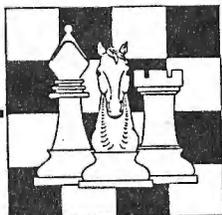


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SNOHOMISH SCHOLASTICS

by O.LaFreniere

After a pause of four years, Mr. Bill Bond, coach of the successful Snohomish H.S. team, conducted a scholastic chess tournament on January 15 and 16. Thirty-two players appeared to compete in five rounds in the comfortable quarters of the Snohomish HS cafeteria. Mr. Bond directed.

The tournament turned pretty much into a Shorewood High School show. The seven member contingent, including three varsity members of the defending state team champions, all won an award. **Calvin Creger**, Shorewood's second board, defeated his team captain, Chris Schmeeckle, to win the championship with 5-0 score. Schmeeckle was second with 4-1. Another Shorewood player, Linus Chow took home the 3rd place trophy with 4-1. Chow defeated T. Stowell, Snohomish, in a speed duel to break the tie. Senior medal winner was **David Santosuosso** of Redmond. Ribbons went to William Hung, Shorewood, Jeff Muter, Redmond, Julian Polster, Snohomish and John Cho, Shorecrest. Junior medalist was **Tim Stowell**, Snohomish. Ribbons went to Bonne Ernst, Snohomish, Frank Lind, Shorewood, Jim Hall, Snohomish and Steven McCandless, Snohomish.

Among sophomores the medal went to **Scott Minnig**, Mountlake Terrace. Ribbons: Robert Dixon, Mountlake Terrace, Phillip Rogers, Everett, Ken McMaster and Jason Jones of Snohomish. Best freshman was **Daniel Faken**, Shorewood. Freshman ribbons: Pooya Tadayon, Shorewood, Karry Scott, Valley View Junior High School, Kristen Smith, Snohomish Junior High School and Victor Lin, Shorecrest. Probably the best game the tournament produced was the fourth round Creger - Schmeeckle battle. Creger mounted an unanswered minority attack, with Schmeeckle's efforts in the center and on the kingside easily turned aside.

D35 Queen's Gambit

CALVIN CREGER - CHRIS SCHMEECKLE

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.cxd5 exd5
6.Bg5 Bf5 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.O-O Be7 10.Rb1
Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qc2 f5 13.Ne2 O-O 14.b4
Rfc8 15.a4 Bh5 16.Ng3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ng5 18.Kg2
g6 19.Qa2 Qe6 20.Ne2 Nf6 21.Nf4 Qd7 22.h4 Ne6
23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Rfc1 Re8 25.b5 f4 26.bxc6 bxc6
27.e4 dxe4 28.Qxe6 Rxe6 29.fxe4 Kh8 30.f3 g5
31.hxg5 Rg8 32.Kf2 Rxd5 33.Rg1 Rg7 34.Rb8 Ng8
35.e5 h5 36.Rh1 Rh6 37.Rh4 Rf7 38.Bc4 Rg7
39.Rxf4 Rhg6 40.Rf6 Rg2 41.Ke3 h4 42.Rh6 Rh7
43.Rxg8 Rxd8 44.Rxh7 Kxh7 45.Bxg8 Kxg8 46.Kf4.
1 : 0

REGIONAL NEWS

OREGON JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

by Ian Osgood

This event was held at Reed College on the weekend of January 30-31, 1988. Out of a field of six juniors under age 21 with ratings above 1900, **Billy Maddex** took clear first. His victory seeds him into the Oregon Closed Championship which will be held on the following two weekends. Billy also won \$30 for his efforts. Sam Hamilton came in clear second, winning \$15. Organized by Jay Collins and directed by John Martin, the event went smoothly, in spite of having neither a site, nor a sixth entrant until the Thursday prior to the tournament. Kudos go to Ian for arranging the site, finding a sixth (Ed Luschei, a former Washington prodigy, now goes to Reed), and writing up the event.

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
1. Billy Maddex	X	=	1	1	=	=	3.5
2. Sam Hamilton	=	X	=	1	=	=	3.0
3. Ian Osgood	0	=	X	=	=	1	2.5
4. Eric Dana	0	0	=	X	1	1	2.5
5. Ed Luschei	=	=	=	0	X	1	2.5
6. Randy Nibler	=	=	0	0	0	X	1.0

OREGON CITY CHESS CLUB NEWS

by Ralph Hall

Alex Reyes won the third annual club "Fall Knock-out Double-elimination Tournament" by defeating club champion Sixto Garvilles 2-1 in their individual games. Gerald Reiner finished third. Fifteen members entered the tournament. Play in the twelfth club championship tournament began on February 10th. Twelve members are entered in the round-robin event. Ten members of the Portland Chess Club visited Oregon City recently, for a friendly match. Portland won 6 1/2 : 3 1/5.

TACOMA CC HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTIONS

by John Ward

On Friday, January 29, 1988, the general membership meeting was held and election of officers took place. The 1988 officers are now: President: **Ray Wheeler** Vice President: **Mark Allen** Secretary: **John R. Ward** Treasurer: **Charles E. Chamberlain** Tournament Director: **Gary Dorfner**

TOURNAMENTS & GAMES

Blaine Memorial V

by T.D. Eric Kashino

The fifth Blaine Memorial Chess Tournament was held on January 23, 1988 at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington. The main landmarks in the area are Franklin High School and the Pay and Save/Tradewell shopping complex on the northwest corner of Rainier Avenue and McClellan.

There were 25 players, and the tournament was divided into four sections. The average rating of each section was 1912, 1827, 1644, and 1079. The format was a three-round Swiss.

Five players appeared after the 10 a.m. starting time for the first round. Several of the late entrants had ratings high enough to play in the top section, however, I felt that this would be unfair since the first round pairings for the top section were already posted. The late entrants were placed in the second and third sections. I must say that they were very good sports about the whole situation. You might think that they would have an unfair advantage playing in a lower rated section, however, none of the five players won a section.

My general impression was that "form" did not hold true in any of the sections. A lower rated player came through to win each section. I think there were two reasons for this. First, each section had good players from top to bottom. The second reason involved last-round withdrawals: six players withdrew from the tournament before the final round started.

Harlan Christie (1912) and **Philip McCready (1825)** won the top section with 2.5 points. Their names will go on the Champions' Plaque which honors the winners of each section. Congratulations to both players, and I hope you come to future Blaine tournaments.

Kristen Dietsch (1716) won the second section with 2.5 points. I saw the late stages of his win over Ben Delson (1741) in the last round. Dietsch displayed a wonderful style and technique in the late middle and endgame. Dietsch is the current Director of the Northwest Postal Chess League. Jeff Clark (1978) came in second with 2 points.

Steve Bieler (1546) won the third section with 2 points. Bieler displayed a great fighting spirit coming back from a first round loss. Harvey Sanden (1794) and Stephen Chase, Jr. (1579) came in second with 1.5 points. Sanden displayed real sportsmanship after his final round loss to Bieler. It was a pleasure meeting Stephen Chase, Jr. He is the team captain of the CCLA Washington State Postal Chess Team.

Dave Driggs (unrated) won the fourth section. Dave was the only section winner with a perfect score of three points. Driggs played a fine endgame against Larry

Trowbridge in the final round. Robert Dixon, Kyong Kwon, and Larry Trowbridge tied for second with 2 points. All the players in this section played hard and displayed good sportsmanship.

In the end, all of the players said that they had a good time and liked the playing site. Mr. Rusty Miller, the Pioneer West Bookshop owner, stopped by during the last round in a show of support for the tournament. I would like to thank all the people who have supported Blaine Memorial V, especially Dr. Bob Hoshibata who has helped arrange all of the Blaine Memorial Tournaments, and Mr. Bob Webb who set up the playing site. I hope to see you at the next Blaine Memorial Tournament.

SECTION 1	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	TOT
1. Christie, Harlan	1912	=3	+8	+5	2.5
2. McCready, Philip	1825	+7	+4	=3	2.5
3. Steinocher, Kirk	2018	=1	+6	=2	2.0
4. Pitre, Hanniegn	1998	+5	-2	+B	2.0
5. Petersen, Philip	1874	-4	+7	-1	1.0
6. Foster, James	1857	+8	-3	...	1.0
7. Hayami, Marvin	1951	-2	-5	...	0.0
8. Ambler, Dennis	1957	-6	-1	...	0.0

SECTION 2	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	TOT
1. Dietsch, Kristen	1716	+4	=2	+5	2.5
2. Clark, Jeff	1978	+6	=	=3	2.0
3. Binney, David	1702	+5	-4	=2	1.5
4. Iodice, Arthur	1882	-1	+3	...	1.0
5. Delson, Ben	1741	-3	=6	-1	0.5
6. Buroker, Jerome	1943	-2	=5	...	0.5

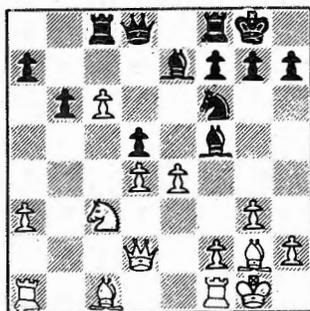
SECTION 3	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	TOT
1. Bieler, Steven	1546	-4	+3	+2	2.0
2. Sanden, Harvey	1794	=3	+4	-1	1.5
3. Chase, Steven Jr.	1579	=2	-1	+B	1.5
4. Porter L.W.	1655	+1	-2	...	1.0

SECTION 4	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	TOT
1. Driggs, Dave	Unr	+6	+5	+3	3.0
2. Dixon, Robert	1309	-4	+7	+6	2.0
3. Trowbridge, Larry	1303	+B	+5	-1	2.0
4. Kwon, Kyong	1149	+2	-1	+7	2.0
5. Delloso, Joel	1182	=7	-3	+B	1.5
6. Mayer, Carol	1235	-1	+B	-2	1.0
7. White, Clay	1375	=5	-2	-4	0.5

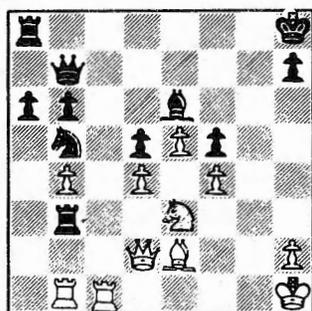
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Tacoma		TD Gary Dorfner						
	PRE	POST	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	TOT	
1. Salmon, Neil	2294	2290	+11	=5	+F	+F	3.5	
2. Rasmussen, E.	2096	2089	-9	+11	+8	+7	3.0	
3. Walther, Randy	1977	1975	-8	+10	+9	+B	3.0	
4. Allen, Robert	1791	1811	=HB	+8	+F	-F	2.5	
5. Graves, John	2102	2105	+7	=1	-F	=9	2.0	
6. Roper, David	2053	2067	+10	+9	-F	...	2.0	
7. Gehring, W.	1630	1650	-5	+B	+11	-2	2.0	
8. Cherian, Jacob	1615	1651	+3	-4	-2	+10	2.0	
9. Eichhorn, T.	1632	1674	+2	-6	-3	=5	1.5	
10. Rompogren, M.	1613	1601	-6	-3	+B	-8	1.0	
11. Alvarado, E.	1836	1803	-1	-2	-7	...	0.0	

Queen's Indian Defense
MAGDY ASSEM - PAUL EGGERS
Lakefair Open 1987
(Notes by Eggers)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Ne4 5.Nfd2 Nxd2 6.Qxd2 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 Bf5? Up until this lemon, Black has played the opening reasonably. On f5, the Bishop makes a tempting target for an eventual e2-e4. 8...Be6 is much better. 9.g3 Be7 10.Bg2 c6 11.O-O O-O 12.b4! Aiming to undermine the Black d-pawn. 12...Nd7 13.b5 Nf6. Virtually forced. 14.bxc6 Rc8 15.e4! (Diagram) Yikes! That's why the Bishop belongs on e6. If 15...Nxe4 then 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.d5 and Black can hang it up. White now begins a pawnroll that very nearly puts Black out of business in short time. 15...Be6 16.e5 Ne8 17.f4 g6 18.g4! f5. Black can't allow his d-pawn to fall. 19.Qa2 Kh8! At last Black makes a good move. If now 20.Bxd5 then 20...Rxc6! and Black gets much counterplay after 21.Bxe6 Qxd4 22.Kh1 Rxc3. But White has no reason to be hasty. Black's pawn structure is crippled. 20.gxf5 gxf5 21.Nd1 Rxc6 22.Ne3 Nc7. The worst is over for Black. Though White is still better, Black does have play on the Queenside. 23.Bd2 Qd7 24.Kh1 a6 25.Bb4?! Though this makes perfect sense (trading a bad bishop for a good one), White should probably first do some trading of heavy pieces on the c-file. With the black-squared defender gone, Black gets chances to infiltrate on the Queenside and attack the base of White's pawn chain. 25...Bxb4 26.axb4 Ra8 27.Qd2 Nb5. Black's position is markedly better than it was ten moves ago. 28.Bf3 Rc3! Risky, but Black just has time to take advantage of White's temporary weakness along the third rank. Time pressure was now a factor for both players. 29.Be2 Rb3 30.Rfc1 Qb7! Envisioning a sacrificial attack along the a8-h1 diagonal. 31.Rab1? Missing the upcoming tactics. Necessary was 32.Bf3.



After 15.e4!

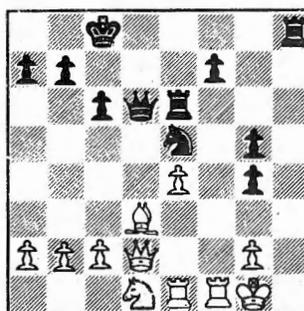


After 31.Rab1?

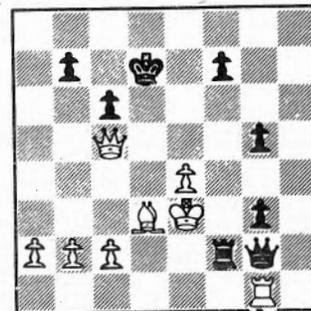
31...Nxd4! 32.Qxd4 Rxe3! 33.Qxe3 d4 34.Bf3 Bd5 35.Qxd4 Bxf3 36.Kg1 Qg7 and White resigned. A good example of counterpunching from a strategically inferior position.

Pirc Defense
J.BLACKWOOD - J.BRALEY
"Peace Talks I", Seattle, Dec.1987
(Notes by Blackwood)

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 Qa5 5.Bd3 e5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.fxe5. This is a major decision for White. Black's opening moves have focused upon acquiring the square e5 for his pieces, and it is therefore possible to speak in favor of 8.f5. I chose 8.fxe5 in order to gain time in development and to apply pressure to the f-file. 8...Nfd7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nxe5 11.Qg3 Nbd7 12.O-O O-O-O. By castling kingside, White has given Black quite a target! Therefore Black chooses O-O-O, and plans to use the square e5 as a pivot point to bring his full force to the white kingside. 13.Kh1 h6 14.Be3. Maybe 14.Bd2!? 14...Bd6 15.Qf2 h5. Now White must prepare to endure a black knight on g4. 16.Qe2 Rde8 17.Rae1 Re6 18.Rf5. Played to provoke g6, which will not allow the black rook on e6 to play to h6. 18...g6 19.R5f1 Ng4 20.Bg1 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Qd2. Still not ready for hxg4, White makes possible Qf4. 22...Nde5 23.Nd1 Qd6 24.hxg4. Not only forced, but White is happy to have prepared for this moment! Both sides have less than twenty minutes each to play through the 40th move. The attack which follow is scintillating, but is it soundly based? 24...hxg4 25.Kg1 g5. (Diagram) 26.Kf2?? White should play 26.Ne3! and if 26...Reh6 or 26...g3 then 27.Rf5!, and in both cases I have not found a promising continuation for Black. 26...Nf3! 27.Qe3 Rh2 28.Rg1 Rf6 29.Ke2 Qg3 30.Nf2 Rxc2 31.Rxc2 Qxc2 32.Qxa7? If 32.Kd1? Nxe1 Black wins. 32.Rh1! is the only practical chance that I can find. 32...g3. By now both sides were so short of time that I was convinced that a flag would fall. 33.Qa8 Kc7 34.Qa5 Kd7 35.Qc5 Ng1 36.Rxcg1 Rxf2 37.Ke3.



After 25...g5

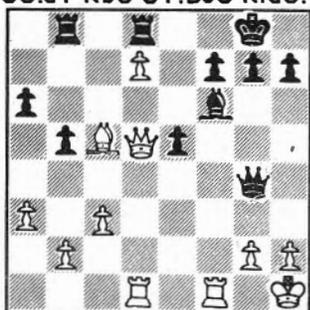


After 37.Ke3

37...Qxcg1?? Black gives it back! Obviously 37...Rf3 wins. The remaining moves to time control were played after which White gave perpetual check to the black king. Even here, there are some questions. Can Black outrun the perpetual check? 38.Qd4 Kc8 39.Qh8 Kc7 40.Qe5 Kb6. Draw (at move 51).

B93 Sicilian Defense
D.ROPER - J.GRAVES
Challenger's Cup 1987

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Qc7
 7.Be2 e5 8.Nb3 b5 9.a3 Bb7
 10.Bf3 Nbd7 11.Be3 Be7 12.0-0
 0-0 13.Qd2 Nb6 14.Na5 Nc4
 15.Nxc4 Qxc4 16.Be2 Qc7 17.
 Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Rac8 19.c3
 Ne4? 20.Qc2 Nf6 21.Rad1 Qb7
 22.Qb3 Qd7 23.Qc2 Qb7 24.Qb3
 Qd7 25.Kh1 Ng4 26.Bxg4 Qxg4
 27.fxe5 dxe5 28.d6 Bh4 29.Qd5!
 Bf6 30.d7 Rb8 31.Bc5 Rfd8.

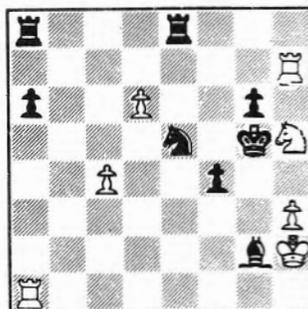


32.Be7! Qxd1 32.Qxd1 Bxe7
 33.Qd5 Bf6 34.Rd1 h6 35.Qc6
 Ra8 37.a4. 1 : 0

A64 Modern Benoni
J.GRAVES - D.EDWARDS
Challenger's Cup 1987

A big tactical fight, probably the most interesting game of this tournament. Almost every position after White's 38.Rb7 deserves a diagram!

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 a6 4.g3 e6
 5.Bg2 exd5 6.cxd5 d6 7.Nf3 g6
 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.a4 Re8
 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Nc4 Nb6 13.Ne3
 Bd7 14.a5 Nc8 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.
 Re1 b6 17.axb6 Nxb6 18. Nxb6
 Qxb6 19.e4 Ng4 20.h3 Ne5 21.
 Kh2 c4 22.Re2 Nd3 23.Be3 Bd4
 24.Bxd4 Qxd4 25.f4 Qf6 26.e5!?
 dxe5 27.Ne4 Qe7 28.d6 Qd8
 29.b3 exf4 30.bxc4 fxd3 31.
 Kxg3 Ne5 32.Qd4 f5 33.Nc3 Qg5
 34.Kh2 f4 35.Qd5 Kg7 36.Ne4
 Qh5 37.Rb2 Bc6 38.Rb7! Kh6
 39.Nf6 Bxd5 40.Rxh7 Kg5
 41.Nxh5 Bxg2



42.h4! Kg4 43.Nf6 Kf3 44.Ra3
 Kf2 45.Ra2 Kf1 46.Rxg2 Nf3
 47.Kh1 Ne1 48.Rg1 Kf2 49.Nxe8
 Rxe8 50.Re7 Rh8 51.Rg4 Nf3
 52.Rxf4 Rb8 53.Rxf3 Kxf3 54.d7
 Rb1 55.Kh2 Rd1 56.c5. 1 : 0

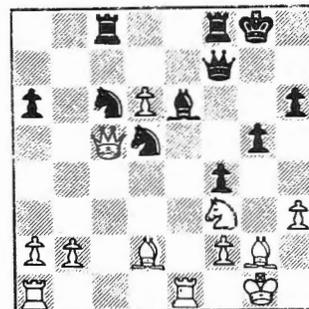
C02 French Defense
G.HINRICHSEN - D.MULLER
Challenger's Cup 1987

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5
 4.Qg4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3
 Qc7 7.Qg3 Nge7 8.0-0 f6
 9.exf6 Qxg3 10.f7 Kxf7
 11.fxg3!? (After the routine
 11.hxg3 e5 Black stands better)
 11...Kg8 12.Bf4 g6 13.Nbd2
 Bg7 14.Rae1 Bd7 15.Nb3 b6
 16.a3 h6 17.h4 Rf8 18.Rf2
 Nf5 19.Rfe2 g5! 20.hxg5
 hxg5 21.Bxf5 (If 21.Nxg5 e5!
 with a clear advantage for Black)
 21...Rxf5 22.Bd6 Kf7 23.g4
 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Re8 25.Bg3 e5
 26.Kg2 Kg6 27.Nd2 Bc8
 28.Rf2 Bb7 29.f4 gxf4
 30.Bxf4 Rf8 31.Bg3 Rxf2
 32.Kxf2 e4 33.Nf1 Ba6
 34.Nh2 d3 35.cxd3 Bxd3
 36.b4 Nd4 37.Rc1. 1 : 0
 (Time). 37...Nc2 and White's
 position is very difficult,
 probably losing.

A04 King's Indian Attack
G.UMIPEG - J.CLARK
SCC Octagonals, Dec. 1987

1.Nf3 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2
 e5 5.d3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Bg5 h6
 8.Be3 d6 9.Qc1 Ng4 10.Bd2 f5
 11.h3 Nf6 12.Na3 Qe7 13.Nh4
 Qf7 14.e4 f4 15.Nb5 Bf8 16.d4
 a6 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Na3 b5 19.

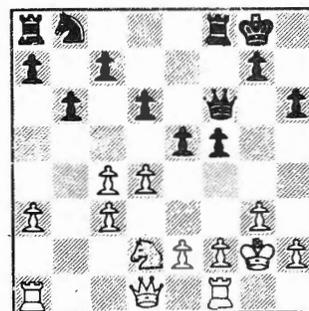
gxf4 exf4 20.e5 Nd5 21.c4 bxc4
 22.Nxc4 Be6 23.Re1 g5 24.Nf3
 Be7 25.Nd6 Bxd6 26.exd6 0-0
 27.Qxc5 Rac8.



28.Rxe6! Ncb4 29.Qa5 Qxe6 30.
 Bxb4 Rf5 31.Nd4. 1 : 0

A85 Dutch Defense
VAN EATON - D.MULLER
Puget Sound League, Jan. 1988

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6
 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6
 Qxf6 7.a3 Bxc3 8.bxc3 b6
 9.g3 Bb7 10.Bg2 0-0 11.
 0-0 d6 12.Nd2 Bxg2 13.
 Kxg2 e5

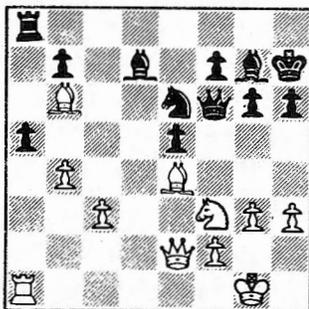


14.dxe5? dxe5 15. e4 f4
 16.Nf3 Rd8 17. Qe2 Nd7
 18.Rfd1 Nc5 19. Rxd8 Rxd8
 20.Rd1 Rd6 (Not 20 ...Rxd1
 21.Qxd1 Nxe4?? 22.Qd5.)
 21.Rd5 fxd3 22. fxd3? Nd7
 23.Qd3 Kf8 24.Rxd6 Qxd6
 25.Qxd6 cxd6 26.Nd2 Nc5
 27.Kf3 Na4 28.Nb1 Ke7 29.
 h3 Kf6 30.Ke2 Kg5 31. Kf3
 Kh5 32.g4 Kh4 33.Kg2 Nb2
 34.Nd2 Kg5 35.Kg3 Nd1
 36.h4 Kf6 37.Nb1 Ke6 38.
 Kf3 Kd7 39.Ke2 Nb2 40.
 Nd2 Kc6 41.Nb3 Nxc4 42.a4
 a5 43.g5 hxg5 44.hxg5 Nb2
 and Black won.

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Pirc Defense
O'DONNELL - J.BRALEY
Chalenger's Cup 1987

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0
6.0-0 Nbd7 7.h3 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3
Qe7 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rfd1 Nc5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5
Ne6 15.Bf1 Rd8 16.Qc4 Bd7 17.a4 a5 18.c3 Bc6
19.Bd3 Rd6 20.Bc2 Rad8 21.g3 Qf6 22.Rxd6 cxd6
23.Qe2 d5 24.Bb6 Ra8 25.Rd1 dxe4 26.Bxe4 Bxa4
27.Ra1 Bd7 28.b4



28...Nf4 29.gxf4 Qxb6 30.Nxe5 Bxh3 31.Qf3 Be6
32.Bxb7 Ra7 33.Bd5 axb4 34.Rxa7 Qxa7 35.Bxe6
Qa1 36.Kg2 fxe6 37.cxb4 Bxe5 38.fxe5 Qxe5
39.Qf7 Kh8 40.Qxg6 Qd5 41.Kh2 h5 42.Qf6 Kh7
43.Kg3 Qb3 44.f3 Qxb4 45.Qf7 Kh8 46.Qxe6 Qc5
47.Qf6 Kh7 48.Kh4 Qd5 49.f4 Qf3 50.Qf5 Kg7
51.Qe5 Kf7 52.Qxh5 Qxh5. 1/2 : 1/2

EUGENE OPEN		November 7-8, 1987						
Eugene		TD David Arganian						
	PRE	POST	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	TOT	
1. O'Donnell, H.	2379	2393	+13	+6	+8	+4	4.0	
2. Ross, David	2361	2373	+14	+9	+20	+3	4.0	
3. Chiu, Herman	2265	2259	+32	+10	+15	-2	3.0	
4. Collins, Jay	2198	2202	+12	+7	+25	-1	3.0	
5. Joseph, M.	2189	2171	+42	+18	=16	=11	3.0	
6. Maddex, W.	2146	2145	+19	-1	+23	+16	3.0	
7. Vaughn, M.	2051	2047	+22	-4	+34	+18	3.0	
8. Kretten, M.	1942	1965	+21	+17	-1	+20	3.0	
9. Luschei, Ed	1936	1940	+29	-2	+24	+19	3.0	
10. Hinrichsen, G.	1803	1808	+34	-3	+36	+25	3.0	
11. Sims, Tyler	1775	1804	=HB	+28	+30	=5	3.0	
12. Mondou, Fred	1702	1766	-4	+22	+27	+21	3.0	
13. Bollman, Dean	1799	1795	-1	=32	+40	+30	2.5	
14. Miller, Grover	1729	1735	-2	=29	+32	+31	2.5	
15. Hankins, Josh	0	1656	+37	+26	-3	=23	2.5	
16. Rude, Larry	0	1745	+38	+36	=5	-6	2.5	
17. Osgood, Ian	2025	1979	-18	-8	+37	+33	2.0	
18. Orum, Chris	1637	1663	+17	-5	+38	-7	2.0	
19. Brodersen, B.	1552	1580	-6	+42	+33	-9	2.0	
20. Hadlock, Geoff	1547	1555	+39	+35	-2	-8	2.0	
21. Barncord, R.	1539	1542	-8	+39	+35	-12	2.0	
22. Frojen, Ken	1517	1523	-7	-12	+39	+35	2.0	
23. Baumgardner, G	1379	1433	=33	+27	-6	=15	2.0	
24. Lindley, C.	1313	1331	=41	=30	-9	+34	2.0	
25. Thoms, Renny	1257	1316	+44	+41	-4	-10	2.0	
26. Deckard, C.	1257	1263	-35	-15	+43	+36	2.0	
27. Greenwalt, M.	1215	1266	+40	-23	-12	+38	2.0	
28. Wissig, R.	1671	1636	=HB	-11	-31	+40	1.5	
29. Ellis, Chris	1527	1536	-9	=14	=HB	=32	1.5	
30. Stephens, G.	1477	1476	+31	=24	-11	-13	1.5	
31. Mohler, Kurt	1024	1226	-30	=33	+28	-14	1.5	
32. Tubbs, John	1613	1605	-3	=13	-14	=29	1.0	
33. Greenland, P.	1450	1438	=23	=31	-19	-17	1.0	
34. Ettingher, C.	1444	1420	-10	+43	-7	-24	1.0	
35. Nyman, Michael	1376	1330	+26	-20	-21	-22	1.0	
36. Siapno, Elsie	1122	1158	+43	-16	-10	-26	1.0	
37. Nordstrom, B.	1122	1168	-15	-40	-17	+B	1.0	
38. Thoms, Robby	1089	1093	-16	+44	-18	-27	1.0	
39. Busalak, Adam	0	1201	-20	-21	-22	+43	1.0	
40. Rodich, Scott	0	1293	-27	+37	-13	-28	1.0	
41. Evans, Danny	0	1132	=24	-25	0.5	
42. Horner, Chad	1661	1639	-5	-19	0.0	
43. Gifford, Aaron	0	869	-36	-34	-26	-39	0.0	
44. Starkweather	0	820	-25	-38	0.0	

EUGENE OPEN		December 5-6, 1987						
Eugene		TD David Arganian						
	PRE	POST	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	TOT	
1. Lapham, W.	2137	2165	+22	+13	+11	+10	4.0	
2. Chiu, Herman	2259	2269	+18	+8	+5	=3	3.5	
3. Joseph Manuel	2171	2188	+17	+12	+6	=2	3.5	
4. Maddex, W.	2145	2137	+7	-14	+16	+13	3.0	
5. Arganian, D.	2083	2087	+9	+15	-2	+14	3.0	
6. Selkirk, C.	2065	2059	+20	+21	-3	+17	3.0	
7. Frojen, Ken	1523	1613	-4	+26	+15	+11	3.0	
8. Vaughn, M.	2047	2028	+19	-2	+18	=9	2.5	
9. Hadlock, Geoff	1555	1572	-5	+24	+F	=8	2.5	
10. Montchalin, M.	2229	2194	-16	+25	+14	-1	2.0	
11. Warren, Stuart	1980	1961	+25	+16	-1	-7	2.0	
12. Dieckhoff, S.	1910	1879	+28	-3	-17	+20	2.0	
13. Storey, Keith	1895	1891	+23	-1	+22	-4	2.0	
14. Uselton, Jim	1820	1840	+26	+4	-10	-5	2.0	
15. Bollman, Dean	1795	1793	+24	-5	-7	+22	2.0	
16. Orum, Chris	1663	1690	+10	-11	-4	+25	2.0	
17. Brodersen, B.	1580	1608	-3	+28	+12	-6	2.0	
18. Robinson, T.	1570	1578	-2	+19	-8	+27	2.0	
19. Bainbridge, J.	1363	1386	-8	-18	+23	+26	2.0	
20. Ettingher, C.	1420	1416	-6	=27	+24	-12	1.5	
21. Ulrich, F.	1645	1644	+27	-6	-F	...	1.0	
22. Gehring, W.	1640	1630	-1	+23	-13	-15	1.0	
23. Baumgardner, G	1433	1410	-13	-22	-19	+28	1.0	
24. Rodich, Scott	1293	1249	-15	-9	-20	+B	1.0	
25. Greenwalt, M.	1266	1274	-11	-10	+27	-16	1.0	
26. Robinson, D.	0	1384	-14	-7	+28	-19	1.0	
27. Shook, Stephan	0	1175	-21	=20	-25	-18	0.5	
28. Siapno, Elsie	1158	1156	-12	-17	-26	-23	0.0	

DECEMBER SWISS		December 20, 1987				
Tacoma		TD Gary Dorfner				
	PRE	POST	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	TOT
1. Ambler, Dennis	2038	2064	+9	+6	+5	3.0
2. Steinocher, K.	2006	2029	+8	+16	+4	3.0
3. Christie, H.	1944	1957	+19	+20	+12	3.0
4. Likens, Rickie	1939	1934	+11	+17	-2	2.0
5. Kleist, Fred.	1936	1934	+18	+7	-1	2.0
6. O'Brien, Kevin	1772	1773	+21	-1	+18	2.0
7. Buchanan, R.	1713	1712	+25	-5	+19	2.0
8. Cherian, Jacob	1651	1658	-2	+23	+20	2.0
9. Elder, Sam	1516	1550	-1	+21	+14	2.0
10. Allyn, Robert	1450	1506	+14	-12	+17	2.0
11. Lam, Kha	1408	1479	-4	+25	+16	2.0
12. Bicknell, D.	1802	1811	=HB	+10	-3	1.5
13. Burrell, Alvin	1631	1645	=15	-14	+23	1.5
14. Butler, David	1943	1911	-10	+13	-9	1.0
15. Lovett, Joseph	1823	1814	=13	=HB	...	1.0
16. Delson, Ben	1769	1743	+24	-2	-11	1.0
17. Slane, Eric	1542	1543	+22	-4	-10	1.0
18. Hanks, Jeffery	1497	1494	-5	+24	-6	1.0
19. Carchedi, John	1356	1379	-3	+22	-7	1.0
20. Williams, M.	1255	1324	+23	-3	-8	1.0
21. Mayer, Carol	1234	1240	-6	-9	+25	1.0
22. Webb, R.B.	0	1213	-17	-19	+24	1.0
23. White, Clay	1327	1307	-20	-8	-13	0.0
24. Kwon, Kyong	1149	1128	-16	-18	-22	0.0
25. Kays, Graham	0	1141	-7	-11	-21	0.0

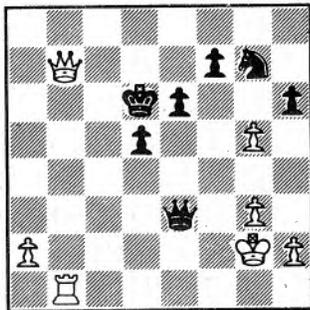
IMPROVE YOUR PRACTICAL ABILITY!

LEARN THE TACTICAL TRICKS!

"Most of the games are won by 'une petite combinaison'" (French: a small combination) - Capablanca. The great world champion speaks about tactical tricks of one or two moves which are the keystone of good practical results. They exist in every game; they are useful in attack or defense; they must be known as an idea and as a pattern. Learn them! It is incredible how many times I have heard by way of apology: "I lost by a cheapo." If you are neglectful of the trivial, the "cheapo" will cost you a lot of trouble!

Middlegame....

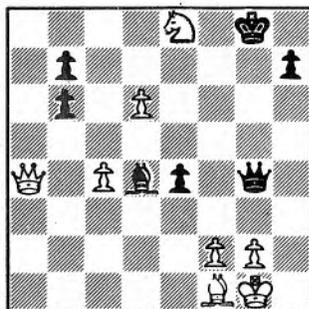
#1 O'DONNELL-FOISOR
First Int. Open, St. John 1988



White to move

It is obvious that White has many ways to win by force, for example, prosaically with 1.Rb6 Ke5 (1...Kc5 2.Qc7 Kd4 3.Rb4 Kd3 4.Rb3) 2.Qc7 Ke4 (2...Kf5 3.Qxf7 Kg4 4.h3) 3.Rb4 d4 4.Qb7 Kf5 (4...Ke5 5.Rb5) 5.Qxf7 Ke4 6.Qb7 Kf5 7.Qf3 or with 1.Qb6 Qxb6 2.Rxb6 Kc7 3.gxh6. How is it possible to win Black's Queen with a common tactical trick, as O'Donnell did in the game?

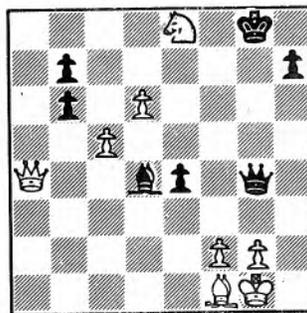
MARANI-BARERA
Italy 1986



White to move

Even with an extra piece, White has big problems, for instance 1.Qb3 Qf4 (if 1...e3 with the idea 2.fxe3 Qg3!, then 2.Nf6! Bxf6 3.Qxe3) 2.Qc2 e3 etc. The best defense is probably 1.d7 and if 1...e3 2.Nf6 Bxf6 3.fxe3 (3.Qa8 Kf7 4.d8-Q exf2 5.Kxf2 Qh4 and 6...Bxd8=), but this is not our theme. Instead, White sets a "trap" 1.c5?, hoping for the trick 1...e3? 2.Nf6! and wins.

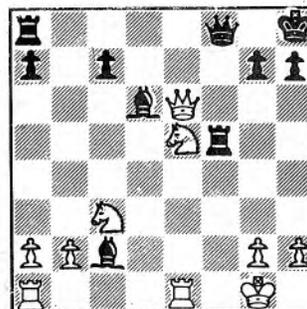
#2



Black to move

The end of the story is "una piccola combinazione".

#3 R. ALLYN-M. HAYAMI
Winter Open, Tacoma 1988



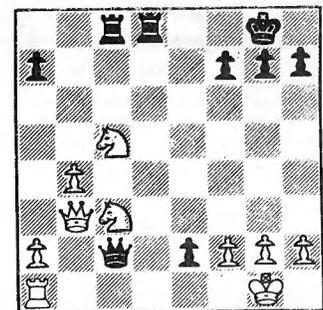
Black to move

White's last move was 1.Qe6. It provokes 1...Rae8 with the tricky idea of winning the exchange after 2.Nf7.

This was a mistake, as the game shows. Find Black's countertrick, please!

Sometimes the great-looking combination is in fact only small trick, based on a standard tactical idea.

#4 KR. GEORGIEV-GULKO
First Int. Open, St. John 1988



Black to move

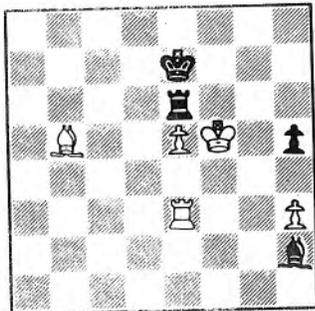
With 1...Qd2 2.g3 e1=Q Black is winning, but White is still alive and will continue to play.

Gulko won the game by force, using as an idea the weakness of White's first rank. There is only one sacrifice here, but very important and must be made in the right order of moves!

Black resigned after only two moves. Are you able to see quickly the winning continuation?

Endgame.....

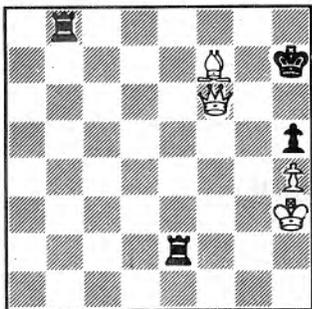
#5 D.ROSS-R.STONE
First Int. Open, St.John 1988



Black to move

You can easily save Black's position in a blow. The only question is: do you know something about the endgame that everyone must know!

#6 ZWAIG-VOSTIN
Skopje (ol) 1972



Black to move

If the previous example was not difficult for you, then the decision for this position also will be quick and easy. Both examples have something in common, here a second tactical idea must be seen. And tricky sacrifices, of course!

ANSWERS

Exercises from the February issue:

A. 1.Ng7! Rxf7 2.Bd8!! The point of White's combination. **2...Rf8 3.Bxc7 Bxc7 4.Nf7. 1 : 0**

B. White overlooked a typical mate pattern: 1...R8xe6! 2.dxe6 Qf3! 0 : 1, because of 3.gxf3 Rg5 4.Kh1 Bxf3 mate.

C. 1.Rf7 is interesting, but unclear. The winning move is 1.b4!, a necessary preparation for the decisive combination. 1 : 0. If 1...Qxb4 then 2.Nd5 wins the Queen, if 1...Qc4 2.Rf4 Qa6 3.Rf7! (Now this sacrifice works perfectly.) Kxf7 4.Qxd7 Kf8 5.Qd6 Kf7 6.Qxe6 Kf8 7.b5! cxb5 8.Rf1 and mate.

Positions from this issue:

#1. The fastest way to win Black's Queen is 1.Qb8! Kc6 1...Ke7 2.Rb7

mate. 2.Rc1! 1 : 0.

If 2...Qxc1 3.Qc8 and 4.Qxc1. Such double-attacks happen very often in practice.

#2. 1...Bxf2! 2.Kxf2 If 2.Kh1 Qh4 mate. **2... e3** winning White's Queen. **0 : 1**

#3. After 2...Rxf7 3.Qxe8 White omitted the trick **3...Rf1!** **4.Rxf1 Qxe8** and Black eventually won.

#4. 1...Rd1! 2.Rxd1 Qxc3!! 0 : 1 Spectacular, but the idea and the execution are a very often used tactical trick.

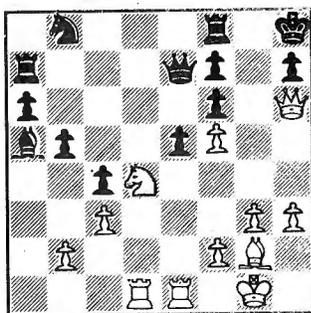
#5. 1...Rxe5! 1/2 : 1/2 After **2.Rxe5 Bxe5 3.Kxe5 Kf7 4.Kf5 Kg7 5.Kg5 h4 6.Kxh4 Kh8** we reach a basic drawn position: King, white-square Bishop and rook pawn with a black-square corner against the King in this corner.

#6. Black's King is in a stalemate situation. This gives Black opportunity to sacrifice both rooks. 1...Rb3! 2.Bxb3 Rh2! 1/2 : 1/2

3.Kxh2 is stalemate; if White doesn't capture the second rook then 3.Kg3 Rg2! 4.Kf4 Rf2! 5.Ke5 Rxf6! is a draw as in #5.

EXERCISES

A. FOIGEL-MOROZ
USSR 1987

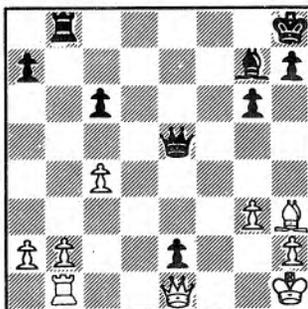


White to move

- A. The screenplay runs: a blow, the only defense, a refined blow, and it is all over.**
- B. The trick is on Black's third move.**
- C. Keep the d7 pawn alive!**

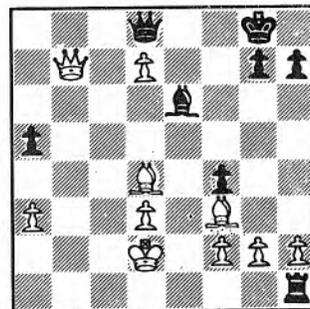
Try to find the solutions without touching the pieces!

B. MROSS-TESCHNER
Berlin 1956



Black to move

C. SLOTH-BJERRE
Denmark (ch)1971



White to move

(ANSWERS NEXT ISSUE)

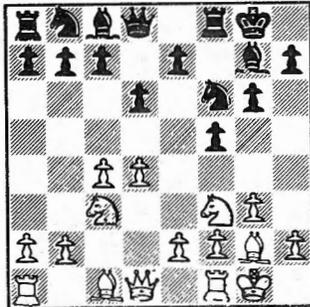
TOUCHING ON OPENING THEORY

A NOVELTY IN DUTCH-LENINGRAD VARIATION

by I.M. John Donaldson

A89 J.DONALDSON-TIM PELLANT
Los Angeles, December 1987

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6
4.Nf3 Bg7 5.O-O O-O 6.c4
d6 7.Nc3



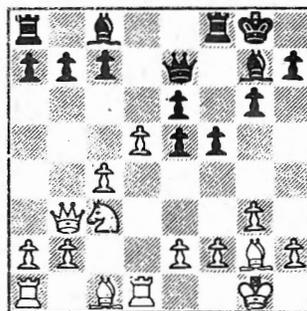
7...Nc6. Black has two other choices:

a) 7...c6 8.d5 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.b3 and now 10...Ne4?! 11.Nxe4 Bxa1 12.Qxd6 (Even stronger is 12.Nfg5 or 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Qxd6) Qxd6 13.Nxd6 Bc8 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.Nxc8 Na6 17.Ne7 Kf8 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Rd1 with an advantage for White as in Donaldson-Rabinovich, San Jose 1984, or 10...Na6 11.Bb2 Qe7 12.Ng5 Rad8 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 14.Qc2 Nc5 15.Rad1 a5 16.e3 with a slightly better game for White, Lukacs-Radev, Pamporovo 1981.

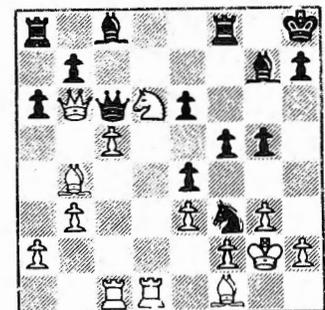
b) 7...Qe8 (A recent try which has become quite popular) 8.d5 Na6 9.Rb1 c6 (if 9...c5 10.b3 Nc7 11.a4 Bd7 12.Bb2 b6 13.Qd2 a6 14.e4 fxe4 15.Ng5 White is better, Garcia Martinez-Lin Ta, Dubai 1986) 10.b3 Nc7 11.Bb2 h6 12.Qd2 c5 13.a4 Bd7 14.Rbe1 Qf7 15.e4 with slightly better chances for White, as in Timoschenko-Bareev, Irkutsk 1986.

8.d5 Ne5. A major alternative

which leads to quite different play is 8...Na5 9.Nd2 c5 10.Qc2 e5 (10...a6 11.b3 Bd7 12.Bb2 b5 13.Rab1 Rb8 14.e3 Qc7 15.Ne2 Rb6 16.Bc3 Nb7 17.Nf4 and White has an advantage, Reshevsky-Greffe, USA, ch, 1975) 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.Nb3! Browne-Cripe, USA 1987. White is better. 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Qb3. This move caught my attention after the game Ribli-Barber, Lugano 1985. That encounter was so convincing that I thought 8...Ne5 unsound (see additional game #1). However after this game a glance thru Informant #43 revealed that both Tim and I had failed to do our homework. In Mageramov-Avshalumov, USSR 1987, Black played 10...h6 in response to 10.Qb3 and got quite a reasonable game after 11.Be3 Kh8 12.Rad1 g5 (see additional game #2). 10...e6. The main theoretical move which seeks to undouble the e pawns and challenge White's center. Despite these well reasoned motivations it is questionable. Opening the game favors the better developed player. 11.Rd1 Qe7. Sidestepping Ribli's novelty which put 11...exd5 12.Nxd5 c6 out of business with 13.Bg5!



12.Bd2!? A novelty on the board! Having never seen 11...Qe7 I did not realize that 12.Bg5 is the theoretical move. Ribli gives simply 12.Bg5 slightly better for White and stops, while ECO continues 12...h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.e4 as in Schmid-Menvielle, Tel Aviv (ol) 1964 and Botvink says 14...Rb8=. The text seemed much more logical to me. Rather than surrender the bishop pair White concentrates on quick development and queenside pressure. 12...Kh8 13.Rac1. The immediate 13.Nb5 was even stronger. 13...e4. It is hard to find a good move for Black. Taking on d5 frees the queenbishop but would allow white to make good use of the open file. 14.Nb5 Qf7 15.d6 cxd6?! Necessary was 15...c6 although 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.f3 gives White a clear advantage. 16.Nxd6 Qc7 17.Bb4 a6 18.Ba3 Bh6 19.e3 Ng4 20.c5 Ne5 21.Qb6 Qc6 22.Bf1 g5 23.Bb4 Nf3. Sidestepping a nice trap. On 23...f4 I planned 24.Bc3 Bg7 25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Nf7 Rxf7 27.Qd8 Kg7 28.Qxg5 Kf8 29.Rd8 winning. 24.Kg2 Bg7 25.b3.



25...Bd7. With time pressure approaching Black decides to get his queenside pieces out at the

expense of a pawn. This strategy does not succeed but better moves are hard to suggest in view of the upcoming Bc4 followed by exchanges on c6 and c8.

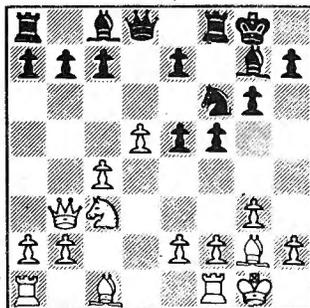
26.Nxb7 Rab8 27.Qxc6 Bxc6
28.Na5 Bd5 29.Bc3 f4
30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.c6 fxe3
32.fxe3 Rf7 33.Bc4 Ne5
34.Bxd5 exd5 35.c7 Rc8
36.Rxd5 Nd3 37.Rf1 Rfxc7
38.Nc4 h6 39.Rd4 Nc5
40.Nd6 Rb8 41.Nf5 Kh7
42.Rd6 Nd3 43.Rxh6 Kg8
44.Nd4 Kg7 45.Rxa6. 1 : 0

An important win which enabled to share first place with Igor Ivanov. The 20 Grand Prix points from Los Angeles put me over 90 points for the year and on the 6th place.

ADDITIONAL GAMES

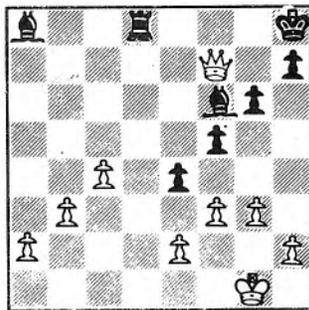
(Annotations by the Editor)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 g6
4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0
d6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne5
9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Qb3.



RIBLI-BARBER
Lugano 1985

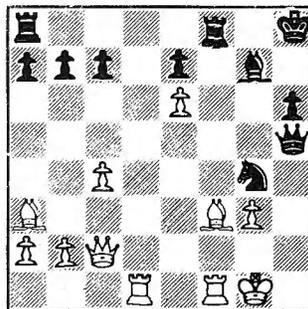
10...e6 11.Rd1 exd5 12.
Nxd5 c6 13.Bg5 cxd5 14.
Bxd5 Kh8 15.Bxb7 Qxd1 16.
Rxd1 Rb8 17.Qa3 Bxb7
(17...Rxb7?? loses because of
18.Bxf6!) 18.Bxf6 Bxf6
19.Qxa7 Ba8 20.b3 Rbd8
21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.f3 e4
23.Qf7!



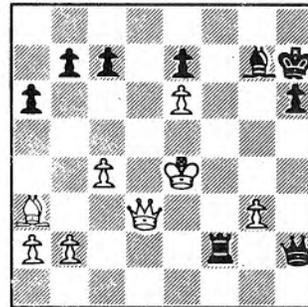
23...Bd4? (A decisive mistake.
After 23...Bg7 24.Qe7 Rf8!
25.Kf2 White is better, but Black
has counterchances- Ribli)
24.Kg2 exf3 25.exf3 Bg7
26.Qe7! Rf8 (if 26...Rd2
27.Kf1 Bc6 28.Qc7! and White
wins) 27.b4 h5 28.b5 Kg8
29.b6 Bf6 30.Qe6 Kg7
31.c5 Rd8 32.c6 Rd2
33.Kf1 f4 34.b7. 1 : 0

MAGERRAMOV-AVSHALUMOV USSR 1987

10...h6 11.Be3 (11.e4!? f4
12.gxf4 Nh5 13.fxe5 Bxe5 14.
Ne2 deserves attention) 11...Kh8
12.Rad1 g5 13.Bc5 a6 14.e3
Nd7 15.Ba3 e4 16.f3 exf3
17.Rxf3 Ne5 18.R3f1 Qe8
19.Ne2 (According to Avsha-
lumov, the position after 19.Bc5
Qh5 20.Bd4 is unclear. Probably,
but with 20...Ng4 Black wins
material, for example 21.h3 Bxd4
22.exd4 Ne3 etc.) 19...Bd7
20.Qc2 Qh5 21.Nd4 (I think
White can try 21.h3.) 21...Ng4
22.Bf3 f4! 23.exf4 gxf4
24.Ne6 (24.Bxe7!? and 25.Bh4
is not clear) 24...Bxe6
25.dxe6 fxg3 26.fxg3.



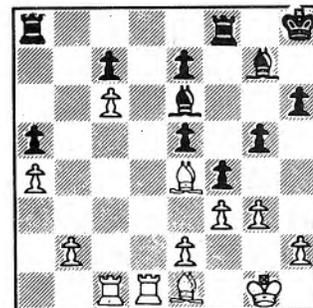
26...Rxf3! 27.Rxf3 Ne5
28.Rf2 Nf3 29.Kg2 Qh2
30.Kxf3 (if 30.Kf1 then
30...Qh3! and 31.Rg2 Rf8
32.Bxe7 Qh1 33.Kf2 Bd4 34.
Rxd4 Nxd4 35.Bxf8 Nxc2 Black
wins or 31.Ke2 Nd4 32.Rxd4
Bxd4 with a very strong attacking
position for Black- Avshalumov)
30...Rf8 31.Ke4 Rxf2 32.
Rd8 Kh7 33.Qd3



33...Kg6!! 34.Bxe7 (if 34.
Rd5 Bf6! or 34.Rg8 Rd2!)
34...Rf5! 35.Rd5 Qg2
36.Ke3 Qf2 37.Ke4 Qe1
38.Qe3 Qb1 39.Qd3 Qh1
40.Ke3 Qe1. 0 : 1 because
of 41.Qe2 Qxg3 42.Kd2 Rf2.

ANDERSSON-MASCARINAS Rio de Janeiro 1985

10...Nh5 11.Rd1 Kh8 12.a4
a5?! (12...h6 looks better) 13.
c5 h6 14.Bd2 g5 15.Rac1 f4
16. Be1 Nf6 17.Ne4 Bg4
18.Qb5 Qd7 19. Qxd7 Bxd7
20.c6 bxc6 21. dxc6 Bg4
22.Kf1 Nxe4 23. Bxe4 Bh3
24.Kg1 Bg4 25.f3 Be6.



26.Rd7! Ra7 27.Rxe7 Bb3
28.Rc5. 1 : 0

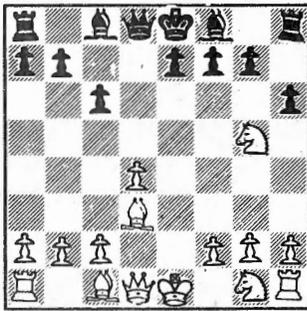
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B17 Caro-Kann Defense

K.SHIRAZI-K.BURGER

First Int.Open, St.John 1988

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Bd3. Colorless, according to the theory, but not in Shirazi's games, as we shall see very soon. 5...Nd7f6. Black's best - in ECO and everywhere! 6.Ng5!? This move is not mentioned, at least in my books. A tactical defense, is the first impression. Black can not capture the pawn 6...Qxd4 because of 7.Nxf7! Kxf7 8.Bg6 winning the Queen. 6...h6.



7.Nxf7! What a surprise! In direct contradiction to the theory, it appears that 5.Bd3 and 6.Ng5 are together a continuation full to the brim with tactics. 7...Kxf7 8.Nf3 g5. 8...Bf5, with the idea 9.Bxf5 Qa5 and 10...Qxf5, would be answered by 9.Ne5 Ke6 10.Bxf5 Kxf5 11.Qf3 Ke6 12.Qh3 Kd5 (12...Kd6 13.Nf7) 13.c4 Kxd4 14.Qe3 mate. Maybe 8...Nd7, but it is hard to believe that Black will survive. 9.h4 g4 10.Ne5 Kg7 11.c3. Demonstrating, that the idea behind the sacrifice is long term attacking chances. It is interesting, that such quiet moves, without visible threats, evoke very often a wrong defensive response. 11...h5. Loses. Which move is better? I don't know. Probably it does not exist. 12.Qd2! Nh7 13.Bxh7 Rxh7. If 13...Kxh7 14.Qd3 and Qg6 mate. 14.Qg5 Kh8 15.Ng6 Kg7 16.Nxe7. 1 : 0.

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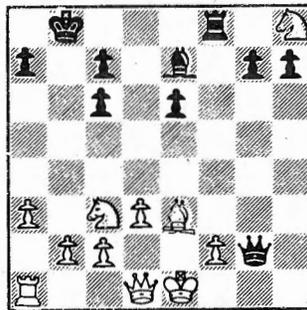
B01 Center Counter Defense

G.LEFKOF-G.WYATT

San Jose 1987

(Notes by Wyatt)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nc6. Risky, but 5...c6 followed with Qc7 is too passive. 6.d3 Bg4 7.Bf4 e6 8.h3 Bh5. Maybe 8...Qh5!?, threatening 9...Nd4, deserves attention. 9.a3?! White should play 9.Bb5. 9...0-0-0 10.g4. If 10.b4 Qf5 with a good game for Black. 10...Nxxg4. Obviously forced, because 10...Bg6 11.b4 Qb6 loses after 12.Be3. 11.hxxg4 Bxxg4 12.Rh4. There is not other defense against the threats Nd4 or Qf5. 12...Qf5 13.Rxxg4 Qxxg4 14.Be3 Be7 15.Bb5 Kb8. Strange that Black is reduced to this. 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Ne5. An amazing position in which White's enterprising Knight may threaten every Black piece! Nevertheless, Black has an interesting tactical solution. 17...Qg2! 18.Nxf7 Rdf8 19.Nxh8. White looked very happy, as 19...Bh4 is easily met by 20.Ne4 or 20.Qe2.



19...Bg5! 20.Ke2? As so often occurs, White is in shock and blunders immediately. Yet Black's three pieces are so much more effective than White's five, that perhaps Black is actually better! Maybe best is 20.Qe2 Bxe3 21.fxe3 Qg1 21.Kd2 Qxa1. 20...Bxe3 21.Kxe3 Qxf2. 0 : 1. It is mate in one.

A48 Queen's Pawn Game

D.BRAGG-R.ESCHBACH

Challenger's Cup 1987

(Notes by J.Buroker)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bh4 Bg7 5.e3 d5 6.Bd3 c5 7.Nbd2 Bf5?! 7...Nxd2 8.Qxd2 Nc6 seems to hold more promise for Black. 8.Ne5!? cxd4 9.cxd4 Qa5?! 9...Nd6 was necessary. Now Black has problems with both e-pawns. 10.c3 Nc6 11.Bxe4 dxe4. Better is 11...Bxe4, but after 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.0-0 White retains an advantage. 12.Nec4 Qb5 13.Qb3! Qxb3 14.axb3 e5? Last mistake in a difficult position. 15.d5 Ne7 16.Nb6! 1 : 0

C07 French Defense

P.WOLFF-B.FEINGOLD

First Int.Open, St.John 1988

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 cxd4. The theory prefers 5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Bd7. 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6?! Again an inferior continuation. 7...Bxc6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.c4 is considered slightly better for White. 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 e5 10.0-0 Qe7?! It is possible that the text is a novelty prepared at home. Recent theory shows an example with 10...Nf6 11.c4 d4 12.f4 Qc7 13.Nf3 and a clear advantage for White. Here against 11.c4 d4 12.f4 Black has 12...exf4 13.Nf3 (13.e5!? Bxe5 14.Re1 f6 15.Nf3 Bg4) g5 unclear, I think. 11.exd5! cxd5 12.c4. A much more logical plan. Opening the position is naturally in White's favor. 12...d4 13.Ne4 Bc7 14.c5 Kf8. If 14...f5 15.Nd6 Bxd6 16.cxd6 Qxd6 17.Bf4! 15.f4! Re8 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.Rxf4 Nh6 19.Qf2. 1 : 0. "Black did not wish to see any more" - as mentioned by the tournament bulletin. 19...Qe5 20.Nd6 Re7 21.Qxd4, that's enough for the resignation.

A28 English Opening
D.COLLYER-M.MULFORD
Northwest Postal Chess 1987

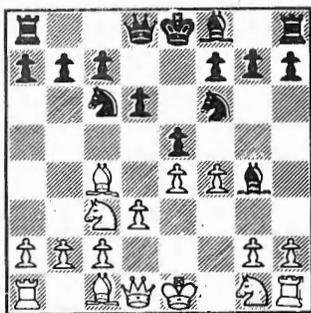
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Bxc3? Premature. Better is 6...Ne5 and after 7.Qb3 Bxc3 8.Qxc3 d5 with an interesting double-edged play. 7.bxc3 Ne5 8.e4! Qe7. 8...Nxe4 loses material after 9.Qe2. 9.Nf5 Qf8 10.f4 Nc6 11.e5 Ng8. If 11...d6 12.Nxd6 cxd6 13.exf6 with a clear advantage for White. 12.Ne3 f6



13.Bg2! Nge7 14.Ba3 Qf7 15.O-O f5 16.Rb1 g6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.cxd5. 1 : 0 A nice refutation of Black's opening experiment.

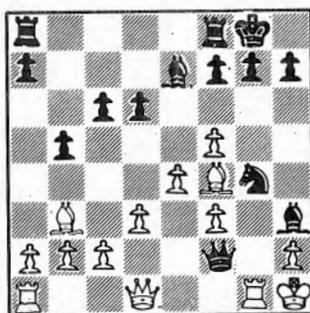
C28 Vienna Game
RYTOVA-ERNESTE
Tallin 1987

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6. The gambit 3...Nxe4 4.Qh5!? Nd6 5.Bb3 is unclear for more than hundred years! 4.d3 d6 5.f4 Bg4!?



This old variation is poorly considered in the books. I don't believe that Black's last move is a

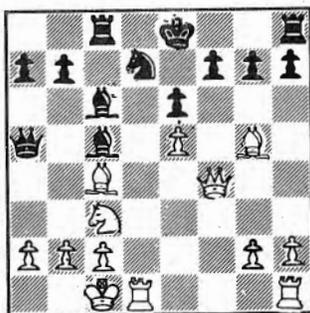
novelty, but here the recent theory gives only 5...Be6 6.f5! Bxc4 7.dxc4 in favor of White. 6.Nf3 Nd4 7.f5?! Also 7.fxe5 Bxf3 (8...dxe5? 9.Bxf7! Kxf7 10.Nxe5) 8.gxf3 dxe5 is not a success for White, perhaps the simple 8.O-O is the best continuation. 7...c6 8.Bg5 b5 9.Bb3 Be7 10.O-O O-O 11.Ne2 Nxf3 12.gxf3 Bh3 13.Re1. If 13.Rf2 then Black has a small tactical trick at his disposal: 13...Nxe4! 14.Bxe7 Nxf2 etc. 13...Qb6! 14.Kh1. Or 14.d4 exd4 15.Qxd4 c5 c5 and 16...c4 winning a piece. 14...Qf2 15.Nf4 exf4 16.Rg1 Ng4! 17.Bxf4.



17...Qxh2! 0 : 1. 18.Bxh2 Nf2 mate!

B61 Sicilian Defense
DVOIRIS-POLIANCEV
USSR 1987

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Qd2 Rc8 8.f4 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Qa5 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 e6 12.O-O-O Bc6 13.Bc4 Bc5 14.Qf4 Nd7.

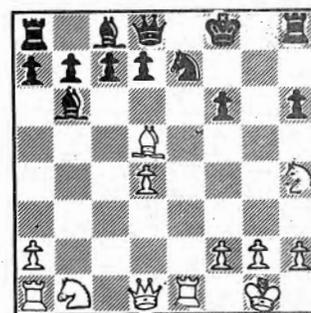


15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rhf1 Rf8 17.Qc4 Be7 18.Qxe6 Qc5

19.Rxf8 Rxf8 20.Rf1 Ke8 21.Qg8 1 : 0

C51 Evans Gambit
LAUREANA-MACCARIO
Corr. 1987 (?)

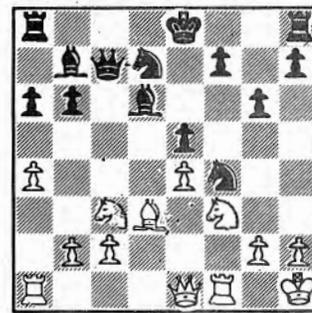
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.O-O Nf6? (6...d6 was necessary to stop White's advancing pawns) 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.e5 Ne4 10.Bd5 f5 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bg5 h6? 13.Re1 Ne7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nh4 Kf8.



16.Rxe7! Kxe7 17.Nf5 Kf8 18.Qg4. 1 : 0

B93 Sicilian Defense
ULYBIN-SVIRIN
USSR 1987

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Lately this continuation has been successful for White. 6...e5 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.a4 b6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.O-O Nbd7 11.Qe1 Be7 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Nh4 g6 14.Kh1 Nh5 15.Bh6 Nf4 16.Nf3 Bd6



17.Rd1! Nxd3 18.Rxd3 f6 19.Qh4 Rg8 20.Rfd1. 1 : 0

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NOVEMBER RESULTS

86CM21 Mulford 12 Norman. 87AB1 W.Chase =9 Vaughn. 87CM12 Allen 24 Daniel. 87CC1 Vaughn 22 Carrothers. 87AB1 Gordon 26, =0 Vaughn. 87CC1 Cornell 26 Norman. 86CM27 Schneider 22 and 87CM17 19 Daniel. 87CC2 W.Chase 6 Nicholls. 5BC7 Tipton 23 White. 87BC3 Brodersen 26 Thrush. 87CM5 Zarges 20 Kashino. 87AB1 W.Chase =8 Gordon. Cunningham w/d's all.

(The winner, or point gainer if draw, =, is first.)

1986 GAME OF THE YEAR

Although it received no votes because of a blunder by White, this game, won by an A over an Expert, showed good play.

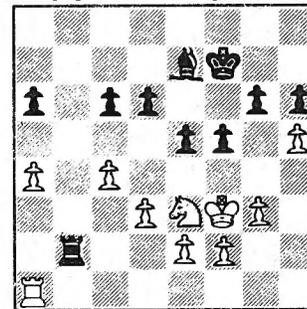
A16

English Opening

D.COLLYER - R.NORMAN

(Notes by David Heap)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 c6 7.d3 a6 8.Ne1 e5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nc2 Bf5. 11...Be6 is also good, maybe preferable. 12.Rb1 Nd7 13.b4 Rc8 14.a4 Re8 15.b5. The first point of pawn contact is thus established. White is playing a classical English-type attack, expanding on the queenside, and will open the b-file. Black has obtained the advantage of the bishop pair (because if White played Bd2, then Black could play d5 -KSD). 16.Ne3 Be6 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Qc2 Qc7 19.Rb2 Rb8 20.Ne4? This gives Black the initiative. Better would have been 20.Rfb1. 21.Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Rxb2 22.Qxb2 Rb8 23.Qa3 Be7 24.Qc3 Bh3 25.Ra1 Qb6 26.Bg2 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Qb2 28. Qxb2 Rxb2. So, we've reached the endgame. Black has a Bishop vs. a Knight and Rook penetration, but has not, yet, a "won" position. 29.Kf3 f5 30.h4 Kf7. To get his Rook to the second rank, and then the b-file if Black does not exchange. White might play 31.Nd1. 31.h5



31...e4? 32.dxe4 fxe4 33.Kxe4 Rxe2 34.hxg6 Kxg6 35.f4 Kf6 36.Kd3 Rb2 37.Rh1 Kg6 38.g4 Ra2 39.Nf5 Bf8 40.Nd4 d5 41.cxd5 cxd5 42.Rh5 Rxa4 43. Rxd5. White has enjoyed some endgame successes and has now obtained a small advantage. 44.Kc4 Ra4 45.Kd3 a5 46.Rb5 Ra3 47.Ke4 Ra4 48.Kd5 Kf6 49.Rb6 Kf7 50.Ne6 Rb4 51.Ra6 Rb5 52.Kc6 Rb4 53.Kd5 Rb5 54.Kc6 Rb4 55.Kd7 a4 56.Ra5 Bg7 57.Ra7. White now begins a King attack, but Black's position is defenseable because his King and Bishop cooperate well and his Rook is only slightly less active than White's -KSD. 58.Ra5 Bg7 59.g5 hxg5 60.Rf5 Kg6 61. Rxg5 Kf6 62.Rxg7?? Rb7. 0 : 1

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Memberships can be purchased at the site.
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Russel Ave. WHITE ROCH, B.C. 4- SS. ROUNDS: Sat.
10:50, 3:00. Sun. 12:00, 4:00. TC: 40/90, 30/60,
remainder/30. REGISTRATION: 9:50-10:30 March 26.
ENTRY FEE: All entrants must be members of the CFC,
\$20 per year which includes a subscription to En Passant,
or \$5 for a one time tournament membership and \$9 for
a BCCF membership, including subscription to Counterplay.
Free to new CFC members. EF as a minimum prize for
masters. \$12 EF for juniors, \$15 for others. PRIZES
(based on 45): 1st \$100.00, 2nd \$50.00, 1st under
2200, 2000, 1800, 1600, 1400 : \$50.00 each. Top
unrated: Set and board. Bye available 1-3. No smoking,
no computers. INFO: BOB HOLMES (604) 531-6460 or
ERIC TROWBRIDGE 531-6001

APRIL 9-10 : OREGON JUNIOR OPEN

Open for anyone born after April 10, 1968 Mount Hood
Community College, Main Bldg. Rm 2605. 26000 SE Stark-
Street, GRESHAM, OREGON 97030. One section 5 rd
Swiss. TC: 40/80 then SD/30. PRIZE fund \$140.00
Guaranteed: 1st \$70.00, 2nd \$40.00, 3rd \$30.00,
Trophies 1st, 1st under 1600, 1st under 1400, 1st Jr
High (grades 7 & 8), 1st Elementary (K-6). EF \$8.00 if
received by April 8th, \$10.00 at the site. REG.
8:00-9:00 am. RDS: 9:20, 1:30, 5:45 - 10, 2:15. USCF
and OCF or equivalent state memberships required.
Sponsored by Oregon Chess Federation. NS, NC. ADVANCE
ENTRIES: Oregon Chess Federation, c/o Korneljijs Dale,
1039 SE Wendy Ave, Gresham, Oregon 97080.

APRIL 9-10 : GRANTS PASS OPEN #14

RCC Downtown Center, 290 NE "C" St., Grants Pass. EF
\$18.00 if received by April 6, \$22.00 at site. 5 Rd.
Swiss. TC: 40/90. Registration 8-9 am. First Rd 10 am.
\$700.00 Guaranteed by Greater Oregon Health Service.
1st \$200.00, 2nd \$100.00, 3rd \$60.00. A, B, C, D 1st
\$60.00, 2nd \$20.00, UR \$20.00 with trophies for 1st in
each Class. USCF membership required. \$5.00 discount
for first time membership. INFO/ENTRIES: Wray
MAXWELL, 740 NW 4th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526,
Phone: (503) 476-5000.

APRIL 16-17 : DAFFODIL OPEN

2530 Grandview Dr. in Masonic Temple, TACOMA,
Washington. 5-SS. TC: 50/2, 25/1. ENTRY FEE: \$18 in
advance, \$23 at site. PRIZES: (500 b/35) 125 plus
trophy -\$75, A,B,C,D each \$75 plus trophy.
REGISTRATION: 9-9:45 a.m. ROUNDS: 10-2:30- 6:30,
10-3:30 or ASAP. 1/2-pt. byes rds. 1-4. INFORMATION:
535-2536. Entries & checks payable to GARY DORFNER,
8423 E. B Street, Tacoma, WA 98445.

APRIL 30 - MAY 1 : IDAHO OPEN

Boise State Univ., Union Bldg., 1910 University Dr.,
BOISE, ID 83702. 5-SS. TC: 50/2. ENTRY FEE: \$20,
under 19/over 59 \$15 if received by 4/27. \$5 more at
site. Unr. playing in 1st rated tournament \$10. ICF mem.
req. \$6, other states OK. \$\$\$G: 120-80-40, 1800-1999,
1600-1799, 1400-1599, under 1400 : each 50-30.
Unr. 1st. = \$30. REGISTRATION: 8-9 am. ROUNDS:
9:30-2-6:30, 8:30-1. Opt. 1/2 pt. bye 1st 4 rds. only,
if declared at start. Late reg. until 1:30 pm. Sat. OK if
not playing 1st round. ENTRIES: R.S. VANDENBURG, 2316
Regan Ave., BOISE, ID 83702. NS, NC.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY NYC BOARD Accept Derrick
Robinson's resignation as Business Manager and appoint
Russell Miller to take the post. (D.Robinson contributes
as Assistant Editor) Make a special offer to players in
1988 Washington-Oregon High School Team Championship
of 1 year of NYC for \$6.00 includes WCF/OCF
membership. Items passed by mail or phone votes 6-0.

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MARCH 1988

4-5	OR-WA High School Chess Team Ch	Portland
4,18,25	Spring Quads	Tacoma CC
5	Western WA Elementary Regional Tmt	Anacortes
11-12 (Fri-Sat)	OMSI Scholastic Finals	Portland
12	Seattle CC Octagonals	Seattle CC
12	WA Junior H.S./Middle Sch Team Ch	Seattle
19	Oregon City Open	Oregon City
19	Spring Simul.	Seattle CC
19-20,26-27, Apr 2-3	Olympia FIDE Futurity	Olympia
25, Apr 2,9,16,23	April Showers Swiss	Seattle CC
26-27	Spring Open	Tacoma CC
26-27	South Surrey Open	White Roch B.C

APRIL 1988

1,8,15,22,29	Pierce County Chess League	Tacoma CC
9	Seattle CC Octagonals (Hi-Roller)	Seattle CC
9-10	Grants Pass Open	Grants Pass
9-10	Oregon Junior Open	Gresham
15-17	National High School Team Chpp	Albuquerque, NM
16-17	Daffodil Open	Tacoma CC
27, Apr 4,11,18,25	Lilac Open	Spokane
30-May 1	Idaho Open	Boise, ID

MAY 1988

7	Seattle CC Octagonals	Seattle CC
13,20,27	45-45 Tournament	Tacoma CC
14-15	Tacoma Pierce County Open	Tacoma CC
21-22	Willamette Valley Open	Linn-Benton CC

JUNE 1988

11	Seattle CC Octagonals	Seattle CC
18-19	Evergreen Open	Tacoma CC
24	30-30 Tournament	Tacoma CC

JULY 1988

9-10	Lake Fair Open	Olympia
16-17	Puget Sound Open	Tacoma CC