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Springfield Open

by Mike Atkins

The Springfield Open saw seventy-eight players come for battle on a pretty Spring weekend. The tournament ended in a four-way tie for first among $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ scores: IM Larry Kaufman, FMs Rodion Rubenchik & Ray Kaufman, and state champ Andy Samuelson. Larry K and Samuelson raced out to the only 4-0 scores and settled for a quick rd 5 draw. Rubenchik and Ray K had to win their final round games to join the winner's circle.

AFTER THREE ROUNDS, the spirit of Arpad Elo was smiling somewhere while the gods of probability and statistics flashed "I told you so" grins. There were eight masters in the field and they all—and they alone—held 3-0 scores. So four matches among the masters in round 4 determined who would lead the pack going into the final round. Larry Kaufman defeated visiting Pennsylvania master Peter Minear in a long and tense game that was the very last to finish. Larry had worked a small clock edge into an endgame edge and just as Peter's flag was falling so was his position. Rubenchik & Alex Barnett were the next to last game done. Their endgame went down to knight versus 2 pawns. Then Knight sacked for a pawn and King held the draw. Samuelson defeated IM Oladapo Adu and Ray Kaufman fought to a draw against the new Japanese national champion—Maryland's own Shinsaku Uesugi! (Shin came to Springfield fresh from victory in his homeland, taking 1st on tiebreaks to become the youngest-ever champion on Japan.)

Top Expert was Matt Grinberg with 4-1. Matt's final game was really instructive and fascinating. His opponent, Patrick Ramsey, was a piece up but the bishop was completely blocked and functioned as a super-pawn that could only move back and forth on two squares. See Matt's full annotations beginning on p 4.

Josh Downey & Gil Guo shared top A with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points each. Saf Benouameur took top Class B with the same score, losing only in the final round to Ray Kaufman on board 2. Saf's three other games against experts netted him a FIDE rateable performance. Another FIDE performance (there might be others but these two were the obvious ones) was turned in by class C player Tom Labue, who got off to a good start by defeating a 2100 Expert in rd 1. Labue joined Fiona Lam, Kun Liu & Walt Carey with 3 points to take the C prize. Class D was won by John Spoons, who thereby gained 170 points, almost completely bypassing the 1400s. Under 1200 was won by Joseph Russell. Brian Perez-Daple, the only unrated in the field, finished his schedule to claim that prize.



71st Annual

VIRGINIA CLOSED STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sept 1-3, 2007

Hilton Garden Inn Richmond-Innsbrook

4050 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, Va

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Annual VCF Business Meeting
Saturday, Sept 1st, 10am-12 noon





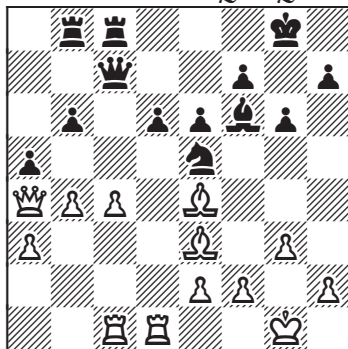
One of the more amusing endings that this writer has witnessed occurred in round three. Alex Barnett had a huge material advantage against Robert Feldstein. But as is often his habit, Robert didn't resign and played on in a position where winning or getting even a stalemate had about the same long odds as winning the lottery. Some people might have mated him as quickly as possible, but Alex chose to turn the game into a torture of under-promotion. Play was proceeding very fast, with clocks being pounded at one point. Alex underpromoted a pawn to a knight. However, he didn't immediately exchange the pawn for a knight, instead simply saying the word "knight," whereupon Feldstein moved quickly and stated, "Illegal, I get two minutes." Not wanting to do anything to reinforce this kind of chess, I just watched and they decided to play on. Several moves later, the position had reached *four* knights and rook versus lone king. Alex the sacrificed his rook but Robert didn't capture it, moving to a different square. However, about a half second later, he realized his oversight and *took back his previous move*, capturing the rook after all. By this time it was no surprise that Alex ignored this obvious violation and declined to make any no touch-move claim; after all, he'd wanted to lose the rook in order to bring about the very rare ending king versus four knights. There isn't much theory in the textbooks on this, but the game suggests that four horsepower chess is pretty powerful! The spectacle ended rather quickly, with chuckles and smiles on all the observing faces.

Last held in 1992-1994, the reincarnated Springfield Open proved successful. The Holiday Inn was again a nice site, if you don't count difficulty getting ice pitchers filled! Thanks to all who came and we'll see if this tournaments remains incarnated next year!

OLADAPO ADU - ANDREW SAMUELSON

ENGLISH

1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nf6 6 g3 Nc6 7 Bg2 O-O 8 O-O Nxd4 9 Qxd4 d6 10 Rd1 Nd7 11 Qe3 Nc5 12 b3 a6 13 Bb2 Rb8 14 b4 Nd7 15 Rab1 Ne5 16 Nd5 Be6 17 Qc3 Bxd5 18 Bxd5 Bf6 19 Qb3 Qc7 20 Rbc1 b6 21 Bd4 Nd7 22 Be3 e6 23 Be4 Rfc8 24 Qa4 a5 25 a3 Ne5 (diagram)
26 c5 bxc5 27 bxc5 d5 28 Bg2 Nc4 29 Rxc4 dxc4 30 Qxc4 Rd8 31 Re1 Bb2 32 Qa4 Bc3 33 Rf1 Bd2 34 Bxd2 Rxd2 35 Qc4 Rbb2 36 c6 Rxe2 37 h4 Rec2 38 Qd4 Rd2 39 Qf6 Qd8 40 Qxd8+ Rxd8 41 Rc1 Rb3 42 Rc5 a4 43 Rc4 Ra8 44 c7 Rc8 45 Be4 Kf8 46 Rxa4 Rxc7 47 Ra8+ Ke7 48 Ra4 Rcc3 49 Ra7+ Kf6 50 a4 Ra3 51 Ra6 Ra2 52 Kg2 Rc4 53 Bd3 Rcx4 54 Rc6 Rd2 0-1



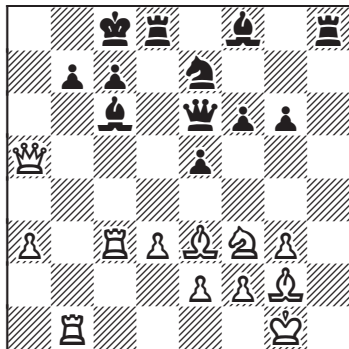


RAY KAUFMAN - SHINSAKU UESUGI
ENGLISH

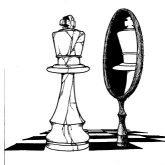
1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5
Nxd5 5 Qa4+ Bd7 6 Qh4 Nxc3 7 dxc3
Nc6 8 e4 e5 9 Bg5 Be7 10 Qh6 Bxg5
11 Nxc5 Qe7 12 Bc4 f6 13 Nf7 Rf8 14
Qxh7 Rxf7 15 Qxg6 Nd8 16 Bxf7+
Qxf7 17 Qxf7+ Kxf7 18 O-O-O Bc6
19 f3 Ne6 20 Rd2 Rg8 21 Rhd1 Rh8
22 g3 Rh3 23 Rf2 Kg6 ½-½

GORAN ZALAR - SAF BENOUMEUR
ENGLISH

1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 d5 4 cxd5
Nxd5 5 Bg2 Be6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 d3 f6 8
O-O Qd7 9 Nxd5 Bxd5 10 Be3 O-O-
O 11 Qa4 Kb8 12 Rfd1 h5 13 Rac1
a6 14 a3 Qe6 15 Rc3 g6 16 b4 h4 17
b5 axb5 18 Qxb5 hxg3 19 hxg3 Ne7
20 Rb1 Kc8 21 Qa5 Bc6



22 Rxb7 Kxb7 23 Ng5 fxg5 24 Rxc6
Nxc6 25 Qb5+ Kc8 26 Bxc6 Rd6 27
Qb7+ Kd8 28 Bxg5+ Be7 29 Qb8+
Qc8 30 Bxe7+ Kxe7 0-1



PATRICK RAMSEY - MATT GRINBERG
ITALIAN

Notes by Matt Grinberg

Check out my last round game from the Springfield Open. It was different. Did I deliberately go into an ending in which I had a knight and 7 pawns *vs* 2 bishops and 6 pawns, an ending in which I had no passed pawns, no mate threats and no prospects of winning anything in the foreseeable future? Yep. Was I playing for a win? Durn tooting!

"I remember watching your game at several points and thinking that Ramsey had about the most worthless Bishop I have ever seen. It was no better than a tall pawn sitting back there. If you forced that, wow!" -Mike Atkins

"Egad!" -Jon Shapiro

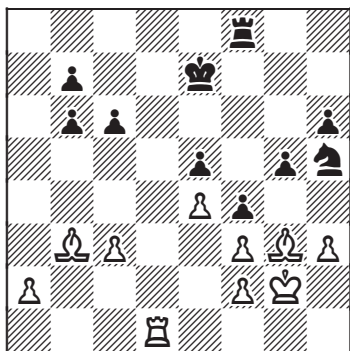
"This is incredible! This is the kind of position that would blow a computer's mind!" -Tim Rogalski

One of the ironies of this is that the worthless Bishop was technically his "good" bishop.

1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 d3 Bc5 4 Nf3
Nc6 5 O-O O-O 6 Bg5 h6 [One of
Grinberg's axioms of chess - *Don't pin
a knight with a bishop in the opening unless
you are prepared to take it.*] 7 Bh4 g5?!
[*"I didn't think you'd really do that."*
- Patrick Ramsey. Okay, it's risky, but
the idea is simply to shut the bishop out
of the game. The game Torre-Timman,
Moscow Olympiad 1994 went 7...Be7 =
8 Bb3 d6 9 h3 Na5 10 Ba4 c5 11 Nc3 Be6
12 Nh2 a6 13 Bxf6 Bxf6 14 Ng4 Bg5 15
Bb3 Nxb3 16 axb3 g6 17 Ne3 ... (0-1)]



8 Bg3 d6 9 c3 Bg4 10 Nbd2 Qd7 11 b4N [11 Bb3 a6 12 Nc4 Ba7 13 Ne3 Be6 14 Bc2 Bxe3 15 fxe3 Ng4 16 Qe2 f5 17 exf5 Bxf5 18 e4 Bh7 19 d4 Rae8 20 Rad1 Qe7 ... (0-1), Dobrovolsky-Ernst, Oberwart 1991] 11...Bb6 12 Bb3 Nh5 13 Nc4 Kg7 14 d4? [14 a4! a6 15 Nxb6 cxb6± +0.50 Tiger 15.0] 14...f5 15 Nxb6 [15 exf5?! Nxg3 16 hxg3 Bxf3 17 Qxf3 Rxf5 18 Qh5 exd4 ♣/♣ +0.18|d9] 15...axb6 16 b5?! [16 d5! Ne7 17 h3 Nxg3 18 fxg3 fxe4 19 hxg4 exf3 20 gxf3 ♣ -0.64|d10] 16...f4? [A flawed move, but the prelude to the winning strategy. 16...Na5! 17 exf5 Nxb3 18 axb3 Rxa1 19 Qxa1 Bxf3 20 gxf3 Qxf5♣] 17 bxc6 Qxc6 18 dxe5?! [18 h3! Bxf3 19 Qxf3 fxg3 20 Qxh5 gxf2 21 Rxf2 Rxf2 22 Kxf2 Rf8 23 Kg1 Qxc3] 18...dxe5? [18...fxg3! 19 hxg3 dxe5 20 Qd5 Qxd5♣] 19 Qd5?♣ [Thinking to reach a superior endgame, but he both overestimates his chances in the endgame and misses the tactic allowed by my last move: 19 h3!□±] 19...Qxd5 20 Bxd5 Bxf3 21 gxf3 c6 22 Bb3 Rad8 23 Rad1 Kf6 24 Kg2 Ke7 25 h3 Rxd1 26 Rxd1



26...Rd8!!



MATT GRINBERG

What! Surely this is "???" not "!!" But consider the results of taking the bishop *vs* not taking. If I take, he gets a mobile pawn majority. With play on both sides of the board, his bishop is better than my knight. For example, 26...fxg3?! 27 fxg3 Ra8 28 Rd2 Ra5 29 Bd1 Nf6 30 Rb2 Nd7 31 Kf2±/♣. But if I don't take the bishop, both it and his kingside pawns are completely useless. The position effectively becomes N+3 pawns *vs* B+2 with all the pawns on the same side of the board. However, the dark square bishop is good for one thing: it provides an infinite number of tempo moves.

27 Rxd8 Kxd8 28 Bf7 [If 28 h4? Ke7 29 hxg5 hxg5 30 Bh4 Kf6 31 Kh3 Ng7 32 Kg4 gxh4 33 Kxh4 b5 34 Bd1 Ne8 35 Bb3 Nd6 36 Bd1 Nc8 37 Bb3 Nb6



38 Kg4 Na4 39 c4 Nc3 40 cxb5 Nxb5
41 a4 Nd4 42 Bd1 c5 ☞; or if 28 Bh2 b5
29 Kf1 Kc7 30 Ke2 Kb6 31 Kd3 Ka5 32
a3 Nf6 33 Kc2 c5 34 Be6 b4 ♣] **28...Nf6**
29 Bh2 Ke7 30 Bb3 Kd6 31 Kf1 b5
32 Ke2 Kc5 33 a3 Kb6 34 Kd3 Nd7?

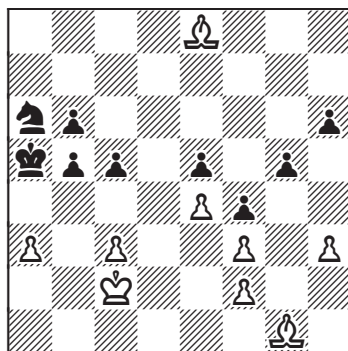
[It was difficult to find the winning plan with limited time on my clock. I can't trade knight for bishop because in the resulting "pawn ending" I'll never be able to force him from in front of my queenside pawns; he always has tempo moves with the bishop. I saw that getting rid of White's c-pawn would be good because then my knight could maneuver into d4. This suggests playing for ...b4, eg 34...Ka5 35 Kc2 c5 36 Kb2 b4 ♣ but I was reluctant to commit to trading off pawns if I didn't see a clear win. However, it is the right plan and it's important to do it before White can organize a defense.]

35 Kc2 Nc5 36 Bg1 Nd7 37 Bh2 Ka5
38 Bg1 b6 39 Bh2 Nc5 40 Bg1 Na6
41 Bf7 [An important move because he must be able to play Kb3 if I play c5 threatening b4. If 41 Kb2? c5 42 Bh2 b4 43 axb4 cxb4 44 cxb4 Kxb4 45 Bd1 Nc5 46 Bg1 Ne6 47 Bh2 Nd4 48 Bg1 Kc4 49 Kb1 Kc3 50 Kc1 Kd3 51 Bh2 Ne2 52 Kb2 Kd2 ☞] **41...c5 42 Be8?!**
[42 Kb3=]

(See diagram at top of next column)

"Hmmm," I thought to myself. "Why Be8? The obvious answer is he wants to prevent Ka4 due to the 'threat' of c4. But c4 is exactly what I want him to play!"

42...Ka4 43 c4?



The fatal move. 43 Kb2! was correct and now:

43...c4 44 Bh2 Nc5 45 Bh5 Nd3 46 Ka2 Ne1 47 Kb2 Nd3=

43...Ka5 44 Kb3 c4 (44...b4? 45 axb4 cxb4 46 cxb4 Nxb4 47 Kc4 Nc2 48 Kd5 Nd4 49 Kxe5 Nxf3 50 Kf6 Nxf1 51 e5 Nf3 52 e6) 45 Ka2 Nc5 46 Bh2 Nd3 47 Bh5 Ne1 48 Kb2 Nd3=

43...Kxa3 44 Bxb5 Nb4 45 Kc3 Ka2
[45...Na2 46 Kc2 Kb4 47 Ba6 Nc3 48 Kd2 Kb3 is simpler] **46 Ba4 Kb1 47 Kd2** [47 Bh2 Na2 48 Kd2 (48 Kb3 Nc1 49 Kc3 Ne2 50 Kd3 Nd4 51 Bd1 Kc1 ☞) 48...Kb2 49 Bg1 Nc3 50 Bc2 (50 Bc6 Kb3 51 Bh2 ☞ (51 Kd3 Nd1 52 Bd5 Nb2 53 Kd2 Kb4 ☞)) 50...Ne2 51 Bh2 Nd4 52 Bd1 b5 ☞] **47...Kb2 48 Bd7 Kb3 49 Bb5 Na2 50 Bh2 Nc3 51 Ba6 Nb1 52 Kd3 Na3 53 Bg1 Nc2 54 Bc8 Nd4 ☞ 55 Bd7** [It is futile to play 55 Bg4 because of 55...b5!] **55...Nxf3 56 Bg4 Nxf1** [The culmination of the strategy started at move 16!] **57 Bd1 Kb4 58 Bg4 h5 59 Bxh5 Nxh3 0-1**



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From the Editor...



TIME TROUBLE

Issue #2007/2 was late in reaching most or all of our readers. I don't know exactly what happened as the problem was within the postal machinery, not *Virginia Chess*. I shipped the issue out in early May but it didn't reach most mailboxes until late June! At some point people started inquiring and so I contacted Ross Hunter at Dominion Market Research, who takes care of our mailing. This was his reply:

Unfortunately this is a complaint we've been hearing a lot for the last month or so.

We mailed the newsletters on May 9. I would suspect that Mark Johnson and others in 228, 229 and 244 ZIP Codes got theirs in a day or two. However it seems that anything going through the 20495 sorting facility in Northern Virginia is being delayed two or more weeks. That center handles most mail for Virginia, DC and Maryland.

We had one customer who mailed almost 4,000 newsletters nationwide. She got returns from Texas and California before hers was even delivered in Woodbridge!

I think we've heard a similar story from almost a dozen customers. Officially the Postal Service has told us about delays of four days...off the record they say it's more like two weeks. They have not told us why.

That's all I can tell you that might be the problem.

That's basically all I know. I wish I could say the problem has been fixed and it won't happen again but it doesn't exactly sound that way. We'll see.

J'ADOUBE

Speaking of last issue, Mike Atkins finally received his copy and points out an error in our article on the Millennium Chess Festival. The first MCF was organized in 2000, not 2001 as stated. Tom Braunlich approached Mike at the December 1998 Eastern Open and the two of them started developed plans and ideas over the following year.

KUDOS

And speaking of Mike Atkins, he and Ernie Schlich will both be getting awards from the USCF at this summer's US Open awards luncheon. Ernie will receive a special services award while Mike is going to be named the national Tournament Director of the Year! Congratulation them both when you see them. (Opportunities should not be hard to come by; attend a tournament anywhere in this state and odds are good that one or the other of them will be running it!)



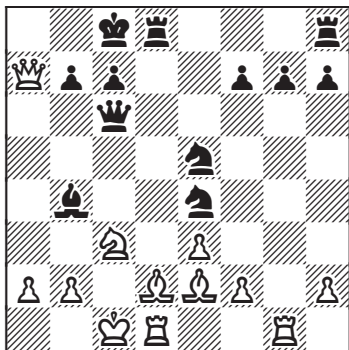
George Mason Open

by Mike Atkins

IM Oladapo Adu demonstrated why he was the event's highest rated player, scoring a perfect 5-0 to sweep the George Mason Open over the weekend of April 28-29 at George Mason University/Arlington.

OLADAPO ADU - DANIEL CLANCY
TCHIGORIN

1 Nf3 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 c4 Bg4 4 e3 e5 5 dxe5
dxc4 6 Qa4 Bxf3 7 gxf3 Qd5 8 Bxc4 Qxf3
9 Rg1 O-O-O 10 Nc3 Nxe5 11 Be2 Qc6 12
Qxa7 Bb4 13 Bd2 Nf6 14 O-O-O Ne4



15 Bb5 Bxc3 16 Qa8+ Kd7 17 Bxc6+ 1-0

ENKHBAR JANCHIVNYABUU - OLADAPO ADU
SLAV

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 a6 5 c5
Bf5 6 Bf4 Nbd7 7 Qb3 Qc8 8 Na4 e6 9
Ne5 Be7 10 Nxd7 Nxd7 11 Nb6 Nxb6 12
Qxb6 Bd8 13 Qb3 Ba5+ 14 Bd2 Bc7 15
Qc3 O-O 16 e3 Re8 17 f4 f6 18 Bd3 e5 19
O-O exd4 20 exd4 Bxd3 21 Qxd3 Re4 22
Rae1 f5 23 Rxe4 fxe4 24 Qe3 Qf5 25 Qg3
Rf8 26 h4 h6 27 Be3 Bd8 28 Qf2 Qg4 29
g3 Bxh4 30 Kh2 Rf5 31 gxh4 Rh5 32 Qg3
Rxh4+ 33 Kg2 Qh5 34 Rg1 Rg4 35 Kf2
Rxg3 36 Rxg3 Qd1 37 Kg2 Qb1 38 Kh3
Qxb2 39 Kg4 Kf7 40 Kf5 Qh2 0-1

Baltimore teen Josh Zwagil scored 4½ points and took clear 2nd place. Josh moved solidly in the Expert category with a new rating of 2066 by drawing against FM John Meyer and defeating Experts William Marcelino & Harry Cohen. The latter game was a tense contest and the very last of the tournament to finish.

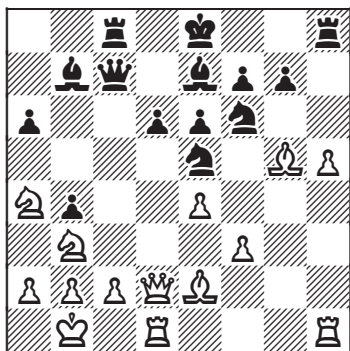
The theme of the event seemed to be the success of younger players. I've heard people say that kids really don't know what they are doing, that they are merely repeating previously seen patterns. I don't think that was the case when Katherine Wu lost her first game and then reeled off four wins in a row toppling Meyer in the final round. Her 4-1 score took Top Class B, earned her a FIDE performance of 2167, and helped Katherine move from 1553 up to 1753 in her last two tournaments! Others finishing with 4 points were scholastic players Darwin Li & Daniel Clancy, FM Rodion Rubenchik, visiting Israeli player Avi Cohen, Enkhbayar Janchivnyambuu & Matt Grinberg.

KATHERINE WU - JOHN MEYER
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 a6 6 f3 e6 7 Be3 b5 8 Qd2 Bb7
9 O-O-O Nc6 10 g4 Rc8 11 h4 Qa5 12



Nb3 Qc7 13 Kb1 Ne5 14 Be2 Be7 15 h5
h6 16 g5 hxg5 17 Bxg5 b4 18 Na4



18...Bxe4 19 Nd4 Bb7 20 h6 gxh6 21
Bxh6 d5 22 Bg7 Rxh1 23 Rxh1 Ng6 24
Bd3 Kd7 25 Bxg6 fxg6 26 Bxf6 Bxf6 27
Rh7+ Be7 28 Qxb4 Ke8 29 Rh8+ Kf7
30 Rh7+ Kf6 31 Qe1 Qd6 32 Qh4+ g5
33 Rh6+ Ke5 34 Rxe6+ Qxe6 35 Qe1+
Kxd4 36 Qxe6 1-0

Fiona Lam started on fire, upsetting A-player Alex Herrera, drawing with A-player Avi Cohen and then defeating expert Robert Feldstein. This win made it possible for her to also get a FIDE performance even with losses in the final two rounds to FM Rodion Rubenchik & Tyler Cook. Fiona split the Class D(!) prize with Alan Dodd.

The tournament also featured side-events. On Saturday, Michael Maguire & Bofan Wu won quads. On Sunday Jack Scheible, who supervised the quads on Saturday, won an eight player, 3-round swiss. Herbert Dropkin took 2nd place.

Seventy-three players competed in the best room in the house. After years of splitting tournaments across

three and sometimes even four rooms at GMU/Arlington, we finally found a spectacular room. The auditorium held everyone comfortably, including side-events. The top boards were able to play on a stage, which added to the ambiance. Hopefully we can have more events in this room in the future.

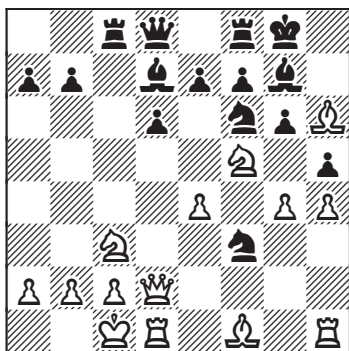
One continues to be impressed with 9-year-old Jeevan Kareamsetty, one of the strongest players of his age in the country. Older sister Madhu pulled off a 600 point upset in the first round, beating young Gil Guo. The Karamsetty family returned to India in May and we wish them well.

JEEVON KARAMSETTY - LEW HUCKS SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3
Nc6 5 Nf3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 O-O Nf6 8
Qe2 Be7 9 Rd1 e5 10 h3 O-O 11 Be3
Be6 12 Bxe6 fxe6 13 Ng5 Qc8 14 Rac1
h6 15 Nf3 a6 16 Na4 Qe8 17 Nb6 Rd8
18 a3 Qg6 19 Nd2 d5 20 exd5 exd5
21 Nf3 d4 22 Bd2 e4 23 Nh4 Qh5 24
Qxh5 Nxh5 25 Ng6 Rf7 26 g4 Nf6 27
g5 hxg5 28 Bxg5 Kh7 29 Nf4 Ne5 30
Kf1 Nf3 31 h4 Rd6 32 Nc8 Rc6 33 Rxc6
bxc6 34 Ne6 c5 35 Nxe7 Rxe7 36 Nxc5
d3 37 Nxa6 Re5 38 Bxf6 gxf6 39 Nb4
Rh5 40 Nxd3 Rxh4 41 Nb4 f5 42 Ke2
f4 43 Nd5 Kg7 44 b4 Kf7 45 a4 Ne5 46
Nxf4 Rxf4 47 Ke3 Nd3 48 f3 exf3 49
Kxd3 Rxb4 ½-½

DOUGLAS STANLEY - TYLER COOK SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 O-O 8 Qd2
Bd7 9 O-O-O Nc6 10 g4 Rc8 11 h4 h5
12 Bh6 Ne5 13 Nf5



13...Nxf3 14 Qf4 gxf5 15 gxf5 Bxh6
16 Qxh6 Rxc3 17 Be2 Nxe4 18 bxc3
Bxf5 19 Bxf3 Nf6 20 Rhg1+ Bg6 21
Bd5 Nxd5 22 Rxg6+ fxg6 23 Qxg6+
Kh8 24 Qh6+ Kg8 25 Rg1+ Kf7 26
Qg6# 1-0

MATT GRINBERG - OLADAPO ADU
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Qb6
5 Nb3 Nc6 6 Be3 Qc7 7 Nc3 a6 8 f4 d6
9 Be2 b5 10 Bf3 Bb7 11 O-O Nf6 12

Qe1 Be7 13 Qg3 O-O 14 e5 Nd7 15
exd6 Bxd6 16 Ne4 Be7 17 Nbc5 Nxc5
18 Nxc5 Rad8 19 Nxb7 Qxb7 20 Rad1
Qc7 21 c3 Bf6 22 Qf2 Rxd1 23 Rxd1
Ne7 24 g3 Nf5 25 Bb6 Qc4 26 a3 Be7
27 Qe2 Bc5+ 28 Bxc5 Qxc5+ 29 Kh1
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DOUGLAS STANLEY - ALLAN SAVAGE
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Qf6 18 Rf1 Qc3 19 Rf3 Kg8 20 Bb3 Qb4
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24 Rg3+ Kf6 25 Bxe6 Kxe6 26 Ng4
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on time 1-0

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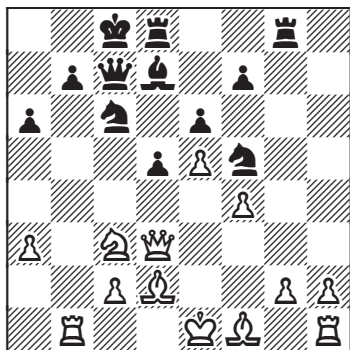
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 O-O-O 15 Rb1 Nf5



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 19 Nf6 Rg6 20 Ba5 1-0

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 Nb5 Bxb5 20 cxb5 Rea8 21 bxc5 dxc5
 22 Nd2 Ne8 23 Bb2 Nd6 24 g3 Qd7
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Kingstowne Quad #38/ Action-Plus #10/Quick-and-Done #3

by Don Millican

Kingstowne Chess Club held the latest versions of its Quads, Action-Pluses and Quick-and-Dones on May 5 in Alexandria. Yang Dai returned to the Quads and won the top section and a gold medal with a perfect 3-0 score. Quad regular Mike Callinan took 2nd and a bronze medal with 1½. The bottom “quad” of five players contesting a round robin under slightly altered conditions saw Adam Chrisney take gold with a perfect 4 points (although the inscription on his medal still indicated his having only scored 3-0). With 3 points, good enough to win except here, Charles Yang went home with the bronze.

Ten players battled in the Action-Plus. Jonathan Evans & Kevin Huo scored 4-1 to tie for 1st place. Richard Li won Under 1800 with 3½, while Wei Feng & Jonathan Chen tied for Under 1400 with 3 points.

On a personal note, this tournament was the 100th event I have directed since the USCF began keeping computerized records of player and director activities in 1991.



Chess Player Among Heroic Defenders at Virginia Tech

by Mike Atkins with input from Derek O'Dell, Roger O'Dell, and Rusty Potter

From every tragic drama and, in particular, those surrounding a mass shooting, heroes arise: ordinary people who do extraordinary things in the midst of a chaotic crisis. One of the heroes that emerged from the April 16th Virginia Tech massacre is a chess player.

DEREK O'DELL is the President of the Virginia Tech Chess Club and this year's Va Tech Intramural Chess Champion. He is a sophomore majoring in Biological Sciences and Pre-Veterinary Medicine. Derek was in German class when the deranged Cho Seung-Hui burst in and immediately began shooting, leaving no time to prepare or respond. Cho apparently shot the first student he saw, who was seated in the front row. The gunman turned and shot the class instructor, Prof James Bishop, then promptly fired at virtually every other member of the class as they ducked for cover.

Derek, sitting in the second row, was shot in the arm as he crouched. He was more fortunate than most. Moving closer after quickly reloading, Cho then aimed a second time at many students. The professor and several students were shot execution-style at close range. In all, thirteen of the fifteen students in Derek's class, and the professor, were shot. Six of the victims died. After finishing his German class rampage, the shooter left to attack other classrooms.

Derek rushed to the door and slammed it shut. He was quickly joined by two uninjured classmates, Trey Perkins and Katelyn Carney. They faced a very difficult dilemma: since there was no suitable furniture to barricade the door, they would have to attempt to prevent the attacker from re-entering by pushing against the door with their bodies. The murderer did indeed return to their classroom, perhaps with the





grim intent to finish off any survivors. Unable to re-enter, the frustrated Cho emptied a cartridge of bullets into the door.

Bullets pierced the door while Derek and his two classmates waged a desperate struggle to keep it closed. Katelyn was shot through the hand. Another bullet grazed her head. The door opened a couple of inches and Cho's gun aimed menacingly at Garrett Evans, an already wounded student lying in close range on the floor. Pressing hard again, the defenders managed to re-close the door. After moving down the hall, Cho returned a third time, and again was kept out. Soon thereafter he turned the gun on himself. Due to the timely actions of these brave students, several lives were saved, including their own. Garrett saw it unfold before his eyes, unable to help, but gave them due credit for saving his life in a subsequent interview on national TV.

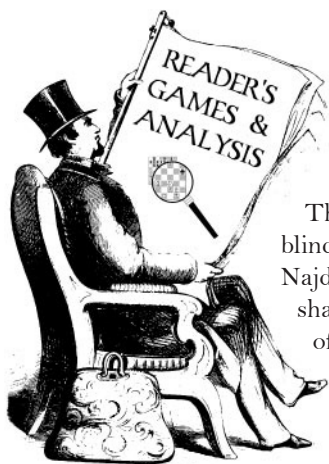
Derek, too, was interviewed, photographed, and taped dozens of times by the news media from across the country and around the world for much of the following week. Describing his assailant, Derek said, "He just opened the door and started shooting. He didn't say anything, that was the weirdest part. No screaming, no yelling. He just shot people—he was like the silent killer." One can only imagine what these students at Virginia Tech are going to have to deal with in the coming months. Trauma like this produces Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and students who were not even directly involved could easily be affected.

The chess connection to Derek became clear at a recent meeting of the Arlington Chess Club when member Chris Bush reported that Derek was a former chess student of both himself and Rusty Potter. That a chess player became a hero really isn't that surprising when you think about it. Chess teaches you to make correct decisions under pressure, often with little advance notice and little time left for further thought. Derek was obviously forced to do just this for both his own survival as well as that of his remaining classmates on April 16th. There can be no doubt that Derek's quick-thinking saved lives in his classroom and helped to checkmate his crazed opponent.



Virginia Beach Spring Swiss

Former state champion Daniel Miller swept to a perfect 4-0 score and clear 1st place at the held March 24. Al Harvey was clear 2nd with 3½ points. A large group with 3-1 scores included Adithya Balasubramanian, Tracy Callis, Kevin Brown, Raymond Cheng, David Brandt & Dexter Wright. A total of 32 players competed under the direction of Ernie Schlich.



TIMOTHY ROGALSKI - DOUG PHOTIADIS
DC CHESS LEAGUE 2007

SICILIAN

Notes by Timothy Rogalski

The 2006-6 issue of *Virginia Chess* showcased a blindfold game of the Poisoned Pawn variation of the Najdorf Sicilian Defence. It's a double-edged, razor-sharp line that requires an encyclopedic knowledge of theoretical variations. The following miniature

is another example; here is what my Arlington Kings captain Milo Nekvasil wrote about it:

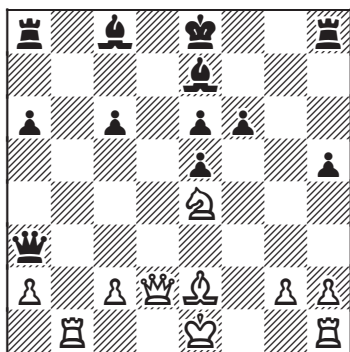
"Our Tim Rogalski played a gem of a game as White against Doug Photiadis' Poisoned Pawn

Najdorf. Tim played a line he has played many, many

times, with ease. While the value of the line lends itself to

debate, what was unquestioned was the position which required Black to make good moves, while Tim can play and relish his position at every turn. Tim concluded the game with a powerful *coup de grace*, deliberately sacrificing his rook, along with the three pawns he had already given up, to create a mating net! Tim was clearly positively affected by his recent Thai experience, which clearly reinvigorated him!"

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 [Najdorf players should seriously consider the new-age 7...Nc6, which 2006 Virginia state champion Andrew Samuelson has successfully used to beat IMs and Experts alike.] **8 Qd2 Qxb2 9 Rb1 Qa3 10 f5** [Top players have come full circle and are now again playing 10 e5, like they did when the Poisoned Pawn made its debut in the mid-1950s.] **10...Nc6 11 fxe6 fxe6 12 Nxc6 bxc6 13 e5 dxe5 14 Bxf6 gxf6 15 Ne4** [With the main intention of preventing Qd6, because if 15 Be2? Qd6! and Black is preferred.] **15...Be7?!** [For decades this was considered the main line but, in the words of IM Larry Kaufman, "this is now considered dubious. 'Everyone' knows that 15...Qxa2 draws here." Indeed, capturing the a-pawn led to a perpetual in Vallejo Pons-Kasparov, Moscow (Armenia vs World) 2004: 15...Qxa2 16 Rd1 Be7 17 Be2 0-0 18 0-0 Ra7 19 Rf3 Kh8 20 Rg3 Rd7 21 Qh6 Rf7 22 Qh5 Rxd1+ 23 Bxd1 Qa5 24 Kf1 Qd8 25 Qxf7 Qxd1+ 26 Kf2 Qxc2+ 27 Kf3 Qd1+ 28 Kf2 Qc2+ 29 Ke3 Bc5+ 30 Nxc5 Qxc5+ 31 Kd2 Qf2+ 32 Kc3 Qd4+ 33 Kc2 Qf2+ 34 Kc3 ½-½ During the post-mortem, Phil mentioned that 15...Qxa2 16 Rd1 was considered drawish, while 16 Nxf6+ was considered unsound. Speaking out of ignorance, I insisted 15...Be7 was main line.] **16 Be2 h5**



Everyone Knows...

17 Rb3

And here, explained Larry, “‘Everyone’ knows that 17 Rf1! is very strong. Tim, don’t you keep up with your own lines?”

What a shocker of a question! My obsolete 2002 ChessBase library contains not a single example of 17 Rf1. Fortunately, the online databases available at ChessLab, ChessGames, and especially NICBase Online contain the latest theoretical 17 Rf1 games. For instance, 17 Rf1! f5 18 Rf3 Qxa2 19 Rfb3 Qa4 (19...fxe4 20 Qc3) 20

Nd6+ Bxd6 21 Qxd6 Qa5+ 22 Kf1 has been tested in multiple games and proven to be just one of many favorable continuations for White. His uncastled king is safer and his superactive pieces dominate open lines within Black’s fractured position. All in all White scores so well after 17 Rf1! that Black seems forced to abandon 15...Be7 and instead head for a split point with the winded 15...Qxa2 line.

So to answer Larry’s question— shame on me for not being more up-to-date! The correspondence player in me was still grabbing dated tomes off the dusty bookshelf. However, I have since supplanted my obsolete Fritz 5.32 engine with the phenomenal 3000+ rated Rybka 2.3; installed Rybka Chess Openings 2007 with its database of 3.1M games; upgraded from ChessBase 8.0 to 9.0 (required for CB9 to support Rybka’s UCI engine); and installed ChessBases’ Mega2007 database and CorrDatabase 2006.

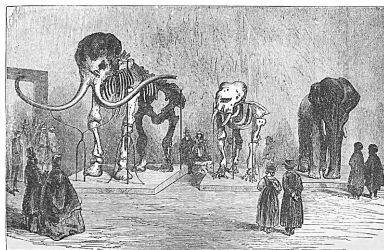
Rybka is so strong it’s now the definitive engine of preference, replacing Fritz. Tongue-in-cheek, instructors no longer tell their students to ask the age-old question, “what is my opponent threatening?,” but have replaced that with, “what would Rybka do in this position?” According to Kaufman, the next commercial release of Rybka will be “close to fifty Elo points stronger than 2.3.1”. Its algorithm will contain specific chess knowledge improvements from Larry’s substantial experience and erudition. Eventually, the goal of the Rybka developers is a program so unbeatably strong that it will *always* win with White and *never* lose with Black, against anyone! For further information, especially regarding the GM Open Challenge, visit www.rybkachess.com.

But while it is true that computers have surpassed humans, the dying human race has sparks of brilliancy left yet. Consider the game Ramsey-Grinberg from the last round at the 2007 Springfield Open, where Matt astonished his opponent with the unexpected and ingenious 26...Rd8!!, sacrificing a whole piece for no immediate



compensation. (*see p 4*) Without exception every computer would restore material equality with 26...fxg3, but Matt proved that our chess is deeper than a heuristic algorithm. Well done!

17...Qxa2? [Here I was out of my book. All I remembered was that the text was considered dubious. After extensive post-game research, I'll now go beyond that to declare it an outright mistake. 17...Qa4 appears to be the only realistic move, when I was intending to play Vitolins' astonishing knight sacrifice 18 Nxf6! Bxf6 19 c4! However –sigh– theoretically this too is now all moot due to the strength of 17 Rf1. (“I guess the Vitolins' line remains unclear.” —Kaufman)] **18 0-0 Qa4 19 Nxf6+ Bxf6 20 Rb4!** [I had spent some time traversing the analytical branches and was proud of finding this move, (although, unknown to me at the time, it was still all book). After the lame 20 Rxf6? Qd4+ the queens come off derailing White's attack. White must keep queens on the board if he wants to preserve his dynamic, Twilight Zone advantage of space and time, especially in lieu of his material deficit.] **20...Qa5** [20...Bg5? 21 Qxg5 Qxb4 22 Qg7 looked unanswerable, as Phil accurately stated in our post-mortem analysis.] **21 Rxf6** [“All this has been played before. White stands better.”—Kaufman] **21...c5??** [Black is first to deviate from book with a game-ending blunder. “Black must play 21...Qd5 to fight on, but White keeps a nice advantage with 22 Qe3 or 22 Qg5” —Kaufman. In the post-mortem, we spent a lot of time looking at this, but later I thought that Black might have more practical chances if he first weakens White's back rank by checking 21...Qc5+ 22 Kh1 Qe7 (22...Qd5? 23 Qg5! winning easily) 23 Qg5 Qxb4 24 Bxh5+ Rxh5 25 Qg8+ Kd7 26 Rf7+ Qe7 27 Rxe7+ Kxe7 28 Qg7+ Kd6 29 Qf8+ Kc7 30 Qf7+ Kd6 31 Qxh5 and White keeps the edge but then he must still be careful lest Black's a-pawn prove faster than White's h-pawn.] **22 Qd6!** [Now White ends the game with panache. Phil stated that he didn't see it coming.] **22...cxb4 23 Bxh5+!** and it is checkmate next move. Had this game been played five years ago, it would have been regarded as a perfectly played game by White, but today it is a flawed gem. “So, even though it was all book, I guess you had to find the moves yourself, so well done! Every move was best, except for not playing the latest theoretical recommendation on move 17” —Kaufman. Larry, Milo, and Phil, thanks for your fine analysis and insightful comments. **1-0**





As reported last issue, Nick DeFirmian became the first player to break the draw string and actually win in the Millennium Chess Festival's popular Dinner Exhibition Game at this part March's event. Here is the score of the game reprinted from CHESS LIFE (http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/magazine_124_289.php)

GM NICK DEFIRMIAN – GM JOHN FEDOROWICZ

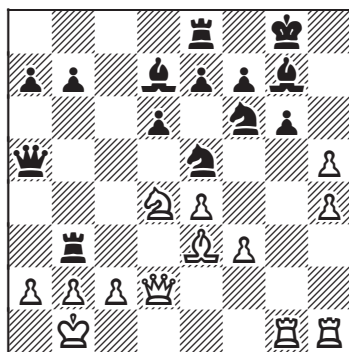
MCF DINNER EXHIBITION 2007

SICILIAN

Notes by IM Bryan Smith

1 e4 [The players were in separate rooms and the exhibition began when someone radioed “pawn to echo four” from DeFirmian’s room to Fedorowicz’s. Each player had 45 minutes for the game, and I think that “the Fed” spent most of this time telling multiple stories!] **1...c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6** [The sharp Dragon variation was the best chance of breaking the {draw} streak.] **6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4 Bd7 10 0-0-0 Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 h4 h5** [Up to this point, both players were wondering if the other remembered a game they had played in the 1976 US Junior Championship, in which DeFirmian beat Fedorowicz in the Dragon. In that game, Fedorowicz did not play 12...h5 in response to White’s 12 h4. When making this move he said, “It’s only 31 years too late.”] **13 Rdg1** [DeFirmian has used this relatively rare move on numerous occasions. The main line is 13 Bg5 and 13 Kb1 is also fairly common.] **13...Qa5 14 Kb1 Rfe8** [Defending the e7-pawn and thus removing the main danger of 15 Nd5. Fedorowicz thought White was in a “minor Zugzwang.” Black will sacrifice the Exchange on c3 only after White plays g2-g4.] **15 g4 Rxc3! 16 gxh5** [This came as a surprise for the Fedorowicz camp, but it is probably forced. After 16 Qxc3 Qxc3 17 bxc3 hxg4 White’s position is crumbling; while 16 bxc3 hxg4 is even worse.] **16...Rxb3??!**

The most romantic decision, but I doubt Fedorowicz would play this way if it were not an exhibition game! The sober 16...Rc5 leads after 17 Qxa5 Rxa5 18 hxg6 e6 to a position where White has some compensation for his material deficit but Black should be ok. However, another typical Dragon tactic, 16...Nxf3!?, is interesting. Wild play ensues, for example, 17 Nxf3 Nxe4 18 Qg2? (best would be 18 Qe1 Qxh5 19 bxc3 Nxc3+ 20 Kc1 Bb5! when Black already has three pawns for

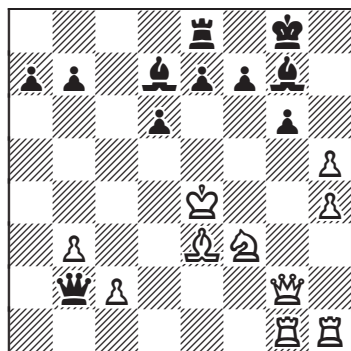


16...Rxb3

the rook and some strong threats which will reclaim more material) 18...Rxb3! 19 axb3 Nc3+! 20 Kc1 Qa1+ 21 Kd2 Ne4+ 22 Kd3 Qxb2 23 Kxe4



23...Qc3!! and the White king will not survive long.] **17 Qxa5 Rxe3** [Black gets three pieces for the queen, but is unable to coordinate them. The alternative 17...Rxb2+ 18 Kc1 is not satisfactory either, but at least exposes the White king, giving Black certain chances.] **18 hxxg6 Nxf3?!** [Another bold decision, but the more steady 18...fxg6 was preferable. After 19 Qd2 Black has 19...Rxf3!, but maybe White should just play 19 Qxa7] **19 Nxf3 Rxf3 20 h5 fxg6 21 Qg5!** [A nice idea, suggested by a member of the audience.] **21...Kf8 22**



23...Kxe4 (ANALYSIS)

Qxxg6 Bh8 23 h6 Be6 24 h7 Rc8 25 Qh6+ Ke8 [26 Rg8 would be the answer to 25...Kf7 as well. After 26...Nxxg8 27 Qh5+ Kf8 28 hxg8Q+ followed by 29 Qxf3, White wins.] **26 Rg8+! 1-0** It might have been worth struggling on for a while. For example, 26...Bxxg8 27 hxg8Q+ Nxxg8 28 Qxh8 (28 Qe6 Kd8 29 Qxxg8+ Kc7 gives Black very good chances of a successful defense) 28...Kd7 29 Qd4 and Black has some hope although White should prevail. A very entertaining game.

George Washington Open

The George Washington Open was played June 15-17 in Springfield.

Eighty-one players turned out and three of them wound up

tied for 1st with scores of 4½-½: IM Larry Kaufman and

FMs Rodion Rubenchik & Ilye Figler. They were followed

by a large group half a point behind: Oladapo Adu, Andrew

Samuelson, Boris Privman, Floyd Boudreaux, Sal Rosario, Tim

Rogalski & Nick Halgren. We don't have a list of the class prize winners as we

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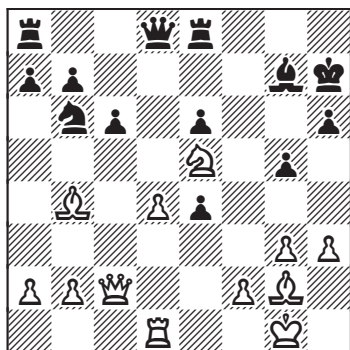
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LARRY KAUFMAN

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23 Ne5

23...Nd5 [23...Bxe5 24 dxe5 Nd5 25 Qxe4+ Kg7 26 Bd6 Qd7 27 Qg4 Qf7 28 Be4 Red8 29 Rd3 Rg8 30 Rf3 Qe8 31 Bxd5 cxd5 32 Rf6; 23...Qf6 24 Bxe4+ Kh8 25 Rd3 Nd5 26 Bc5] 24 Bxe4+ 1-0

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ADITYA PONUKUMATI - JOE FARIES

FRENCH

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State champion Andrew Samuelson had a very interesting tournament. Here are his games from rounds 2 thru 5:

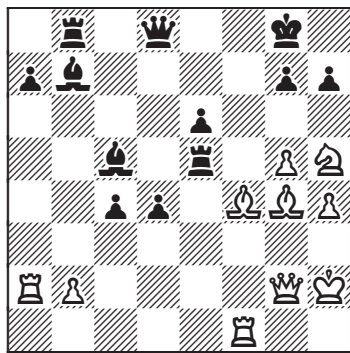
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(diagram)

33 Bxe5 Bxg2 34 Bxe6+ 1-0



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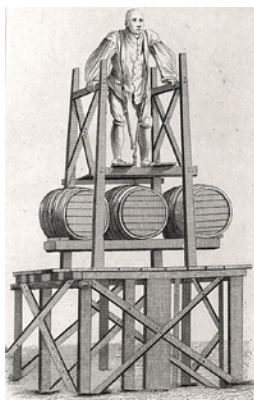


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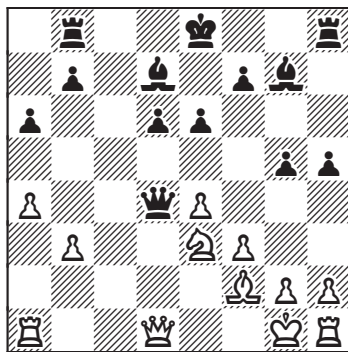
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Bxb2+ 20 Kxb2 Na4+ [20...Qf6+] 21
Kb1 Qb4 22 Qxa7 Nc3+ 23 Kb2
Nd1+ 24 Rxd1 Rxd1 25 Qb8+ Qf8 26
Qxb7 h5 27 Bxe4 Qd6 28 Bd3 Qe5+
29 Ka3 Qa5+ 30 Kb2 Qe5+ 1/2-1/2



NICK HALGREN - ANDREW SAMUELSON
SICILIAN

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 10 Be2 h5 11 Bxg4
Bxg4 12 f3 Bd7 13 Bf2 Nc6 14 Nd5
Rb8 15 c3 e6 16 Ne3 Nxd4 17 cxd4
Qa5+ 18 Kf1 Bb5+ 19 Kg1 Qb4 20
a4 Bd7 21 b3 Qxd4



Seemingly great for Black but
in fact not so simple...

22 Qxd4 Bxd4 23 Rd1 Be5 24 Nc4 b5
25 Nxe5 dxe5 26 a5 Rc8 27 b4 Bc6
28 Rd6 Bxe4 29 Bc5 Bc6 30 Kf2 0-0
31 Re1 f6 32 Rxe6 Rf7 33 Rd1 Kg7
34 Kg3 h4+ 35 Kf2 Bb7 36 Rdd6 Rh8
37 Rb6 Bc8 38 Rec6 Re8 39 Rb8 Bb7
40 Rxe8 Bxc6 41 Re6 Bb7 42 Ke3
Kg6 43 h3 Kf5 44 Re7 Rxe7 45 Bxe7
e4 46 Bd8 exf3 47 gxf3 Bc8 48 Kf2
Kg6 49 Kg2 Be6 50 Bc7 Kf5 51 Bd8
Bd5 52 Kf2 Bc4 53 Bc7 Ke6 54 Bb6
Ke5 55 Bd8 Be6 56 Kg2 Bd5 [56...Bf5;
56...Bd7] 57 Kf2 Bc6 58 Bb6 Bd7 59
Kg2 Kf4 60 Bc7+ Ke3 61 Bd8 Bc6
62 Bxf6 Bxf3+ 63 Kh2 Kf4 64 Be7
Be4 1/2-1/2



Chess Clubs

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FRENCH

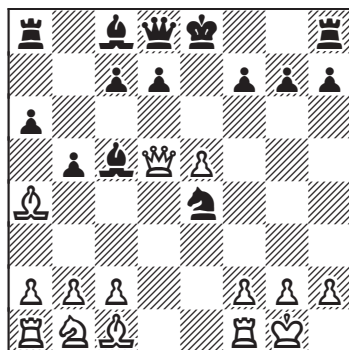
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8 Bg5 Qd7 9 Nbd2 f6 10 Bh4 O-O-O
11 b4 g5 12 Bg3 h5 13 Bxd6 Qxd6
14 b5 Na5 15 Qa4 b6 16 Nb3 Nb7
17 Qxa7 Bxf3 18 gxf3 g4 19 Be2
[19 Rfe1 gxf3 (19...Kd7 20 Qxb7 Rb8
21 Rxe7+ Kxe7 22 Re1+ Kf7 23 Qc6)
20 Rxe7 Rdg8+ 21 Kh1 Kd8 22 Rae1
Qxe7 23 Qb8+ Kd7 24 Bf5+; 19 f4]
19...gxf3 20 Bxf3 Rdg8+ 21 Kh1 Qf4
22 Nd2 [22 Bxd5 Nxd5 23 f3 Ne3 24
Qa8+ Kd7 25 Qxb7 Rg2 26 Qc6+ Kd8
27 Qa8+ Kd7 28 Qc6+ Kd8 29 Qa8+]
22...Qxd2 23 Bxd5 Nxd5 24 Qa8+
Kd7 25 Qxb7 Ne7 0-1

OLADAPO ADU - DARWIN LI
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
Nc6 5 Be3 Bg7 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 Be2 O-O
8 O-O d5 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 Nxd5 Qxd5
11 Bf3 Qd6 12 Nxc6 bxc6 13 Qxd6
exd6 14 Bxc6 Rb8 15 Rab1 Bf5 16 b4
Bxc2 17 Bxa7 Rbc8 18 b5 Bxb1 19
Rxb1 Be5 20 a4 d5 21 Bxd5 Rfd8 22
Bc6 Bd4 23 Bxd4 Rxd4 24 Ra1 Rc7
25 a5 Ra7 26 Kf1 Rb4 27 Ke2 Re7+
28 Kd3 Rb2 29 a6 Ra7 30 Kc3 Rxf2
31 b6 Rf6 32 bxa7 Rxc6+ 33 Kb4 Rc8
34 Kb5 Kg7 35 Kb6 Re8 36 Rc1 1-0

CRAIG SAPERSTEIN - PETER MINEAR
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4
Nf6 5 O-O Bc5 6 Nxe5 Nxe5 7 d4 b5
8 dxe5 Nxe4 9 Qd5



9...Bb7 10 Qxb7 c6 11 Nd2 Nxf2
12 Rxf2 Ra7 13 Qxa7 Bxa7 14 Bb3
Qh4 15 Bxf7+ Kf8 16 g3 Qd4 17 Ne4
Qxe4 18 Bd2 Qf3 19 Bb4+ Kxf7 20
Rf1 Ke6 0-1

ANDREW SAMUELSON - KEITH MELBOURNE
CARO KANN

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 Bd3
Nf6 5 Bf4 Nc6 6 c3 e6 7 Nf3 Bd6 8
Bg3 Bxg3 9 hxg3 Qb6 10 Qc2 h6 11
Nbd2 Bd7 12 O-O Rc8 13 Qb3 Qxb3
14 axb3 a6 15 b4 Rc7 16 Nb3 Na7 17
Ne5 Bb5 18 Nc5 Bxd3 19 Nexd3 Nb5
20 Rfe1 O-O 21 Nf4 Re8 22 f3 Nd6
23 Re2 Rce7 24 Rae1 h5 25 Kf2 Nc4
26 Ncd3 Kh7 27 Ne5 Nd6 28 Rh1 g6
29 g4 Kg7 30 gxh5 Rh8 31 g4 gxh5
32 g5 Nd7 33 Nnh5+ Kf8 34 g6 f6 35
Nxd7+ Rxd7 36 Rxe6 Ne8 37 Rxe8+
Kxe8 38 g7 Rg8 39 Nxf6+ Kf7 40
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Kf5 43 Ke3 Rg2 44 Nd3 1-0

TYLER COOK - SHINSAKU UESUGI
SICILIAN

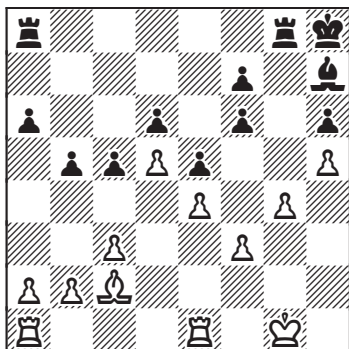
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Be2 O-O 12 O-O Bg5 13 c3 Kh8 14
Nc2 f5 15 exf5 Bxf5 16 Nce3 Bg6



17 Bd3 e4 18 Bc2 Ne5 19 Qd4 Nc6
20 Qd1 Rb8 21 f3 Bxe3+ 22 Nxe3
Qb6 23 Qe2 exf3 24 Qf2 Bxc2 25
Nxc2 fxg2 26 Qxb6 gxf1 Q+ 27 Rxf1
Rxf1+ 0-1

ALEX BARNETT - MARCELO DEYTO
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6
5 d3 d6 6 c3 Be7 7 O-O b5 8 Bc2 O-O
9 Re1 Bg4 10 h3 Bh5 11 Nbd2 Qd7
12 Nf1 Nd8 13 Ng3 Bg6 14 Nh4 Ne6
15 Nh5 Rfe8 16 d4 c5 17 d5 Nf4 18
Qf3 N6h5 19 Nxh5 Nxh5 20 g4 Nf6
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h4 Kh8 27 h5 Rg8 28 f3

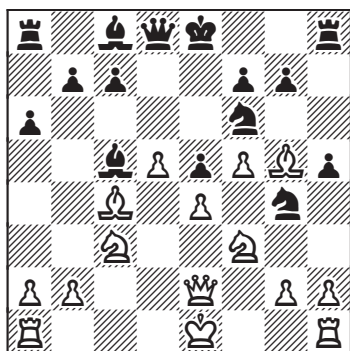


[A companion piece to the entombed
bishop in the Ramsey-Grinberg game.]

28...Rg5 29 Kf2 Kg7 30 a4 b4 31
cxb4 cxb4 32 Bd3 a5 33 Rac1 Kf8
34 Rc7 f5 35 exf5 Rd8 36 Rec1 Bg8
37 f6 Ke8 38 Bb5+ Kf8 39 Rc8 1-0

**TOM BECKMAN - DANIEL CLANCY
TCHIGORIN**

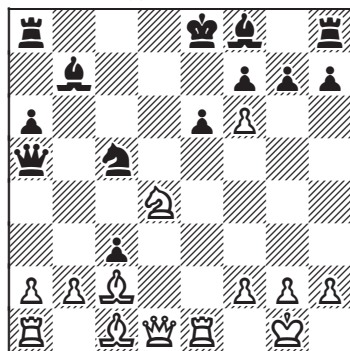
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Ne5 5 f4 Ng4 6 e4 e5 7 f5 h5 8 Bxc4
Bc5 9 Nf3 N8f6 10 Qe2 a6 11 Bg5



11...b5 12 Bxb5+ axb5 13 Qxb5+
Nd7 14 Bxd8 Kxd8 15 O-O-O Rh6 16
d6 cxd6 17 Rd5 Rb8 18 Qe2 Nb6 19
Rxc5 dxc5 20 h3 Nf6 21 Nxe5 Ke8 22
Rd1 Nfd7 23 Qb5 Ba6 24 Nxd7 Bxb5
25 Nxb8 Nd7 26 Nd5 c4 27 Ne3 Rc6
28 Kc2 Black lost on time 1-0

**SAF BENOUEMEUR - ENKH JANCHIVNYAMBUU
SLAY**

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 e3 Nf6 4 Nc3 e6 5
Nf3 Nbd7 6 Bd3 dxc4 7 Bxc4 b5 8
Bd3 Bb7 9 O-O a6 10 e4 c5 11 Re1
cxd4 12 Nxd4 Nc5 13 Bc2 b4 14 e5
bxc3 15 exf6 Qa5



16 b4 Qxb4 [16...Qc7 17 bxc5 O-O-O
18 c6 Bxc6 19 Qd3] **17 Rb1 Qc4** 18
Rxb7 Nxb7 [18...O-O-O 19 Rxf7 Qxd4



20 Qf3 Qd5 21 Qxd5 exd5] 19 Ba4+
Kd8 20 Nxe6+ Kc8 21 Qd7+ Kb8 22
Bf4+ [22 Nd8 Nxd8 23 fxg7] 22...Ka7
23 Rb1 Qc8 24 Qxf7 Ba3 25 Nd4 Bb2
26 Nc6+ Kb6 27 Qb3+ Kc5 28 Qb4+
Kd5 29 Ne7+ 1-0

MATT GRINBERG – AL HARVEY
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 Qc7
9 O-O-O Nbd7 10 Bd3 h6 11 h4 b5
12 Bxf6 Bxf6 13 e5 Bb7 14 Nxe6 fxe6
15 Qh5+ Ke7 16 exf6+ gxf6 17 Rhe1
Qc5 18 Qg4 Rag8 19 Qxe6+ Kd8 20
Bf5 Rg7 21 Rxd6 Kc7 22 Rxd7+ 1-0

MARCELO DEYTO – JASON KONG
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 Qd2 Ng4 8

Bg5 h6 9 Bh4 g5 10 Bg3 Qb6 11 Nb3
Nc6 12 O-O-O O-O 13 Nd5 Qd8 14
h4 gxh4 15 Bxh4 Nge5 16 Kb1 a5 17
a4 Ng6 18 Bg3 Be6 19 f4 f5 20 exf5
Rxf5 21 Ne3 Rf8 22 f5 Bxf5 23 Nxf5
Rxf5 24 Rxh6 Nce5 25 Qd5+ Rf7 26
Rh5 Qc7 27 Nd4 Rc8 28 Rc1 Qb6
29 Nb3 Ra8 30 Bxe5 Nxe5 31 Qe4
Kf8 32 Rf5 Rxf5 33 Qxf5+ Bf6 34
g4 Qg1 35 Be2 Qe3 36 Bb5 Qg5 37
Qxg5 Bxg5 38 Rf1+ Kg7 39 Nd4 Bf6
40 Be2 Kg6 41 Ne6 Rh8 42 Nf4+ Kf7
43 Nd5 Rg8 44 Nxf6 exf6 45 Rf4 Ke6
46 b4 axb4 47 Rxb4 Rg7 48 Kb2 Kd5
49 Kb3 Rc7 50 Bf1 Ke6 51 Bg2 d5
52 Rb6+ Nc6 53 c4 dxc4+ 54 Kxc4
Kd7 55 Bxc6+ Rxc6+ 56 Rxc6 Kxc6
57 a5 Kd6 58 Kb5 Kc7 59 Kc5 Kd7
60 Kd5 Ke7 61 Kc5 Kd7 62 Kb6 Kc8
63 Kc5 Kd7 ½-½

College Hunting

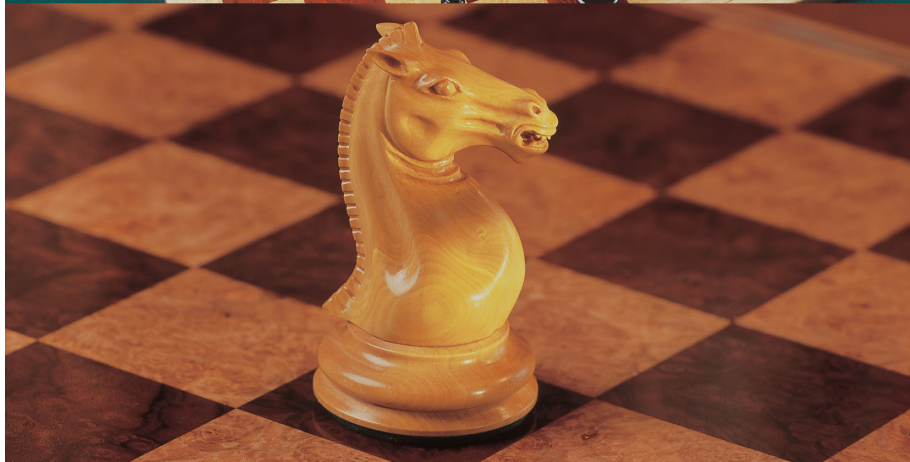
Philip Chodrow, a long-time Virginia scholastic player, recently competed in the Bradley Open held in Windsor, Connecticut while he and his parents were looking at colleges in New England. By rating, Philip was seeded 29th out of 30th in the under-2100 section. The five rounds of play produced three wins and two draws for Philip, and he ended up in a three-way tie for first place, as well as a 60-point rating boost. The tournament concluded on Father's Day; Philip took his parents out to dinner with his winnings!



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