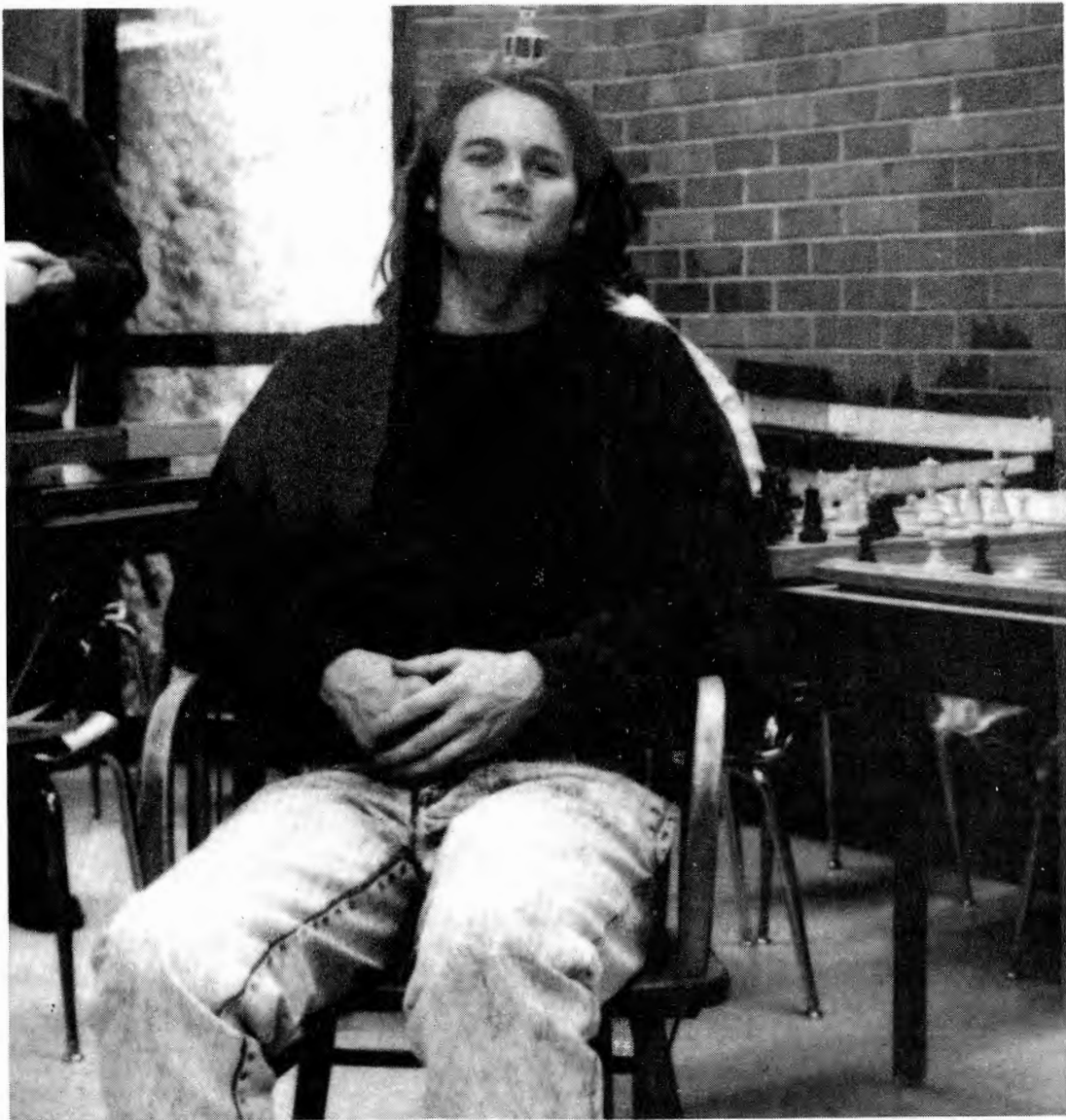


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Editorial Page

Money

The following is a required financial statement from the NWC Business Manager:

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Total Income to 6/1/89	3538.70 (from Journal)
'89 Income Less OCF/WCF	3232.70
5 Month Average	646.54
'89 Exp Pd Less Post Acct	3018.76
5 Month Average	603.75
OCF/WCF Paid	306.00
Cash on Hand 6/1/89	2628.99
Prepaid Postage Acct	188.06
Total Assets	2817.05

Volunteers

Elections were held at the Seattle Chess Club in May. The winners were:

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Free Advertising

The Marysville Fall Thematic (Do the Spanish Torture) will be a Ruy Lopez thematic tournament with Black to move after 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5. Entry fee is \$3.00, and there will be a best game prize of \$10.00 (I think I am supposed to be the judge for that). More details later.

Mistakes

Errors from last month were numerous. Barry Neuhaus failed to receive proper credit with his article on the National Elementary Championship. Mykal Egbert's game from the second round of the Keres was against Mead, and he did win... but with the White pieces. The game we published was against Van De Castille from the sixth round. Some alert readers might have noticed that one of the diagrams was missing two pieces, but how many of you found them again on the front cover?

Editor vs Readers

Game 1

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 e4 c5 3 d4 cxd4 Nxd4 e5 5 Nb5 d5! 6 cxd5 Bc5 7 e3 00 8 N5c3 e4 9 Bc4 Nbd7 10 a4

I think that this is the most flexible choice.

Game 2

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 e4 b5 3 Nc3 b4 4 Nd5 Nxd5 5 cxd5 Bb7 6 Qb3 e6 7 dxe6 dxe6 8 d4

7...dxe6 was a surprise, I expected ...fxe6. 8 d4 looks toward eventual pressure down the weakened c-file while facilitating development. One unusual possibility: 8...c5 9 Ne5 cxd4 10 e3 with some play on the a4-e8 diagonal. Of course, Black is by no means obliged to play ...c5 or ...cxd4.

News Flash!

The 6th World Computer Chess Championship, held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was won by Deep Thought with a perfect 5-0 score. Clear second with 4-1 was Bebe, and finishing in a tie for third through fifth were Hitech, Cray Blitz and Mephisto with 3½-1½. Apparently, the last round game between DT and Hitech caused the crowd of 200 spectators to burst into applause (something which might be frowned upon in a human tournament setting).

Deep Thought also drew an action chess exhibition game with Canadian Champion Kevin Spraggett.

Some of the games from this late May event may appear in future issues of NWC, say in the Computer Chess column.

Ratings

It is our intention to continue to publish USCF rating lists in NWC. However, last month's list was just a bit long. Perhaps we will publish the full area rating list every six months, and just list our subscribers occasionally (2 month intervals?).

Additionally, we are starting up a Sudden Death / Scholastic rating system of our own. It is intended to: 1) allow Action events in which the players can have their results rated without hurting their important USCF ratings; 2) give scholastic event organizers access to a rating system without having to pay outrageous fees (\$.30/game). Any event which warns players in advance that the games will be rated SD/Sch and which occurs after 7/31/89 should submit the crosstables to: Ratings, PO Box 70421, Bellevue, WA 98007. Crosstables sent in ASCII on MS-DOS formatted disks will be rated free. Others (clearly legible) will be free for a while, then reasonable charge when we figure out how much that is. Include USCF ID # if available in crosstable, as much other data (addresses, etc.) as possible (in a separate file on the same disk is good).

The rating system will use the latest in formulas, namely:
(For established ratings)

$$\text{Winning Expectation (WE)} = \frac{1}{10^{\frac{dR}{400}} + 1} \quad \text{and}$$

$$R_n = R_o + K(W - WE).$$

In other words, your new rating is your old rating plus the value of one game times the difference between your score and your expected score.

For provisional ratings (16 games) I have developed a program to calculate performance ratings based on the preceding formula, which doesn't depend on averaging your opponents ratings. This will be much more accurate and fair than the old +/- 400 system.

All we need now are players! Come play in the Crossroads Summer Blitz Championship August 26 to get the new SD/Sch ratings started! There is a good chance that we will eventually separate the various TC's into their own rating lists, too, so Blitz games won't hurt your Action rating!

One more technical datum: those ASCII crosstables I know many of you are just dying to send RIGHT NOW... just use the standard format from this magazine. Use W5 or L17 or D34 to indicate Win, Lose or Draw against player number 5, 17 or 34. End each line with a carriage return. (Totals are OK, but unnecessary. Our program will ignore them.) Put the ID # followed by white space (blank, comma, tab, etc.) then player's name, etc. White space between each column, please. For more information contact the editor (me).

Grants Pass, etc.

The crosstable for the GP tournament is in this issue, next to the only game which I have seen from that weekend. You can find it in the Oregon Report. Southern Oregon tournaments tend to draw better from California than Northern Oregon, let alone Washington, which has led Wray Maxwell and others in the GP/Medford/Ashland area to believe that NWC can't do much for them. In the past, that may have been true!

I consider the Northwest to include Southern Oregon, and maybe even part of California. I will run crosstables from that area (prefer USCF, pre/post ones), but even better would be tournament reports (you know, *stories*) and games from these events. Northwest Chess has been reborn (no religious implications), get on board and we can build the strongest Chess region in the nation!

This message is not intended to exclude anyone (Eastern Washington or Idaho, for example); see the reports from Spokane in this issue.

Get excited!!

Next month, an Oregon Open special.

**Don't forget to enter the contest (June NWC, page 19).
Deadline July 10 postmark. Right now it looks like all you need to do is enter to win!**

1989 Washington Open

May 27 & 28, 1989

Report by Ralph Dubisch

The tournament was held in several small rooms of Loew Hall in the University of Washington. The site was adequate and had the advantage of not costing anything due to an endorsement by the University Chess Club. The tournament was directed by Fred Kleist with Laura Dubisch assisting (her first real tournament). Other than some confusion about the changing time controls, the tournament ran smoothly.

The tournament turned out to be a major success for the organizers (East-West), as the prize fund was planned to break even at 90 entries and 103 showed up. Twenty-one of the players were in the Open section, despite a slightly skimpy prize structure and competition from a major California event. Clear first was the Northwest's newest Senior Master, Ken Tomkins, with 4½-½. He received \$175. Five players finished a full point back: Ralph Dubisch, Paul Eggers, David Roper, Neil Salmon, and Dave Weinstock each earned \$65 for their tie for 2-6. Roger Hanson stole the \$75 under 2100 prize with 3 points, but ½ of those were from a half point bye and a forfeit (no show).

The 43 players in the Premier section went on a merry ride as ratings appeared to mean little. The top two, Gary Edwards (1999) and Dennis Ambler (1998) managed to score only 3 and 1½ points respectively. Going into round 5, the relatively unknown Michael Oshiro was the only perfect score, and he was ½ point ahead of the crowds. He was unable to hold his lead, however, against Randy Kaech. Kaech and S. Somasundaram took \$112.50 each for their 4½-½ scores. Kris Jangord, Mike Oshiro, Steve Reddaway and Mark Wanvig tied for 3-6 plus some under 1800 prizes; each received \$68.75. Also in the Premier, Kevin Murphy earned \$25 for his 4th round upset of Dennis Ambler.

The Amateur section attracted 39 players and was won by the unrated Krishna Natarajan; \$100 for 5 wins. Julian Altschul earned \$75 for second, 4½-½. The difference was Altschul's 3rd round half point bye. With 4-1 scores Stephen Christopher and John Kenny made \$50 each. The under 1400 prize was shared by Joev Dubach and Rudolph Bertschi. They received \$25 each for their 3½-1½ results. Three of the upset prizes were earned in this section, one by Altschul for his 2nd round defeat of Pablo Manzon Jr. and two by Andy Westman who got his first by beating Kenny in round one and his second when Manzon lost again in round 3. Westman won \$50 for his successful wind mill tilting; he scored 3-2.

Washington Open Games

Sicilian, 4...Qb6

Round 2, Open Section

Ken Tomkins - Paul Eggers

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Qb6 5 Nb3 Nf6 6 Nc3 e6 7 Be3 Qc7 8 f4 Bb4 9 Bd3 d6 10 00 Bxc3 11 bxc3 00 12 Qf3 e5 13 f5 b6 14 g4 Ne8 15 g5 Bb7 16 Qh5

16 f6

16...Ne7 17 Rf3

17 f6!

17...g6 18 fxc6

18...Nxc6!?

18...hxc6 19 Qh6 and now 19...Nf5? 20 exf5 Bxf3 21 Rf1! e4 22 fxc6 fxc6 23 Bxe4! Qe7 24 Rxf3! Rxf3 25 Qxc6+ Ng7 26 Bd4 Rf5! 27 Bf6! wins, while 19...Bc8 can be met by the solid 20 Rf1 or the interesting 20 Nd4!?, 20 Ba6!?, or even 20 Rf4!?! (Collins) intending 20...exf4 21 Bd4 with complications.

19 Rh3 f6 20 Bc4+?

Winning a pawn, but giving up the initiative to Black's powerful passed e and f pawns. Better is 20 Rf1.

20...d5 21 exd5 Nd6 22 Bd3 Bc8

22...f5

23 Rg3 f5 24 Rf1 Qg7?!

24...f4! 25 Bxc6 hxc6 26 Qxc6+ Qg7 27 Qxd6 fxc3=, but not 27...Ba6? 28 Bxf4 exf4 (28...Bxf1 29 Bxe5 Qf7 30 Rf3!) 29 Rxf4 winning.

25 Rg2 Bd7 26 e4 f4 27 Bc1 Nf5?

27...e4!

28 c5 Rad8 29 c6 Bc8 30 Bxf5?! Bxf5 31 Ba3 Be4

31...Rxd5!?

32 Rd2 f3

32...Rf5!

33 Bxf8 Rxf8 34 Qg4 Rf4 35 Qe6+ Rf7 36 c7 Ne7 37 Qxe7 Rxe7 38 c8/Q+ Kf7 39 Qg4 Qg6 40 d6 Re8 41 d7 Rd8 42 Rxf3 Bxf3 43 Qxf3+ 1-0

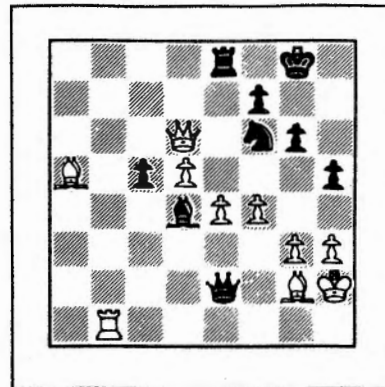
Notes by Ralph Dubisch and Jay Thomas Collins.

Benoni Defense

Round 1, Open Section

David Roper - Ken Tomkins

1 d4 Nf6 2 e4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 a3 c5 5 d5 exd5 6 cxd5 g6 7 Nc3 Bg7 8 g3 d6 9 Bg2 00 10 00 Re8 11 Re1 Ne4 12 Nxe4 Rxe4 13 Rb1 Re8 14 e4 Bg4 15 h3 Bxf3 16 Bxf3 b5 17 Bg2 Nd7 18 f4 Rb8 19 Kh2 b4 20 axb4 Rxb4 21 Bd2 Rxb2 22 Rxb2 Bxb2 23 Qa4 Nf6 24 Qa2 Bd4 25 Qxa7 h5 26 Ba5 Qc8 27 Qc7 Qa6 28 Rb1 Qe2 29 Qxd6



29...h4 30 g4 Qc3 31 Re1 Qg3+ 32 Kh1 Nxc4 33 hxc4 h3 34 Re2 hxc2+ 35 Rxc2 Qh3+ 0-1

French Advance

Round 2, Open Section

Ralph Dubisch - Neil Salmon

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 e3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Qb6 6 dxc5 Bxc5 7 Qc2 Qc7 8 Bf4 g5 9 Nxc5 Nxe5 10 Bb5+ Ke7 11 Bg3 Nf6 12 Qe2 Bd6 13 Nd2 a6 14 Ba4 b5 15 Be2 Bd7 16 Ngf3

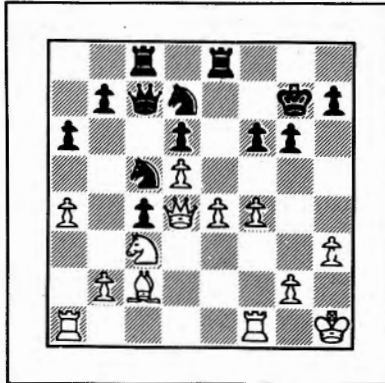
Ng6 17 Bxd6+ Qxd6 18 Nd4 Qe5 19 Qxe5 Nxe5 20 f4 Nc6 21 N2f3 Nxd4 22 Nxd4 Rhg8 23 00 Rab8 24 a3 h6 25 Rae1 Kd6 26 Rf3 a5 27 Rh3 h5 28 Bd1 Rh8 29 Re5 b4 30 axb4 axb4 31 Bxh5 bxc3 32 bxc3 Nc4 33 Rxc4 dxc4 34 g4 Rb2 35 Re3 f5 36 h3 Ra8 37 Re2 Raa2 38 Rxb2 Rxb2 39 gxh5 exf5 40 Bg6 e3 41 Bxf5 Ra2 42 Bxd7 Kxd7 43 Kf1 Rh2 44 Nf5 Rf2+ 45 Ke1 Rxf4 46 Nxe3 Rf3 47 Ke2 Rxb3 48 Kd3 Kc6 49 Kd4 Rh4+ 50 Kd3 Kc5 51 Nf5 Rh3+ 52 Ne3 Rg3 ½-½

Benoni Defense

Round 3, Open Section
Neil Salmon - Derek Edwards

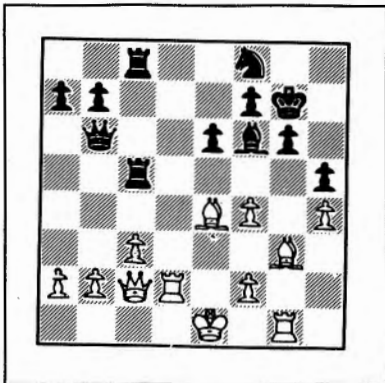
1 d4 Nf6 2 e4 c5 3 d5 a6 4 a4 e6 5 Nc3 exd5 6 cxd5 d6 7 e4 g6 8 f4 Bg7 9 Nf3 00 10 Bd3 Re8 11 00 Bg4 12 h3 Bxf3 13 Qxf3 Nbd7 14 Kh1 Qc7 15 Be3 c4 16 Bc2 Nc5 17 Bd4 Nfd7 18 Bxg7 Kxg7 19 Qf2 f6 20 Qd4 Rac8

21 Qxc4 Nxe4 22 Qxc7 Ng3+ 23 Kg1 Rxc7 24 Rf2 Nc5 25 Kh2 Ncc4 26 Bxe4 Nxe4 27 Re2 f5 28 Rae1 Rc4 29 g4 Kf7 30 Nxe4 Rxe4 31 b3 Rxe2+ 32 Rxe2 Rxf4 33 gxf5 Rxf5 34 Rc2 Re5 35 Rc8 Re2+ 36 Kg1 h5 37 Rd8 Ke7 38 Rb8 b5 39 axb5 axb5 40 Rxb5 Kf6 41 Rb8 Rd2 42 Rf8+ Kg5 43 Rf3 Rxd5 44 b4 Rb5 45 Rg3+ Kf5 46 Rb3 Ke4 47 Kf2 Kd4 48 h4 Rf5+ 49 Ke2 Kc4 50 Rb1 Kb5 51 Ke3 g5 52 hxg5 Rxc5 53 Rd1 d5 54 Kf4 Rg4 55 Ke5 h4 56 Rxd5+ Kxb4 57 Rd3 1/2-1/2



Irregular Queen Pawn
Round 3, Open Section
Gerry Neufahrt - Ralph Dubisch

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 3 e3 Qb6 4 Nc3 d6 5 Rb1 g6 6 Nf3 Bg7 7 Bd3 00 8 Qd2 Bg4 9 dxc5 Qxc5 10 Ne4 Qb6 11 Nxf6+ Bxf6 12 h3 Bxf3 13 gxf3 Rc8 14 c3 Nd7 15 h4 h5 16 Qc2 Kg7 17 Rg1 Nf8 18 Bg3 Rc5 19 f4 e6 20 Rd1 Rac8 21 Be4 d5 22 Bd3 d4 23 exd4 Bxd4 24 Be4 Bf6 25 Rd2?



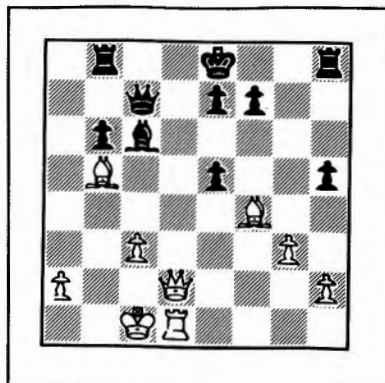
25...Bxc3! 26 bxc3 Rxc3 27 Qa4 R8c4 28 Qe8 Rc1+ 29 Re2 Rxc1 30 Bd3 Rcc1 31 f5 Rcc1+ 32 Kf3 Qd4 33 Qb5 Qg4++ 0-1

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon
Round 4, Open Section
Allen Reiter - Dave Weinstock

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 e4 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Nc3 Ng4 8 Qxg4 Nxd4 9 000

h5 10 Qg5 Ne6 11 Qd5 Bxc3 12 bxc3 Qc7 13 g3 Rb8 14 f4 b5 15 f5 Bb7 16 Qd2 gxf5 17 exf5 Bxh1 18 fxe6 dxe6 19 cxb5 Bf3 20 b6 axb6 21 Bb5+ Bc6 22 Bf4 e5

23 Bxc6+ Qxc6 24 Bxe5 00 25 Bxb8 Rxb8 26 Qg5+ Kf8 27 Qe5 Qh6+ 28 Kb2 Re8 29 h4 Qg7 30 Rd5 f6 31 Qe3 Qg6 32 Qf3 Qg4 33 Qxg4 hxg4 34 Rd4 f5 35 Rf4 e6 36 Rb4 Kf7 37 Rxb6 f4 38 gxf4 g3 39 Kc2 Ra8 40 Kd3 Rxa2 41 Rb5 Rf2 42 Ke4 Rc2 43 Rc5 g2 44 Rg5 Rxc3 45 h5 Rc5 1/2-1/2



Latvian Gambit
Round 3, Premier Section
Randy Kaech - Kristen Dietsch

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 3 exf5 e4 4 Ne5 Nf6 5 Be2 Be7 6 Bh5+ Kf8 7 Be2

7 Nf7 Qe8 8 Nxh8 Qxh5= is a book line.

7...d6 8 Nc4 Bxf5 9 00 d5 10 Ne3 Bg6 11 d4 Kf7?

...h6, ...Kg8-h7.

12 c4 c6 13 Nc3 Qd7 14 cxd5 cxd5 15 Nexd5 Rd8 16 Bc4 Ke8 17 Bf4 Bd6 18 Bg5 Qf5 19 Bxf6 gxf6 20 Nxe4 Be7 21 Nc7+ Kd7 22 Be6+ 1-0

(notes by Dietsch)

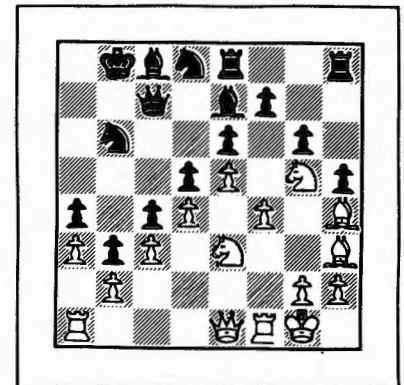
Ruy Lopez, Anti-Marshall
Round 4, Premier Section
Michael Oshiro - Kerry Milligan

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 00 b5 6 Bb3 Be7 7 Re1 00 8 a4 b4 9 d3 d6 10 h3 Bd7 11 Nbd2 Na5 12 Ba2 c5 13 c3 Ra7 14 cxb4 cxb4 15 Nc4 Bc6 16 Be3 Rb7 17 Rc1 Nxc4 18 Bxc4 Qd7 19 Bxa6 Rb8 20 b3 Rfe8 21 Be4 Bf8 22 Bg5 d5 23 Bxf6 dxc4 24 Bxe5 c3 25 Bxb8 Rxb8 26 Ne5 Qd6 27 Nxc6 Qxc6 28 d4 g6 29 d5 Qc5 30 e5 Bh6 31 Rc2 Rd8 32 d6 Bf4 33 Rce2 Qc8 34 Qd4 Bh6 35 e6 fxe6 36 Rxe6 c2 37 Qd5 c1/Q 38 Re8+ Kg7 39 Qe5+ Kf7 40 Qe7++ 1-0

French Defense
Round 1, Amateur Section
John Kenny - Andy Westman

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Be3 a6 8 Be2 c4 9 00 b5 10 Qe1 Bb7 11 Nd1 Nb6 12 c3 Qc7 13 Ng5 a5 14 Bh5 g6 15 Bg4 h5 16 Bh3 b4 17 Nf3 a4 18 Bd2 b3 19 a3 000 20 Ng5 Re8 21 Be3 Nd8 22 Bf2 Be7 23 Bh4 Kb8 24 Ne3 Bc8

25 g4? hxg4 26 Bxg4 f5 27 exf6 Bxf6 28 Bg3 Ka8 29 Bf3 Bxg5 30 fxg5 Qe7 31 Nxd5? Nxd5 32 Qe5 Nc6 33 Bxd5 exd5 34 Qxd5 Qe4 35 Qxc4 Bb7 36 Rae1 Na5 37 Rxe4 Nxc4 38 Rxe8+ Rxe8 39 Rf2 Re1+ 40 Rf1 Re2 41 Rf8+ Ka7 42 Bb8+ Ka6 43 Rf6+ Kb5 44 Rxc6 Ne3 0-1



Sicilian Defense
Round 4, Amateur Section
Ryan Craig - Stephen Christopher

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 e6 7 00 Be7 8 Be3 b5 9 Nb3 Bb7 10 f3 00 11 a3 Qc7 12 Qd2 Rd8 13 Bd3 Nbd7 14 f4 Nb6 15 Rae1 Nc4 16 Qc1 Nxa3 17 Nd2 Nc4 18 Nf3 Nxe3 19 Rxe3 d5 20 Re1 Bc5+ 21 Kh1 Ng4 22 Nd1 dxe4 23 Bxe4 Bxe4 24 Rxe4 Rxd1 25 Qxd1 Nf2+ 26 Rxf2 Bxf2 27 Qe2 Bc5 28 f5 exf5 29 Re8 Rxe8 30 Qxe8 Bf8 31 Ng5 Qe7 32 Qxe7 Bxc7 33 Nf3 Bf6 34 b3 Kf8 (Faster is 34...a5 and 35...a4.) 35 Kg1 Ke7 36 Kf2 Kd6 37 Ke3 Kc5 38 Kd3 g5 39 h3 g4 40 hxg4 fxg4 41 Nd2 Be7 42 c3 f5 43 b4+ Kd5 44 Nb3 f4 45 Nd2 h5 46 Nf1 Bg5 47 g3 fxg3 48 Nxc3 h4 49 Ne4 Be7 50 Nf2 g3 51 Nh3 Ke5 52 Ke3 Bf6 0-1

Sicilian, Dragon
Round 5, Amateur Section
Krishna Natarajan - Warren Gehring

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Be4 00 8 f3 Qa5 9 Bb3 d6 10 Qd2 Nxd4 11 Bxd4 Bd7 12 000 b5 13 g4 b4 14 Nd5 Nxd5 15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 Bxd5 Rab8 17 h4 Rfc8 18 h5 Qc7 19 hxg6 hxg6 20 Qh6+ Kf6 21 g5+ Ke5 22 Qh2++ 1-0

For more games from this event, see the games pages in this and possibly next month's NWC.

SLASH & TRASH!

by Dick Phillips

Welcome to Slash & Trash, a column devoted to interesting chess. Over the next few months we will show you games that exhibit the S&T philosophy and will give you some hints on how to become a successful Slash & Trash player yourself.

First, a few words about S&T chessplayers. Our highest idol is Emanuel Lasker, World Chess Champion for 27 years. He is revered because he said, "By some ardent enthusiasts, chess has been elevated into a science or an art. It is neither: but its principle characteristic seems to be -- what human nature mostly delights in -- a fight."

Other major idols include Adolph Anderssen, Paul Morphy, Frank Marshall, Alexander Alekhine and Mikhail. The acknowledged leader of the Slash & Trash philosophy in the northwest at this time is Karl Schoffstoll.

For our first S&T game I would like to present a recent game of my own which was played in an action chess tournament at the Seattle chess club. The game is a classic in that it opens with 1 P-K4, takes the opponent out of his prepared defense, offers a gambit pawn, contains several tactical "cheapos" and ends quickly. I will give you two other surprizing facts after the game.

1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 e5!

Out of the Sicilian and into the French. Murray Chandler, author of Sicilian 2 c3, says, "e5 transposes to an Advance French -- a good psychological ploy against an opponent who usually plays the Sicilian."

3...e6 4 d4 Nc6 5 Nf3 cd 6 cd Qb6 7 Bd3

Offering the opponent the opportunity to fall into the famous Milner-Barry trap 7...Nxd4 8 Nxd4 Qxd4 9 Bb5+ and wins the Queen.

7...Bb4+ 8 Nc3 Ne7 9 O-O Bd7 10 Be3 Ng6 11 Na4 Qd8 12 Racl Be7 13 Nc5 b6 14 Nxd7 Kxd7?

Avoiding the pin but ending all hopes of castling.

15 Bb5 Rac8 16 Qa4 Qc7 17 Bxc6+ Kd8 18 Be8!

If ...Qxcl, then Qd7+ +.

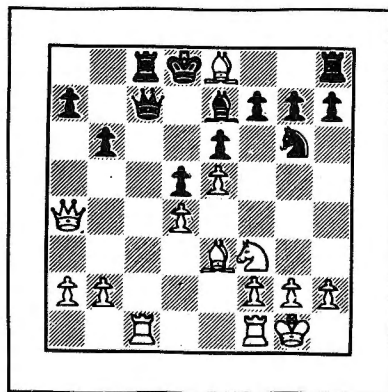
18...Rxe8 19 Rxc7 Kxc7 20 Qxa7+ Kd8 21 Qxb6+ Kd7 22 Qb5+ Kd8 23 Bd2 1-0

In view of Ba5+, being in zugzwang, etc.

Surprizing fact Number 1: My opponent was a solid positional player with a 1900+ rating.

Surprizing fact number 2: My side of the game required only 14 minutes.

If you've played a good Slash & Trash game recently, send a copy of it to me in care of the magazine. Maybe it'll be the start of a renaissance in Northwest chess! So Marv Hayami, Karl Schoffstoll, Ernst Rasmussen, Bob Karch, Casey Bush, Frank Oslick, Dave Bogdon, and you other S&Ters I don't know, let me hear from you. You know, if everyone played Slash & Trash we wouldn't hear anymore about the need for "Action" chess.



COMPUTER CHESS

THEORY AND PRACTICE

by Raleigh Bellas

Well, hello. I'm back. I hope this month was a good one for all of you out there.

In today's practice section we are going to look at two games. I want to show you a game from ChessMaster 2100 and a game between Deep Thought and FM David Glikman.

The ChessMaster 2100 game is one that was played by Ralph Dubisch with his "I have no respect for computer chess programs" attitude. As you will see the current crop of commercial chess programs are usefull only for players up to about 2000 strength. (Notice I said computer chess programs, not chess machines. I also feel that the chess machines are a bit stronger than the programs). Oh Well now off to the games!

Chessmaster was in the 'Coffehouse' mode. The game was played at a time control of 40 in 10 minutes.

Ralph Dubisch - ChessMaster 2100

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Qf6?! 3 Nc3 c6 4 d4 exd4 5 Bg5 Qg6 6 Qxd4 (I think white got the best out of this opening) d5 7 exd5 Qxc2 8 Bd3 Qxb2 9 00 Be7 10 Rab1 Qa3 11 d6 c5 12 Qe3 Nc6 13 Nb5 Qxa2 14 dxe7 Nfxe7 15 Nc7+ Kf8 16 Re1 Be6 17 Bxe7 Nxe7 18 Nxa8 h6 19 Qc5 c6 20 Qc7 Qd5 21 Qb8+ Bc8 22 Nc7 Qxd3 23 Qxc8+! Nxc8 24 Re8++ 1-0

This was an amusing little game; it shows some of the weaknesses that chess programs have. Playing on a fast time control the program can not look into the position to a great depth. So if you are good at tactics then you can out play a program this way, as Ralph demonstrated.

Otherwise you must keep alive on the tactical level while keeping the program in a game where it has no idea of what the demands of the position are, and try to displace its pieces to get an advantage that can lead to manageable tactics for you. To sum up: If you are not good at tactics play with a long range strategic idea and keep the complications minimal. (i.e. have a plan.)

ChessMaster 2100 is a good practice partner for the person with a rating between 1300 - 2000.

After looking at ChessMaster 2100 games it is a bit novel to watch Deep Thought pounce on unsuspecting titled players. Here we see FM David Glikman get outplayed by Deep Thought; at move 30 Deep Thought announced mate in 19!

Software Toolworks Championship Deep Thought - FM David Glikman

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 Ne7 5 Bd2 c5 6 Nb5 Bxd2+ 7 Qxd2 Nf5 8 dxc5 a6 9 Nd6+ Nxd6 10 cxd6 Nc6 11 f4 f6 12 Nf3 00 13 Be2 fxe5 14 fxe5 Rf5 15 Qc3 d4 16 Qd2 Nxe5 17 Nxd4 Qh4+ 18 g3 Qe4 19 000 Rf2 20 Rhe1 Bd7 21 Qc3 Rc8 22 Bc4 Qg2 23 Rxe5 b5 24 Bxe6+ Bxe6 25 Re5 Rxc5 26 Qxc5 Bg4 27 Qe6 Rf1 28 Qe8+ Rf8 29 d7 Qd5 30 Rf1 and soon 1-0

Of course it is hard to believe that it takes 19 moves!

Deep Thought scored 3.5 - 1.5 against IMs and GMs in this event.

So here we see what a state of the art program running on a custom computer can do to some of the best players around. In case you have been under a rock for the last six months, Deep Thought beat Bent Larsen in the third round.

Northwest Invitational

report compiled by Laura Dubisch

The second Northwest Invitational tournament was held in May 1989 in Vancouver BC. If you cannot remember the first NW Invitational being held it is not too surprising. The first one was held 24 years ago in Portland, Oregon. Henry Chiu, who, along with J. Crowhurst, co-directed this year, was kind enough to send us the following story from the February 1966 Northwest Chess magazine. {Our records certainly don't go back that far! - RED}

MACSKASY THE CHAMPION

Elod Macskasy of Vancouver B.C. edged out Ivars Dalbers of Portland by a narrow half-point to take first place in a very interesting and hard-fought tourney. Macskasy, with 3½ and Dalbers with 3 points pulled away from the rest of the field in the last two rounds. Andy Schoene of Seattle was 3rd with 2½, and grouped 4th to 6th with 2-3 were Pupols, Elmars Zemgalis, and James McCormick of Seattle.

The tournament produced some interesting and hard fought games. Considering the narrow point spread between first and last place (1½ Pts.), it can be seen that no player was out classed. The usual factors of time-pressure and luck played their part in deciding the outcome. For instance, this reporter fully expected Dalbergs to win easily because of his great steadiness and tenacity - invaluable traits for a tournament player - but in the 2nd round against Schoene, he was a pawn ahead in a good position when he inexplicably went in for a continuation which lost material and eventually the end-game. Although Dalbergs defeated the tourney winner in the next game, Macskasy was able to fight off tension, time pressure, tournament players, indigestion, and fatigue to win through.

The tournament was one of the most successful ever held in Portland, from the standpoint of interest and publicity. It did not earn a profit for the sponsoring organization, as some Portland tournaments do, but was well worth the work put into it because it did its part to raise the calibre of play and organization in Oregon. Several T.V. stations featured news and scenes from the tournament room and one broadcaster even gave the low-down on the McCormick - Pupols feud. (They were feuding in the cellar in this one!)

The OCC would like to thank Portland's Hilton for furnishing a playing room for the event. It was comfortable, quiet, and ideally situated for the tourney.

1st prize was a beautiful silver cup and \$75.00. Second place was \$40.00. J. Schrader donated the last place prize to dirty Jim; a fine bottle of Lisa Lane bubble bath!! Also all the players in the tournament were awarded free entries in the Portland State College Open (Feb. 5-6), and in the Rose Festival Open Tournament (June 11-12).

Miscellanea-- Vic Pupols suffered from curtailed endurance and great fatigue in this tourney; his last rd. game vs. Macskasy was very promising for him but he was just too tired to see through the complications before and after time control...McCormick arrived at the tourney room crying, "The Hilton! The Hilton! At last I have arrived!"...A large demonstration board was hastily constructed and set up on the street level of the hotel where passers-by could see it. (Like in Russia!? Ed) It was a thundering rain out and nobody walked by...If that bubble bath is any good, the next time you see Dirty Jim he should have clean ears...A young shabby, barefooted lesbian came up to the tiny rm. door, peeped in like a shy mouse, and then quickly darted back to the elevator...a very glamorous young woman was talking down one (sorry-taking, ed) of Schoene's games as it was being played. He just ignored her...Macskasy expressed hope that these tournaments could in fact be held every two years and that the next one could be in Vancouver...Suttles shoulda come to Portland; N.Y. has such hostile chessplayers...Elmars Zemgalis turned out to be a very personable and genial man--away from the board!!! Thanks to C. Harmon, D. Jonquin, D. Moore, Lew Richardson, C. Kelleher and others. Story and tournament by Greg Kern.

Obviously, Dr. Macskasy didn't get his wish that the tournament be held every two years, but it was finally held in Vancouver, and he made history by becoming the only person to play in both. Unfortunately, his results weren't as good the second time.

Another difference between this year's tournament, and the one in 1965 was the spread between the scores. Leon Piasetski took first with a strong 7½-1½. He only lost one game, to Ken Tomkins. He drew his game with Tom

O'Donnell, who won second with a score of 7-2. Juri Vetemaa finished third a full point behind O'Donnell. Apparently the Canadians have figured out how to draw with him, if not beat him. The two players from the USA step laddered down the score list; Ken Tomkins with 5½-3½ and Clark Harmon with 5-4. They were followed closely by Nigel Fullbrook 4½-4½, Gary Basanta 4-5, Lionel Joyner 3-6, and Elod Macskasy 2½-6½. Paul Brown seemed to be having a long bad day. His score was a disappointing 0-9.

Although Macskasy didn't do as well as he did 24 years ago, he did play some interesting games, as is seen in the first of the following two games which were annotated by Clark Harmon.

Round 3 - 05/07/89

RAT Defense

Clark Harmon - Elod Macskasy

1 d4 g6 2 e4 Bg7 3 g3 d5!?

More usual would be 3...d6 continuing as a Pirc or Modern Defence. 3...d5!? takes the game into uncharted waters.

4 e5 h5 5 h4 Bg4 6 Qd3

Hoping to exploit the absence of Black's QB. 6 f3 would gain time in White's Kingside deployment and is better.

6...Qd7 7 Nc3 c6 8 Bg2 Na6 9 a3

White has let Black get ahead in development.

9...Nc7 10 Be3 Nh6 11 Qd2 Be6 12 Nh3 Nf5 13 Bf4 Nh6 14 f3 Bf5 15 Nf2 Ne6

Black has simply outplayed White and now threatens c5, opening the game to Black's advantage.

16 Bxh6

I felt giving up my bad Bishop and blocking the position was my only hope.

16...Bxh6 17 f4 Nc7

Slow. 17...f6 18 exf6 exf6 followed by Q-side castling and ...g5 gives Black a good game.

18 00 e6 19 b4 Bf8 20 Rfb1 b6 21 Bf1

Not so good. After surviving the last several moves I became optimistic! Better is Ncd1 e3 followed by c3 setting up a defensive position.

21...Be7 22 Nfd1 00 23 Ne3 Rfb8 24 a4

I misjudged that the opening of the position would be in Black's favor.

24...a5 25 b5 c5 26 Nxf5 exf5 27 dxc5 Bxc5+ 28 Kh2 Rd8 29 Rd1 Bb4 30 Qd3 Rac8 31 Na2 Qe7 32 Qb3

32 Bg2 was indicated

32...Ne6 33 Bg2 Nc5 34 Qf3 Nxa4

Much too risky. Simply 34...Ne4

35 Rxd5 Rxd5 36 Qxd5 Nc3 37 Nxc3 Rxc3

A blunder which allows the following King hunt. 37...Bxc3 38 Rd1 followed by Qb3 gives White good attacking chances on the a2-g8 diagonal.

38 Qa8+ Kg7 39 Rd1

39 Rd1! makes 38 Qa8 more than a spite check. It's over now.

39...f6 40 Rd8 fxe5 41 Rg8+ Kf6 42 Re8 Qd7 43 fxe5+ Kg7 44 Rg8+ 1-0

Round 4 - 05/09/89

Benko Gambit

Clark Harmon - Gary Basanta

1 d4 c5 2 d5 Nf6 3 c4 b5 4 cb5

I took a long time selecting this move and going into the main lines of the Benko. In the past my results have been bad against the Benko.

4...a6 5 bxa6 Bxa6 6 Nc3 g6 7 e4 Bxf1 8 Kxf1 d6 9 h3

I had prepared this line in the early 70's and promptly got killed with it at Lone Pine 1973. Last time I played it I had to swindle a B player around move 50 to win. As I said before, my results have been bad. But Gary is a young player and maybe he doesn't know the old lines. Besides I've gotten better!

9...Bg7 10 Nf3 00 11 Kg1 Na6 12 Kh2

Just out for my evening walk! All in the book so far.

12...Nb4?

Not in the book and not good.

13 Be3 e6 14 a3

Proves 12...Nb4 to be wrong.

14...Na6 15 Qd2

And not 15 dxe6 which opens the position in Black's favor.

15...exd5 16 exd5 Re8 17 Bh6

Even if Black wasn't a pawn down White would be favored.

17...Bxh6?

Against normal piece play. 17...Bh8 was expected.

18 Qxh6 Rb8 19 Rab1 Nc7 20 Rhd1

White should bring his Queen to d2 now.

20...Nb5 21 Qd2

If the Queen was on this square then 21...Rhe1 would be good.

21...Nxc3 22 bxc3 Ne4

A very good square for the Knight.

23 Rxb8 Qxb8 24 Qc2 h6

Better is 24...Qa7.

25 c4 Qa7 26 Rd3

White has consolidated his position and the rest should be easy.

26...Qd7 27 Re3 f5 28 Qe2 Rb8 29 Ne1 Qg7 30 Nd3 g5 31 f3 Ng3?

Makes the end quicker.

32 Re8 Rxe8 33 Qxe8+ Kh7 34 Kxg3 f4+ 35 Kh2 Qc3 36 Qe4+ Kg8 37 Qg6+ Kf8 38 Qxd6+ Kf7 39 Ne5+ 1-0

Black lost on time.

Canadian Master Jonathan Berry has graciously allowed us to print a few of the games which he has annotated for this event. He makes this comment

as prelude to his annotations:

Note to the reader: These notes to the games of rounds 1 and 2 are made in a hurry. If you find errors, that's normal, but at least this time I have an excuse.

Round 1 - 05/06/89

Sicilian, Sozin Defense

Nigel Fullbrook - Ken Tomkins

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 Be7 8 Qe2 a6 9 000 Qc7 10 Bb3 Nxd4 11 Rxd4 b5 12 f3 Nd7 13 Kb1 Rb8 14 Rd2 00 15 f4 Nc5 16 Bd4 b4 17 Nd1 a5 18 e5 d5

Black gained a big positional advantage from the opening, as White's pieces, though centralized, do little.

19 Ne3 Ba6 20 Qh5 Ne4 21 Rdd1 Rfd8 22 Rhe1 g6

It's nice to win the Exchange, but I'd go for bigger game with 22...Bb5, threatening a4.

23 Qh3 Bc8

If 23...Nf2 24 Nxd5.

24 Ng4 h5 25 Ne3 Nf2 26 Qf3 Nxd1 27 Rxd1 Qc6

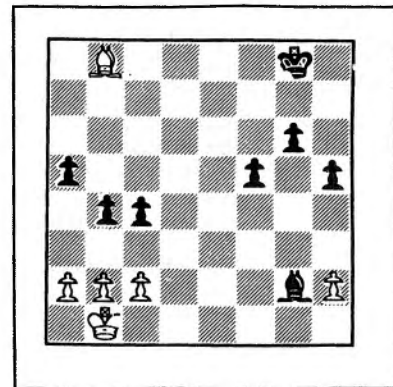
It's not easy to convert the material advantage, because the position is blocked. Again, I would prefer 27...Bd7 and if 28 bxd5? exd5 29 Nxd5 Bg4 30 Nxc7 Bxf3 31 gxf3 Rd7! 32 Na6 Ra8 -+

28 Be4 Bc5 29 f5 exf5 30 Nxd5 Bb7 31 e6 fxe6 32 Qg3 exd5 33 Bxc5 dxc4 34 Rd6 Rxd6?

{34...Qxg2! 35 Rxg6+ Kh7 36 Rg7+ Kh8 -+}

35 Bxd6 Qxg2 36 Qxg2 Bxg2 37 Bxb8

White has made heroic efforts, especially the base peeler 31 e6. Black is two Ps up, but opposite-colour B endings have laws of their own. *Basic Chess Endings* says that the key to winning such positions is to have threats on both sides of the board. Usually, a winning advantage is to have passed Ps separated by two or more files. Here, Black's potential passed Ps are connected, but there are plenty of Ps left.



37...a4 38 Bf4

Is 38 h4 safer?

38...Be4

This strikes me as a waste of time. After 38...Kf7 39 Kc1 Ke6 40 Kd2 Kd5 41 Ke3 loses at once to Be4 42 c3 a3! 43 bxa3 bxc3 and Black has the requisite passed Ps two files apart. On the other hand, if White allows Black's K into e4 and f3, Black can afford to give up one or even two Ps on the Q-side to get the P/f5 rolling.

39 Kc1 Kf7 40 c3 bxc3 41 bxc3 a3 42 h4 Ke6 43 Kd1 Bd3 44 Ke1 Kd5 45 Kf2 Ke4 46 Bc1 f4 47 Bxa3 g5

If 47...Bb1 48 Be7 prevents Black from ever gaining a second passed P.

48 hxg5 Kf5 49 Be7 Be4 50 a4 Kg4 51 Kg1 Kg3 52 a5 h4 53 Bc5 h3 54 Bf2+ Kg4 55 Kh2 Kxg5 56 Kxh3 Bb7 57 Kh2 Kg4 58 Kg1 Kf3 59 Kf1 1/2-1/2

A good recovery by Fullbrook, showing his two outstanding characteristics:

a willingness to sacrifice material and a subtle understanding of the endgame. Tomkins, after gaining the advantage in the opening, played well enough to defeat most of us.

Round 2 - 05/07/89
English Opening
Ken Tomkins - Paul Brown

1 c4 e6 2 g3 d5 3 Bg2 c6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 00 Bd6 6 b3 00 7 Bb2 Nbd7 8 d3 e5 9 cxd5 cxd5 10 Nc3 a6 11 Rc1 b5 12 Nh4 Nb6 13 e4 d4 14 Ne2 g6 15 h3 Ne8 16 Qe1 Ra7 17 f4 f6 18 Qa5 Bc7 19 Qd2 Bd6 20 Rf2 Raf7 21 Nf3 b4 22 g4 a5 23 Rcf1 exf4

Am I missing something? This gives up the centre. Black could play Na8, intending Nc7-b5-c3, if he wants something constructive to do.

24 Nxf4 Ng7 25 Bxd4 Bxf4 26 Qxf4 Ne6 27 Qe3 Nxd4 28 Nxd4 Rd7

Loses at least another P. Admittedly, the tesugi (see article in Inside Chess #9 by Gordon Taylor) 28...Bd7 is not attractive. Black's N is curiously ineffective.

29 Nc6 Rxd3 30 Qc5 1-0

Round 2 - 05/07/89
Caro-Kann Defense
Tom O'Donnell - Clark Harmon

1 e4 c6

One of Tom O'Donnell's main strengths as a chess player is steadiness.

As a young player, he adopted all sorts of blocked and weird openings, with results that did not live up to his evident talent. When he changed his approach to the openings, his results improved dramatically.

When choosing an opening, one tries to choose an opening that does not fit the opponent's strengths. The Caro-Kann is a calm, steady opening. I have seen Tom win nice games against it. As an erratic player myself, I would not choose the Caro against Tom.

2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Bf5 5 Ng3 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 Nf3 Nd7 8 h5 Bh7 9 Bd3 Bxd3 10 Qxd3 Qc7 11 Bd2 e6 12 000 Ngf6 13 Ne4 Nxe4 14 Qxe4 000 15 g3 Nf6 16 Qe2 Rd5 17 Bf4 Bd6 18 Ne5 Nd7

This is called a Novelty in Informant 46, game 188

19 c4

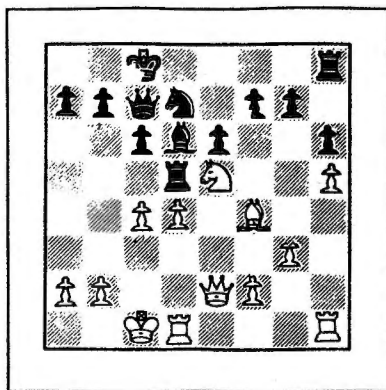
New ground for readers of Informant, which cites Copie-Vinagre, corr 1985/88, continuing 19 Rhe1 Rd8 20 c4! Ra5 21 Kb1 Nxe5 22 dxe5 Bb4 and White eventually reached a winning position.

19...Ra5 20 Kb1 Nxe5 21 c5!

I assume this is home preparation. Black could now choose 21...Bxc5 but after 22 Bxc5 Bd6 23 Bxg7 he has an unhappy choice between 23...Rh7 24 Bf6 entombing the R/h7, or losing the P/h6.

21...Nc4 22 cxd6 Nxd6 23 Qg4!

A critical position. If 23...Rg8 24 Bxh6 Qb6 Black gains counterplay through ...Nc4 or ...Rb5. Also interesting is 23...Rh7, which retains the P, even though the R/h7 is way out of play. Black could free the N with ...Qd7, then Nf5 and Rh8.



23...f5 24 Qg6 Qd7

On 24...Rd5 25 Rhe1 is uncomfortable.

25 Bxd6 Qxd6 26 Qxg7 Rd8

Black goes all out for the counter attack. After 26...Qf8 27 Qg6 Qe8 28 Qf6 Rd5, Black's position is uncomfortable, but he may be able to save it.

27 Qxh6 Qd5 28 b3 Qe4+ 29 Kb2 Rdd5 30 Qd2 f4 31 g4 Rdb5 32 h6 Qh7 33 Qd3 Qh8 34 h7 Rg5 35 Qd2 Rgd5 36 Qxf4 c5 37 Kb1 cxd4 38 Rc1+ Kd8 39 Qb8+ 1-0

NW Invitational

A Tomkins' Eye View by Ken Tomkins

In 1965, the year I was born, the first Northwest Invitational was held. Elod "the doctor" Macskasy was the winner. They waited 24 years to hold the second one, and this time I was there. Leon Piasetski, an International Master from Vancouver, won the tournament with an impressive 7½ - 1½. Tom O'Donnell was the only undefeated player. O'Donnell was in the lead early on, but that changed in round seven when he could only draw with me, while Piasetski pulled even with him by beating Clark Harmon. The fight was on until the last round when Piasetski finally pulled ahead by beating Nigel "Maddog" Fullbrook, while O'Donnell drew with Juri Vetemaa. Both Vetemaa and I were knocked from contention by drawing too many games.

Here is my game against the winner, IM Leon Piasetski:

IM Leon Piasetski - Ken Tomkins

1 c4 e5 2 g3 c5

An over the board experiment.

3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Bg2 g6 5 a3! Bg7?!

5...a5!

6 b4! cxb4 7 axb4 Nge7 8 b5 Nd4 9 Ba3 00 10 e3 Ne6 11 Nge2

If 11 Ne4!? f5! 12 Nd6 e4 with counterplay for black.

11...f5 12 f4

This move creates a weakness for white

12...Re8

Attacking white's weak e3 square.

13 fxe5 Bxe5 14 00 d6 15 d4

White has had the better game out of the starting blocks, but black has some counterplay, such as Whites e3 square.

15...Bg7 16 Qd3 Kh8! 17 Ra2 Ng8! 18 Bb4 Nf6 19 Rfa1 a6 20 bxa6 Rxa6 21 Nb5 Ne4 22 Nec3 Nxc3 23 Qxc3 Ne5 24 Kf1?

Leon's 24 Rxa6 bxa6 25 Nxd6! would have lead to a better game for white, He saw a ghost about seven moves into the analysis as he was in a little time pressure

24...g5 25 Rxa6 bxa6 26 Nxd6

Now this doesn't work well.

26...Qxd6 27 Ra5 Qh6 28 Bxc5 Qxh2 29 Bd6 h6!! 30 Qa3?

30 Be5! was forced.

30...f4 31 exf4 Bh3 0-1 - mate is soon coming.

Catalan Tales

Thematic book reviews

by Keith Yamanaka

The Catalan System has received renewed attention, bolstered by its use by the three K's. It is a solid system. White establishes his center with d4 and c4, then fianchettoes his king bishop rather than attacking Black's kingside with Bd3 or Bc4. Still, White maintains the look and feel of a Queen's Gambit, with possible transpositions to or from the Slav and Semi-Slav defenses.

There are four recent books on the Catalan. In this review I am interested in how efficiently a book communicates an opening to a player new to that opening. Experts and Masters can fend for themselves through *Informants* or the *Encyclopedia of Chess Openings*. I'm hoping that amateur-class players are too busy practicing analysis, studying strategy and learning endgames to have much time left for detailed opening analysis.

There are three ways to present chess openings: (1) Game scores presented in full, (2) Themes and concepts presented verbally, and (3) Column after column of pure theory. Of these, the first is the most effective way to learn an opening. (This opinion was offered twice to the Seattle Chess Club in separate lectures by Nikolay Minev and Bill McGeary.) Additionally, I like verbal descriptions of what's going on and why. In English. (I never did understand all those *Informant* symbols.) The pure theory I leave to the professionals.

Best Bet:

Play the Catalan, Volume 1 - Open Variation

Author: Y. Neishtadt
Publisher: Pergamon Press, Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, New York 10523
244 pages, 272 diagrams, published 1987
List price: \$21.00

This book is composed of 214 pages of analysis, six illustrative games, and an appendix of recent developments. It covers only the open Catalan 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Nf3 dc, which is characterized by Black's fourth-move capture. Much of what is said here applies to Neishtadt's second volume, reviewed below. My reasons for recommending Neishtadt's book are its informative text, complete coverage, and HAVING any games at all.

The analysis is thorough, bordering on dense. There is no sign of alpha-beta pruning here. (Alpha-beta pruning is a computer chess term: In a given line, if both White and Black had better alternatives, then this line need not be analyzed.) This surplus of material is not a bad thing - but when you're five levels deep after only 9 moves (variation 8.21121 starts 9 b3) you know you've got you're work cut out.

Neishtadt's text is the main reason I recommend this book. It is consistently instructive. Whether he is pointing out strategic themes or tactical shots, Neishtadt highlights the key elements rather than monotonous line recitals. Here is Neishtadt's introduction to the queen check line (after 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 dc 5 Qa4+):

"After the check at a4 White will take the c4 pawn with his queen, or in some variations with his knight (Nb1-d2xc4). Black has three available plans: 5...Nbd7 (Chapters 1 and 2), 5...Bd7 followed by ...Nbd7 and ...e5, which is considered under the move order 5...Nbd7 6 Nf3 c6 (Chapter 9).

5...Nbd7

"A prelude to the development of the Q-side. Black plans ...a6 followed by ...c5, .. b5 (or ...b6) and ...Bb7, or else ...c5 without the preparatory ...a6."

Neishtadt warns potential gambiteers about the Catalan line 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 dc 5 Nf3 b5 as follows:

"Compared with the majority of variations of the Catalan Queen's Gambit, this is the 'most gambit-like.' After 5...a6, as we have seen, White has the possibility of preventing ...b5 by continuing 6 Ne5 or 6 a4. But here he does not have this choice.

"In defending the gambit pawn, Black is ready to pay a considerable price - to allow his opponent a dominant position in the centre, and to concede the initiative. The situations arising are sharp and rich in tactical possibilities. The assessment of the positions is made difficult by their indeterminate nature, and by the absence of a clear-cut strategic pattern. Some authorities consider the deliberately direct holding of the pawn to be not altogether correct, while others are of a different opinion...

"When studying this section, the reader should watch for possible transpositions of moves, as a result of which play switches from one variation to another (some of these are mentioned in the text). There is a particularly close link between positions from this section and from section 8.21 (5...a6 5 0-0 b5)."

The six illustrative games are not enough. They occupy all of 7 pages; only one game exceeds 30 moves. However, they are well chosen (and sufficiently annotated) to demonstrate typical Catalan positions.

The publication quality is excellent. The diagrams are very clear; the moves are short algebraic. The only negative point is that this volume does not stand alone - the closed variation is sold separately. The two-volume set exceeds \$35.00 list price. But again, I can't criticize the book(s) for having too much content - I might as well accuse Amadeus of using "too many notes."

Also available:

Catalan Opening

Author: O. Moiseyev and G. Ravinsky
Publisher: American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204
139 pages, 123 diagrams, published 1984
List price: \$19.95

This is a simple and very conventional opening treatise. It covers the open Catalan, the closed Catalan (where Black delays or refrains from the

d3xc4 capture), and Tarrasch-type lines with an immediate ...c5 (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 c5).

This is a good little book, whose only flaw is that it is older and thinner than Neishtadt's book. Descriptions are terse and to the point. On the 4 Qa4+ queen-check line:

"In recent times this check has begun to occur rarely, since Black has various ways of obtaining a satisfactory game." That's it. One sentence. On the Catalan gambit (after 5...b5):

"This attempt to hold the extra pawn is perfectly possible, and frequently occurs in practice.

6 a4

"This is considered most advisable, since it forces Black to make the passive move 6...c6. Other continuations allow Black to manage without this move. Lengyel-Karpov, Moscow 1971, went 6 Ne5 Nd5 7 0-0 (by 7 a4 c6 8 0-0 White could still have transposed into the main line) 7...Bb7 8 e4 Nf6 9 Re1 Nbd7 10 Qe2 a6 11 Nc3 Nxe5 12 de Nd7 13 Rd1 Qc8 14 f4 Bc5+ 15 Be3 0-0, and White did not gain sufficient compensation for the pawn."

The analysis is relatively thorough for a vintage 1984 text. Although I was disappointed to see the topical line 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 dc 5 Nf3 Bd7? relegated to a single footnote quoting Kasparov-Korchnoi, match (7), 1983. Also missing are the lines from ECO code E00 (like the Bogó-Indian style 3...Bb4+). But the closed Catalan is given full coverage in the last four of the sixteen chapters.

The publication quality is up to the high standards of other American Chess Promotions publications. Diagrams and text are very clear. The moves are figurine algebraic.

Play the Catalan, Volume 2 - Closed Variation

Author: Y. Neishtadt
Publisher: Pergamon Press, Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, New York 10523
177 pages, 181 diagrams, published 1988
List price: \$14.50

This book covers all the lines that volume 1 left out. These include the Bogó-Indian lines (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 Bb4+), Queen's Gambit transposition (1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 or 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 g3), Tarrasch-type lines (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 c5), as well as the closed variation proper. Indeed the main line closed system (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 Be7 5 Nf3 0-0 6 0-0 Nbd7 7 Qc2) occupies only 35 pages.

Neishtadt's descriptions are still the best part of his book. After 7 Qc2 he writes:

"The most popular. While defending his c4 pawn, White prepares e2-e4 by Nbd2 or by Bf4 and Nd2. Also possible is b2-b3 and Nc3, transposing into positions from chapter 2.

"Black has several possible plans. He can reinforce his central pawn with 7...c6 (1.1), and then, after ...b6, ...Bb7 and ...Rc8, prepare the counter ...c5 (more rarely Black develops his queen's bishop at a6, or after ...c6 plays ...b5). The play is of a different nature when Black

refrains from ...c6 and plays 7...b6 (1.2), or counter-attacks the enemy centre with 7...c5 (1.3)."

In terms of breadth and depth, this volume is as encyclopedic as the first. Also, like volume 1, this book has too few games, but at least it has them. Four games occupy five back pages. The very last pages are again an addendum - recent developments and additional material.

The publishing quality is a bit untidy. On page 74 in variation 3.1, White's 9th move is 9 Bb2, so his 8th move must have been 8 b3. But you won't find that move in the text. Also, they've changed the chess symbols from those in volume 1. These diagrams are occasionally blurred and streaked. Especially sloppy are the black pieces, mere shadows of their former selves.

This book is a pricey tour of the Catalan side streets and back alleys. As such, I expect it will appeal to a limited audience. Nevertheless, for those interested in alternative Catalan lines, I recommend this volume as highly as the first.

Bottom of the Barrel:

Catalan (2nd Edition)

Author: Eric Schiller
Publisher: Chess Enterprises, Inc., Coropolis, PA 15108
127 pages, 160 diagrams (approx.)
List Price: \$7.95, published 1988

Eric Schiller, the man who puts ECO to muzak, presents another of his bargain basement opening books. This update to his 1983 edition purports to be an opening repertoire book for White centered around the Catalan System. The Catalan itself is presented in 10 chapters modelled after ECO sections E00 - E09. The eleventh chapter (actually chapter 10 since Schiller starts with chapter 0) completes White's opening repertoire with lines against the Queen's Indian, Bogindian, Tarrasch, Semi-Tarrasch, Slav, and Dutch defenses - all in 9 pages!

The main problem here is that this is not really an opening book. It is a cross-reference of other, better books. With his extensive library at his fingertips, Schiller directs the reader to those lines which he personally prefers. He draws liberally from the books listed above, as can be seen from his meticulous listing of sources and credits. His accompanying text has a tour-guide tone. Unctuous, authoritative, but not overly informative, he could be Rod Serling guiding us through the Catalan Zone.

(After 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 dc 5 Qa4+ Bd7) "The reader will no doubt notice that this and the following chapter are rather skimpy. I chose not to discuss the 5 Qa4+ lines in great detail for a number of reasons. Paramount among these is my belief that they are not very promising for White. Furthermore, it is easy enough for Black to avoid the line by delaying his capture on c4.

"Therefore I will 'switch sides' in these two chapters and look at matters from the Black side, offering advice for the second player who wishes to capture at c4 and would like to know how to cope with 5 Qa4+. In this chapter 5...Bd7 will be discussed, with 5...Nbd7 reserved for the next chapter, following ECO format."

This shows Schiller at his worst. Fluff for those

on a high-fiber chess diet. And don't be fooled by the 'switching sides' comment. This book is designed strictly for the White side.

(After 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dc 5.Nf3 b5) "Boy, did I underestimate this one in the first edition! What follows is from the German edition, where I took a more objective view under the inspiration of some fine analysis by Bob Ciaffone, the U.S. Master of Chess and Poker.

"5...b5 introduces a cunning plan, where Black tries to hold on to his pawn. It is more dangerous than has been thought. After all, a move played by both Karpov and Kasparov cannot be all that bad!

"6 a4! c6 7 Ne5 Nd5 8 ab!?"

"This is my recommended line against Black's bold continuation. It is the most consistent plan, striking at weak points (b5, c6) along the h1-a8 diagonal. As Neishtadt (1986) notes, the capture might, at first, seem premature but in fact it is tied in with a concrete tactical plan."

This passage demonstrates another flaw not of Schiller, but of the 'opening repertoire' format. The author selects for you which lines are best. But for instructional purposes it's often necessary to see the inferior lines to understand what makes a selected line best. Lost are the themes and tactics which will someday surface when your real-life opponents step out of the book lines. By contrast, Neishtadt branches at move 6 (a4 or Ne5), move 7 (ab, 0-0, or a Ne5 transposition), and drops in a note for 8 Nc3.

If there is a high point to this book, it won't be the publishing quality. Chess Enterprises still uses construction paper for covers. And the chess symbols are almost unreadable in diagrams, and unbearable in the figurine algebraic text.

Against all these minuses, there are two plusses. This is the most recent Catalan source available - until ECO E gets revised. And Schiller has never been shy when it comes to publishing his own ideas and suggestions. Sometimes he's right! But right or wrong, it's good analytic exercise to cook or confirm his analysis.

Honorable Mention:

The Test of Time

Author: Garry Kasparov
Publisher: Pergamon Press, Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, New York 10523
214 pages, published 1986
List Price:

By any criteria, this is an excellent book. Kasparov assembles his best games up to and including his candidate matches with Beliavsky (1983), Korchnoi (1983), and Smyslov (1984). Kasparov, as a writer, is as analytically profound as Alekhine, as strategically descriptive as Botvinnik, and as entertainingly instructive as Fischer.

With regard to the current context, Kasparov's 1983 semi-final match with Korchnoi ran 11 games (all of which are annotated here). Of these, five featured the Catalan system. Kasparov played the white side three times, and black twice. Of these, Kasparov won two (with white), and drew three.

What makes these Catalan's fascinating is that

they should never have occurred! Kasparov didn't play it and Korchnoi had quit playing it. But as Kasparov writes: "The Catalan Opening...For many years this opening has served Korchnoi faithfully, although in recent times he has employed it much more rarely. But I had employed this opening only once, in my game with Andersson in Niksic (and I played it there, knowing almost for certain what system of defence Ulf would choose), and Korchnoi most probably did not reckon seriously with the possibility of it appearing in my match repertoire."

The reader is taken through the same learning curve in these five games which Kasparov himself went through as he played them.

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Chess -- The Mechanics of the Mind

Author: GM Helmut Pfleger and IM Gerd Treppner
Translator: John Littlewood
Publisher: Crowood Press/ David & Charles Inc.
FAN, iv and 156 pages, published 1989
List price: paperback \$11.95

According to the back cover blurb, this book "provides a set of guidelines for the player of average ability which, when combined with regular practice, can dramatically improve basic chess thinking and performance." The book has six chapters, four of which deal with specific problem areas -- blunders, opening preparation, middle-game evaluation, and model endings. This core is preceded by a chapter discussing the differences among GMs, masters, and ordinary chessplayers and is followed by an examination of character and style as revealed in the Karpov-Kasparov matches.

The first chapter concludes that GMs and masters are distinguished by possession of an immense 'lexicon' of typical configurations and combinational themes, enabling them to more readily grasp the essential, and non-essential, features of a given position. Though such knowledge can be acquired only through experience, one can approximate the thought patterns of a GM by a three-step process:

- 1) Seek tactical chances,
- 2) If none are found, examine the strategic possibilities.
- 3) Return to tactical calculation with the

object of achieving the optimal plan.

In the main portion of the book we find that blunders occur due to "blinkered thinking" — concentrating on a particular group of pieces and ignoring the others, stereotyped responses — eg. recaptures, failing to take into account paradoxical moves, and retaining the images of moved or captured pieces. Time trouble and sudden relief from tension are contributory factors. In order to lessen the chance of blundering, one ought avoid time trouble and train one's mind to work long hours at the chessboard through regular practice. Opening preparation must be directed toward an appreciation of typical pawn structures, recognition of the vital lines and squares, and knowledge of proper piece placement. The authors suggest that material is often overvalued by the average player, that a weakness can be negated through piece activity, and that one must recognize when one stands worse and act forcefully. In the endgame they stress that knowing basic positions gives one ready-made models at which to aim.

After a cursory discussion of what chess style is and a definition of the 'lucky' player as one who chooses to play inferior, yet congenial positions, the authors show that the chess styles of the two Ks are related to their characters. Kasparov's supreme self confidence permits him to risk incalculable complications, while Karpov's need to control situations makes entrance into complications difficult. These and other characteristics are used to analyse the course of the first three K-K matches.

Except for the three-step thought process, most of the guidelines proffered are rather tenuous. If one does not know how to evaluate a positional sacrifice or does not know what type of 'regular practice' is most effective in combatting blunders, one will not find out here. Better treatments of the various subjects can be found elsewhere. See Nicholai Krogus, *Psychology in Chess* for a less superficial examination of blunders and the definition of style, as well as a serious examination of time trouble. This book is to be recommended to the 1600-2000 player who wishes to improve without really trying. Doubtless they will avoid a diligent search for topics of interest. The book lacks an index.

Test Your Chess IQ: Book 2 Second Edition

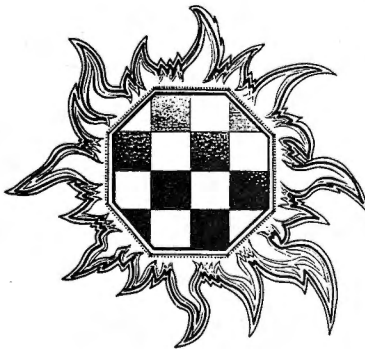
Author: August Livshitz
Translated and Edited by Kenneth P. Neat
Publisher: Pergamon Press
AN, viii and 122 pages, published 1988
List price: paperback \$17.95, hardcover \$30.95

Like the first edition the idea of this book is to improve one's combinational ability through a graded and categorized series of problem positions derived from actual games. The justification for publishing a new edition is the increased size and clarity of the diagrams. Indeed, they are about 75% larger in area which greatly enhances readability. However, a side effect, according to the editor, is the need to standardize the test size, formerly six to twelve positions, to eight. In the process 15 positions were added to shorter tests, but this

was more than counterbalanced by the omission of 402 positions, 376 of which comprised the entire advanced section. This left only the intermediate section (the beginning level is found in Book 1) which is organized into 56 tests featuring 29 themes. Some of the prominent themes are: "destructive combinations" — seven tests, diversion, decoy, traps, attack on the king caught in the center, and mating combinations based on geometrical motifs" — four tests each. Of these, the first suffers the most under reorganization; it is 11% shorter.

In addition to eliminating nearly half the book, at least three of the 437 original positions have been rendered incorrectly: #12 — the WR on d5 should be a BN. The solutions are virtually unaltered. Position 25 is now given as Parma-Bielicki, Muenchestein 1959 (formerly Bielicki-Parma, Basel 1959). A sideline mate missed in the first edition is given for #200 and a notional ambiguity is cleared up in #211. Unfortunately a new error was allowed in: #99 is unnumbered and lacks a game citation (Randviir-Hindre, Tallinn 1949). An implied promise in the 1981 edition to improve the score/rating correlation has been left unfulfilled "owing to an administrative error."

Although the original edition was widely praised, this second edition is not recommended. The changes made and the lack of care taken do not warrant the increased cost. The players for whom these tests are designed, 1800-2200 players, should seek copies of the first editions and magnifying glasses.



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Report by Joel J. Barnes

Weekend One

We in Olympia are quite proud to be able to produce the 1989 Washington State Chess Championship, the first Washington State Chess Championship to also be a FIDE Futurity. We wanted this particular Championship to be one long remembered for its dedication creating conditions in which the art and science of chess could predominate over the sporting aspects.

With 10 players it is possible to play 9 rounds over a single three day weekend and a single two day weekend. But that sort of schedule turns the event into a marathon contest where endurance and physical recovery time, sporting factors, are more important. So we decided to hold the event over three weekends: three games plus adjournments per weekend. This is a luxurious playing schedule in comparison to previous championships; Olympia is able to do this because the site, Dean Securities, is donated by a strong chess player and chess patron. I speak of course of Randy Dean, a player well known for incisive and methodical analytic ability. Since we pay no rent and our site is under our control we are able to fit playing conditions to our needs.

The time control also affects the balance between Art, Science and Sport in chess. Edward Lasker reported that the greatest number of unforced errors occur in the 5th and final hour of play, so we set the time control to be 40 moves in 2 hours, with adjournments possible after 4 hours of play at either player's convenience. We wanted to give players enough time to recover between rounds, so they were scheduled to start at 11am on Saturday, followed by a 2nd round at 6pm. This would give players enough time to talk about the game, grab a bite to eat and still rest up.

Adjournments are at 6pm on Sunday evening, again giving the players plenty of time to rest between bouts of thinking. Each player was able to play at an individual desk, there was no cramping for space, and amenities were available in the back, coffee, fruit punch, crackers, dip, apples and oranges.

This year we were quite fortunate to have an increased prize fund: 1st \$300, 2nd \$175, 3rd \$125. Additional funds have been requested from the American Chess Foundation but we haven't gotten any final word. Jorstad Jewelers has also donated a silver ring for the Champion, a first in what we hope will be a continuing tradition. In addition there is to be a best game prize, a free entry into LakeFair to occur on July 15-16. The most interesting game prize is also a free entry into LakeFair.

It is sad to reflect that all too seldom do our top players have the opportunity to meet and play each other for an extended duration. To be tested round after round by strong, tough, wily opponents. Anatoly Karpov has stated that the trouble with American Chess is the lack of round robins. Our top players spend all too much time playing in weekend Swisses where the time control and the must win circumstances make it difficult to develop the kind of toughness and consistency that is needed to face one's peers round after round. Alas in America one can only make money by playing masses of chess players; is not good practice for playing the elite, which one must do if one is to win the World's Championship. {I don't think Garry is in much danger from any of the participants in this tournament. - RED}

Fortunately there seem to be some changes in the wind. I believe some high rated players will be asking a Seattle organizer to organize a Futurity in Seattle this summer. We in Olympia are already considering another Futurity to follow or precede Seattle's. I believe that a region that has produced 48 players rated over 2040 and some 30 rated over 2100 has the interest to support 3 or more Futurities a year.

I personally think that the higher rated players are going to have to take more initiative in organizing these sort of high class events as I have. It seems to me that we chess players have made a fatal error in subscribing to the big man theory of tournament organization. We have seen organizers come in, run some events, get more encouragement, run more events till they get burned out and then we sit around complaining about the lack of events. Some people seem to think that I am the next logical successor to be "Boss Organizer". Nothing could be more unlikely to happen.

I like playing chess much more than I do organizing. I am already doing more than I want to be doing with LakeFair and a Futurity or two a year.

My words to the higher rated players who want more top level events is, "Organize them yourselves." I also have a life and career that need tending to. I believe that chess players must, as a community, organize to put on and sponsor the events that they want to see. I see the East/West tournament association as a gigantic step in the right direction. But we need more clubs putting on one tournament or a FIDE Futurity a year. We need a broad distribution of tournament organizing skills and experience, not a narrow distribution concentrated in a few soon to be exhausted individuals. If you want to see more chess, do one event yourself per year. Two dozen people or groups of people doing this would transform the NW chess scene.

Almost half our masters do not have a FIDE rating. Why is this but for the lack of opportunity? If Washington can keep producing the State Championship as a Futurity, our top players will be able to get stronger and stronger allowing us to catch up to British Columbia whose class of top players are clearly rated higher than our own. {But they are not clearly stronger: see reports from Vancouver Invitational in May NWC and Northwest Invitational this issue - RED} Non Championship Futurities can produce opportunities for all high rated players to participate in a Futurity.

But now let us turn our attention to the participants in the 1989 Washington Championship, a 10 player FIDE futurity. First our four FIDE rated players.

Ken Tomkins, FIDE rating 2290, USCF rating 2294. Ken has made a strong come back into chess this year. He won the 2nd Olympia FIDE Futurity in June and he desires to push his FIDE rating over 2300. Ken is a counter puncher, he tends not to make breaks but waits for his opponent, then he makes use of whatever chances there are with astonishing efficiency. His signature move seems to be a rook lift to the 3rd rank via a3 or h3. Very confident, perhaps over optimistic, he may be vulnerable to opening ambushes.

Viktors Pupols, FIDE rating 2215, USCF rating 2295, Viktors is our wily Latvian swamp fox: always dangerous he can run away with the Championship as he did in the 1st Olympia Futurity scoring 7½-1½ or bomb out as he did in the 2nd Olympia Futurity scoring 3½-5½. He is particularly dangerous in a mixed field such as we have with 4 players rated below 2200. Still the Washington Championship is not his event; he has tied for 2nd 15 or 16 times and only finished first 2 or 3 times. Which Uncle Vik will show up? He has been complaining lately, threatening to give up chess, but he always does that. I suspect it is a way to psyche himself up and his opponents out. Viktors relishes long tactical lines but he is most dangerous when he abandons fantasy and plays hardcore positional chess.

Clark Harmon, FIDE rating 2260, USCF rating 2291. Is it an accident that Pupols, Harmon and Tomkins are rated within 5 points of each other USCF and each has been a participant in past Olympia Futurities? I always suspected that Bobby Ferguson's participation in the first Olympia Futurity in November 1986 won him the 1987 Washington Championship. Clark is feared as an attacking player in the NW. A strong consistent competitor, is this the year he can add the Washington State Championship title to his 7 Oregon Champion titles? Still Clark seems quite upset that he has 5 Blacks and 4 Whites and that three of his Blacks are against the 3 other FIDE players, Pupols, Braley and Tomkins.

John Braley, a former Washington Champion is rated 2215 FIDE and 2277 USCF. He is a strong tactical player who plays the King's Indian Attack as white and the King's Indian Defence as Black. He earned his FIDE rating in the July 1988 2nd Olympia Futurity. He can beat anybody or lose to anybody. Rumor has it that he stood better (winning?) against Elena Donaldson in a Puget Sound League game. Impressive, but will he be consistent?

We have 2 masters and 4 experts among our 6 Non Fide rated players.

Matt Edwards USCF 2257 is the player I favor to win a FIDE rating, which 6 points will probably do. Matt is an attacking player with a strong interest in catching his opponents in obscure opening lines with sharp tactical chances. His wife has recently had a baby, however, so it is not clear whether he has the time or motivation to study. As Larry Parr quoted Vik, "(players) ... drop out of chess and into life." Matt does want the FIDE rating.

Hugh Tobin, USCF rating 2243, is a player who is unknown to me, except for flagging him out in the unrated Action Chess event held in conjunction with the Karpov - Hjartarson match. He seems a classical player, though he played somewhat passively in our Action chess game. He was rated over 2300 in the good old days. If he can play that well again he should pick up a FIDE rating... and a state championship?

David Weinstock, USCF rating 2165, has played in several championships. He has never scored badly, as I have (1-6 in 1987) nor gotten too far above 50 percent. Will this be his year to win the Championship or a FIDE rating? Perhaps, he seems an enterprising player, relying on tactical chances. He will at least upset some higher rated players. Dangerous, but is he consistent? He is one of the authors of the Dzindzihashvili/Ivanov/Tomkins/Weinstock line analyzed in NW Chess a few issues ago. {December, 1988 - RED}

Paul Eggers, USCF 2138, has played in past championships. He tied with Bill McGeary for the 1st Challengers Cup. He seems a solid, experienced player, unfortunately it is hard to envision him consistently upsetting the top six masters to win the Championship or gaining the six points for the FIDE goal.

John Graves, USCF 2133; he is the youngest player in our group of 10. This is also his first outing against strong, consistent competition. I fear that he will find it much more difficult than the usual US diet of weekend Swiss. I expect that he will upset somebody, he is too strong and energetic not to. Still, every round is tough chess and I will be surprised if he has the consistency to score upset after upset. He is a strong tactical player who is extremely up on the openings. I see this state Championship as a wonderful testing ground for John. One way or another I expect him to come out stronger than he went in.

Michael Franett, USCF 2084, is a former Washington Champion and like Paul Eggers a member of the Inside Chess production team. He has played quite well in some tournaments recently. It will probably surprise you, but I would pick Michael to have the 3rd best chance to pick up a FIDE rating. If he has recovered his strength, he has the consistency and the experience to do very well. But I do tend to favor experience over youth. Could it be a sign of my advancing age?

So you have our 10 players. Any one of them can score 40 percent, and 6 points isn't out of the question for any of them.

But now we can turn our attention to the first three rounds of play. Having the Championship over three weekends allows us to divide the tournament into three sections, The Opening, The Middle and The End. A further advantage of the three weekend format for the players is that one bad weekend of play, scoring 1 or even 1/2 of three does not totally finish one's chances. There are two more weekends. Plus we were able to give the players Monday, President's Day, off.

Round 1

Viktors Pupols 1	vs David Weinstock 0
Paul Eggers 1	vs John Graves 0
Mike Franett 0	vs John Braley 1
Clark Harmon 1/2	vs Matt Edwards 1/2
Hugh Tobin 0	vs Ken Tomkins 1

Pupols/Weinstock turns into another of Uncle Vik's journeys into opening esoteria. On the 2nd move Uncle Vik stops the Benko Gambit etc systems that begin with 2...c5 with the move b2-b4! It doesn't look quite sound but Weinstock playing enterprisingly fails to smack Viktors Queen around with 5...Nc6 and Uncle Vik wins a piece. A fine example of why Uncle Vik is such a dangerous player; he risks losing in the opening but sets his opponent very tricky problems.

Eggers/Graves is a Benko Gambit Declined, but Paul Eggers seems to have the situation well in hand playing quickly, confidently and strongly. He gives Black a Queen side pawn mass (or mess) but is able to win the exchange. Some clear play enables him to stop the Black Pawns with his King while Paul's passed a pawn ties up the Black Knight so the White Rook runs free and wins quite easily.

Franett/Braley is a Pirc or Old Indian. Michael opens the e-file but somehow John as Black is able to dominate it. The game goes towards an endgame but Braley looks to be better. Then Franett gives up a piece for 2 pawns, reminding me of the first Fischer - Spassky game in their world Championship match. It has the same result. The game is adjourned but Michael resigns without resuming. As John Braley put it, that is a very hard game to play and to lose because it was long and technical. Very tiring for the 'old guys'. {See May NWC for this game annotated by John Braley. -

RED}

Harmon/Edwards starts as a Budapest Gambit. Clark plays an innocuous line that seems to steer towards a favorable 2 Bishops versus B & N endgame. But Matt comes up with a temporary sacrifice of a pawn to activate his rook. He recovers the pawn and the game gets wide open. Matt wins a pawn but allows Clark a very optically dangerous h pawn. The game is adjourned but drawn a few moves after resumption. Clark was afraid of Matt's passed e pawn and strongly supported Knight on c3; Matt was afraid of Clark's h pawn.

Tobin/Tomkins becomes a closed Sicilian out of the Bb5 line. Hugh gives up the 2 Bishops and gets cracked on the Queen side. He never is able to get anything going against the Black King on the King side. An incisive game by Tomkins which illustrates how dangerous it is to let him have a clear and easy initiative. But Hugh didn't seem to show up.

Paul Eggers - John Graves

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 b6 d6 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 a4 a5 8 e4 g6 9 Bb5 Bg7 10 f4 00 11 Nf3 Qxb6 12 Qe2 e6 13 dxe6 fxe6 14 00 d5 15 Kh1 d4 16 Nb1 Ba6 17 Na3 Bxb5 18 Nxb5 Qc6 19 e5 Nd5 20 Ng5 Nb4 21 Qc4 Qd5 22 Qxd5 exd5 23 Bd2 Nb6 24 Bxb4 axb4 25 b3 Rac8 26 Ne6 Rfe8 27 Nxc7 Kxg7 28 Nd6 c4 29 Nxe8+ Rxe8 30 a5 Nd7 31 Ra4 d3 32 Rxb4 Rb8 33 Rxb8 Nxb8 34 bxc4 dxc4 35 Kg1 Nc6 36 a6 Kf7 37 Kf2 Ke6 38 Ke3 Kd5 39 Rb1 Kc5 40 e6 1-0

Clark Harmon - Matt Edwards

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 Ng4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 e3 Ngxe5 6 Be2 d6 7 Nc3 g6 8 Nxe5 dxe5 9 Qxd8+ Nxd8 10 Nd5 Ne6 11 b3 Bg7 12 Ba3 b6 13 000 Bb7 14 Bf3 000 15 Ne7+ Kb8 16 Ne6+ Bxc6 17 Bxc6 Nc5 18 Kc2 Rd6 19 Rxd6 cxd6 20 Bd5 Kc7 21 h4 f6 22 g4 f5 23 gxf5 Rf8 24 b4 Nd7 25 Be6 Rf6 26 e4 Nf8 27 Bd5 gxf5 28 Rg1 Bh6 29 f3 fxe4 30 Bxe4 Ne6 31 Kd3 Nd4 32 Rg3 Rf4 33 Rh3 Rf7 34 c5 bxc5 35 bxc5 dxc5 Indecipherable from 36 on. 1/2-1/2

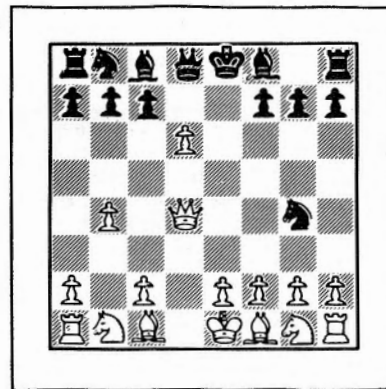
Hugh Tobin - Ken Tomkins

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Viktors Pupols - David Weinstock

1 d4 Nf6 2 b4 e5 3 dxe5 Ng4 4 Qd4 d6 5 exd6

Round 1, move 5: this is the critical position for this game -- and possibly for the whole tournament! As explored by David and Viktors in the postmortem, 5...Nc6! is the move for Black. A complex struggle featuring White's plus in material, and minus in piece development and King safety would ensue. Let's look at an interesting possibility: 5...Nc6 6 Qe4 Be6 7 Bb2 Qxd6 8 a3 000 9 Qd3 Qf4 10 Qg3 Nxb4 11 axb4 Bxb4 12 c3 Bxc3 and Black mates on c1, d2, or f2.



Another try for White: 5...Nc6 6 Qe4 Be6 7 b5 Qf6 8 bxc6 (Or 8 d7 Kxd7 9 bxc6 bxc6 and, again, the value of Black's activity is worth more than a piece; notice that Black's center control makes d7 a safe haven while the White King shudders on e1.) 8...Qxf2 9 Kd2 000 10 d7 Bxd7 11 cxd7 Rxd7 12 Kc3 Qf6 13 Kb3 Nf7 and White's King picture and lack of development are decisive factors.

5...Bxd6?! 6 Bb2!

This harmless looking move transforms the playing field! Of course, 6 Qxg7 would have lost the Queen to 6...Be5; but now White's Queen and Bishop battery genuinely menace the long dark diagonal and threaten to conquer it. After long thought, David, dismissing and ungainly attempts to cover the key square (g7), forges ahead with the following long forced sequence; but Viktor's finesse at move 15 demonstrates the apparent hopelessness of

Black's path.

You see the difference in the game? 5...Nc6 would have pushed White's Queen from the diagonal before she could coordinate power with her Bishop. And the difference in the tournament? A game that could well have been a loss becomes the cornerstone for an awesome string of victories and a confident first place for Mr. Pupols.

6...Nc6 7 Qxg7 Bxb4 8 c3 Qd4 9 Qxd4 Nxd4 10 cxb4 Nc2 11 Kd2 Nxa1 12 Nh3 Bf5 13 Bxh8 000+ 14 Kc1 Rxb8 15 e4!

This little trailer slams the puck into the net.

15...Bxe4 16 f3 Bxb1 17 fxg4?! Bg6?!

Black had better survival odds with 17...Bxa2; White should have iced him with 17 Kxb1.

18 Nf4 Re8 19 Nxb6 fxg6 20 Bd3 c5 21 bxc5 Re5 22 Kd2 Rxc5 23 Rxa1 Kd7 24 Rb1 b6 25 Rb5 Rc7 26 h4 Kc6 27 Rg5 Rd7 28 Kc3 1-0

(Annotations by John Braley)

Round 2

(0) David Weinstock 1	vs (0) Hugh Tobin 0
(1) Ken Tomkins 1	vs (½) Clark Harmon 0
(½) Matt Edwards 1	vs (0) Mike Franett 0
(1) John Braley 0	vs (1) Paul Eggers 1
(0) John Graves 0	vs (1) Viktors Pupols 1

Weinstock/Tobin is a King's Gambit Accepted. Hugh never has a chance. He seems completely confused by Weinstock's opening. {See June NWC for this game annotated by David Weinstock. - RED}

Tomkins/Harmon is a Caro Kann. Clark drops 2 pawns and a Bishop for a Knight when his 12...N(b)-d7 allows the old Tal sacrifice N(f4) x Pe6. Fortunately Clark is able to win back the exchange for the two pawns but his King is looser. They head towards an endgame and Clark keeps 2 rooks on the board against a Bishop and Rook. Tomkins is able to post his rook behind a passed pawn and shove it to the 7th rank where it is also protected by the Bishop. Clark sacrifices the exchange for the Bishop and a pawn but remains a pawn down in a rook ending. He wins the passed pawn on the 7th rank but Tomkins' King wins the h pawn giving him an extra passed g pawn which wins in any King and pawn endgame. A hard defeat for Clark.

Braley/Eggers is a Reversed Sicilian/ Reti which is lost in the opening. John plays his usual g3, Bg2 allowing Black to play e5, d5. Then John hits the center with c2-c4. Paul takes the pawn and then when John tries to win it back with Nb1-a3 he captures the Knight with Bf8xNa3. John seems completely confused and recaptures with the b pawn. He should instead capture the Bishop with Qa4+, Qxa3 with b3 in mind. The 2 Bishops for a pawn but no bind for Black. This allows Paul to fortify the pawn on c4 and John can never push his d pawn to d3 without being a pawn down. Further he gets to constantly worry about the push e5-e4. Eggers gets all the play on the queen side even though he gives up his B pawn. John is in terrible time pressure by move 30, having to make 10 moves in 2 minutes. Then Paul consumes large amounts of time and the game gets much fiercer with Paul voluntarily going in for the opening of the Kingside. But John misses a line of play 28 Rg1 and Eggers' superiority brings home the point with a nice Queen Sacrifice. {See May NWC for this game annotated by John Braley. - RED}

Graves/Pupols is Queen's Gambit Declined Slav variation. Each side fences back and forth. It looks like John gets a King side attack but Viktors stops that. Then Viktors is able to find some play that wins the game. Basically Viktors is able to out wait and out finish John. Certainly Graves was in the game but greater experience won out.

Edward/Franett starts as a Sicilian with an early Qb6 by black. Matt just plays Nb3 and then, worried about Bb4, he plays a2-a3. Michael tries to open the game but Matt just stays ahead in development while trading Queens. Matt has a Queen side pawn majority, and the long white diagonal for his King's Bishop parked on g3. It seems a fairly easy win for Matt. Is Franett still groggy from the Braley game in round 1?

Ken Tomkins - Clark Harmon

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Bf5 5 Ng3 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 Nh3 e6 8 Nf4

Bh7 9 Bc4 Nf6 10 00 Bd6 11 Re1 00 12 c3 Nbd7 13 Nxe6 fxe6 14 Rxe6 Kh8 15 Rxd6 Ne8 16 Re6 Bg8 17 Rxe8 Rxe8 18 Bxg8 Rxb8 19 Qg4 Nf6 20 Qh3 Nd5 21 Bd2 Rf8 22 Re1 Qc7 23 e4 Nf4 24 Qg4 Nd3 25 Re2 Qf7 26 Nh5 Nxf2 27 Qxg7+ Qxg7 28 Nxb7 Kxg7 29 Rxf2 h5 30 Bf4 Kg6 31 g3 Rad8 32 Rd2 Kf5 33 Bg5 Rc8 34 d5 cxd5 35 cxd5 Kg4 36 Kg2 Rg8 37 d6 Rxb5 38 hxb5 Kxg5 39 d7 Rd8 40 Kh3 Kf5 41 Kh4 b6 42 Rd1 a6 43 Rd2 b5 44 b4 Ke6 45 Kxh5 Rxd7 46 Rxd7 Kxd7 47 g4 Ke6 48 g5 Kd5 49 g6 Kc4 50 g7 Kxb4 51 g8/Q a5 52 Qb3+ Kc5 53 Qc3+ Kb6 54 Kg5 1-0

Matt Edwards - Mike Franett

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Qb6 5 Nb3 Nf6 6 Ne3 e6 7 a3 Be7 8 g3 d5 9 Be3 Qd8 10 Bg2 dxe4 11 Qxd8+ Bxd8 12 Nxe4 Nxe4 13 Bxe4 00 14 000 Bb6 15 Bxb6 axb6 16 Rd6 Ra4 17 Bg2 Rc4 18 Rhd1 e5 19 Bd5 Ra4 20 Bxc6 bxc6 21 Rxc6 Bg4 22 Rdd6 Re4 23 Kb1 Re2 24 Rd2 Rb8 25 Rb6 Re1 26 Ka2 Rc8 27 a4 h5 1-0

John Graves - Viktors Pupols

1 d4 d5 2 e4 e6 3 Nc3 c6 4 Nf3 Nd7 5 e4 dxc4 6 Bxc4 b5 7 Bd3 b4 8 Ne2 Ng6 9 00 Be7 10 Bg5 h6 11 Bh4 00 12 Rc1 Bb7 13 Bb1 e5 14 e5 Ne4 15 Bxe7 Qxe7 16 Ng3 Nxb3 17 hxb3 Rac8 18 Qd3 g6 19 dxc5 Rxc5 20 Rxc5 Nxc5 21 Qd2 Nd7 22 Qxh6 Bxf3 23 gxf3 Nxe5 24 Kg2 Qf6 25 Qe3 Nc4 26 Qxa7 Nd2 27 Rc1 Qxf3+ 28 Kg1 Qd5 29 Qe5 Qxc5 30 Rxc5 Nxb1 31 Rb5 Ra8 32 Rxb4 Rxa2 33 Kg2 Nd2 34 g4 Ra8 35 f4 Rc8 36 Kg3 Nc4 37 f5 exf5 38 gxf5 gxf5 39 Kf4 Rc5 40 Rb8+ Kg7 41 b4 Rd5 42 b5 Nd6 0-1

Round 3

(0) John Graves 0	vs (1) David Weinstock 1
(2) Viktors Pupols 1	vs (1) John Braley 0
(2) Paul Eggers ½	vs (1 ½) Matt Edwards (½)
(0) Mike Franett ½	vs (2) Ken Tomkins ½
(½) Clark Harmon 0	vs (0) Hugh Tobin 1

Graves/Weinstock seems a fencing match with Black getting lots of play. Then Graves sacrifices the Exchange to eliminate the Black Bishop on d4 and he picks up the c5 pawn to establish a pin on the g-file. A few moves later it turns out that the Black Knight on f4 has no place to go when struck by g2-g3. So White has 2 minor pieces for a rook. Normally enough to win but John is in time trouble. He makes it through time pressure, simplifying the position, but his 41st move winning a pawn allows the 2 Black rooks to enter his position and grin at his King. Black has a mating net. As so often happens, a rushed 41st move after time control, that has been made to 'make sure', costs the game.

Pupols/Braley starts normally enough as a Benko system but transposes to an accelerated King's Indian. Then Viktors messes up John's hair and both sides end up with 2 double g pawns. (3 if you count the Bishops on g2 and g7). John gets in f5-f4 but recaptures with a doubled g pawn instead of playing exf4 opening the diagonal for the Black squared Bishop. In a flash Viktors plays g4-g5. This allows him to trade his bad white squared Bishop for Black's good white bound bishop. John has 2 bad minor pieces at g7 and e7. Viktors trades Rooks and then positions his Knights, offers to trade Queens and infiltrates when John doesn't. Then a Queen trade is allowed that leaves White with a winning endgame. Viktors always looks better in a fine display of his positional instinct. {See May NWC for this game annotated by John Braley. - RED}

Eggers/Edwards looks like it will be quite lively with Paul sacrificing a pawn. But Matt gives the pawn back to get castled and they agree to short draw in a Queen's Gambit Accepted. Paul is happy to have 2½ of 3 and Matt is quite happy to get out of the weekend where he has 2 Blacks and 1 White. Hereafter Matt will have 2 Whites and 1 Black each weekend.

Franett/Tomkins starts out quite interestingly, Ken playing 2...b5 in what looks like an imitation of Uncle Vik. Mike plays solidly, just developing his pieces. Ken uses his b5 push to fianchetto both Bishops. Michael doesn't seem to have any plan in mind and Ken takes over the play with a delayed e7-e5. Mike wins a pawn at the cost of the 2 Bishops. Then he gets the 2 Bishops against the 2 Knights for a pawn. But Ken plays rather hurriedly giving back the White squared Bishop to give White doubled f pawns. Suddenly Mike is consolidating, he has an invulnerable Knight on c4. His doubled f pawns with his e pawn help him safely control the 2 black squares in the center that the black squared Bishop can move to. Mike also gets his rooks doubled on the open d-file. For this, Ken has a weak isolated c pawn and 1 pawn less. His black squared Bishop on g7 glaring at an empty diagonal. The game is drawn because, as Franett phrased it, I needed it for my honor, I have played 3 masters and gotten a ½ point. If I lose this game I have no chance, but a draw allows me to come back with chances next weekend.

Harmon/Tobin turns into the sensation of the first weekend. Hugh plays into Clark's opening, the Nimzo Indian. Then Clark incautiously plays his Q to d3, Hugh is able to play e6-e5 forcing d4-d5. Then Hugh sacrifices his e pawn via e5-e4 hitting the queen. Clark captures it with the Knight. Then Hugh is able to move his Knight on c6 with tempo to e5. I don't like the looks of Clark's position: it seems vulnerable. By move 17 I can see that Black could play Ne5xBc4 when the White queen seems to be forced to recapture. Then Ra8-c8 with hit the queen. The queen will move and then it seems like Rc8xBc1 will win the Knight on f4 after the queen has been driven from the 4th rank with moves like Bd6-e5 and Pb7-b5 and maybe Pa7-a5. But Hugh Tobin has seen something far more interesting and spectacular than my grubby way of winning material!. Hugh's 17th move is Ne5-f3+, capture by the g pawn is forced and now Hugh has an interesting attack. Clark plays Nf4-g2. Then Hugh is able to play Re8-c4 driving the White Queen off the 4th rank to c3 where it attacks the Bishop on f3. At that point I had thought that White was okay. But Hugh followed it up with Qd8-h4!!! A Queen sacrifice. If Clark recaptures then Hugh has the nice ladder Re4-g4+, Ng2, Rxg2+, Kh1, Rxh2++, Kg1 and finally Rh1 mate. Clark refuses the sacrifice and gives up his queen for 2 minor pieces but is kaput. An amazing effort by Tobin, a strong contender for the best game effort. Now I see why Hugh Tobin has been rated 2300. A pity he sleep walked through the first day! Though I'll bet Tomkins is glad!

Paul Eggers - Matt Edwards

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 e5 4 Nf3 exd4 5 Bxc4 Bb4 6 Bxd2+ Bd2 7 Nbd2 c5 8 Ne5 Nh6 9 b4 00 10 bxc5 Qc7 11 Nd3 Be6 12 Bxc6 fxc6 13 00 Na6 14 c6 bxc6 ½-½

Clark Harmon - Hugh Tobin

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 Ne2 exd4 7 exd4 d5 8 00 dxc4 9 Bxc4 00 10 a3 Bd6 11 Qd3 e5 12 d5 e4!

Raising the curtain; Black's pieces now take center-stage.

13 Nxe4 Ne5 14 Qd4 Nxe4 15 Qxe4 Bg4 16 Nf4 Re8 17 Qd4

17...Nf3+

Surprise!

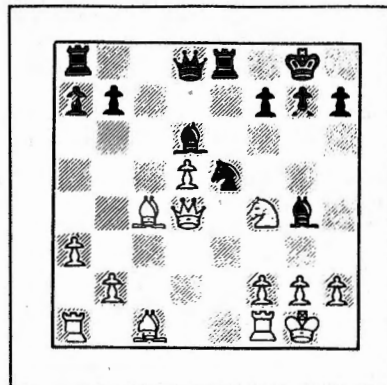
18 gxf3 Bxf3 19 Ng2 Re4 20 Qc3 Qh4!

Enter the Prima Ballerina. If 21 Nxb4, then 21...Rg4 with mate to follow.

21 Bf4 Qh3 22 Qxf3

What else?

22...Qxf3 23 Bxd6 Rxc4 24 Ne3 Re4 25 Bg3 h5! 26 h4?!



Attempting to stop the Black pawn's jete to h3, White inadvertently knocks one of the legs out from under his Bishop on g3; Black follows through on the other leg.

26...Rxe3 27 fxe3 Qxg3+ 28 Kh1 Qxh4 29 Kg2 Qe4+ 30 Kf2 Re8 31 Rac1 Rxc1 32 Rxc1 Qxd5 33 Rc3 Qd2+ 34 Kg3 g5 35 Rc8+ Kg7 36 Kf3 Qxb2 37 Ke4 h4 38 Rc5 Kg6 39 Kf3 h3 40 Kg4 Qg2++ 0-1

Afterwards, Hugh said that he'd seen 12...e4 in ECO. Following the pawn sac, his pieces danced around the White King in a most aesthetically pleasing manner. Had he applied, Mr. Tobin would probably have received the best choreography (best game) award for this elegant production. Let's hear some applause! (Annotations by John Braley)

Michael Franett - Ken Tomkins

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b5 3 e3 a6 4 Bd3 Bb7 5 Nbd2 g6 6 c4 bxc4 7 Nxc4 Bg7 8 00 00 9 Re1 Nc6 10 Bd2 d6 11 Rc1 e5 12 dxe5 dxe5 13 Bc3 Nd5 14 Bxe5 Nxe5 15 Nxe5 Qe7 16 Nc4 Nb4 17 Bb1 Be4 18 Qa4 Nd3 19 Bxd3 Bxd3 20 Red1 Be2 21 Rd2 Bxf3 22 gxf3 Qh4 23 Qd7 Rb8 24 Qg4 Qf6 25 Rcd1 Rb5 26 f4

½-½

John Graves - Dave Weinstock

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 a6 4 Nc3 c5 5 d5 exd5 6 exd5 d6 7 a4 g6 8 Bf4 Bg7 9 e4 00 10 Be2 Re8 11 Nd2 Qe7 12 00 Nfd7 13 Qc2 Ne5 14 Bg3 g5 15 f3 Ng6 16 Bf2 Nf4 17 Nc4 Nd7 18 Rfe1 Bd4 19 Bf1 Ne5 20 Nb6 Rb8 21 Nxe8 Rbx8 22 Rad1 Qf6 23 Kh1 h5 24 Rxd4 cxd4 25 Bxd4 Qg6 26 Bxe5 Rxe5 27 Qb3 b5 28 axb5 axb5 29 g3 Qf6 30 gxf4 Qxf4 31 Bg2 Rc5 32 h3 Qd2 33 Rd1 Qc3 34 Qa3 Kg7 35 Qb4 g4 36 Qd4 Qxd4 37 Rxd4 gxf3 38 Bxf3 Rg5 39 Kh2 Kf6 40 Rb4 Ke5 41 Nxb5 Rc2+ 42 Kh1 Rg3 43 Nd4 Rd2 44 Nc6+ Kf4 45 Bh5 Re3 46 e5+ Kg3 47 Rg4+ Kxh3 0-1

Now we can evaluate the outcome of the Opening or the first weekend for our happy warriors.

Viktors Pupols with 3 points is in the lead. He has every reason to be satisfied, though next weekend he faces his toughest challenge: Black versus Edwards in round 4, White in round 5 against Tomkins and then Black against Hugh Tobin. Still if he can do well he might be able to wrap up the tournament since the last weekend he has White against a shaky Harmon, Black against Mike Franett and White against Paul Eggers.

Ken Tomkins may not be so pleased with his position with 2½. He is ½ point behind Vik and plays Vik with Black in round 5. If he doesn't do as well against Eggers as Viktors does against Edwards he could find himself a permanent ½ point behind the leader. Still he has a much easier schedule than Vik the 2nd weekend.

Paul Eggers may also be satisfied. He has 2½ of the 6 points needed for a FIDE rating. He can afford some draws while Tomkins can't. His style is well suited to catch Ken if he overextends trying to win.

Matt Edwards with 2 can also be satisfied. He has had 2 Blacks and 1 White and come out with a + score. Now he will be able to play White 4 times in the next 6 rounds and Black only 2 times. He will need to win some games but if he can just score 4 of 6 he will probably get a FIDE rating and that is the rate at which he has scored so far. I cannot say that Matt was losing in any of his 3 games so far.

David Weinstock also has 2. In one sense he deserves more, having been almost swindled by Uncle Vik in his 1st game. A bad break. On the other hand he also swindled Graves in his 2nd round game. Dave is a tough player so he might catch fire and storm forward. He certainly sets his opponents interesting problems.

Hugh Tobin has only 1 point but what a way to win that point. I hope that he plays as well the rest of the tournament. He needs to win 5 of 6 but that is possible. An outside shot but he might still win the championship or a FIDE rating. His game against Harmon made quite an impression.

John Braley also has 1 point but he gives me more cause for concern. With a FIDE rating of 2215 he cannot afford to score less than 50% to keep his rating. He has complained that he has lost eight games this year, far above normal. Still dangerous he seems to lack confidence in himself. But if he can recover he could run away with the tournament.

Clark Harmon with a Fide rating of 2260 has much more padding. Still ½ point out of 3 games is far below his norm. And this occurring in the only weekend where he has 2 Whites and 1 Black. Now he has the much grimmer task of winning with 4 Blacks and 2 Whites. Still with 2 FIDE players slipping, Harmon and Braley, it makes for a much more interesting and exciting event. We might get 2 new FIDE players out of the event. Clark's dissatisfaction with his color pairing against Pupols and Braley does not bode well for the future.

Mike Franett, twice the former Washington Champion, still has chances for the FIDE rating with ½ point. He seems to have thrown off the lethargy of the first day and is ready to play chess. He scored ½ point against part of the top half of the field. He has an easier schedule than most now. He could do well.

John Graves has 0 points. This is not due to bad play. He has been a presence in every game, finding interesting if not the best lines of play. I would be shocked if he won his next six games and earned a FIDE rating. I do expect that he will get some points for his strong though inconsistent play. I don't expect him to tie my record of 6 straight losses in the Washington Championship. He will come out of this a stronger, more experienced player.

Other Games

King's Indian Defense
Tacoma Spring Open
Anthony Ciano - Vincent Campos

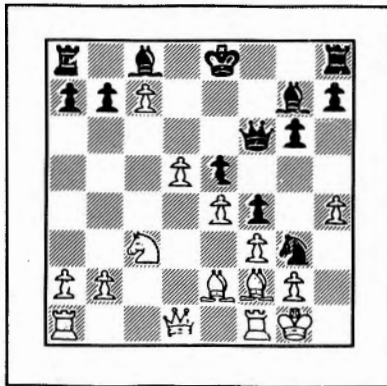
1 d4 d6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 Nc6 5 Be3 e5 6 d5 Nd4 7 Nge2 Nxe2 8 Bxe2 f5 9 f3

After 9 exf5 Bxf5 (9...gxf5 10 Bh5+) 10 Bg4?! Nf6 11 Bxf5 gxf5 Black's mobile pawns and central control out weigh the fact that White's "bad" Bishop has been exchanged.

9...Nf6

9...Bh6 is possible, either exchanging the black bound Bishops or contolling the important c1-h6 diagonal.

10 00 f4 11 Bf2 Ng5 ?! 12 c5! Qg5 13 h4!? Qf6 14 cxd6 Ng3 15 dxc7!



15...Qxh4 16 Bc5! 16 Qh1 17 Kf2 Nxf1?

White's advanced passed pawns confer a decisive advantage, once the King safety situation has been cleared up. 17...Qh4 18 Ke1 Nxe4+ 19 Bf2 is a possible line which should favor White. Also legal after 17...Qh4 is 18 Bb5+ (18...Kf7 19 d6! Nxe4+ 20 Ke2 Nxc5 21 Qd5+ Ne6 22 d7 Bxd7 23 Bxd7 Qe7 24 Ne4)

18 Bxf1 Qh4 19 Kg1 a6 20 Bc4 b5 21 Bb3 Qf6 22 d6! be6 23 Nd5 Qf7 24 Nb6 00 25 Bxe6 Qxe6 26 Nxa8 Rxa8 27 d7 1-0

Punctuation by Anthony Ciano.

Sicilian, Sozin
WA Open, Premier rd 2
Barry Neuhaus - Korneljs Dale

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bb3 Be3 00 9 Qe2 Nc6 10 000 Qc7 11 Rhg1 Nxd4 12 Rxd4 b5 13 g4 e5 14 Nd5 Nxd5 15 Rxd5 Bb7 16 g5 g6 17 h4 Bxd5 18 Bxd5 Rac8 19 h5 b4 20 f3 Kh8 21 f4 exf4 22 Bd4+ f6 23 hxg6

White is winning: 23...Kg7 24 gxf6+ Bxf6 25 gxh7+ Kh8 26 Rg8+ Rxc8 27 hxg8/R+ Rxc8 28 Qh5+ Qh7 (28...Kg7 29 Qg5+!) 29 Bxf6+ Rg7

30 Qe8+ Qg8 31 Qxg8++ , or 23...Bd8 24 gxf6 Bxf6 25 Bxf6+ Rxf6 26 g7+ Kxg7 25 gxf6+ Kh6 (25...Kh8 26 f7+ Bf6 27 Bxf6+) 26 Qh2++.) 23...Qxc2+ (?!-I would rather be mated in one of the above variations.)

24 Qxc2 Rxc2+ 25 Kxc2 hxg6 26 Rg4 Rx8+ 27 Kb3 Kg7 28 Rxf4 Rf8 29 Kxb4 Bd8 30 Bc4 a5+ 31 Ka4 Kh7 32 Bxf6 Bxf6 33 Rxf6 Re8 34 Re6 Rc8 35 b3 Rc5 36 Bd5 Rc2 37 a3 Rg2 38 Rxd6 Rg5 Rgx5 39 Bf7 Re5 40 Bxg6+ Kg7 41 Bf5 1-0

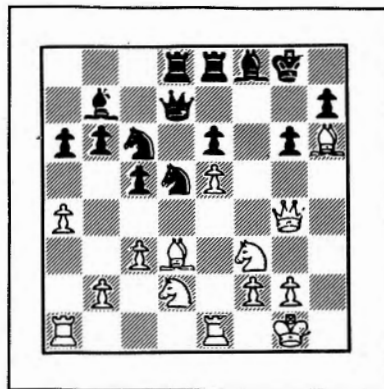
King's Gambit, Cunningham
WA Open, Amateur Rd 5
Erik Pearson - Phillip Carson

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 Be7 4 Nc3 Bh4+ 5 Ke2 d5 6 Nxd5 Bg4 7 d4 f5 8 Bxf4 fxe4 9 Nxc7+ Kf8 10 Nxa8 exf3+ 11 gxf3 Bxf3+ 12 Kxf3 Qd5+ 13 Ke3 Nf6 14 Bd3 Nc6 15 c3 Kf7 16 Nc7 Qg2 17 Qb3+ Kf8 18 Bd6+ Ne7 19 Bxe7+ Kxe7 1/2-1/2

The threats of 20...Qf2++ and 20...Bg5++ look tough, but 20 Qe6+ Kf8 (20...Kd8? 21 Qd6+ Kc8 22 Bf5+ Kb8 23 Na6+ Ka8 24 Qb8+ Rxb8 25 Nc7++) 21 Be2! stops all mates and leaves White with an extra rook. What these guys lack in accuracy, they more than make up for in enthusiasm!

Pierce County Open
05-13-89 Rd 1
Randy Kaech - James Schroeder

1 e4 c5 2 c3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Bd3 e6 5 Ne3 Be7 6 00 00 7 Qe2 Nc6 8 e5 dxe5 9 dxe5 Nd5 10 Qe4 g6 11 Bh6 Re8 12 Nbd2 a6 13 a4 b6 14 h4 Bb7 15 h5 Qd7 16 Rfe1 Rad8 17 hxg6 fxe6 18 Qg4 Bf8



19 Bxg6 hxg6 20 Qxd6+ Bg7 21 Ng5 Nf4 22 Qh7+ Kf8 23 Qh8+ 1-0

I tried a game against my computer the other day using Harry Moore's version of the Sveshnikov Sicilian and got a nice win - on level 2. Up to and including move 15 I think is sort of book, but the rest is my idea, honest. My guess is that 15...Rxe4+ and 16...Nd4 are mistakes.

Greg Pond - Mephisto

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8 Na3 b5 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Nd5 f5 11 Bxb5 axb5 12 Nxb5 Ra4 13 Nbc7+ Kd7 14 c4 Rxc4 15 Qh5 Rxe4+ 16 Kf1 Nd4 17 Qxf7+ Be7 18 Rc1 Qf8 19 Nb6+ Kd8 20 Ne6+ Bxe6 21 Qxe6 1-0

Keres Memorial
Greg Staley - Anthony Ciano

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 b3 c5 3 Bb2 d6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 g6 6 e3 (passive) Bg7 7 Bb5+ Bd7 8 Bxd7+ Nxd7 9 00 00 10 Qe2 a6 11 c4 Rc8 12 Nd2 d5 13 Rfc1 dxc4 14 Nxc4 b5 15 Na3 Qb6 16 Nac2 Nd5 17 Ne1 Nc5 18 Nd3 Nxd3 19 Qxd3 Rfd8 20 Qe2 e5 21 Nf3 e4 22 Bxg7 exf3 23 Qxf3?? (23 Qb2) Rxc1 (-+) 24 Rxc1 Kxg7 25 e4 Ne7 0-1
Notes by Ciano.

June Swiss
Abbas Sarijou - Anthony Ciano

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 00 5 e5?! Ne8 6 f4 d6 7 Nf3 Bg4 8 Be2 c5!

Fisher Sack, NIC Keybook, Minev

9 dxc5 Nc6 10 cxd6 exd6 11 00 dxe5

Possibly a slight advantage for Black.

12 Nxe5 Qxd1 13 Bxd1 Nxe5 14 fxe5 Bxd1 15 Rxd1 Bxe5 16 Rd7

{A better idea is 16 Bh6 Ng7 17 Nd5 or 16...Bg7 17 Bxg7 Nxc7 18 Rd7 b6 19 Nb5 a5! (19...a6 20 Nc7! intending 20...Ra7 21 Ne8) 20 Nc7 - Kleist}

16...b6 17 Bh6 Nf6 18 Re7 Rfe8 19 Rxe8+ Rxe8 20 h3 Bxc3 21 bxc3 Ne4 22 Re1 f5 23 g4 Kf7 24 Rf1 Ke6 25 Rf3 Re8 26 gxf5+ gxf5 27 Rd3 Rxc4 28 Bg7 Ra4 29 Rd8 Rxa2 30 Re8 Ra3 31 Bd4 Kf7 32 Rc7+ Kg6 33 h4 Ra2 34 Rg7+ Kh6 35 Rf7 Ng3 36 Rg7?? Ne2+ 0-1
Notes by Ciano.

1989 New York Open

Account by Ken Tomkins

A sharp young player from Argentina named Vasquez won the under 2500 section with an excellent score of 7-1. He earned \$10,000 for his efforts.

I played against seven over 2400 players and one 2300 player and managed to win four of my games and draw the other four. I netted \$806 while tying for top finishing American in my section. Here is one of my games.

Ken Tomkins - IM Walter Shipman

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 ed 4 Nd4 Be5 5 Be3 Qf6 6 c3 d6 7 Be2 Bd7 8 00 Qg6 9 Bh5 Qe4? 10 Re1 Kf8 11 Qb3 Ne8 12 Nd2 Qh4 13 Bf3 Nf6 14 g3 Qh3 15 Bg5 Bd4 16 cd4 Qf5 17 Qe3 Ne6 18 Bf6 Qf6 19 Bb7 Rb8 20 d5! Rb7 21 de Be2 22 Ne4 Qe5 23 Rad1! Bf5? 24 Qf3+ Be4 25 Re4 Qb2 26 Rad1 27 Qe3 Qb5 28 Rb4! Qe8 29 Rb8 Qb8 30 Qe7+ 0-1

Northwest Postal Chess

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MASTERS (3)

1483 John Penquite
1397 Stan Vaughan
1226 Richard Schultz

EXPERTS (10)

1198 Bill McGearry
1174 Mike Mulford
1156 Dave Collyer
1150 Sean Malone
1132 David Heap
1102 Michael Vaughn
1063 Steve Gordon
1054 Rob Rittenhouse
1050 Terry M. Grant
1020 Jeff Schuh

CLASS A (20)

985 H. Greninger
974 Harry McAndrew
973 Bob Jeffers
972 Philip Peterson
969 Marvin Hayami
958 Mike Heinisch
956 Dave Bowman
941 Dana Woods
925 John Stanfield
904 Robert Baker
900 Robert Karch
884 David Cornell
880 C. Carrothers
872 E. Lee Edwards
868 Russel Ness
864 Scott Caldwell
842 Vincent Campos
840 Ron Zarges
829 John McNabb
800 Jeff Jarvis

CLASS B (29)

796 George Kosinsky
786 Thomas Thrush
779 Ron Norman
764 Dan McLeod
760 Randy Smolensky
755 Kristen Dietsch
750 Len Lutterman
750 Steve Tower

720 Jim Amidon
718 George Chue
711 Eric Kashino
706 G.K. Tan
700 John D. Miller
700 Stephen Wilkins
700 Steve Wing
688 Mike Vinyard
686 Don Lundberg
685 Robert Haukap
684 Lucki Tenujaja
681 John Ragner
679 Marlin Varner
679 Daryl Ward
655 Dave Donnelly
651 John Tubbs
630 Earl Daniel
629 Marc Deorr
615 Rick Sweeney
610 Stephen Chase
610 Larry Rydel

CLASS C (16)

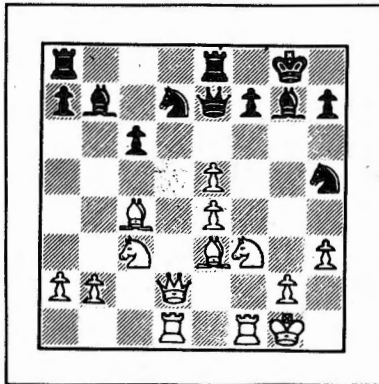
586 Doug Allen
583 Michael Powe
554 Garroll Salmons
551 Randy E. Parr
545 Richard Mangus
521 Lewis Allwardt
521 Rick Schneider
500 Phil Carson
500 Michael Conner
500 Russell Sanders
489 Charles Sacks
485 Don White
472 C. Nicholls
468 Darwei Kung
458 Billie Slagle
445 Ken Eddy

CLASS D (7)

397 Paul Lowry
354 Ron Hill
345 Patricia Lowry
319 Jean Bishop
214 G. Greenwood
141 Mike Gusinow
54 Curt Collyer

better chances. KSD - A strategical idea here is Black's Knight on f6 defends his Knight on d7 which can be double attacked by White moving his bishop on d3, and defends his f7 against White's Rook on f1 in case the Knight on f3 moves. Both are line-opening moves. Also, whenever a Knight moves, it undefends all the points it was defending, and opens all Rook or Bishop lines it had closed.

17 Bc4



Black has no satisfactory way to defend f7.

17...Ne5?

This permits a quick finish, but Black's position was "lost" anyway. KSD-Perhaps 17...Ng3 was more resistant.

18 Nxe5 Bxe5 19 Bxf7+ Qxf7 20 Rxf7 Kxf7 21 g4 Ng7 22 Qd7+ Re7 23 Rf1+ Bf6 24 Rxf6+ 1-0.

Notes by David Heap and KSD-Kristen Dietsch.

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CHALLENGE MATCHES: \$.75 each player, 2 to 6 games rated. Opening Themes okay, your opponent fastest.

NEWCOMERS: Send all regular and postal ratings with entry. Open to all (overseas, 5 days max. mailing time.)

1989 Game of The Year Contest!

Enter any NWPC games that ended April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989. The best will receive \$20.00 or a plaque or trophy, runner-up six months extension of NWC. The top 12 places will be printed, annotations are welcome. Please postmark your entries by July 31, 1989. (Enter as many games as you wish.)

Section News

SECTIONS FORMING: Foursomes: 2 needed for an MX, X or XA, and 3 needed for same; 2 needed for an AB, B, or BC; 1 needed for a CD

or D; and 2 needed for an MX or X with Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. Challenges: needed: 1 vs and X; and an M or X vs an X with BDG.

WELCOME: Robert A. Karch of Everett; Steve Wing of Marysville; Sean Malone of St Thomas, US Virgin Islands; and Stephen Wilkins of Comer GA.

Michael Vaughn is the second player to advance to the finals of the 1988 NWPC Open Championship with his 5-0 score, one remaining. He joins Rob Rittenhouse. Thomas Thrush won first in class C, for \$5.00, for his upsets vs a Master and A and since the other C player withdrew. The third finalist, for \$25.00 1st and \$20.00 2nd, cannot be determined because section 88NW1 has few games completed. Also, for the \$15.00 Class A and B prizes, the A leader is Harry McAndrew with 68.75% wins to losses, the B is Ron Zarges, with 1 game remaining, so can get 50%, 58.33% or 66.67%; again, the A's and B's in 88NW1 have several games remaining.

Our thanks to Robert A. Karch (Chess International Editor, and former NWPC Director) for laser-printing a new rules master for us. Write with SASE if you wish a copy.

The rating system we use is about the USCF regular (over-the-board or otb) minus 1000, and is linear, not based on the bell-curve as in the USCF. I would like your comments on changing it by adding 1000 to everyone, for easier otb comparisons, and, perhaps, using a more complex formula for changes from results. Lately, the minus 1000 is less used.

The 1989 NWPC vs Northern Island PCA Match has begun with 14 boards (the line-up I sent has been confirmed by them). A player asked about their relative strengths: I will try to find out exactly, but expect them each to be within 100 points of us because they had 15 entries in all classes to our 14, and our clubs' sizes are similar; one or two over this is unavoidable, however. Remember to report all results to me.

The 1988 WA-OR was tied 2-2, the forfeit on board 2 excluded.

At this year's Washington Open, I overheard the comment "I should try postal chess!" NWPC has two advantages over others: most players are local, reducing mailing time - almost all of our games are done before adjudication time limit -, and it costs less.

Corrections: In May, 1989, the ratings list should have been the month before (the results were reflected with April's in last months list). In June 1989 Expert David Heap wrote the symbols to the moves, and the first half of all the paragraphs, except after White's 5th.

MAY RESULTS: 88CD3 Hill 10 C Collyer. 88NW3 Vaughn 12 Zarges. 88WW Kashino 6,6 C Chase. 88CM8 Allen 29 Daniel. 88NW1 Thrush 29 Carrothers and Carrothers 21 Thrush. 89CM3 Mulford 22,-5= Rittenhouse. 88CM2 Mulford 5 Norman. 88AB2 McNabb 29 Edwards. 89CC2 Campos 22 Dietsch. 87D1 Eddy 14 Greenwood. 88XA1 Woods 33 Rittenhouse. (The point change(s), middle, is added to the first player - who won, unless an "=" , a draw - and subtracted from the second player.)

1987 Game of the Year:

13th Place

Pirc Defence NWPC 1986 Open Chpp.

John Penquite, M - Harry McAndrew, A

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Be3 c6 5 h3 Nbd7 6 f4 b5 7 Bd3 b4 8 Nce2 Bg7 9 Nf3 00 10 c4 bxc3 11 Nxc3

11 bxc3 is also good here, keeping the center strong. The text is a bit sharper and more imbalanced.

11...e5 12 Qd2 Re8 13 00 Bb7

The "basic development" has now been completed with a fairly even game. It is at this point that the higher-rated players begin to outplay their partners, as it is here that the subtle, strategical ideas must be made coherent. How is White to proceed? Center-player? Wing-play? Kingside attack? Open up the center with exchanges? Move a rook? Which one? Where?...

14 Rad1

Why d1 rather than b1, c1 or e1? Perhaps c1 looks like the most natural choice. White chooses d1 to play against possible Black weaknesses at d6 or d7.

14...Qe7 15 dxe5 dxe5 16 fxe5 Nh5 ?!

Black's game now becomes really difficult. The more direct 16...Nxe5 17 Nxe5 Qxe5 offers

The 1989 Washington Junior Open

April 15, 1989
by Dave Collyer

Seventy-four players, ranging in age from 4 to 18, competed for individual and team honors in Spokane on April 15th at the 1989 edition of the Washington Junior Open. The record turnout was due in part to the four section format, allowing the younger competitors a chance to play their peers.

The Open section was decided by a speed playoff between Robert Dixon of Mt. Lake Terrace and Calvin Creger of Spokane. They had drawn their tournament game and the first speed game, but Dixon easily won the second playoff game to capture the title and entry into the Washington Junior Closed. Only a half point behind the top were Joel Singer of Spokane and Jim DeMoss of Rathdrum, ID with 3-1.

The 11-14 year old section was dominated by Mike Hill of Issaquah who finished a full point up on the field with 4-0. Kweilin Moore of Seattle zipped through a round robin speed playoff to cart off the second place trophy. Sid Fisher took home third (one of the nine Vancouver, WA players to capture individual honors in the four sections).

The 7-10 year old section was a photo finish between two Vancouver friends - Robbie Fisher and Brian Jones. Fisher snatched the first place trophy in an one-game speed playoff. They scored 4-0 a full point ahead of 7 others. Jeremy Richards won a knockout speed tournament to take the third place trophy. Richards was the star for the 18-player contingent from Oak Harbor, WA.

The under 7 years section saw the youngest player, 4-year old Curt Collyer of Spokane rampage through an otherwise 6-year old group with 3½-½ total. Collyer's lone draw seemed a courtesy as he was ahead a queen at the time. Newcomer Sarah Dexter of Moses Lake took second and Jenifer Allyn of Tacoma captured third.

Robert Dixon - Jim DeMoss Rd 1

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 ed 4 Nxe4 Nd7 5 Bc4 Nef6 6 Ng3 e6 7 Nf3 Qc7 8 00 c5 9 Bg5 a6 10 dc Bxc5 11 Bb3 b5 12 Qe2 Nb6 13 Rfe1 Bd7 14 Ne5 Rf8 15 Rad1 Ke7 16 Nf5+ ef 17 Nc6 mate.

Joel Singer - Robert Dixon Rd 2

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 g3 b6 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 e4 Bb7 6 Nge2 Bb4 7 00 d6 8 a3 Bxc3 9 Nxc3 00 10 d4 e5 11 d5 Ne7 12 f4 Nd7 13 f5 f6 14 g4 a5 15 h4 Ba6 16 b3 Qe8 17 g5 Kh8 18 Nb5 Bxb5 19 cb g6 20 gf Nxf6 21 Bg5 gf 22 Kh2 f4 23 Rc1 Qxb4 24 Rxc7 Neg8 25 Rg1 h6 26 Bxf6 Nxf6 27 Bh3 Qe8 28 Rgg7 Rg8 29 Rgf7 Rf8 30 Rfe7 Qg6 31 Bf5 Qg3+ 32 Kh1 Qxh4+ 33 Kg1 Rg8+ 34 Kf1 Qh1+ 0-1.

Calvin Creger - Robert Dixon Rd 3

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 d5 4 ed cd 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 e3 e6 7 Bd3 Bd6 8 Bd2 00 9 Rc1 Nb4 10 Bb1 Bd7 11 00 Rc8 12 Ne1 Qb6 13 f4 Bb5 14 Rf3 Qa6 15 Nxb5 Qxb5 16 Rh3 g6 17 g4 Rc4 18 f5 Rfc8 19 g5 Ne4 20 Rxc4 Qxc4 21 Bxe4 de 22 f6 Nd3 23 Bc3 Nxe1 24 Qxe1 Qxa2 25 Rh6 Bf8 26 Qh4 Qb1+ 27 Kg2 Qe2+ 28 Kf1 Rxc3 29 bc Bxh6 30 Qxh6 Qd1+ 31 Kg2 Qe2+ 32 Qxc3+ Kg2 ½-½

Robert Dixon - Don Sowell Rd 4

1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 Ng5 d5 5 ed Nxd5 6 Qf3 Qxg5 7 Bxd5 Qg6 8 Bxc6 bc 9 d3 Bd6 10 Nd2 Bb7 11 Nc4 Rb8 12 Qg3 Qxg3 13 hg c5 14 f3 00 15 Kf2 f5 16 b3 e4 17 de fe 18 f4 Rae8 19 Ke3 Re7 20 Ba3 Rfe8 21 Rh5 Re6 22 Bxc5 Bxc5 23 Rxc5 R8e7 24 Ne5 g5 25 Rd1 Rd6 26 Rd4 Rxd4 27 Kxd4 gf 28 gf Kg7 29 Rb5 Ba6 30 Ra5 Bf1 31 g4 Bg2 32 Ke3 Kf6 33 Ra6+ Re6 34 Rxe6+ Kxe6 35 c4 c5 36 a3 Kd6 37 b4 a6 38 Nf7+ Kc6 39 Ng5 h6 40 Nxe4 Bh3 1-0.

Spokane CC News

by Dave Collyer

Three players tied for first in Spokane Action #6 in early April (see crosstable in June issue). Californian Julie Wilson upheld her 1800+ rating by finishing in a tie with Calvin Creger and Richard Cohen 2-1.

John Wise of Vancouver WA and Barry Neuhaus of Seattle ambushed the local gunslingers with 4-0 scores, carting off the bulk of the money and rating points in the field of 22 at the Spokane Action Championship on April 15. Kris Dexter of Moses Lake outdrew top rated Wayne Hatcher of Wenatchee to pull off the major upset of the tournament. Two-time North Dakota State Champion John Stanfield, now of East Wenatchee, topped the 3-1 group. Tom Allyn of Seattle made a liar of the rating system, scoring 2-2 while sporting a lowly 944 rating. (See full crosstable in June issue.)

Joel Singer and Calvin Creger ripped into the adult entrants at World Blitz #4, with Creger winning the playoff in early May.

Jeremy Younker picked up a trophy at a local Moses Lake tournament in April while his dad, Gary Younker, handled the older players handily. Richard Cohen, also of Spokane, swept through a second Moses Lake unrated event in May, squeezing by the elder Younker in the process.

Spokane CC Championship 1989

Rd 6 Mike Fox vs Dave Rowles (notes by Collyer)

1 c4 e5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 c6 4 Nc3

Better is 4 d4. Soltis, in *Winning With the English Opening* (1982), states: "The point of this shot is to saddle Black with an isolated QP and exploit the squares d4 and e5 with his minor pieces. It is effective because ...c6 denies Black the opportunity to hit back at the White queen when it recaptures on d4." (page 18)

4...d5 5 cd cd 6 Nh3

More reasonable would be 6 d3 and 7 Nf3.

6...Nc6 7 a3 Be7 8 00 00 9 b4 Rb8 10 Bb2 b5 11 Rc1 Nd4 12 e3 Nf5

The c4 square looks inviting.

13 f4 e4 14 Nf2 h5

Black restrains g3-g4.

15 Ne2 h4? 16 Qe1

Better was 16 g4 Nd6 17 Nd4 Bd7 18 g5 Ne8 19 Qh5 Nc4 20 Rc2 and White wins the h-pawn.

16...hg 17 hg Nd6 18 Be5 Rb7

18...Rc8 battling for the file.

19 Bxd6! Bxd6 20 d3 Re8

20...ed and then ...Re8.

21 de de 22 Nc3 Bf5? 23 Qe2 a6 24 Rfd1 Qb6 25 Nd5

25 Rd4 surrounds the e-pawn.

25...Nxd5 26 Rxd5 Be6 27 Rg5?! f5 28 Rg6 Bf7 29 Rg5 g6 30 g4 Be7 31 gf Bxg5 32 Bxe4 Bxf4

32...Rxe4 33 Nxe4 Bf6 and Black is winning.

33 fg Bc4 34 Rxc4 bc 35 Qxc4+ Kg7 36 Bxb7 Qxg6+ 37 Bg2 Bxe3 38 Qc7+ 0-1 on time.

OREGON REPORT

by Jay Thomas Collins

CLUB REPORT

Lane County Chess Club

Chess in Eugene is alive and well. The Lane County Chess Club boasts thirty-five active members and an average attendance of twenty players.

A yearly club championship is held; TD and Expert David Arganian is the current champion. The club sponsors USCF tournaments as well as local non-rated events to stimulate community interest in chess.

Club meetings usually involve open skittles, five-minute and one-minute whenever Bill Maddex is in town. Impromptu tourneys are often organized. LCCC can field a strong team, but also has players of all levels--an important element in any popular chess club's success.

The comfortable Washington Street Park Community Center (20th and Washington) is given over to the club Tuesdays from 7pm-11:30 and Saturday from 4:15-6:15 (2nd Saturdays of each month: 12-6pm). Upstairs at the Eugene Public Library has also been a traditional gathering place for chess players on early Saturday afternoons.

Any questions can be directed to Club President Ray Wissig (484-6026), VP Manuel Joseph, Treasurer Ken Frojen, Secretary John Ingram, Sgt. at Arms Don Kelley (343-2196), or TD Mike Vaughn (946-1373). {Area code 503-RED}

An Open Letter From the Oregon Editor

Where is the Oregon Game of the Month? Only you can answer this question.

I appreciate the few submissions I have recieved, but the Oregon Section needs your help. All tournament results should be turned in. More interesting games must be submitted. Analysis of all kinds is welcome. Your choices are: either submit more material, or discover a talented chess psychic who will work cheap.

I intend to make the Oregon Club Report an irregular feature. Send information on your club and I will organize visits as I am able.

Any game played by an Oregon resident or any game played in Oregon is eligible for the Oregon Game of the Month Contest. The winning game will be carefully analyzed in *Northwest Chess* and the winner will receive \$10.00 off of the entry fee to any one OCF tournament.

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Grants Pass 1989
Round 4 TC 40/90
Manuel Joseph (2236) - John Paul Romo (2070)

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bc4 f5?! 4 d4 fxe4 5 Nxe5! d5 6 Qh5+ g6 7 Nxb6 Nf6 8 Qe5+ Kf7!?

The book line is 8...Be7 9 Nxe7 Qxe7 10 Qxe7+ Kxe7 11 Be2 Nc6 12 c3 Rg8 13 g3, and White is clearly better.

9 Nxb8+ Kg7 10 Be2 Nc6 11 Qg5+!

Better than the immediate Qg3+, when White must deal with N-e7-f5.

11...Kxh8 12 c3 Be7 13 Qg3 Be6 14. Bh6 Bf8 15 Bxf8 Qxf8 16 Nd2

[16 Qxc7!? - JTC]

16...Qe7 17 h3 Rg8 18 Qh2 Bf5 19 g4 Bg6 20 a3

To prevent any Nxd4 and Qb4+ after White plays Nf1; no need to allow unnecessary complications.

20...a6

Black envisions 21...e3, his last real shot at compensation. ...a6 prevents a Bishop pin from b5 after Black's intended ...Re8. [Perhaps ...e3 should be played before 21 Nf1, that is on Black's 18th or 20th - JTC.]

21 Nf1 e3!? 22 Nxe3 Qe4 23 Rd1 Re8 24 00 Nd8 25 Bd3 Qf3
26 Bxg6 hxg6 27 Rfe1 Nf7 28 Qg2

Not 28 Qg3?? Rxe3!

28...Qf4

White doesn't fear 28...Ng5 because of 29 Qxf3! Nxf3+ 30 Kg2 Nxe1+ 31 Rxe1 and White's two extra pawns win handily.

29 Nxd5 Rxe1+ 30 Rxe1 Qd2 31 Re3 Kg7 32 Nxf6 Kxf6 33
Qf3+ Kg7 34 Re7 Qd1+ 35 Qxd1 1-0

(Notes by Manuel Joseph)

Grants Pass Open
4/8-9/89 TD: Wray Maxwell

Player	Pre	Post	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Tot
1 Donaldson, John W	2558	2563	W36	W16	W9	W11	W4	5-0
2 Nelson, Barry G.	2151	2194	W18	W24	W7	W3	W11	5-0
3 Dominguez, Jose	2308	2299	W25	W29	W6	L2	W15	4-1
4 Joseph, Manuel	2226	2236	W27	W41	W13	W5	L1	4-1
5 Romo, John Paul	2067	2070	W37	W26	W39	L4	W16	4-1
6 Pendergast, Michael	2023	2038	W33	W44	L3	W24	W20	4-1
7 Dominguez, Roberto	2020	2055	W30	W15	L2	W35	W13	4-1
8 Smith, Allen W.	1405	1460	BYE	BYE	W41	L15	W29	4-1
9 Haselden, Robert	2071	2061	W38	D39	L1	W36	W25	3½-1½
10 Elder, Gary D.	1993	1972	W34	L20	D27	W39	W23	3½-1½
11 Studenrauch, Steve	2149	2142	W31	W35	W20	L1	L2	3-2
12 Franett, Michael	2115	2071	L26	W34	L25	W38	W22	3-2
13 Polasek, Preston	1972	1969	W32	W17	L4	W26	L7	3-2
14 Vaughn, Michael	1923	1883	W42	L23	L26	W33	W31	3-2
15 Kaufman, Steven	1885	1885	W19	L7	W18	W8	L3	3-2
16 Preston, Spencer	1816	1831	W40	L1	W33	W21	L5	3-2
17 Bannon, David T.	1691	1703	L35	L13	W34	W37	W36	3-2
18 Robinson, Thomas	1609	1629	L2	W45	L15	W44	W28	3-2
19 Greenland, L.Paul	1475	1509	L15	L36	BYE	W41	W35	3-2
20 Villarqui, Naren	1438	1635	W28	W10	L11	W29	L6	3-2
21 Lawler, Mark	---	1770	D23	W37	D36	L16	W30	3-2
22 Turner, Mark T.	1943	1902	L39	W38	W31	D25	L12	2½-2½
23 Fisher, Burton	1766	1776	D21	W14	L24	W27	L10	2½-2½
24 Blankenhorn, Thomas	1698	1737	W45	L2	W23	L6	D26	2½-2½
25 Hadlock, Geoffrey	1675	1717	L3	W42	W12	D22	L9	2½-2½
26 Elder, Skye	1637	1693	W12	L5	W14	L13	D24	2½-2½
27 Maxwell, Wray A.	1617	1637	L4	W40	D10	L23	W39	2½-2½
28 McLeod, Dan B.	1793	1751	L20	L33	W42	W32	L18	2-3
29 Titus, Michael	1780	1748	W43	L3	W32	L20	L8	2-3
30 McCullough, Richard	1696	1664	L7	L32	W43	W40	L21	2-3
31 Hoffman, Chris A.	1633	1642	L11	W46	L22	W43	L14	2-3
32 Shook, Stephan	1554	1584	L13	W30	L29	L28	W41	2-3
33 Haselden, Charles	1549	1566	L6	W28	L16	L14	W43	2-3
34 Ettingher, C.	1503	1529	L10	L12	L17	W46	W42	2-3
35 Wostenberg, Thomas	---	1614	W17	L11	W44	L7	L19	2-3
36 Meeker, William	1599	1604	L1	W19	D21	L9	L17	1½-3½
37 Sutherland, Fred	1573	1561	L5	L21	D46	L17	W44	1½-3½
38 Babcock, Albert	1540	1531	L9	L22	W45	L12	D40	1½-3½
39 Holbrook, Daniel	1529	1557	W22	D9	L5	L10	L27	1½-3½
40 Partsch, John A.	1366	1366	L16	L27	BYE	L30	D38	1½-3½
41 Encinas, Gilbert	1736	1670	W46	L4	L8	L19	L32	1-4
42 Trobough, Warren	1436	1417	L14	L25	L28	W45	L34	1-4
43 Nordquist, Sherman	1122	1116	L29	BYE	L30	L31	L33	1-4
44 Breazeale, Brett	732	1015	BYE	L6	L35	L18	L37	1-4
45 Dennehy, Sr Jerry	---	1183	L24	L18	L38	L42	BYE	1-4
46 Hodge, Jeff	1670	1611	L41	L31	D37	L34	LF	½-4½

This event drew players from Washington (3), California (8) and Oregon.

Crosstables

Great Pumpkin Open 10/29-30/88

Albany, Oregon

TD: Daniel Rogers

Player	Pre	Post	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Tot
1 Ong, Yew Chiang	----	2138	WF	W38	W20	W5	D2	4½
2 Collins, Jay Thomas	2159	2159	W12	W8	D17	W10	D1	4
3 Knowles, D Alan	2144	2124	L11	W19	W18	W17	D7	3½
4 Arganian, David G	2071	2061	D16	W37	W21	D6	D11	3½
5 Haselden, Robert H	2070	2065	W13	W11	W29	L1	D8	3½
6 Kretten, Michael D	2007	2027	W22	D10	W14	D4	D13	3½
7 Dana, Eric	1999	1988	W26	L17	W30	W19	D3	3½
8 Polasek, Preston	1962	1972	W23	L2	W28	W26	D5	3½
9 Turner, Mark T	1934	1965	W15	L14	HPB	W24	W23	3½
10 Rodgers, William A	1911	1944	W27	D6	W36	L2	W22	3½
11 Uselton, Jim R	1892	1924	W3	L5	W32	W29	D4	3½
12 Vaughn, Michael E	1864	1865	L2	W28	W31	D23	W25	3½
13 Anderson, Bobby	1809	1829	L5	W31	W33	W20	D6	3½
14 Chiu, Herman B	2277	2250	HPB	W9	L6	W21	D17	3
15 Stubentrauch, Steve	2218	2179	L9	L29	W46	W38	W30	3
16 Hall, Ralph L	1773	1792	D4	L36	HPB	W33	W28	3
17 Dunn, Keven	1738	1816	W39	W7	D2	L3	D14	3
18 Penn, Dave	1635	1640	L33	W40	L3	W32	W31	3
19 CompX, Terminator	1597	1645	W41	L3	W39	L7	W26	3
20 Nyman, Michael D	1414	1489	W45	W24	L1	L13	W29	3
21 Bollman, Dean H	1786	1812	D36	W46	L4	L14	W34	2½
22 Dale, Korneljis	1699	1693	L6	W33	W35	D25	L10	2½
23 Dunn, Randy E	1640	1656	L8	W27	W42	D12	L9	2½
24 Tubbs, John D	1585	1587	W34	L20	HPB	L9	W38	2½
25 Rouse, David S	----	1659	L32	W34	W37	D22	L12	2½
26 Mc Nown, Marc	1680	1661	L7	W32	W41	L8	L19	2
27 Lin, Ben	1594	1555	L10	L23	W44	L34	W41	2
28 Robinson, Thomas R	1567	1558	W42	L12	L8	W35	L16	2
29 Geary, Charles	1544	1463	W35	W15	L5	L11	L20	2
30 Ettingher, C	1534	1535	W43	L39	L7	W41	L15	2
31 Shook, Stephan E	1489	1481	W40	L13	L12	W42	L18	2
32 Lowther, Michael R	1454	1471	W25	L26	L11	L18	W42	2
33 Lin, Thomas	1449	1467	W18	L22	L13	L16	W40	2
34 Breest, Chris	1380	1399	L24	L25	W40	W27	L21	2
35 Dobes, Jeff A	1223	1230	L29	W43	L22	L28	W45	2
36 Akin, Mark A	2069	2040	D21	W16	L10	----	----	1½
37 Vinyard, Mike	1845	1815	HPB	L4	L25	W45	----	1½
38 Lesko, Erik Allen	1423	1473	W44	L1	HPB	L15	L24	1½
39 Davis, Mikeal D	2027	1972	L17	W30	L19	----	----	1
40 Dunn, Larry	1294	1246	L31	L18	L34	W43	L33	1
41 Foster, David R	1216	1214	L19	W45	L26	L30	L27	1
42 Nordquist, Sherman	1116	1117	L28	W44	L23	L31	L32	1
43 Tavares, Doug	981	981	L30	L35	L45	L40	W44	1
44 Rutherford, Jeff	----	896	L38	L42	L27	----	L43	1
45 Thoenness, Philip	----	1147	L20	L41	W43	L37	L35	1
46 Sims, Tyler	1872	1848	HPB	L21	L15	L17	----	½

22 Shook, Stephan	1481	1491	L6	W18	L8	L17	W27	2
23 Nissani, Ethan	----	1364	L16	L13	W26	W28	L15	2
24 Saroka, Amir	----	1275	L9	L12	L18	W26	D28	1½
25 Foster, David	1214	1201	L4	L20	BYEL	L21	L18	1
26 Thoenness, Philip	1147	1137	L7	L21	L23	L24	BYE1	1
27 Rutherford, Jeff	896	1073	L8	BYEL	L19	L20	L22	1
28 Neville, Gary	----	1288	D11	L19	L15	L23	D24	1

Willamette Valley Open 05/20/89

Albany Chess Club

TD: Daniel Rogers

Player	Pre	Post	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Tot
1 Joseph, Manuel	2236	2249	W22	W26	D4	W9	W3	4½
2 Collins, Jay	2175	2175	W16	W31	W10	L3	W11	4
3 Ong, Yew Chiang	2148	2168	W27	W14	W5	W2	L1	4
4 Harmon, Leland	2116	2122	W35	W34	D1	D11	W10	4
5 Turner, Mark	1902	1922	W8	W13	L3	W17	W12	4
6 Robinson, Thomas	1629	1656	W39	L10	W38	W18	W16	4
7 Penn, Dave	1641	1662	W37	D11	D25	D8	W23	3½
8 Johnston, Matt	1549	1591	L5	W37	W14	D7	W20	3½
9 Polasek, Preston	1969	1949	D21	W17	W12	L1	D15	3
10 Holcomb, Gordon	1942	1937	W23	W6	L2	W27	L4	3
11 Poulsin, Sief	1867	1873	W28	D7	W19	D4	L2	3
12 Dunn, Keven	1786	1778	W24	W20	L9	W28	L5	3
13 Dunn, Randy	1703	1698	W32	L5	L18	W38	W26	3
14 Reiner, Gerald	1674	1676	W36	L3	L8	W29	W25	3
15 CompX, Terminator	1656	1662	D33	L25	W37	W19	D9	3
16 Lin, Thomas	1551	1591	L2	W32	W26	W25	L6	3
17 Lin, Ben	1535	1554	W30	L9	W24	L5	W27	3
18 Saroka, Amir	1258	1377	L31	W35	W13	L6	W28	3
19 Mc Nown, Marc	1698	1696	HPBW	L21	L11	L15	W31	2½
20 Thomas, Jim	1572	1550	W38	L12	D33	W22	L8	2½
21 Geary, Charles	1513	1513	D9	L19	L22	W30	W32	2½
22 Bainbridge, John	1509	1517	L1	D33	W21	L20	W35	2½
23 Greenland, L Paul	1509	1506	L10	W36	HPBW	L37	L7	2½
24 Moore, Troy	1293	1315	L12	W39	L17	D31	W33	2½
25 McLeod, Dan	1751	1751	HPBW	L15	D7	L16	L14	2
26 Griswold, Eddie	1708	1679	W29	L1	L16	W35	L13	2
27 Babcock, Albert	1531	1542	L3	W29	W31	L10	L17	2
28 Nissani, Ethan	1330	1357	L11	W30	W34	L12	L18	2
29 Neville, Gary	1288	1305	L26	L27	W39	L14	W38	2
30 Watts, Matt	973	1088	L17	L28	BYEL	L21	W37	2
31 Kocher, Paul	1701	1660	W18	L2	L27	D24	L19	1½
32 Deatherage-Newman	1331	1322	L13	L16	HPBW	L36	L21	1½
33 Foster, David	1217	1237	D15	D22	D20	L23	L24	1½
34 Aourini, Chedly	1663	1642	BYEL	L4	L28	----	----	1
35 Ettingher, C	1540	1506	L4	L18	W36	L26	L22	1
36 Dunn, Larry	1234	1216	L14	L23	L35	L32	W39	1
37 Nordquist, Sherman	1116	1116	L7	L8	L15	W39	L30	1
38 Rutherford, Jeff	1081	1097	L20	PYEL	L6	L13	L29	1
39 Anderson, James	----	917	L6	L24	L29	L37	L36	0

Linn-Benton Open 01/29/89

Albany Chess Club

TD: Daniel Rogers

Player	Pre	Post	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Tot
1 Ong, Yew Chiang	2138	2148	W12	W9	D10	W16	W4	4½
2 Joseph, Manuel	2217	2218	W20	L4	W7	W9	W6	4
3 Collins, Jay	2159	2150	W21	DJ7	D16	W11	W8	4
4 Abero, Rodolfo	2097	2120	W25	W2	W6	W10	L1	4
5 Becker, Richard	2108	2092	W13	L10	W20	D14	W16	3½
6 Knowles, D Alan	2124	2111	W22	W8	L4	W19	L2	3
7 Davis, Mikeal	1972	1974	W26	D3	L2	W15	D10	3
8 Holcomb, Gordon	1953	1942	W27	L6	W22	W12	L3	3
9 Anderson, bobby	1849	1850	W24	L1	W13	L2	W21	3
10 Bollman, Dean	1752	1805	W18	W5	D1	L4	D7	3
11 CompX, Terminator	1645	1656	D28	D17	W21	L3	W19	3
12 Babcock, Albert	1494	1540	L1	W24	W17	L8	W20	3
13 Lin, Thomas	1467	1516	L5	W23	L9	W18	W17	3
14 Chiu, Herman	2228	2225	W19	HPB	HPB	D5	----	2½
15 Mc Leon, Dan	1788	1761	HPB	L16	W28	L7	W23	2½
16 Mc Nown, Marc	1661	1697	W23	W15	D3	L1	L5	2½
17 Nowlin, Dan	1669	1628	HPB	D11	L12	W22	L13	2
18 Rutherford, Ronald	1629	1525	L10	L22	W24	L13	W25	2
19 Robinson, Thomas	1610	1597	L14	W28	W27	L6	L11	2
20 Lin, Ben	1555	1540	L2	W25	L5	W27	L12	2
21 Ettingher, C	1535	1526	L3	W26	L11	W25	L9	2

Puget Sound League Southern Division Dec 9, 1989 to April 28, 1989

TD: Gary Dorfner

Player	Pre	Post	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Tot
1 Dubisch, Ralph	2235	2238	WF	W5	W8	D21	W42	4½
2 McGeary, Bill H.	2226	2232	W32	W15	L7	W44	W37	4
3 Yamanaka, Keith	2066	2092	W34	W11	----	W26	W41	4
4 Ward, John R.	1747	1773	----	W49	HPBW	W51	W7	3½
5 Graves, John	2154	2142	W39	L1	W33	W6	L14	3
6 McNiven, Scott	2037	2043	W35	W46	----	L5	W16	3
7 Norskog, Robert	1765	1782	D18	WF	W2	D10	L4	3
8 Schubert, Paul	1674	1727	W27	W33	L1	L11	W44	3
9 Ciano, J. A.	1626	1646	D17	L29	HPBW	W28	W13	3
10 Allen, Mark	2023	2035	----	W38	W52	D7	----	2½
11 Hayami, Marvin	1970	1965	----	L3	W28	W8	D33	2½
12 Muller, Dana	2164	2166	----	W13	----	W18	----	2
13 Baskett, Steven	1652	1667	----	W47	L12	W45	L9	2
14 Mjelde, Daniel	1551	1591	W51	----	----	W5	----	2
15 Salmon, Neil V.	2337	2313	----	L2	W48	----	D30	1½
16 Walther, Randy	1914	1906	D31	----	W50	L6	W18	1½
17 Glass, John	1895	1889	D9	----	W47	----	W18	1½
18 Scott, Kenneth	1624	1653	D7	W32	----	----	L12	1½
19 Allen, Damon	1978	1996	W43	----	----	----	----	1
20 Lawson, Jerry	1871	1876	----	----	----	W47	----	1
21 Allen, Robert J.	1804	1810	D36	----	----	D1	----	1

22 Anderson, Larry	1700	1702	---	---	---	W52	---	1
23 Gehring, Warren	1641	1652	W48	---	---	---	---	1
24 Pearson, Stuart	1570	1600	---	---	---	W40	---	1
25 Thornton, Fred	1517	1535	W29	---	---	---	---	1
26 Sowell, Don A.	1513	1516	W52	---	---	L3	---	1
27 Powell, Mark	1449	1480	L8	W34	---	---	---	1
28 Chamberlain, C.	1376	1466	W47	---	L11	L9	---	1
29 Ruddell, Craig	1291	1326	L25	W9	---	---	---	1
30 Schwarman, Mark	2044	2056	---	---	---	---	D15	1/2
31 Rogers, John	1927	1926	D16	---	---	---	---	1/2
32 Allen, Derek	1814	1787	L2	L18	HPB	---	---	1/2
33 Russell, Corey	1775	1749	---	L8	L5	---	D11	1/2
34 Sharlow, Martin	1722	1701	L3	L27	HPB	---	---	1/2
35 Jarmin, John	1654	1651	L6	---	HPB	---	---	1/2
36 Padgett, Curtis	1627	1635	D21	---	---	---	---	1/2
37 Monahan, Bryan	2136	2133	---	---	---	---	L2	0
38 Schoffstoll, K.	2114	2097	---	L10	---	---	---	0
39 Barnes, Joel	2097	2084	L5	---	---	---	---	0
40 Phipps, Bill J.	2088	2058	---	---	L24	---	---	0
41 Monohan, Robert	1951	1910	---	---	---	---	L3	0
42 Kaech, Randolph	1922	1917	---	---	---	---	L1	0
43 Rigot, Jerome	1892	1892	L19	---	---	---	---	0
44 Peschek, Lorin	1804	1780	---	---	---	L2	L8	0
45 Jangord, K. K.	1801	1779	---	---	---	L13	---	0
46 Sari-Jlou, Abbas	1657	1656	---	L6	---	---	---	0
47 Hovermale, Elmer	1560	1522	L28	L13	---	L17	L20	0
48 Mazique, George	1529	1518	L23	---	L15	---	---	0
49 Saul, Gordon	1498	1483	---	L4	---	---	---	0
50 Vo, Tri	1451	1449	---	---	---	L16	---	0
51 Hackworth, Terry	1392	1379	L14	---	---	L4	---	0
52 Dorfner, Gary J.	1218	1211	L26	---	L10	L22	---	0

Seattle Chess Club April Foolery
4/7-29/89 TD Frederick Kleist

Player	Pre	Post	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	Tot
1 Marshall, Daniel	2153	2151	W19	W34	D5	W6	3 1/2
2 Hood, William	1986	2010	HPB	W40	W24	W8	3 1/2
3 Miehe, Peter	2095	2077	L15	W32	W37	W12	3
4 McCready, Philip	2002	2004	W53	HPB	W23	D5	3
5 Pasik, Ron J.	1872	1912	W42	W7	D1	D4	3
6 Iodice, Art	1845	1881	W38	W17	W13	L1	3
7 Vulovic, Vlad	1795	1908	W49	L5	W11	W16	3
8 Staley, Greg	1937	1932	W51	W15	HPB	L2	2 1/2
9 Bailey, Daniel	1872	1864	W54	D12	HPB	D11	2 1/2
10 Driggs, Dave	1857	1863	HPB	L21	W44	W29	2 1/2
11 Chinn, Daniel	1692	1723	W57	W14	L7	D9	2 1/2
12 Horn, Doug	---	1796	W50	D9	WF	L3	2 1/2
13 Haskovec, Cedrik	2275	2254	W52	W35	L6	---	2
14 Moreland, Bruce	1961	1924	W37	L11	HPB	D18	2
15 Kenny, John	1719	1753	W3	L8	W35	---	2
16 Scott, Stan	1709	1694	L29	W51	W38	L7	2
17 Nang, Roberto	1616	1643	W18	L6	L22	W38	2
18 Skov, David	1600	1604	L17	HPB	W47	D14	2
19 Yee, Gin B.	1559	1595	L1	W36	W32	---	2
20 Fleury, Matt	1358	1394	HPB	D31	---	W36	2
21 Weinstock, Dave	2206	2209	HPB	W10	---	---	1 1/2
22 Anderson, Joseph	2013	2017	---	HPB	W17	---	1 1/2
23 Mauger, Frank	1778	1772	W55	HPB	L4	---	1 1/2
24 Patterson, Gabe	1775	1773	W36	HPB	L2	---	1 1/2
25 Leggett, Larry	1772	1773	HPB	W45	---	---	1 1/2
26 Kirk, Stephen	1767	1768	---	HPB	W46	---	1 1/2
27 Lyons, William	1710	1716	---	---	HPB	W41	1 1/2
28 Smith, Martin	1378	1768	---	---	HPB	W43	1 1/2
29 Gydov, Tim	1269	1355	W16	---	HPB	L10	1 1/2
30 Pierson, Michael	---	1852	---	HPB	W42	---	1 1/2
31 Oslick, Frank	1807	1793	HPB	D20	---	---	1 1/2
32 Ossiander, Glen	1746	1723	W41	L3	L19	---	1
33 Bogdon, David	1706	1707	W56	---	---	---	1
34 Phillips, Dick	1698	1698	W43	L1	---	---	1
35 Buennagel, Charis	1647	1635	W46	L13	L15	---	1
36 Hilderbrand, Mike	1502	1464	L24	L19	W48	L20	1
37 Cummings, Mike	1421	1436	L14	W41	L3	---	1
38 Mayer, Carol	1327	1340	L6	W50	L16	L17	1
39 Hill, Kenneth	---	1635	W44	---	---	---	1
40 Grady, Thomas	1612	1609	HPB	L2	---	---	1/2
41 Stefurak, George	1452	1424	L32	L37	HPB	L27	1/2
42 Culver, Dancil	1448	1452	L5	HPB	L30	---	1/2
43 Dubach, Jov	1266	1253	L34	---	HPB	L28	1/2
44 Johnson, Karl	1235	1231	L39	HPB	L10	---	1/2
45 McKinney, Charles	1216	1215	HPB	L25	---	---	1/2
46 Topness, Doug	1137	1135	L35	HPB	L26	---	1/2
47 Ferguson, Bill	---	1200	---	HPB	L18	---	1/2

48 Wallman, Lawrence	---	1102	---	HPBL36	---	1/2
49 Oshiro, Michael	1786	1778	L7	---	---	0
50 Cramer, Trevor	1542	1422	L12	L38	---	0
51 McMillan, Jesse	1422	1415	L8	L16	---	0
52 Candura, Stefano	1387	1509	L13	---	---	0
53 Patten, Don	1387	1386	L4	---	---	0
54 Moore, Kweilin	1313	1312	L9	---	---	0
55 Moore, Litsun	1204	1203	L23	---	---	0
56 Volk, Carol	1146	1145	L33	---	---	0
57 Jefferson, Phil	---	1292	L11	---	---	0

Seattle Chess Club April Foolery #2

1 Yee, Gin B.	1595	1619	W2	1
2 Oshiro, Mike	1778	1754	L1	0

Seattle Chess Club April Foolery #3

1 Marshall, Daniel	2151	2173	W9	W5	W3	3
2 Dixon, Robert	1606	1669	W7	W9	D5	2 1/2
3 Edwards, Derek	2192	2184	W8	W4	L1	2
4 Bailey, Daniel	1864	1880	W10	L3	W8	2
5 Lowery, Jeff	1988	1986	W6	L1	D2	1 1/2
6 Piper, August	1706	1728	L5	W7	D9	1 1/2
7 Darby, Michael	1903	1858	L2	L6	W10	1
8 Porter, L.W.	1751	1751	L3	W10	L4	1
9 Oshiro, Mike	1754	1726	L1	L2	D6	1/2
10 Provost, Frank	1696	1666	L4	L8	L7	0

Ft Lewis Base Championship 4/29-30/89

TD: Gary Dorfner

Player	Pre	Post	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Tot
1 Hlayami, Marvin	1965	1990	W5	W4	W2	W3	WF	5
2 Magbulos, Bob	1767	1796	W6	W5	L1	W4	W3	4
3 Tablozon, Tony	1426	1501	W4	W6	W5	L1	L2	3
4 Lawson, Jerry	1876	1821	L3	L1	W6	L2	W5	2
5 Morrow, Al	---	1439	L1	L2	L3	W6	L4	1
6 Holsombach, Jack	---	1270	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6	0

OREGON OPEN XXXVIII

September 2-3-4

Mt. Hood Community College
Vista Room
26000 SE Stark St
Gresham, Oregon

\$5000 Guaranteed (minimum).
Prize fund increased \$39 for every player over 180.

OPEN SECTION:

TC 55/150 then 25/1.
1st \$1000
2nd \$500
3rd \$250 4th \$250
U2200 1st \$250 2nd \$100 3rd \$100
U2000 1st \$250 2nd \$100 3rd \$100

RESERVE SECTION:

rated under 1800
TC 40/90 then 60SD
1st \$500
2nd \$300
3rd \$200 4th \$200
U1600 1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$100
U1400 1st \$200 2nd \$100
U1200 1st \$100
Unrated 1st \$100

Tournament Directors:

Clay Kelleher
Lewis Richardson
Mark Turner
Robert Barney

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JULY 8 2nd SATURDAY RATING QUAD

Seattle Chess Club, 6556 Ravenna Ave, Seattle, WA 3-RR USCF rated. TC: 40/90. Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds 10, 2, 6. EF: \$4 SCC mem. \$4 + \$3 day membership for non SCC mem. Prizes: 1st in each quad wins free entry to one of next two High Roller Octagonals. USCF membership required.

JULY 8 RATED ACTION TOURNAMENT

Seattle Chess Club, 6556 Ravenna Ave, Seattle, WA 4-SS, USCF rated. Open to all palyers. TC: Game/30 Reg: 10:30-11:30am Rds: 12, 1:30, 3, and 4:30 EF: \$6 for SCC mem. \$6 + \$3 day membership for non mem. Prizes: (b/15) \$30-\$15, + 1st in bottom half wins \$15

JULY 15-16 LAKEFAIR OPEN IV

Olympia Community Center, 222 N. Columbia, Olympia, WA 98501. From I-5 take exit 105A, follow Plum to 4th, west on 4th to Columbia. EF: \$26, \$21 Jr if rec'd by 7/12, \$31 at door + \$5 late fee for post 9:15am regr. USCF + state mbrshp req. 5-SS, 1 Sect. Prizes: 1-3 \$250-\$150-\$100 1-2 Exp, A,B,C,D/Unr each \$100-\$50. Regr: 8:30-9:15am. Rds: 10am, 2:45pm, 7:30pm; 11am and 4pm or ASAP. 1/2 pt Bye rds 1-4 only. TC: Rds 1-2 50/2 25/1 Rds 3-5 40/2 20/1 20/1. Advanced entries pre-paired. Canadian Cash at par from Canadian residents, bring ID. Highest rating USCF, Non-USCF. Adj games resumed 9am Sun. No player may win two prizes, must take highest prize. Advanced entry: Joel Barnes, c/o Dean Securities, 601 Capitol Way S., Olympia WA 98501 info Clark Harmon (206)456-2089 before 10pm. Hotel (206)943-4710 special rate 1-\$28,50 + tax 2-one bed \$35 + tax, 2-2 bed \$38 + tax. NS, NC, W

JULY 22 HIGH ROLLER OCTAGONAL

Seattle Chess Club, 6556 Ravenna Ave, Seattle, WA 3-SS USCF rated TC: 40/90, 30/SD Reg: 8:30-9:30am Rds: 10, 2, 6 EF: \$10 SCC mem. \$10 + \$3 day membership for non SCC mem. Prizes: (b/8) \$40-\$20. USCF membership required.

JULY 22 BEGINNERS TOURNAMENT

Seattle Chess Club, 6556 Ravenna Ave, Seattle, WA. 1 section, 4-SS Open to under 1300 or unrated. This is an unrated event. TC: Game/60 Reg: 10:30-11:00am. Rds:12, 2, 4, 6 EF: Adults \$6 (\$2.50 with SCC mem. purchase or renewal) Juniors \$3 (\$1 with SCC mem. purchase or renewal) Prizes: 6 month SCC membership or 1 yr Washington Chess Federation Membership (1 prize per 5 paid entries.)

JULY 29-30 PUGET SOUND OPEN

Tacoma Chess Club, 2530 Grandview Dr., Tacoma WA 98466 ph 206-565-3461. 5-SS TA: 40/90, 25/1 EF \$21 if rec'd by 7/28 \$26 at site. USCF req. Prizes: (\$498 b/30, 4 per class) \$120-\$90 A,B,C,D/Unr each \$72. Reg: 8-9:45am rds: 10-2:30-7, 11-ASAP Entries: Robert J. Allen, 1201 N. propect, Tacoma WA 98406 (206) 752-7694 NS NC W

AUGUST 5-6 ANNUAL SEATTLE SEAFAIR OPEN

Seattle Chess Club, 6556 Ravenna Ave NE., Seattle WA 2 sect. Open and Reserve (Under 1800/unrated) Both - 5-SS EF: \$28 if rec'd by 8/4 \$35 at site. Both \$5 less if under age 19. USCF req. also Northwest Chess subscription for WA/OR players, other states okay. Entries: East-West Tournament Assoc., 4519 California Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116 ph 935-8440 or 935-7186. Reg: 9am-9:30am Rds: Sat 10am 2:30pm 7pm Sun 10am 4pm TC: Open Rds 1-3 40/90, 30/SD Rds 4-5 50/2 30/SD. Reserve 40/90 30/SD Prizes: \$1,100.00 Guaranteed. Open \$175-\$125-\$100-\$100 1st expert \$75 1st Class A \$75 Reserve: \$125-\$75-\$50 1st Class C \$75 1st D/E/unrated \$75 1st under age 19-\$35 1st under age 16-\$15 (Minimum 5 entries per class). NS,NC,W

AUGUST 13 MARYSVILLE OPEN

3 Rd Swiss, EF \$3.00, Trophy to first overall and first U1600. Bookstore, 1510 - 3rd St, Marysville, WA. 40/90, 30SD, Rds 10, 2, 6. Limited to 16 entries, call Phil Carson to reserve entry, (206) 653-1631. No Smoking! USCF, WCF required.

AUGUST 26 CROSSROADS SUMMER BLITZ

Crossroads Mall, 156th Ave NE & NE 8th St., Bellevue, WA TC: Game/5 min. EF: \$10 for Adults, \$5 under 19. \$2.50 less for NWC subscribers, join at site! Will be rated under the new SD/SCH rating system (see advance description of this elsewhere). Format: 6 or 8 player RR qualifiers, no elimination. Prizes: \$100 1st Guaranteed, other prizes (some merchandise prizes) disclosed later. Registration 9-10am. Ralph Dubisch, PO Box 70421, Bellevue, WA 98007. (206) 882-1746. Still more next issue.

SEPTEMBER 2-3-4 OREGON OPEN XXXVIII

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