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# From the Editor's Desk

## Ralph Dubisch

Various recent results and news:

Howard Chen is Washington State Champion for the second year in a row, winning the top 10-player round-robin held at the Seattle Chess club over two weekends in February. He scored 6.5/9. Katerina Rohonyan and Dereque Kelley tied for 2nd-3rd with 5.5/9; Costin Cozianu, Curt Collyer, and David Bragg tied for 4th-6th with 5.0/9.

Gil Shafiri was the clear winner of the Premier section, held concurrently with the Championship. He scored 7.0/9 in his 10-player round-robin, qualifying him to play in the Championship section next year. Nathan Lee was clear 2nd with 6.0/9, and David Golub was clear 3rd with 5.5/9. Chouchanik Airapetian and Samir Sen tied for 4th-5th with 5.0/9.

Casey Xing, Peter Watts, and Samuel Fei He were clear 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with scores of 7.0/9, 6.5/9, and 6.0/9 respectively in the Invitational section, held concurrently with the Championship and Premier. Nick Hoffman and Daniel Ming He tied for 4th-5th with 5.0/9.

Some of the above-named prize winners have submitted annotated games for publication, and some of those games can be found in this issue. Some others are being held for later publication. Some winners have not yet commented a game for us. You know who you are.

In Oregon, the State Championship was held over the same two weekends in February. It ended in a rather amazing four-way tie, with Radu Roua, Steven Breckenridge, Daniel Gay, and last-minute substitute (for Nick Raptis) Brian Esler all scoring 6.0/9 and sharing the title. Expect a story, pictures, and some annotated games in a future issue.

On the last weekend in March, our cover subject, Kate Tokareva, won the Washington Girls' Championship, held in Redmond, with 4.0/4, earning \$500 in the process. Sarah May, Sangeeta Dhingra, and Heather Young tied for 2nd-4th with 3.0/4. Sarah lost in the second round to Heather, Heather and Sangeeta both lost to Kate. Ms. Tokareva is rated in the mid-1800s, has gained an average of 250 rating points each year for the past four years, and she is not yet in high school. The Champion will be attending the 2011 All Girls National Championship as the Washington State representative, April 8-10, in Chicago.

**Breaking news:** former Seattlite, *Chess Life* editor, and author of **Viktors Pupols**, **American Master**, Larry Parr, passed away April 2 in Malaysia after a short illness. He was 64.

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 Champion Howard Chen.

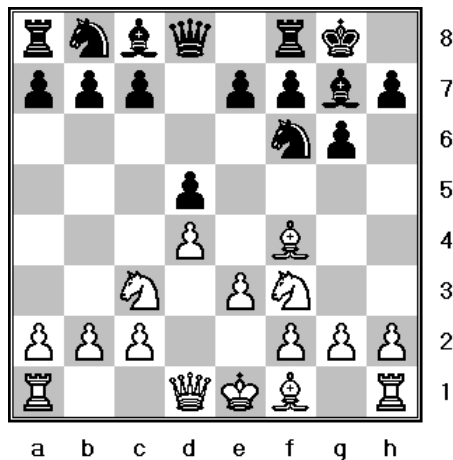
**1. d4**

This was the last round of the  
 Championship, and all I needed was a draw  
 to secure first place. A point behind were  
 Dereque Kelley and Katerina Rohonyan. I  
 considered preparing something against  
 Harley, but I thought, “Oh, heck, it’s just  
 the London System. A draw shouldn’t be too  
 difficult.”

**1. ...Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3. Nc3**

Blocking the c-pawn in a d4 opening  
 does tend to be dubious, but Harley had the  
 attack in mind.

**3. ...d5 4. Bf4 Bg7 5. e3 0-0?!**



Just like I did last year, I forget that to  
 castle early against Harley is to invite a  
 kingside attack. Last year I had to sacrifice  
 my queen for a rook and minor to survive.

The virtue of his set-up is that it is very  
 difficult (impossible) to breach the center.

**6. Be2 b6 7. Ne5 Bb7**

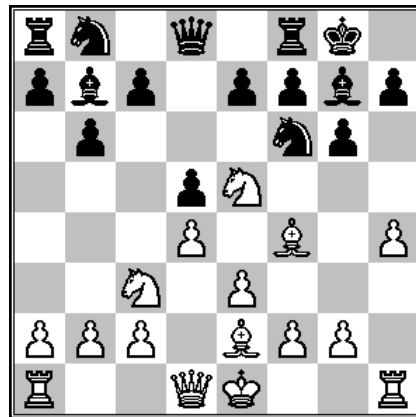
It’s not clear what the bishop is doing  
 here.

**8. h4**

Well, it’s clear that Harley is going to  
 play h5 and start a kingside attack. For the  
 next few moves, I think for a total of one  
 hour trying to make ...hxg6 work. It’s  
 difficult for me to consider ...fxg6, which  
 looks ugly to me. Old adages run through  
 my head: “An attack on the flank must be  
 met in the center,” and “If you haven’t made  
 a serious mistake, you cannot be lost.” I  
 didn’t think I was lost yet, but I felt like I  
 was getting there, and this terrified me. After

# Washington State Championship, Premier, and Invitational Games annotated by the players

edging out my competitors, was I really  
 going to lose?



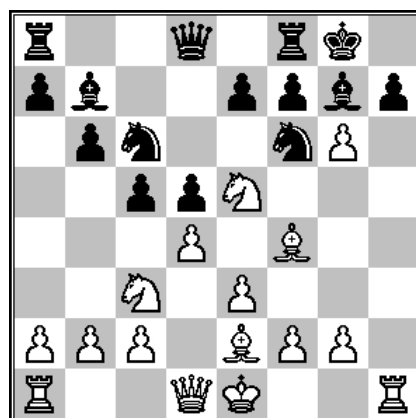
**8. ...c5**

8. ...Nc6 9. h5 Nd7 10. hxg6 hxg6 11.  
 Nxc6 Bxc6 12. Bf3 gets Black nowhere: 12.  
 ...e5 13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. Bxd5 Bxd5 15. Qxd5  
 Qxd5 16. Nxd5 Nc4 17. Ne7#.

**9. h5 Nc6**

As I sink deeper and deeper into thought,  
 I notice Dereque and Katerina watching my  
 game. Oh my goodness, they know. I’m  
 going to be a sticky mess on the ground  
 under Harley’s boot, and they know it. The  
 two bent over their boards and worked  
 harder.

**10. hxg6**



I finally realized that my thoughts were  
 running in loops, and that my time  
 management was terrible. When you have  
 eliminated the impossible, what is left, no

matter how improbable, is the truth: only  
 ...fxg6 keeps the position alive for me.

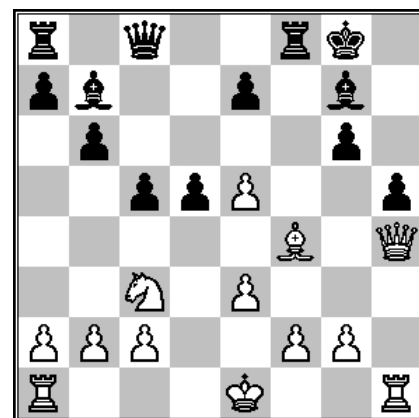
**10. ...fxg6 11. Bg4**

A plausible move that I overlooked,  
 which targets the e6 square. However, it  
 allows the exchange of several minor pieces  
 and grants me more light-squared control.  
 It would seem that this move requires Harley  
 to be very energetic.

**11. ...Nxe5 12. dxe5 Nxc4 13. Qxg4 Qc8**

Defending the e6 square at the possible  
 cost of a pawn, but Black’s position has great  
 potential for activity through the ...d4 pawn  
 break.

**14. Qh4 h5**



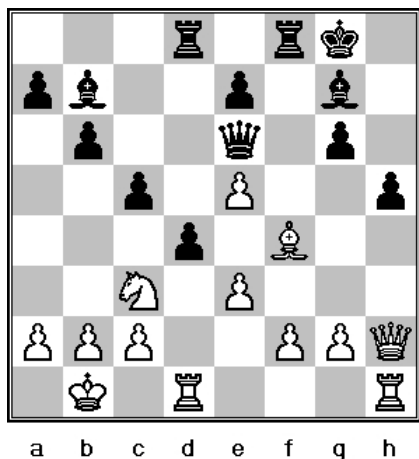
**15. 0-0-0**

Wisely declining the pawn. 15. Qxe7 d4  
 16. exd4 (16. 0-0-0 Rf7) 16. ...cxd4 and  
 Black has counterplay.

**15. ...Qe6 16. Qh2?**

Atterribly slow move that gives the  
 initiative away completely. Post-mortem  
 analysis seemed to reveal that a better move  
 was Rag1, preparing g4 with counterplay.  
 16. Rhg1 Rad8 17. g4 d4 is a pretty crazy  
 position: 18. gxh5 dxc3 19. Rxd8 Rxd8 20.  
 Rxc6 Qxc6 21. hxg6 Rd1+ 22. Kxd1 cxb2  
 23. Qh7+ Kf8 24. Bh6 b1=Q+ 25. Kd2  
 Qb4+ 26. Kc1 Qe1+ 27. Kb2 Qb4+ 28. Kc1,  
 with a perpetual.

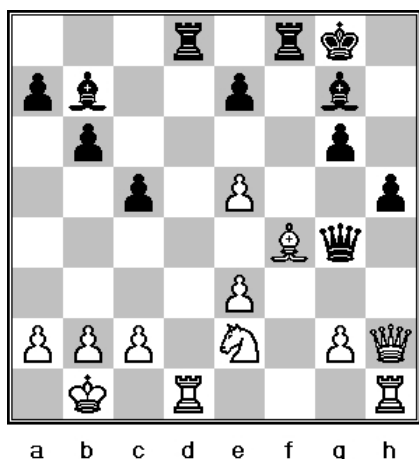
**16. ...Rad8 17. Kb1 d4**



18. Ne2?

A seemingly logical move that turns out to be a blunder. I had been expecting 18. exd4 cxd4, when I was certain of an attack: 19. Ne2 Qc4 20. Rd2 Be4 and Black is better. In response, Harley attempts to keep the position closed, but the resultant weaknesses turn out to be decisive. I spent time trying to continue an attack on White's king, but then a simple solution suggested itself.

18. ...dxe3 19. fxe3 Qg4



The combination of White's back rank problems and g2-pawn allow Black to win material.

20. Nc3 g5

Necessary – pushing back White's pieces before winning the pawn.

21. Bg3 h4 22. Bf2 Rxd1+ 23. Nxd1 Qxg2

White cannot escape the queen trade, and Black's passed pawns are easily decisive.

24. Qxg2 Bxg2 25. Rg1 h3 26. Bg3 Rf3 27. Bh2 g4

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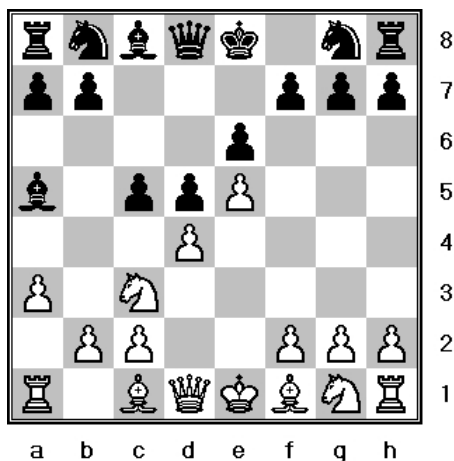
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## Airapetian Chouchanik – David Golub Washington Premier, Round 7 Seattle, WA February 20, 2011

Annotations by David Golub.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Ba5!?

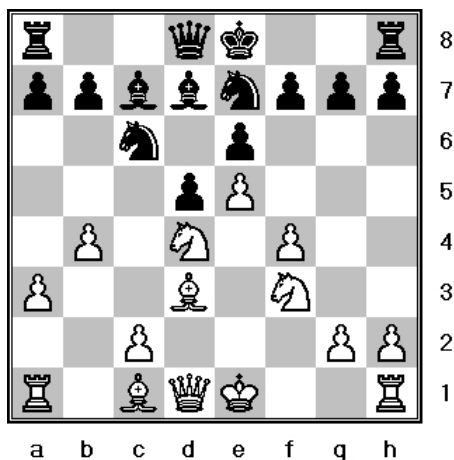
An interesting variation introduced by Botvinnik in his World Championship match with Smyslov.



6. b4 cxd4 7. Nb5 Bc7 8. f4 Ne7 9. Nf3 Bd7 10. Nbx d4

The usual move is 10. Nxc7+.

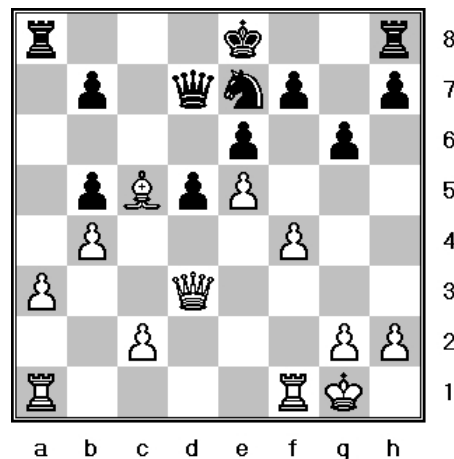
10. ...Nbc6 11. Bd3



11. ...a6!

The idea of this move is to exchange light-square bishops, after an exchange of knights, by ...Bb5. Since most of the black pawns are on light squares, it is usually good for Black to exchange this bad bishop. 11. ...0-0? is impossible because of 12. Bxh7+! with a winning attack.

12. 0-0 Bb6 13. Be3 Nxd4 14. Nxd4 Bxd4 15. Bxd4 Bb5 16. Bxb5+ axb5 17. Qd3 Qd7 18. Bc5 g6



19. Rf3

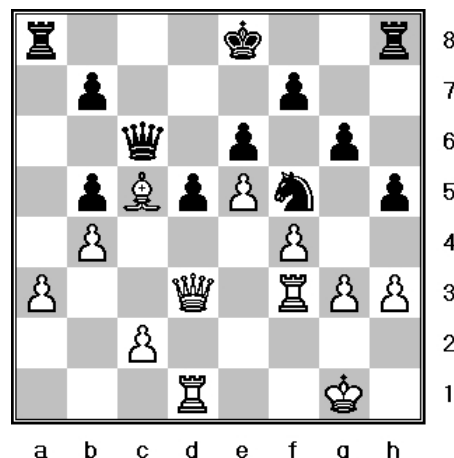
After the exchange of bishops for a knight the position becomes drawish, but maybe that is what white should have played.

19. ...h5 20. g3 Nf5 21. h3 Qc6?!

The immediate 21. ...h4! and ...Ng3-e4 was better.

22. Rd1?!

An inaccuracy in return, which allows Black to establish his knight on the strong square e4. Perhaps g4 should have been played. I was planning to play ...Ng7, but it turns out that White can play Qe2, with the idea of Rf3-c3.}



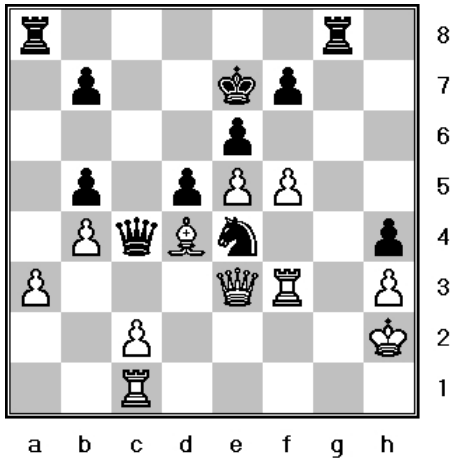
22. ...h4! 23. g4 Ng3 24. Bf2 Ne4 25. Bd4 Ke7 26. Qe3 Rhc8 27. Rc1 Qc4

Black is slowly increasing the pressure.

28. f5??

A blunder which leads to a forced loss. A possible move was 28. Qd3, however after 28. ...Ng3! White still has a very unpleasant position.

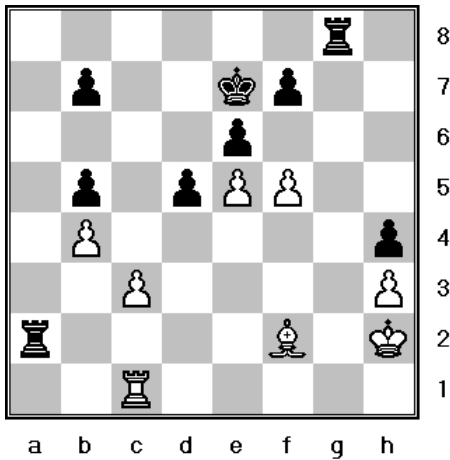
28. ...gxf5 29. gxf5 Rg8+ 30. Kh2



30. ...Rxa3!

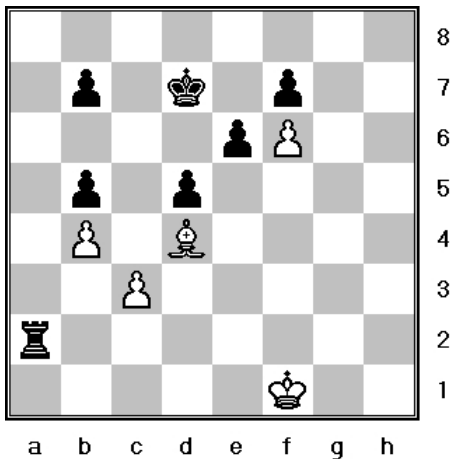
The idea is to divert the queen from the key e2 square. After the queen takes the rook, Qe2 wins on the spot: either White allows immediate mate with Kg1(h1) or a mate in a few moves after Bf2 or Rf2.

31. c3 Qa2+ 32. Rf2 Qxf2+ 33. Qxf2 Nxf2 34. Bxf2 Ra2



The rest is easy.

35. f6+ Kd7 36. Rf1 Rg5 37. Kh1 Rxe5 38. Bxh4 Re3 39. Bf2 Rxh3+ 40. Kg1 Rf3 41. Bd4 Rxf1+ 42. Kxf1



42. ...Ke8 43. Ke1 Kf8 44. Kd1 Kg8  
45. Kc1 Kh7 46. Kd1 Kg6 47. Kc1 Kf5

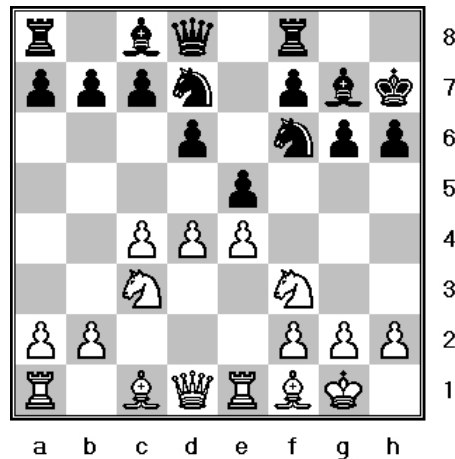
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**Dereque Kelley – David Bragg**  
**Washington Championship, Round 8**  
**Seattle, WA, February 20, 2011**

Annotations by Dereque Kelley.

This game was extremely interesting to me despite being my worst result of the tournament. David's play was creative and resourceful but not fully correct. The psychological errors as well as possible improvements in my play gave me plenty of food for thought.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6  
5. Nf3 0-0 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. 0-0 e5 8. Re1 h6  
9. Bf1 Kh7?



Black's plan cannot be strategically correct. So long as the center is under tension is it is not really advisable to waste precious time on preparatory moves on the kingside.

10. Rb1 c6 11. b4 Re8 12. d5 +/-

A typical reaction. Only now that Black has committed his rook to the e-file does White make a decision about the central tension.

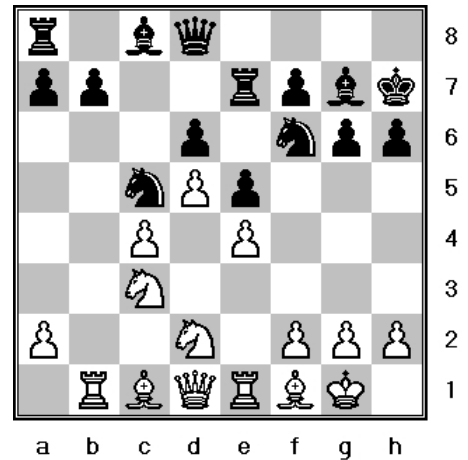
12. ...c5 13. bxc5

Clearly White would like to be able to force Black to recapture on c5 with a pawn. My goal was to capture first, then play Nd2-b3 next trading pieces.

However, this is not a principled approach. White should "maintain the tension" and therefore keep Black's pieces gummed up in anticipation of the eventual bxc5. Better was 13. a3 b6 14. Nb5!? (there are plenty of moves for White) 14. ...Bf8 15. Bd2 a6. What else? Black lacks an active

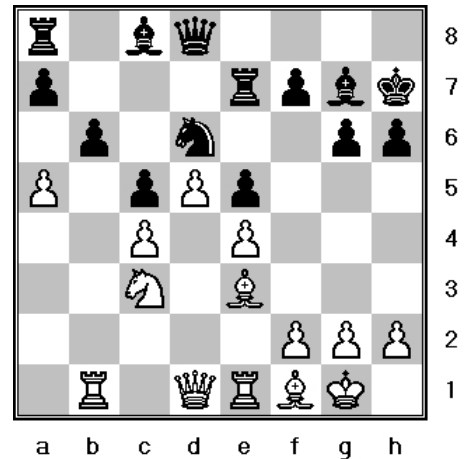
operation (15. ...Nh5 16. g3 Black is a long ways from achieving ...f5, let alone an attack!) 16. Nc3 +/- . With the idea of Na4 when after bxc5 Black will be forced to capture a pawn and will not even have the option of exchanging knights.

13. ...Nxc5 14. Nd2 += Re7!?!/?!



A very creative move! Black intends to play ...Ne8-d6 after recapturing on c5 with the d-pawn. Black's creative play sets White unexpected problems. David's constant resourcefulness and creativity in this game was exemplary.

15. Nb3 Ne8 16. Be3 b6 17. Nxc5 dxc5  
18. a4 Nd6 19. a5



Objectively, White has many reasons to be pleased, but the King's Indian is never so simple!

19. ...f5 20. f3

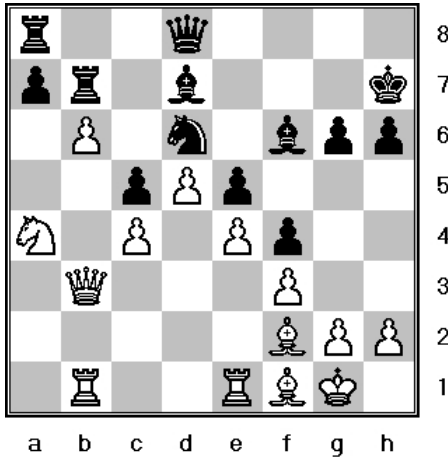
Automatic, but White could do better! 20. exf5! gxf5 21. Qb3 +/- Black neither gets a kingside attack nor can he really profit from his central duo given the unusual placement of his pieces. White could continue his assault.

20. ...f4 21. Bf2 Bf6 22. Na4

Another move which lacks in thoroughness. White is under the impression that he has only to dogpile b6 and the game will be wrapped up shortly thereafter. But this allows Black a chance to diminish the attacking chances and his congestion with ...Bd7xa4!

Better is 22. Re2 with the idea of Reb2 or Rea2.

22. ...Rb7 23. Qb3 Bd7! 24. axb6



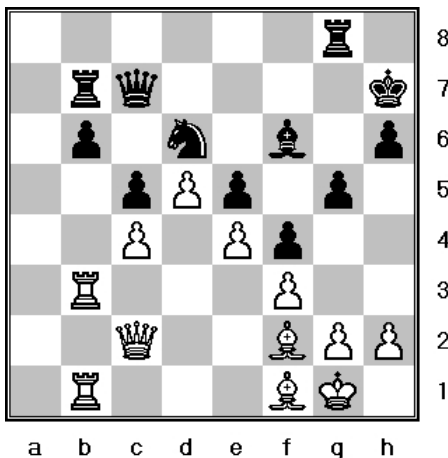
24. ...Bxa4

24. ...axb6? 25. Nxb6 Rab8 26. Bxc5 Nc8 27. Nxd7! (27. Bf2? Nxb6 28. c5?, the actual variation both David and I had in mind, is false because of: 28. ...Nxd5! unclear) 27. ...Rxb3 28. Nxb8 +/-.

25. Qxa4 axb6 26. Qc2 Qc7 +/-

Even without super-precise play, White's position remains much better. But White never manages to solve the practical problems while Black patiently plays for ...g4.

27. Rb3 g5 28. Reb1 Rg8?



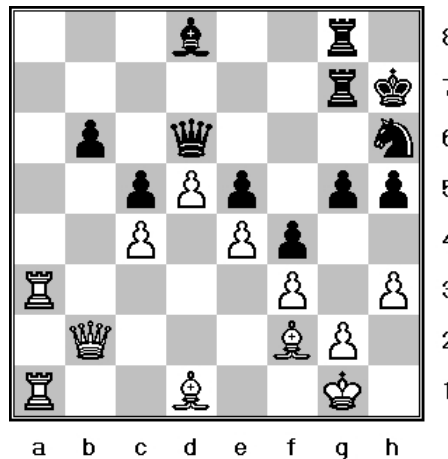
I was very pleased at this point. I joked to myself, "oh, this is one of the few moments in the King's Indian where Black

will achieve ...g4 only to – be mated!!" In fact the sentiment that ...g4 will not help Black is entirely correct, but throughout the protracted battle I somehow lost faith in this assessment.

Funnily enough K. Rohonyan quipped immediately after the game, "I thought you were just going to wait for ...g4 and then have a better game!" How true it is!

29. Be2 h5 30. h3 Nf7 31. Qb2 Bd8 32. Bd1 Nh6 33. Ra3 Qd6 34. Rba1 Rbg7

Around this moment I suddenly started losing faith. I felt that I could successfully play after a ...g4 break, but what could I do in the meantime? In fact this question became so depressing that I eventually concluded that I must much worse here as Black continued to play for ...g4 at his leisure.



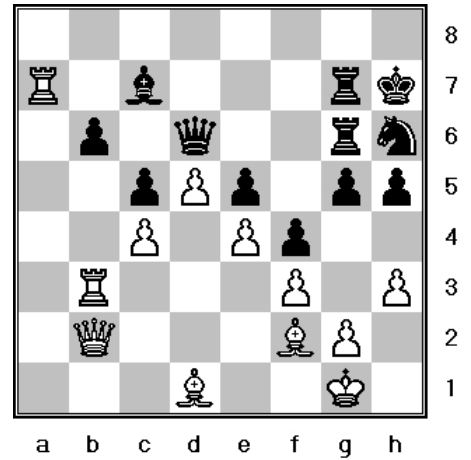
35. Rb3

35. Be1!! intending 36. Bc3 Bc7 37. Ra7! and now Black can not avoid 37...Bb8 (the threat was 38. Rxc7!) when after 38. Rxc7+ Rxc7 39. Ra6 Bc7 40. Qb5 White is much better. So 35. ...Bc7 36. Qf2 (this move is the most effective at neutralizing ...g4 before playing for Ra7, Bc3, Qb2 – not necessarily in that order) (36. Bc3 g4; White is not yet threatening Rxc7, but even so this line is good for White: 37. hxg4 hxg4 38. Ra8 g3 39. Kf1! +/-; or 36. Ra7 g4 37. fxc4 hxg4 38. R1a3! Rf8 39. Qf2 +/- A surprising assessment, but Black has nothing here) 36... Qe7 37. Rb3 Kh8 38. Ra7 Qd6 39. Rba3 Kh7 40. Qb2 +/- with Bc3 coming, and the threat of Rxc7! Black cannot delay ...g4 any longer, which is in White's favor.

35. ...Bc7 36. Ra6

36. Ra7! White still has time to play for the above plan.

36. ...Rg6 37. Ra7 R8g7



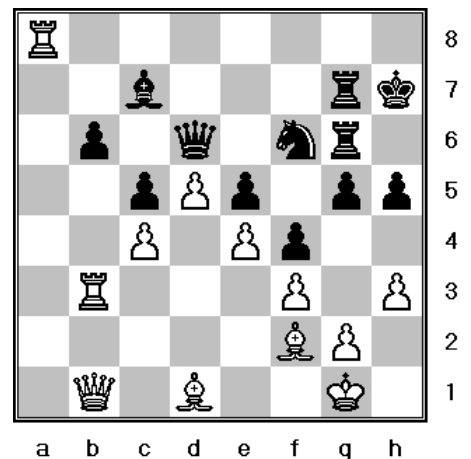
38. Ra8

38. Be1! with Bc3 coming Black must charge ahead with 38. ...g4 39. fxc4 hxg4 40. hxg4 (not the only move, but a forcing one) 40. ...Nxc4 41. Rh3+ Kg8 (41. ...Nh6 42. Rh2! +/- and White plays Bc3! Black must now start making concessions in his position.) 42. Ra8+ Bb8 (the only move: 42. ...Bd8 43. Bf3 Kf7 44. Bc3 Bc7 45. Rh5! winning; or 42. ...Kf7 43. Qb5! +/-) 43. Bc3 Ne3 44. Bf3 Re7 (forced) 45. Rh5 Kg7 46. Rxb8 (46. Qf2! intending Qh4! is even stronger, but I am covering a forcing line) 46. ...Qxb8 47. Bxe5+ Rxe5 48. Rxe5 Nxc4 49. Re7+ Kg8 50. Qb5 Kf8 51. Rh7 Kg8 52. Rh4 Ne5 53. Rxf4 +/-.

38. ...Ng8? 39. Qb1

Despite not changing the evaluation of the position, this move makes it much more difficult to play for the key idea. 39. Be1! I'm still a fan of this plan! 39. ...Nh6 (39. ...Nf6 40. Ra7 g4 41. fxc4 hxg4 42. hxg4 is the same) 40. Ra7 (Bc3 is threatened!) 40. ...g4 41. fxc4 hxg4 42. hxg4 Nxc4 43. Rh3+ Kg8 44. Ra8+ Bb8 (forced) 45. Bf3; play is very similar to the previous note.

39. ...Nf6



40. Ra6

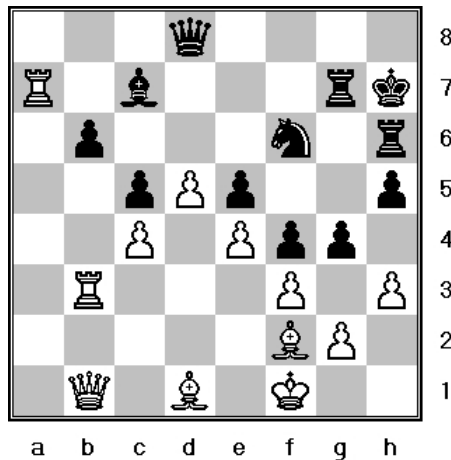
40. Be1!

40. ...Ng8? 41. Rb5

41. Be1!

41... Qd8 42. Rb2 Nh6 43. Rb3 Ng8?  
44. Kf1 Rh6 45. Raa3 Nf6 46. Ra7 g4

Finally Black plays ...g4 and at this moment I have concluded that I am much worse and immediately make a mistake. In fact even here White was better, just as predicted much earlier!



47. Bh4?

A very serious mistake. This is the real reason White lost the game! 47. fxg4 hxg4 48. hxg4 Nxg4 49. Bxg4 Rxg4 50. Rxb6! (50. Rh3 Rxh3 51. gxh3 Rg6 unclear) 50. ...Rh1+ (forced) 51. Bg1 (forced) +/- White is simply ahead a pawn. 51. ...Rg7 52. Rb3 Qg5 53. Qc2 Qg4 54. Raa3 Bd6 55. Rh3+ Rxh3 56. Rxh3+ Kg8 57. Ra3 +=.

47. ...gxh3 48. gxh3 Qc8

Even the resignation is premature, but I had no interest in trying to save my position from an onslaught against my king and a passed h-pawn.

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Curt Collyer – Igor Ummel  
Washington Championship, Round 1  
Seattle, WA, February 12, 2011

Comments by Curt Collyer.

1. e4

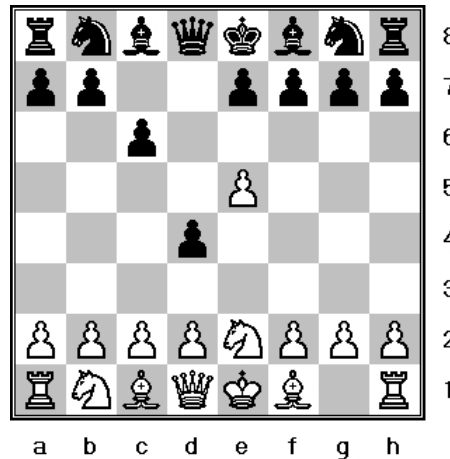
Surprisingly, this move has some historical significance for me. The last time I played 1. e4 in a serious tournament game was as a ten-year-old boy in 1995! In this year's tournament I won with it twice – in the current game, and also in round six against Greninger.

1. ...c6 2. Ne2

I'm obviously not interested in debating whatever the current main line is.

2. ...d5 3. e5 d4!

Ummel said that he did not know the theory here, but that 3. ...d4 looked good to him. Possibly it is the strongest move here. If 3. ...Bf5, then White's knight on e2 is justified by 4. Ng3.



4. b4!?

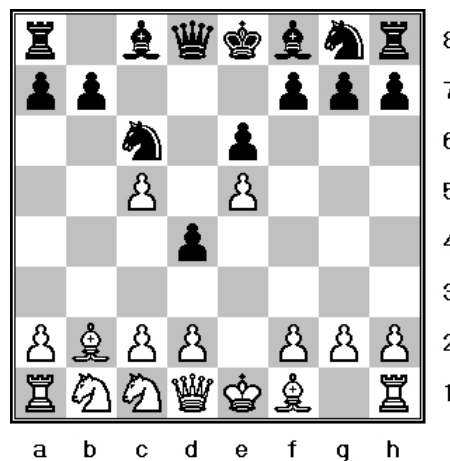
I am trying to cut off support for his d-pawn, and am hoping to later surround and win it. It seems far-fetched – but it actually happens – watch!

4. ...e6 5. Bb2 c5 6. bxc5 Nc6

Here I spent a lot of time, as the position can quickly become sharp.

7. Nc1!?

I looked at 7. c3, but 7. ...d3 8. Nc1 Nxe5 9. f4 Bxc5 (9. ...Nc4? 10. Qa4+) 10. fxe5 Qh4+ 11. g3 Qe4+ would make for an unimpressive 1. e4 debut. Also, 7. Nf4 Bxc5 (7. ...Qg5 8. Nd3) 8. Bb5 (8. Nd3!?) 8. ...Qg5! looked good for Black. Of course the fianchetto won't work either: 7. g3? Qd5.



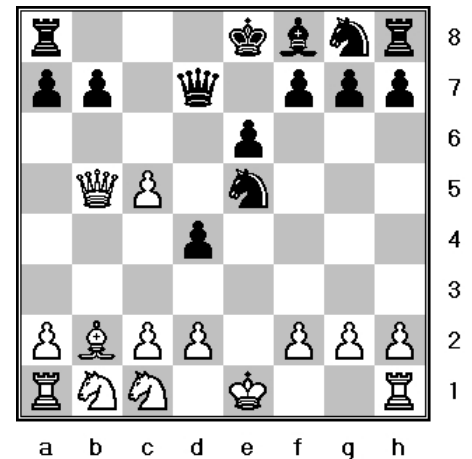
7. ...Nxe5

During the game I felt this might be a slight mistake, as now my pieces come into play very smoothly.

8. Bb5+ Bd7 9. Qe2 Bxb5

9. ...Bxc5? 10. Qxe5 Bxb5 11. Qxc5.

10. Qxb5+ Qd7



11. Na3!

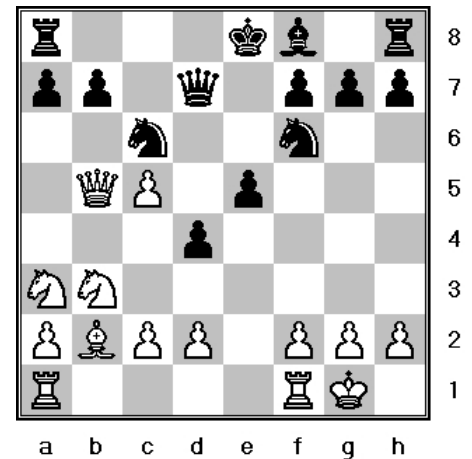
Keeping the tension and threatening to now snatch the d-pawn.

11. ...Nc6 12. Nb3

Again, attacking the d-pawn.

12. ...e5 13. 0-0 Nf6

Black is hoping to finish development, but somehow he is just a little too slow.



14. f4! 0-0-0

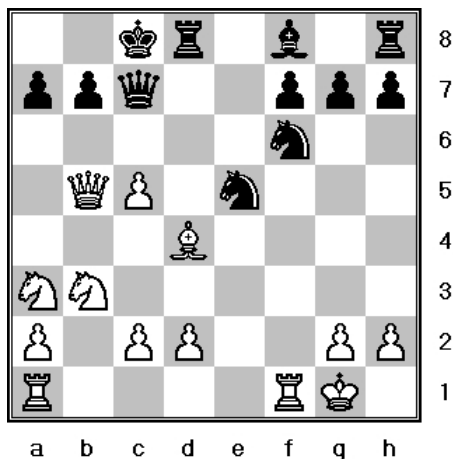
Desperate to get the king out of the center, Black gives up a pawn.

14. ...e4 might be better. I was looking at 15. Nxd4 (Also interesting was 15. d3) 15. ...Nxd4 16. Bxd4.

15. fxe5 Nxe5 16. Bxd4 Qc7

Ummel keeps the queens on and sets up dangerous counterplay with ...Rxd4 and ...Ng4 ideas.





17. Bxe5

I decided to give up the bishop for the knight in order to keep the initiative.

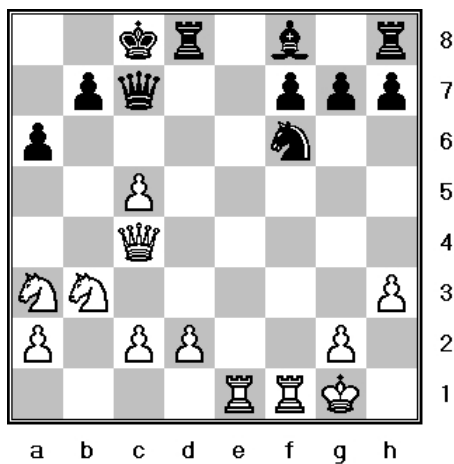
17. ...Qxe5 18. Rae1 Qc7 19. Qc4

Planning Nb5.

19. ...a6 20. h3

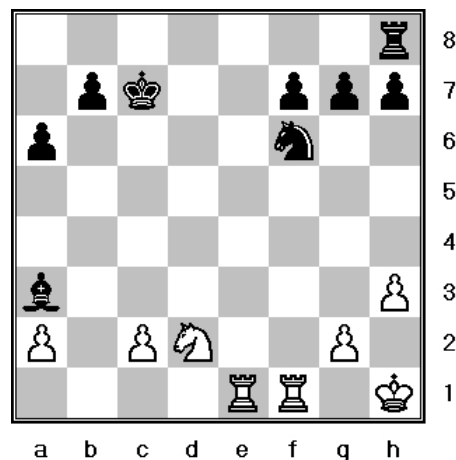
I was trying to snuff out any hint of counterplay.

White is simply planning to advance the the pawn mass on the queenside. It's not easy to see what Black should try now. Ummel finds an ingenious combination, but it simplifies to a lost ending.



20. ...Rxd2!? 21. Nxd2 Bxc5+ 22. Kh1 Bxa3 23. Qxc7+ Kxc7

Now this ending would still take some work were it not for White's next move.



24. Ne4! Re8

Other moves don't work for Black either. 24. ...Bb4 25. c3 Nxe4 26. Rxe4 Bxc3 27.



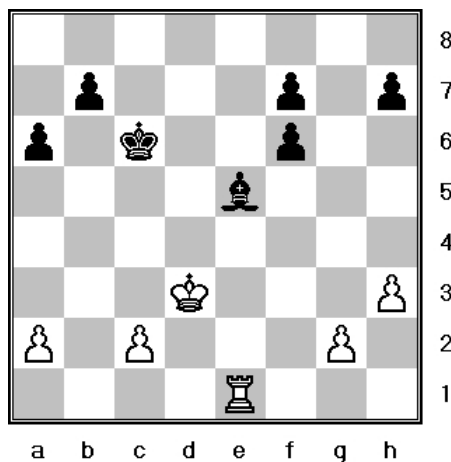
Washington Championship players. Back (L to R): Dereque Kelley, Katerina Rohonyan, Ignacio Perez, David Bragg, Igor Ummel, Howard Chen. Front (L to R): Costin Cosianu, Harley Greninger, Curt Collyer, Josh Sinanan. Photo credit: Philip Peterson.

Rc4+; 24. ...Be7 25. Ng5; 24. ...Nxe4 25. Rxf7+.

**25. Nxf6 Rxe1 26. Rxe1 gxf6**

With fractured kingside pawns, Black can't put up much resistance.

**27. Kg1 Bc5+ 28. Kf1 Kc6 29. Ke2 Bd6 30. Kd3 Be5**



**31. Re4**

And the h-pawn will fall.

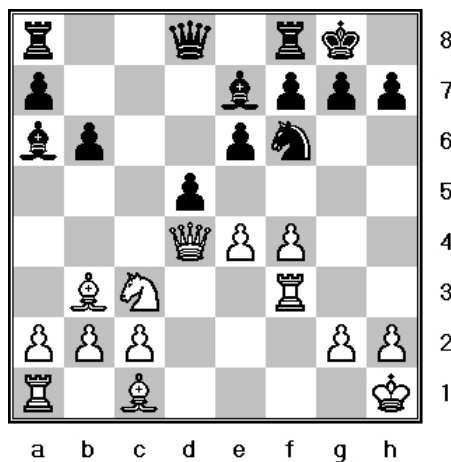
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**Michael MacGregor – Nathan Lee**  
**Washington Premier, Round 1**  
**Seattle, WA, February 12, 2011**

Comments by Nathan Lee.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bc4 e6 7. 0-0 Be7 8. Bb3 0-0 9. Kh1 Nxd4 10. Qxd4 b6 11. f4 Ba6 12. Rf3 d5

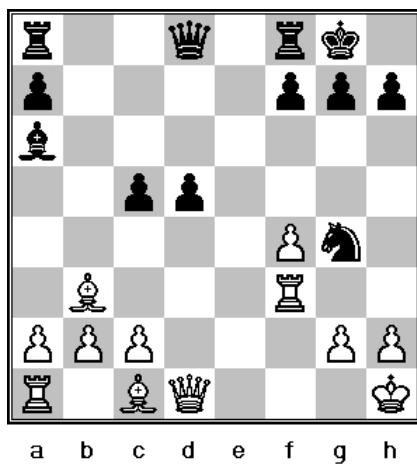


**13. exd5**

While this has been the only one ever played, this allows me to obtain a good game. It might have been better to close out the position with e5, although I still think

that Black holds a slight edge in the resulting position. 13. e5 Ne4 14. Be3 (Not 14. Nxe4?? dxe4! and White will drop a rook.) 14. ...Bc5 15. Qa4 Nxc3 16. Qxa6 Bxe3 17. Rxe3 Ne4.

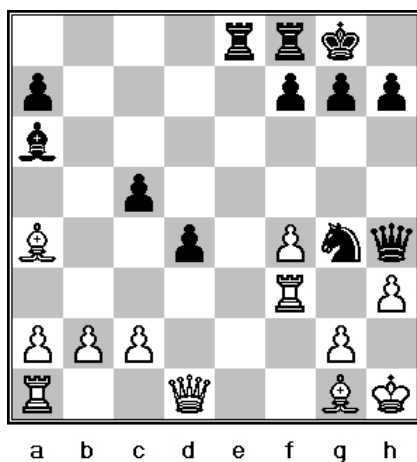
**13. ...Bc5 14. Qd1 Ng4 15. Ne4 exd5 16. Nxc5 bxc5**



**17. h3**

An innocent looking move that aims to push back the knight, but it allows me to start a dangerous attack. A better move was to play Be3, quickly completing White's development, but after ...d4 I would still hold an edge because of my monster bishop on a6 and a slight edge on space. 17. Be3 d4 18. Bg1 Re8 19. c4 Qf6.

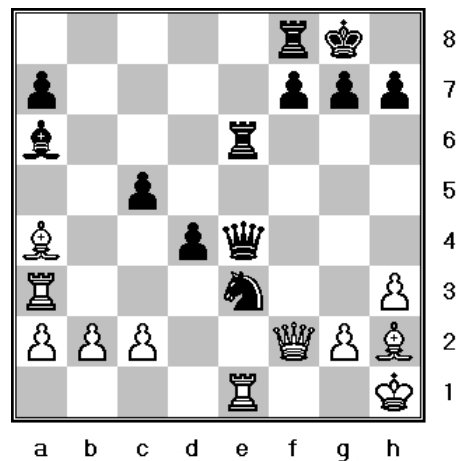
**17. ...Qh4 18. Be3 d4 19. Bg1 Rae8 20. Ba4**



**20. ...Re7**

The seemingly winning 20. ...Be2 doesn't work here; after 21. Qe1, there is no decisive breakthrough because too many of my pieces are hanging. 20. ...Be2 21. Qe1 Qh6 22. Ra3.

**21. Ra3 Ne3 22. Qe1 Qxf4 23. Bh2 Qe4 24. Qf2 Re6 25. Re1**



**25. ...Bb7**

Continuing to pressure g2, but 25. ...Ng4 was the fastest way to convert my advantage. 25. ...Ng4 26. hxg4 Qxe1+ 27. Qxe1 Rxe1+ 28. Bg1 Rb8 29. Kh2 Rb6 30. Bf2 Rb1 31. Bb3.

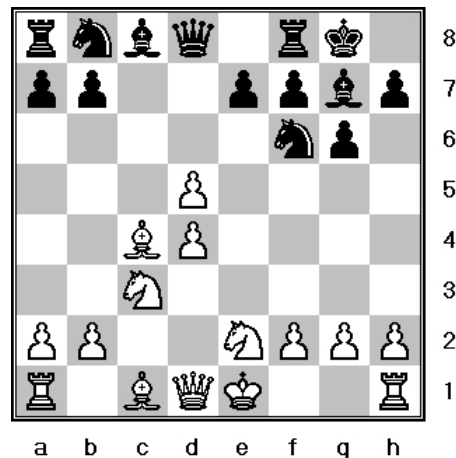
**26. Kg1 Rg6 27. Bg3 f5 28. Bb3+ Kh8 29. Rxa7 f4**

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**Katerina Rohonyan – David Bragg**  
**Washington Championship, Round 4**  
**Seattle, WA, February 13, 2011**

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. cxd5 Bg7 7. Bc4 0-0 8. Nge2



**8. ...Nbd7**

Probably a better plan is to develop a knight on c7: 8. ...Na6 9. 0-0 Nc7 10. Nf4 b6 with the idea of Bb7.

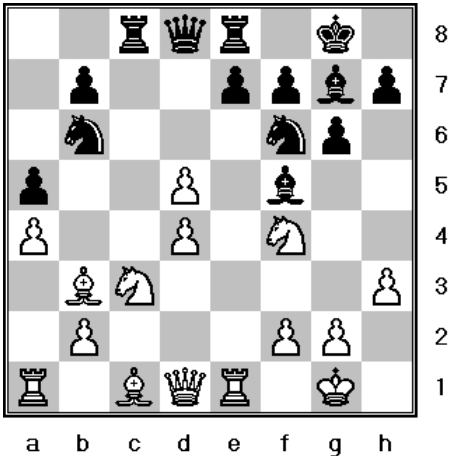
**9. Bb3 Nb6 10. Nf4 a5**

10. ...Bf5 11. 0-0 Nc8 (11. ...Qd7 12. Re1 a5 13. a4 Rfd8 14. h3 h5 15. Qe2 Kf8 16. Bd2 Ne8 17. Nd3 Bxd4 18. Ne5 Qd6) 12. Re1 Nd6 13. h3 Rc8.

**11. a4 Bf5 12. 0-0 Rc8**

It is not necessary to try to get the pawn on d5 back. Blocking it with a knight can also be a good idea: Nc8-d6 or Ne8-d6.

13. Re1 Re8 14. h3



14. ...g5?

14. ...h5 was a must.

15. Nd3?

15. Re5! simply wins another pawn.

15. ...h6 16. Ne5 e6

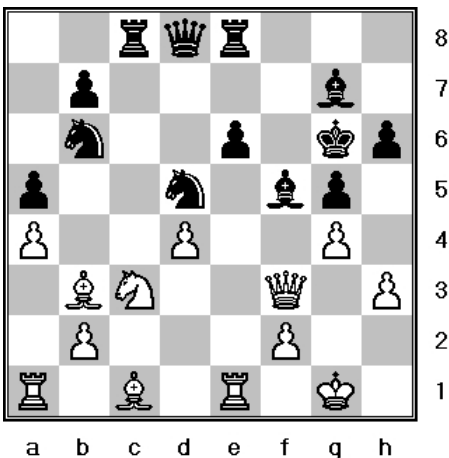
16. ...Nbx d5 17. Nxd5 Nxd5 18. Nxf7 Kxf7 19. Qf3 e6 20. g4 +/-.

17. Qf3

17. g4!? Bh7 18. dxe6 +/-.

17. ...Nfxd5 18. Nxf7 Kxf7 19. g4 Kg6??

19. ...Bxd4 20. gxf5 Kg7 21. Rxe6 +/-.



20. Rxe6+ Bxe6

20. ...Kh7 21. Qxf5+ Kh8 22. Nxd5.

21. Bc2+ Bf5 22. Qxf5#

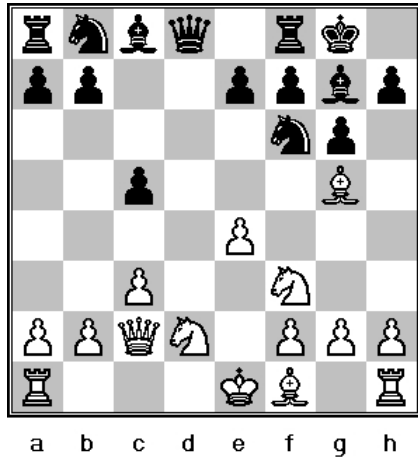
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Samir Sen – Chouhanik Airapetian  
Washington Premier, Round 8  
Seattle, WA, February 20, 2011

Comments by Samir Sen.

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 0-0 5. c3 d6 6. Qc2 c5 7. dxc5 dxc5 8. e4



I find this structure to be very comfortable. I have a clear plan of occupying the d-file and the outpost on d5. Also, my pieces seem to be very fluid.

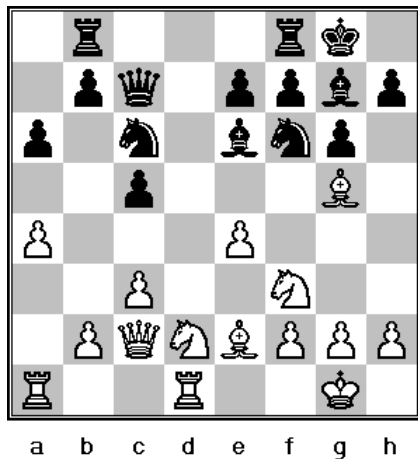
8. ...Nc6 9. Be2

I am currently following a variation to the game: Kasparov-Martinovic.

9. ...Be6 10. 0-0 Qc7 11. Rfd1

I am just following my plan of bringing my Knight to d5 via c4-e3. Also, I have intentions of doubling rooks.

11. ...a6 12. a4 Rab8



13. Bc4

I thought for about 8-10 minutes here and thought that this was the best way to continue. The b5 push is inevitable. However, Be6 is Black's strongest piece. Also, it is a defender of d5. All in all, I think that this was a necessary trade.

13. ...Bxc4 14. Nxc4 b5 15. Ne3

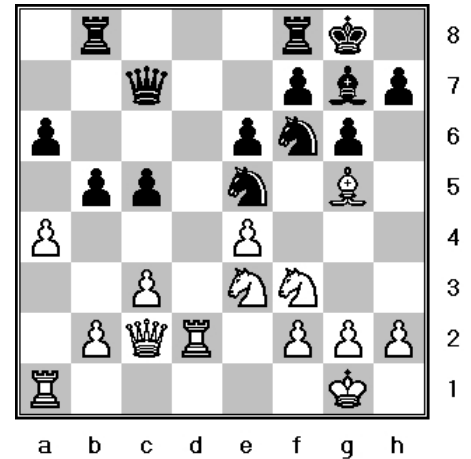
I think it is best to keep the tension on the pawns as it may provide tactical

opportunities later – although 15. axb5 was acceptable as it provides an entrance for the white rook at a6.

15. ...e6

This move stops d5 for now. Now I must delay my plan and double my rooks.

16. Rd2 Ne5



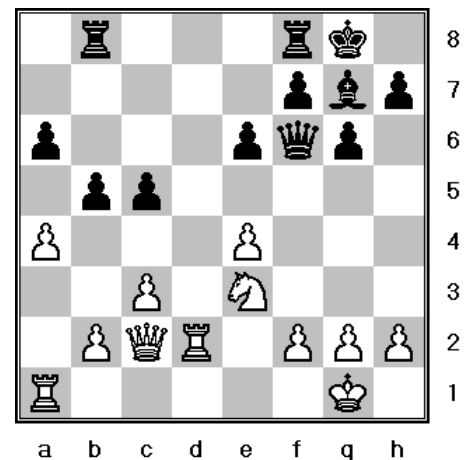
17. Nxe5

17. Rad1 (This was worth considering.) 17. ...Nxf3+ 18. gxf3 Qe5 19. Bh4 Qh5 20. Bg3 e5 21. Kg2.

17. ...Qxe5 18. Bxf6

I thought that the bishop in this position is not better than the knight. My knight is well-posted and my pieces are active (especially my rooks).

18. ...Qxf6



19. Rd6

I decided that I should immediately use my rooks actively to attack where the black queen is not.

19. ...Ra8

I do not believe that this was a good defence as it is passive. I believe that Black should have played 19. ...b4 counter-

attacking.

19. ...b4 20. Rxa6 bxc3 21. bxc3 Qxc3 22. Qxc3 Bxc3 23. Rc1 Bd2 24. Rxc5 Rb1+ 25. Nf1 Bb4 26. Rb5 Rd8 27. g3 Rdd1 28. Kg2 Rxf1 29. Rab6 (29. Rxb4 Rg1+ 30. Kf3 Rxb4) 29. ...Rg1+ 30. Kh3 Rb2 31. Rxb4 Rxf2 32. Rb2.

Alternately, (19. ...b4 20. Rxa6 bxc3 21. bxc3 Qxc3 22. Qxc3 Bxc3 23. Rc1 Bd4) 24. Nc4. Here the knight is very well posted and blockades the c5 pawn. Meanwhile, my a5 pawn will advance.

19. ...b4 20. cxb4 Qxb2 21. Qxb2 Bxb2 22. Rb1 Rxb4 23. Rxa6 This variation is not very good for White. There is no c4 post for the knight and it feels as if Black is controlling the game.

### 20. Qd3

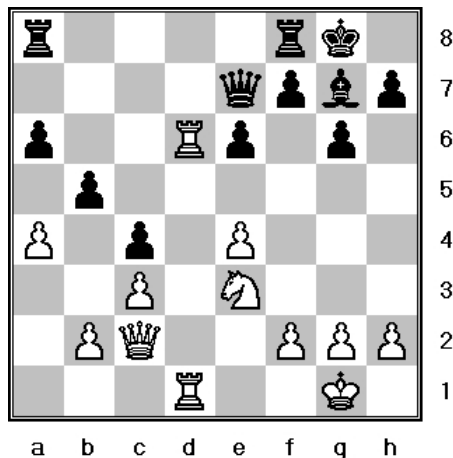
This move was intended to provoke the fixing of black's pawns with c4.

However, Nd5 was a good possibility. I thought that if 20. Nd5, Black could play 20. ...Qe5. 21. Ne7+ Kh8 22. Rad1 f5 23. Nc6 (23. Nd5 was indeed a better variation.) 23. ...Qxe4 24. Qxe4 fxe4 25. a5.

### 20. ...c4

This fixed the pawns.

### 21. Qc2 Qe7 22. Rad1



### 22. ...Be5

I think Black should have contested the file with Rfd8.

### 23. Rd7 Qc5

Black brings her queen to c5 to support the b4 break.

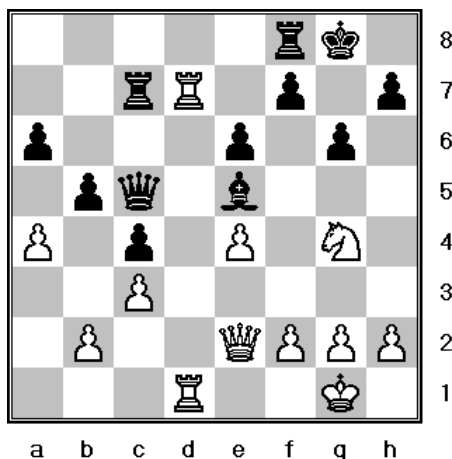
### 24. Qe2

After this I slowly switch to the kingside by trying to invade the dark squares and using the d-file.

### 24. ...Rac8

This move officially prepares b4.

### 25. Ng4 Rc7



Here I thought for some time. I could have immediately eliminated the strong Bishop e5. However, I thought that this would result in a very drawish position. I did not see any tactics although I was very close.

I took a small risk in maintaining the position for a little bit to try and improve my position. 25. ...b4 26. cxb4.

### 26. axb5

I first fix the queenside as I am not dealing with that side right now and I don't want counterplay with bxa4. 26. Rxc7 Qxc7 27. f4 Bxf4 28. Rd7 Qc5+.

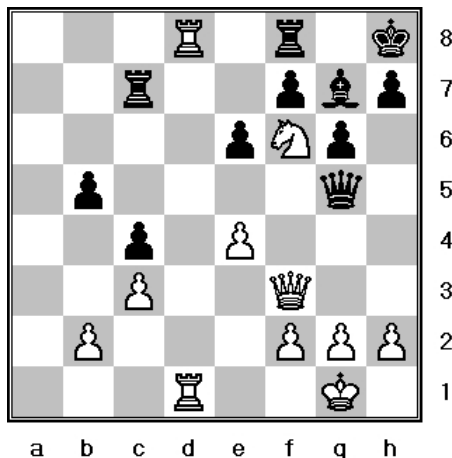
### 26. ...axb5 27. Qf3 Bg7

My opponent does not give me the opportunity to trade the bishop for knight anymore. This was a part of the risk.

### 28. Nf6+ Kh8 29. Rd8

Black has many problems with the back rank.

### 29. ...Qg5?!



Try to find the best continuation. I

believe that Qg5 was a mistake. I think that Qe7 was definitely a better defence. However, here I had about 15-20 minutes on my clock and then I remembered an idea from the tactics book: "Imagination in Chess."

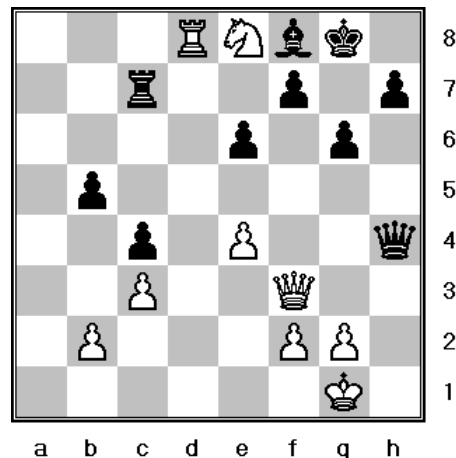
The idea was that I could play h4 to not allow Qc1+ when I play Rxf8+ and Rd8. Also, it comes with tempo as an added and decisive bonus.

### 30. Rxf8+ Bxf8 31. h4! Qxh4 32. Rd8 Kg7

This was kind of tricky since my knight is pinned to the rook on d8, but I believe that it works out.

### 33. Ne8+ Kg8

33. ...Kh6 34. g3 Qg5 35. Qh1+ Qh5 36. Qxh5+ Kxh5 37. Nxc7.



### 34. Qf6!

This was the key idea of the whole continuation. Now the rook is lost. Did you foresee this move?

### 34. ...Qh6

34. ...Qxf6 35. Nxf6+ Kh8 36. Rxf8+ (36. e5!!) 36. ...Kg7 37. Ne8+ Kxf8 38. Nxc7.

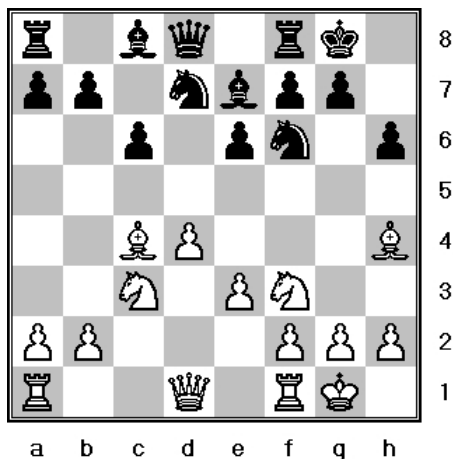
### 35. Nxc7 Qc1+ 36. Kh2 Qh6+ 37. Kg3 1-0

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Casey Xing – Stephen Buck  
Washington Invitational, Round 4  
Seattle, WA, February 13, 2011

Notes by Casey Xing.

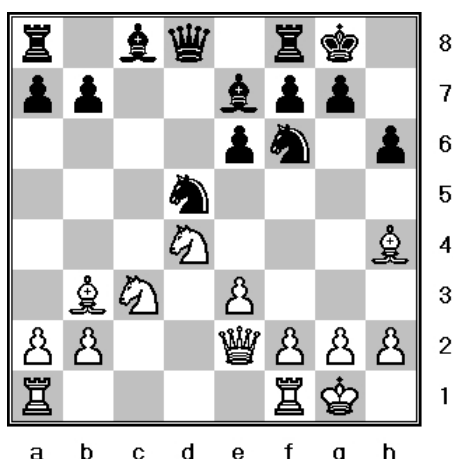
1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 0-0 8. 0-0 h6 9. Bh4 dxc4 10. Bxc4



10. ...c5

10. ...Nd5 and 10. ...b5 are more common.

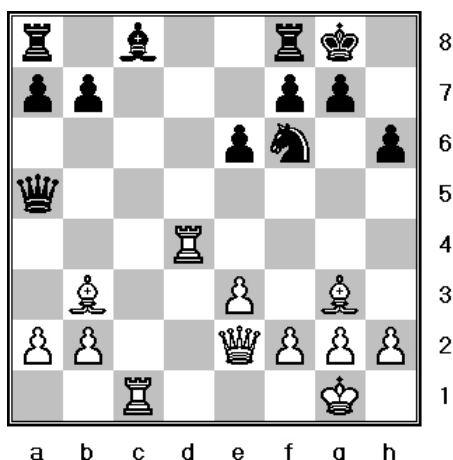
11. Qe2 cxd4 12. Nxd4 Nb6 13. Bb3 Nbd5



14. Nxd5 Nxd5 15. Bg3 Bf6 16. Rfd1 Qa5?!

16. ...Qb6 is better.

17. Rac1 += Bxd4 18. Rxd4 Nf6?



Black needs to develop: 18. ...Bd7 19. e4 Nb6 20. Bc7 Bc6.

19. Bd6 +/- Re8 20. Bb4?!

More accurate was 20. Bc7.

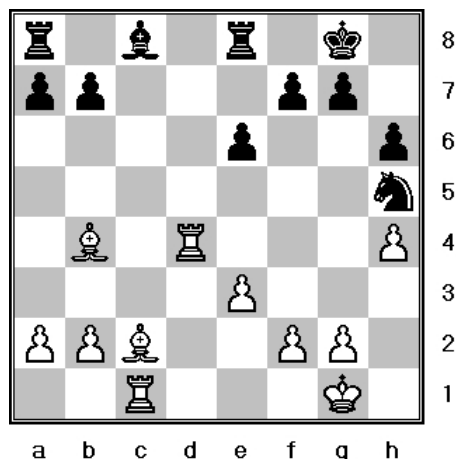
20. ...Qg5?

20. ...Qb6 needed to be played so that 21. Ba4 fails to 21. ...e5 22. Rdc4 Be6 23. Bxe8 Bxc4 =.

21. h4 Qg6 22. Bc2

Forcing the exchange of queens.

22. ...Qh5 23. Qxh5 Nxh5



24. Ba4 e5 25. Rd2

Winning at least an exchange.

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Nat Koons judged the brilliancy prize for the Championship section. His report:

**Chen vs. Rohonyan** (1st place). A nice game by the champ! A strong positional pawn sacrifice to bottle up black's pieces (16. b5!), followed by energetic play to rip open the center (19. e4! and 24. d5!), capped with some nice clean blows.

**Cozianu vs. Greninger** (2nd place). Another nice French from Greninger. White was never able to untangle his queenside; the marooned rook on a3 was especially noticeable. A great passive exchange sac (23. ...Rg4!) led to a crushing position for Black. White's attempt at the end to maneuver his queen to e5 had a tactical flaw.

**Greninger vs. Kelly** (3rd place). Seeing the black king on h8, White very determinedly pried open the h-file (23. Rh1, 25. Ng5, 26. h5). After 27. ...gxh5 28.

Rxh5 he had achieved his goal and the Black position seemed precarious. But Kelly had shown fantastic judgment in allowing this, as the g-file was at the same time opened for Black, which proved decisive! Bravo!

**Peres vs. Rohonyan** (4th place). Nice classical play from Rohonyan, who attacked White's ambitious but loose pawn structure with a pointed push in the center (16. ...e5!). The subsequent opening of the pawn exposed the soft underbelly of White's position (21. ... g5!). Black won two pawns and convincingly pressed home her advantage.

**Collyer vs. Kelly** (5th place). A single mistake by White (20. Ne3?) allowed Kelly to gain control of the only open file. It was Steinitz who said that he with the advantage is obligated to attack, and in this game – that advice was well heeded!

**Greninger vs. Perez** (honorable mention). An epic battle. Despite stubborn resistance from Greninger, Perez seemed to be steadily converting his positional advantage. Even after Perez's pawn queened (on move 68) the battle raged on, with rook and knight battling bishop, king, and advanced pawns in an incredibly sharp position. Both sides played well but apparently both missed wins. The decisive mistake came on the final move.

**Perez vs. Collyer** (honorable mention). Creative and sharp play from both players! White castled queenside and pushed g4, Black responded in like fashion, and soon both sides broke through to the opposing king. Facing mate Black opted for perpetual check, although it appears there was a win.

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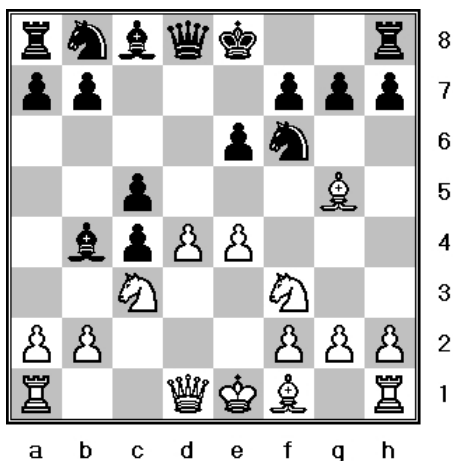
# Theoretically Speaking

by Bill McGeary



## GM Wells' Queen's Gambit, part three of five.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. e4 Bb4 6. Bg5 c5



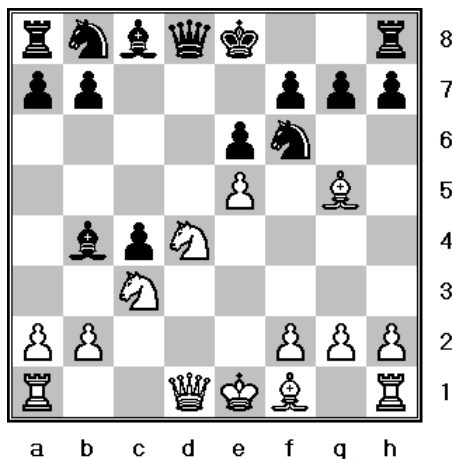
This is the notorious Vienna variation of the Queens Gambit. Relegated to "surprise weapon" status at most levels of chess for half a century or so, it has found a resurgence as computer chess programs became lethal and portable. "Surprise Weapon" is a kind of idiom for a line which involved tactical melees and uncommon material imbalances where the better prepared player had the advantage of "surprise." For a player such as Peter Wells, who strains to win with Black, this is an excellent tool.

At move seven White has two regular choices: attack the pinned knight with 7. e5 or continue development with 7. Bxc4. Other options such as 7. d5 / 7. dxc5 / 7. Bxf6 limit White's ability to play for an advantage because they release the tension

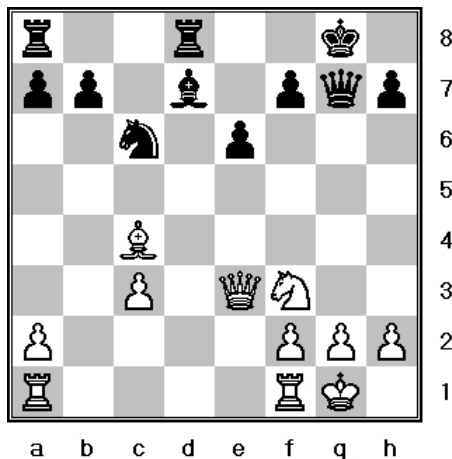
in the position without attaining any compensating value. 7. e5 seems the most logical, so let's look. Wells has tried the old suggestion 7. e5 cxd4 a couple of times.

### Kempinski – Wells, Dresden 2007

7. e5 cxd4 8. Nxd4 (not really very testing)



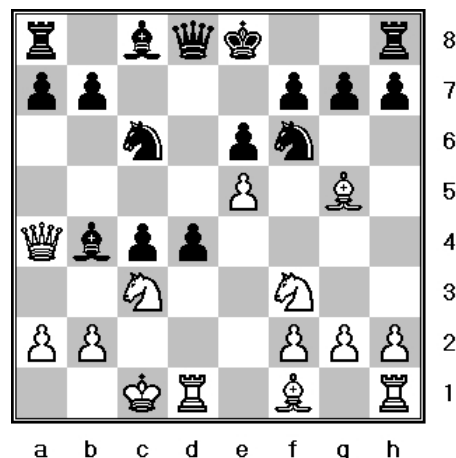
8. ...Qa5 9. exf6 Bxc3+ (Wells avoids issues with the bishop over a later Qa4+ by White) 10. bxc3 Qxg5 11. fxg7 Qxg7 12. Qd2 0-0 13. Bxc4 Rd8 14. Qe3 Bd7 15. 0-0 Nc6 16. Nf3



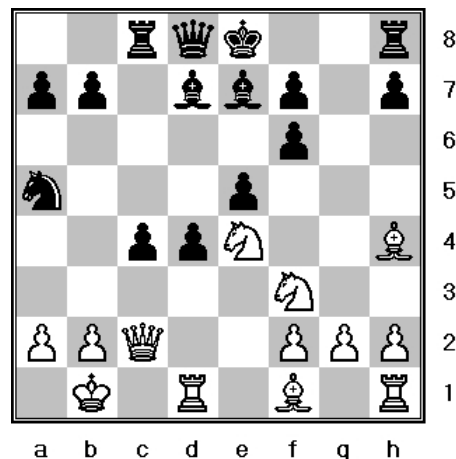
White has more space, but Black's position is compact, controls plenty of central squares, and some ideas down the c-file. Wells played 16. ...Ne7 and later lost, but I am not sure why 16. ...Rac8 wouldn't be just fine for Black.

### Williams – Wells, Scarborough 2004

7. e5 cxd4 8. Qa4+ Nc6 9. 0-0-0

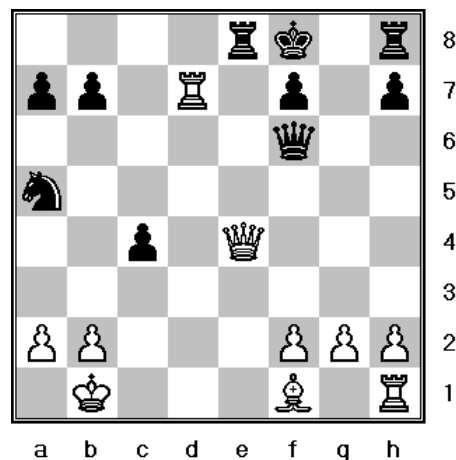


9. ...Bd7 10. Ne4 Be7 11. exf6 gxf6 12. Bh4 Rc8 13. Kb1 Na5 14. Qc2 e5



Black's three pawns look pretty good here. Williams take a step to mix up matters.

15. Nxd4 exd4 16. Rxd4 Qb6 17. Nxf6+ Bxf6 18. Qe4+ Kf8 19. Bxf6 Qxf6 20. Rxd7 Re8



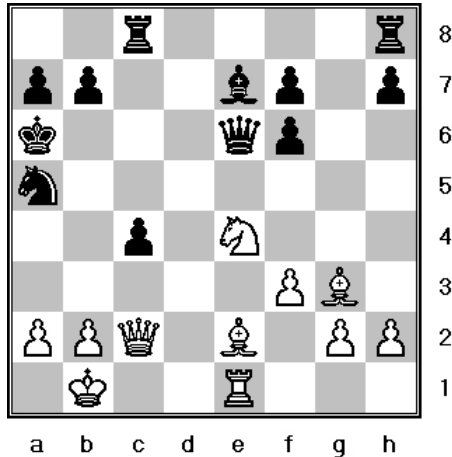


Wells makes use of his better development. The position is about equal; Black has a slight initiative and White can untangle with a better pawn structure.

**Pert – Wells, Redbus 2002**

was the same as the above game up to 16. Rxd4 Qb6.

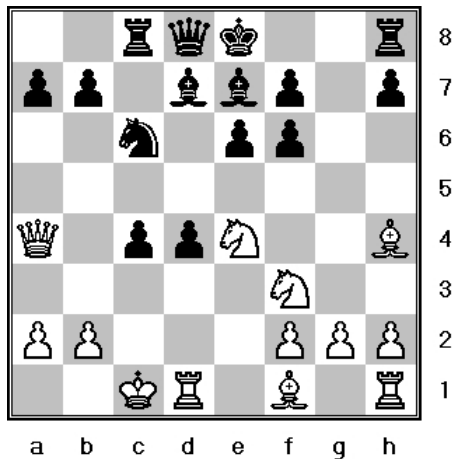
17. Rxd7 Kxd7 18. Be2 Qe6 19. Re1 Kc7 20. Bg3+ Kb6 21. f3 Ka6



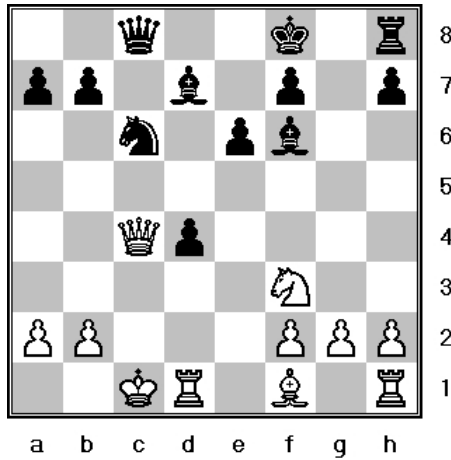
With a sort of king safety Wells was able to rebuff Pert's attack and went on to win.

**Gormally – Wells, Hereford 2006**

7. e5 cxd4 8. Qa4+ Nc6 9. 0-0-0 Bd7 10. Ne4 Be7 11. exf6 gxf6 12. Bh4 Rc8

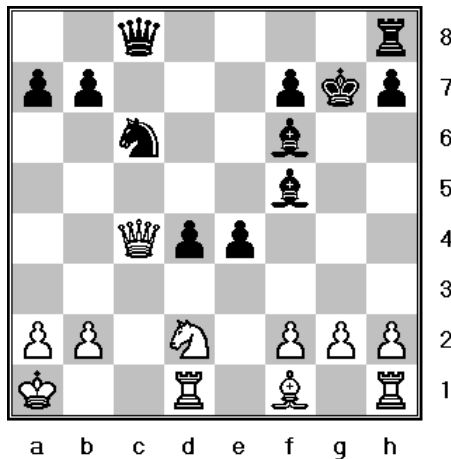


13. Bxf6 Bxf6 14. Nd6+ Kf8 15. Nxc8 Qxc8 16. Qxc4



Reaching the type of position I mentioned earlier. Black has a pawn for the exchange, two bishops, and a large presence in the center. Unprepared, White is likely to fight the clock as well. A Hungarian game, Farago – Horvath, Budapest 1995, saw 16. ...Kg7 17. Kb1 e5 18. Bd3 Be6 19. Qa4 Bf5 20. Qc2 Bxd3 21. Qxd3 Nb4 22. Qe4 Qe6 23. b3 Nd5 when Black was better.

Wells played 16. ...e5 and Gormally found a better solution for White: 17. Kb1 Bf5+ 18. Ka1 e4 19. Nd2 Kg7



20. g4!

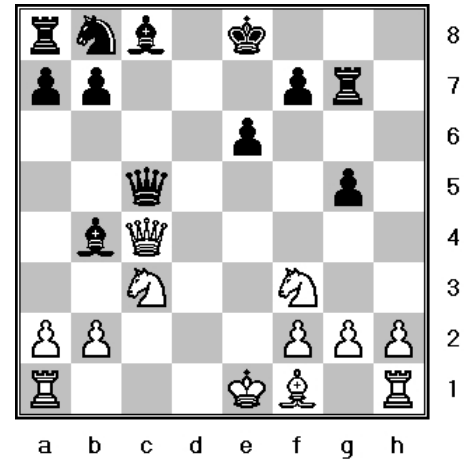
White uses the Kg7 position to surround and capture the e4 pawn; Gormally later won. The plan of hiding the king on a1 right away and then breaking Black in the center worked quite well. Possibly the culprit was 18. ...e4; 18. ...a6 is a different idea to try

for an initiative on the Q-side.

Earlier in his career Wells played the alternative 7. ...h6 instead of the piece sac:

**Blees – Wells, Benidorm 1991**

7. e5 h6 8. exf6 hxg5 9. fxg7 Rg8 10. dxc5 Qa5 11. Qd4 Bxc5 12. Qxc4 Rxc7



Black has the two bishops and pretty easy development. In this line 10. Qc2 was favored at one time, threatening to go to h7, but 10. ...Qf6 works well.

Why did Wells switch from 7. ...h6 to 7. ...cx4? It is curious to me that a GM would switch from a line with the two bishops and a fairly easy development to a situation of material imbalance and a heavy dose of tactics; usually it is the other way around. I suspect it was a practical matter for Wells. He decided to adopt a line that would offer chances to score the full point through better preparation. It seems that Gormally was a little better prepared and scored the full point for White instead.

This is hardly a thorough investigation of the line – my intention is to explore Peter Wells ideas in the line. If you want to play this line based on what we have seen I would offer the following practical advice.

First, weigh king safety heavily. We have seen examples of either side sacrificing material for chances of an attack and the defender skirting the king to safety and winning. The second thing is to “play fast, but not be in a hurry,” to borrow from basketball coach John Wooden. Against Gormally we saw Wells get ...e5-e4 in and it simply became a target. Finally, remember that sharp positions often lead to better endgames. The opponent won't always allow mate, so we should be prepared to take what is available.

Next time, 7. Bxc4.

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**ROUND TIMES:** Friday 11 & 7; Saturday 9 & 7;  
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# The 2011 Robert Karch Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

## Murlin Varner, bean counter

The second multiplier tournament of 2011 is now in the books, and the race is shaping up. The David Collyer Memorial Tournament in Spokane attracted 57 players from five states and Canada. This event, a 3x multiplier, joins the Gresham Open in January (2x) as our first opportunities to collect Grand Prix points at an accelerated rate. With 58 players in Gresham, it seems many are taking advantage of this opportunity. The next multiplier event, also a 3x event, is the Clark Harmon Memorial in Portland in April. In May, there will be the Washington Open, probably a 5x multiplier.

Last year's winners, Nick Raptis and Dennis Ambler seem to be taking some well deserved time off. Both participated in many events last year, but so far this year, Nick has not appeared at any GP events, and Dennis has only attended 3. Now, three events through two months might be a lot for you or me, but last year Dennis averaged almost four per month! Our new leaders thus far are Alexandra Botez and Paul Bartron.

Through the end of February, in spite of there having been two weeks without any open events, due to the state championships in both Oregon and Washington, 202 players have made 321 entries into 12 Grand Prix events in five cities. This is a good start. I invite the rest of you to join the fun. Every month brings some old names back to tournament play, people who have gone five, ten, even twenty years since their last tournament. So if you know someone who used to play, bring them along to the next tournament you attend. Help them get reacquainted. Additional active players will help us all.

### Oregon

### Washington

#### Masters

1 Breckenridge, Steven ... 17	1 Bragg, David R ..... 28.5
2 Roua, Radu ..... 14	2 Pupols, Viktors ..... 21
3 Haessler, Carl A ..... 13	3 Chen, Howard J ..... 12

#### Experts

1 Esler, Brian ..... 18	1 Bartron, Paul R ..... 35.5
2 Hammer, Dale M ..... 15.5	2 Ummel, Igor ..... 30
3 Davis, Mikeal ..... 12	3 Schemm, Michael ..... 28
4 Gutman, Richard G ..... 11	4 Moroney, Timothy ..... 22.5
5 Brooks, Curtis ..... 10.5	5 Merwin, Steven E ..... 16.5
6 Deeth, Steven B ..... 10	6 Sen, Samir ..... 11

#### Class A

1 Botez, V Alexandra ..... 23	1 Buck, Stephen J ..... 35
2 Cigan, Jason ..... 17.5	2 McAleer, James L ..... 28
3 Sherrard, Jerry ..... 14.5	3 O'Gorman, Peter J ..... 27
4 Waterman, Jeremy ..... 13	4 Herbers, Patrick ..... 22.5
5 Motta, Paul S ..... 10	5 Bulakh, Nikolay ..... 22.5
5 Chu-Kung, Ben ..... 10	6 Cambareri, Michael ... 21.5

#### Class B

1 Munoz, David ..... 14.5	1 Szabo, Marcell ..... 31
2 Wen, David ..... 14	2 Ackerman, Ryan S ..... 25
3 Parnon, Calvin J ..... 10	3 Fields, Noah ..... 21.5
3 Sun, Maxwell S ..... 10	4 Krasin, Jeremy A ..... 20
5 Leach, John D ..... 9	5 Lampman, Becca ..... 19
5 Ellis, Jason ..... 9	6 Two tied at ..... 18

#### Class C

1 Shimada, Masakazu ..... 17	1 Kramlich, Dan ..... 31
2 Falbo, Clement E ..... 13.5	2 Monahan, Darby P ..... 20
3 Hoglund, Jacob ..... 11	3 Baker, Ted ..... 19
4 Terrill, Michael ..... 10	3 Yokela, Joshua S ..... 19
5 Chattopadhyay, Sandip .. 9	5 Varner, Murlin E ..... 16
6 four tied at ..... 8	5 Piper, August ..... 16

#### Class D and Below

1 Petrachioiu, Ilie ..... 10	1 Kirlin, Patrick M ..... 13.5
2 Chatterjee, Dhruva ..... 8	1 Waugh, James ..... 13.5
2 Sah, Ashwin ..... 8	3 Palmer, Aaron ..... 13
2 Murray, Dillon T ..... 8	3 Burney, James L ..... 13
2 Raabe, Alexander J ..... 8	5 Jones, Davey V ..... 12.5
6 Stevens, Matthew ..... 7.5	6 Two tied at ..... 12

#### Overall Leaders, by State

1 Botez, V Alexandra ..... 23	1 Bartron, Paul R ..... 35.5
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15 Gutman, Richard G ..... 11	14 Fields, Noah ..... 21.5
15 Hoglund, Jacob ..... 11	.....

#### Players from Other Places

1 Joshi, Kairav	ID	1792	21.5
2 Donaldson, John	CA	2393	19.5
3 Weyland, Ronald M	ID	1477	17.5
4 Leslie, Cameron D	ID	1852	16.5
5 Havrilla, Mark A	ID	1935	15
5 Skovron, James J	MT	1862	15
7 McCourt, Daniel J	MT	1813	13.5
7 Carpenter, Romie G	MT	1800	13.5



# Washington Open Chess Tournament May 28-30, 2011

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## Washington Chess Federation

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\$100	\$100	\$100	\$80 (*)

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**Memberships:** USCF and either WCF or OCF membership required in all sections, OSA. Memberships (including USCF) must be current or paid fully.

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Please see separate flyer for details on the following WA Open Side Events:

- May 28 WA Open Scholastic
- May 29 WA Open Novice Championship
- May 30 WA Open Game/10 Championship
- May 30 WA Open Blitz Championship



# Washington Open Side Events May 28-30, 2011

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### OCF/WCF Membership Application/Renewal Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ If Junior, give date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5th Annual Grand Pacific Open

### \$4000 GUARANTEED Prize Fund

**Easter: April 22-25, 2011**

**Location:** Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville St, Victoria, BC

**Round Times:** Friday 6:00pm, Sat. 12:00 / 6:00pm, Sun. 12:00 / 6:00pm, Monday 10:00am

**Time Control:** Game in 90 minutes plus 30 second per move increment.

**Entry Fees: Open:** \$75 by Mar. 15, \$85 by Apr. 15, \$95 on site. **U1400:** \$55 by Mar. 15, \$65 by Apr. 15, \$75 on site. Non-CFC members add \$16(\$8) for adult (junior)CFC Tournament Membership

**Prizes:** \$1,000/\$600/\$400 U2000 \$400/\$300. U1700 \$350/\$250 U1400 \$300/\$200 Upset \$100 Unrated \$100.

**Registration:** on line at [www.grandpacificopen.com](http://www.grandpacificopen.com) or by cheque payable to Victoria Junior Chess Society. Mail to Brian Raymer, 2386 Dalhousie St., Victoria, BC V8R 2H6

**Transportation:** Clipper jet boat from Seattle and Coho ferry from Port Angeles both dock across the street from the playing site. Round times are set up to match the sailing schedule.

**Misc:** Sets, boards and clocks provided. Special \$99 room rate at Hotel Grand Pacific 1-800-663-7550 (rate code "APR11GRAND") See website [www.grandpacificopen.com](http://www.grandpacificopen.com) for further details and additional side events. FIDE and CFC rated. *All amounts listed are Canadian dollars.*

## 36th Annual Keres Memorial

### \$4000 GUARANTEED Prize Fund

**Victoria Day Weekend, May 20-23, 2011**

**Location:** River Rock Casino Resort: 8811 River Road, Richmond, BC. (Vancouver)

**Round Times:** Fri. 6:30, Sat. 10:00 / 5:00, Sun. 10:00 / 4:00, Monday 10:00 / 3:00

**Time Control:** Game in 80 minutes plus 60 second per move increment.

**Entry Fees: Open:** \$120 by Apr. 8, \$130 by May 17, \$140 on site. **U2000:** \$100 by Apr. 8, \$110 by May 17, \$120 on site. **U1600** \$80 by Apr. 8, \$90 by May 20, \$100 on site. Non-CFC members add \$16 (\$8) for CFC adult (junior) Tournament Membership

**Prizes: Open** \$1,000/\$600/\$400 **U2200** \$300 **U2000** \$600/\$400. **U1800** \$200 **U1600** \$300 **U1400** \$100 Top Unrated (any section) \$100

**Registration:** on line at [www.keresmemorial.pbworks.com](http://www.keresmemorial.pbworks.com) or by cheque payable to Roger Patterson. Mail to Roger Patterson 4381 Wildflower Lane, Victoria, BC V8X 5H1 Canada

**Misc:** Sets, boards and clocks provided. Special \$129 room rate at the River Rock Casino Resort. Easy transportation access to Skytrain, airport, & marina. Free parking. FIDE and CFC rated. All dollar amounts mentioned above are in Canadian currency.

**Website:** [www.keresmemorial.pbworks.com](http://www.keresmemorial.pbworks.com)

# Seattle Chess Club Tournaments



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**2420 S 137 St**  
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**April 16, May 14** **Saturday Quads**  
**Format:** 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$7 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future quad. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-ASAP. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

**April 16** **SCC Novice**  
**Format:** 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$11 by 4/25, \$16 at site. (-\$2 for SCC mem., -\$1 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd, NS, NC.

**April 17, May 8** **Sunday Tornado**  
**Format:** 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$17 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

**Apr. 20; May 4, 18** **1st & 3rd Wed. Quick Quads**  
**Format:** 3-RR. **TC:** G/20. **EF:** \$5 (+\$3 for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free EF for future QQ. **Reg:** 6:15-6:45 p.m. **1st Rd:** 7 p.m. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd, NS, NC.

**April 22-24** **SCC Team in Reno!!**  
 Join the SCC Team(s) in Reno at the **Western States Open**. We will be competing against two or three teams from San Francisco's Mechanics' Institute CC as well as teams from Reno, Sacramento, and elsewhere!

**April 30-May 1** **SCC Adult Swiss**  
**Format:** 4-SS. Open to those born before 5/1/1990. **TC:** G/150. **EF:** \$33 by 4/27, \$42 at site. (-\$9 for SCC mem., -\$4 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs). UNR—free! w/purch. 1-yr USCF & WCF. **Prize Fund:** \$450 (b/24, 5/prz gp). **Prizes:** \$150-100, U2000 50, U1800 50, U1600 50, U1400 50. **Reg:** 10-10:45a.m. **Rds:** 11-4:30, 11-4:30. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

**May 6** **SCC Membership Meeting**  
 Prior to the first round of the Friday night Close Ratings tournament, SCC members will discuss the club and elect the Board of Directors.

**Entry Fees & Day Fees to Rise June 1**

Currently, the SCC monthly income is about one half of the rent (paid via grant for the next three years). A \$2 increase in Tornado & Quad EFs and DFs will amount to an extra month's income over the course of a year.

**How to Find the SCC**  
 Look for the Northway Square East Building, just across I-5 from Northgate Mall, with large signs proclaiming "Northwest Kidney Centers" and "City University." The main entrance is reached by turning east on N. 107th Street from Meridian Avenue N. The club is in the basement.

**SCC Fridays**  
 Typical Friday fare is one round of an ongoing tournament (free to SCC members, no prizes) played at a rate of 40/90 followed by 30/60.

**March Winds:** Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25.  
**April Showers:** Apr. 1, 8, 22, 29.  
**Taxing Swiss (G/10:40):** April 15.  
**Close Ratings:** May 6, 13, 20.  
**It's Summertime:** June 3, 10, 17, 24.  
**Firecracker Swiss (G/13):** July 1.  
**Hot-as-Hades:** July 8, 15, 22, 29.

**GM Yasser Seirawan to visit SCC**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**

GM Yasser Seirawan, one of the most distinguished names in modern chess, a prolific and gifted author, and a member of the Seattle Chess Club, will visit the club for a lecture and book signing. GM Seirawan has kindly offered his services to support fund raising for the club. His chess credentials are extremely impressive: one of a very elite few to have bested world champions Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov in tournament play; four times U.S. Champion; and a frequent member of the U.S. Chess Olympiad team. Come out and join us to meet this illustrious member of the SCC. We suggest donations of \$20, \$10 of which will help offset the cost of any books you choose to purchase.

# Future Events

♣ indicates a NW Grand Prix event ♣

♣ April 9-10

Daffodil Open ♣

Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave., Room 11, across the street from Alfred's Café & 2 blocks down the hill from the Tacoma Dome. Play to improve your USCF rating & to gain N.W. Grand Prix points. Format: Five (5)-round Swiss (two 1/2-point byes available upon advance request). Registration: 9:00-9:45 AM. Time Control: Round 1, G/60; Round 2, G/90; Rounds 3-5, G/120. Rounds: Saturday, 10:00 (G/60), 1:00 (G/90), 4:00 (G/120); Sunday, 10:00 and 2:00 or ASAP (G/120). Byes: No unwanted byes. Steve Buck will play as houseman if necessary to avoid unwanted byes. You will be paired for all rounds unless you request a half-point bye (two available). Entry Fee: \$12 for all rounds, \$10 for four rounds (one half-point bye), or \$8 for three rounds (two half-point byes). Entries: Mail entries to Tacoma Chess Club, c/o Gary Dorfner, 8423 East B St, Tacoma, WA 98445. (Checks payable to Tacoma Chess Club) Information: Gary Dorfner, Tournament Director (253-535-2536), e-mail ggarychess@aol.com. Note: All players (unrateds included) must have both USCF and WCF (or other state) memberships to play. They may purchase both memberships on site. NS/NC/NW.

♣ April 16-17

5th Annual Clark Harmon Memorial Open ♣

Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR. See display advertisement on page 15.

April 22-24

Far West Open

Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, NV. See display advertisement on page 14.

April 22-25

Grand Pacific Open

Grand Pacific Hotel, Victoria, B.C., Canada. See display advertisement on page 22.

♣ April 30

Portland CC Game in 60 ♣

4SS, G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9-9:30. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Prizes: (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30 U1800, U1500 \$35 each. Info: e-mail portlandchessclub@gmail.com, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.com.

May 7

Tornado #1

Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave., Room 11, across the street from Alfred's Café & 2 blocks down the hill from the Tacoma Dome. Format: 4 round swiss. Time Control: G/64. Entry Fee: \$20.00 Adults, \$15.00 Jr.'s, \$12.00 Economy. Prizes: 1st \$50, Top half, 1st \$50 Bottom half. Reg. 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 or A.S.A.P. USCF & WCF membership required. Entries: Gary J. Dorfner 8423 E. B St. Tacoma Wash. 98445. Ggarychess@aol.com (253)535-2536

May 20-23

36th Annual Paul Keres Memorial

River Rock Casino Resort, Richmond, B.C., Canada. See display advertising on page 22.

June 9-12

National Open

Las Vegas, Nevada. International Chess Festival. See display advertisement on page 3.

♣ August 12-14


Portland Chess Club Centennial Open ♣

Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR. See display advertisement on page 18.

♣ May 28-30

Washington Open ♣


Holiday Inn Seattle, Renton, WA. See display advertisement on pages 20-21.



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