for life apart from chess, Homer grew up in Westfield, New Jersey and served in the Navy during World War II. While in the Navy, he was stricken with polio, was discharged, and fully rehabilitated in the FDR facility in Warm Springs, Georgia. It was after graduating college at the Stephens Institute of Technology with a Masters Degree and working at various jobs in the New Jersey area that he first moved to Virginia. His wife, Shirley D Jones, died in 2003. Survivors include two daughters, Laura S Williams of Winter Park and Linda M Jones of Forest Hills, Calif.; and two granddaughters.

Homer Jones's contributions to DC and Virginia chess were great, and he will certainly be missed.





Northern Virginia Open

by Mike Atkins

THE 10th EDITION of the Northern Virginia Open, Nov 5-6 in Springfield, was a strong event with a fine distribution of players from all rating classes. The tournament ended in a 4-way tie between FIDE titled players with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ scores: GM Alex Wojtkiewicz and FMs Bryan Smith, Ilye Figler & Boris Privman. Wojo and Figler opted out of competition in the final round with a 'GM draw' while Smith was defeating Andrew Samuelson and Boris Privman was beating Alex Barnett.

Adithya Balasubramanian won the expert prize clear at 4-1 while former Virginia State Champ Rodney Flores topped Class A with the same score. Class B was split among 2004 Virginia Amateur Champ Nick Halgren, Jonathan Shapiro & Joey Regalbuto, each 3-2. Adam Chrisney took the C money, also with 3 points. Glenn Shelton & Victor Nguyen shared Class D, while U1200 saw a massive tie between William Corner, Tyler Hengy, Jimmy Wang, Myron Hnatzuck & Jim Kurucz.



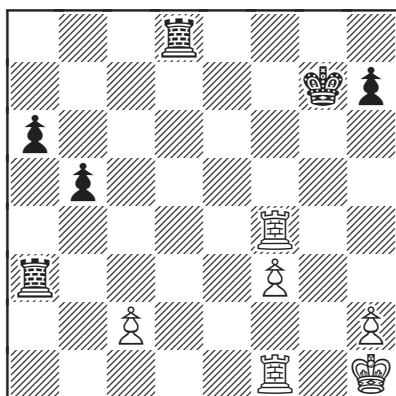


A massive upset occurred as early as round one. Steve Linett realized every club player's dream when an opponent rated over 700 points above him walked headlong into checkmate!

STEVE LINETT – FM RODION RUBENCHIK

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 d6 7 Be2 Be7 8 O-O O-O 9 Kh1 a6 10 f4 Qc7 11 f5 Nxd4 12 Qxd4 b5 13 a3 Bb7 14 Bf3 Rac8 15 Rae1 Rfd8 16 e5 dxe5 17 Qxe5 Qxe5 18 Rxe5 Bxf3 19 gxf3 Bd6 20 Re2 Bxa3 21 fxe6 fxe6 22 bxa3 Rxc3 23 Rxe6 Rxa3 24 Bxf6 gxf6 25 Rxf6 Kg7 26 Rf4



Although there is still work to do to win the rook ending, we can say that in general Black has had an easy time of it since White's ill-timed pawn break at move 16. Black would retain the better chances with almost any normal move that doesn't get mated, eg 26...Ra2 so that 27 Rg1+ can be answered 27...Kh8. But instead...

26...Rd2? 27 Rg1+ 1-0

The victim was so shaken that he withdrew immediately afterwards, costing the tournament its third highest rated entrant. But believe it or not, this was not the biggest rating upset of the tournament, or even of the round! Young Kun Lui (1092) took that honor by beating Hayes Bowling (1819).



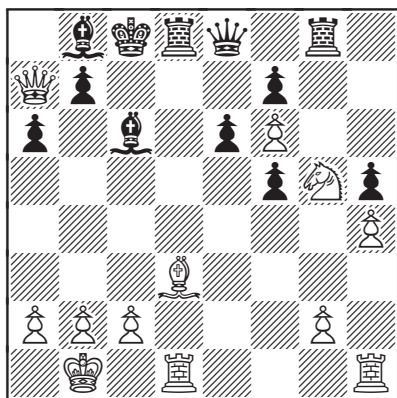
Young Maryland masters (and Arlington CC members) Barnett and Ray Kaufman began the event with first-round ½-pt byes. This 'swiss gambit' almost worked as both came close to joining the winners' circle. But Kaufman was held to a tough endgame draw by FM Boris Reichstein in round 4 and Barnett, as noted previously, lost to Privman (against whom he had previously enjoyed a 3-0 score).

ALEX BARNETT - BORIS PRIVMAN

FRENCH

Notes by Macon Shibut

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6 dxc5 Bxc5 7 Qg4 (To avoid this very move, Black often defers recapturing on c5, ie 6...Nc6 and only after 7 Nf3 Bxc5 etc. But Privman has lots of experience in the French and probably knows what he's doing.) 7...g6 8 Nf3 Nc6 9 Bd3 a6 10 Bd2 Nb6 11 h4 h5 12 Qg3 Bd7 13 O-O-O Qe7 14 f5! (A bold sacrifice; White's pieces will infiltrate Black's kingside.) 14...gxf5 15 Bg5 Qf8 16 Bf6 Rg8 17 Ng5 (So far

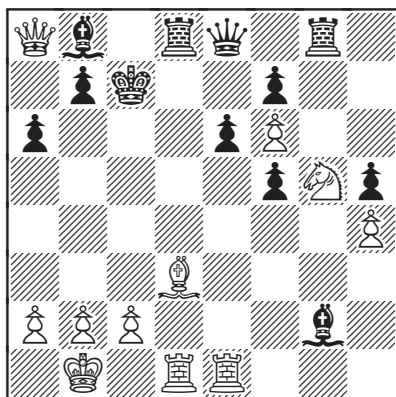


so good, but now White has to turn up some targets.) 17...Be7 18 Qf2 d4 19 Kb1 O-O-O! 20 Nh7 Qe8 21 Ne2 Nd5 22 Nxd4 Nxd4 23 Qxd4 Bc6 24 Qa7 Nxf6 25 exf6 Bd6 26 Ng5 Bb8

(diagram)

27 Qa8?! (The queen will never come out alive, so with hindsight this appears to be a definite mistake. However, the alternatives were not encouraging either, eg 27 Qc5 [27

Qf2 Be5; 27 Qe3 Bxg2] 27...Bf4 28 Bxa6 Rxd1+ 29 Rxd1 Bxg5 [but not 29...bxa6 30 Nxf7] and if, say, 30 Rd6 Kc7 31 Bxb7 Kxb7 32 hxg5 White doesn't get enough.) 27...Bxg2 28 Rhe1 Kc7!!



(A great, paradoxical move. The king and bishop look ridiculous this way but it is the safest configuration—dark squares!—and White's queen is kept entombed.) **29 Rxe6** (To generate activity at any cost, but in the end this just winds up trading material, and with less stuff on the board the lack of his queen weighs on White more and more. In any case, 29 Bxa6? Qa4! is one illustration of why 28...Kc7 was good: 30 Bxb7 is not check!) **29...fxe6 30 f7 Qc6 31 fxg8Q Rxg8 32 Re1 Re8 33 b3 f4 34 Be4 Bxe4 35 Rxe4 f3!** (The beginning of the end; he can ignore 36 Rc4 because after 36...Qxc4 37 bxc4 f2 Black would get a new queen.) **36 Rf4 f2 37 Rxf2 Qh1+ 38 Kb2 Kb6!** (The king keeps White's queen bottled up and besides he threatens Be5+) **39 c3 Qxh4** (39...Bf4! wins straight away) **40 Rg2 Qh1 41 Rd2 Qc6 42 a4 Bf4! 43 Rd8 Qg2+ 44 Ka3 Qxg5 0-1**

Other young players featured strongly, with at least 18 scholastic players in the field. There are some strong girls playing in Virginia right now, welcome competition for Ettie Nikolova. 15-year-old Claudia Robles, from Spain and in the country for 6 months with her family, brought a FIDE rating of 2132 and international experience to the table, while 14-year-old Abby Marshall is a 'veteran' of national scholastic play. Yang Dai is another force to be reckoned with as her rating has climbed into class A now.

Next event at Springfield is the 38th Annual Virginia Open in January - see you there!



ILYE FIGLER - LARRY LARKINS

SLAV

Notes by Macon Shibut

1 c4 c6 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 d5 4 Qc2 e6
 5 Bg5 Qa5+ 6 Bd2 Qc7 7 Nc3 Be7 8
 e4 dxe4 9 Nxe4 Nbd7 (The offbeat 4
 Qc2 has worked to perfection, finessing
 Black into accepting a passive game.)
 10 g3 e5 11 O-O-O exd4 12 Bf4 Qa5
 13 Nd6+ Kf8 14 Nxd4 Nc5?! (I'm not
 sure why not 14...Qxa2. Since Black
 has a plainly bad position otherwise,
 that would have been the practical
 try.) 15 Nxc8 Rxc8 16 Bh3 Rd8 17
 Kb1 Nh5 18 Bd2 Qc7 19 Bc3 Nf6
 20 Rhe1 (Black has failed to solve his
 development problem.) 20...g6 21 b4
 Na6 22 Qb2 Kg7 23 Rd3 (The thematic
 23 Rxe7! was also good: 23...Qxe7 24
 Re1! etc) 23...Rd6 24 Rf3 Rf8 25 c5
 Rd5 26 Nb3 Qd8 27 Rxe7 1-0

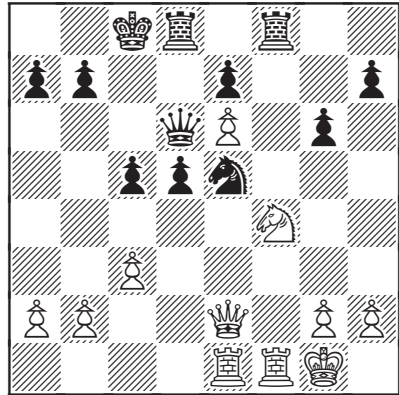
ABBY MARSHALL - JONATHAN SHAPIRO

PIRC

*Notes by Jonathan Shapiro**[with analysis by Fritz in brackets]*

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7
 5 Nf3 c5 6 Bb5+ Bd7 7 e5 Ng4 8
 e6 fxe6 9 Ng5 Bxb5 10 Nxe6 [10
 Nxb5 Qa5+ 11 c3 Qxb5 12 Nxe6 Qc4
 13 Qxg4 cxd4 14 Nxg7+ Kf7±] 10...
 Bxd4 11 Qxg4 [△ 11 Nxb5!? is worth
 looking at 11...Qa5+ 12 c3±] 11...Bd7
 12 f5 [12 Nd5!? Bxe6 13 Qxe6±] 12...
 Bxe6 13 fxe6 (The pawn on e6 seemed
 very tough to deal with, despite my
 being a pawn up. After seeing such
 things as the bishop coming to h6, the
 rook and queen dominating the f-file,
 and the knight landing on f7, I was
 convinced that castling short would

be suicide. I felt the knight had to be
 stopped at once, before I could make
 any attempt to regroup and go after the
 strong but isolated e-pawn.) 13...d5 14
 Ne2 Nc6 15 c3 [15 Nxd4 cxd4 16 O-O
 Qb6±] 15...Be5 16 O-O Qd6 17 Bf4
 (I expected 17 Nf4, where exchanging
 the bishop for the knight seemed too
 dangerous.) 17...O-O-O 18 Rac1 [18
 Bxe5 Qxe5 19 Nf4 Qe3+ 20 Rf2 d4±]
 18...Bxf4 19 Nxf4 Ne5 [19...Rh8 20
 Rce1±] 20 Qe2 [20 Qg3 Rhf8 21 Rcd1
 Qb6±] 20...Rh8 21 Rce1



21...Rxf4!? (It seemed that there was
 nothing else but this three-mover, but
 White still has the f-file...) 22 Rxf4
 Nd3 23 Qxd3 (if 23 Rf7 I planned
 23...Nxe1 24 Qxe1 d4) 23...Qxf4 24
 Rf1 [24 Qb5 Qd6±] 24...Qe4 25
 Qb5? [25 Qxe4 dxe4 26 Rf7 Rd2±]
 25...Qxe6?! (Too greedy. I was so
 obsessed with killing the e-pawn that
 I needlessly exchanged it for one of
 my stronger pawns. [△ 25...Qe3+!?
 26 Kh1 Kb8-+]) 26 Qxc5+ Kb8 27
 Qd4 Qd6 28 Re1 Rf8? (I thought 28
 Re1 had been a mistake but I simply



forgot about the double attack on the e-pawn after 29 Qe5, which ruled out 29...Kc7?? In either case, the rook belonged *behind* the passed pawn.) 29 Qe5 Qxe5 30 Rxe5 Rf7 31 Rxd5 Kc7 32 Rd2 Rf6 33 Rf2 Rd6 34 h3 Rd1+ 35 Rf1 Rd2 36 Rf2 Rd1+ [36...Rxf2 37 Kxf2 Kd6 38 Ke3=] 37 Kh2 Kd6 38 Kg3 Rd5 39 Kf3 [39 Rf8 Ke6=] 39...e5 ([39...Rf5+!? 40 Ke3 Rxf2 41 Kxf2 Kd5=] This game, along with several similar situations earlier in the year, demonstrated my need to return to studying endgames. In this case I thought I might have been lost due to White's majority on the queenside, but happily...it made no difference.) 40 Ke3 Ke6 41 Ke4 Rd7 42 b3 b5 43 Rc2 Rc7 44 c4 Rc5 45 Kd3 bxc4+ 46 Rxc4 Ra5 47 Rc2 Kd5 48 Ke3 Rb5 [48...e4 49 g4=] 49 Rd2+ [49 Rc7 Ra5 50 a4 h5=] 49...Ke6 50 Rc2 Kd5 ½-½

CHRIS SEVILLA - RAYMOND KAUFMAN
FRENCH

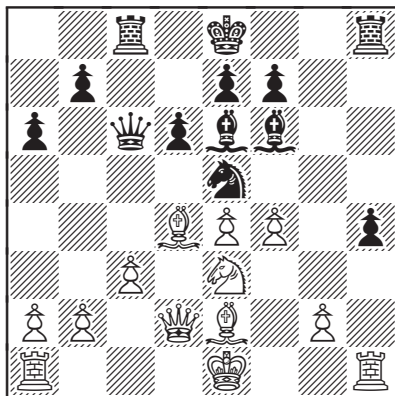
Notes by Kaufman, Sevilla, Fritz

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 b4 cxd4 5 Qxd4 Nc6 6 Bb5 Ne7 7 Bg5 Nf5?! (7...a6 8 Bxc6+ [8 Bxe7 axb5 9 Qe3 Qxe7] Nxc6 9 Qf4 Qc7 10 c3 Nxe5 11 Qd4) 8 Qd2 Qb6 9 c4 h6 10 Be3 d4 11 Bf4 a6 12 Bxc6+ Qxc6 13 Nf3 Qxc4 14 a3 b5 15 Ra2 g5 16 Rc2 Qd5 17 Bg3 h5?! (17...g4 18 Nh4 Nxh4 19 Bxh4 Qxg2 20 Rf1 Qe4+ 21 Qe2 Qf5) 18 Qxg5 Bh6 19 Qf6 Rg8 (19...Qe4+ 20 Kd1 Qd3+ 21 Nbd2 Rf8 22 Nh4 Bxd2 23 Rxd2) 20 O-O Bb7 21 Rc7 Rg7 22 Bh4? (22 Rxb7 Qxb7 23 Nxd4 Nxg3 24 hxg3 Rg6 25 Qh4 Bg7) 22...Rxg2+ 23 Kh1 Rg7 24 Re7+ Kf8 25 Rxf7+ Kg8 0-1

CLAUDIA ROBLES - ANDREW SAMUELSON
SICILIAN

Notes by Macon Shibut

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be3 Ng4 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bh4 g5 9 Bg3 Bg7 (A topical line, cf the games Kasimdzhanov-Anand, Svidler-Topalov, and Svidler-Polgar all from the recent FIDE "World Championship" tournament in San Luis, Argentina.) 10 Be2 h5 11 h4 Nc6 12 Nb3 gxh4 13 Bxh4 Be6 14 Qd2 Rc8 15 f3 Nge5 16 Bf2 Na5 17 Nxa5 Qxa5 18 Nd1 Qc7 19 c3 Qc6 20 Bd4 Bf6 21 Ne3 h4 22 f4



22...h3!? (Very bold and confusing. The point is that if 23 fxe5 dxe5 White's bishop gets into trouble, eg 24 Ba7 Ra8 etc. Black relies on this circumstance plus the possibility of throwing in the dislocating bishop check at h4 to generate enough play.) 23 O-O-O Bxa2!? 24 fxe5 dxe5 25 Bb6 (Once Black's bishop left e6 White figures she can safely take the piece and then go here [25...Qxb6? 26 Qd7+], threatening Qd8+! and mate to boot.) 25...e6 26 Qd6? (It's natural that she



wants to simplify when a piece ahead but this doesn't turn so well! Still, my sense is that Black's whole concept is bogus and White ought to be able to show some advantage; maybe something like 26 Ng4 Be7 27 Rxh3) **26...Bb3 27 Rd3 Qxd6 28 Rxd6 Ke7** (Connecting the rooks prepares his next move.) **29 Rd3 hxe2 30 Rg1?** (White had to play 30 Re1! with the idea that ...Rh1, now or later, can be answered Nxe2! The obvious text move, attacking the pawn, depends on the bishop defending g1 from afar [30...Rh1 31 Ng4 etc]) **30...Rc6! 31 Ba7** (The bishop must stay on this diagonal else ...Rh1 comes; but now...) **31...Ra8!** (...this old problem rears its head again. White struggled on but the damage was done and she never fully recovered.) **32 Rxe2 Rxa7 33 Ng4 Bg5+ 34 Kb1 Bf4 35 Rh3 Ra8 36 Nh6 Rf8 37 Ng8+ Kd8 38 Rh7 b5 39 Rgg7 b4! 40 Rxf7 Rxe8 41 Rd7+ Kc8** (Safe enough, and now Black's attack takes over.) **0-1**

And now for something completely different...

Kingstowne FIDE Quads January 21, 2005

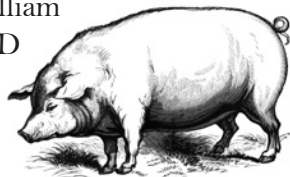
Kingstowne Thompson Center
6090 Kingstowne Village
Pkwy, Alexandria, VA 22315

Each quad section will consist of three FIDE-rated players and one non-FIDE-rated player. The non-rated player pays a little more for the chance to get a FIDE performance while the three others get a pair of FIDE-rated games.

3-RR, G/120. EF FIDE-rated \$30 if received by 1/18, \$40 at site; non-FIDE \$40 if received by 1/18, \$50 at site. \$\$ 100 to winner in each quad. Reg 8:30-9:30, rds 10-2:30-7. For more info email dm407_92@hotmail.com. Enter: Don W Millican, 5901B Prince George Dr., Springfield, VA 22152.

2005 Emporia Open

Twenty-six players braved some seriously rainy weather en route to the Greenville Ruritan Club for the 21st annual Emporia Open. Richard Francisco, of Athens, Georgia and, lately, the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, scored a perfect 5-0 to finish clear first. Youth was served next as juniors Ettie Nikolova, Abby Marshall & Adithya Balasubramanian all scored 4-1. Sanda Costescu & Herbert Edwards shared the top B prize. William Webbert was top C. A four-way tie for top D included Damion Farrar, Andrew Butler, Gary Hollingsworth, & Thomas Hoffmann. VCF webmaster Carl Clark was top E.





2006 Virginia State Collegiate Chess Championships

April 15-16, 2006



Place: Campus of George Mason University, Student Union Building II, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Cost: Advance Entry Fee \$100 per team if registered by April 7, 2006. Late Entry Fee \$125 (after April 7th).

Tournament Format: Team vs. Team "4-board" competition. 4 or 5 rounds of USCF-rated chess, depending on number of teams. Detailed rules on line after Dec 15th at the VA Chess Federation's Web Site (www.vachess.org), Scholastics Page.

Team Composition: Up to 4 Players and 2 Alternates per team; minimum team size is 3 Players. Schools can enter more than 1 team. Teams from same school will not play each other unless absolutely necessary for reasonable pairings. No one can be on more than one team. All team members must be less than 26 years old on Sept. 1, 2006 and must currently be enrolled in the school for which they are playing with at least a 6 credit-hour course load (undergraduate or post-graduate). Players, Team Coach or Team Captain should bring and be prepared to show proof of age and student enrollment (driver's license, official course schedule and/or grade sheet, and student ID card) for all team members. For each round players sit in USCF rating order, with highest rated player on Board 1, lowest on Board 4 (or Board 3 if only 3 players). Unrated players sit beginning on Board 4, then Board 3, etc. For teams with only 3 players, Board 4 results are forfeit losses. Ratings used will be as given in the April 2006 USCF Rating Supplement. Team Line-up (4 players) can change for each round, but must be provided in writing by the Team Captain to the Tournament Director (TD) at least 30 minutes before the start of a round. Teams failing to provide their Line-up will be paired using either the top-4 rated names on the team, or their Line-up from the previous round. See TD if 2 or more players on a team are unrated. Players with ratings from other countries or FIDE are not unrated--notify TD when entering your team if you have players without a USCF rating but having a foreign rating.

Awards & Scoring: Prestigious Trophies to Top 3 Teams (more depending on number of teams). Commemorative Plaques to winning team members and coach/faculty advisor! Scoring by match points, with ties broken using US Amateur Team tie-break system as specified in Rule 34G2 of the *USCF's Official Rules of Chess*, 5th Edition.

Time Controls & Start Times:

- Rounds 1-2, or 1-3 G/90. Last 2 rounds 25/60 SD1. Decision on # of rounds and time controls will be made by the TD at the 8AM Team Captain's Meeting.
- Saturday, Rounds 1-3: 9 am, 1 pm, 6 pm. Sunday, Rounds 4-5: 10am, 3pm.
- Awards presented immediately after last round.

Other Requirements: Current USCF membership required for each team member. Join or renew online by April 7th and bring your electronic receipt from USCF. You can also join or renew during Late Registration (see below).

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Organizer and Chief Tournament Director: Mike Hoffpaur, USCF Senior TD, and Scholastics Coordinator for the VA Chess Federation. Phone 757-846-4805, email to: mhoffpaur@aol.com



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Kingstowne Chess Club News

by Don Millican

REW HIGHS, NEW LOWS. Another strikeout in the title. Last month I experienced an organizer's near nightmare: extremely low turnout for a tournament. This time, the September 10 version of the Kingstowne *Cash* Quad, in Alexandria, reached the ultimate nightmare: no one entered at all! At the same time, it seemed that the medal Quads were en route to a historic high of twenty-four players, six complete quads. Alas, four pre-registered entrants turned out to be no-shows. Still, twenty players was a good result.

Michael Callinan & Stephen Jablon tied in the top quad with 2 points apiece. Callinan won the silver medal on tiebreak, Jablon taking the bronze. The second quad (with only three players due to a no-show) saw Timothy Davis return to tournament play after nearly eight years and win a silver medal with 2½. Sanda Costescu was just behind with 2. Quad 3 had a full complement of four players, with Yang Sue He winning a silver medal with 2½ points. Michael Donovan & Raymond Wang tied for second with 1½, Wang taking the bronze medal on tiebreak. The fourth quad had a no-show. Scott Lacy won a silver medal with 2½, while Nick Kousen's 2 points scored bronze. A no-show also marred quad 5; the remaining players, Kun Liu, Steven B Kousen & Saroja Erabelli, took turns beating one another so that they all tied with 2 points! Liu got the silver medal and Erabelli the bronze on tiebreak. The bottom quad saw Joshua Cruciotti and Jean He tie with 2½ points each. Cruciotti took the silver medal on tiebreak, leaving He with the bronze.

This was a very intensely competed tournament; there were no perfect scores and consequently no one won a gold medal.

FALL FESTIVAL. Kingstowne Chess Club held the third installment of its October Fall Festival over the weekend of October 22-23 in Alexandria. Thirty-nine players competed in two sections for a total of \$1,360 in prize money.

Fifteen played in the Open section, a turnout that was lower than expected but including a grandmaster, Aleks Wojtkiewicz, atop the wallchart. He duly scored 3½ out of 4 to take 1st place. Andrew Samuelson, Phillip Chodrow & Claudia Robles had 3 points apiece and tied for 2nd-4th, with Robles also winning Top Unrated. Three players tied for Under 2000 with 2 points: Otto Eason, Edward Lu & Yang Dai. Wilfred Acevedo & William Wilson also scored 2, tying for Under 1600.

Twenty-four players battled in the Amateur (Under 1800/Unrated) section.



Michael Neal made a pilgrimage from Richmond and scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to win 1st place. Clear 2nd went to Steven Linett with 4-1. Jerry Wu & Raymond Wang took the Under 1600 prize with $3\frac{1}{2}$. Steven Kousen won Under 1200 with $2\frac{1}{2}$, and Neal's traveling companion Gerry Safie, playing in his first tournament, rounded out the winners by taking Top Unrated.

Amateur winner Michael Neal submitted this round 3 game, which he described to me as "very wild."

ADAM CHRISNEY - MICHAEL NEAL

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1 e4 c6 2 c4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 cxd5 Qxd5 5 Nc3 Qd8 6 Nf3 Nf6 7 Ne5 e6 8 d4 Be7 9 Bb5+ Nbd7 10 O-O O-O 11 f4?! a6 12 Ba4 b5 13 Bc2 Qb6 14 Ne4 Bb7 15 Nxd7 Nxd7 16 Be3 Nf6 17 Qf3 Nd5 18 Bf2 f5 19 Nc5 Bxc5 20 dxc5 Qc7 21 Be3 Nb4 22 Qe2 Nxc2 23 Qxc2 Be4 24 Qf2 Rf6 25 Bd4 Rg6 26 g3 Qe7 27 Rfe1 h5 28 Re3 Rd8 29 Ree1 h4 30 Be5 hxg3 31 hxg3 Qh4 32 Kf1 Bd3+ 33 Kg2 Be4+ 34 Rxe4 fxe4 35 Rh1 Qg4 (35...Rxc3+ would have ended it straightaway: 36 Qxc3 Rd2+ etc) 36 c6 Rd2 0-1 (37 Qxd2 Qf3+ 38 Kg1 Rxc3+ 39 Kh2 Rh3+ 40 Kg1 Rxh1 mate)

NOVEMBER QUADS. Kingstowne Chess Club held the twenty-fifth installment of their recurring Quad tournaments, along with an Action-Plus (G/45) Swiss tournament in Alexandria

on November 12. The eleventh edition of the Cash Quads was also scheduled, but for the third time in a row lack of players resulted in no tournament. Still, thirteen players turned out for the medal Quads and eight for the Action-Plus.

In the top Quad, W E Webbert & Harry Cohen tied for 1st-2nd with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points. Webbert won the silver medal on tiebreak, leaving the bronze for Cohen. The middle Quad had Glenn M Shelton & Adam Renfro Chrisney tie with 2 points. The silver medal went to Shelton and the bronze to Chrisney on tiebreak. A five-player Swiss formed the bottom "Quad." Tyler Hengy & Jimmy Wang tied for 1st-2nd scoring $2\frac{1}{2}$, with Hengy taking silver on tiebreak and Wang going home with the bronze.

In the Action-Plus, with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, Aryan Khojandi was the clear winner. Newcomer Kamal Jain, in his second rated event, scored 4 points for clear second place. Top Under 1800 and Top Under 1400 went to Mike Anliker and Gary Coulter respectively with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points each.

LOOKING AHEAD. The final Quad for the year takes place on December 10, after which the Quads take a two-month hiatus to make way for the FIDE Quads in January and, in February, the fourth edition of KCC's flagship event, the Kingstowne Chess Festival. The first Quad of 2006 will be on March 4.





Chess Clubs

Please send additions / corrections to the Editor.

♙ Alexandria: Fairfax County Chess Club, Lee District Park, Thursdays 6:30-9:30pm in the Snack Bar, info Walter Scott, WScott123@aol.com ♜ Arlington: Arlington Chess Club, Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N Highland St (at Lee Hwy), Fridays 7:30pm. Registration for rated Ladder and Action events ends 8pm. Blitz/Quick tourney first Friday of each month. Info www.wizard.net/~matkins or John Campbell (703) 534-6232 ♚ Arlington Seniors Chess Club, Madison Community Center, 3829 N Stafford St, info (703) 228-5285 ♜ Blacksburg: Chess Club of Virginia Tech, GB Johnson Student Center, Rm 102, Virginia Tech, Wednesdays 7-9pm ♜ Charlottesville: Charlottesville Chess Club, St Mark Lutheran Church, Rt 250 & Alderman Rd, Monday evenings ♜ Chesapeake: Zero's Sub Shop, 3116 Western Branch Blvd (Rt 17), (Poplar Hill Plaza near Taylor Rd intersection), Mondays 6pm to closing ♚ Great Bridge United Methodist Church, corner of Battlefiled Blvd & Stadium Dr, Tuesdays, 6:30-10pm, info 686-0822 ♜ Culpeper: Culpeper Chess Club, Culpeper County Public Library, Rt 29 Business (near Safeway). Adults meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:45pm, juniors Thursdays 6:30-8:45pm. Info John Clark 540-829-6606 ♜ Fort Eustis: contact Sorel Utsey 878-4448 ♜ Danville: Danville Chess Club, Danville YMCA, 810 Main Street. Mondays 6:30-9:30 pm. Info John Thompson 434-799-8898 ♜ Fredericksburg: Spotsylvania Chess, Lutheran Church Rte West 4.7 miles from Exit 130 on I-95. Every Tuesday 6-9pm, info Mike Cornell 785-8614 ♜ Glenns: Rappahannock Community College - Glenns Campus Chess Club, Glenns Campus Library, Tuesdays 8-10pm in the student lounge, info Zack Loesch 758-5324(x208) ♜ Harrisonburg: Shenandoah Valley Chess Club, Trinity Presbyterian Church, corner of S High (rt 42) & Maryland Ave (Port Republic Rd), Fridays 7:30pm, <http://cep.jmu.edu/huffmacj/svcc/svcchome.html> ♜ McLean: Booz Allen Hamilton CC, Hamilton Bldg, Rm 2032, 8283 Greensboro Dr. Thursdays, info Charles Thrasher 703-917-2235 ♜ Mechanicsville: Stonewall Library, Stonewall Pkwy, Mondays 6:30-9pm 730-8944 ♜ Norfolk: Tidewater Chess Club, Beth Messiah Synagogue, 7130 Granby St, Norfolk. Tuesdays, 7-10 pm, Ernie Schlich (757) 853-5296, ESchlich@aol.com ♚ Larchmont Public Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd, Wednesday 6-9pm ♚ ODU Chess Club, Webb Univ Ctr, Old Dominion University, info www.odu.edu/~chess



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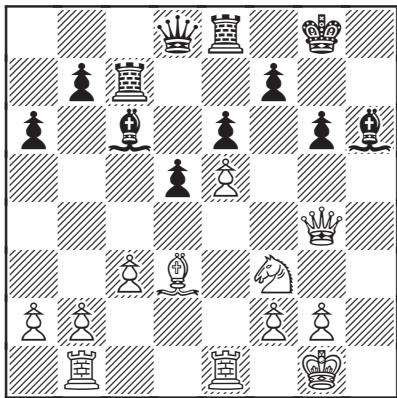
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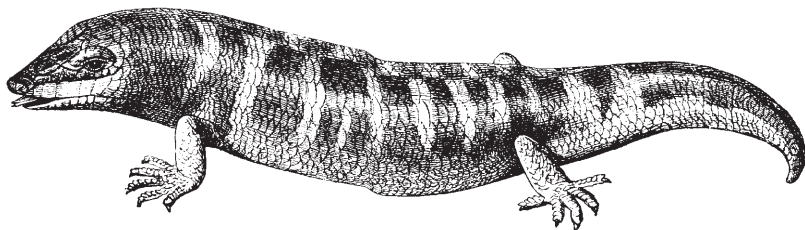
Notes by Jonathan Shapiro

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 Bg7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Bf4 Qb6 10 Qe2 Re8 11 Na3 Nh5 12 Bh2 a6
 13 Rab1 Bd7 14 Ne5 Nxe5 15 dxe5 Bh6 16 Nc2 Nf4 17 Bxf4
 Bxf4 18 Nd4 (The knight is not easily driven from d4) 18...Rac8
 19 Rfe1 e6 (At this point I felt obligated to attack.) 20 Qg4 Bh6
 21 h4 Qd8 22 Nf3 Bc6 23 h5
 Rc7 24 h×g6 h×g6



25 B×g6 (At worst case I figured I would have a connected passed pawn and a possible attack with the rooks along the h-file.) 25...f×g6
 26 Q×g6+ Bg7 27 Ng5 Ree7
 28 Re3 (I did not see the saving 28...Qe8 While thinking I had a good move in 28 Re3 I should have looked for a better one in 28 N×e6,

eg 28...R×e6 29 Q×e6+ Rf7 30 Rbd1) 28...Be8?? (28...Qe8 29 Qh7+ Kf8) 29 Qh7+ Kf8 30 Rf3+ Bf7 31 R×f7+ R×f7 32 N×e6+ Ke7 33 N×d8 K×d8 1-0





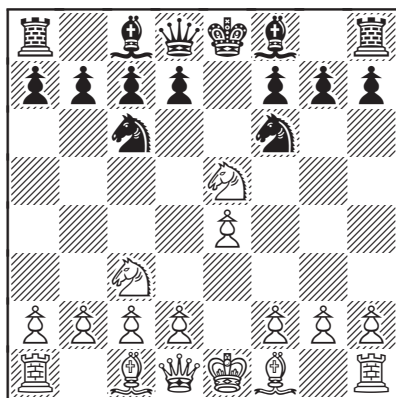
Herbert Edwards, of Colonial Heights, sends in a novelty for our READERS' GAMES & ANALYSIS section: a composed game!

Full of Sound and Fury

by Herbert Edwards

Chess theory is not ironclad laws. Chess theory is little more than a structure of hints. Sometimes our silicon friends, applying only brute calculation, suggest lines that are 'illogical' or 'ugly'. Nothing seems as illogical as **1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nxe5**

A club member produced the following game with Fritz8, using deep position analysis and devoting days of computer time—time spent evolving the 'best' moves one at a time. The notes here are fairly shallow, examining



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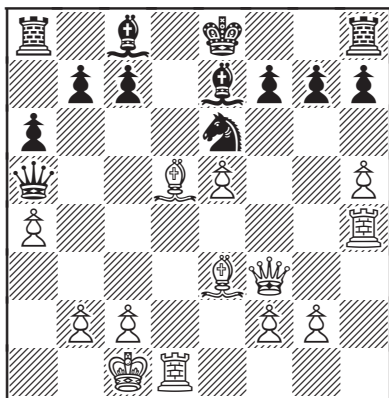


instances where blunder check diverges from the game's text, using both Shredder8 and Fritz8 as engines.

Turning to the following game, who would think that after **4...Nxe5 5 d4 Ng6 6 e5 Ng8 7 Bc4 d6 8 Qf3**, White will win?

THE WILLY GAMBIT

(The name "Willy Gambit" is applied lightly, honoring a club level player who frequently essays this line.) **1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nxe5 Nxe5 5 d4 Ng6 6 e5 Ng8 7 Bc4 d6** (Theory prefers 7...d5 but both Shredder and Fritz prefer the text when unfettered by their books.) **8 Qf3 Qd7 9 h4 dxe5 10 h5 Nf4 11 dxe5 Ne6 12 Bd2 Ne7 13 0-0-0 a6 14 Rh4 Qc6 15 Nd5 Nxd5 16 Bxd5 Qb5 17 Be3 Be7 18 a4 Qa5**

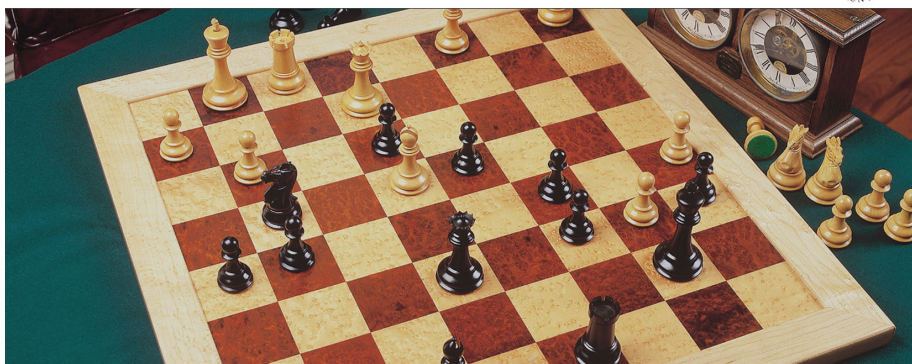


19 Bc6+ Kf8 20 Rd5 Qe1+ 21 Rd1 Qxd1+ 22 Kxd1 bxc6 23 Rc4 g5 24 Kc1 (24 b3 Bb7) **24...h6 25 g3 Rb8 26 Qd1 Ke8** (26...Kg7 27 f4 Rd8; 26...a5 27 f4 Ba6 28 Rxc6) **27 Qd3 c5 28 f4 gxf4 29 gxf4 Rg8 30 Qh7** (30 f5 Nd4 31 f6 Bf8 32 Bxd4 cxd4 33 Rxd4 Rg1+ 34 Kd2 Bb4+ 35 c3 Be7 36 b4 c5 37 Rd5 Bg4 38 Qxa6 Rd1+ 39 Ke3

Rxd5 40 Qc6+ Rd7 41 fxe7) **30...Rg3 31 Rc3 Bf8** (31...Rh3 32 Qh8+ Nf8 33 Bxc5 Rxc3 34 Bxe7 Kxe7 35 bxc3 =) **32 f5 Ng5** (32...Nd4 33 Qh8 Rxe3 34 Rxe3 Bxf5 35 c3 Nb3+ 36 Kd1 Bg4+ 37 Ke1) **33 Qh8 Rxe3** (33...Rh3 34 Rd3 Rh1+ 35 Rd1 Rxd1+ 36 Kxd1 Bxf5 37 Bxc5 Ne6 38 Bxf8 Nxf8 39 Qxh6 Rxb2 40 Qxa6 Rxc2±) **34 Rxe3 Bxf5 35 Qf6 Be6 36 b3 Rb6** (36...Rd8 37 c4 =) **37 a5 Rc6 38 Rd3 Bd7 39 Qf1 c4 40 bxc4 Re6 41 Qf4 c5 42 Qf1 Bg7 43 Qd1 Bc6 44 Rd8+ Ke7 45 Rb8 Be8 46 Qd8+ Kf8 47 Qd6+ Rxd6 48 exd6 Be5 49 d7 Bxb8 50 d8Q Bf4+ 51 Kd1 Ne6** (51...Ne4 52 Qc8 f6 53 Qxa6 Bxh5+ 54 Ke1 Bf3 55 Qc8+ Ke7 56 a6) **52 Qb6 Nc7** (52...Ke7 53 Qxa6 f5 54 Qb7+) **53 Qxc5+ Kg8 54 Qg1+ Kf8 55 Qf2 Ne6 56 Qb6 Nc7 57 Ke2 Ke7 58 Qc5+ Kf6 59 Kf3 Ne6 60 Qb6 Kg5 61 Qxa6 Bc6+ 62 Kf2 Be4 63 Qb5+ f5 64 Qe8 Nc7 65 Qg6+ Kh4 66 a6 Bxc2 67 c5 Be4 68 a7 Kh3 69 c6 Kh2 70 Qg1+ Kh3 71 Qg7 Kh2 72 Ke2 Bg3 73 Qxc7 Bxc7 74 a8Q Bg3 75 Qf8 Bf4 76 Qf7 Kg2** (76...Kg3 77 c7 Bf3+ 78 Ke1) **77 c7 Bf3+ 78 Kd3 Bb7 79 Qxf5 Bxc7 80 Qf7 Ba6+ 81 Ke4** (White mates in all lines) **81...Bb7+ 82 Ke3 Bb6+ 83 Kf4 Bc6 84 Qg6+ Kf2 85 Qxc6 Be3+ 86 Ke4 Ba7 87 Qc7 Bb8 88 Qxb8 Kg2 89 Kf4 Kf2 90 Qb2+ Kg1 91 Kg3 Kf1 92 Qf2mate 1-0**

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