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Richard Delaune Memorial

by *Mike Atkins*

THE 2nd RICHARD K DELAUNE, JR MEMORIAL was held over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, in Springfield. Compared to last year's inaugural event, a few less players showed up but the memorial spirit was just as strong. New York GMs Joel Benjamin & John Fedorowicz came again to honor their friend; Alicia Delaune warmly greeted the players at the opening of the first round; and the Saturday afternoon reception for Rich's family and friends would have gone on even longer had it not run into the start of the 3rd round.

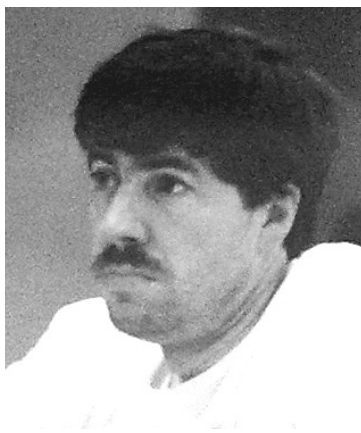
Last year's Open section finished in a 4-way tie. Even more people got in on the fun this time as we saw five players finish with 4-1 scores. Benjamin took 1st on tiebreaks (and most deservedly—he played head to head against three of his co-winners!), followed by IM Larry Kaufman (drew versus both grandmasters), and FMs Thomas Bartell, Dov Gorman & Boris Privman.

Fedorowicz flew in straight from a long week at a scholastic chess camp. With a ½-pt bye and draws versus Kaufman and 13-year-old Mark Heimann, he (along with FM Macon Shibut) finished just out of the money at 3½-1½. No less than seven players shared the U2300 prize with 3-2 scores: Andrew Samuelson, Ilye Figler, Rusty Potter, Steve Greanias, Shinsaku Uesugi and brothers Mark & Alexander Heimann.

William Marcelino was the only outright winner over the weekend. He took the U2200 section with 4 wins and a last round bye for 4½-½. Matt Grinberg & Chris Bush drew their tough last-round game to finish 4-1. Also scoring 4-1 was Joshua Lilly, who had perhaps the tournament of his life. Coming in at 1609, he turned in a 2121 performance to make his new rating 1748.

As if trying to mimic the Open section, four players tied for first with 4-1 apiece in the under 1600 group. Annapolis' Curtis Winter took 1st on tiebreak. 2nd and 3rd place trophies went to Glenn Shelton & Wil Acevedo, respectively. Pam Lee rounded out the winners' circle and took home the Class D prize. Under 1200 money went to Brian Higgins, who scored 3½.

Mike Atkins directed. The VCF and the Richard K Delaune Memorial Fund co-sponsored the event.



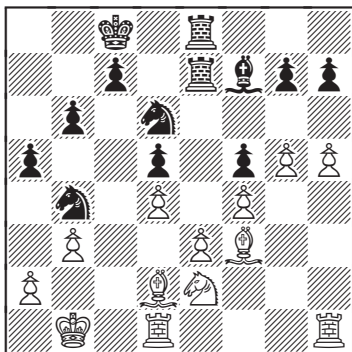
Richard Delaune



BORIS PRIVMAN – JOEL BENJAMIN

KEVITZ-TRAJKOVICH

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 Nc3 Bb4
 5 g3 d5 6 Qd3 dxc4 7 Qxc4 Qd5 8
 Qxd5 exd5 9 Bd2 Bg4 10 O-O-O Bxc3
 11 Bxc3 Ne4 12 Be1 O-O-O 13 Bg2 f5
 14 Ng1 Bh5 15 h3 Rhe8 16 g4 Bg6 17
 e3 Nf6 18 g5 Ne4 19 f4 Nd6 20 Bd2
 Ne4 21 Be1 Re7 22 Bf3 Nd6 23 Bd2
 Bf7 24 b3 Ne4 25 Be1 Rde8 26 Ne2
 Nd6 27 Bd2 Ne4 28 Be1 a5 29 h4 b6
 30 h5 Nd6 31 Bd2 Nb4 32 Kb1



32...Rxe3 33 Bxe3 Rxe3 34 Rhf1 Be8
 35 Nc1 Ne4 36 Bxe4 dxe4 37 h6 g6
 38 Rde1 Rh3 39 Rh1 Rf3 40 Rhf1
 Bb5 41 Rg1 Rf2 42 a4 Ba6 43 Re3
 Nd5 44 Rge1 Nxf4 45 b4 axb4 46
 Rg3 Nd5 0-1

TIM HAMILTON – RUSTY POTTER

VIENNA

1 Nc3 Nf6 2 e4 e5 3 f4 d5 4 fxe5 Nxe4
 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 d3 Nxc3 7 bxc3 d4 8 Bg5
 Be7 9 Bd2 O-O 10 Be2 f6 11 exf6 Bxf6
 12 c4 Bg4 13 O-O Qd6 14 Rb1 b6 15 h3?
 Bxh3 16 gxh3 Qg3+ 17 Kh1 Qxh3+ 18
 Nh2 Be5 19 Rxf8+ Rxf8 20 Qg1 Bxh2 21
 Qg2 Qxg2+ 22 Kxg2 Bf4 23 Bf3 Ne5 24
 Bd5+ Kh8 25 Bxf4 Rxf4 26 Re1 Rf5 27
 a4 g6 28 a5 Kg7 29 a6 Kf6 30 c5 Nxd3 31
 Re6+ Kg5 32 cxd3 Rxd5 33 cxb6 cxb6
 34 Re7 Ra5 35 Rxa7 h5 36 Kf3 Ra4 37
 Ke4 h4 38 Ra8 Kg4 39 a7 g5 40 Ke5 Kh3
 41 Rb8 Rxa7 42 Kxd4 Rd7+ 43 Ke4 Rd6
 44 d4 g4 45 Ke5 Rh6 46 d5 g3 0-1

6th annual

Arlington Open

October 14-15, 2006

George Mason University Professional Center

(The Old Law School)

3401 N Fairfax Dr, Arlington Virginia

(Across from Virginia Square Metro Stop)

5-SS, rds 1-3 game/2, rds 4-5 30/90 SD/1. One Section, \$\$1800 b/60, top 3 guaranteed: \$500-300-200, top X, A, B, C, D each \$120, under 1200 \$100, Unr \$100. EF \$45 if rec'd by 10/6, \$55 at site, \$5 discount to GMU students with valid Univ. ID. Reg 9-9:45, rds 10-2:30-7, 10-3:30. One irrevocable ½pt bye avail, must declare before rd 1. NS, NC, FIDE rated. Enter: Michael Atkins, PO Box 6139 Alexandria, Va 22306, make checks payable to Michael Atkins. Info via email, matkins2@cox.net, or online at members.cox.net/arlingtonchessclub/arlopen.htm

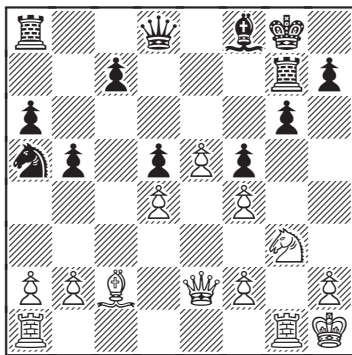
20 Grand Prix points



MACON SHIBUT - BORIS REICHSTEIN

RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6
5 Qe2 Be7 6 c3 b5 7 Bb3 O-O 8 d4
d6 9 O-O Bg4 10 Rd1 exd4 11 cxd4
Na5 12 Bc2 Bh5 13 Nbd2 d5 14 e5
Ne8 15 Nf1 f6 16 Ng3 Bxf3 17 gxf3
g6 18 Bh6 Ng7 19 Kh1 Rf7 20 f4 f5
21 Rg1 Bf8 22 Bxg7 Rxxg7

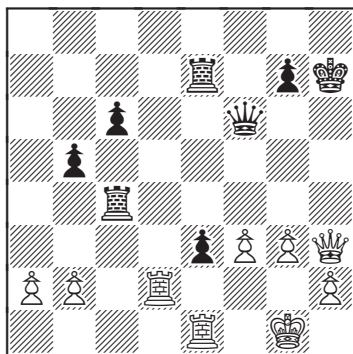


23 Bxf5 Nc6 24 Be6+ Kh8 25 Rad1
Ne7 26 f5 gxf5 27 Nxf5 Nxf5 28 Bxf5
Qh4 29 Qf3 Rxxg1+ 30 Rxxg1 Qxd4 31
Qh5 1-0

STEVE GREANIAS - BORIS PRIVMAN

DUTCH

1 c4 e6 2 d4 f5 3 g3 Nf6 4 Bg2 d5
5 Nf3 c6 6 Bf4 Be7 7 O-O O-O 8
Nbd2 Ne4 9 Bxb8 Rxb8 10 Ne5 Bf6
11 Nxe4 fxe4 12 Qb3 Bxe5 13 dxe5
Rf5 14 cxd5 exd5 15 Bxe4 Rxe5 16
Bf3 Bf5 17 Rfe1 Qe7 18 Rac1 Re8 19
Qc3 Be4 20 Bxe4 Rxe4 21 Rc2 Qe6
22 Rd2 b6 23 e3 Rc4 24 Qd3 h5 25 f3
h4 26 Kg2 h3+ 27 Kg1 Qf6 28 e4 b5
29 Qe3 dxe4 30 Qxa7 Re7 31 Qb8+
Kh7 32 Qc8 e3 33 Qxxh3+

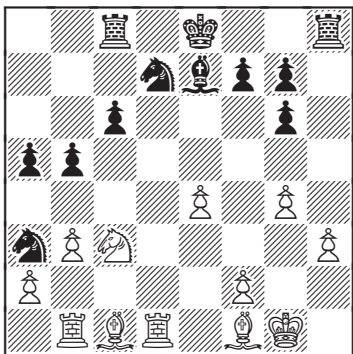


33...Rh4! 0-1 [34 gxh4 exd2 35 Rd1
Re1+; or 34 Qxxh4+ Qxxh4 35 gxh4
exd2 36 Rxe7 d1Q+]]

JOHN FEDOROWICZ - ILYE FIGLER

SLAV

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Qc2 dxc4 5
Qxc4 Bf5 6 g3 e6 7 Bg2 Nbd7 8 O-O Rc8
9 Qa4 Qb6 10 Nc3 Be7 11 Nh4 Bg4 12
h3 Bh5 13 g4 Bg6 14 Nxg6 hxg6 15 e4
a5 16 Rb1 Qb4 17 Qd1 e5 18 dxe5 Nxe5
19 Qe2 Qc4 20 Qxc4 Nxc4 21 Rd1 Nd7
22 Bf1 b5 23 b3 Na3



24 Bxa3 Bxa3 25 Nxb5 Bc5 26 Nd6+
Bxd6 27 Rxd6 Ke7 28 Rbd1 Rc7 29
f4 g5 30 fxg5 Nc5 31 Bg2 Ne6 32 e5
Nxg5 33 Kh2 Rh6 34 Kg3 Re6 35 h4
Nh7 36 Kf4 Nf8 37 Be4 Rb7 38 Bf5



Rb4+ 39 R1d4 Rb5 40 Bxe6 Nxe6+
41 Rxe6+ fxe6 42 Rc4 Rb6 43 h5 Kf7
44 Rd4 1-0

LARRY KAUFMAN - MACON SHIBUT

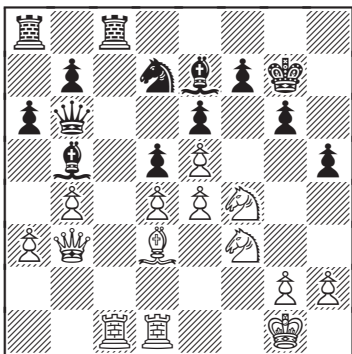
MODERN

1 d4 d6 2 e4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 f4 a6 5 Nf3
b5 6 Bd3 Nd7 7 e5 c5 8 Qe2 cxd4 9 Be4
dxc3 10 Bxa8 Qa5 11 b3 Nh6 12 exd6 0-
0 13 dxe7 Re8 14 0-0 Nf5 15 Rd1 Rxe7
16 Qd3 h5 [16...Re6!?] 17 Be4 Qb6+
18 Kh1 Nf8 19 Ne5 Bb7 20 Bxb7 Rxb7
21 Qd8 [21 Qxc3?] Qf2 22 Qd5 Qxc2 23
Ba3 Ne3? [23...Rc7 and anything could
still happen] 24 Qxb7 Nxd1 25 Qxf7+
Kh8 26 Bxf8 Nf2+ 27 Kg1 1-0

ANDREW SAMUELSON - DOV GORMAN

FRENCH

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 a6 3 c3 e6 4 d4 d5 5 e5
Qb6 6 a3 Bd7 7 b4 cxd4 8 cxd4 Nh6
9 Nc3 Be7 10 Be2 Nf5 11 O-O h5 12
Be3 g6 13 Rc1 Kf8 14 Qb3 Kg7 15
Rfd1 Rc8 16 Bd3 Bc6 17 Ne2 Nxe3
18 fxe3 Nd7 19 Nf4 Bb5 20 e4



20...Rxc1 21 Rxc1 Nxe5 22 Bxb5
Nxf3+ 23 Qxf3 Qxd4+ 24 Kh1 axb5
25 exd5 Bd6 26 Ne2 Qxd5 27 Qxd5
exd5 28 Nd4 Rxa3 29 Nxb5 Ra6 30
g3 Bxb4 31 Rd1 Rc6 32 Rxd5 Rc5 33



Larry Kaufman

Rxc5 Bxc5 34 Kg2 Kf6 35 Kf3 Ke5
36 h3 Kd5 37 g4 Kc4 38 Nc7 h4 39
Ke4 b5 40 Nd5 b4 41 Nf4 b3 42 Nd3
f5+ 0-1

JOEL BENJAMIN - ILYE FIGLER

RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6
5 d3 d6 6 c3 g6 7 Bg5 Bg7 8 Nbd2
O-O 9 Nf1 h6 10 Bh4 Ne7 11 Ne3
Be6 12 O-O c6 13 Bc2 Ng4 14 Nxg4
Bxg4 15 h3 Bd7 16 d4 g5 17 Bg3 Ng6
18 Qd3 Qe7 19 Rad1 Rad8 20 Rfe1
Bc8 21 Nd2 h5 22 Nc4 g4 23 hxg4
hxg4 24 Qe3 b5 25 Nb6 Bb7 26 d5 c5
27 a4 Qc7 28 a5 Qe7 29 Rb1 Nh4 30
Qe2 Qg5 31 Bd1 f5 32 exf5 Nxf5 33
Qxg4 Qxg4 34 Bxg4 Nxg3 35 Be6+
Kh8 36 fxg3 Rf6 37 g4 Rxe6 38 dxe6
Re8 39 Rf1 Rxe6 40 Rf7 Be4 41 Re1
Bd3 42 Nd5 Rg6 43 Ra7 b4 44 Re3
e4 45 Nf4 Rf6 46 Nxd3 exd3 47 Rxd3
Re6 48 Kf2 c4 49 Rh3+ Kg8 50 Rxa6
bxc3 51 bxc3 Re5 52 Rh5 1-0



2006 VIRGINIA CLOSED STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

70th Annual! - A Heritage Event

September 2-4, 2006

**Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Innsbrook
4050 Cox Rd, Glen Allen**

Conveniently located just off I-295

Open to VA residents, military stationed in VA and students at VA Colleges and Universities with valid student ID for Fall 2006. 6-SS, 30/90, SD/1. \$\$2,700 b/100 paid entries. *Open*: \$600-300-200-150, X, A each \$100 ea. Title of 2006 Virginia State Champion to 1st overall. Trophies to 1st overall, top X & top A. *Amateur (under 1800)*: \$425-225-150, top C, D, U1200, Unr each \$100, top Upset \$50. Title of 2006 Virginia Amateur Champion to 1st overall. Trophies to 1st overall, top C, top D, top U1200. *Both*: Trophies to top Senior (60+), Junior (U18) and Woman from overall tournament (both sections) with 1pt added to Open scores for the purposes of awarding these prizes. EF \$55 if rec'd by August 27, \$65 thereafter. Reg Saturday 9/2 9am-12:30, rds 1-7, 11-5, 10-3:30. Two irrevocable ½pt byes available—must be declared before rd 2. Re-entry with ½pt bye allowed for rd 2 only for \$30. W, NS, FIDE. Hotel \$85+taxes if reserved before 8/18. 804-521-2900, mention tournament and ask for chess rate. Enter: Make checks to "Virginia Chess" and send to Ernest Schlich 1370 S Braden Crescent, Norfolk, Va 23502. Info by email eschlich@verizon.net or on the web www.vachess.org/2006closed.htm

Annual VCF Business Meeting
Saturday Sept 2, 10am -12 noon



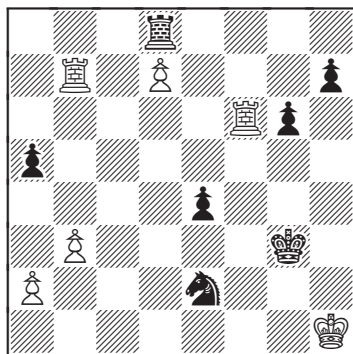
STEVE GREANIAS – ANDREW SAMUELSON
SICILIAN

Notes by Macon Shibut

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 e4 d6 7 Be2 Bg7 8
Be3 O-O 9 O-O Bd7 10 Rc1 Nxd4
11 Bxd4 Bc6 12 f3 a5 13 Kh1 Nd7
14 Bxg7 Kxg7 15 Nd5 Nc5 16
Qd4+ e5 17 Qd2 Bxd5 18 exd5 f5
19 f4 e4 20 Rc3 Qf6 21 b3 Ra6 22
g4 fxg4 23 Bxg4 Nd3 24 Be2 Nxf4
25 c5 Raa8 26 cxd6 Qxd6 27 Qd4+
Qf6 28 Rc7+ Kh6 29 Qxf6 Rxf6 30
d6 Rd8 31 d7 Kg5 32 Rxb7 Nxe2!?
33 h4+ Kxh4 34 Rxf6 Kg3

See diagram next column

35 Rc7 [if 35 Re6? Rf8! White is
abruptly mated] 35...e3 36 Re6
Kf2 37 Re8 Ng3+ 38 Kh2 e2 39
Rxd8 [39 Kh3!? e1Q 40 Rxe1 Kxe1



41 Kxg3] 39...Nf1+! [39...e1Q 40
Rf8+ Nf5 41 Rxf5+! gxf5 42 Rc2+!
Kf3 43 d8Q Qg3+ 44 Kh1 Qe1+
draw] 40 Kh3 e1Q 41 Rf8+? [41
Re8 Ne3 42 Rc2+! Kf3 (42...Kf1? 43
d8Q) 43 Rxe3+! Qxe3 44 d8Q Qe6+
45 Kh2 Qe5+ 46 Kg1 Qe1+ again a
draw] 41...Kg1 -+ 42 Rf3 Qe6+ 43
Kh4 g5+ 44 Kh5 [or 44 Kxg5 Qe5+
& Qxc7] 44...Qg6+ 0-1

11th annual

Northern Virginia Open

November 4-5, 2006

Holiday Inn Express

6401 Brandon Ave, Springfield, VA 22150

(conveniently located at the junction of I-95, I-495 and I-395)

5-SS, rds 1-3 game/2, rds 4-5 30/90 SD/1. \$\$2,400, top 3 guaranteed, rest b/80. \$575-350-250, top X/A/B/C/D each \$180, top U1200 \$150, top unrated \$100, top upset \$75. Reg 8:45-9:45am, rds 10-2:30-7, 10-3:30. One irrevocable ½-pt bye allowed, must commit prior to 1st round. EF \$45 if rec'd by 10/26, \$55 at site. Hotel \$85, reserve before 10/20, 877-800-6696 (local 703-644-5555) ask for chess rate and mention the tournament! Plenty of local eateries and places to visit. W, NS, FIDE. *Enter:* Make checks to "Virginia Chess" and mail to Michael Atkins, PO Box 6139, Alexandria, Va 22306. Info via email, matkins2@cox.net, or online at www.vachess.org/nova.htm

20 Grand Prix points



JOEL BENJAMIN – LARRY KAUFMAN
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4
Nf6 5 d3 Bc5 6 Be3 Bxe3 7 fxe3
b5 8 Bb3 d5 9 Nc3 dxe4 10 dxe4
Qxd1+ 11 Rxd1 O-O 12 O-O Na5
13 Nd5 Nxb3 14 cxb3 Nxd5 15
exd5 Bg4 16 Rc1 Bxf3 17 gxf3
Rfd8 18 e4 Rd7 19 Rc6 Kf8 20
Kf2 Ra7 21 Ke3 Rd6 22 Rfc1 Rxc6
23 dxc6 Ra8 24 Rd1 Re8 25 a4
Re6 26 Rd8+ Re8 27 Rd7 Re7 28
Rd8+ Re8 29 Rd7 Re7 30 axb5
axb5 31 Rd8+ Re8 32 Rd7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

LARRY KAUFMAN – JOHN FEDOROWICZ
GRÜNFELD

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4
Bg5 Ne4 5 Bh4 Nxc3 6 bxc3

dx c4 7 e3 Bg7 8 Bxc4 O-O 9
Nf3 Nc6 10 O-O b6 11 Qe2
Na5 12 Bd3 c5 13 Rad1 Bb7
14 e4 cxd4 15 cxd4 Rc8 16 d5
Qd6 17 Ba6 e5 18 Bxb7 Nxb7
19 Qa6 Nc5 20 Qxa7 f6 21 Nd2
Ra8 22 Nc4 Rxa7 23 Nxd6
Rd8 24 Nb5 Ra5 25 Nc3 Ra3
26 Nb5 Ra5 27 Nc3 g5 28 Bg3
Ra3 29 Nb5 Ra5 30 Nc3 Ra3
31 Nb5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

RUSTY POTTER – LARRY KAUFMAN
NIMZOINDIAN

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3
b6 5 Bd3 Bb7 6 Nf3 O-O 7 O-O
c5 8 Qc2 Bxf3 9 gxf3 cxd4 10
exd4 Nc6 11 Be3 Nh5 12 Bxh7+
Kh8 13 Kh1 Qh4 14 Rg1 f5 15

2nd annual

Capital Blitz Classic

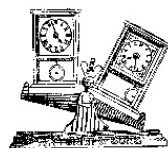
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Arlington Chess Club

Lyon Village Community House

1920 N Highland, Arlington, Virginia 22201

(corner of N Highland & Lee Highway)

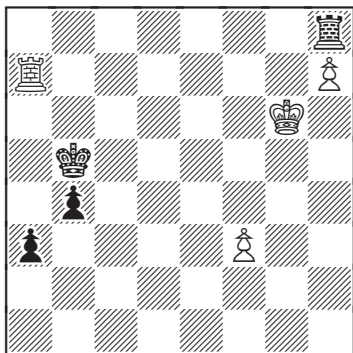


5 round double swiss (ie, 10 games), game/5 minutes. \$\$1680 b/70, top 3 in Open guaranteed. Two Sections: *Open* \$400-200-150, top X, A/Unr \$125, top ACC Member wins 2006 club blitz championship & trophy. *Amateur* \$250-125, top C, D, U1200 \$110, top ACC member wins club amateur blitz championship & trophy. *Both* EF \$30 if rec'd by Oct 27, \$40 at site. *Entries by cash only at site.* Reg 6-8:15pm, rd 1 at 8:25, others follow ASAP. USCF Quick rated but regular OTB ratings used for pairings and prizes. One bye allowed if requested before rd 2. WBCA Rules. NS *Enter:* Make checks and send entries to Michael Atkins, PO Box 6139, Alexandria Va 22306. Info at <http://members.cox.net/arlingtonchessclub/capitalblitz.htm>

15 Grand Prix points



Bg6 Bd6 16 Rg2 Nf4 17 Bxf4
Qxf4 18 Ne2 Qxf3 19 Qd2 Qh3
20 Rc1 Rf6 21 Rc3 Qh6 22
Qxh6+ gxh6 23 Rh3 Bf8 24 Nf4
Bg7 25 Nh5 Rff8 26 Nxg7 Kxg7
27 Bxf5+ Kf6 28 Be4 Rac8 29
Rxh6+ Ke7 30 Rg7+ Kd6 31
d5 Nd4 32 dxe6 dxe6 33 Kg2
Rxc4 34 f3 Nf5 35 Bxf5 Rxf5
36 h4 Rd5 37 Rgg6 Re5 38 Rh7
Re2+ 39 Kh3 a5 40 Rg2 Rxg2
41 Kxg2 Rc2+ 42 Kg3 Rxb2 43
a4 Rb4 44 Rb7 Kc6 45 Re7 Kd6
46 Rb7 Kc6 47 Re7 Rxa4 48
Rxe6+ Kc5 49 h5 Ra1 50 Re2
Rg1+ 51 Rg2 Re1 52 h6 Re8 53
Kf4 a4 54 h7 Rh8 55 Rg7 b5 56
Kg5 b4 57 Kg6 a3 58 Ra7 Kb6
59 Ra4 Kb5 60 Ra7



60...Kc4? [With “sudden death” starting to rear its head, Black tries to win rather than taking the available draw (60...Kb6). For this he ought to have lost but

instead his ambition rewarded...]
61 Kg7 Rxh7+ 62 Kxh7 b3
63 Rc7+? [63 Ra4+ wins for White, eg 63...Kc3 64 Rxa3 and the other pawn is pinned; or 63...Kc5 64 Rxa3 b2 65 Rb3] **63...Kd5 64 Rd7+ Ke6 65 Rd3 b2 66 Rxa3 b1Q+ 67 Kg8 Qg6+ 68 Kh8 Qe8+ 69 Kh7 Qe7+ 70 Kg8 Qxa3 0-1**

THOMAS BARTELL - JOEL BENJAMIN
ALEKHINE

Last round, board number one.
1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 Be2 c6 6 O-O Bxf3 7 Bxf3 dxe5 8 dxe5 e6 9 Qe2 Nd7 10 c4 Ne7 11 Bf4 Ng6 12 Bg3 Qg5 13 Bh5 Nf4 14 Bxf7+ Kxf7 15 Qe3 Qxe5 16 Qxf4+ Qxf4 17 Bxf4 Be7 18 Rd1 Nc5 19 Nc3 Rad8 20 Bc7 Rd3 21 Kf1 Rc8 22 Be5 Rcd8 23 Ke2 a6 24 Bc7 Rxd1 25 Rxd1 Rxd1 26 Nxd1 Bf6 27 b3 Bd4 28 Bd6 Nd7 29 Kd3 e5 30 f3 Ke6 31 Ba3 Bg1 32 h3 Bd4 33 g4 g6 34 Nc3 Nf6 35 Ne4 Nxe4 36 Kxe4 Ba1 37 Bf8 Kf7 38 Bd6 Ke6 39 Bc7 Bb2 40 Bb8 ½-½



Richard O'Keefe

We regret to report the death of long-time GMU Chess Club organizer Richard O'Keefe. In addition to running countless tournaments and quads, he spearheaded a successful campaign to bring the 1976 US Open to Fairfax. He also edited *Ephor*, a long-running GMU club bulletin. ("Edited" seems too restrictive a verb; he basically wrote all the material.) He also contributed many colorful articles to *Virginia Chess* under the pen name "Felix Australius". (Felix means happy or fortunate in Latin; Australis is a kind of fish.)

In his May 20 *Washington Times* column, David Sands recalled that O'Keefe was "partial to romantic gambits and wild sacrifices, given to quoting Steinitz — *The king is a fighting piece!* — when his king found itself chased halfway across the board a dozen moves into the game." He will be warmly remembered and sorely missed.

Edmund Nash

We also have learned of the recent death of Edmund Nash, a long-time resident of Washington DC and a familiar face to northern Virginia players. Originally Adam Edmund Nasierawski, he was born in Montreal, Canada in 1909 and became a naturalized US citizen in 1936. His greatest celebrity in chess came from having beaten Bobby Fischer in a game at the 1956 US Amateur, the score of which survived to appear in all the Fischer anthologies. His last rated event in Virginia was the 1996 US Open in Alexandria.

ROBERT J FISCHER - EDMUND NASH 1956 US AMATEUR, NEW JERSEY KING'S INDIAN ATTACK

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 0-0 0-0 5 d3 d5 6 Nbd2 Bg4 7 h3 Bd7 8 e4 Qc8
9 Kh2 dxe4 10 dxe4 Rd8 11 Qe2 Na6 12 Re1 Nb4 13 Nb3 a5 14 c3 Nc6 15
Nc5 Be8 16 e5 Nd7 17 Nd3 Nf8 18 h4 Bd7 19 h5 Bg4 20 h6 Bh8 21 Bf4 Qf5
22 Nc5 g5 23 Bxg5 Bxf3 24 Bxf3 Qxg5 25 e6 Qxh6+ 26 Kg2 Nxe6 27 Rh1
Qg6 28 Rh4 Ne5 29 Be4 f5 30 Rah1 Nxc5 31 Rh6 Qg4 32 f3 Nxe4 33 fxg4
Rd2 34 Qxd2 Nxd2 35 Rxh7 Bg7 36 gxf5 Rf8 37 R7h5 Ndc4 38 b3 Ne3+ 39
Kf2 Nxf5 40 g4 Nxg4+ 41 Kf3 Ne3+ 42 Ke2 Bxc3 43 Rc5 Bb4 44 Rxc7 Rf2+
45 Kd3 Rxa2 46 Rg1 b6 47 Ke4 Rg2 48 Rxg2 Nxg2 49 Kf5 N4e3+ 50 Kg6
Nf4+ 51 Kh6 Bc5 0-1



A Championship Run for the Ages... Skill and Serendipity

REFLECTIONS OF A DC CHESS LEAGUE CAPTAIN ON THE 2005-2006 SEASON

By Milo Nekvasil

THE ARLINGTON KINGS are a longstanding representative of the Arlington Chess Club in the DC Chess League, but for the most part they have stood in the shadow of the more successful Arlington Rooks. The Kings have on occasion surprised stronger teams and taken the championship title with founding stalwarts Matt Grinberg and Don Connors. But it was the season of 1991-92 that the Kings last won such a championship.

In subsequent years, the Kings proved their mettle on occasion against stronger competition, but always succumbed at some point to either the powerful Coral Reef or the Arlington Rooks to finish as runners-up. This is not to say that the Reef or the Rooks did not respect the Kings, but it was either the Reef or the Rooks that would rise to the occasion.

That the 2005-06 season would prove any different was impossible to foresee. We had added no new players from the previous summer season and we were not even as deep as previously because George French took an extended sabbatical from chess to devote more time to family life. Regardless, I felt that with a core roster of 12 players, we would never be in desperate straits fielding a decent lineup.

In any case, going into the season we knew we would be up against the usual strong competition, plus two newcomers from the "A" section who had all the incentive to prove that they belonged in the Open section.

Round One: Kings *vs* Argyles [October 28, 2005]

While capable of putting out a strong lineup, the Arlington Argyles have never done well against the Kings. Much of this can be attributed, in my view, to the "mercenary" aspect of this team, where players are gathered on an *ad hoc* basis and there is very little "esprit." A successful team cannot be a mere collection of individuals but must include a chemistry that occasionally involves individual sacrifice in the cause of a larger good. More on this later!



Our match against the Argyles resulted in a dominating 4½-1½ win. We did use a new player in Bora Yagiz. Though he had a lower rating entering the season, for months Bora had expressed a desire to play for us, and I was happy to give him that opportunity. He acquitted himself well in this initial match as well as in the 2nd round.

It was at the end of the match and his fine win over Andrew Samuelson that Dov Gorman made the prescient observation that our team would accomplish something special this season. Little did I know that his prediction would come true—or that he would be unable to play any more matches for us during the season.

DOV GORMAN - ANDREW SAMUELSON

ENGLISH

Notes by Dov Gorman

[I sacrificed a pawn for the initiative. Black rejected and got an inferior position which led to a quick positional collapse.] **1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 0-0 d6 6 Nc3 e5 7 d3 Nge7 8 a3 0-0 9 Rb1 a5 10 Bd2 Rb8 11 Nd5 Nxd5 12 cxd5 Ne7 13 b4 axb4 14 axb4 cxb4** [14...Nxd5 15 bxc5 dxc5 is interesting] **15 Qb3 Bf5 16 e4 Bg4 17 Bxb4 f5 18 Ng5 fxe4 19 dxe4 Qb6 20 Ba3 Qa6 21 Ra1 Be2** [21...Bf6 22 Ne6 Bxe6 23 dxe6 +-] **22 Rfe1 Bc4 23 Qb2 Rf6 24 Ne6 Nc8 25 Nc7 Qb6 26 Ne8 Rf8** [26...Qxb2 27 Nxf6+ Bxf6 28 Bxb2 Kf7 +-] **27 Qxb6 Nxb6 28 Nxg7 Kxg7 29 Bxd6 Nd7 30 Rec1 1-0** After 30...b5 31 Ra7 etc.

Round Two: Kings vs Passed Pawns [November 18, 2005]

At times during team play, one must be lucky and encounter a team when it lacks all of its heavy weapons. Harry Cohen is capable of fielding a very strong lineup, as he did in Round One and in later rounds, but sometimes it is impossible to gather all of one's best players on a given Friday night.

As it turned out, the Arlington Passed Pawns could not field their strongest lineup against us. I, on the other hand, was able to cajole a stronger turnout in anticipation of stiffer opposition. In particular, I was able to muster the potent father-son combination of Larry and Ray Kaufman, and this combination proved dynamic in a convincing 5½-½ win. Only yours truly spoiled a sweep, managing a draw in a poorly played game. Without making excuses, I find that being captain takes away from my actual game as I have to both concentrate on my position as well as calculate permutations of possible results on the other boards. It would be interesting to get the perspectives of other playing captains on this issue.

Two easy matches; little would the Kings know that the future would get a lot tougher.

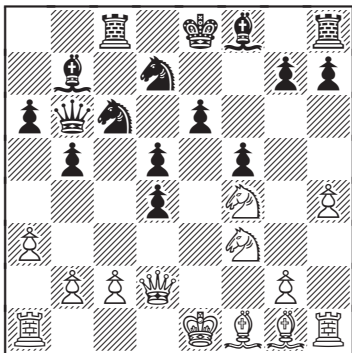


TIM HAMILTON - LARRY KAUFMAN

FRENCH

Notes by Tim Rogalski

1 Nc3 d5 2 e4 e6 3 d4 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7
 5 f4 c5 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Be3 a6 8 Qd2 b5
 9 h4 Qb6 10 Ne2 Bb7 11 a3 Rc8 12 f5
 exf5 13 Nf4 cxd4 14 e6 fxe6 15 Bg1



15...Nf6 [15...e5! -+] 16 Nxe6 Ne4 17
 Qf4 Qa5+ 18 Kd1 g6 19 Nxf8 Rxf8
 20 Nxd4 Nxd4 21 Qe5+ Kf7 22 Qxd4
 Ng3 23 Bf2 Nxb1 24 Be1 Qa4 0-1

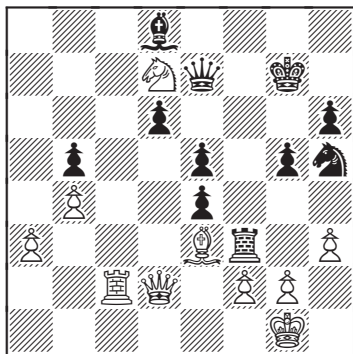
KEN JOHN - ANDY TICHENOR

SICILIAN, SMITH-MORRA GAMBIT

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3
 Nc6 5 Nf3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 0-0 Be7 8
 Qe2 a6 9 Rd1 Bd7 10 Bf4 e5 11 Be3
 Nf6 12 Rac1 0-0 13 a3 Rc8 14 b4
 b5 15 Bd5 Qe8 16 h3 h6 17 Rc2 g5
 18 Rdc1 Kg7 19 Qd2 Nh5 20 Bxc6
 Rxc6 21 Nd5 Rxc2 22 Rxc2 Bd8 23
 Nc7 Qe7 24 Nxa6 f5 25 Nb8 fxe4 26
 Nxd7 Rxf3

See diagram next column

27 Nb8 Rf7 28 Nc6 Qd7 29 Qd5 Nf6
 30 Qxb5 d5 31 a4 Bc7 32 a5 d4 33
 Bd2 e3 34 fxe3 dxe3 35 Be1 e4 36
 Qe2 Qd6 37 g3 Nd5 38 b5 Qe6 39
 b6 Qxh3 40 bxc7 Nxc7 41 Ne5 Re7

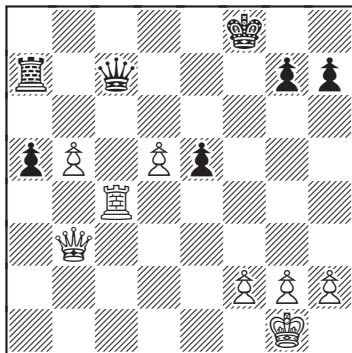


42 Ng4 Rf7 43 Nxe3 Ne6 44 Qc4 Nf4
 45 Qxe4 Ng6 46 Rc6 1-0

TIMOTHY ROGALSKI - RICH LEDWIDGE

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8
 Na3 b5 9 Nd5 Be7 10 Bxf6 Bxf6 11 c3
 Be6 12 Nc2 0-0 13 a4 bxa4 14 Rxa4
 a5 15 Bc4 Bg5 16 0-0 f5 17 exf5 Rxf5
 18 Nce3 Bxe3 19 Nxe3 Rf6 20 Bxe6+
 Rxe6 21 Qd5 Qd7 22 b4 Ra7 23 b5
 Ne7 24 Qb3 d5 25 Rd1 Kf8 26 Nxd5
 Rd6 27 c4 Nxd5 28 Rxd5 Rxd5 29
 cxd5 Qc7 30 Rc4



30...Qb6 31 Rc8+ Kf7 32 d6+ Kg6 33
 Qe6+ Kg5 34 Qxe5+ Kh6 35 Rc3 g5
 36 Qf6+ Kh5 37 Rh3+ 1-0



Round Three: Kings vs Black Knights [December 8, 2005]

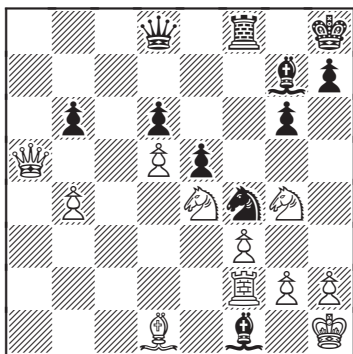
The Black Knights have not had any huge success in the League since its inception but they can never be underestimated and have always played the Kings tough. This season was no exception.

I deliberately did not play my strongest team, because I do not believe in “over-kill,” and, more importantly, I wanted to give a chance for our lower boards to play. Hence, I played up-and-coming youngster Steven Linett in this match—his first game ever in the Open section—and he came through for us with a crucial win in a $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ nail-biter.

KEITH MELBOURNE - STEVEN LINETT

KING'S INDIAN

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Nc3 0-0 5 e4 d6 6 Be2 e5 7 d5 a5 8 0-0 Na6 9 Bd2 Nd7 10 a3 Nac5 11 b4 axb4 12 axb4 Rxa1 13 Qxa1 Nb3 14 Qa3 Nxd2 15 Nxd2 f5 16 Nb5 Nf6 17 f3 Nh5 18 Rf2 Bh6 19 Bd1 Nf4 20 c5 Qg5 21 Kh1 Qd8 22 Nc4 Bd7 23 Nc3 fxe4 24 Nxe4 Bb5 25 Ne3 Nd3 26 Re2 Kh8 27 Ng4 Nf4 28 Rc2 Bg7 29 Qa5 Bf1 30 Rf2 b6 31 cxb6 cxb6



At this point the game devolved into a time scramble and the players stopped keeping score. But Black wound up winning! 0-1

Round Four: Kings vs Berkeley Castles [January 20, 2006]

Our match with the neophyte Berkeley Castles turned out to be one of the toughest of the season. I again deliberately played only one of our top players, and it was Ray's perfect timing in adjourning a complicated game that guaranteed our victory in a $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ cliff-hanger. Don Connors and Douglas Stanley scored our two other wins; these two players would ultimately play crucial roles in the team's success with their strong individual performances.

An issue regarding the Castles that made me uncomfortable as a captain was Bora's request to play for both the Kings and the Castles. Obviously I could not use him in the match against the Castles because of a conflict of interest. I made a decision not to use him in subsequent matches because the idea of having a “mercenary” on my team denigrates the entire team concept.



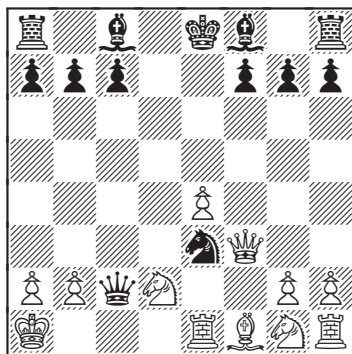
RON FARRAR – DON CONNORS

FRENCH

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Be3 dxe4 4 f3 Nf6 5 Nd2
Nc6 6 c3 e5 7 fxe4 Ng4 8 Qf3 exd4 9 cxd4
Nxd4 10 Bxd4 Qxd4 11 0-0-0 Ne3 12 Re1
Qc5+ 13 Kb1 Qc2+ 14 Ka1

diagram

14...Nxf1 [14...Ba3! -+] 15 Nxf1 Be6 16
Ne2 0-0-0 17 Ne3 Qa4 18 Nc3 Qa5 19 Rc1
Kb8 20 Ncd5 Bd6 21 Rhe1 Be5 22 Qe2 c6
23 Nc3 Bxh2 24 Nc4 Qb4 25 Na3 Be5 26
Nc2 Qa5 27 Ne3 Rd4 28 Nf5 Rc4 29 Qd2
Rd8 30 Qc2 Rxc3 31 bxc3 Bxc3+ 0-1



Round Five: Kings vs Ankle Biters [February 3, 2006]

The Ankle Biters were another new team in the Open Section. Unlike the Berkeley Castles, who were formerly the “Coral Reef of the A Section,” the Ankle Biters had never distinguished themselves even in the lower division, so I made a deliberate attempt not to play any masters in this match. As it turns out, however, my intended top board could not play at the last minute because of a family issue, so I had no recourse but to let a master step in. Ray Kaufman’s game against James Guill turned out to be one of the most beautiful wins played all season.

Also, Sasho Dimtchev’s draw this round turned the season around for him. His chess until that point had been both unlucky and uninspiring, but his hard-fought draw prepared him for successive rounds where he needed to be sharp.



*Long Live the Kings! Front row (L-R): Ken John, Larry Kaufman, Sasho Dimtchev, Milo Nekvasil;
Back row: Christian Vogler, Tim Rogalski, Don Connors, Doug Stanley, Steven Linett;
Not Pictured: Dov Gorman, Ray Kaufman & Bora Yagiz*



The Ankle Biters turned out to be no pushovers! Again we barely squeaked by with a 3½-2½ victory.

BILL CARROLL - MILO NEKVASIL

SICILIAN

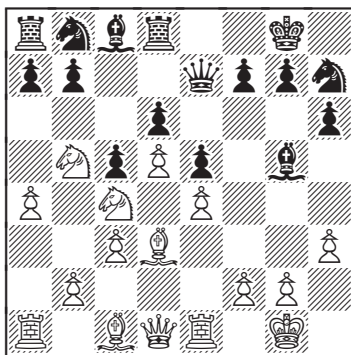
(Editor's Note: Lest the Captain be accused of excessive modesty in providing only a defeat as an example of his play, it's worth mentioning that Bill Carroll did proclaim this "the best game he'd ever played.") 1 e4 c5 2 c3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 Nf3

e6 6 0-0 Be7 7 Re1 0-0 8 h3 e5 9 d5 Nb8 10 a4 h6 11 Nfd2 Nh7 12 Nc4 Bg5

13 Nba3 Qe7 14 Nb5 Rd8

diagram

15 f4! Bxf4 16 Bxf4 exf4 17 e5 Na6 18 Ncxd6 Ng5 19 Nxc8 Raxc8 20 Bf5 f3 21 h4 Ne6 22 Qxf3 g6 23 Bh3 Ng7 24 Bxc8 Rxc8 25 Qf6 Qxf6 26 exf6 Nf5 27 Re4 Rd8 28 Rd1 Nb8 29 c4 a6 30 Nc3 Nd7 31 Re7 Nd6 32 b3 Nxf6 33 Rde1 Kf8 34 a5 Rb8 35 Na4 Nc8 36 R7e2 b5 37 axb6 Nxb6 and Black lost on time, 1-0



Round Six: Kings vs Arlington Rooks [March 3, 2006]

Entering Round Six, there were only three teams left with perfect scores: the Kings and the two perennial powerhouses, the Rooks and the Coral Reef. The last three rounds would determine who would be champion, and by the luck of the draw we had the Rooks scheduled this round, followed by the Coral Reef. If we were successful, we'd see one of those two again in the final Swiss round.

I was very happy when Walter Morris requested a seven-board match. He has a team of only seven players (more on this later) and all of them wanted to play in this crucial encounter. While top-heavy, the Rooks are far less potent on the lower boards, so I was only too happy to oblige!

Where Dov's presence would have created parity on the top boards, I felt going into the match that the Kaufman duo would battle Walter and Geoff McKenna to a draw, that we were definite underdogs on Boards 3 and 4, and that we were slight favorites on Boards 5-7.

As it turned out, we split on the top two boards, with Walter taking the full point from Larry and Ray eking out a win over McKenna. What really won the match

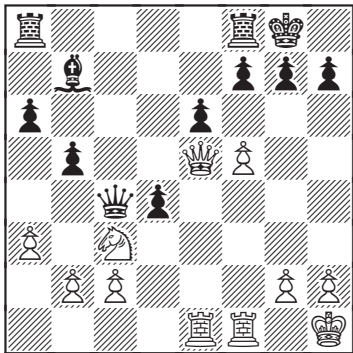


for us was splitting the middle boards—Bill Mason beating our Ken John, while our Christian Vogler dominated Harold Mouzon thanks to some excellent pre-game preparation. As I had predicted, we won on two of the three bottom boards to earn a 4-3 victory.

DOUGLAS STANLEY - DOUGLAS ECKLEY

FRENCH

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7
5 f4 c5 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Be3 a6 8 Qd2
Qc7 9 Be2 Be7 10 0-0 0-0 11 a3 b5 12
Kh1 Bb7 13 f5 cxd4 14 Nxd4 Nxd4
15 Bxd4 Nxe5 16 Qe3 Bf6 17 Rae1
Nc4 18 Bxc4 Bxd4 19 Qxd4 Qxc4 20
Qe5 d4



21 f6! dxc3 22 Qg5 Bxg2+ 23 Kg1
Qd4+ 24 Rf2 g6 25 Qh6 Qxf6 26 Rxf6
Bd5 27 bxc3 Rac8 28 Re3 Rc4 29 Rh3
Rg4+ 30 Kf2 Rg2+ 31 Ke3 1-0

Meanwhile, the Ankle Biters pulled off a stunning upset in holding the Coral Reef to a draw! So the Kings were now in the driver's seat, though tough match matches lay yet ahead.

Round Seven: Kings vs Coral Reef [April 7, 2006]

Having fallen 1½ match points behind the Kings after their loss to the Rooks, the Reef apparently threw in the towel by fielding a team far weaker than usual. Even so, playing without Greg Acholonu or Stan Fink, they proved their mettle and their well-deserved acclaim as defending champions by playing us tough and only losing in a hard-fought battle 3½-2½. The match was not clinched until Christian won a very pretty adjourned game against Stephen Cheyney.

Arlington Tornado

November 11, 2006

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10 Grand Prix points



Round Eight: Kings vs Rooks [May 12, 2006]

Re-match with the Rooks! We stood comfortably going in, being one whole match point ahead. Even with a loss, we'd be in a playoff. *But we were tired of being in second place constantly, and wanted to experience the ultimate!*

A predicament arose during the week before the match. Due to personal scheduling difficulties, the Rooks might have only four players available. Walter never asked for a postponement, but ought I be a "good sportsman" and offer one? Or insist that the match be played on schedule?

What made me decide on the latter was reflecting on an incident from two weeks earlier. The Argyles had agreed to postpone their match with the Rooks at the Rooks' request. But the following week, when the rescheduled match was to be played, the Argyles' captain wound up begging around for players. He managed to field a team, but the Rooks had achieved an advantage by re-scheduling.

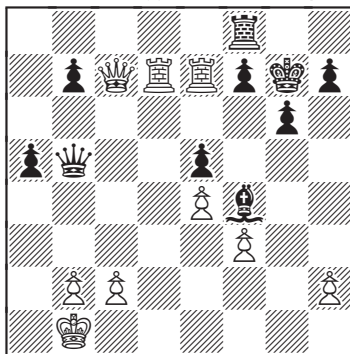
As for our match, we too were short a strong player: Ray had decided to seek chess adventure in Hungary for the summer. The Rooks, meanwhile, managed to find replacements rated only about 40 points lower than their regulars, so we were still out-rated on every board.

Regardless, the Kings played like true kings! We might easily have won on every board. In fact Tim Rogalski conceded a draw in a winning position and Ken John lost a winning position, but these were the only setbacks in a dominating 4½-1½ win.

CHRISTIAN VOGLER - BILL MASON

MODERN

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 Be3 Nf6 5 f3 c6 6 Qd2 a5 7 a4 Nbd7 8 Nh3 e5
9 d5 cxd5 10 Nxd5 Nxd5 11 Qxd5 Nf6 12 Bb5+ Kf8 13 Qd2 Bxh3 14 gxh3
Qc7 15 0-0-0 Ke7 16 Qf2 Qc8 17 Bb6 Ne8
18 Qd2 Qxh3 19 Qd5 Qc8 20 Rd3 Bh6+ 21
Kb1 Kf6 22 Rc3 Qb8 23 Bd7 Kg7 24 Bxe8
Qxe8 25 Rc7 Rf8 26 Qxd6 Rd8 27 Qc5 Bf4
28 Re7 Qxa4 29 Bxd8 Rxd8 30 Qc7 Rf8 31
Rd1 Qb5 32 Rdd7 *diagram*
32...Kh6 33 Rxf7 Qf1+ 34 Ka2 Rxf7 35
Rxf7 Qxf3 36 Rxh7+ Kg5 37 Qe7+ Kg4 38
Qh4mate 1-0



Eureka! Players hugged, and the imaginary champagne flowed. A team other than the Coral Reef had finally prevailed! ♔



Richmond High School Chess League

by Bill Barrow

Today, Saturday, April 29, 2006, the Greater Richmond High School Chess League playoffs were held at Deep Run High School in Henrico County. The Clover Hill High School Chess team defeated the Maggie Walker Governor's School chess team with a score of 3 to 1 and won first place in the Greater Richmond High School Chess League.

The Greater Richmond High School Chess League consists of 14 area high schools. Through out the school year they play two matches per month. Last Saturday the top four teams of each of two divisions played in the divisional play offs. Clover Hill High School won first place in their division With Midlothian coming in second. Maggie Walker Governor's School won first place in their division with Henrico coming in second. These four teams played in the final play offs today.

The competition at Deep Run High School lasted from 9:00 to 3:30 on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Clover Hill beat Henrico High in the first round, with Governor's School securing winning over Midlothian. In the second round, Clover Hill beat Governor's School for first place, and Midlothian secured a win over Henrico High for third place.

The players for the Clover Hill Chess team were junior Jack Barrow on first board, senior Zach Rimell on second board, sophomore Danny Messplay on third board and sophomore Erik Golden. Congratulations to them all.

*Winning Clover Hill
teammates (left to right):
sophomore Danny Messplay,
junior Jack Barrow,
sophomore Erik Golden,
senior Zach Rimell.*

Photo by Bill Barrow.





Kingstowne Chess Club News

by Don Millican

KINGSTOWNE QUAD #28 – BY GEORGE!

A total of sixteen players decided to play chess at the latest version of the Kingstowne Quads on April 1 in Alexandria instead of watching George Mason University's basketball team play Florida in the NCAA Final Four. However, as will be explained below, at least one section could have their cake and eat it too when it came to the Big Dance...

In the top Quad, Daniel Clancy won a silver medal with a score of 2½. Alex Herrera took the bronze with 2. Michael Callinan & Jon Evans tied with 2 in the second Quad. Callinan won the silver medal on tiebreak, leaving the bronze for Evans. The third Quad was golden for Adam Renfro Chrisney with a perfect 3, leaving the bronze for William Wilson Jr with 2. The fourth Quad's players must have thought the time control of G/100 meant game in one hundred seconds! They finished *all three rounds* by 1:00 p.m., leaving plenty of time to get home for the big game! Stacey Bryden took the gold medal with 3 points while Sophie Gorman went home with the bronze by scoring 2.

Before the start of play, Kingstowne Chess Club recognized the most successful players of 2005: Mike Callinan for 1600 and above for the second consecutive year, and club President Rob McKinney for Under 1600. With his win today, Mike Callinan is on his way to a "three-peat."

KINGSTOWNE QUAD #29 - THESE MEDALS ARE MADE FOR WEARIN'...

Too bad Nancy Sinatra wasn't available to sing at the latest version of the Kingstowne Quads on May 6 in Alexandria. Most winners put their medals in their chess bags, purses or pockets and head out for home or perhaps to celebrate their success. A couple of past winners stuck their medals to the outside of their equipment bags. But one winner, who will remain unnamed, pinned his medal to his shirt on the way out. Does this mean the beginning of a new fashion accessory? At least one of the eighteen players in the twenty-ninth edition of the Quads thought so.

In the top Quad, Yang Dai won a silver medal with 2, just ahead of Kebadu Belachew & Stephen Jablon who tied for second with 1½. Belechew won the bronze medal on tiebreak. The second Quad had Raymond Wang & Oluwaseyi Kayode tie for first with 2. Wang took the silver medal on tiebreak, leaving Kayode with the bronze. William H Wilson Jr was the clear winner in the third Quad with 3, good for a gold medal with Peter J Short's 2 points netting bronze.



The speed demons played in the bottom “Quad” (actually a six-player Swiss). Not as fast as last month’s tournament, but all games were finished by 2 pm. Maybe some of them wanted to see the Kentucky Derby; they had plenty of time to find a nearby TV set. When the dust settled (in the tournament not the horse race), Aravind Ponukumati scored gold with 3. Tying for second, Vishal Erabelli & Alex Xi Chen had 2 apiece, with Chen taking the silver medal on tiebreak and Erabelli the bronze.

KINGSTOWNE QUAD #30 – THREE GO FOR THREE

Fourteen players battled in the thirtieth version of the Kingstowne Quads, held June 3. The field broke down into of two Quad sections plus a six-player Swiss.

Daniel Arceo won a gold medal with a perfect 3 in the top Quad. Bronze went to Butch Arroyo with 2 for second place. Kerry Hubers won the second Quad and a gold medal with 3, while Peter Short finished second with 1½ and a bronze medal. And in the six player bottom “Quad,” William Wilson also won a gold medal with yet another 3-0 sweep. Byron O’Neal scored 2 to take the second place silver medal. Kelly Barr and Alex Chen both finished with 1½, with Barr taking third-place bronze medal on tiebreak.

The next Kingstowne Quad is July 8.



From a USCF Press Release:

Veterans’ Chess Outreach

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Now in its second year, the US Chess Federation’s Chess for Vets program has reached 146 Veteran hospitals in the United States, as well as providing chess sets, books, and supplies to active duty military personnel in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa.

The New Jersey State Chess Federation has spearheaded the effort since its inception is. Their goal is to make the program available wherever veterans and active duty military personnel are stationed. Across the nation, burn and spinal injury veterans have been provided with computer stations to facilitate their active participation in chess. Braille chess sets have brought the challenging game even to blind veterans. Eight Veterans’ Hospitals have volunteer chess players who visit on a regular basis to teach and play chess with these American heroes.





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1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 e3 [Polugaevsky played this sometimes. I first saw 3 e3 as Black against Ove Kroll at the 1982 Virginia Open. Kroll, now largely forgotten in the Virginia chessplaying community, was one of our highest-rated competitors. Anyway, the game transposed into a Panov-Botvinnik attack and I lost in 16 moves. I again tried the Black side of the Panov-Botvinnik eleven years later on board one in the last round of the 1993 Virginia State Championship. That time I wasn't so lucky, losing in 13 moves to M Shibut.] **3...g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Nc3 0 0 6 Be2** [Only now do we see the point of 3 e3. Black has two natural options here. One is to play 6...b6 and 7...Bb7. However, White can then play d5, when Black's two moves turn out to be a net loss. The other, better option is to play as in the game, but then White gets a reverse Tarrasch defense.] **6...cxd4 7 exd4 d5 8 0 0 Nc6 9 Bf4** [A decision point; the more natural 9 Bg5 runs afoul of 9...Ne4, which is fine for Black. White should probably play 9 Re1, which is more in keeping with the Tarrasch.] **9...Bg4 10 c5** [Bad in principle, but the alternatives likewise lacked appeal.] **10...Ne4 11 Re1 Rc8 12 Rc1 e6** [This can't be better than taking on f3 and d4] **13 Nb5 Qf6 14 Be3** [I had planned to play 14 Be5 but

14...Nxe5 15 dxe5 Qf4 looked awful.] **14...a6 15 Nc3 Qd8** [Maybe 15...h6 is better. Short of time, and emboldened by Black's retreat, I embarked on a mistimed adventure.] **16 Nxe4 dxe4 17 Ng5 Bxe2 18 Rxe2 Qd5!** [Of course! Black is winning.] **19 Qb3 h6** [But here begins a long, slow downhill slide. 19...Nxd4 is probably better.] **20 Qxd5 exd5 21 Nh3 g5** [Again Black could have done better, eg, something like 21...Nxd4 22 Rd2 Nf5 23 Rxd5 Nxe3 24 fxe3 Bxb2 25 Rb1 Ba3] **22 Rd1 f5 23 f4 exf3 24 gxf3 Rfe8 25 Kf1 Re6?! 26 Ng1 Rce8 27 Bf2** [Doubling Rooks on the e-file was a big strategic lemon. All it did was commit Black to an undesirable exchange.] **27...Kf7 28 Rxe6 Rxe6 29 Ne2 h5 30 Nc3 Ne7** [an astonishing transformation in the respective role of the knights] **31 b4 g4 32 a4 Bh6** [Black can't take and hold f3 because of Rd1-d3xf3] **33 b5 axb5 34 axb5 Bf4 35 Kg2 gxf3+?** [Yet another misjudgment; Black's pawn on g4 was his big positional trump but now all of his pawns are weak.] **36 Kxf3 Bxh2 37 Rh1 Bc7 38 Bh4?!** [I should simply take on h5, optionally prefaced by b6] **38...Ba5!** [Uh-oh. Time for a rethink. Fortunately White is able to avoid real damage.] **39 Ne2 Ng6 40 Bg5 h4 41 Bxh4 Bd2 42 Bf2 Re7 43 Rh5** [This was the most entertaining moment of the game for me as I envisaged 43...Rxe2 44 Kxe2 Nf4+ 45 Kxd2 Nxh5 46 c6 bxc6



47 b6 Nf6 48 b7 Nd7 49 Bg3 winning. Regrettably, the opponent isn't obliged to make bad moves.] **43...Ke6 44 Bg3** [Trying to lure the f-pawn forward, eg, 44...f4 45 Bh4+ (but not 45 Bf4? Rf7-+)] **44...Kf6 45 Bd6 Re3+** [Probably better than the passive ...Rf7] **46 Kf2 Rb3 47 b6 Be3+ 48 Kg2 Kg7** [Maybe 48...Rb2 49 Kf3 Rb3 was a better try.] **49 Rh3** [It's hard to find useful moves for either side so White tries a pin.] **49...f4?** [The weary swimmer finally goes under. But I don't know what Black is supposed to do here.] **50 Bxf4 Rb2 51 Rxe3** [The other way, 51 Bxe3 Rxe2+ 52 Kf3, seemed to allow Black to defend longer because White's bishop isn't very good.] **51...Nxf4+ 52 Kf3 Ng6 53 Nf4 Rb4 54 Nxg6 Kxg6 55 Re7** [55 Re8 Rxd4 56 c6 bxc6 57 b7 +- was also possible.] **55...Rxd4 56 Rxb7 Kf5 57 c6 Rd3+ 58 Ke2 Rc3 59 c7 1-0**

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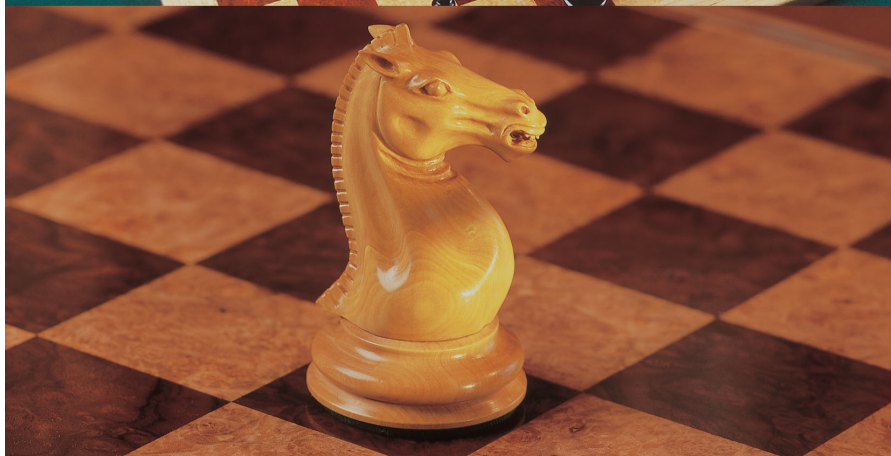
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1 e4 c5 2 c3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 Nf3 g6 6 0-0 Bg7 7 d5 Nb8 8 h3 0-0 9 Bf4 a6 10 a4 e5 11 Bg5 h6 12 Be3 Ne8! 13 Nfd2 f5 14 exf5 gxf5 15 f4 [Now Black ought just to leave the pawn structure alone and occupy himself with the variety of useful moves at his disposal: Kh8, b6, R-a7-f7, Nd7, etc. I think chances would have been about equal.] **15...e4?** [Even though ...exf4 was bad for now, the *possibility* of playing it, perhaps in connection with

...Be5, was an option worth keeping. 15...e4 deprives his position of its dynamism. Now the most promising pawn breaks all belong to White, who can work for b4 in the near term and keep an eye out for g4 later once it doesn't endanger the king.] **16 Be2 Nd7 17 Nc4 Kh7 18 a5 b5 19 axb6 Nxb6 20 Nba3 Rg8 21 Nxb6 Qxb6 22 Nc4 Qc7 23 Kh2 Bb7 24 Bf2 Qf7 25 Ne3 Nc7 26 Bc4 Rab8 27 Qd2 Bc8 28 Ra2 Bf6** [I resolved that I simply was not going to play g3, period. Sooner or later the position blows apart and tactical weaknesses get exposed. I did not want my second rank laid open on the day Black's rook crashes into b2] **29 Rd1? Rg7 30 Bf1? Qg6 31 Be2** [*"On second thought..."* But time has been lost and now Black is pressing for the initiative.] **31...h5 32 Rg1 Qh6** [After much maneuvering, the attack on f4 finally initiates a calculating phase. *"Okay, let's see: I go 33 Nc4 and he goes... yikes! 33...Nxd5 34 Qxd5 Qxf4+..."*] **33 Nd1 33...Bb7 34 Bc4 Rbg8 35 b4 cxb4 36 cxb4 h4 37 Ra3 Be5 38 Be3 Bf6 39 Nc3!** [Δ N-e2-d4] **39...Rg3? 40 Ne2 R3g6 41 Nd4 Bc8 42 Ra2 Rg3 43 Rc2! Qg7 44 Nc6** [Black was threatening Rxe3 followed by Bxd4, and 44 Ne6? wouldn't do because of 44...Bxe6 45 dxe6 d5] **44...Nb5?** [My light-square bishop was blocking the c-file and butting its head against d5. I might have conceded something for a chance to trade it off but my opponent lets me do so for free.] **45 Bxb5 axb5 46 Ra2 Bc3 47 Qe2 Kh6 48 Ra7 Bd7 49 Qf2 Qf7**

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