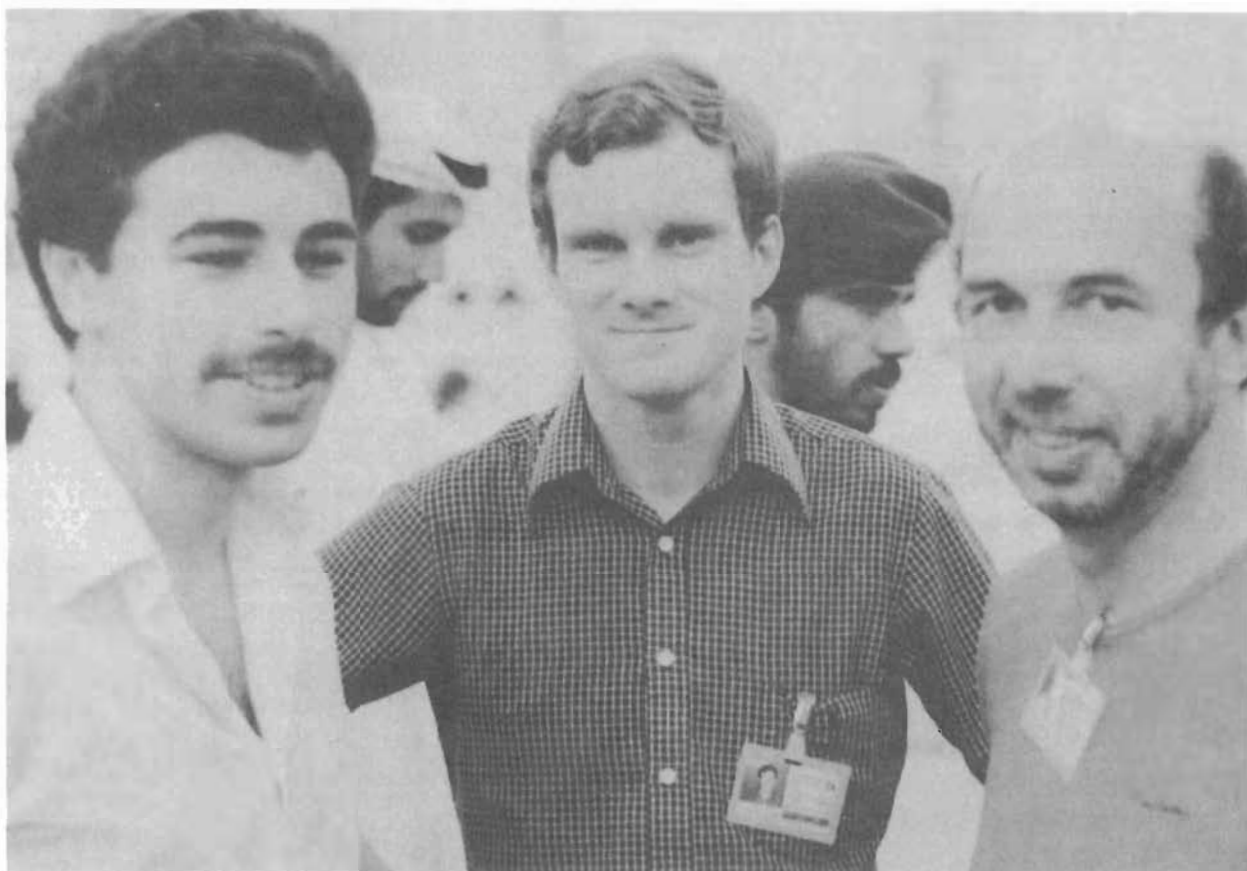




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## From Yasser Seirawan

Dear Chess Friends,

Greetings! It's been awhile since our last contact and I  
wanted to take this opportunity to thank the people who voted  
for me as a Washington State USCF delegate. Thank you one and  
all! As most of you probably know, I'm running for the USCF  
presidency. However, it's necessary to put one foot in front  
of the other or fall flat on my face!

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tion for the USCF. By working with the top Chess professionals  
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a lot of energy from sincere hardworking volunteers. This  
means you! To any of you who are interested in helping in my  
campaign please write to:

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In closing, let me say it's a great pleasure to come back from  
my journeys and thumb through the pages of NWC. Congratula-  
tions to all those involved in its publication. You're  
wonderful!

See you all at the '87 U.S. Open in Portland!

Sincerely,

Yasser Seirawan  
International GrandMaster  
U.S. Champion

## From The Editor

Yasser's opponent in this election will be Harold Winston, with  
whom I served as USCF Secretary while he was a Delegate at  
Large. Both candidates have high credentials, and the USCF  
will be a winner, no matter who is elected. I have offered  
each "equal space" for their campaign statements in our  
regional magazine. This is especially appropriate this year,  
as Oregon will be hosting the US Open and the new USCF officers  
will start their three-year terms during that event.

But, space being limited, such an offer of "equal space" will  
apply only to the two major candidates for the USCF Presidency:  
Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan and Attorney-to-be Harold Winston.  
Many of us know both candidates personally, and we are looking  
forward to an innovative and challenging campaign!

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## U.S. OPEN HISTORY

**Norman Weinstein of Massachusetts won the 1973 Open in Chicago on tie-breakers over Walter Browne, Duncan Suttles, Greg DeFotias and Ruben Rodriguez. All five players scored 10-2. The Fischer boom produced 778 entries, nearly doubling the record of 400 set at the 1971 Open in Ventura. Twelve year old Yasser Seirawan of Seattle was first Class B with a score of 8.5-3.5. Duncan Suttles of Vancouver, B.C. handed Weinstein his only loss by weaving a mating net in a time scramble.**

### **Weinstein - Suttles**

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a6 6 00 b5 7 e5 Nfd7 8 Re1 Nb6 9 Bf4 00 10  
Qd2 Nc6 11 Rad1 Rb8 12 Bh6 de 13 Bxg7  
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Kd5 38 Qg8+ Kd4 39 g3 Nd6 40 Rd8 Kc3 41  
Qd5 Kb2 42 Ra8 Ne4 43 Kg2 Qxf2+ 44 Kh3 f5  
45 Qxe5+ Kb1 0-1

## 1987 US Open Committee

Minutes of Jan 17, 1987 Meeting  
Report by Ralph Hall, Chairman

1. The Treasurer reported a bank balance of over \$2,000.
2. The Chairman reported that Fidelity Corp. will donate \$6,200; that the question of who pays for GM entries has not been answered; that the ACF has been asked to guarantee \$7,000 toward the high school champions tournament - if that happens the tournament will be organized and announced.

3. The Treasurer announced that the bulk-mail appeal to NW chessplayers produced more than \$2,000 in contributions. The Chairman asked those present to take extra letters and use them to contact additional potential contributors.

4. The Finance Sub-committee described a February campaign to contact businesses for contributions. A concurrent, coordinated campaign to sell program advertising will be conducted.

5. The Chairman reported that Steve Pettman (at the USCF office) will solicit bids for the chess books and equipment concession.

6. The Chairman announced that Northwest Airlines has been selected as the "Official Airline." They will provide airline tickets, advertising material, and print folders which will be one-half advertising material which we provide. B. Donnell is working on the text and will have it ready by the end of January.

7. E. Whipple obtained addresses of West Coast Consuls and drafted a letter. When promotion materials are ready, the letters will be sent.

8. An official tournament announcement must be prepared by the end of January. It must include information about the hotel, airline, and Fidelity Corp. B. Donnell is working on it.

9. The March CHESS LIFE will include an '87 U.S. Open promotion article written by C. Bush. A future issue will have a picture of A. Dake and R. Hall with caption inviting players to Portland for the Open.

10. The Executive Committee will decide how to use the free airline tickets to promote the tournament. Everyone present was urged to suggest ways to get promotion materials to major chess events during the next six months.

11. NW CHESS will begin publishing the names of advance entries. The OMSI Upper Division Champion will be given a free U.S. Open entry by the OSCF.

12. C. Kelleher will have announcements of side event tournaments ready by the end of January.

13. E. Blanton is working with the Hilton to schedule the use of rooms. All needs must be directed to him. Y. Seirawan probably will do his two-hour instruction and picture-taking session during the morning of August 7 in the hotel.

14. K. Dale will contact qualified chief TD's next week to determine interest and availability. He also is identifying local directors who wish to work as assistant TD's.

15. The USCF will provide the demonstration boards and regular tournament supplies. They can provide sets and boards, but S. Pettman will attempt to get a concessionaire to provide sets and boards free with the proviso that the organizers share in the profit from the sale of sets immediately following the tournament.

16. A registration form must be designed and produced with multi-colored carbons.

17. NW CHESS will provide 500 extra copies of the August issue to go in the players hospitality packets. G. Reiner reported plans for special days at the tournament and for the hospitality booth. No exclusive agreements will be made with providers of tourist activities.

18. S. Pettman will arrange for the production of daily bulletins at the tournament.

19. The question of how to help GM's with expenses will be discussed at the next meeting.

20. The Site Sub-committee will talk to the Hotel about possible extra lighting.

21. The Chairman will contact the Postmaster about a special cancellation service at the tournament.

22. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on February 21st.

Present at the meeting were: Lewis L. Richardson, Elmer H. Blanton, Michael J. Morris, Gerald L. Reiner, Casey E. Bush, John C. Howell, Lucia Pena, Evan D. Whipple, Clay R. Kelleher, W. MacDonald, Brian G. Donnell, and Ralph L. Hall.

Minutes prepared by R. Hall, Chairman.

# USA TEAM AT DUBAI (FIDE TEAM OLYMPIAD)

IM John Donaldson, USA Men's Team Captain

## Background

Amazing is a word that is often used but rarely accurately. For the recently concluded Olympiad in Dubai, there is really no other word to convey what it was like. It was amazing in having a record breaking 108 teams in the men's group (16 more than the previous record set in 1982 at Lucerne), the presence of possibly the strongest team ever (the Soviets, boasting an average ELO of 2680+ - about 2750 USCF - on the first four boards), the closest race ever for the gold medal, and the most incredible conditions ever offered by the organizers. Lubosh Kavalek, our third board, who has played in Olympiads since 1964, said it was clearly the best he had ever been to, topping even the well remembered Havana 1966.

The site of the 1986 Olympiad is twelve time zones away from the USA west coast. Dubai is one of seven city-states which merged in the early 1970's to form the United Arab Emirates. Bordered by Omar, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia it lays directly across from Iran, separated only by the Persian Gulf. A small nation in terms of population and geographic size, it boasts a very high per capita income due to substantial oil revenues. In recent years the UAE has become quite active in international chess, having sponsored several tournaments including the 1985 world junior which Max Dlugy won.

Few Olympiads have generated more controversies than this one. When Dubai was announced as the site for the next Olympiad in Thessaloniki in 1984 things seemed to be under control. Like all other Arab states excepting Egypt, the UAE is in a technical state of war with Israel. It's pretty technical since the UAE really doesn't have much of an army and is paying all its attention these days to the Iran-Iraqi debacle which is constantly threatening to spill across the Persian Gulf. Despite the moderate policies of the UAE, it was quite clear back in 1984 that the Israelis wouldn't be able to get visas. At the time a private agreement was reached between FIDE and the Israelis which both sides could live with. During most of 1985 and part of 1986 preparations were made and little was said. But the last half of this past year got very messy.

At the delegates' meeting at the 1986 US Open a lengthy debate was conducted as to whether or not we should send a team. Ultimately, the decision was made to go but only on the condition of getting a resolution passed that would prohibit the holding of future olympiads in countries that wouldn't allow all FIDE member nations to attend. If this resolution wasn't passed, our team was instructed to withdraw midway thru the event.

Several players who could have played: Lev Alburt, Joel Benjamin, and Dimitri Gurevich - chose not to as they felt it wasn't right to send a team. Max Dlugy, who is also Jewish, felt differently and chose to play.

USA wasn't the only country which debated the issue. Missing from Dubai were teams from Holland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark plus such world class players as Korchnoi and Huebner. In Dubai the issue of whether Israel should play or not was also discussed quite a bit. Most of those who felt they should have been allowed to play felt a dangerous precedent had been set but that cancelling the event, when no alternative bids had been made when the boycott proposal was announced, wouldn't be right.

On the other side were those who felt Campomanes did the best thing possible under the circumstances. He found a site for the Olympiad, no easy matter when the budget is a couple of million dollars, and even got the organizers to foot the bill for the poorer teams' airfare - 20 or 30 teams qualified for this - that might otherwise have been unable to come. Also these days it isn't so easy to find a country which isn't at war with somebody. The 1985 world youth team championship in Argentina saw the English team missing. With the Olympiads set to be held every four years in Thessaloniki one can only wonder what will happen to the Turkish chessplayers the next time a crisis erupts in Cypress.

In the other political battle in Dubai Campomanes defeated the Lucena/Keene slate quite easily. So decisively was he ahead in support that the opposition ticket actually withdrew from the contest on the eve of the election, and Campomanes was elected by acclamation.

From CHESS LIFE I got the impression that it was clear that Campo was the "devil" but in Dubai I got conflicting messages. While he certainly isn't a saint he could point to some solid accomplishments: the first world team championship, the USSR vs the World match (admittedly, with Keene's help), and perhaps most importantly, chess promotion in the Third World. Critics accused him of graft and corruption plus meddling in the 1985

World Championship match. The first seems possible and the latter is well documented but voters seemed to feel that his accomplishments counted more. Having Lucena, a man with little international reputation, head the opposition slate was probably a tactical mistake. Keene ostensibly did it to get Third World votes but in the end may have cost himself the election as people couldn't think of a positive reason to vote for Lucena.

Chessplayers raised on a steady diet of individual tournaments might wonder if a team event is really different, especially when game points rather than match score is the determining factor in placements. Actually, it's a lot more than four players playing as individuals. (Editor: For regional comparison, Oregon uses match points in their annual High School Team Championship; Washington uses game points.)

First, each Olympiad team has six players, though only four play at any one time. This means you can substitute one or both of your two reserves for players on the top four boards. There are some restrictions: Yasser could only play board one; Larry Christiansen board two or one; Lubosh board three, two or one, etc.

This substitution can be made for a variety of reasons. Perhaps someone is ill, as Lubosh was in the middle of the tournament in Dubai, or had a long adjournment and spent most of the night analyzing. Or perhaps by a judicious rearrangement of the lineup you get good matchups against your opponent. In Thessaloniki John Nunn was very hot with White so his Captain kept shifting him between board one and two to keep giving him that color as it made the most points for England. On our team Lubosh took the dirty job playing Black against the other teams dangerous hitters.

The last important value of substitution is that it keeps everyone rested. With fourteen rounds, adjourned games, opening analysis, adjournment analysis, etc. it's easy to get tired. We were one of the few top teams that made it thru the event rotating all six players. This factor contributed a large part in our success. I'm convinced that a major reason for our consistently outplaying our opponents in the later stages of the game was due to the fact that we weren't as tired.

## USA Team Lineup

Before going on to examine the USA result in Dubai I thought I'd first introduce the players. This year, as I mentioned previously, several players chose not to participate. Additionally, the star of the last Olympiad team, Dzinzi, was lying low from creditors and was nowhere to be found. Some said that the team we sent to Dubai would be lucky to finish sixth. Others said we would have done much better with a selection Committee, but a combination of FIDE/USCF rating was used to choose the team. My feeling is that we sent one of the strongest possible teams. Whatever few ELO points we were missing was more than compensated for by the good spirit of the team. In an event of this nature it's impossible to overestimate this factor.

### *Board 1: Yasser Seirawan (Seattle, WA)*

Fresh from winning the US Championship Yasser was the workhorse the team, playing in twelve of our fourteen matches. He was always willing to play, regardless of color or strength of opposition. This makes the third time Yasser has represented the U.S. in this fashion and makes me think that those who questioned his motives in not playing in the 1984 Olympiad were totally off the mark.

### *Board 2: Larry Christiansen (Pasadena, CA)*

At age thirty Larry was our second oldest player. Despite having constant back pain throughout the tournament, Larry managed to go thru the whole Olympiad without a defeat. His uncompromising spirit was perhaps best shown by his last round game versus the Bulgarian GM Velikov who as White opened 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bg5 c5 4 c3 Qb6 5 Qb3. Despite Velikov's best efforts to take away any winning chances Larry injected life into the position and came very close to victory.

### *Board 3: Lubosh Kavalek (Reston, VA)*

The veteran of the team, Lubosh provided leadership and experience. Although not feeling very well for most of the Olympiad he volunteered for the nasty assignments: Black against other teams dangerous players. This hurt his individual statistics but greatly helped the team's overall result.

### Board 4: John Fedorowicz (New York, NY)

John made the best percentage score on the team with his 8/10. In the last half of the tournament he made 5.5/6 scoring a number of key victories. His win as Black against super GM Sax of Hungary was a big lift for the team. At the Congress in Dubai he was given the long overdue title of Grandmaster.

### Board 5: Nick DeFirmian (San Francisco, CA)

Finishing clear last in the USA Championship completed only a week before the Olympiad is hardly a pleasant experience, especially when interzonal spots are at stake. For Nick, who almost qualified for the Candidates tournament in 1985, it must have been especially disappointing. Somehow he managed to put this all behind him in Dubai. Though he perhaps had more dubious positions than any other team members, he fought exceptionally hard and managed to score an excellent 6.5/9. His win against De Castro of Brazil in round 13 saved us from what could have been an unmitigated disaster.

### Board 6: Max Dlugy (New York, NY)

The youngest member of the team at twenty, Max played like a real veteran. The recipient of criticism for playing in Dubai, he responded with an undefeated 5.5/7 to win the bronze medal for the third best performance as second reserve. Like John Fedorowicz he was awarded his GM title in Dubai.

In the pre-tournament seeding (top 4 boards average), USA was ranked number five at 2555 behind 1. USSR (2681); 2. England (2584); 3. Hungary (2583.7); 4. Yugoslavia (2580).

#### Round 1

USA	4 - EL SALVADOR	0
(W) Seirawan	1 - Infante (2200)	0
Christiansen	1 - Pineda (2240)	0
Fedorowicz	1 - Velasquez (2200)	0
Dlugy	1 - Grimaldi (2290)	0

As is typical of a swiss, this round featured major mismatches. Most of the top teams won either 4-0 or 3.5-.5.

#### Round 2

USA	3.5 - INDIA	.5
(B) Seirawan	.5 - Anand (2420)	.5
Kavalek	1 - Ravi (2335)	0
Fedorowicz	1 - Meetei (2330)	0
DeFirmian	1 - Ravisekhar (2390)	0

This round the USA team faced a tougher challenge in India which featured 16 year old IM V. Anand, a tremendous talent who has already beaten many top players including GM's Sax and Tukmakov.

The match started well for our team when Lubosh and Nick posted victories but then fortune changed. Yasser lost his advantage in time pressure and drew while John was getting steadily ground down. But late in the fifth hour of play his stubborn defense paid dividends when his opponent blundered terribly.

Kavalek-Ravi Torre Attack 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bg5 d5 4 e3 c5 5 Nbd2 Be7 6 c3 Oo 7 Bd3 b6 8 Ne5 Bb7 9 Oo Nbd7 10 Qa4!? (With the idea 10...Nxe5 11 de5 Nd7 12 Qh4 winning.) 10...h6 11 Bh4 Nxe5 12 de5 Nd7 13 Bg3 Qc7 14 Nf3 a5 15 Rad1 Rfd8 16 Bb1 b5 17 Qg4 Qc6 18 Bf4 f5 19 e6 Nxf6 20 Qh3 Bf8 21 Ne5 Qb6 22 Bg6 Bc8 23 Bf7+ Kh7 24 g4! Ra7 25 g5 Nd7 26 g6+ Kh8 27 Nxd7 Bxd7 28 Be5 1-0

=1. Hungary, W. Germany, Indonesia and Spain 8; =5. CSSR, USA, USSR and Cuba 7.5.

#### Round 3

USA	2 - CUBA	2
(W) Christiansen	.5 - Nogueiras (2570)	.5
Kavalek	.5 - G. Garcia (2500)	.5
DeFirmian	.5 - S. Garcia (2470)	.5
Dlugy	.5 - Vera (2460)	.5

This round featured some of the first battles between contenders. In the match USSR-Czechoslovakia the Soviet top four of Kasparov, Karpov, Sokolov, and Yusupov took apart the 1982 silver medalists 3.5-.5. In the USA-Cuba match we managed quick draws with Black on boards two and four but stood worse with our Whites for most of the match before splitting the points.

=1. Hungary and USSR 11; =3. Yugoslavia and Indonesia 10.5; 5. England 10; =6. W. Germany, Cuba, USA 9.5.

### Round 4

USA	1.5 - ENGLAND	2.5
(B) Seirawan	.5 - Miles (2570)	.5
Christiansen	.5 - Nunn (2590)	.5
Kavalek	0 - Short (2615)	1.0
Fedorowicz	.5 - Chandler (2565)	.5

Our match against the second seeded English never looked like anything more than 2.5-1.5 for either side. Yasser equalized quite easily against Miles while John could never get more than a tiny edge against Chandler's accurate defense. On the middle boards Larry quickly obtained an advantageous position against Nunn while Lubosh's game versus Short was hard to call. Unfortunately, Nunn just managed to hold while Short played a fine middlegame. This turned out to be the only match we lost in the entire tournament.

In other big matches the Soviets beat the Hungarians 2.5-1.5 as Karpov won a great game against Ribli on board two.

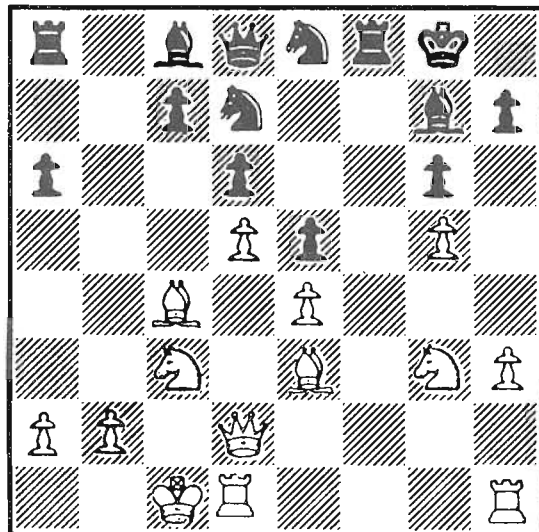
1. USSR 13.5; 2. Yugoslavia 13; =3. England, China, and Hungary 12.5. USA is =16 at 11 points.

### Round 5

USA	2.5 - INDONESIA	1.5
(W) Seirawan	1 - Ardiansyah (2430)	0
Fedorowicz	0 - Adianto (2445)	1
DeFirmian	1 - Haudoko (2440)	0
Dlugy	.5 - Sitanggang	.5

Indonesia was one of the surprises of the Olympiad, defeating West Germany and Poland while drawing France. We started well winning both of our games with White in the first four hours but things didn't go as well with Black. Max held the balance on board four but John was ground down in a long game by Utut Adianto, a promising teenager who got his GM title in Dubai. This loss was the last USA was to suffer for eight rounds!

Seirawan - Ardiansyah King's Indian, Saemisch Notes by Soviet GM's Averbakh, Gufeld and Smyslov plus English IM Wade. 1 c4 Nf6 2 d4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 Oo 6 Be3 e5 7 d5 Nh5 8 Nge2 f5 9 Qd2 Nd7 10 Oo0 Nhf6?! (This is the vital stage in which Black must find a basis for counterplay. 10...a6 and 10...Nc5 have been tried. The text lacks long term effect.) 11 h3! fe4?! (A plan of trying to make Black's g7 Bishop look better is 11...f4 followed by an eventual ...Bf6 and ...Bh4 would probably be met by White preparing for the break c4-c5 well-backed up by pieces which also cover the White King.) 12 fe4 a6 13 g4 b5 14 Ng3 bc4 15 g5 Ne8 16 Bxc4



(Black's chief problem is how to breathe life into his g7-Bishop.) 16...Nb6 (There is an argument for making a bold decision like 16...Rf4!? offering a sacrifice of the exchange and meeting 17 h4 with ...h5.) 17 Be2 Bd7 18 h4 Qe7 (Does this do anything? Or is it symptomatic of Black's problems.) 19 Rdf1 (To remove one of the defenders of Black's King position.) 19...Rxf1+ 20 Rxf1 Bb5 21 Nxb5 ab5 22 b3! (No counterplay for Black.) 22...Qd7 23 Kb1 Rb8 (Realizing that 23...Qh3 would be a waste of time because of 24 Qe1 and if 24...Qxh4 25 Rh1 trapping the Black Queen.) 24 h5 c5 25 dc6 Qxc6 26 h6 Bh8 27 Bg4 d5 28 Bxb6 1-0. A model execution of the Saemisch Attack against the King's Indian.

DeFirmian-Handoko Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Be7 5 Bf4 Oo 6 e3 c5 7 dc5 Bxc5 8 cd5 Nxd5 9 Nxd5 ed5 10 Bd3 Bb4+ 11 Ke2 Nc6 12 h3 Bd6 13 Qa4 Nb4 14 Bxd6 Qxd6 15 Qa3 Qb6 16 Rhd1 Bd7 17 Nd4 a5 18 Kf1 f5 19 Ne2 Bb5 20 Bxb5 Qxb5 21 Rd2 Rac8 22 Rad1 a4 23 Kg1 Nc2 24 Qd6 Qxb2 25 Qxd5+ Kh8 26 Nd4 a3 27 Nxc2 Rxc2 28 Qxf5 1-0

On the top two boards the USSR and Yugoslavia tied 2-2 (Ljubojevic defeating Karpov and Sokolov beating Popovic) and the English defeated 2.5-1.5 a Hungarian team without its board one and two - Portisch because of an adjournment and Ribli because of his loss the previous day to Karpov.

1. USSR 15.5; =2 England, Yugoslavia, and Cuba 15. USA =10 at 13.5.

### Round 6

USA	3.5 - CHILE	1.5
(B) Seirawan	.5 - Morovic (2515)	.5
Christiansen	1 - Cifuentes (2475)	0
DeFirmian	1 - Salazar (2410)	0
Dlugy	1 - Silva (2405)	0

The free day after round five really helped our team. The combination of the U.S. Championship ending a week before the Olympiad and the jetlag of the 25 hour journey to Dubai left most of our team not at their best for the first five rounds but now everything started to click.

This victory over a tough Chilean team was our second win in what was to prove a nine match winning streak!

Christiansen-Cifuentes Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Be7 5 Nf3 Oo 6 e3 Nbd 7 Rc1 c6 8 Bd3 h6 9 Bh4 dc4 10 Bxc4 b5 11 Bd3 a6 12 a4 ba4 13 Nxa4 Qa5 14 Nd2 Bb4 15 Nc3 c5 16 Nb3 Qd8 17 Oo cd4 18 Nxd4 Bb7 19 Be4 Rb8 20 Bxb7 Rxb7 21 Ne4 Qa8 22 Nxf6+ Nxf6 23 Bxf6 gf6 24 Rc4 Kh7 25 Qd3+ Kh8 26 Rfc1 Rg8 27 g3 Rd8 28 Qe2 Bf8 29 Rc6 a5 30 b3 Bg7 31 Qc4 f5 32 Ra6 Qb8 33 Nc6 Qc7 34 Nxd8 Qxd8 35 Rxa5 Rxb3 36 Rxf5 Rb7 37 Rb5 1-0

Dlugy-Silva Benoni 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e5 4 Nc3 d6 5 e4 Be7 6 Bd3 Oo 7 Nge2 Nh5 8 Be3 g6 9 Qd2 f5 10 ef5 gf5 11 f3 Nd7 12 Oo e4 13 fe4 f4 14 Bf2 Ne5 15 Ngl Nf6 16 h3 a6 17 Nf3 Nfd7 18 Ne2 Nxf3 19 gf3 Ne5 20 Rhg1+ Kh8 21 Nxf4 Bg5 22 Ng6+ hg6 23 Rxf5 Nxd3+ 24 Kb1 Nf4 25 Rxf6 Kh7 26 Rg3 b6 27 Be3 Qf6 28 Rdl 1 Nh5 29 Rg5 Qxf3 30 Qf2 Qxe4+ 31 Ka1 Bg4 32 Qh4 Qxe3 33 Qxg4 1-0

The result on board one was USSR-England 2-2. All four games were decisive as Kasparov beat Miles and Yusupov defeated Short for the Soviets and Nunn crushed Sokolov and Chandler took apart Vaganian for the British. The two English victories took less 25 moves.

=1. USSR and Iceland 17.5; =3 England, USA, Romania 17.

### Round 7

USA	3.0 - ROMANIA	1.0
(W) Seirawan	1 - Suba (2580)	0
Christiansen	.5 - Gheorghiu (2555)	.5
Fedorowicz	1 - Ionescu (2495)	0
DeFirmian	.5 - Barbylescu (2450)	.5

This was a fine victory over the seventh seeded team. Christiansen and DeFirmian drew with Black while Yasser steadily outplayed GM Suba. The real key to the match was John's game with IM Ionescu. Both time controls featured incredible time pressure scrambles. John finally put him away in the adjourned session the next morning.

The big surprise this round was the Soviets second consecutive drawn match. Icelandic GM Margeir Petursson beat Soviet Champion Leshkovsky to lead his team to a 2-2 match. Suddenly the team some were calling "the strongest ever assembled for an Olympiad" was showing a few cracks. Not really unexplainable as the recent World Championship and Candidates Matches must surely have tired out Kasparov, Karpov, Sokolov and Yusupov.

With our big victories over Chile and Romania, USA is now =1 with Hungary at 20 pts, a 1/2 point up on England and the USSR. Of course the two third place teams actually were ahead as they had played most of the contenders.

### Round 8

USA	2.5 - USSR	1.5
(W) Seirawan	1 - Kasparov (2740)	0
Christiansen	.5 - Sokolov (2620)	.5
Kavalek	.5 - Yusupov (2660)	.5
Dlugy	.5 - Vaganian (2600)	.5

In the last Olympiad in Greece we beat the Soviets 2.5-1.5 but neither Kasparov nor Karpov were playing. Here we got a little good luck when an early morning adjournment forced Karpov out of the lineup. Nonetheless, a match can never be easy when the opposition's fourth board outrates your first!

Early on things didn't look too promising. Although Lubosh and Max were holding their own we looked in trouble on the top two boards. After four hours of play the score stood at 1-1 and Larry looked likely to draw. Yasser on the other hand was still just hanging on. Late in the fifth hour of play, his advantage having dissipated, Kasparov continued to press, and Yasser took advantage of his own opportunities to take the point and the match.

Seirawan-Kasparov Gruenfeld Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 Ne4 6 cd5 Nxf5 7 Nxf5 e6 8 Nf3 ed5 9 b4 (Yasser's favorite system against the Gruenfeld. He's beaten Korchnoi and Vaganian with it.) 9...Qd6! (T.N. An awkward move to meet as 10 Qb3 is met by 10...Nc6.) 10 a3 Oo 11 e3 c6 (= Black has a good form of the QGD.) 12 Be2 Bf5 13 Oo Nd7 14 Na4 a5 15 Qb3 b5 16 Nc5 a4 17 Qc3 Nb6 18 Nd2 Rae8 19 Rfe1 Re7 20 Bf3 Rfe8 21 g3 Bh3 22 Bg2 Bxg2 23 Kxg2 f5 24 h4 Nc4 25 Nf3 Bf6 26 Re2 Rg7 27 Rh1 Qe7 28 Ree1 h6 29 Qd3 Rf8 30 Nd2 Qe8 31 Nxc4 dc4 32 Qd1 Re7 33 Ref1 Qf7 34 Qf3 Qd5 35 Qxd5 cd5 36 Kf3 Bg7 37 Rd1 Rff7 38 Rd2 Re8 39 Rdd1 Bf8 40 Rdl Bg7 41 Rd1 Kf8 42 Rd2 Ke7 43 Rdd1 Kd6 44 Rh2 Kc6 45 Rhh1 Bf8 46 Rd2 Bd6 47 Rdd1 Bxc5 48 dc5 Re4 49 Rhe1 Rd7 50 Rd4 g5 51 hg5 hg5 52 Red1 Rxd4 53 Rxd4 Rh7 54 Ke2 Rh3? 55 g4! f4 56 ef4 Rxa3 57 fg5 Ra2+ 58 Kf3 c3 59 Rd1 d4 60 g6 d3 61 Ke3 Rxf2 62 g7 1-0

Despite this victory we fell to second as England defeated sixth seeded Iceland by an incredible 4-0!

1. England 23.5; =2 USA and Hungary 22.5; 4. Bulgaria 22; =5 France and USSR 21.

### Round 9

USA	3.0 - HUNGARY	1.0
(B) Seirawan	1 - Portisch (2605)	0
Kavalek	.5 - Ribli (2585)	.5
Fedorowicz	1 - Sax (2585)	0
DeFirmian	.5 - Csom (2505)	.5

Another big match, this time against the number three seed. Although this looks like a blowout from the score it was in fact very close. For a certain period of time it looked like Yasser, Nick, and John were all in some trouble but this evaluation proved to be false. When John mated Sax and Nick outplayed Csom in time pressure it was clear we would win the match. Yasser's marathon 98 move win over Portisch provided the icing.

On the top board England continued to play very well as they defeated a tough Bulgarian team 3-1. The USSR rebounded to defeat France 3.5-.5 but the other medal contender, Yugoslavia, was upset by Spain 3-1!

Sax-Fedorowicz Sicilian 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Nf5 d5 7 ed5 Bxf5 8 dc6 bc6 9 Qf3 Qd7 10 Bg5 Bb4 11 Bxf6 gf6 12 Bd3 Bxc3+ 13 bc3 Bxd3 14 cd3 Qe6 15 Oo 16 Rae1 Kh8 17 Re4 f5 18 Rh4 Rad8 19 Qh3 Qg6 20 f4 f6 21 Rf3 Rb8 22 Rf1 Rb2 23 Kh1 Rxa2 24 Rh6 Qg7 25 fe5 fe5 26 Rxc6 Rg8 27 Rg1 a5 28 Qf3 a4 29 Ra6 a3 30 Qd5 Rd2 31 Rxa3 e4 32 Ra8 Qxg2+ 0-1

### Round 10

USA	2.5 - ARGENTINA	1.5
(B) Seirawan	.5 - Campora (2515)	.5
Christiansen	.5 - Panno (2515)	.5
Kavalek	.5 - G.-Palermo (2515)	.5
Fedorowicz	1 - Barbero (2460)	0

The last round before the second free day was anything but quiet. Against tenth seeded Argentina we quickly neutralized the two of their GM's who had White. On boards two and four we pressed very hard with White and nearly came up with two victories. A victory by 2.5-1.5 was reasonable especially as England was losing to Spain 3.5-.5 and the USSR was just getting by Romania 2.5-1.5. The English deserve some mention as it was their only loss or drawn match in the tournament!

The Spanish team was captained by Soviet GM Tamaz Georgadze. The past few years Georgadze has worked as a trainer in Spain and produced several good young players. His presence as captain of the Spanish team only came as a mild surprise. In the early rounds with the Spaniards way off the top teams' pace, there was no cause for concern. However, the past few rounds they were scoring very well, including a 3-1 victory over Yugoslavia the previous day.

The reason for the English team's concern was that Georgadze has a reputation as a shady character and the Soviet team was in a difficult situation with the English 2 full points ahead and having met all principal contenders it was clear to all that the USSR would have a hard time catching them in the last five rounds. But what exactly could they do?

It's clear that the Soviet team helped prepare the Spanish team; they admitted to that. However, unethical though that might be it certainly isn't illegal. More troubling to the Brits was the constant conversations going on between Georgadze and his players. The captain is allowed to talk to his players but not to give assistance to them. GM Ribli, second board for Hungary, said he overheard Georgadze giving concrete variations to his players - a definite no-no. During the match Karpov and Kasparov often stopped by to watch and to joke with Georgadze.

It's hard to say how much Georgadze could have helped them. At 2525 he was only 50 to 100 points stronger than his players. Additionally they were each playing only a single game while he would have to be keeping track of four. However, there's no doubt that he succeeded in clearly rattling the English players who played worse than normal.

After their loss the English appealed but to little avail. The score stood, but Georgadze and other team captains were now limited to speaking with their players only in the presence of an arbiter - an Olympiad rule but never previously enforced.

1. USA 28; =2 England, Spain, USSR 27; 5. Hungary 26.5.

### Round 11

USA	3.0 - SPAIN	1.0
(B) Christiansen	.5 - Fernandez (2485)	.5
Fedorowicz	1 - Illescas (2475)	0
DeFirmian	.5 - Ochoa (2420)	.5
Dlugy	1 - R. Holmes (2460)	0

We certainly weren't going to underestimate any team that had beat Yugoslavia 3-1 and England 3.5-1.5 back to back! First board Fernandez got his GM title in Dubai while at this stage, Illescas and Roberto Holmes were also performing at 2600 ELO pace.

For a long time things looked pretty bad. Fernandez-Christiansen was a correctly played draw but everywhere else things were very messy. Nick managed to bail out in a dubious position after trying hard to win. John and Max managed to outplay their opponents but only after bitter fights.

Before the round we figured 3-1 was a good score against this team so the final result was quite adequate. More satisfaction was afforded by some of the other results below us. Bulgaria's Georgiev duo (no relation) of Kiril and Krum combined for 1.5 points to enable us to pick up another 1/2 point on the Soviets. England kept pace with 3-1 victory over Romania but Hungary fell further behind by drawing Czechoslovakia 2-2.

1. USA 31; 2. England 30; 3. USSR 29.5; 4. Hungary 28.5; =5. Spain, Iceland 28.

### Round 12

USA	3.0 - ICELAND	1.0
(B) Seirawan	.5 - Olafsson (2560)	.5
Christiansen	1 - Hjartarsson (2525)	0
Kavalek	.5 - J. Arnason (2510)	.5
Dlugy	1 - Sigurjonsson (2490)	0

This was the round the English and Soviets had been waiting for. While we had to face the 6th ranked Icelanders, they had much easier pairings. But when the round had finished they had made little progress in closing the gap. The USSR by beating Spain 3.5-.5 picked up a 1/2 point but England could only manage 3-1 vs. Poland and even that point involved luck. The strain of using only a five man rotation (The sixth board Flear played only two games.) started to show as Chandler made two completely inexplicable blunders and was saved only by the extreme generosity of his opponent.

In our match we drew the games with Black early and went to work with the White pieces. Max got GM Sigurjonsson in his specialty - 5. Qa4 in the QID; Larry outplayed GM Hjartarsson in a tricky R+P ending.

Dlugy-Sigurjonsson Queen's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Ba6 5 Qa4 c5 6 Bg2 Bb7 7 dc5 bc5 8 00 Be7 9 Nc3 00 10 Bf4 d6 11 Rfd1 Qb6 12 Rd2 Rd8 13 Rad1 a6 14 Ng5 Bxg2 15 Kxg2 h6 16 Nge4 Ne8 17 g4 Ra7 18 Rd3 Rad7 19 f3 Qb7 20 R1d2 Nc6 21 Qd1 Nb4 22 Nxc5 Nxd3 23 Nxb7 Nxf4+ 24 Kg3 Rxb7 25 Kxf4 Bg5+ 26 Kg3 Bxd2 27 Qxd2 Rc8 28 b3 Kf8 29 Na4 Rc6 30 Qa5 Ke7 31 Nb2 Rcb6 32 Nd3 Nf6 33 b4 Nd7 34 g5 h5 35 g6 f5 36 e4 Kf6 37 ef5 e5 38 Qd5 Kxf5 39 c5 Nf6 40 Qc4 Rc6 41 a4 dc5 42 Nxc5 Re7 43 Qd3+ Kg5 44 h4+ Kh6 45 Qf5 1-0

1. USA 34; =2. USSR, England 33; 4. Hungary 30.5; 5. Brazil 30.

### Round 13

USA	2.5 - BRAZIL	1.5
(W) Seirawan	.5 - Sunye (2515)	.5
Kavalek	.5 - Milos (2465)	.5
Fedorowicz	.5 - Filguth (2390)	.5
DeFirmian	1 - DeCastro (2360)	0

Though we kept our lead by this victory, it was in this round we lost our chance for the gold and silver medals. By winning only 2.5-1.5 we lost another 1/2 point to the Soviets, who beat Italy 3-1. This meant that we effectively had the same score. Our half-point advantage was counterbalanced by the fact that they and the English, who still were a point back having beaten Czechoslovakia 2.5-1.5, had better tie-break. The method used to break ties was not head to head (we beat the Soviets), or better match score (we lead again having lost one and drawn one while the Soviets had lost one and drawn three) but the sum total of all opponents' scores (They were ahead as their second round opponent, Peru, was doing very well.).

What this meant was that to finish ahead of the Soviets we would have to match their score in the last round. We didn't have much time to dwell on that while playing Brazil as the match was a fight for survival. At one point, it looked like we might lose 1.5-2.5 or even 1-3. Fortunately we outplayed them in the time pressure and got two points out of three from one marginally better and two inferior positions.

Still a lot of damage was done. Had we beaten Brazil by even 3-1 we would have forced the English to play Cuba instead of Brazil. That, coupled with a 1.5 point cushion would have effectively iced the Silver. For the Gold it would still have meant beating Bulgaria, our last round opponent, by 3-1 for =1st. At least that would have been possible.

1. USA 36.5; 2. USSR 36; 3. England 35.5; 4. Hungary 32.5

### Round 14

USA	2.0 - BULGARIA	2.0
(W) Seirawan	0 - K. Georgiev (2535)	1
Christiansen	.5 - Velikov (2455)	.5
Fedorowicz	1 - K. Georgiev (2445)	0
DeFirmian	.5 - Andomov (2400)	.5

Bulgaria, although only seeded 12th, was playing very well. In previous rounds they had beat Romania and Yugoslavia 2.5-1.5 and lost only 1.5-2.5 to Hungary and the USSR. Only England had managed to beat them 3-1. Thus when the USSR and England were both heading for 4-0 victories (over Poland and Brazil, respectively) within the first two hours things didn't look very good. John won in good style but despite big efforts, Larry and Nick weren't able to generate any winning possibilities. Yasser's game was the last of the Olympiad. After 8 hours he had to give up having bypassed numerous drawing lines in the early going in order to take risks to win. Anything less than 4-0 wouldn't have taken the gold. For the silver 3.5-.5 was necessary.

1. USSR 40; 2. England 39.5; 3. USA 38.5; 4. Hungary 34.5; =5. Italy and Bulgaria 34.

So the USA team finished with 38.5 and the bronze. This marks the fourth time in the past five Olympiads that we've finished third (in Malta we were 4th). Yet this was clearly the best performance. With 38.5 points we exceeded by 3.5 the next best USA result. In any other recent Olympiad this score would easily have won the silver and in Buenos Aires (1978) it would even have taken the gold.

In Dubai we won 11 matches, drew 2, and lost 1. All our team members, save Lubosh who was stuck with extra Blacks, performed substantially above their ratings. Perhaps most remarkably, the team lost only three individual games during the entire fourteen rounds (England and the USSR each lost six). This consistency enabled us to be the only team at the top to utilize fully all six players. As mentioned previously, the English 6th board Flear got in only 2 games while his Soviet counterpart, Ceshkovsky, after scoring only 2.5/5, was forced to ride the bench. As can be seen from the following chart the USA performance was a real team effort.

USA -- seeded #5 (2555 ELO; add about 75 to get USCF)

1. Yasser Seirawan (2580)	8/12	66.7%	vs 2515
2. Larry Christiansen (2560)	6.5/10	65%	vs 2503
3. Lubosh Kavalek (2555)	4/8	50%	vs 2522
4. John Fedorowicz (2525)	8/10	80%	vs 2439
5. Nick DeFirmian (2490)	6.5/9	72.9%	vs 2433
6. Max Dlugy (2500)	5.5/7	78.6%	vs 2435

Team Total 38.5/56

Last but not least a word of thanks goes to the USCF; who, with assistance from the ACF, made possible the participation of the USA team.

(Editor: Cover Photo, left to right, GM Yasser Seirawan, IM John Donaldson, GM Lubosh Kavalek.)

## 4-Way Tie In Blodgett Memorial

Report By Paul Lowry

Report By Paul L. Weaver

Charles Selkirk, Richard Banner, Mark Erickson and Janos Plesko shared first place in the Jack Blodgett Memorial Open. Weekend warriors may well be familiar with the above named but would wonder "Who was Jack Blodgett?".

I met Jack about 7 years ago. He was a colorful character who frequented the Portland Chess Club for many years. He was peerless among other members in skittles play in terms of sheer quantity of games played. Jack's favorite piece was the Knight. He was famous for his horse maneuvers and one night he received a certificate proclaiming him a "Doctor of Horseology" from his fellow club members. Jack passed away last year. This writer expects him back at the club in about 20 years on the reincarnation cycle. We'll have to watch out for the horsepower in his Knight moves then.

Charles Selkirk received the champion's trophy on the basis of better tiebreakers. After receiving a win by forfeit over Phil Kelsey he defeated Weaver, Donnell and Banner.

Mark Erickson beat Selkirk in the last round to grab a share of 1st. Banner and Plesko joined the select circle by defeating Donnell and Colpron, respectively, in the final round.

Other prize winners included: Tim Erion and Milt Colpron, top B; Ray Page and David Meyer, top C; Mike Pendergast and Ernie Carroll, top D or unrated.

Rd 3, Brian Donnell - Charles Selkirk, Sicilian Defense Annotations by Paul Weaver 1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 e5 Qxd5 4 d4 Nf6 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 Be2 cd4 7 cd4 e6 8 O0 Bd6 9 Nc3 Qa5 10 Bg5 Nd5 11 Nb5 Bb8 12 g3 a6 13 Na3 b5 14 Bd3 Bb7 15 Be3 Ncb4 16 Be2 Nxe3 17 fe3 Nd5 18 Nc2 00 19 Bd3 h6 20 Nh4 Ba7 21 Qg4 f5 22 Qh5? Nf6 23 Qg6? Rae8 24 e4? Nxe4 25 g4 Qd2! 26 Rad1 Bxd4+!! 27 Nxd4 Qe3+ 28 Kh1 Ng3++ 0-1 This was Selkirk's best game in the tournament.

Rd 3, Tim Erion - Paul Weaver, Guiocco Piano/Four Knights Annotations by Weaver, except where noted. 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bc4 (Editor: In this position, Black can immediately equalize by 4...Nxe4.) 4...Bc5 5 d3 h6 6 Be3 Bb6 7 O0 d6 8 d4?! Bg4 9 de5 Nxe5 10 Be2 Nc6 11 h3 Bh5 12 Qd3 Qd7 13 Nd5 O0! 14 c3 Rde8 15 Nxf6 gf6 16 Bxb6 ab6 17 Nd4 Bxe2 (17...Bg6? 18 Bg4 wins the Black Queen.) 18 Nxe2 Ne5 19 Qe3 Nc4! 20 Qd4 Nxb2 21 Rab1 Na4 22 Qxf6 Nc5 23 Ng3 Rhg8! 24 Rb4! Rg6 25 Qf3 Ne6 26 Re1 Ng5 27 Qg4? Qxg4 28 hg4 Ne6! (Editor: This could have been played on the previous move, gaining a nice tempo by both attacking the White Queen and maintaining threats along the g-file.) 29 f3 Nf4 30 Ra4 Kb8 31 Rd1?? Re5? (31...h5 wins.) 32 Kf2 b5 33 Rad4 Rc5 34 Rc1 d5? 35 ed5 Nxd5?? (Erion: 35...Rc4) 36 Ne4 Rgc6 37 Nxc5 Rxc5 38 c4 Nb6 39 Rf4 bc4 40 Rxf7 c3 41 Rf5 Rc4 42 Ke3 c6 43 Kd3 Ra4 44 Rxc3 Rxa2 45 Rc2! Ra3+ 46 Ke2 Nd5 47 Rf8+ Ka7 48 Rh8 Nf4+ 49 Kf2 h5 50 gh5 Ra5 51 51 g4 Nh3+ 52 Kg3 Ng5 53 Rf8 Ra4 54 Rh2 b5 55 h6 b4 56 h7 Nnh7 57 Rxh7+ Kb6 58 Rb8+ Kc5 59 Rhb7 1-0

Rd 4, Mike Pendergast - Casey Bush, Larsen's Opening 1 b3 d5 2 Bb2 Nf6 3 Nf3 c5 4 e3 a6 5 d4 Bg4 6 h3 Bh5 7 Be2 e8 8 Nbd2 Be7 9 O0 Nbd7 10 c4 00 11 Rc1 Rb8 (11...Rc8 Bush) 12 dc5 dc4 13 Nxc4 Nxc5 14 Be5 Qxd1 15 Rfxd1 Rb8 16 Nd6 b6 17 Rd4 Nd5 18 Nc4? (18 e4 Bush) 18...f6! 19 Bh2 e5 20 R4d1 e4 21 Nd4 Bxe2 22 Nxe2 Nd3 23 Rc2 b5 (23...N5b4 Bush) 24 Na5 N5b4 25 Rc7 Bd6 26 Bxd6 Rxd6 27 Nd4 f5 28 a3 Nd5 29 Rc6 Rxc6 30 Naxc6 f4 31 ef4 Rxf4 32 Rd2 Rf6 33 f3 Ne3 34 fe4 Rf1+ 35 Kh2 Nf2 36 e5? Rh1+ 37 Kg3 Ne4+ 38 Kf3 Nxd2+ 39 Kxe3 Nb1 40 Nb8 Re1+ 41 Kf4 Nc3 42 Nxa6? Re4+ 43 Kf5 Rxd4 44 Ke6 Kf8 45 Nc7 Rd2 46 g4 Ne4 47 Nxb5 Ng5+ 48 Kf5 Nxb3 49 Nd6 Ke7 50 Nc8+ Kd7 51 Nb6+ Ke8 52 Nc4 Rf2+ 53 Ke6 Ng5+ 54 Kd6 g6 55 a4 h5 56 gh5 gh5 57 a5 h4 0-1

Rd 5, Clay Kelleher - Paul Weaver, Scotch Gambit Deferred 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 d4? Bxd4 5 Nxd4 Nxd4 6 f4 d6 7 O0 Be6 8 Bxe6 Nxe6 9 f5 Nd4? (9...Nc5, intending 10...Nf6) 10 Be3 Nc6 11 Nc3 Qd7 12 Qe2 O00 13 b4! Kb8 14 b5 Nce7 15 a4 g6? 16 f6 Nc8 17 a5 h6 18 Nd5 c6 19 bc6 20 Rfb1+ Ka8 21 Nb6+! ab6 22 ab6+ Kb8 23 b7 1-0

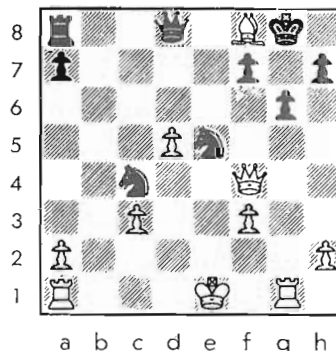
Rd 5, Casey Bush - Raymond Page, Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 b3 d6 3 Bb2 Nc6 4 d3 Nf6 5 Be2 Nd4 6 c3 Nxe2 7 Nxe2 g6 8 Nd2 Bg7 9 O0 b5 10 Rc1 00 11 f3 Bb7 12 Ng3 Qb6 13 Kh1 e6 14 Qe2 Rfd8 15 f4 a5 16 e5 Nd5 17 h4 Nxf4! 18 Rxf4 Bxe5 19 Rcf1 Bxf4 20 Rxf4 d5 21 Rf6 Qd6 22 Qg4 Qe5 23 Rf1 d4? (23...a4!) 24 cd4 cd4 25 Bc1 h5 26 Nf3! Bxf3 27 Qxf3 Ra7 28 Ne4 f5 29 Ng5 Re7 30 Bf4 Qc5 31 Rc1 Qd5 32 Qxd5 Rxd5 33 Rc6! e5 34 Rxe6+ Kf8 35 Bd2 b4 36 Rf6+ Kg7 37 Rxf5 Rc5 38 Ne4 Rc2 39 Rxb5 Rxa2 40 Rg5+ Kf7 41 h5 Ke6 42 Rg6+ Kd5 43 h6? (White misses 43 Rd6++ but Black has no defense.) 43...Re6 (If 43...Rd7 44 Nf6+ forks King and Rook.) 44 Rxe6 Kxe6 45 h7 1-0



In East Wenatchee and Wenatchee there is only one place that you go to if you want to play chess. That place is the Cozy Nook Cafe - a quaint establishment that has a certain atmosphere to amicable conversation and hard-fought games of chess. The proprietor and cook is Eyvonn Bardwell who is a very nice lady. She leaves soda, coffee, sandwiches, and pie for the chessplayers who play every Monday night from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00. They enjoy the food and drink almost as much as the chess. The whole atmosphere is unique in many ways, but most of all the members of the "Chessmates" chess club keep coming back and help to promote the royal game in this Central Washington area beside the mighty Columbia.

The members of the club are themselves an eclectic lot. One works for the United States Forest Service while others are a fisherman, apple processor, a retiree and a photographer, just to enumerate some of the vocations. There is just one lady who is a member, but she attends religiously - in fact, she is the moving spirit behind the Club. She is also my wife. The strength of the players extends from approximately 2000 ELO downward. Orthodox chess, Siamese chess, Kriegspiel are all played at various times. The few hours spent together each week are never dull and generally everyone leaves contented if somewhat tired. 20 minute games and 5 minute games are popular, but regular games are as well. I think that the true essence of chess is exhibited in little clubs like this one. Race, religion, or politics do not matter here only the enjoyment of chess. The meeting place is at 207 Grant Road in East Wenatchee. Anyone may come and play. The only requirement is to enjoy oneself!

The following position was studied in the club. It is from an International Correspondence game. Who stands better? Why?



White to move. The consensus seems to be that Black has the initiative, but I don't feel at all comfortable. True, White has a Bishop en prise, but what happens after the capture? Chess is full of similar positions that challenge the imagination.



# PUPOLS ACES CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 4-0!

OPEN SECTION		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Tot	Prize
1	Hugh T. O'Donnell	2381	W12	W8	D6	L2	2.5
2	Viktors Pupols	2281	W13	W21	W9	W1	4.0
3	Thomas Braunlich	2276	L14	W10	L13	WD	1.0
4	Matt Edwards	2239	W15	L9	WD	--	1.0
5	David G. Arganian	2211	L16	W18	D14	L11	1.5
6	John A. Braley	2220	W17	W11	D1	L14	2.5
7	Branko Radic	2200	W18	L14	W16	W13	3.0
8	John P. Hatala	2175	W19	L1	WD	--	1.0
9	Joel J. Barnes	2173	W20	W4	L2	L17	2.0
10	Bill McGearry	2161	D21	L3	WD	--	0.5
11	David G. Rupel	2161	WF	L6	L17	W5	2.0
12	Paul S. Eggers	2147	L1	W19	W23	W24	3.0
13	Gerry Neufahrt	2130	L2	W16	W3	L7	2.0
14	David Weinstock	2121	W3	W7	D5	W6	3.5
15	Bill Phipps	2106	L4	L24	WD	--	0.0
16	Michael A. Schemm	2095	W5	L13	L7	W20	2.0
17	Jeff Byerly	2079	L6	W20	W11	W9	3.0
18	Abdel. Ahmed-Zaid	2055	L7	L5	WD	--	0.0
19	Alexey W. Rudolph	2007	L8	L12	L20	Bye	1.0
20	Hanniegn G. Pitre	1902	L9	L17	W19	L16	1.0
21	Chris. Fletcher	1756	D10	L2	L24	L23	0.5
22	Paul Johnson	1294	LF	--	--	--	0.0
23	Dennis Ambler	1791	--	Bye	L12	W21	2.0
24	Duane J. Polich	1917	--	W15	W21	L12	2.0

Coming hot off his impressive victory in the FIDE Futurity (see Jan issue, pages 6-10), Viktors Pupols of Bremerton, then rated 2281, must now be closing the gap towards a lifetime high of nearly 2400! All of us in the Northwest add our congratulations for his "back-to-back" fine sporting achievements!

The WCF designated the Open Section as the official Challengers Tournament which qualified runner-up David Weinstock of Seattle into the 1987 Washington State Closed with 3 wins and a draw. One of the opponents he defeated told us he had a rating of only 2200, but when the USCF "archive" ratings list (going back four years) was received a few days later, it showed 2326, thus giving an extra boost to Weinstock's rating! Well, just add another Master to the Northwest!

In the round 3, there was an unfortunate incident. At first, the pairings for the Open Section showed an odd number of players, giving H. Pitre the Bye. Pitre saw the Bye, relaxed, and prepared to leave. Later this was corrected, showing Pitre paired as White vs A. Rudolph. When the round began, Rudolph sat down and punched the clock against her opponent. When Pitre came into the room and saw that he was paired, he left his clock running, walked out of the tournament room, and proceeded to prepare for his game.

### Written Protest by Rudolph

"In the tournament room, Hanniegn saw that his clock had started, mumbled something about opening preparation, and took chess materials into the hallway to study. I protested, and suggested that the colors of the game be reversed. Mr. Karch added 5 minutes to Pitre's clock, and I played under protest."

### Statement by Pitre

"I had not punched the clock. I was late for the round, and I continued normal, pre-game preparation."

### Decision of Players Committee

The PC was formed of volunteers: Paul Eggers, Branko Radic and Mike Vaughn. Rudolph had wanted the PC to be formed immediately, but as all other round 3 games had started, I felt it best to wait. It did not seem logical to disrupt an additional two or three games only to resolve the problem of one game. The PC met before the round 4 pairings were made.

"Rudolph's request to cancel the result of the game was denied (she lost). But a discussion of the situation will be made in NORTHWEST CHESS, in order to resolve the problem for the future."

The basic questions, it seems to me, are "When does the game officially start?" and "Can the same game be started for one player (who has punched the clock) but not be started for the opponent (who has not made a move on the board)?" Letters to the editor on this subject are invited for publication.

In the Amateur Division, for the first time in a long time, the highest rated player actually won! Often the extra pressure is such that the top-rated ends up in the top third but rarely wins outright. Congratulations indeed to Derek Edwards of Seattle who, also for the first time, won cash and trophy ahead of his brother, Gary. Both brothers are very popular in area tournaments and we usually anticipate that at least one of them will win a cash prize.

Norm Abrahamson of Seattle, an active player for more than 20 years, took 2nd, yielding only one draw to the rapidly improving Kirk Steinocher.

Jerome Buroker - Darin Sprayberry TROMPOVSKY ATTACK 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 e6 3 e4 h6 4 Bxf6 Qxf6 5 e5 Qd8 6 Bd3 d6 7 Nf3 c5 8 Oo c4 9 Re1 de5 10 Nxe5 a6 11 c3 dc3 12 Nxc3 Be7 13 Qe2 O0 14 Rad1 Qb6 15 Qe4 f5 26 Qc4 Qc5 27 Ng6 Rf6? 28 Nxe7+ Qxe7 29 Qxc8+ Kh7 20 Nd5 1-0

Oliver LaFreniere - Dan Bailey RUY LOPEZ, OPEN 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O0 Nxe4 6 Re1 Nc5 7 Nxe5 Nxe5 8 Rxe5+ Be7 9 Bb3 Nxb3 10 ab3 O0 11 Nc3 Bf6 12 Re1 d5 13 Qf3 Be6 14 Ne2 Qd7 15 Nf4 Rad8 16 Nxe6 fe6 17 Qc4 e5 18 Qxd7 Rxd7 19 d3 e4 20 de4 Bd4 21 Be3 Bxb2 22 Rad1 Bc3 23 Re2 d4 24 Bd2 Bb2 25 Bb4 Rf8 26 Red2 a5 27 Bxa5 b6 28 c4 Bc3! 0-1 (After 29 Bxc3 dc3 30 Rxd7 Rxd7 31 Rxd7 c2 the pawn promotion cannot be stopped.)

Ralph Eschbach - Keith Yamanaka CATALAN 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 Bf5 4 Bg2 e6 5 O0 Be7 6 c4 c6 7 Nbd2 O0 8 Nh4 Bg4 9 h3 Bh5 10 Nh3 Nbd7 11 g4 Bg6 12 Nh4 Be4 13 f3 Bg6 14 Nxf6 fg6 15 e4 e5 16 cd5 cd5 17 ed5 ed4 18 Qb3 Qb6 19 Qxb6 Nxb6 20 Nb3 Nfxd5 21 Nxd4 Bc5 22 Rd1 Nf4 23 Kh1 Nxb2 24 Kxg2 Rad8 25 Be3 Nd5 26 Bg5 Nf4+ 27 Bxf4 Bxd4 28 Kg3 Bxd2 29 Rxd8 Bxa1 30 Rd7 g5 31 Bxg5 h6 32 Bf4 Rf7 33 Rd8+ Kh7 34 Be3 a6 35 h4 Rc7 36 a4 b5 37 ab5 38 Rb8 Rc5 39 Ra8 Be5+ 40 f4 Rc3 41 fe5 Rxe3+ 42 Kf4 Re1 43 Kf5 g6+ 44 Kf6 Rf1+ 45 Ke7 Kg7 46 e6 Rd1 47 Rd8 Ra1 48 Rd7 Ra6 49 g5 hg5 50 hg5 Ra8 51 Kd6+ Kf8 52 Rb7 b4 53 Rxb4 1-0

AMATEUR SECTION		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot	Prize
1	Derek Edwards	1986	W35	W22	W18	W21	W9	5.0
2	Gary Edwards	1977	D36	D39	W23	W18	W31	4.0
3	Michael Vaughn	1932	W37	L21	W24	L20	WD	2.0
4	David Butler	1929	W38	L20	W35	L22	W37	3.0
5	Ralph L. Hall	1870	D39	L44	W48	W27	D58	3.0
6	Norm Abrahamson	1868	W40	W24	D19	W28	W14	4.5
7	Mike Reed	1859	W41	D23	D17	W29	W15	4.0
8	William Ross	1858	W42	W26	L21	W30	L16	3.0
9	C. Schmeckle	1840	W43	W27	W20	W16	L1	4.0
10	Keith Yamanaka	1836	L44	W51	W38	D58	L28	2.5
11	Don Sweeney	1830	W45	W29	L28	W49	L20	3.0
12	John M. Rowan	1828	W46	L28	W41	W39	W21	4.0
13	OW LaFreniere	1826	W47	L31	W50	D52	L44	2.5
14	Dragan Jagnjic	1789	W48	W33	D31	W19	L6	3.5
15	Chester West	1788	W49	L30	W34	W55	L7	3.0
16	Jerome Buroker	1786	W50	W32	W30	L9	W8	4.0
17	Kris Jangord	1786	D51	W36	D7	W60	W22	4.0
18	Juni Caluza	1781	W52	W34	L1	L2	D39	2.5
19	Kirk Steinocher	1781	W53	W58	D6	L14	D25	3.0
20	David Bicknell	1779	W54	W4	L9	W3	W11	4.0
21	Donald W. Davis	1746	W68	W3	W8	L1	L12	3.0
22	August T. Piper	1739	W55	L1	W47	W4	L17	3.0
23	John Jarmin	1737	W56	D7	L21	WD	--	1.5
24	Harvey Sanden	1711	W57	L6	L3	W43	D42	2.5
25	Thomas Makens	1708	L58	W53	HPB	WF	D19	3.0
26	Barry Neuhaus	1707	W59	L8	HPB	W40	W52	3.5
27	Charles Fekete	1692	W60	L9	D40	L5	W41	2.5
28	Ralph Eschbach	1661	W61	W12	W11	L6	W10	4.0
29	Peter T. Rygg	1654	W62	L11	W43	L7	L45	2.0
30	D. Sprayberry	1614	W63	W15	L16	L8	W55	3.0
31	Daniel Bailey	1610	W64	W13	D14	W44	L2	3.5
32	Kenneth W. Eddy	1605	W65	L16	L39	L45	D57	1.5
33	Jason Van Eaton	1599	W66	L14	L58	W47	L59	2.0
34	Nelson Taylor	1580	W67	L18	L15	D46	W49	2.0
35	James P. Gray	1555	L1	W54	L4	W53	W60	3.5
36	S. Christopher	1539	D2	L17	L51	W65	W46	2.5
37	James McAleer	1535	L3	L55	W65	W50	L4	2.0
38	Brian D. Gain	1528	L4	W56	L10	D54	D40	2.0
39	John W. Riddle	1522	D5	D2	W32	L12	D18	2.5
40	Jon January	1487	L6	W57	D27	L26	D38	2.0
41	David Roper	1485	L7	W59	L12	D56	L27	1.5
42	Stephen Miller	1451	L8	L60	W61	W57	D24	2.5
43	Alan Zimmerman	1429	L9	W61	L29	L24	W62	2.0
44	L.W. Porter	1425	W10	W5	HPB	L31	W13	3.5
45	P. Schmeckle	1420	L11	W62	L60	W32	W29	3.0
46	Tiny Parly	1409	L12	W63	L55	D34	L36	1.5
47	Pablo Manzoni Jr	1385	L13	W64	L22	L33	D66	1.5
48	Philip Rogers	1385	L14	D65	L5	L59	W67	1.5
49	Mike Morrison	1382	L15	W66	HPB	L11	L34	1.5
50	Todd Gilbert	1381	L16	W67	L13	L37	D63	1.5
51	Pfeilschiefter	1375	D17	L10	W36	LF	--	1.5
52	Joseph Billey	1339	L18	W68	W62	D13	L26	2.5
53	Kim R. Fricke	1333	L19	L25	W63	L35	L68	1.0
54	R. Berlinski	1330	L20	L35	W64	D38	D56	2.0
55	Ryan Carey	1324	L22	W37	W46	L15	L30	2.0
56	William Hung	1286	L23	L38	W67	D41	D54	2.0
57	Wyeth Wasserman	1280	L24	L40	W66	L42	D32	1.5
58	Greg Hinrichsen	1262	W25	L19	W33	D10	D5	3.0
59	Calvin Dugan	1247	L26	L41	W68	W48	W33	3.0
60	John B. Dumatol	1245	L27	W42	W45	L17	L35	2.0
61	Mark Coates	1153	L28	L43	L42	L66	W65	1.0
62	Mike Ringenburg	1113	L29	L45	L52	BYE	L43	1.0
63	Linus K. Chou		L30	L46	L53	W67	D50	1.5
64	Dan H. Gahn		L31	L47	L54	WD	--	0.0
65	Heinz P. Krause		L32	D48	L37	L36	L61	0.5
66	Stefan R. Persson		L33	L49	L57	W61	D47	1.5
67	Judy N. Swan		L34	L50	L56	L63	L48	0.0
68	Larry Trowbridge		L21	L52	L59	WF	W53	2.0

# THE TRAIN GAME

By Dorothy L. Clinard

Mother spent many hours trying hard to make a gentleman and lady of my brother and me. How little she knew...the outside world spoke in tones so much more fun to hear. For instance, that last day in June, 1921.

We were to spend the summer in New Jersey with Grandma and Grandpa. In Denver, we boarded the train ... always exciting to me ... no matter how sophisticated I tried to appear. Across the Mississippi, on to Chicago.

Mother, as usual, managed to get us near the head of the line waiting for the Twentieth Century Limited.

We had Pullman reservations so were allowed on first. From my window seat, I watched the crowds outside. I poked Mother, already deep in her book.

"Hey, look. Cowboys! Getting on the next car."

"Really, Polly? May I remind you, young lady, that my name is not HEY, don't point. It isn't proper."

Big brother Ned added his remark, making me more 'put down':

"Gee, you're dumb, Sis. Those aren't cowboys. Can't you tell the difference between them and rich cattlemen?"

As usual, Mother didn't reprimand Ned. He was perfect! His grin of satisfaction made me feel about two inches tall.

I stuck my tongue out at him, turned back to my window-watching. The whistle blew and we were on our way again. My brother tired of looking at scenery and so did I. He asked,

"Wanna play a game of chess?"

Always ready, with this brother who played with about the same degree of skill as I, I nodded. It was satisfying to be on a par in some way. He set the 'traveling board' up, putting one more remark at me.

"I don't mind beating you. It IS boring, at times."

"Bet you don't beat me this time."

Mother heard me, of course. I got a look of disgust, but no scolding.

What fun it used to be when Dad was alive and played with me. He never made me feel stupid. He taught both of us. It was his favorite game.

"OK, Polly, you can start. I'll finish, of course."

"Is that so?" I made my first careful move. Ned took his turn with a swagger. I said nothing, merely took his Bishop and watched the grin fade from his face. Of course he retaliated by snatching my Knight.

Engrossed in our game, I scarcely noticed a man watching us, until he got between me and the light. I looked up.

His blue eyes smiled into mine. I saw he was wearing gorgeous cowboy clothes.

Ned grumped, "Hey, watcha waiting for? Can't you think of a move?"

I told him, "Don't be silly. I'm just planning my strategy." I always felt smart when I used the right words in a chess game.

"Well, you can't win, anyway, Polly. I've got you against the ropes already. You know that."

"Show off. We've hardly begun and I've taken as many men as you have, so there. Better ones, too."

Back to the game in earnest. We fought hard. Once I looked up as the light was blocked out again. The smily-eyed man was back. Several other cattlemen were with him, watching us. I was afraid I'd make a false move and lose, just when we had a gallery. Never would let me forget it.

My brother looked up too and faltered in his next play. I thought I had him, sure. No, he pulled his hand back from the piece and tried a different attack. My mind boggled for a second. I studied the board.

Ned tried to give me the jiggers by teasing. "Go on, Sis, you don't have a move to make. Might as well quit now. I've gotcha and you can't get out of it."

I took a chance when he wasn't looking, got my pawn in final position, trying to look nonchalant.

Ned never saw it. He reached for his Rook and pulled his hand back. He stared at the board, frowned and said, "Guess I'll try this..." then took another, better look at the options which were non-existent.

One of the cattlemen, a big, burly looking man, saw the game had come to a draw. He said a nasty word, turned on his high boogheels and strode down the aisle.

The others followed him, all but the smily-eyed man. He had a bigger-than-ever grin on his face. He spoke to Mother.

She looked annoyed. He asked, "May I give these fine young people a small gift in token of allowing me to watch such a fine game?"

Mother was horrified. "Paying - a bribe? No indeed."

"Oh, no, ma'am. I wouldn't think of it. Merely my way of saying thank you."

"Well, all right. I guess it wouldn't hurt - a dime each." She returned to her reading.

Winking at me, the man handed us each a crisp ten-dollar bill. Spending money enough for the summer.

As he turned to go, he said, "We're on our way to do some betting in New Jersey." He started away, then turned back and added, "First time I ever saw Big Jim Smitherton when he couldn't make or lose a cent on a bet."

I thought about those men several times after we got to Grandma's. Then, Sunday morning, I heard Grandpa say,

"New world champion in the country."

"Here's the headline: Large sums of money changed hands yesterday as wealthy cattle barons from the Chicago stockyards area bet on the Dempsey-Carpentier fight at Boyles' Thirty Acres in Jersey City. We hail Jack Dempsey as the new boxing champion of the world."

I peeked over his shoulder. The date was July 3, 1921.

## Kent, Washington

Report By David V. Bicknell

A strong field of 22 players were on hand for the Jan 3rd Fairwood Quads at Fairwood Library in Renton. 15 players rated 1700+, with each quad playing round robin, made for a lean 'n mean tournament.

Top Quad: Gary Edwards and Harlan Christie in 1st place tie: 2 pts each, H.G. Pitre and Dave Butler 1.5 each. 2nd Quad showed again how close the pairings were: Jerome Buroker and Dennis Ambler 1st place tie, 2.5 each (1791-1812 spread 21 pts). 3rd Quad likewise (1767-1781 spread 14 pts), however, Glen Umipeg was a clear winner with 2.5 pts. 4th Quad was won by John Graves (1747) with 2.5 pts and 5th Quad (6 players) C.T. Wood (1468) the only winner with a clean 3 pts!

The Fairwood Mini-Swiss coming Feb 7th could be another strong event, with a maximum space for 28 players, reservations are now being taken.

Anyone interested in attending the NATIONAL OPEN in Las Vegas March 13,14,15 please give me a call at 854-0933.

## Spokane, Washington

Report By David L. Collyer

I'm sending you a roster of the current Spokane Chess Club membership. We picked up five new members and lost one (a High School student who hasn't played since the National Jr High Tournament). Our playing quarters is full with the 20-plus members who have been coming in January, but the free rent at Gonzaga University is hard to beat. The little bit of growing pains we experienced recently made us realize that something needs to be done - I'm sure we've had plenty of visitors never come back because it seems so crowded and they may have had to wait to "get" a game.

Unfortunately, since the Nat. Jr High tmt we have done little to promote chess for the kids. Some showed up for our summer tournaments and Eastern Washington Open, but until the Riverfront Park Open (organized and run by me) there is nothing. No one else wants to try, which is unfortunate because \$100 of our club treasury is being reserved this year for strictly Junior Chess activities.

We are wondering if the Seattle Clubs have thought about inviting a GM to lecture, etc., right after the U.S. Open? Our bid for one would look stronger if the GM could make a quick tour before heading home. (Editor: John Rock in Seattle, phone (206) 365-2036, is the contact for GM Laszlo Szabo of Hungary, who wants to visit the USA and possibly play in the US Open.)

### SPOKANE CHESS CLUB MEMBERSHIP LIST February, 1987

1. Richard Q. Totusek	Life	1452
2. M. Young	Life	
3. Charles J. Fishburn	Feb 87	1475
4. Robert W. Benson	Feb 87	1262
5. Roderick Stackelberg	Mar 87	1891
6. Nick Stackelberg	Mar 87	
7. Lee Overaker	Apr 87	1424
8. Brian P. Rockford	Apr 87	1031
9. David L. Collyer	May 87	2092
10. Merlin Bugtong	May 87	
11. Benjamin Fitch	Jun 87	1970
12. Jerry Morton	Jun 87	1379
13. Daniel C. O'Brien	Jun 87	1355
14. Del Gish	Jun 87	
15. Brian Jones	Jul 87	
16. Mark D. Vigil	Jul 87	1324
17. Ronald L. Roch	Jul 87	1598
18. Greg L. Zinkgraf	Jul 87	
19. Pompeo Graniglia	Jul 87	
20. James Waugh	Aug 87	1159
21. Mark S. Campbell	Aug 87	1835
22. Stephen M. Fabian	Sep 87	1694
23. Bill Phillip	Sep 87	1720
24. Charles Gillingham	Oct 87	1148
25. Scott T. Loos	Jan 88	950
26. Carl Berg	Jan 88	1357
27. Barton Lee McJunkin	Jan 88	1658
28. Vern W. Johnson Jr	Feb 88	1270

Shown above are the USCF ratings.

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## The Venerable King's Gambit

By Paul Lowry

Most of our readers have seen or played a King's Gambit and many of you have succumbed to its allure. The romantic opening is one of the oldest systems extant in chess. It attained the peak of its popularity in the last century at a time when opening science was much less developed than now. The opening had a certain unique imaginative and even emotional appeal that endures to the present day.

What are the distinctive characteristics of the King's Gambit? First, it leads to a sharp struggle after only a few moves. In this opening White attacks the Black e5-pawn immediately by 2 f4. True, there are weaknesses inherent in the system but the rewards can be aesthetic and material. In preceding centuries masters and duffers alike played for an attack on f7, usually by attacking along the open(ed) f-file. In modern times the King's Gambit has been used prominently by the Franco-Russian Grandmaster Boris Spassky. Grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi and National Master/Trainer Vladimir Zak have published a book entitled KING'S GAMBIT, which was published in 1974. Zak was Spassky's trainer as a youth in Leningrad.

If you want to play an exciting game of chess, try the King's Gambit, but be warned. It isn't for the faint of heart! Witness the following gamelet:

Yurtayev-Rozental, USSR Jr Chpp, Riga, 1977

1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef4 3 Nf3 Be7

The Cunningham Gambit.

4 Bc4 Nf6 5 e5 Ng4 6 O0 d5?!

6...Nc6 is given by Korchnoi and Zak.

7 ed6 Qxd6?! 8 d4 O0 9 Nc3 Nc6

Black is probably lost here.

10 Nb5 Qb4? 11 b3 Bd6? 12 Bd2 Ne3 13 Qc1 1-0

The Black Queen is trapped. This gamelet is an example of the perils and pitfalls inherent in this opening. Errors abound in the venerable King's Gambit.

# NORTHWEST POSTAL CHESS

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### Tournament Sects Available

**POSTAL FOURSOME:** Our standard event, entry is \$1.50 per section. A four-player double round robin with one or two classes - state if you prefer to be paired with the higher, the same, or not lower class. Entry or request certificate if a clear first place score.

**CHALLENGE MATCHES:** Two to six games with your opponent or ours, the \$1.50 entry per match may be shared. Also, opening themes are rated.

**WASHINGTON-OREGON MATCH:** Free to all active residents with no forfeit or withdraw losses in the prior year. An annual event, enter by February 28th - the last are dropped if teams' counts are unequal. Each player plays two games against one opponent. Certificates go to plus scorers upon request.

### 1987 Class Championships!

**OPEN TO:** All. (Newcomers please send established rating or detailed history.)

**FORMAT:** One round, four- to six - player double round robin per class (section). Each an equal range of strength, with five players is the norm.

**ENTRY:** \$5.00 per player, one section only. Entry must be received by Feb 28th.

**PRIZES:** In each section: 1st - \$10, 2nd - \$5. Tie-Break: S-B then vs. tied.

### Section News

Waiting: Foursome: M or MX (1 M entry), XA or A (1 A), 2 near A (1 A in ea.) Challenge: Six w/upper-B who sends 1 e4 c5 2 d4; lower-B.

Entries for this year's WA/OR match and Class Championships are coming in fast - watch out for the Feb. 28th deadline!

Joe Running is returning from an absence caused by illness. For a game by him and an interview, see the Jan 87 NWC. At age 95, he is our oldest player.

Don Lundberg is back after twenty years. He notes that he played in Class C then.

Finally, Paul Lowry, Patricia Lowry's new husband, has begun in mid-class C.

(Robert Allyn was White, the winner, in the fifth place Game of the Year, not Tom DiRaddo, who had Black. Dec 86 NWC.)

### Results thru Jan 12, 1987

86NW2 E Kashino =8 Daniel. 85BC5 Tan +22 White. 86NW2 E Kashino +44 Norman. 86B1 Dana +21 Miller.\* 86M1 Penquite +21 Schultz. 86CD2 Moore A23,A21 Combs. 85AB3 Doll +10 Smolensky. 86NW1 Doll +9,+8 Smolensky. 86NW1 Doll +8,+7 Goodale. 86AB2 Cunningham =5 McLeod. 86CM11 Smolensky +28 Cunningham. 86C1 Mangus F18,F17 Ambler. 86NW5 Dietsch =10 Arvola. 85CC5 Crowley F10 Levy. 85CM15 Caldwell +8 Smolensky. 85W010 Mondou +21 Mead. 86A1 Jagnjic =8 Greninger. 85CD3 Tan +9 Pat Lowry. 85CD3 Tan +8 Agate. 85B1 Schneider F5,F5 Ambler. 86B1 Dana =3 Gordon. 86C2 Jarvis +26 Goodale. 85W010 Mondou +19 Mead. 84CM26 Heinisch +27 Carrothers.

86B1 Dana =2 Gordon. 85W023 C Chase F18 Hoover. \*Re-rating to top of Dec 86 NWC - others may be affected.

**MASTERS (8)**  
1404 JOHN PENQUITE  
1391 Greg Vitko  
1376 John Hatala  
1364 Richard Banner  
1335 Claude Heffner  
1309 Richard Schultz  
1212 Joe Doerr  
1200 Ralph Dubisch

**EXPERTS (14)**  
1166 DAVE COLLYER  
1139 Nathan Sills  
1138 Norm Abrahamson  
1130 Barry Nalepa  
1093 Mike Darby  
1088 Wayne Williams  
1086 Jeff Schuh  
1078 David C. Heap  
1055 Mike Mulford  
1049 Bob Jeffers  
1045 Jeff Lowery  
1004 Doug DeStasio  
1000 Rob Rittenhouse  
1000 Mark Tolliver

**CLASS A (21)**  
975 Mike Heinisch  
973 C. Carrothers  
953 Joe Eggertsen  
948 Harley Greninger  
941 Bill Arvola  
910 James Musumeci  
900 Fred Mondou  
897 Larry Doll  
893 Robert Allyn  
887 Scott Caldwell  
887 Lance Fleming  
874 Bruce Jones  
846 Ron Zarges  
838 Harry McAndrew  
834 Steven Gordon  
832 Dana Woods  
826 Ron Norman  
819 Dave Donnelly  
809 Mike Vinyard  
800 Ken Brown  
800 Bill Morrison

**CLASS B (32)**  
797 DAVE BOWMAN  
794 Dragan Jagnjic  
793 Eric Dana  
790 George Chue  
786 Warren D. Chase  
783 R. Schneider  
777 Harvey Warren  
764 Pat Mead  
763 Gerald Hawkins  
759 David Cornell  
751 Kristen Dietsch  
751 Bob Semko  
748 Tom Elliott  
748 Bryant Fujimoto  
738 Doug Allen  
728 Jeff Roland  
715 Dan McLeod  
696 Mikel Bidwell  
694 Phillip Parrish  
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683 Gabe Patterson  
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589 Larry Anderson  
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289 Bruce Moon  
276 Toby Levy  
238 Rod Hoover  
222 Joe Running  
200 Larry Ovall  
74 David Shaw

12 e4 000 13 00 g5 1-0/44. Of course, transpositions to the Nimzo- or Queen's Indian defenses are in the air, too. In the present game White plays a Nimzovitch Attack against Black's Queen's Indian/Dutch Defense setup.

3...Bb7

An excellent idea here would be to play a Queen's Gambit with ...d5! where Black's extra move (...b6) is much more helpful to him than White's extra move (b3) is to him.

4 Nf3 f5?!

As Black fails to get any benefit out of his control of e4, this transposition into the Dutch Defense must be questioned. He soon finds that he has an inferior position. What he has done, in effect, is to transpose into an opening variation where White's b3 becomes a very good move, as White's Queen Bishop will turn out to be well posted on b2.

5 Bb2 Nf6 6 e3

6 Nc3 should be played first.

5...c5?

It is rare that we get a chance to analyze openings deeply, as we often take them for granted and simply play the first 12 moves out of a book. As a result, perhaps we sometimes fail to pay heed to certain fundamentals. Why is this move inferior? For two reasons: (1) It would be better to watch d5, e5, and e4, as d4 is guarded 4 times; and, (2) now after a White d5 or dxc5, his Queen Bishop will be a strong force! 6...Be7 or 6...Bb4 were indicated.

7 Nc3 a6?

Too slow. 7...cd4 8 ed4 Ne4 9 Bd3 Bb4 10 Qc2 Nxc3 11 Bxc3 Bxc3+ 12 Qxc3 00 eases pressure by exchanging.

8 Be2 Qc7 9 Qc2 Be7 10 d5!

White frees his Queen Bishop while blocking Black's.

10...ed5

By castling first, Black is more solid.

11 Nxd5 Nxd5 12 cd5 00

White is clearly better now.

13 Bc4?!

As Black can play ...b5, 13 Rd1 was stronger.

13...d6 14 h4!?

Sharp, but attacking on the King-side before castling entails considerable risk. Normal moves such as 14 00 Nd7 15 Rd1 Bf6 16 Bxf6 Rxf6 17 Ng5 Ne5 18 Qc3 Re8 19 Be2 Qd7 20 Ne6 Rg6 21 f3 b5 22 e4 keeps the advantage safely.

14...b5 15 Bd3 g6?

Weakening his King position, as it allows h5. 15...Bxd5 16 Bxf5 h6 17 e4 Bf7 18 Rd1 Nc6 19 Qd2 Rad8 is better; as is 15...Qd7. Black is still affected by his poor opening.

16 e4 fe4 17 Bxe4 Bf6! 18 000 Bxb2+ 19 Kxb2 Qg7+

### 1986 GAME OF THE YEAR

#### FOURTH PLACE

Section 84NW4

Earl Daniel - Ralph Dubisch  
QUEEN PAWN - IRREGULAR

1 d4 e6 2 c4 b6 3 b3

Normal here is 3 Nc3 or 3 Nf3, e.g., in Lobron-Rodgers, Amsterdam, we see 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 Bb7 5 a3 Bxc3 6 bc3 f5 7 f3 Qh4+ 8 g3 Qh5 9 Bg2 Nf6 10 Nh3 Nc6 11 Nf4 Qf7

19...Qf7!, with the idea 20 Ng5 Qf2, keeps the Zweischenzug check "in the bank."

20 Kb1 Nd7 21 Ng5 Rf6 22 h5 Nf8 23 hg6 hg6 24 g4?

Why not the immediate 24 Rh4 Qe7 25 Rhd1 Qe5 26 Nf3 Qe7 27 Qd2 Qg7 28 Qb2 Re8 29 Ng5 Re5 30 f4 Rxf4 31 Rxf4 Rxe5 32 Qxe7+ Kxg7 33 Rhf1, winning?

24...a5 25 f3 a4 26 Rh3 ab3 27 Qxb3 Ra4?

This Rook is undefended here. Best is 27...b4 followed by ...Rae8.

28 a3 Qe7 29 Rhd1

Zugszwang!

29...Qe5 30 Rh8+ Kg7 31 Qxb5 Qxe5 32 Qxa4 Bxd5 33 Qe8?

Missing the sure win with 33 Qd7+ Rf7 34 Qxd6 Bxe4 35 fe4 Qe7 36 Qd3.

33...Rf4 34 Bxd5 Qxd5 35 Qe3 g5 36 R8h5

In return for the exchange, Black has connected passed pawns, one holding two on the King-side, counterplay against the backward f-pawn and exposed King, and possibilities to blockade the position. Having Queens on complicates matters, also.

36...Kf7? 37 Qxf4 1-0

Annotations from David Heap's.

The above game should have appeared in the November 1986 issue of NWC. Next month we will continue with the sixth place winner.

I would like comments on a new NWPC event called the "Opening Fivesome." Each player would pick one-half the openings from a list provided, alternating colors.

Yasser Seirawan is putting out a video tape series on chess, 20 at \$19.95 each. See the Feb 1987 issue of CHESS LIFE.

## WCF OFFICERS MEETING

December 7, 1986

Present: John Braley, President; Stan Scott, TD; Frank Mauger, Interim Treasurer; Russell W. Miller, Secretary; H. Pitre, NWC Bus. Mgr; Dave Bicknell and Gary Dorfner.

From Agenda prepared by Braley: (A number of these things are not specific actions but listing things that might be done.)

### PRESIDENT

1. Mail Ballot: 11 major errors on the 1986 ballot; want to be sure this does not happen in the future. Stan Scott accepts election as TD and keeps VP spot also until new one is found. Treasurer elected by write-in did not accept post. (Subsequent to the meeting: Wayne Hatcher per phone call to Russell Miller was not interested in contesting the NWC Rep election, so Gary Dorfner and Russell Miller are the Reps.)

2. There is about \$725.00 in the USCF affiliate sponsorship program that WCF needs to come up with ways to spend.

3. Further action on non-profit status for the WCF was deferred.

4. We need to be thinking of other ways to raise money for chess in Washington, like corporate sponsorship and fund-raisers.

5. We would like to see the World Championship program on public TV in the future, and John is writing some letters and collecting a file.

6. We would like to see more women playing chess but no specific plan in mind just now.

7. Plans needed on how to recognize our top players and "chess institutions": Yasser Seirawan, Nikolay Minev, Olaf Ulvestad, Stephen Christopher, Dan Wade and others; maybe a dinner should be held.

### VICE-PRESIDENT

1. Is to be in charge of chess education, chess instruction such as in the Experimental College.

2. Should get a list of Washington Chess Clubs sent to libraries for them to use as reference.

3. Should try to develop a library and video and computer chess materials for general use and maybe get a public library to house the material.

### TREASURER

1. Should work on projection of revenues and expenditures; transfer the bank account (now in Tri-Cities) and watch officers and directors expenses.

Financial report of WCF: Please refer to page 13, January 1987 issue of NWC.

### SECRETARY

1. Chair the annual General Meeting and see that future mail ballots are correct when sent to the editor.

2. Needs to make a list of amendments to the WCF Constitution and Bylaws as they come up at meetings during the year.

A. One change should be that WCF membership be required for playing in WCF sponsored events.

3. To look over all changes to the Constitution over the years to make sure all are present in the current document.

4. A club directory is to be developed and made available. Gary Dorfner to help with this.

5. Mail out the membership cards. (Treasurer may take this over.)

6. Develop information file for reference of current and future officers.

7. Need to develop current information on current membership as to number and type: i.e., juniors, adults, and location in the state.

8. Plan to have detailed minutes to go to the officers plus any member upon request, and summary for publication.

9. Change the Secretary's address from the one presently used by the USCF to current address.

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

1. Washington Closed is set up with budget of \$475.00 prize fund as in the past and \$200.00 expense fund for the TD to spend as he sees fit. The playing

site this year will cost money.

2. Washington Open is a major event and should be open to bid. Hope for a 3-day event this year. Peter Dessales per phone call to Sec. is not interested in bidding. Western Washington Univ group in Bellingham is interested.

3. Should see that State Jr/Sr Tournaments, Puget Sound League, maybe a women's championship and speed tourney are held. Might set up a TD/organizers seminar or seminars.

4. Should work on more tournaments being held in more areas of the state and find more playing sites. British Columbia has a program of adding money to prize funds of tournaments held away from the major population centers.

5. Might look into having state matches against BC, Oregon and Idaho.

6. Congratulations to Viktor's Pupols for attaining a FIDE rating in the Olympia Futurity (Nov 22-30) and to the organizers of the event. A copy of the Cedar Knights proposal for a summer futurity was passed around.

### EDITOR

1. WCF officers would like to see minutes, club directory, constitution and a WCF Presidents column printed.

2. We suggest semi-annual publication of the NWC financial statement.

3. Need to decide just when WCL/NWC started for anniversary publication.

4. WCF officers would like to see USCF ratings printed in NWC.

Note from Secretary Miller: The above minutes are not what you might think of as true minutes as to having motions and discussion and pass or fail on the motions. This first meeting for the newly elected officers was a planning session for the year based on an Agenda of ideas that President John Braley developed. I turned that into the above document. You will see a few specific items in the above that were agreed upon but mostly there are just ideas of things that could be done and many that should. Future meetings will refer back to this to see what has been done and new ideas.

Next meeting for Feb 25th at 7:30 pm at site to be determined.

Added notes by Secretary Miller:

1. King County Executive Tim Hill will proclaim Yasser Seirawan Day in King County for February 9th. Yasser will be in Seattle a short time, Feb 5-11. Yasser's video tapes will be \$19.95 each and I will have them for sale in March.

2. Gene Fisher of Bob Walsh & Assoc. is no longer working on a tournament for 1987 but is working on a match between Yasser and the British Champion (Speelman). They are for a tournament in 1988 with Kasparov in it. I told Fisher we would help with manpower in anything that they set up having to do with chess.

3. I am getting WCF membership cards printed and will be the officer sending them out. I plan to send some to the major TD's for them to hand out when they sell a membership.

Russell W. Miller,  
Secretary, Washington Chess Federation

# Spokane, Washington

Report By David L. Collyer

After three rounds of the six-round 1987 Spokane Chess Club Championship, the defending champion Dr. Rod Stackelberg continues to impress the spectators. Dr. Stackelberg and top-rated Ben Fitch swept their first three games and will do battle in Rd. 4. Newcomer Del Gish won his first two games and has one postponement to complete before the fourth round. Those with 2: Mark Campbell, Merlin Bugtong, Steve Fabian, Bart McJunkin, Bill Phillip, Mark Vigil and Jerry Morton. Doug Hall has 1.5 with a postponement. Players totalling 1 point: Lee Overaker, Vern Johnson, Brian Rockford, Scott Loos, Carl Berg, Jim Waugh, Greg Zinkgraf and Pompeo Graniglia. Ron Koch scored 1/2 point before withdrawing. Brian Jones and Charles Gillingham are still looking to break into the scoring column. The following potpourri of games include a sensational upset by high schooler Brian Rockford, rated 1120, over veteran Bill Phillip (1713).

Steve Fabian - Rod Stackelberg 1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Be2 00 6 00 Nbd7 7 Re1 c5 8 e5 de5 9 de5 Ng4 10 e6 fe6 11 h3 Nge5 12 Ng5 Nf6 13 Be3 b6 14 f4 Nf7 15 Bf3 Rb8 16 Nxf7 Kxf7 17 Qe2 Nd5 18 f5 Nxe3 0-1 in a few more moves.

Mark Campbell - Ben Fitch 1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Bg4 4 d5 Ne5 5 Bb5+ c6 6 dc6 Nxc6 7 h3 Bd7 8 Nc3 Nf6 9 Qe2 a6 10 Ba4 g6 11 Be3 Bg7 12 00 00 13 Bb3 b5 14 Rfd1 Rc8 15 a3 Na5 16 e5 de5 17 Nxe5 Nxb3 18 cb3 Qe8 19 Nxd7 Nxd7 20 Ne4 f5 21 Ng5 e5 22 Qd3 Nf6 23 Qd6 Rc6 24 Qb4 h6 25 Nf3 Qe6 26 Rd2 Nd5 27 Qa5 Nxe3 28 fe3 Qxb3 29 Re1 Rfc8 30 Nh4 Kh7 31 Kh2 e4 32 Rd7 Qxb2 33 Red1 Qe5+ 34 Kg1 Qc3 35 Qxc3 Rxc3 36 R7d6 Rc1 37 g4 Rxd1+ 38 Rxd1 fg4 39 hg4 Rc3 40 a4 ba4 41 Ra1 a3 42 Kf2 Rc2+ 0-1

Bill Phillip - Brian Rockford 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Bg4 3 Ne5 Bh5 4 c4 f6 5 g4 fe5 6 gh5 dc4 7 Qa4+ Nc6 8 Bg2 Qd7 9 d5 Nd4 10 Qxc4 c6 11 e3 cd5 12 Bxd5 Rc8 13 Bf7+ Kd8 14 Qd3 Rxc1+ 0-1 in a few more moves.

Ben Fitch - Bart McJunkin 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Nf6 4 d4 ed4 5 e5 Ne4 6 00 d5 7 Bf4 Be6 8 Nxd4 Nxd4 9 Qxd4 Be7 10 Nd2 Nxd2 11 Qxd2 00 12 Rfe1 c5 13 Bf3 Qd7 14 Rad1 Rfd8 15 c3 Rab8 16 Qe2 b5 17 b3 a5 18 Bxd5 Bxd5 19 e6 Qxe6 20 Bxb8 Rxb8 21 Qd3 Qd6 22 Qxd5 Rd8 23 Qxd6 1-0

Bill Phillip - Carl Berg 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 00 5 00 d6 6 c4 Nbd7 7 Nc3 c5 8 d5 Rb8 9 Re1 a6 10 Rb1 b5 11 b3 Qa5 12 Bd2 bc4 13 bc4 Rxb1 14 Qxb1 Qb6 15 Na4 Qxb1 16 Rxb1 Ne4 17 Ba5 f5 18 e3 Kf7 19 Bf1 e5 20 Nb6 Ke7 21 Nd2 Nxd2 22 Bxd2 e4 23 Be2 Nxb6 24 Rxb6 Rd8 25 Bd1 Rd7 26 Bb3 Rb7 27 Rc6 Bd7 28 Rxa6 1-0

Bart McJunkin - Pompeo Graniglia 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Bc5 4 c3 Nge7 5 d4 ed4 6 cd4 Bb4+ 7 Nc3 d5 8 00 Bxc3 9 bc3 de4 10 Ng5 h6 11 Nxe4 Qd5 12 Bxc6+ bc6 13 Ba3 Nf5 14 Re1 Be6 15 Qg4 000 16 Qe2 Nh4 17 g3 Bh3 18 Qa6+ Kd7 19 Nc5+ Kd6 20 Nb7+ Kd7 21 Re7+ Kc8 22 Nd6+ Kxb8 23 Qb7++ 1-0

Carl Berg - Scott Loos 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 e6 3 Bg2 Bd6 4 00 f5 5 c4 c6 6 cd5 cd5 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 b3 00 9 Bb2 Nc6 10 d3 Be5 11 Nxe5 Nxe5 12 Rc1 (12 Nxd5 wins a pawn) 12...Qe8 13 f4 Neg4 14 Qd2 Qh5 15 h3 b6 16 Nb5 Nh6 17 Rc7 Rb8 18 Nxa7 Bb7 19 Bd4 Ba6 20 Nc6 Rbc8? 21 Bxb6 Bb5 22 Ne7+ Kh8 23 Rxc8 Rxc8 24 Nxc8 Nhg4 25 h4 Qg6 26 Rf3 Bc6 27 Qb4 d4 28 Qf8+ Ng8 29 Ne7 h6 30 Qxg8++ 1-0

Pompeo Graniglia - Vern Johnson 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 Nc3 00 6 Bg5 Nc6 7 h4 Nxe4 8 Qd3 Nxe5 9 Nxe5 Nxd4 10 000 e5 11 h5? Qxg5+ 12 Qe3 Qxe3+ 13 fe3 Ne6 14 hg6 fg6 15 Nd5 Kh8 16 Ne7 Rf6 17 Rh4 Ng5 18 Rdh1 Be6 19 Bd3 e4 20 Bxe4 Nxe4? 21 Rxb7++ 1-0

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## Feb 6-7: Wash High Sch Indiv Chpp

Fri-Sat. Lakeside Sch, 14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle 98125. From I-5 take NE 145th St Exit, proceed west to 1st NE, turn south, school on left; site McKay Chapel. 5-SS, 1 section (no eliminations!). Open to HS students grades 9-12 in Wash State. USCF rated. Need not join but if current USCF membership expires, must be renewed. TC: 90/game each. Regr closes 6 PM Fri, Rds: Fri 6:30 PM; Sat 9-12:15-3:30-7:00. EF \$6 if rec'd by Feb 5, \$10 at site. Phone regr NOT accepted. 1/2-Bye avail Fri (adv entries only) OR Sat for rd 2. TD: Robert A. Karch, but send EF to: O.W. LaFreniere, 806 N. 48th, Seattle, WA 98103. Phone: (206) 634-2318 7-9 PM. Days (msg only): 361-4372. Include info: grade, dob, school. Bring: set, board, clock, writing utensil.

## Feb 7-8/14-15 Washington Invitational

Site: Ravenna-Bryant Senior Ctr, 6559 Ravenna Ave NE, Seattle (same as Seattle CC). 7 RR: John Braley, Matt Edwards, Viktors Pupols, Charles Jones, Neil Salmon, Bobby Ferguson, Joel Barnes and Dave Weinstock. No EF, WCF/USCF mbrshps req. 1-2-3 \$225-\$150-\$100. Rds Feb 7,8,14: 10-4; Final Rd 7 10 AM Sun Feb 15. TC: 40/2; 20/1. No smoking by players/spectators in tmt room. More details: WCF TD Stan Scott (206) 522-0694

## Feb 7: Fairwood Mini-Swiss

USCF rated. 3-SS, 40/90, SD/30. Fairwood Lib, 17009 140th SE, Renton, WA. EF \$10, Prizes: 50% to 1st, 40% to 1st in 2nd half; 10% to 2nd in 2nd half or upset. Reg: 10-10:15 AM, Rds: 10:30-2:30-6:30. Ent/checks payable to: Gary J. Dorner, 8423 East B St, Tacoma, WA 98445. (206) 535-2536. NS,NC,W.

## Feb 14-15: Oregon Category Championships

USCF Rated. 5-SS, 40/90, 25/1. (Sects under 20 will be changed to 4SS, 40/2, 20/1.) SIX SECTIONS: CM (U-2200), I (U-2000), II (U-1800), III (U-1600), IV (U-1400), Novice (U-1200); No unr III/IV. SITE: Chumaree Comfortel, 8245 NE Sandy, Portland. EF: \$26 by Feb 13, \$30 at site, \$34 after 9 am Sat. \$\$: \$1200 Guar. CM-IV: \$150/\$75 each, Trophy/title top OR finisher; NOVICE: \$75, trophies top 2, top 2 U-1000, top 2 under age 16. Regr: 8-9 AM Sat. RDS: 10-2:30-7 (if 5 rds), 10-ASAP. Entries: Metro CC c/o John C. Howell, 1907 SE 34th, Portland, OR 97214. HR: \$36/rm to site. Out of state welcome!

## Feb 21: Blaine Memorial II

Blaine Memorial United Meth. Church, 3001 24th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144. USCF membership req or join at site. Regr: 9:00 - 9:45 AM. Rds: 10-2-6 (This is a tentative schedule, in the last tmt all games completed by 3:30 PM.) Prizes: \$15-\$5 1st-2nd per sect. Sects: 4-8 player groups. Each plays 3 games. EF: \$6.00. Bring set and chess clock, if possible. Info: Blaine Memorial (206) 723-1536 or Eric Kashino, TD: 722-1950.

## Feb 21-22: Presidents Congress

Site: Masonic Temple at 2530 Grandview Drive, Tacoma. 2 swiss sects, Open 4 rds (40/2; 20/1) and Reserve 5 rds (40/90; 30 SD Sat; 40/90; 25/1; 30 SD Sun). Open rds 10-4 Sat/Sun; Res rds 10-2:30-7 Sat, 10-4 Sun. EF: \$18 by Feb 20th; \$23 at regr 9-9:45 AM. USCF mbrshp req. Prizes b/60. Open: \$125-\$75, A \$100, U-1800 \$50. Res: \$100-\$50, B,C,D/Unr \$75. Info/Entries: TD Gary Dorfner, 8423 East B St, Tacoma 98445. (206) 535-2536

## Feb 27-28: Wash High Sch Team Chpp

Site: Marine HS, 200 120th SW, Everett 98204. (206) 355-6222. From I-5, take 128th St SW (EXIT 186), turn west, then turn north (right) at first traffic light; Sch about 1/4 mile from here. 5-SS, 5 player teams with two optional reserves. Pairing, placement by team point system (similar to FIDE Olympiad). Open to teams from WA placing in top half of their leagues plus one team each league. Independent teams check with Mr. LaFreniere for eligibility. USCF rated. Mbrship not req, except former members must be or become current. TC: 40/80, then 15/30. Late running games placed in "sudden death" speed: 10 min per player to finish. Fri players mtg 3:30 (late teams

will be fined clock time in round 1). Rounds: 4-7; 9-1-5. EF: \$25 per team. Entry forms mailed by League Dir; Independents contact Mr. LaFreniere well in advance! Bring: sets, boards, writing utensils, brains, competitive desire. TD: Robert A. Karch and staff. Host: Rick Peeps, Mariner HS. Awards: Trophies to top 10 teams; medals to winning team; certificates for tournament all-stars/upsets. Lodging: No overnight space is available; Motel 6 approx 3 miles away. Make checks payable to O.W. LaFreniere. Info/Entries: O.W. LaFreniere, 806 N. 48th, Seattle, 98103. (206) 634-2318 7-9 pm; (206) 361-4372 days, msg only. Entries must be rec'd by Feb 23.

## Feb 27-28: Wash Hi Sch JV Indiv Tmt

Same dates, site/conditions as Wash HS Team (above). 5-SS, Open only to non-varsity players whose teams have qualified into Team Chpp. USCF-rated. Adv EF \$3 rec'd by Feb 23; \$6 at site! TD: H.G. Pitre and staff. Trophies: top 5 and 3 top schools. Will attempt to avoid pairings from same school.

## Feb 27-28: High School Indiv at State Team

Same site/conditions as above, except not rated and no memberships req. 5-SS, Adv EF \$3; at site \$6! Trophies to top 2; medals to best performers in a grade. TD: Gary Dorfner. Info/Entries: O.W. LaFreniere (see address, phone above)

## Mar 7-8: Roseburg Chess Club II

Stanton Ctr, 990 Stanton St, Roseburg, OR. 5-SS, TC: 40/60, 30 SD. EF \$10 rec'd by Mar 3, \$12 at site. USCF only, no other mbrshp req. Prizes: \$160 b/20: 1-2-3 \$90-\$50-\$20. Regr: 8:30 - 9:00 AM. Rds: 9:30, 1:00, 4:30; Sun 10:00, 2 PM. Info/Entries: Gerald E. Barker, 1185 SE Main, Roseburg, OR 97470. Phone: (503) 672-8640. NS. NC.

## Apr 11-12: Grants Pass Open XIII

5 SS, 40/90, 30/1. Site: Learning Center, 290 NE "C" St, Grants Pass, OR. EF: \$15 by Apr 9, \$18 at site. PRIZES: Open 1st \$180, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, A/B/C/D each 1st \$50, 2nd \$20. Trophies for 1st in each class and UR. PRIZES GUARANTEED BY: Greater Oregon Health Service. Regr: 8:30-9:30; Rds Sat 10-2-6, Sun 9-2. No 1/2 pt byes. No smoke, no computers, yes wheelchair access. Info/Entries: Wray A. Maxwell, 740 NW 4th St, Grants Pass, OR 97526. Phone: (503) 476-5000.

## Apr 11-12: Oregon Age-Group Championships

Cypress Inn, I-205 and Hwy 212, Clackamas, OR 97015. Rates: \$35 sgl, \$40 dbl, ask for chess tournament. Four tournaments. Senior Open (over age 50), 5SS; Prime-Years Open (ages 19-49), 5SS; Jr Closed (under-19 by invitation), 6RR; Jr Challengers Open (under age 19), 6 SS. Regr Sat 8:30-9:30 AM. Rounds at 10, 2:30, 7 Sat; 9, 2 Sun except Jr Open: 10, 1, 4; 9, noon, 3. No smoke, no computers, 1/2-point byes on Sat in the open tmts. TC 40/90 then 30 SD, except Jr Open: 40/60 then 30 SD. Entry fees: In adult tmts \$20 adv by Apr 10th, \$25 at site; In junior tmts: \$3. Players in all four tmts must be or become members of USCF and their state chess federation. USCF dues: Reg adult \$25 yr; Tmt \$1 game; Jr w/mag \$12 yr, w/o mag \$3.50 yr. OCF dues: Regular adult \$14 yr, Tmt \$3; Jr w/NWC magazine \$8 yr; Jr w/o magazine \$1 yr. PRIZES: Senior Open \$100-\$50, 1st U-1700 \$50, 1st U-1500 \$50 based on 18 entries; Prime-Years Open: \$200-\$100, 1st U-1900 \$100; 1st U-1500 \$100 (b/32); Jr Closed 1st Oregon Jr Champion Trophy + \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10. Jr Open: 1st T + \$25; 2nd-3rd \$15-\$10. Highest scoring eligible player to be invited to 1988 Oregon Jr Closed. Info/Entries: Ralph Hall, 408 Ogden Dr, Oregon City, OR 97045.

## Apr 25-26: Eugene Class Championships

Erb Mem Stu Union, 13th & University, Rm 167, Univ of Oregon, Eugene. 5 sects: MASTER-EXPERT, 4-SS, 40/2, 25/1, open to 2000 and up. EF: \$25 by Apr 20, \$30 at site. \$\$ based on 16: 1st \$200, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$60. 1st Expert \$100. CLASS A (1800-1999) 4-SS, 45/2, 25/1. EF: \$20 by Apr 20, \$25 at site. \$\$ based on 16: 1-2-3 \$150-\$70-\$30. CLASS B (1600-1799) and CLASS C (1400-1599) both \$\$ same as Class A. CLASS D/UNR (1399/below and unr). 4-SS, 50/2, 30/1. EF: \$15 by Apr 20, \$20 at site. \$\$ based on 16: 1-2 \$100-\$50, 1st Unrated \$60. ALL SECTIONS: Rds Sat 10-3; Sun 10:15, 3:15. Regr: 8:30-9:45 Sat. EF/Info: Mike Vaughn, Box 77, Dorena, OR 97434. (503) 946-1373. Sponsor: Lane County CC, NS, NC. 5 GP Pts.

## REGIONAL CHESS CALENDAR

### February 1987

--4,11	Spokane Chess Club Championship	Spokane
--5,12,19	White Rock CC Winter Open	White Rock, BC
--6,13,20,27	Seattle CC George Washington RR	Seattle
5,19,26	Metro CC February Swiss	Portland
6-7 (Fri-Sat)	Washington High School Individual	Seattle
7	Metro Chess Club Feb Quads	Portland
7	Killarney Junior Open	Vancouver, BC
7	Fairwood Mini-Swiss	Renton
7-8	Comox Valley Open	Courtenay, BC
7-8, 14-15	Wash Chpp - Ravenna Bryant Sr Ctr	Seattle
8	Fort Lewis Open	Fort Lewis
9	Yasser Seirawan Day	King County
10,17,24,--	UBC February Open	Vancouver, BC
12-15	Oregon Championship (Invitational)	Portland
14-15	Oregon Category Championships	Portland
15 (Sun pm)	NWC Board Meeting (Time not firm)	Portland
15	Daylight Donut No. 12	Spokane
21	US Open Committee Meeting	Portland
21	Blaine Memorial II	Seattle
21-22	SFU Valentine Open	Burnaby, BC
21-22	Presidents Congress	Tacoma
25	WCF Officers/Directors Mtg 7:30 PM	Seattle
25,--	Kings of Chess Open	Spokane
27-28(Fri-Sat)	Wash HS Team Chpp (Mariner HS)	Everett
27-28(Fri-Sat)	Oregon HS Finals	--

### March 1987

--3,10	UBC February Open	Vancouver, BC
--4,11	Kings of Chess Open	Spokane
5,19,26	Metro Chess Club March Swiss	Portland
6	Seattle Chess Club Special Event	Seattle
6-7	OMSI Finals, World Forestry Ctr	Portland
6-7-8	Midwest Masters Invitational V	Chicago
7	Metro Chess Club March Quads	Portland
7	Wash Jr High Team Championship	Bellevue
7-8	Roseburg CC Tournament II	Roseburg
13-14-15	National Open	Las Vegas
13,20,27,--	Seattle CC March Hare Swiss	Seattle
13-14(Fri-Sat)	Oregon-Wash HS Champions Match	Site pending
14	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
14	Wash Jr High Indiv Championship	Kent
15	Daylight Donut No. 13	Spokane
19,26,(for 8 wks)	FIDE Master Kuznecov Lessons	Vancouver, BC
21 (Sat only)	Oregon-Wash HS Teams Match, 3 Rds	Tacoma
21-22	Tacoma Chess Club Spring Swiss	Tacoma
21-22	Inn at Spanish Head Open	Lincoln City
28	Yaz for Prez Open No. 1	Spokane
28	Fairwood Mini-Swiss	Renton
29	Fort Lewis Open	Fort Lewis

### April 1987

--3	Seattle CC March Hare Swiss	Seattle
2,16,23	Metro Chess Club April Swiss	Portland
4	Metro Chess Club April Quads	Portland
4	Fairwood Mini-Swiss	Renton
10,17,24	Seattle CC April Team Quads	Seattle
11-12	Grants Pass Open XIII	Grants Pass
11-12	Oregon Age-Group Championships	Clackamas
11-12	Tacoma Chess Club Daffodil Open	Tacoma
18	Yaz for Prez Open No. 2	Spokane
18	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
22,29,--	Spring Quads	Spokane
25-26	Eugene Class Championships	Eugene
25-26	Fort Lewis Closed (Base Chpp)	Fort Lewis

### May 1987

--6	Spring Quads	Spokane
1,8,15,22,29	Seattle Chess Club May Days Swiss	Seattle
2	Tacoma Chess Club May Quads	Renton
2	Cinco-de-Mayo Fun Tournament	Milton-Freewater
2	Riverfront Park Open	Spokane
2-3	Portland Spring Open	Portland
7,21,28	Metro Chess Club May Swiss	Portland
9	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
9-10	Tacoma CC Pierce County Open	Tacoma
9-10	Lilac Open	Spokane
15-16-17	Keres Memorial	Vancouver, BC
23-25 (3 Days)	Washington Open (Bid unconfirmed)	Bellingham

### June 1987

4,18,25	Metro CC Chpp, Rounds 1-3	Portland
5,12,19,26	Seattle Chess Club D-Day Swiss	Seattle
6	Tacoma Chess Club June Swiss	Renton
6-7	Rose Festival Open	Portland
13	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
13-14	Tacoma Chess Club Evergreen Open	Tacoma

### July 1987

2,16,23	Metro Chess Club Chpp, Rounds 4-6	Portland
11	Tacoma Chess Club July Quads	Renton
11	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
18	Manito Park Open	Spokane
18-19	Tacoma CC Puget Sound Open	Tacoma
(not firm)	Columbia Cup VI	Richland
(not firm)	Seafair	Seattle

### August 1987

1	Tacoma Chess Club August Swiss	Renton
2-14	US OPEN	Portland
7-9	USCF Delegates Meetings	Portland
8	US Speed Championship	Portland
9-14	US OPEN Busypersons Special	Portland
15-16	Tacoma CC Woodpushers Open	Tacoma
17	GM Simul (tentative)	Spokane

### September 1987

3,17,24	Metro CC September Swiss	Portland
5	Tacoma Chess Club September Quads	Renton
5-7	Oregon Open XXXVI	Portland
19-20	Eastern Washington Open	Spokane
19-20	Tacoma Chess Club Fall Open	Tacoma
30,--	Autumn Quads	Spokane

### October 1987

-- 7,14	Autumn Quads	Spokane
3	Tacoma Chess Club October Swiss	Renton
3-4	Northwest Class Championships	Everett
10	Walla Walla Team Championship II	Walla Walla
10,11,12	Fraser Valley \$2500 Open	Clearbrook, BC
24-25	Tacoma Chess Club Hobgoblin Open	Tacoma
31, Nov 1	Oregon City Open	Oregon City

### November 1987

7	Aardvark Open HS Tournament	Episcopal Sch
7	Tacoma Chess Club November Quads	Renton
21-22	Tacoma CC Thanksgiving Open	Tacoma