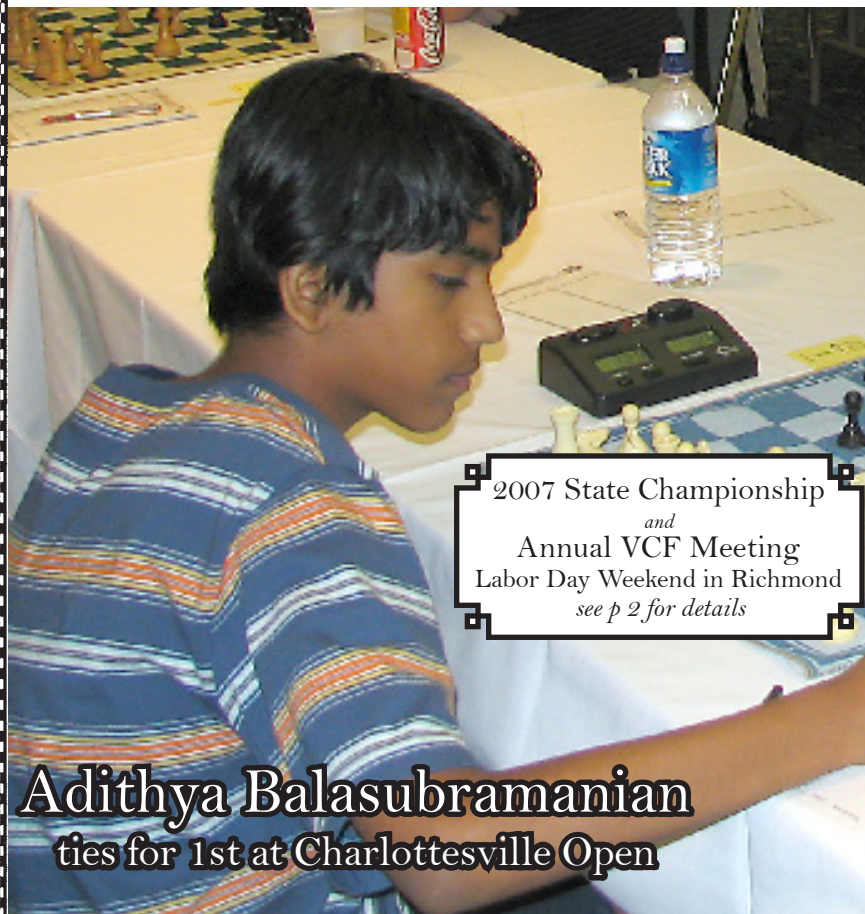


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Charlottesville Open

by Rob Getty

THE 17th ANNUAL CHARLOTTESVILLE OPEN was held on July 14-15 at the Best Western Cavalier Inn. Attendance was down from previous years, probably due to a schedule conflict with the Maryland Open on the same weekend, but 48 players still showed up to compete. Noteworthy among them was master Paul Whitehead, returning after a decade's absence from tournament play. We hope to see him in future events! A special treat was the presence of Sigurd (Sig) Smith of Sig's Chess, who provided a level of book and equipment vending normally reserved for much larger tournaments.

A 4th round draw between Whitehead and reigning Va Scholastic Champion left four players with 3½ points going into the final round. Expert Daniel Arceo had already committed to a 5th round bye, leaving Whitehead, Balasubramanian, and North Carolinian Gilbert Holmes to play the top boards, along with Expert Tim Rogalski from the 3-point group. Balasubramanian duly defeated Rogalski to claim at least a share of 1st. Then Whitehead took care of business against the heavily outrated Holmes (750 points!) thus producing a two-way tie at 4½.

Prizes apart from the two winners went to Daniel Arceo, Patric McCartney & Byron Hood (tied for 3rd/top X/top A); Nicholas Cravotta & Gilbert Holmes (= top B); Daniel Aldrich (C); Sharma Balkrishna & Andrew Butler (=D); Rodney Holmes (U1200); Hashim Davis & Brian Perez-Daple (= Unrated); and Sharma Balkrishna (Upset).

PAUL WHITEHEAD - GILBERT HOLMES

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 Re1 e5 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 d3 f6 8 a4 Nh6 9 Be3 Qe7 10 h3 Be6 11 c3 0-0-0 12 Qc1 Nf7 13 d4 cxd4 14 cxd4 exd4 15 Nxd4 Kb8 16 f4 Rd7 17 Nd2 Rhd8 18 N2f3 Ka8 19 a5 Nd6 20 a6 Nc4 21 axb7+ Kxb7 22 Rxa7+ Kc8 23 Nxc6 Qe8 24 Nxd8 1-0



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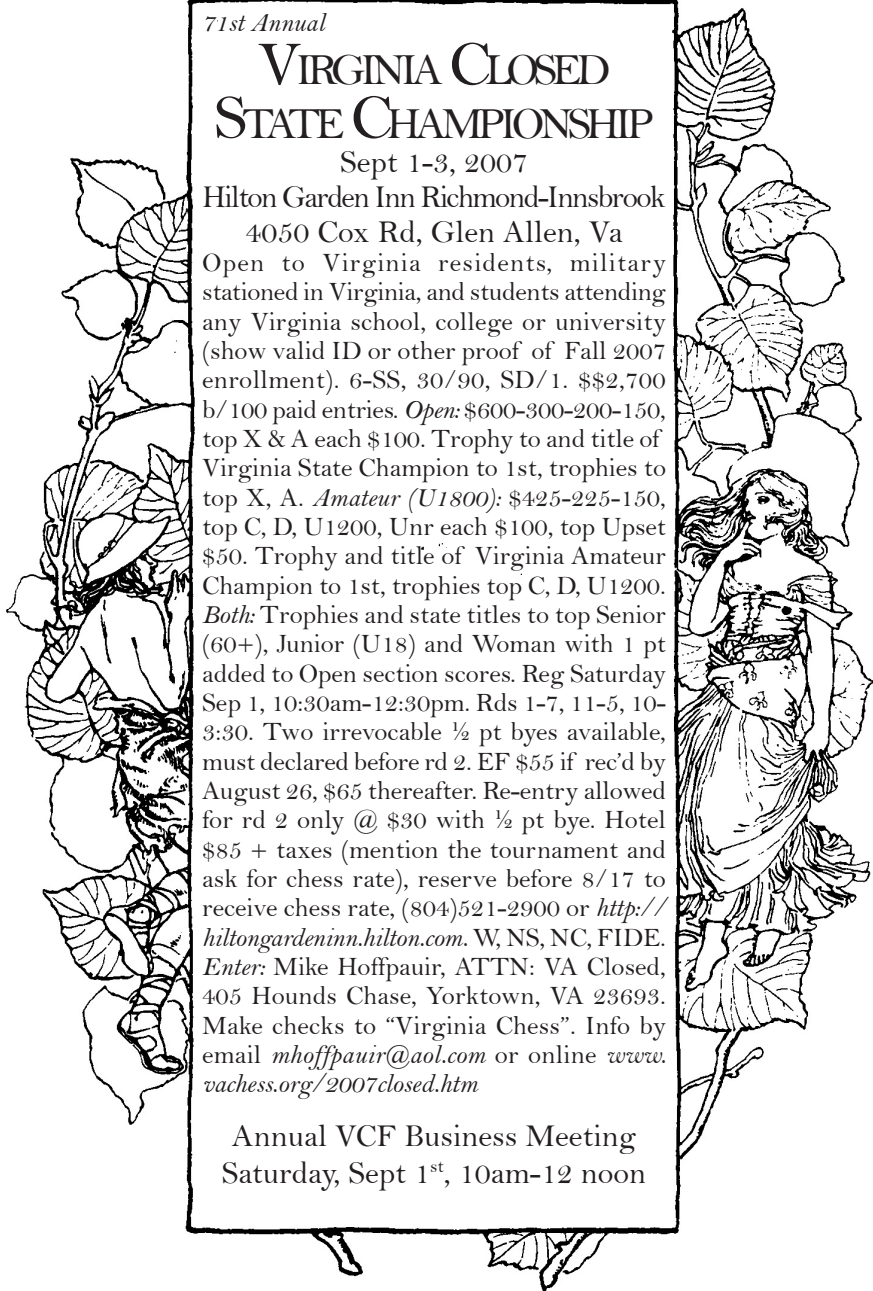
Sept 1-3, 2007

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



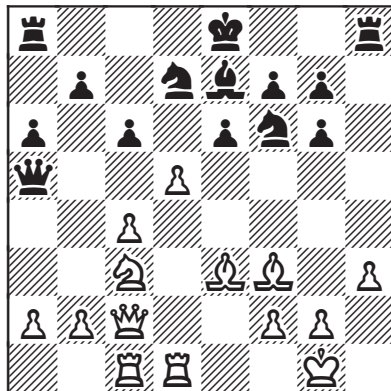


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TIM ROGALSKI - VITO CORTESE

SCANDINAVIAN

1 e4 d5 2 exd5 Qxd5 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 d4 Bg4 5 Be2 e6 6 h3 Bf5 7 Be3
c6 8 0-0 Nbd7 9 c4 Qa5 10 Nc3 Be7 11 Nh4 Bg6 12 Nxg6 hxg6 13
Qc2 Qc7 14 Rac1 a6 15 Bf3 Nb6 16 Qb3 Nbd7 17 Rfd1 Qb6 18 Qc2
Qa5 19 d5
19...exd5 20 cxd5 Ne5 21 Qe2
Nxf3+ 22 Qxf3 cxd5 23 Nxd5 Nxd5
24 Rxd5 Qb4 25 Rc7 0-0 26 Bd2
Qh4 27 Rdd7 Bf6 28 Qb3 Bd4 29
Rxf7 Bxf2+ 30 Rxf2+ Kh7 31 Rcf7
Rxf7 32 Qxf7 Rd8 33 Bc3 Rd1+ 34
Kh2 Rd7 35 Qxd7 1-0



MICHAEL MULFORD - DANIEL ARCEO

VERESOV

1 d4 d5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Bg5 Bf5 4 f3 c6 5 Bxf6 exf6 6 e4 Be6 7 Bd3
Bd6 8 Qd2 0-0 9 Nge2 Re8 10 0-0-0 a6 11 exd5 cxd5 12 g4 b5 13
Nf4 Bb4 14 h4 Qc7 15 Nfe2 Nd7 16 g5 f5 17 h5 g6 18 Rh4 Rac8 19
Rdh1 Nf8 20 Qf4 Bd6 21 Qd2 Qa5 22 Kb1 Bb4 23 Qf4 Qc7 24 hxg6
fxg6 25 Qe3 Bf7 26 Qf2 Re7 27 Nd1 Rce8 28 Nf4 Be1 29 Rxe1 Rxe1
30 Be2 R8xe2 31 Nxe2 Rxd1+ 32 Nc1 Qe7 0-1

ADITHYA BALASUBRAMANIAN - PAUL WHITEHEAD

ENGLISH

1 g3 e5 2 Bg2 Nf6 3 c4 d6 4 Nc3 g6 5 d3 Bg7 6 e4 0-0 7 Nge2 Nc6 8
0-0 Nh5 9 Nd5 f5 10 exf5 gxf5 11 Nec3 Nf6 12 Bg5 Nd4 13 Nxf6+
Bxf6 14 Bh6 Bg7 15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 f4 c6 17 Rf2 Qf6 18 Ne2 Bd7
19 fxe5 Nxe2+ 20 Rxe2 ½-½





STORYBOOK ENDING

by Tim Rogalski

ONE OF THE GREATEST CHESS WRITERS, World Champion candidate J H Donner, authored a collection of extremely entertaining articles entitled, *The King: Chess Pieces*. Donner embarrassed and infuriated many of his readers, and he himself explained why. He stated that humor does not come across very well in print; however, many of his articles had me laughing and grinning ear-to-ear, probably because I wasn't the object of his attacks! His work provoked several libel lawsuits and caused Donner to be ostracized by the Netherlands chess authorities, yet these very same caustic articles prevented many a fledgling chess magazine from being sucked into the black-hole of oblivion. Donner was a fearsome journalist and no one was safe from his vitriolic acid pen. After he suffered a debilitating stroke, he wrote his best award-winning works using only one finger with his good eye only inches from his manual typewriter. First, read the reviews, and then find the unabridged version.

TIMOTHY ROGALSKI - ALMARIO BERNARDINO
2005 ATLANTIC OPEN, WASHINGTON DC
FRENCH

1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nbd2 d5 5 e5 Ne4 6 c3 f5 7 exf6 Nxf6 [The position we have reached is a stunted version of the French Tarrasch. Black is cramped since he has not achieved the freeing c7-c5xd4 pawn formation. White proceeds with simple developing moves.] **8 Bd3 Bd6 9 0-0 0-0 10 Re1 Qe8 11 Nf1 Qh5 12 Ng3 Bxg3 13 fxg3!** [I took away from the center because I was worried about possible rook sacs on f3 after the f6-knight goes to g4. To my pleasant surprise, the human-thinking Rybka 2.3.2a concurs, while the enervated Fritz still rationalizes like a silicon-plated machine and mechanically captures toward the center. BTW, Rybka outright won the 15th World Computer Chess Championship with a crushing and undefeated score of 10/11. Days later the program's author, American IM Rajlich, while proudly conjoined to his brain-child like a Siamese Twin, outright won the 6th CSS/Pal Freestyle Tournament with an undefeated score of 6/9. (Participants of a "freestyle" tournament are keen centaurs, where



the human plays with the aid of a supercomputer.) Rybka's 3100+ rating is 800 points greater than her creator, and unlike Hollywood's portrayal, if you ever read Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, then you know that the tormented and disfigured creature was more intelligent than his creator. Some monsters are made from dead body parts, others are made from silicon.] **13...Bd7 14 Bf4 Rac8 15 Qc2 Nd8 16**

Re5 [I wanted to double rooks on the e-file and was happy to accomplish this with tempo, but the sharper 16 Ng5! was winning; 17 Nxh7! is threatened and all the tricky lines work in White's favor because the Black queen is too exposed on h5.]

16...Qe8 17 Ng5 g6 18 Rae1 Nh5 19 Bc1 Ng7?! [Black is forced to move the knight because of the threat of 20 Nxh7, but he should have gone to f6 to prevent White's next.] 20

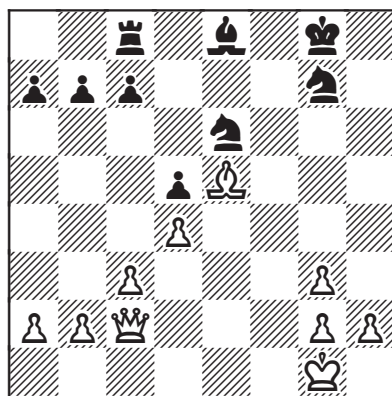
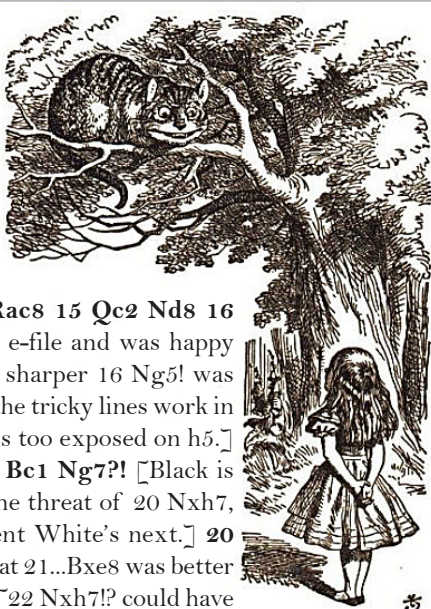
Rxd5 exd5 21 Rxe8 Rxe8 [I thought that 21...Bxe8 was better to provide extra support to g6.] **22 Bf4** [22 Nxh7!? could have

been played one move earlier than in the game. The tactics work for White after 22...Re1+ 23 Kf2 Rxc1 24 Nf6+ Kf7 25 Qxc1 Kxf6 26 Qf4+ Ke7 27 Qg5+ Kf8 28 Bxg6 with a position similar to the game except that White would have a light squared bishop instead of a dark squared one.] **22...Nde6?** [Had Black played the better 22...Bf5, you would never have seen this game submitted for publication.] **23 Nxh7! Kxh7 24 Bxg6+ Kg8 25 Bxe8 Bxe8** [This time, 25...Rxe8 was slightly more accurate.] **26 Be5** (diagram)

The centrally supported bishop is both herculean and untouchable. White has Q+3Ps vs R+2Ns and is clearly winning. His army stands fully coordinate while Black's pieces step on each other's toes. White's assessment will improve with each step made by the passed pawns.

26...b6 27 g4 [It is generally good to create separation between doubled pawns by advancing the foremost pawn. Notice that the g4-pawn is best shape in relation

to the poorly-placed g7 knight, which is without a move.] **27...c5 28 dxc5 bxc5 29 h4 Rd8 30 h5 Bxh5?! [30...d4 was Black's best practical chance but White's phalanx of passed pawns are unstoppable too strong.] 31 gxh5 Nxh5** [Notice





that the centralized bishop is best shape in relation to the edged h5 knight.] **32 g4 Nhg7 33 Qb3 Kh7** [Black simply loses a piece after 33...d4? **34 Bxg7 34 Qc2+ Kg8 35 Bf6** [Just testing the waters to allow Black leeway to go wrong.] **35...Rd6 36 Qb3 Kf7 37 Be5 Rd7 38 Qb5** [Now something has to give.] **38... Ke7 39 Bxg7** [Computer programs evaluate the esoteric 39 Bf6+!? Ke8 40 g5 as better but humans think like humans, feel like humans, and therefore play human moves.] **39...Nxg7 40 Qxc5+ Ke8 41 Kg2 Ne6 42 Qe3 Ke7 43 Qe5** [Queens are strongest when centralized.] **43...d4 44 cxd4 Rxd4 45 Kf3 Rd3+ 46 Ke2** [The king had no reason to fear entering the thick of the fight with 46 Ke4] **46...Rd4** [Black should be thinking about trying to construct a fortress, however flimsy that might be. It was best to inhibit the advance of the g-pawn and play for tricks with 46...Rd5!, when White might fall for a cheapo knight fork.] **47 g5 Rg4 48 Qf6+ Kd6 49 g6 a5** [Too bad for Black that the e6-knight is pinned.]



50 Kd3 Rg5? [Whoops!] **51 Qxg5 1-0** Played with a loud crunch! Now if Black recaptures, then both the Black king and knight can only watch on helplessly, and in a manner reminiscent to something that happened in one of Donner's best article, the "Sweet Little Thing" (g-pawn) gaily prances to g7, then g8, where it metamorphically promotes to a queen. The g-pawn ascends into heaven, and the queen lives happily ever after in paradise and eternal bliss. **The End 1-0**

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From the Editor...



J'ADOUBE

Rob Pilaud writes in with a correction to Mike Atkins' report on the Springfield Open (*Virginia Chess* #2007/3). There we stated that Unrated prizewinner Brian Perez-Daple was the only unrated player in the field, but Rob points out that he too was a newcomer playing in his first official chess tournament.

ANALYTIC QUESTION

Another email comes from Richard Runke – well, actually the message wasn't signed, but I infer from the return address that it was from Richard Runke, who has contributed material to *Virginia Chess* in the past. In any case, the correspondent cites the game Yermolinski-Kaidanov from the recent US Championship as having been played “in the style of a club level clash,” and asks, “Can you explain the thought and planning around move 16? Would your readers not find this interesting?”

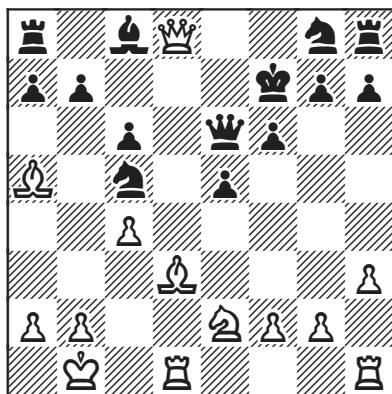
ALEX YERMOLINSKY – GREGORY KAIDANOV
2007 US CHAMPIONSHIP, STILLWATER OKLAHOMA

Notes by Richard Runke (?)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c6 4 e4 dxe4 5 Nxe4 Bb4+ 6 Bd2 Qxd4 7 Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8 Be2 Na6 9 Ba5 [The more common continuation. {sic} Also 9 Bc3; or 9 Bd6; or 9 Bf8] 9...f6 [9...Bd7] 10 Qd8+ [10 Nf3] 10...Kf7 11 0-0-0 e5 12 Bd3! [12 f3 *Chess Informant* 85/(356); 12 Bh5+ *Chess Informant* 85/356] 12...Qf4+ 13 Kb1 Nc5 [13...b6 14 Bc3 (14 Ne2 Qxf2 15 Ng3 Rb8 16 Ne4 Bg4 17 Nd6+ Ke6 18 Nc8 Kf7 19 Nd6+ Ke6 20 Nc8 Kf7 ½-½ Grigoriant-Potkin, Ismailia 2004)] 14...Nc5 15 Ne2 Qg4 16 f3 Qe6 17 Bc2 Bb7 18 Qd2 a5 19 f4 e4 20 Nd4 Qc8 21 Qe2 h5 22 f5 Ne7 23 g4 Nd3 24 Rhg1 hxg4 25 Rxg4 Nc5 26 Rdg1 Rh7 27 Ne6 Nxe6 28 fxe6+ Kf8 29 Qxe4 f5 30 Rf4 1-0 Lputian-Pavasovic, Mallorca 2004] 14 Ne2 [Hereabouts Black invested more



than an hour of clock time.] 14...Qg4 15 h3 Qe6 16 Ng3 [Question: How was Black planning to answer 16 Bb4? Why did White play as he did (16 Ng3)?] 16...Qe7 17 Be4 Qxd8 18 Rxd8 Ne6 19 Rd2 Ne7 20 Rhd1 Rb8 21 Ne2 b6 22 Bc3 Ba6 23 b3 Rbd8 24 f4 exf4 25 Nxf4 Rxd2 26 Bxd2 Nc5 27 Bc2 Bc8 28 Be3 Nb7 29 Kb2 Rd8 30 Rxd8 Nxd8 31 Be4 g5 32 Ne2 f5 33 Bf3 g4 34 hxg4 fxg4 35 Be4 Bf5 36 Ng3 Bxe4 37 Nxe4 Ne6 38 b4 [38 Kc3] 38...Nf5 39 Bf2 Nf4 40 Kc3 [40 g3] 40...Nxc3 41 a4 Nf4 0-1



15...Qe6

16 Bb4 was certainly a more direct attacking try. Since White ultimately lost, he clearly erred somewhere along the way and perhaps his 16th was indeed a misstep. However, nothing is certain after the bishop move. True, Black doesn't look good in the event of 16...Nxd3 17 Qf8+ Kg6 18 Rxd3 and his exposed king (and in particular, the threat Rg3+ followed by Qxg7) means more than whatever confusion Black might sow by taking c4 with his queen. But it seems he can hang tough with either 16...Nd7 (perhaps followed by ...Qe8 and then untangling the back rank, Nh6 etc) or 16...b6 with Bb7 possibly to come. Black's game looks cramped and awkward to be sure, but that is the lot he chose, deliberately, when he played the opening as he did, grabbing the d-pawn.

As for why Yermolinky preferred 16 Ng3, in the absence of definitive analytic reasons we can only speculate. White's compensation for



the pawn is Black's messed up development. Sometimes this leads to a direct attack (as 16 Bb4 would try to demonstrate) but other times the most effective course for the aggressor in such situations is simply to keep improving the placement of his own pieces. Black may not be able to respond in kind and, ironically, the very absence of direct threats can complicate his task. There's a natural tendency to want to simplify by trading pieces and so forestall the Big Attack, but such simplification may in fact favor the better developed side since the pieces eliminated include Black's few (or only) developed units. Here, for instance, given his insecure king you might think Black would jump at a chance to trade queens in the diagram position. But if we imagine him going ...Qe8, and White responding by just allowing the trade and recapturing Rxd8, we see that in removing the queens we got rid of Black's most effective piece, whereas now he's still tied up on the back rank and has even further developed White's game by clearing the way for the king's rook to follow its brother in moving to d1.

We can't know for certain what concrete variations Yermolinsky may have seen or overlooked, or what was his overall estimation of each side's chances at this point. Certainly he would have considered the possibility 16 Bb4. Probably he did not find a clear knockout there and so preferred to simply mobilize one of his less active pieces.

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Greetings Chess Fans!

I want to extend you a personal invitation to the 2007 annual Southwest Virginia Open.

I played in this tournament last year, and it was one of my most enjoyable chess events in recent memory. The mountain views were spectacular, and the chess was on the same level.

This year I will be serving as chief tournament director rather than playing. I have also taken up the cause of promoting this fantastic event. The board of Roanoke Valley Chess Club has been working closely with me to make this year one for the record books. We anticipate a strong turnout.

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♔ Alexandria: Kingstowne Chess Club, Kingstowne South Center, 6080 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Tuesdays 7-10pm, info Rob McKinney, robcmckinney@aol.com, (703) 924-5883 ♔ Arlington: Arlington Chess Club, Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N Highland St (at Lee Hwy), Fridays 7:30pm. Registration for rated Ladder and Action events ends 8pm. Blitz/Quick tourney first Friday of each month. Info www.wizard.net/~matkins or John Campbell (703) 534-6232 ♔ Arlington Seniors Chess Club, Madison Community Center, 3829 N Stafford St, Mondays, 9:45am, info (703) 228-5285 ♔ Blacksburg: Chess Club of Virginia Tech, GB Johnson Student Center, Rm 102, Virginia Tech, Wednesdays 7-9pm ♔ Charlottesville: Charlottesville Chess Club, St Mark Lutheran Church, Rt 250 & Alderman Rd, Monday evenings ♔ Chesapeake: Zero's Sub Shop, 3116 Western Branch Blvd (Rt 17), (Poplar Hill Plaza near Taylor Rd intersection), Mondays 6pm to closing ♔ Great Bridge United Methodist Church, corner of Battlefield Blvd & Stadium Dr, Tuesdays, 6:30-10pm, info 686-0822 ♔ Culpeper: Culpeper Chess Club, Culpeper County Public Library, Rt 29 Business (near Safeway). Adults meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:45pm, juniors Thursdays 6:30-8:45pm. Info John Clark 540-829-6606 ♔ Fort Eustis: contact Sorel Utsey 878-4448 ♔ Danville: Danville Chess Club, Danville YMCA, 810 Main Street. Mondays 6:30-9:30 pm. Info John Thompson 434-799-8898 ♔ Fredericksburg: Spotsylvania Chess, Lutheran Church Rte West 4.7 miles from Exit 130 on I-95. Every Tuesday 6-9pm, info Mike Cornell 785-8614 ♔ Glenss: Rappahannock Community College - Glenss Campus Chess Club, Glenss Campus Library, Tuesdays 8-10pm in the student lounge, info Zack Loesch 758-5324(x208) ♔ Harrisonburg: Shenandoah Valley Chess Club, Trinity Presbyterian Church, corner of S High (rt 42) & Maryland Ave (Port Republic Rd), Fridays 7:30pm, <http://cep.jmu.edu/huffmacj/svcc/svchome.html> ♔ McLean: Booz Allen Hamilton CC, Hamilton Bldg, Rm 2032, 8283 Greensboro Dr. Thursdays, info Thomas Thompson, 703-902-5418, thompson_thomas@bah.com ♔ Mechanicsville: Stonewall Library, Stonewall Pkwy, Mondays 6:30-9pm 730-8944 ♔ Norfolk: Tidewater Chess Club, Beth Messiah Synagogue, 7130 Granby St, Norfolk. Tuesdays, 7-10 pm, Ernie Schlich (757) 853-5296, eschlich@verizon.net ♔ Larchmont Public Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd, Wednesday 6-9pm ♔ ODU Chess Club, Webb Univ Ctr, Old Dominion University, info www.odu.edu/~chess ♔ Reston: Reston Community Ctr Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Thursdays 6:30-9:30 pm. Limited number of sets & boards available, or bring your own. No fee, but you must sign-in at each meeting ♔ Richmond: The Kaissa Chess Club, Willow Lawn Shopping Center, in the food court, Thursdays 5-9pm. info Gary Black (804) 741-1666 ♔ The Side Pocket, Cross Roads Shopping Center, Staples Mill Rd. A billiards parlor with chess tables set up any hour, every day ♔ Huguenot Chess Knights, Bon Air Library Community Room, 1st & 3rd Friday of each month, 7-11pm, info Walter Chester 276-5662 ♔ Jewish Ctr CC, 5403 Monument Ave. 4-6pm every other Sunday beginning 1/8/95. (804) 288-0045 ♔ VCU CC, 907 Floyd Ave, Capital Ballroom C, Saturdays 3-7pm, info Michael Neal, grandmaster_2b@yahoo.com ♔ Roanoke: Roanoke Valley Chess Club, Grandin Ct Rec Ctr, Corner of Lofton & Barham Rd SW, Fridays 7:00-11:00pm, Info Brian Roark (540) 378-1316 or brian.roark@acterna.com ♔ Stafford: Bella Café Chess Nights, 3869 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 103, Stafford, VA 22554. Tuesdays & Thursdays 7pm -10, sets and boards on site, frequent tourneys. Contact Will at 703-445-8855 or bellabagelcafe@yahoo.com ♔ Virginia Beach: Tidewater Community Chess Club, Bldg D ("Kempsville") Cafeteria, Tidewater Community College Va Beach Campus, 1700 College Crescent Rd. Mondays 7-10pm ♔ Williamsburg: Williamsburg CC, The Williamsburg Landing, 5700 Williamsburg Landing Drive. 2nd floor Game Room. Tuesdays 7-10pm. Don Woolfolk 757-229-8774 or Tom Landvogt 757-565-5792 ♔ Winchester: Winchester Chess Club, Westminster-Canterbury Home for the Elderly, Tuesdays 7pm ♔ Woodbridge: Prince William Chess Club, Tuesdays 7-9pm at the Game Parlor, Prince William Square, 14400 Smoketown Road. Contact Dick Stableford, 703-670-5887 or o6usmc@comcast.net

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Arlington Open

October 20-21

George Mason University-Arlington Campus Professional Center
(The Old Law School)

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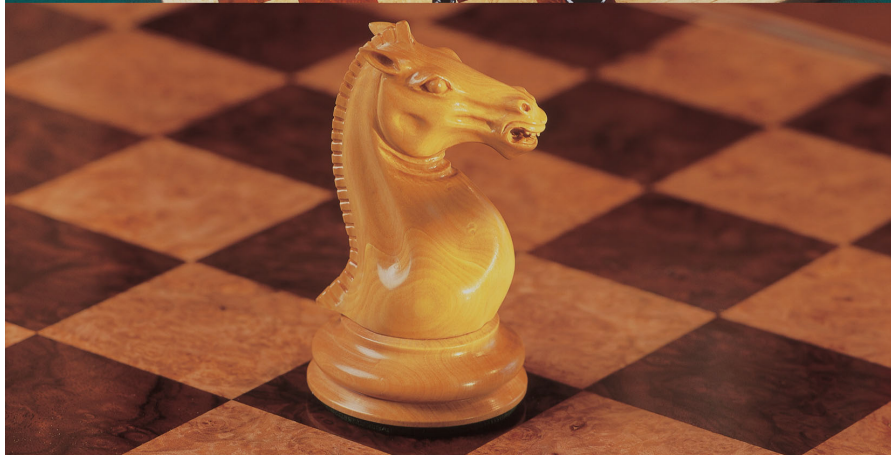
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