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Greetings from the Editor



**Editor's
Desk**

I was just three-and-a-half pages short of being able to put out a 32-page issue for October. Saved for next issue are a report and games from Auntie's Open in Spokane as well as some USCF crosstables.

Scholastic season is about to start and the NWC board wants me to print eight pages of scholastic-related content. Last year I had to make up reports from the crosstables, which resulted in a boring sameness to the various reports. Perhaps this year organizers or interested others could send me some reports.

Best Wishes,
Frederick K. Kleist

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President's Corner

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the recent Oregon Open. It is awesome to me, the quality of chess play, which has become standard for both the Washington and Oregon Opens. Our tournament was held here in Eugene over the Labor Day weekend and was a great success by all accounts.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Chess Federation was more productive and exciting than any I can remember. In order to make OCF administration more effective and coordinated, the members at the meeting decided to make the terms of the officers two years instead of one. The President will also serve a third year in the office of Immediate Past President whose duties will be to complete projects as necessary and to give necessary training and guidance to the new President and Vice President. Transitions from one administration to the next often result in incomplete or lost work. In the past, such transitions had made the OCF into a somewhat ineffective organization, dependent upon the occasional unsung hero to keep things rolling. Oregon deserves to have an organization truly supportive of chess and responsive to the needs of its members. I believe it will get good support in return from its members, as well.

A very exciting program was approved at the meeting. Starting this coming spring, the OCF will sponsor the Oregon Junior Open Championship. Besides crowning the Junior Open Champion, the top-scoring Oregon high school player will be named the qualifier for the Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School Champions, and the highest-scoring female will be named the qualifier for the Susan Polgar National Invitational Tournament for Girls. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help families with travel expenses for the Denker and Polgar tournaments.

Most of my involvement in chess for the last decade or so has been with junior players. The juniors of today are the adults of tomorrow. It is a privilege to me to be able to work with young people. Many of the lessons of chess are also life lessons, and it is a game providing much benefit to any who follow its ways. It is a priority to promote chess among juniors. On the other hand, I do not want to ignore the needs of the adult membership. I want to find ways to promote more programs for everyone. Chess is growing and, with support and input from our membership, we can maximize that growth and make the chess world better.

I would like to recognize our new officers and board. It is a wonderful and diverse group made up of young and not so young, male and female, all with the motivation and intent to improve the world of chess. The new Vice President is David Yoshinaga. Dave is a very intelligent and active man with lots of good ideas. His irrepressible wit and humor help to make him an ideal working partner. Clark Harmon remains as Treasurer. It would take several paragraphs to mention all the things Clark has already done for chess in Oregon
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2004 Oregon Open Displays Emerging Young NW Talent

By Jerry Ramey, OCF President

The Oregon Open is always an exciting tournament with many excellent games and often with a surprise or two. To me, the most pleasant surprise of the 2004 tournament was the number of junior players participating. About one third of the participants in this tournament were under the age of 20. They didn't do too badly either!

The clear winner of the Open section was 17-year-old Oleg Zaikov of Eugene. He finished with 5.5 points with five wins and a last-round draw with Roger Martin. Of course, Oleg has been playing against the Masters and Experts for a few years, so they know what to expect from him. The performances of two young (used to be) 1800 players were what surprised the older guys this time.

Blake Phillips (Tigard) and Blake Salisbury (Clatskanie) both had exceptional tournaments. Between the two of them, the young giant-killers knocked off five Masters! Phillips' only loss was to Zaikov, and Salisbury's only dings were from Zaikov and Phillips. Better keep an eye on the two Blakes from now on. Other Juniors who played well in the Open section were Landon Brownell of Corvallis, Keegan Knutson from Longview, Brian Esler of Portland, and Adi Lanka and the Wyde brothers, Benjamin and David, all from Mercer Island.

The youth movement also struck in the Reserve section. Tying for first with David Yoshinaga of Tigard was 15-year-old Fedya Kleshchev of Eugene. Both had 5.5 points. Without the benefit of being able to accept a draw in the last round, Fedya had to grunt out an endgame vs. Jason Evers of Bend to claim his share of first prize.

Youngsters Howard Chen (Longview) and Josh Rankin (Corvallis) tied for fifth and also tied for the U1600 prize. A nine-way tie for seventh included juniors Drew Serres (Salem), Marcus Robinson (Portland) and Zane Mowery (Eugene). Zane, who has played chess for only two years, performed well above his 1299 rating and won the U1400 prize.

I believe the Northwest is becoming one of the hotbeds in the country for producing high-level young players. It speaks well for the various clubs and programs and for the quality of chess being played here. The Future is bright!!

The Games

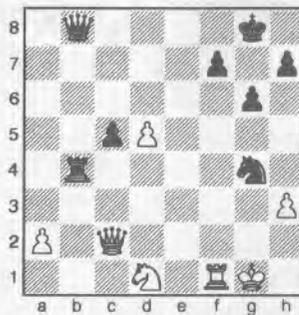
Modern Benoni: Four Pawns

NM Nick Raptis (2316)

Ben Lin (2138)

Eugene, Oregon Open (1) 2004

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♘c3 c5 4. d5 exd5
5. cxd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7. f4 ♙g7 8. ♖f3
O-O 9. ♙e2 ♗e8 10. e5 ♖fd7 11. O-O
dxe5 12. fxe5 ♗xe5 13. ♙f4 ♙g4 14.
♗xe5 ♙xe2 15. ♗xe2 ♙xe5 16. ♙xe5
♗d7 17. ♗b5 ♗xe5 18. ♗xb7 ♗b8
19. ♗xa7 ♗xb2 20. ♗a4 ♗b4 21. ♗c2
♗g4 22. ♗f3 ♗b8 23. ♗g3 ♗xh2
24. ♗h3 ♗g4 25. ♗f1 ♗e3 26. ♗d1
♗xh3 27. gxh3



27... ♗g3+ 28. ♗g2 ♗xg2+ 29. ♗xg2
♗e5 30. ♗c3 ♗f8 31. ♗f2 ♗d4 32. a4
♗e7 33. a5 ♗d3 34. ♗b5 ♗b3 35. ♗a7
♗a3 36. ♗c8+ ♗d8 37. ♗d6 ♗e7
38. ♗b7 c4 39. d6+ ♗d7 40. a6 c3
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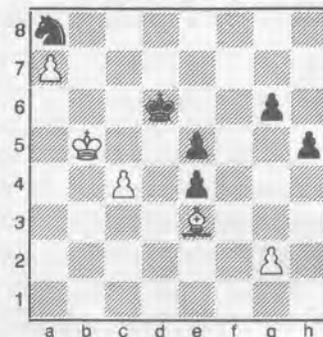
Sicilian Pelikan

Josh Rankin (1437)

Micah Smith (1721)

Eugene, Oregon Open (1) 2004

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 ♗c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♗xd4
♗f6 5. ♗c3 e5 6. ♗db5 h6 7. ♗d1
♙xd6 8. ♗xd6 ♗e7 9. ♗xe7+ ♗xe
10. ♙c4 d6 11. f4 ♙e6 12. ♙b3 ♗d
13. ♗d1 ♗g4 14. ♗e1 ♗xh2 15. ♗d5
♙xd5 16. ♙xd5 ♗ac8 17. c3 ♗c6 18
fxe5 dxe5 19. ♙e3 ♗hd8 20. ♙c5
♗e8 21. ♗c2 b6 22. ♙a3 ♗g4 23
♗ad1 b5 24. ♗d3 ♗f6 25. ♗b1 a5 26
♗ed1 ♗d7 27. ♙xc6 ♗xc6 28. ♗xd
♗xd7 29. ♗d5 ♗b6 30. ♙d6 f6 31. ♙c
♗c6 32. ♙xa5 ♗c5 33. ♗d3 ♗c4 34
♗g3 ♗f7 35. ♗e3 ♗c5 36. ♙b4 ♗a
37. b3 ♗c7 38. ♙a5 ♗d7 39. ♗c2 ♗c
40. ♙b6 ♗e6 41. a4 bxa4 42. bxa
♗b7 43. a5 ♗e7 44. ♗d3 g6 45. c
♗d7 46. a6 ♗c7 47. a7 ♗xd3 48. ♗xd
♗a8 49. ♙c5+ ♗d7 50. ♗c3 f5 51
♗b4 fxe4 52. ♙e3 h5 53. ♗b5 ♗d6



54. c5+ ♗c7 55. ♙d2 ♗b7 56. c6-
♗xa7 57. ♗c5 ♗b8 58. ♙c3 ♗c
59. ♙xe5 e3 60. ♗d4 e2 61. ♙g3 g
62. ♗e3 e1=♗+ 63. ♙xe1 ♗c7 64
♙a5+ ♗xc6 65. ♗e4 g4 66. g3 ♗d
67. ♗f5 ♗e7 68. ♗g5 ♗f7 69. ♗xh5
♗g7 70. ♗xg4 ♗g6 71. ♗f4 ♗f6 72
♙d8+ ♗g6 73. ♗g4 ♗g7 74. ♗g5 ♗f
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78. g5 ♗f8 79. g6 ♗g8 80. g7 1-0

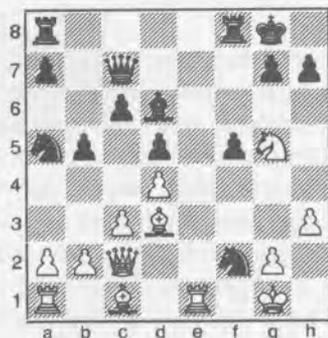
Petroff

Daniel Gay (1626)

Josh Rankin (1437)

Eugene, Oregon Open (2) 2004

1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 ♗f6 3. ♗xe5 d6 4. ♗f
♗xe4 5. d4 d5 6. ♙d3 ♙e7 7. O-O ♗c
8. ♗e1 ♙g4 9. c3 f5 10. h3 ♙h5 11
♗bd2 O-O 12. ♗b3 ♗a5 13. ♗a4 c
14. ♗e5 b5 15. ♗c2 ♗c7 16. ♗df
♙xf3 17. ♗xf3 ♙d6 18. ♗g5 ♗xf2



19. ♖e6 ♜xd3 20. ♜xc7 ♜xe1 21. ♖d1 ♜xc7 22. ♖xe1 ♜ae8 23. ♖f2 ♜e4 24. ♜d2 ♜c4 25. b3 ♜xd2 26. ♖xd2 ♜f4 27. ♖d3 ♜e3 28. ♖c2 ♜g3 29. ♖d2 ♜fe8 30. ♜f1 ♜f7 31. b4 ♜g6 32. a4 bxa4 33. c4 ♜e1+ 34. ♜xe1 ♜e1+ 35. ♖xe1 ♜xe1 36. ♜xe1 a3 0-1

Queen's Indian Petrosian

Blake Phillips (1870)
Jerry Weikel (2037)

Eugene, Oregon Open (2) 2004

Annotations by Blake Phillips

1. d4 ♜f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♜f3 b6 4. a3 a5

I'd never seen this one before, but it has been played.

5. ♜c3 ♜b7 6. ♖c2 ♜xf3 7. gxf3 c5?

This creates a big hole at b5 and doesn't complement his remaining dark-squared Bishop.

8. d5 e5 9. f4 ♜g4?!

Interesting, but dubious.

10. ♖e4 ♖h4 11. ♖f3

The computer thinks 11. ♜d1 is a lot better than 11. ♖f3, evaluating at +1.50. Here is a sample line that it believes best 11...f5 12. ♖xf5 ♜d6 13. ♖g5 ♖xg5 14. fxc5 e4 and White's winning.

11...d6 12. ♜b5 ♜a6 13. ♖g3 ♖xg3 14. hxc3 f6 15. ♜h3 ♜h6 16. e4 ♜f7 17. ♜f5 h6



All of Black's pawns restrict his Bishop!
18. ♜e2 ♜e7 19. ♜d2 ♜d8 20. b4 ♜c7 21. ♜xc7 ♜xc7 22. bxa5 bxa5 23. ♜hb1 exf4 24. gxf4 ♜hb8

This loses a pawn, but otherwise White doubles on the b-file.

25. ♜xb8 ♜xb8 26. ♜b1+ ♜a7 27. ♜xa5 ♜b8 28. ♜xb8 ♜xb8 29. ♜g6 ♜d8 30. ♜f3 ♜b7 31. ♜c3 ♜d8 32. e5 ♜a5 33. ♜xa5!

The ending is won.

33... ♜xa5 34. e6 ♜d8 35. f5 ♜b7 36. ♜g4 ♜e7 37. ♜h5 ♜c7 38. ♜e8 ♜d8 39. ♜c6 ♜c7 40. ♜g6 ♜d8 41. ♜f7 1-0

Sicilian Richter-Rauzer

NM Nat Koons (2232)
Blake Phillips (1870)

Eugene, Oregon Open (3) 2004

Annotations by Blake Phillips

1. e4 c5 2. ♜f3 ♜c6 3. ♜c3 d6 4. d4 cxd4 5. ♜xd4 ♜f6 6. ♜g5 e6 7. ♖d2 ♜e7 8. O-O-O a6 9. f4 ♜d7 10. ♜f3 h6 11. ♜xf6 gxf6 12. ♜b1 b5 13. g3 ♖c7 14. ♜h3 ♜c8 15. ♜e2 a5 16. ♜ed4 ♜xd4 17. ♜xd4 b4 18. ♜hf1?!

Pointless, since he plays it to e1 next move.

18... ♖c5 19. ♜fe1 ♜c7 20. ♜e3 O-O 21. ♜c1 ♜fc8 22. c4 a4 23. ♜g2 f5! 24. exf5



24... ♜f6??

24... e5 25. ♜e2 ♜xf5+ 26. ♜e4

25. ♜d3??

25. fxe6! ♜xd4 26. ♜d3 and Black's down in material, i.e., 26... ♜xe6 27. ♜xd4 ♖b6.

25... e5! 26. ♜b5 ♜xf5 27. ♜xc7 ♜xc7 28. g4?

28... ♜xd3+ 29. ♖xd3 exf4 30. ♜d5 ♜g7 31. ♜e1 a3 32. ♖e2 ♖d4 33. ♜d1 ♖xb2+

33... ♜e7 is more accurate. For some reason, I thought he could play 34. ♖xe7 and win. I completely missed mate-in-one.

34. ♖xb2 axb2 35. ♜e1 ♜e5 36. h4 ♜f6 37. ♜f1 ♜a7 38. ♜f3 ♜a3 39. ♜xa3?

Now the pawns are secure and Black will win with his two passed pawns. Better is 39. ♜b3.

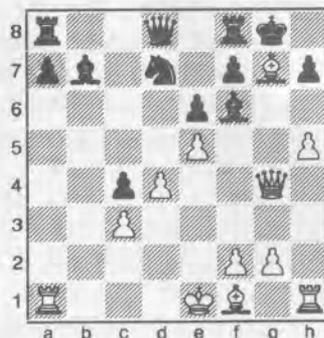
39... bxa3 40. ♜c2 ♜d4 41. ♜e4 ♜e5 42. ♜h7 f3 43. g5 hxg5 44. hxg5 ♜f4 45. g6 f5! 0-1

Slav Geller Gambit

NM Oleg Zaikov (2316)
Blake Salisbury (1830)

Eugene, Oregon Open (4) 2004

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. ♜f3 ♜f6 4. ♜c3 dxc4 5. e4 b5 6. e5 ♜d5 7. a4 e6 8. axb5 ♜xc3 9. bxc3 cxb5 10. ♜d2 ♜b7 11. h4 ♜e7 12. h5 O-O 13. ♖g4 ♜d7 14. ♜xc4 bxc4 15. ♜h6 ♜f6 16. ♜xg7 1-0



French Tarrasch

Patrick Gay (1609)
Fedya Kleshchev (1396)

Eugene, Oregon Open (5) 2004

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♜d2 ♜f6 4. e5 ♜fd7 5. f4 c5 6. c3 ♜e7 7. ♜e2 O-O 8. ♜f3 ♜c6 9. g3 b5 10. ♜g2 b4 11. ♜b1 ♜a6 12. O-O ♖a5 13. ♜a1 bxc3 14. bxc3 ♜xe2 15. ♖xe2 ♖xc3 16. ♜b2 ♖a5 17. dxc5 ♜xc5 18. ♜fc1 ♜ac8 19. g4 ♖b4 20. f5 ♖xg4 21. f6 gxf6 22. exf6 ♜d6 23. ♜h1 ♜h8 24. ♜g1 ♜g8 25. ♖e3 ♜e4 26. ♜f1 ♖f4 27. ♖xf4 ♜f2 mate

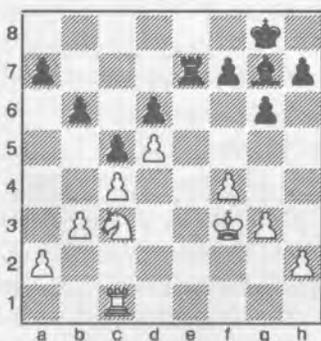
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English

Zane Mowery (1299)
David Hendricks (1597)

Eugene, Oregon Open (5) 2004

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 ♘c6 4.♙g2
b6 5.e3 ♚b8 6.♘g2 ♙b7 7.O-O g6
8.♚e1 ♙g7 9.d4 exd4 10.exd4 O-O
11.♙f4 ♚e8 12.♚d2 d6 13.b3 ♘e7
14.♚d3 ♙xg2 15.♙xg2 ♘h5 16.♙e3
♘f5 17.♚ac1 ♘e3+ 18.fxe3 ♙h6
19.♘f4 ♘xf4+ 20.exf4 ♙g7 21.d5
♚d7 22.♘e2 c5 23.♘c3 ♚e7 24.
♚xe7 ♚xe7 25.♚e4 ♚e8 26.♚xe7
♚xe7 27.♙f3



27...f5 28.♘b5 ♚d7 29.♚e1 a6
30.♘a3 ♙f7 31.♘c2 ♚e7 32.♚xe7+
♙xe7 33.a4 h5 34.h3 h4 35.g4 ♙f7
36.♘e3 fxg4+ 37.♙xg4 ♙f6 38.♘g2
♙g7 39.♘h4 ♙h6 40.♘f3 ♙e7 41.
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Benko Gambit

Blake Phillips (1870)
NM Oleg Zaikov (2316)

Eugene, Oregon Open (5) 2004

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
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♚h6+ 39.♙g1 ♚e8 0-1

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and the Northwest. He is one of those unsung heroes to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude. Megan Esler, an ambitious, energetic young woman, is our new Secretary. Megan has a wonderful attitude, and I believe she can do almost anything. Pete Prochaska is the Oregon Scholastic Coordinator. Pete has been involved in training and mentoring junior players for many years. Throughout his career he has nurtured and supported scholastic chess. Mike Terrill, Member at Large, is a young man so motivated that he often drives from his home in Salem to help the Portland Chess Club coordinate some of their activities. His energy will be an incredible boost. Grant Alpernas, Member at Large, brings vast experience in life as well as chess to the table. His insights have already been a great help. Finally, I would like to recognize Carl Haessler, the USCF Delegate who also will be a very good board member. Carl is very special, another of those unsung heroes. Though Carl was not a board member last year, he was often the one I could go to for help when I was so lonely and trying to figure what the OCF President's job was supposed to be about. I extend my gratitude to the board and to the members of OCF and WCF. Let's have a great year!!

Jerry Ramey

OCF President

French

Jason Evers (1772)
Fedya Kleshchev (1396)

Eugene, Oregon Open (6) 2004

1.e4 e6 2.f4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.♘f3 ♘e7
5.♙b5+ ♙d7 6.♘c3 a6 7.♙xd7+
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19.♘d5 ♘xg4 20.♘xc7 ♘f2+ 21.

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♙f2+ 29.♙h2 ♙xg3+ 30.♙xg3
31.♘d5 e4 32.♘e3 ♚f7 33.♙g4
34.h4 ♙e7 35.♙g3 ♙e6 36.c3 b5 3
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London System

Micah Smith (1721)
Zane Mowery (1299)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♙f4 ♙g7 4.
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8.c3 b6 9.a4 ♙b7 10.a5 ♚c8 11.♘b1
♚c7 12.♚b3 ♚b8 13.axb6 axb6 1
♚a7 ♚a8 15.♚fa1 ♚xa7 16.♚xa7 ♚
17.♚xa8+ ♙xa8 18.♙c4 e6 19.♙x
fxe6 20.♚xe6+ ♙h8 21.♘g5 ♘
22.♚a2 h6 23.♚xa8 hxg5 24.♙xg
♘6h7 25.♙f4 ♘f6 26.♘c4 cxd4 2
♙xd6 ♚xc4 28.♙xf8 d3 29.♙xg7
♙xg7 30.♚d8 ♘d5 31.♚d7+ ♙h
32.♚d6 d2 33.♚f8+ ♙g5 34.f4+ ♘xf
35.exf4+ ♚xf4 36.♚d8+ ♙f5 37.g4
♙e4 38.♚d4+ ♙f3 39.♚f2+ Draw 1



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Saturday 11/27

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Sprenkle Reigns in Spokane

Newcomer Dave Sprenkle, a 2296-rated FIDE Master, became the new Spokane City Champion when he managed to outlast three-time defending city champion Curt Collyer, rated 2162. Collyer won the opening game of the four-game match as White. The second and third rounds ended as draws. Sprenkle managed to win a pivotal game four as White to force a G/25 tiebreak. Sprenkle drew White for the tiebreak game and won in a time scramble with both players having less than one minute remaining. The exciting conclusion capped a great weekend of chess at Aunties Book Store in downtown Spokane.

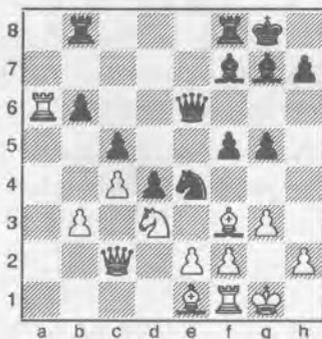
The City Championship match, a staple of chess in the 1960s and early 1970s was brought back in 2001 under the sponsorship of Dave Rowles. Dave and his wife Dawn Fields have hosted the past four matches. Dave Griffin takes over as the sponsor of the 2005 event. —*Courtesy of David Griffin*

Dutch Leningrad

Curt Collyer (2162)
FM David Sprenkle (2296)

Spokane City Championship (1) 2004

1.d4 f5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♙g2 g6 4.c3 ♙g7
5.♖b3 ♘c6 6.♘d2 d5 7.♗h3 e5 8.
dxe5 ♘xe5 9.♘f4 c6 10.O-O O-O 11.
c4 d4 12.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 13.♙xf3 ♖e7
14.♙d2 ♘e4 15.♙b4 c5 16.♙e1 b6
17.a4 ♙e6 18.♖c2 ♙f7 19.a5 g5 20.
♘d3 ♖e6 21.b3 ♗ab8 22.axb6 axb6
23.♗a6



23... ♗a8 24.♘xc5 ♖e7 25.♗xa8
♗xa8 26.♘xe4 fxe4 27.♙xe4 ♗a1
28.♙xh7+ ♗h8 29.♗g2 ♙e6 30.♙e4
♖d7 31.♗g1 ♖a7 32.♙g2 ♗a2 33.
♖e4 ♖f7 34.♙b4 ♙f5 35.♖f3 ♖e6
36.♖h5+ ♙h7 37.♗c1 ♖g6 38.♖g4
♗b2 39.♖c8+ ♙g8 40.♙d5 ♙f6 41.
c5 bxc5 42.♙xc5 ♗h7 43.♖xg8+
♖xg8 44.♙xg8+ ♗xg8 45.b4 ♗f7 46.
♗d1 ♗xe2 47.♙xd4 ♙e7 48.♙c5
♗e6 49.♙xe7 ♗xe7 50.♗d5 1-0

French Advance

FM David Sprenkle (2296)
Curt Collyer (2162)

Spokane City Championship (2) 2004

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6
5.♘f3 ♙d7 6.♙e2 ♘ge7 7.O-O ♗c8
8.dxc5 ♘g6 9.b4 ♘cxe5 10.♘xe5
♘xe5 11.♙e3 ♙e7 12.♘d2 O-O 13.f4
♘c6 14.♘b3 ♙f6 15.♖d2 ♖e7 16.b5
♘b8 17.c6 bxc6 18.♙c5 ♖d8 19.♙xf8
♗xf8 20.bxc6 ♘xc6 21.♗h1 ♗a5
22.♗ac1 ♘c4 23.♙xc4 ♗xc4 24.
♘d4 ♖c7 25.g3 g6 26.♗g2 Draw

Dutch Leningrad

Curt Collyer (2162)
FM David Sprenkle (2296)

Spokane City Championship (1) 2004

1.d4 f5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 g6 4.♘c3 ♙g7
5.e3 O-O 6.♙e2 d6 7.b4 e5 8.dxe5
dxe5 9.♖b3 e4 10.♘d4 c6 11.c5+
♗h8 12.♙b2 ♖e7 13.♙c4 ♘g4 14.
♘ce2 ♘e5 15.h4 ♘xc4 16.♖xc4 ♘d7
17.♘f4 ♘e5 18.♖b3 ♖f7 19.♖xf7
♗xf7 20.O-O-O ♗g8 21.♘b3 ♙d7
22.♗b1 ♙e8 23.♙c3 ♗e7 24.♘d4
♙f7 25.♘b3 b6 26.♗d6 ♙xb3 27.
axb3 ♘f7 28.♗xc6 ♙xc3 29.♘d5
♗b7 30.♘xc3 bxc5 31.♗xc5 ♗xb4
32.♗c2 ♗ab8 33.♗b1 ♗f8 34.♘e2
♗4b5 35.♗c7 ♗8b7 Draw

After Curt rocked me with an excellent tactical shot in game one, two tense draws followed. That meant I had to win the following game just to reach the quick chess playoff for the title.

French Advance

FM David Sprenkle (2296)
Curt Collyer (2162)

Spokane City Championship (4) 2004

Annotations by FM David Sprenkle

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6
5.♘f3 ♙d7 6.♙e2 ♗c8

Curt and I played two games last fall with the line 6... ♘ge7 7.O-O ♗c8 8.♘a3 cxd4 9.cxd4 ♖b6 10.♘c2, and I didn't get much of anything in either one. In game two of our match, I tried a little surprise: 8.dxc5 ♘g6 9.b4. Curt didn't seem comfortable with the ensuing positions, though he held the draw rather handily. In this game, he omits ... ♘ge7 to avoid the dxc5 line, but stumbles into something worse.

7.O-O ♖b6?!

I think Curt needs to find an improvement in the 7... ♘ge7 8.dxc5 line, or, if he really wants to play ... ♖b6, to throw in 7...cxd4. True, that would give White the c3-square for his b1-Knight, but that's better than what happens in this game.

8.dxc5

Initiating a Nimzovich plan, effective when Black doesn't exchange pawns at d4 at the right time.



8... ♙xc5 9.b4 ♙e7

Maybe 8... ♙f8 to allow Black to bring his g-Knight to e7 immediately?
10. ♙f4

Now White has a nice bind, if he can just keep piece control of the crucial e5-square (if you've read Nimzovich's My

System, think of the "Blockade" and "Overprotection" material.). On the queenside, Black has trouble creating play, because 8...a5 is met by 9.b5 and 10.a4, while 8...d4? is met by 9.b5 ♖a5 10.♗xd4. On the kingside, Black's pieces are cramped.

10...f6

This is about all Black can do to try to free his game.

11.♗d3

Taking the opportunity to improve the position of my Bishop. 11.exf6? would be a positional blunder: it gives up control of e5 and sets up ...♗xb4 combinations for Black. White must control e5 to keep the bind!

11...f5?!

Having second thoughts—Curt should have done this last move, if he thought it better than the pawn exchange. However, 11...fxe5 12.♗xe5 ♗xe5 13.♗xe5 ♗f6 14.♖e2 (to prevent ...♗b5) wouldn't have given Black equality either. White can play ♗b1-d2-f3, ♗e5-d4, and then ♗f3-e5, securely blockading Black's center pawns. Again, this is straight out of Nimzovich—he was one of the first to show that the center can be controlled by pieces rather than pawns.

12.♖e1

Overprotecting the crucial e5-pawn and forcing Black to worry about a possible ♗d3xf5 sacrifice (13.♗xf5 exf5 14.e6). Black's reply prevents the sacrifice.

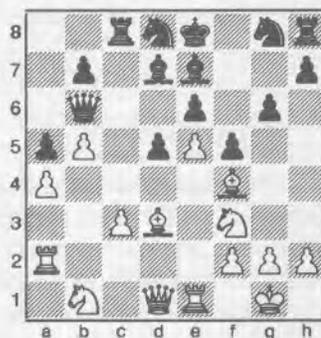
12...♗d8 13.a4

White should definitely not allow Black to trade off his bad Bishop with ...♗d7-b5!

13...a5 14.b5 ♗6

Black doesn't have an active plan that won't damage his position, which is extremely difficult to defend.

15.♖a2



Planning ♖a2-c2, which both frees my b1-Knight from the defense of the c3-pawn and prepares a future c3-c4 pawn break.

15...♗f7 16.♖c2 ♗c5

This helps clear the e7-square so that Black can finally develop his kingside and start coordinating his pieces. The downside is that White can force the exchange of Black's best minor piece, the dark-squared Bishop.

17.♗e3 ♗e7 18.♗bd2

Bringing up the last reserves.

18...O-O 19.♗b3

Forcing Black to exchange Bishops on my terms. I considered playing 19.♗d4 first, but after 19...♖a7! 20.♗b3 ♗xd4 21.cxd4 ♖xc2 22.♖xc2 ♖c8 23.♖d2 b6, there's no easy way to break into Black's queenside.

19...♗xe3 20.♖xe3 ♖a7

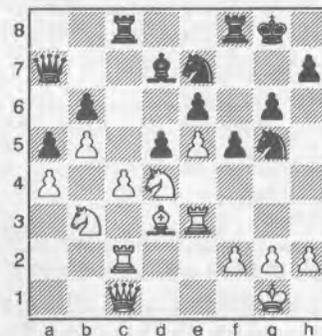
Black needs to decide how to meet c3-c4 when White finally gets around to playing it. If he exchanges pawns at c4, he'll be left with a weak pawn at e6 when White plays ♗d3xc4. But if he refuses to exchange, White will try to play c4-c5, setting up a queenside majority and cramping Black still further. Curt's 20th and 21st moves seem designed to make c4-c5 harder for White to play, though

he later decides he has to play ...d5xc4. Perhaps 20...♖fe8, anticipating the opening of the d-file, is the most accurate.

21.♗fd4 ♗g5

Seizing the opportunity to activate at least one of his minor pieces, but it's too late.

22.c4 b6 23.♖c1!



A multi-purpose move. White renews his positional threat of c4-c5 and gives himself the option of penetrating on the dark squares with ♖c1-a3. Black's loose g5-Knight could be a problem, too.

23...dxc4?!

I think Black has to try 23...♗e4, but after 24.♗xd4 neither pawn recapture is attractive.

24.♗xc4

Now White is threatening to win Black's e-pawn by 25.f4 or 25.h4; so Black's next move is almost forced.

24...♗d5 25.♗xd5 exd5 26.e6

Strong, but too obvious to award an exclamation mark. White has a killer passed pawn, while Black's d-pawn is easy pickings and Black's Bishop will be driven back even further. At this point, I knew I had forced a playoff for the city title.

26...f4?

A desperate attempt to muddy the waters in time pressure. But Black wouldn't last long after, for example, 26...♖xc2 27.♖xc2 ♗e8 (27...♗c8 28.♖c6 ♖b7 29.e7) 28.f3 (there are other good moves, but the text threatens h2-h4, winning Black's Knight) 28...h5 29.e7 ♖f7 30.♖c8.

27.♖e5 1-0

Winning a piece and the game. ■

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Northwest News

Las Vegas, NV

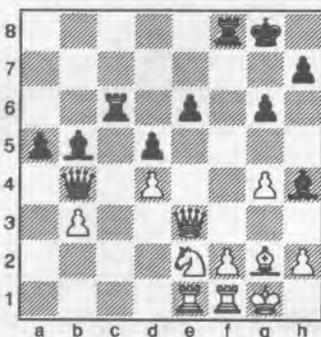
As part of June's National Open Chess Festival, GM Jaan Ehlevest gave a simul in which he scored +22=1-1. His only loss was to Ricky Selzler of Bainbridge Island, WA.

King's Indian Attack

GM Jaan Ehlevest (2704)
Richard Selzler (1975)

Las Vegas, Simul 2004

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d3 ♘c6 4.g3 d6
5.♙g2 g6 6.O-O ♙g7 7.c3 ♘ge7 8.d4
cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 O-O 11.♘c3 ♘f5
12.♘e2 f6 13.exf6 ♙xf6 14.♖d3 ♖b6
15.♞d1 ♙d7 16.b3 ♞ac8 17.♙a3
♘b4 18.♙xb4 ♖xb4 19.a4 a5 20.g4
♘h4 21.♘xh4 ♙xh4 22.♞f1 b5
23.axb5 ♙xb5 24.♖e3 ♞c6 25.♞ae1



25...♙xf2+ 0-1

Spokane, WA

The annual August Ajeeb Quads were run from August 5 through August 26 at the Spokane CC on the Gonzaga University campus. From perfection to upsets these quads had it all. There were fifteen players total with seven in the bottom group playing a four-round mini-swiss so that everyone had at least three games to play.

The first group, which had a 454 rating difference from top to bottom, was still very competitive, with each point being hard to gain. No player finished unscathed. When the dust cleared, Kirk Steinocher (1859) took the quad with two points, although one was a forfeit win

against Chris Drake (1980). Young Phil Weyland (1709) drew Steinocher and Drake. David Griffin (1526) ended up with the biggest upset, defeating Weyland in the final round.

Steve Brendemihl (1600) and Adam Attwood (1447) tied for first in the second section with 2.5 points apiece.

Jim Waugh (1277) was the only player in any of the groups to end with a perfect score and won the mini-Swiss with four points. A new player, Matt Greer (973), took second with 2.5 points.

— Courtesy of David Griffin

Spokane, WA

The Qualchan Quads ran on August 28 in Spokane on the GU campus at the club's playing site. This event had a couple of perfect scores in the three groups. There were fourteen players total, with six of them in the bottom group.

In the top quad, only 116 points separated the four players. John Julian (1867) earned the only A-plus, when he finished with a perfect score of 3-0. Indeed, he was the only one in his quad to win a single game! The other players in the quad Chris Drake (1980), Pat Herbers (1932), and Kirk Steinocher (1864) managed only draws against each other.

The second quad was very competitive as well with a rating difference of 239 points. Mark Anderson (1727) from Moscow, ID, and Phil Weyland (1696) tied for first with 2.5 points apiece.

In the bottom group a six-person, three-round mini-swiss was held. Adam Attwood (1440) the top seed finished with a perfect 3-0 score. Matt Greer (973), the lowest-rated player, took second with two points. Greer's only loss came to Attwood.

— Courtesy of David Griffin

Tacoma, WA

MacGregor wins Pierce County Open

The Pierce County Open was held at the Lakewood Library on Aug. 28-29. There were 19 players. The winners were: 1st Mike MacGregor \$96, 1st Group #1 Randy Walther & Mike Rompogren \$29 each, 1st Group #2 Kevin Binz \$54, 1st Group #3 Jeremy Jusak & Andy Alhajri \$25 each. The Economy winner was Alan Hsieh with three points. Paul

Bartron (2045) lost to Kevin Binz (1637) and drew with Andy Alhajri (1287). Gary Dorfner directed.

— Courtesy of Gary Dorfner

Sturbridge, MA

Oregonian Ronald Cumbest scored 4/6 in the U1400 section of the Continental Open, held July 29-August 1. His score placed him in a tie for third-sixth in the 21-player group.

Victoria, BC

This year's Victoria Labour Day Open, held at the University of Victoria, attracted twenty-five players. NM Dan Scoones scored 5/6 to win the event. He was able to coast after NM Harry Moore withdrew, having over-pressed in round four and losing a two-Rooks-vs.-Queen ending. Seattlite H.G. Pitre tied for third-fifth with four points. Catherine Smith of Mill Creek, WA, won the U1600 prize, scoring 3.5. According to Pitre: "Catching the ferry or meeting the ferry schedule sometimes plays a role in the last round here. For Smith, it went this way. She was going back to the states Monday evening and wanted to play soon after her fifth round game. Perhaps she was exhausted as she began her game without a meal or rest break and lost a piece early in the last round to your reporter. Well, I hope she made the ferry connection on time."

Greg Churchill organized the tournament, which was the first of the new Island Grand Prix. Lynn Stringer directed. Pitre reports, "The weekend was one with beautiful weather and good comraderie by the players."

Cyberspace

The Oregon and Washington champions participated in the inaugural U.S. Champion of State Champions Tournament, which was put on by the US Chess Federation, America's Foundation for Chess, and the Internet Chess Club. NM Oleg Zaikov (OR) finished second in the Western Conference preliminary section, scoring 7/9. The time control was G/3 plus one second per move. Along the way, Zaikov defeated IM John Donaldson (N. Cal.) and drew with IM Enrico Seviallano (NV) as well as with the winner, IM Mark Ginsburg (AZ). SM

Slava Mikhailuk (WA) scored five points, and defeated Ginsburg in the final round of the blitz event. The preliminary sections were held on the weekend of September 18-19.

Slav Geller Gambit

NM Oleg Zaikov (2316)

IM John Donaldson (2417, N. CA)

Championship of State Champions (1.7) 2004

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 ♘d5 7.a4 e6 8.axb5 ♘xc3 9.bxc3 cxb5 10.♘d2 ♖b7 11.h4 ♖d5 12.h5 h6 13.♖g4 ♘c6 14.♘e4 ♖xe4 15.♖xe4 ♖d5 16.♖g4 b4 17.♖e2 bxc3 18.♖f3 ♖d7 19.O-O ♖c8 20.♖e3 ♘e7 21.♖a5 ♘d5 22.♖fa1 ♖c7 23.♖c1 ♘xe3 24.fxe3 ♖b4 25.♖xg7 ♖f8 26.♖a2 a5 27.♖d1 ♖e7 28.♖a4+ ♘d8 29.♖xh6 ♖g8 30.♖f1 ♖g5 31.♖f6+ ♖xf6 32.♖xf6 ♘e7 33.♖af2 ♘f8 34.♖xe6 ♖a3 35.h6 ♖c1 36.♖e8 mate

The following Saturday, Zaikov squared off against IM Ron Burnett (TN), the first place finisher (8/9) from the East in a two-game match played at a time control of G/60 plus three seconds per move.

Zaikov lost the first game and drew the second. Burnett defeated NM Edward McHugh (CT) 1.5-0.5 on Sunday to take the title of Champion of State Champions and advance to the U.S. Championship (La Jolla, CA; November 24 through December 5). McHugh had defeated Ginsburg 2-0 in the semifinals.

Bogo-Indian

NM Oleg Zaikov (2316)

IM Ron Burnett (2431, TN)

Championship of State Champions (2.2) 2004

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♖b4+ 4.♖d2 ♖e7 5.♘c3 O-O 6.e3 ♖xc3 7.♖xc3 ♘e4 8.♖c2 ♘xc3 9.♖xc3 b6 10.♖e2 ♖b7 11.O-O d6 12.♖ad1 ♘d7 13.d5 e5 14.♘d2 a5 15.b3 f5 16.a3 ♘f6 17.♖c2 g6 18.♘b1 ♖c8 19.♘c3 ♖f7 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 ♖d7 22.♖a1 ♘g7 23.♖a2 ♖xa2 24.♖xa2 f4 25.♖a7 ♘e8 26.c5 bxc5 27.bxc5 ♖e7 28.c6 ♖c8 29.exf4 exf4 30.♖f3 g5 31.♖a1 g4 32.♖e1 ♖f6 33.♖d1 g3 34.fxg3 fxg3 35.♖f3 gxh2+ 36.♘h1 ♘g8 37.♖a5 ♖h4 38.♖e4 ♖f2 39.♘xh2 ♘f6 40.♖e2 ♖h4+ 41.♘g1 ♖d4+ 42.♘h1 ♖h4+ 43.♘g1 ♖d4+ 44.♘h1 Draw

Bellingham, WA

The WA vs. BC Match will be played on Saturday, October 23, at high noon in Bellingham at the Pacific Meridian Building, 4164 Meridian. The site is graciously provided by Nick Paleveda. The time control for the one-round match will be 40/2 and SD/1. Below are the teams (as of 9/22).

WA		BC	
1. Eric Tangborn	2472	Oliver Schulte	2435
2. William Schill	2264	Dan Scoones	2291
3. Elliott Neff	2263	Bobby Meng	2264
4. Nat Koons	2230	Brian McLaren	2246
5. David Bragg	2229	Paul Brown	2246
6. Bill McGeary	2219	Alfred Pechisker	2192
7. Robert Ferguson	2197	Joe Oszvald	2172
8. Bruce Kovalsk	2166	Nigel Fullbrook	2147
9. Curt Collyer	2162	Jim Ferguson	2125
10. Ch. Airapetian	2149	Laszlo Tegzes	2051
or Nick Pavelda		2130	

Lynden, WA

NM Elliott Neff played 80 games of blindfold chess at the Chess Slam booth at the Northwest Washington Fair, held August 16-21. Neff lost two and drew two. On the 21st, he gave a 46-board simul, losing four and drawing two in 2.5 hours. He felt that he'd played too fast. ■



2004 FALL CLASSIC scholastic

When: November 20th **Where:** South Eugene High School, 19th and Patterson, Eugene, OR.

What: A USCF rated scholastic tournament in four sections:

Premier (Open) Section: Grades K-12, USCF rated over 1200. Four rounds, G/60.

- ❖ Registration from 8:00 to 8:45 am. First Round at 9:00 Sharp.
- ❖ Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Best team trophy. Outstanding performance awards.

Six-Twelve: Open to grades 6-12 USCF rated under 1200. Five rounds. Game in 30 minutes.

- ❖ Registration from 8:00 to 9:00 am. First round at 9:30. Awards at (approx) 5:30 pm
- ❖ Five place trophies. Best team trophy. Outstanding performance awards.

K-Five: Open to grades K-5 USCF rated under 1200. Five rounds. Game in 30 minutes.

- ❖ Registration from 8:00 to 9:00 am. First round at 9:30. Awards at (approx) 5:30 pm
- ❖ Five place trophies. Best team trophy. Outstanding performance awards.

USCF memberships are required in Premier, Six-Twelve and K-five sections

Novice section: Open to unrated beginners through grade 12

- ❖ Unrated 4-game tournament. No membership required
- ❖ Will be divided into three sections prior to start.
- ❖ Registration from 8:00 to 9:30am. Games begin at 10:00 am. Awards (approx) 4:30pm.
- ❖ Prizes: USCF membership for earning 3.5 points or more, plus trophies.

Entry Fees: Premier section \$15 by Nov 17, \$20 at site. Six-Twelve section \$13 by Nov 17, \$18 at site. K-Five section \$11 by Nov 17, \$16 at site. Novice section \$10 by Nov 17, \$14 at site.

Bring: Chess board and set (clock if you have one) and USCF membership card.

Latecomers may enter 30 min. before round 2 with ½ point bye for round 1.

Additional info: Jerry Ramey, 541-232-0328, j-adoube@efn.org

The Soul of a New Tournament

By Kent McNall, TD

The first Apropos Invitational Tournament was held September 18-19 at the offices of Apropos Retail Management Systems Inc, which sponsored the tournament along with company President Kent McNall.

First a word of explanation is in order about the "invitational" nature of the tournament, and some of the ideas behind it. We wanted to create a slightly different tournament experience with the Invitational. Since the playing site can accommodate only a certain number of people, it is not practical to have an "open" tournament. Another key idea is to have players of similar strength, without limiting the tournament to just one class of players. Additionally, we wanted to reclaim the time normally associated with the registration process. Finally, we wanted to know beforehand who all the players were so we could add some nice touches.

The "invitational" nature was simply accomplished: In order to get into the tournament, you had to be one of the first twenty people to ask to be in the tournament! While we didn't make twenty, we hope to make this number for future tournaments.

As for the other factors, they seem to have worked well. Invitational #1 was for Expert, A, and B players, and it was a fairly strong tournament, as we had only two B players in the group. Some of the "touches" we added included name plates for each player at their boards, a tournament bulletin for all players, and even a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. These are things that are difficult to do with a regular "open" format and a larger number of players.

It's tough to get a new tournament started, so the organizers decided to "prime the pump:" no entry fee, and a nice \$500 prize fund!

The tournament featured a cross-section of veteran talent, sharp young play-

ers, and players returning to chess after a long absence. Especially impressive was the performance of young Michael Lee, who played tough against all comers and ended up with a 50% score against strong A and Expert competition – not bad for someone rated 1100 just a year ago!

The tournament was characterized by fighting chess, with a high ratio of decisive games.

The event was won by Eduard Shamilov and Clint Ballard. Eduard is an up-and-coming 16-year-old from Renton. Clint is returning to chess after a 20-year hiatus and is having good success. Both men took home \$200 for their 3.5 scores. Matt Fleury also scored well at three points, drawing Shamilov in the final round.

The top "A" prize of \$50 was won by David Wyde, and the top "B" prize of \$50 was split by our two B players – Peter June and Pat Hickey.

Before the start of the tournament, TD McNall announced the last-minute addition of a \$100 Best Game prize. Deciding which game was "Best" was very difficult, as several fine games were played. Matt Fleury's win over Michael Lee was a sentimental favorite, but, in the end, Geoff Gale's win over Blake Salisbury – sacrificing first the Exchange and then a piece in equal and unclear positions – took the day. Congratulations to both for their excellent games.

The organizers of the Apropos Invitational hope to make this tournament a part of the Northwest chess landscape, with a quarterly tournament of three contiguous classes and an annual "Apropos Cup" made up of the top 5 finishers of the quarterly tournaments. Our first five qualifiers are: Eduard Shamilov, Clint Ballard, Matt Fleury, David Wyde, and Fred Kleist.

Keep your eyes on *Northwest Chess* for the announcement of Apropos Invitational #2! Thanks to all of our players for making Apropos Invitational #1 a success.

London System

Blake Salisbury (1858)
Fred Kleist (2073)

Lynnwood, Apropos Invitational (1) 2004

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♙f4 c5 4.e3 ♘c6
5.c3 ♖b6 6.♗c2 ♙f5 7.dxc5 ♙xc2
8.cxb6 axb6 9.♘bd2 ♘d7 10.♙b5 ♙a4
11.♙e2 e5 12.♙g3 ♙c2 13.O-O ♙e7
14.♖ac1 ♙f5 15.a3 O-O 16.♖fd1 ♙f6
17.e4 dxe4 18.♘xe4 ♙e7 19.♙b5
♘db8 20.♘d6 ♙xd6 21.♖xd6 ♖d8
22.♘h4 ♙c8 23.♘f3 ♙f5 24.♘d2 ♖d8
25.♘c4 ♖xd6 26.♘xd6 ♙e6 27.♘xb7
♖a7 28.♘d6 ♖d7 29.♘c4 1-0

This game was one of the two finalists for the Best Game prize. Young Michael Lee makes a good impression, even from the wrong side of this sacrificial effort from Matt Fleury.

Benko Gambit

Matt Fleury (2102)
Michael Lee (1895)

Lynnwood, Apropos Invitational (1) 2004

Annotations by Kent McNall

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5

I overheard Matt say later to Michael that he was surprised to see the Benko.

4.a4!?

An interesting and unusual continuation, which leads to an untypical "Closed Benko." Black will have a lot of scope on the dark squares . . .

4...b4 5.♘d2 e6 6.e4 exd5 7.exd5 d6
8.♙d3 g6 9.b3 ♙g7 10.♙b2

. . . but, as Matt pointed out, so will White!

10...O-O 11.h3 ♖e8+ 12.♘e2 ♘bd7
13.♘f3 a5 14.♗c2 ♖a7 15.g4 ♘e5?

This move, allowing the creation of the powerful passed d-pawn, invites trouble.

16.♘xe5 dxe5 17.♘g3 e4 18.♙e2
♖ae7 19.O-O-O ♗d6 20.♖hg1 ♙h6+

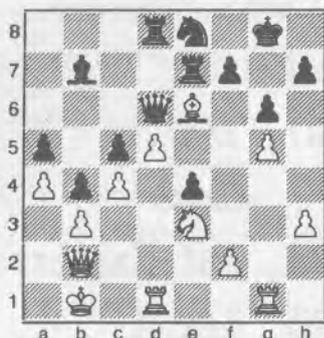
White has been building up a better position, but this move leads to a larger

advantage. Black can't abandon the long diagonal.

21.♖b1 ♕f4 22.♗f1 ♕e5 23.♗e3 ♕xb2?

This four-move Bishop maneuver has accomplished naught but a disadvantageous trade of Black's only asset!

24.♞xb2 ♖d8 25.g5 ♗e8 26.♕g4 ♕b7?! 27.♕e6!?



A very interesting sacrifice, which Matt called a "clearing sac" for the g4-square. White has a significant edge in the position without the sac . . .

27...fxe6 28.dxe6 ♞c7 29.♖xd8 ♞xd8 30.♖d1 ♞c7 31.♗g4

. . . but in this position, which is what White was aiming for, Matt needs help to have more than equality.

31...♖g7?

FRITZ identified ...h5 as an equalizing move and we could find no good continuation for White. Hence, White's sacrifice took him from a pawn-plus advantage to an equal position — yet one where White has all the fun!

32.♗f6+ ♖f8 33.♖d7! ♖xd7 34.exd7 ♗d6 35.♞e5! ♕c6 36.♗xh7+ ♖g8 37.♗f6+

Missing the killing 37.♞e7!, which wins at once.

37...♖f7 38.♗e8 ♞xd7!

Not an easy resource to find, and not enough, but Michael shows defensive prowess in finding this move.

39.♗xd6+ ♖g8 40.♞f6 ♞g7 41.h4 ♖h7 42.♖c1 ♞d7 43.♞f8 ♞g7 44.♞xg7+ ♖xg7 45.♖d2 ♖f8 46.♖e3 ♖e7 47.♗xe4 ♖e6 48.♖f4 1-0

An interesting game and sac by Mr. Fleury.

Bird's Opening

Elston Cloy (1923)

Eduard Shamilov (2145)

Lynnwood, *Apropos Invitational (1)* 2004

1.g3 g6 2.♕g2 ♕g7 3.f4 d5 4.♗f3 ♗h6 5.d3 d4 6.c3 c5 7.♕d2 ♗c6 8.♗a3 ♗f5 9.♗c4 h5 10.e4 dxe3 11.♕xe3 ♗xe3 12.♗xe3 O-O 13.O-O ♖b8 14.♞e2 e6 15.♖ad1 b5 16.♗g5 ♕b7 17.g4 hxg4 18.♞xg4 ♗e7 19.♞h3 ♖e8 20.♕e4 ♗d5 21.♗g4 ♗f6 22.♗h6+ ♕xh6 23.♞xh6 ♞e7 24.♖f3 ♞f8 25.♞h4 ♞g7 26.♞h3 c4 27.♕xb7 ♖xb7 28.d4 b4 29.♖e3 ♗d5 30.♖f3 bxc3 31.bxc3 ♖b2 32.♞f1 ♖c8 33.♞e1 ♞f6 34.♞h4 ♞g7 35.♗e4 ♖xa2 36.♗d6 ♖c6 37.♗e8 ♞h8 38.♞g3 ♖f8 39.♖b1 ♖b6 40.♖xb6 axb6 41.♗d6 ♞g7 42.♖f1 ♖a3 43.♗e4 ♗xc3 0-1

Black Knights Tango

Pat Hickey (1799)

Elston Cloy (1923)

Lynnwood, *Apropos Invitational (2)* 2004

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 ♗c6 3.♗f3 e6 4.a3 d6 5.♗c3 g6 6.e4 ♕g7 7.♕e2 O-O 8.O-O e5 9.d5 ♗e7 10.♗e1 ♗e8 11.♕e3 f5 12.f3 f4 13.♕f2 h5 14.♗d3 g5 15.c5 ♗f6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.♖c1 ♗g6 18.♗b5 ♖f7 19.♞c2 g4 20.♗xa7 gxf3 21.♕xf3 ♕g4 22.♗b4 ♗h7 23.♕xg4 hxg4 24.♗c8 ♕f8 25.♕b6 ♞f6 26.♞e2 f3 27.♞d2 ♗g5 28.♕e3 ♗xe4 29.♞c2 ♗g5 30.♗b6 ♖d8 31.♞b1 ♗f4 32.♕xf4 ♞xf4 33.♞d3 e4 34.♞b3 ♞d2 35.♞c2 ♞d4+ 0-1

Our Best Game winner has a little of everything. Geoff makes multiple sacrifices in equal and unclear positions. This together with the lack of significant blunders by either side carried the decision for this nice game.

London System

Blake Salisbury (1858)

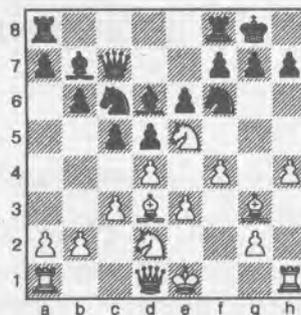
Geoffrey Gale (2042)

Lynnwood, *Apropos Invitational (2)* 2004

1.d4 d5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.♕f4

A long discussion was held around the skittles table regarding the current popularity of the London System on the NW chess scene. The system was seen several times in this tournament.

3...e6 4.e3 ♕d6 5.♕g3 c5 6.c3 O-O 7.♗bd2 b6 8.♕d3 ♕b7 9.♗e5 ♗c6 10.h4 ♞c7 11.f4



White creates some disadvantage and an uncomfortable King, but was playing for attack on the king's wing.

11...a6 12.a4?!

One can't condone the White pawn structure and the creation of weaknesses on both wings.

12...♗a7 13.♞f3 b5 14.O-O c4 15.♕c2

Loses a tempo, given the following sequence, but White didn't want to block in his Rook.

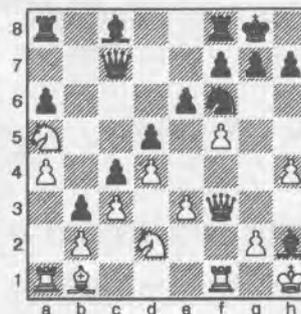
15...b4 16.f5?

White should continue 16.cxb4, as he will now be, effectively, a Rook down.

16...b3 17.♕b1 ♗c6 18.♗xc6 ♕xg3 19.♗a5! ♕h2+!

A nice Zwischenzug that puts the King in an advantageous position for Black.

20.♖h1 ♕c8!



The first sac on Black's part, playing against the misplaced Queen and the slumbering a-Rook.

21.♗dxc4 dxc4 22.♞xa8 ♞xa5 23.♖xh2 ♞c7+ 24.♖g1 ♕b7 25.♞a7

The position Black was aiming for with his sac.

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Apropos Invitational #2

Something a little different from your friends at
Apropos!

Here's how it works:

The first 20 players to register for the tournament via e-mail, plus four alternates, are in! There's no entry fee! The only requirement is that you not break your commitment to play. If you do, you will not be eligible to play again in an Apropos invitational for three tournaments. The top five finishers from the first four events will meet in the fifth event to declare the Season One champion and winner of the Apropos Cup!

There's a generous prize fund of \$500.00, especially when you consider there's no entry fee!

Registration is easy, simply e-mail kent@aproposretail.com. You'll receive a confirmation e-mail asking for your FIRM COMMITMENT to play, and upon receiving your confirmation you're in!

Alternates: If you are not one of the first 20 whose registration is accepted, you will be asked if you would like to be an alternate. The first four to accept an alternate's spot will have the same playing commitment as those in the tournament. More information will be provided to alternates.

- ♔ 4 -Round SS
- ♔ No Entry Fee
- ♔ \$500 Prize Fund:
 - \$250.00 1st
 - \$150.00 2nd
 - \$50.00 1st Expert
 - \$50.00 1st A
- ♔ #2 open to Master, Expert, A Players Only
- ♔ Free Refreshments
- ♔ Sunday Pre-Round Brunch
- ♔ USCF Rated
- ♔ Qualifier for the 2005 Apropos Cup
- ♔ First 20 Players + 4 Alternates Only, Register Today!

The Apropos Invitational #2 Chess Tournament

December 4-5, 2004

Location: Apropos offices, 3400 188th St SW #185, Lynnwood WA 98037. Conveniently near Alderwood Mall. **Time Controls:** 40/2, SD/1 **Rounds:** 10am, 4pm. **Misc:** NS/NC; USCF and WCF/OCF required. Players only at the tournament site, except by pre-arrangement with TD. **TD and Contact:** Kent McNall (kent@aproposretail.com). Hosted by Apropos Chess Events, 13409 51st Ave W, Edmonds WA 98026

Watch for the Apropos Invitational #3, coming Spring 2005, for A, B, and C Players!

USCF Ethics Committee Comes to a Decision in WA Ratings Fraud Case

The USCF Ethics Committee has considered the complaint by Carol Mayer-Kleist (representing the Washington Chess Federation) against Rudy Vrana, Kirk Steinocher, Elston Cloy, and David Griffin.

By a vote of 8-0, with one abstention, the Committee finds that **Rudy Vrana has committed a serious violation** of the Code of Ethics and recommends that he receive a censure.*

By a vote of 6-2, with one abstention, the Committee finds that **the evidence presented does not establish that Kirk Steinocher has committed a violation** of the Code of Ethics.

By a vote of 7-1, with one abstention, the Committee finds that **the evidence presented does not establish that Elston Cloy has committed a violation** of the Code of Ethics.

By a vote of 8-0, with one abstention, the Committee finds that **David Griffin has not committed a violation** of the Code of Ethics.

By a vote of 8-0, with one abstention, the Committee agrees that this letter represents its opinion in this case.

Sincerely,

Hal Terrie (2003-2004 Ethics Committee Chair)

* Censure carries a probation of at least one year.—Ed.

Now this matter can finally be put to rest. At the mandate of the Washington Chess Federation, I sent a report of irregularities involving the persons named above almost a year ago. Hearing nothing for several months, I inquired and found the USCF Ethics Committee had never received the rather bulky packet I had sent by mail. I re-submitted the material by e-mail. My initial impression had been that the committee would then investigate the report of falsified dates, unplayed matches, etc. No, the committee did not take on an investigative role, rather they asked me to name specific individuals to be accused and to present evidence. And the committee solicited statements from those named, giving everyone a chance for a rebuttal.

The conclusion reached is printed above. It was an easy decision in the case of Vrana, for he alone admitted his guilt in writing. One of the others named also came forward in a meeting with WCF officers and admitted to submitting an unplayed match, but he maintained Rudy's transgression was much more serious, because Rudy had falsified match results without consent.

It is the consensus of the WCF Board that we wish to take no further action in this matter. We wish to welcome all named as full partners in the endeavor to make chess in the Northwest positive and the best we possibly can. Hopefully, this has been a learning experience for all involved, on all sides and in all parts of the State of Washington.

Finally, I would like to add that the only person sanctioned was also the only juvenile. This young person, Rudy Vrana, who felt misled, has courageously apologized and asked the Chess Community for forgiveness. He has been barred from High School chess competition and has voluntarily refrained from participating in any open events this past year. I feel sure I speak for the entire chess community when I say: "You have that forgiveness, young Rudy, please come back and play chess!" We want to see you at the upcoming chess tournaments!

Carol Kleist, WCF Tournament Coordinator

50 Years Ago

Washington Chess Letter

October 1954

by Russell "Rusty" Miller

John DeWitt continues as Editor. R.R. Merk was the circulation head with Ken Mulford as Publisher. Contributors: John Nourse ("Nourse AdNauseam"), Fred Weaver ("From Chess Life"), Stephen Falk ("Chess Bits"), Dan Wade (feature writer), Ollie LaFreniere (feature writer).

1954-55 Puget Sound League results were coming in. Olympia beat McNeil Island 7.5-2.5, the Latvian Club topped Tacoma 7-3, the Seattle YMCA flattened Kitsap 7.5-2.5 and the U of W topped the Seattle CC 6-3. Jim McCormick was playing third board for Tacoma and Viktors Pupols was 2nd board for Latvian Club.

1955 Washington Championship was won by William A. Bills. The event was a Holland System 12 players starting out in two 6 player sections with top 3 advancing. 2nd place was Olaf Ulvestad. Bills scored 3-2 in the preliminaries and 4.5-5 in finals. Ulvestad was 5-0 and 3-2 (one loss was a forfeit).

Ollie LaFreniere wrote a long article about hoping to set up an Eastern Washington Chess League with Spokane, Yakima, Tri-Cities and Milton-Freewater.

In information from *Chess Life* we learn that the Soviet Union won the International Team Tournament over Argentina. The playing site was switched from Argentina to Holland and the USA did not take part. 96 players took part in the Great Lakes Open won by A. Pomar and R. Steinmeyer. An 8-1 score by L. Dreibergs won the Michigan State event. Massachusetts attracted only 24 players. Harry Lyman and John Curdo tied for first at 4.5-0.5. Here is that Midwest Open name again, won by Alex Liepnieks at 5-1 over 19 others. Our Washington State Champion William A. Bills tied for first in the 67-player Southwestern Open with Blake Stevens, both at 6-1.

An article by Samuel Reshevsky from the *New York Times* of Sunday, June 13, 1954 was reprinted by WCL. The title was "Chess is another Soviet gambit." This was on the eve of the USA-USSR match. An interesting article about Russian Chess and Russian chess players.

Charles Joachim took a trip to California and took part in the California Open where he scored 4-3. Two of his games are given, a draw with Larry Remlinger and a win over Van Gelder.

The Nouse AdNauseam column is about Benjamin Franklin's writings on chess. ■

Christopher Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

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Current standings (Includes all events through 9/6/04, plus the E. Wash. Open):

Oregon		Washington	
Masters			
Raptis, Nick	153.5	Bragg, David	155.5
Haessler, Carl	50.5	Koons, Nat	105.5
Zaikov, Oleg	48.5	Pupols, Viktors	67
Prochaska, Peter	22.5	Perez, Ignacio	46
Griffiths, Morgan	22	Sprenkle, David	35
Rowan, Thomas	10.5	Schill, William	29
Experts			
Lin, Benjamin	78.5	Gale, Geoffrey	145
Martin, Roger	45.5	Bartron, Paul	91.5
Slye, Damon	24	Collyer, Curt	79.5
Gutman, Richard	16	Drake, Christopher	71.5
Morris, Michael	14.5	Selzler, Richard	47.5
Heywood, Bill	5	Ballard, Clint	36.5
Class A			
Salisbury, Blake	71.5	Buck, Stephen	112.5
Phillips, Blake	64	Steinocher, Kirk	106
Banner, Richard	63.5	Cloy, Elston	93.5
Herrera, Robert	48	Julian, John	83
Pritchett, Pete	35.5	Kalina, Chris	82
Alpernas, Gregori	32.5	Cambareri, Michael	63
Class B			
Rosenbaum, David	40	May, Andy	109.5
Gagnon, William	38.5	Mathews, Dan	89
Gay, Daniel	35.5	May, Todd	85
Gay, Patrick	35.5	Knutson, Keegan	80.5
Jacobi, Gunther	35.5	Fabian, Steve	70
Yoshinaga, Dave	27.5	Monahan, Darby	67.5
Class C			
Serres, Drew	66.5	Kirlin, Patrick	74
Robinson, Marcus	60	Griffin, David	72.5
Becker, Brett	50.5	Charleston, Scott	60
Arun, Aditya	28	Chen, Howard	57.5
Bohn, Calvin	27	Attwood, Adam	55.5
Midson, Tony	23	Delson, Ben	50
Class D and below			
Terrill, Michael	72.5	Countryman, Zach	50
Wang, Eddie	43	Li, Jerry	48.5
Taylor, Michael	34	Waugh, James	46.5
Nettles, Jordan	29	Akopov, Michael	43
Robinson, Tim	26.5	Omori, Jeffrey	42.5
Mowery, Zane	20.5	Inglis, David	41
Overall Leaders			
Raptis, Nick	153.5	Bragg, David	155.5
Lin, Benjamin	78.5	Gale, Geoffrey	145
Terrill, Michael	72.5	Buck, Stephen	112.5
Salisbury, Blake	71.5	May, Andy	109.5
Serres, Drew	66.5	Steinocher, Kirk	106
Phillips, Blake	64	Koons, Nat	105.5
Banner, Richard	63.5	Cloy, Elston	93.5
Robinson, Marcus	60	Bartron, Paul	91.5
Becker, Brett	50.5	Mathews, Dan	89
Haessler, Carl	50.5	May, Todd	85

If our goal with the Christopher Memorial Northwest Grand Prix is to increase events, prize funds and participation, we can declare the program a partial success. Last year, a total of 11623 points were awarded. This year, with nearly 4 months left, we are on the verge of passing that number, with 10453 points (90% of last year's total) awarded thus far. This reflects higher prizes and increased participation. Roughly 70% of the year is in the books, and we have 469 players this year compared to 511 last year (92%), who represent 1294 entries (82% of last year's 1569). While the number of events with multipliers looks to be roughly the same as last year (12), a couple of events have used higher multipliers this year. The total number of events, however, has shown only a small increase. Last year, we had a total of 68 GP events. This year, 48 (71%) are reported thus far. While the number of events in Spokane has increased somewhat this year, there have been small declines in some other areas. Although there are only 52 weekends in a year and we are averaging over one event per weekend, the Northwest is a vast area and I think there is room for more. I still am willing to show up with my pairing cards if you can find me a site and a place to park my tent-trailer, from Astoria to Zillah, from Aberdeen to Zigzag.

A number of changes have occurred in the leader board, fueled primarily by two events that carried multipliers, the Oregon Open and the Eastern Washington Open. Many of the class prize races have tightened up significantly. Five players are within a single tournament of the lead in Oregon's Class B and six players, within less than two tournaments in Washington's Class D. Close competitions are also seen in Classes A and C in both states. Oregon's Class B is going to undergo a shake-up soon, however, as the current class C leader, Drew Serres, will be moving to class B with the next ratings update. Oregon's Nick Raptis has nearly caught up to Washington's David Bragg, a competition that is not for money, but for bragging rights. (Yes, David is appropriately named for this particular competition.) David, however, has other things to be concerned about, as Geoffrey Gale has moved to within just 10.5 of David's lead. Also note that last year's winner from Washington, Stephen Buck, has taken over the Class A lead and has moved up to third on the over-all list.

Catching Raptis may be unlikely for other Oregon masters this year, and Bragg, Gale, Benjamin Lin, and Michael Terrill all have fairly comfortable (but not insurmountable) leads, but for the rest, it is still

a horse race. Looks to be an interesting fall. If you want to make a big move in the standings, make your reservations for Bellevue, WA, Thanksgiving weekend. The Washington Class has a \$4000 prize fund and a multiplier of four! And don't forget all the other events still coming up in Portland, Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle.



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Deja Vu Your Way to Better Tactical Play

by NM Tom Rowan

[This is the latest in a series of articles on improving your chess by NM Tom Rowan. Earlier articles in this series are available for viewing at Tom's chess website, <http://www.tomrowan.com>. Send your questions, comments, and suggestions for future articles to Tom at chess@tomrowan.com.]

If you improve your tactics, you improve your chess. It's common to try to improve your tactics by solving a lot of exercises, but I've always had some objections to this approach.

For one thing, tactical exercises aren't realistic. In a real chess game, there's no "move and win" caption to alert you to a tactical opportunity. If there were, we'd play much stronger chess.

Also, I don't think a diagram and solution sticks in your memory as well as the experience of playing through a complete annotated game. You remember and learn more when the diagram and solution are presented as part of a larger picture that includes what came before the tactic and what came after.

Nevertheless, my tactics needed work (as my games in the recent Oregon State Championship pointed out to me) so I decided to give the well known tactics program CT-Art 3.0 a try.

After solving a healthy portion of the 1200+ exercises, I started noticing a pattern. I'd easily solve a bunch of supposedly difficult exercises and start feeling cocky. Then I'd run into a supposedly easy exercise and I'd stare at it blankly like a deer caught in headlights.

I quickly diagnosed the reason for those occasional blank stares. Tactical patterns I'd never seen before were almost impossible to spot.

The flip side to that observation was even more humbling. All those difficult exercises I'd solved so brilliantly — I'd seen those tactical patterns before. Not the exact same positions, but I'd seen the general features of the positions before.

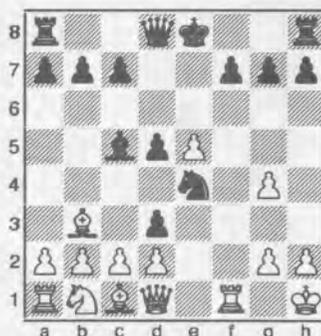
One of the supposedly difficult exercises was similar to the diagram below.

Ruy Lopez Bird

Adolf Anderssen
Max Lange

Breslau 1859

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘d4 4. ♘xd4 exd4 5.♗c4 ♘f6 6.e5 d5 7.♗b3 ♗g4 8.f3 ♘e4 9.O-O d3 10.fxg4 ♗c5+ 11.♔h1



11...♘g3+ 12.hxg3 ♖g5 13.♗f5 h5 14.gxh5 ♖xf5 15.g4 ♗xh5+ 16.gxh5 ♖e4 17.♖f3 ♖h4+ 18.♖h3 ♖e1+ 19.♔h2 ♗g1+ 20.♔h1 ♗f2+ 21.♔h2 ♖g1 mate

Pretty dazzling, right? Actually, if you get the right idea, the right moves aren't that hard to find. If the h-file were open, any check would mate. If there's a piece on g5, White can't push a pawn to that square. Therefore Black can force open the h-file by playing h5. When I saw an exercise with these same general features, I immediately got a *deja vu* feeling — I've seen something like this before. That *deja vu* feeling not only tells you to be alert, it also tells you how the tactic might work.

For *deja vu* to help our play, the feeling has to occur in the games we play, not just in the exercises we solve.

Don't hold your breath waiting for that Lange mating pattern to occur in your games. Any single tactical pattern is going to occur rarely. You need to be at least vaguely familiar with lots of tactical patterns before the *deja vu* feeling can occur with any useful frequency.

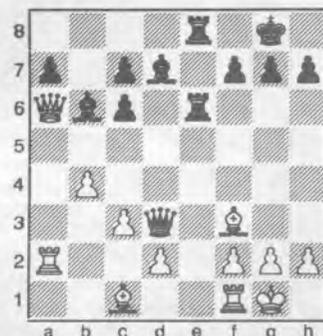
Glance down at the next four diagrams. Look familiar? If you didn't look at the game scores, could you name the players, or at least the winners? Could you play out the next moves from the diagrammed positions?

Four Knights

Louis Paulsen
Paul Morphy

New York 1857

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗b5 ♗c5 5.O-O O-O 6.♘xe5 ♗e8 7.♘xc6 dxc6 8.♗c4 b5 9.♗e2 ♘xe4 10.♘xe4 ♗xe4 11.♗f3 ♗e6 12.c3 ♖d3 13.b4 ♗b6 14.a4 bxa4 15.♖xa4 ♗d7 16. ♗a2 ♗ae8 17.♖a6



♖xf3 18.gxf3 ♗g6+ 19.♔h1 ♗h3 20.♗d1 ♗g2+ 21.♔g1 ♗xf3+ 22.♔f1

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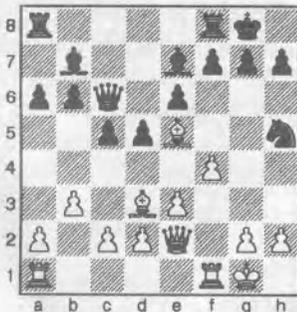
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25.♗f1 ♙xf1 26.♙xf1 ♖e2 27.♙a1
♙h6 28.d4 ♙e3 0-1

Bird's Opening

Emanuel Lasker
Johann Bauer

Amsterdam 1889

1.f4 d5 2.e3 ♘f6 3.b3 e6 4.♙b2 ♙e7
5.♙d3 b6 6.♘f3 ♙b7 7.♘c3 ♘bd7
8.O-O O-O 9.♘e2 c5 10.♘g3 ♗c7
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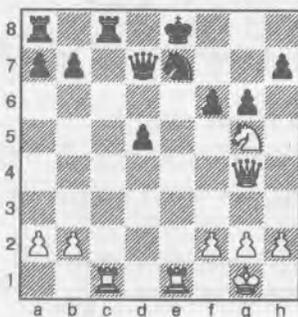
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33.♗g7+ ♖xe6 34.♗xb7 ♙d6 35.
♗xa6 d4 36.exd4 cxd4 37.h4 d3 38.
♗xd3 1-0

Giuoco Piano

Wilhelm Steinitz
Kurt Von Bardeleben

Hastings 1895

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.c3 ♘f6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♙b4+ 7.♘c3 d5 8.exd5
♘xd5 9.O-O ♙e6 10.♙g5 ♙e7 11.♙xd5
♙xd5 12.♘d5 ♗xd5 13.♙xe7 ♘xe7
14.♙e1 f6 15.♗e2 ♗d7 16.♙ac1 c6 17.
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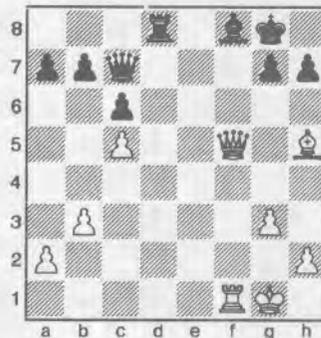
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29.♗h8+ ♖e7 30.♗g7+ ♖d8 31.♗f8+
♗e8 32.♘f7+ ♖d7 33.♗d6 mate

Reti

Richard Reti
Efim Bogoljubow

New York 1924

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♙g2
♙d6 5.O-O O-O 6.b3 ♙e8 7.♙b2
♘bd7 8.d4 c6 9.♘bd2 ♘e4 10.♘xe4
dxe4 11.♘e5 f5 12.f3 exf3 13.♙xf3
♗c7 14.♘xd7 ♙xd7 15.e4 e5 16.c5
♙f8 17.♗c2 exd4 18.exf5 ♙ad8 19.
♙h5 ♙e5 20.♙xd4 ♙xf5 21.♙xf5
♙xf5 22.♗xf5 ♙xd4 23.♙f1 ♙d8



24.♙f7+ ♖h8 25.♙e8 1-0

I could easily have picked over a hundred classic games and positions played by Anderssen, Morphy, Steinitz, Lasker, Artur Rubinstein, Jose Raul Capablanca, Alexander Alekhine, and Mikhail Botvinnik that most strong players would recognize instantly.

Did those strong players have a list of classic tactical patterns that they decided to study and add to their bag of tricks? Should you do that?

No and no. At least, I think that's the wrong way to approach the study of tactics.

I think you best absorb the classic tactics when you study the classic games they occurred in. You see the context, how the tactic fits with the other elements of the chess game.

Your tactics may improve by solving exercises in books and in software, but I think the real value of such exercises is that they provide your tactics a test score. If you can solve most exercises pretty

easily or at least have a pretty good idea what to look for, your *deja vu* is working pretty well. You've seen something like that before, probably by playing over some classic games.

If, on the other hand, you didn't recognize the positions from Paulsen-Morphy, Lasker-Bauer, Steinitz-Von Bardeleben, or Reti-Bogolyubov, you haven't experienced chess classics enough to get a useful *deja vu* effect for your tactical play.

Examples like those are quoted repeatedly in chess books, not just because of their quality and originality, but also because the tactics occurred in a clean form, easy to show and tell.

In practice, such tactics often don't occur in clean form. Your opponent may see the tactic coming, but have to make a large concession to avoid it, which you can then capitalize on. Or you may have to keep the tactical pattern in the background for awhile until another threat allows you to force it through.

That's OK. After you've been exposed to lots of tactical patterns, your tactical *deja vu* becomes another weapon in your chess arsenal that you can use in a variety of ways.

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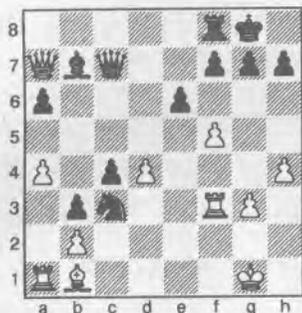
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Thank You!

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25...d4 26. f4 dxe3 27.g3 d5
28. f3 dxc3!



The second sac in this unclear position, and the one that swayed the judges! White can't touch the knight, but, amazingly, he doesn't have to.

29.bxc3?

The right move is 29.fxe6!, which FRITZ evaluates as advantageous for White, e.g., 29...dxe2+ 30.f2 dxd4 31. fxd4.

29...c6 30. e4 xe4 31. f1 32. b6 b1= 33. xb1 xf3 34. xb7 xg3+ 35. g2 xc3 36. d1 37. f1 exf5 38. xf5 d3 39. f2 c3 40. c5 e8 41. c7 f6 42. a2+ h8 43. f7 e1+ 0-1

A fine effort by both sides, congratulations to Geoff for best game!

English

Michael Lee (1895)
Randy Walther (1800)

Lynnwood, Apropos Invitational (2) 2004

1.c4 e5 2. d3 g6 3. g3 g7 4. g2 d6 5. f3 d6 6. O-O f5 7. d3 ge7 8. d2 O-O 9. b1 e6 10. b4 d7 11. d5 d8 12. dxe6 xe6 13. a4 b8 14. b5 d7 15. a5 e6 16. c1 f4 17. h3 g5 18. e4 h6 19. c5 f5 20. cxd6 cxd6 21. e3 bc8 22. a3 d5 23. xf5 xf5

24. d6 f8 25. b4 xd6 26. xd6 f3 27. g4 f6 28. xe5 f4 29. h1 d3 30. b4 f4 31. xf4 gxf4 32. d2 xg4 1-0

Queen's Gambit Declined

Peter June (1666)
Randy Walther (1800)

Lynnwood, Apropos Invitational (3) 2004

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. f3 f6 4. g5 e7 5. d3 O-O 6. e3 h6 7. h4 bd7 8. d3 c5 9. cxd5 dxd5 10. dxd5 xh4 11. f4 f6 12. d2 cxd4 13. exd4 db6 14. O-O-O d5 15. b1 d7 16. h4 b6 17. g4 fc8 18. dxd5 exd5 19. g5 g4 20. e2 f5+ 21. d3 g4 22. dg1 xf3 23. h3 e4 24. gxf6 xf6 25. hg3 xd4 26. a1 c6 27. a3 ac8 28. xg7+ f8 29. f4 f6 30. g4 c7 31. g8+ e7 32. b5 xf2 33. e8+ d6 34. g8 c5 35. f8+ b6 36. f1 xh4 37. b4 a5 38. d4+ xb5 39. a4+ a6 40. a8 mate

Reti

Michael Lee (1895)
Chris Kalina (1951)

Lynnwood, Apropos Invitational (4) 2004

1. c4 c6 2. f3 f6 3. g3 d5 4. b3 e6 5. g2 e7 6. O-O O-O 7. b2 b6 8. d3 b7 9. c2 dbd7 10. d3 e5 11. e4 d4 12. d2 c5 13. d2 h8 14. h3 dg8 15. f4 f5 16. f2 c7 17. f1 fxe4 18. dxe4 dgf6 19. f5 dxe4 20. dxe4 g5 21. c1 xc1 22. xc1 f6 23. e2 a5 24. g4 a4 25. g5 d7 26. h5 d6 27. h4 axb3 28. axb3 c6 29. f6 gxf6 30. gxf6 f7 31. e2 a2 32. h5 e6 33. d4

exf4 34. xa2 xf6 35. f5 xf5 36. exf5 xg2 37. xg2 h5 38. g5 d3 39. e1 h6 40. g6 xf5 41. xb6 e3 42. xh6+ g7 43. b6 d7 44. e2 d3 45. d2 c2 46. f2 a3 47. f3 b1 48. d1 c3 49. d2 b1 50. g2+ h7 51. gg6 d2 52. h6+ g7 53. bg6+ f7 54. h7+ xg6 55. xd7 g5 56. d5+ h4 57. xf4 xh3 58. e3 g4 59. d8 f5 60. e2 e4 61. d1 e3 62. c2 e2 63. xb1 d1= 64. xd1 xd1 65. b4 1-0

Philidor

Eduard Shamilov (2145)
Matt Fleury (2102)

Lynnwood, Apropos Invitational (4) 2004

1. e4 d6 2. d4 f6 3. d3 e5 4. f3 dbd7 5. c4 e7 6. O-O c6 7. a4 c7 8. e2 h6 9. h3 f8 10. e3 g5 11. dxe5 dxe5 12. e1 dg6 13. d3 g8 14. f3 f4 15. d2 d6h5 16. f2 dxd3+ 17. cxd3 f4 18. d4 exd4 19. xd4 xh3 20. gxh3 d8 21. xa7 dxh3+ 22. e1 Draw

Best Game
Winner
Geoff
Gale



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Scholastic Checkup with Dr. Leo

**I like stopping by my school chess club some afternoons when I'm not a volunteer but I don't know what to do or what role I should take when I'm there.
How can I best support my child during the free chess play time?**

Dr. Leo strongly believes that scholastic chess clubs should be open and welcoming to all students, parents, and teachers in the greater school community. Chess is a game which embodies human heritage in an algorithmic system that showcases human ingenuity, learning and mental discipline. Chess play and practice are pro-social, pro-educational and pro-family.

Dr. Leo is always happy to see parents engaged and participating in the mental lives of their children. I am particularly gratified and optimistic when I see parents taking the time and making the effort to attend chess club. In so doing, parents signal to their children that chess is important, that thinking and learning are important, and that they value and consider important their child's mental development apart from, and in addition to, a formal education acquired in the schoolroom. This parental support of a broad and ubiquitous life of the mind and heart, independent of coursework, tests and grades, conveys a powerful message to children that mental exertion and sustained attention have immediate value and can bring immediate reward.

The quiet support that parents provide by attending chess club is the greatest gift available to a child at that moment. Chess is sport and sport mandates spectators, fans, and fan support. However chess, by its nature, prohibits the possibility of cheering or vocal support (i.e., kibitzing) during play. In chess, information is King and imagination and creativity are Queens. During play, students concentrate deeply and engage in flights of fancy as they imagine their game into being. Parents do well by allowing their children to independently imagine, create, think, and solve during play.

Chess play and practice in chess club serve, in part, to simulate and prepare the student for tournament play. Tournament play is governed by the Official Rules of Chess of the United States Chess Federation

(USCF) and the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE). For reference, edification, and to provide an orientation to standard chess principles and practices, I quote from some of the relevant rules concerning spectators, parents and audience involvement.

"Spectators and participants in other games are not to speak or otherwise interfere in a game." [FIDE Rules: Approved Manila 1992, FIDE General Assembly] "Spectators not playing in the tournament have no special privileges." [USCF Rules: 20M1, USCF Official Rules of Chess, 5th Edition, 2003] "It is highly improper, and warrants ejection from the premises, for any spectator to discuss a player's position or time management with that player, to point out that it is the player's move, or to talk in a loud enough voice to be heard by a player with a game in progress. Spectators, including parents and coaches, may point out irregularities to the director in a manner neither heard nor noticed by the players, but have no right to make claims of any kind on behalf of players. If a problem arises during play, a player of any age should understand that he or she should promptly stop both clocks and see a director. A spectator who makes a claim may be ejected." [USCF Rules: 20M4 and 20M5]

Chess is played using the most powerful known forces in the universe: the power of a child's imagination and the power of an idea whose time has come. Chess, as you can see, has powerful rules to govern and constrain these forces. As a result, chess procedures have become a model for regulating human conflict and cooperation. Chess is recognized worldwide as the *sine qua non* of both intellectual achievement and a dignified civility in human interaction. The pre-eminent chess principle is perhaps the recognition of the individual player as the sole responsible agent and actor in the conduct of their game. Chess, therefore, has the potential of teaching, and demonstrating in practice, civil discourse, grace under pressure, and accepting responsibility for one's own actions.

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Well-organized chess clubs have dedicated staff and volunteers to assist students during instruction and play. Parent drop-ins can support chess club by watching and listening quietly while allowing the assigned parental volunteers to go about their business. A "fly-on-the-wall" approach is well advised to allow students to practice their martial art of the mind on their own and to permit the smooth functioning of staff and volunteers. Parents by modeling quiet support and attention best support their children as they learn to extend their attention span and respect the mental space of their opponent by practicing quiet deliberation.

An important exception to this approach of quiet and aloof watchfulness may obtain with the youngest chess players in kindergarten and first grade. Parents of these young chess neophytes can inquire with staff and volunteers if sitting with their child might assist the learning process while they directly model and explain appropriate attention and thinking behaviors to their child.

Parents attending chess club may do well to hold in reserve any advice or remarks they formulate in response to watching their child play chess. Such insights and suggestions can be shared later with the child in a more reflective milieu conducive to less defensiveness on the part of the child. Chess is a challenging endeavor and requiring a student to 'manage' a parent while playing may simply put too great a strain on a child's mental and emotional resources. Dr. Leo is always hoping that students learn to place all of their hearts and minds into playing chess (and ultimately, into whatever it is they choose to be doing in the details of their lives).

Dr. Leo thanks all chess parents for supporting their chess club, the time they take and the effort they make to bring their children to weekend chess tournaments, and for the special effort they make to engage their children in mental sport. Drop-in parents are welcome at chess club. Your child will be happy to see you and will feel supported by your calm presence. Please drop by your scholastic club and see the most amazing thing in the world: your child at play. ■

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More NW Games from the U.S. Open Bulletin

The Round Nine bulletin finally arrived and here are the games.

Double Fianchetto

NM Carl Haessler (2207)

Patrick McCartney (2024, NC)

Fort Lauderdale, U. S. Open (9) 2004

1. ♘f3 ♘f6 2. g3 g6 3. b3 ♗g7 4. ♗b2 d6 5. d4 O-O 6. ♗g2 c6 7. O-O ♘fd7 8. c4 e5 9. ♘c3 ♗c7 10. e4 a6 11. ♗d2 b5 12. cxb5 cxb5 13. ♗ac1 exd4 14. ♘d5 ♗d8 15. ♗xc8 1-0

Larsen's Opening

Rory Wasiolek (1987, PA)

Eduard Shamilov (2141)

Fort Lauderdale, U. S. Open (9) 2004

1. b3 e5 2. ♗b2 d6 3. e3 g6 4. f4 ♗g7 5. ♘f3 ♘d7 6. fxe5 ♘xe5 7. d4 ♘g4 8. e4 f5 9. e5 dxe5 10. ♘xe5 ♘xe5 11. ♗e2 ♘e7 12. dxe5 ♘c6 13. ♘a3 O-O 14. ♗e3 ♗h4+ 15. g3 ♗e4 16. ♗xe4 fxe4 17. O-O-O ♗g4 18. ♗c4+ ♘h8 19. ♗de1 ♗f3 20. ♗hf1 ♘xe5 21. ♗xe5 ♗xe5 22. ♗d5 ♗c3 23. ♗xb7 ♗xe1 24. ♗xa8 ♗b4 25. ♘b5 ♗xa8 26. ♘xc7 ♗d8 27. c4 e3 28. ♗xf3 e2 0-1

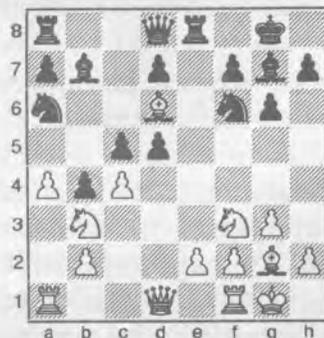
Benko Gambit

Benjamin Tejes (2117, CA)

Michael Lee (1827)

Fort Lauderdale, U. S. Open (9) 2004

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. a4 b4 5. g3 ♗b7 6. ♗g2 g6 7. ♘f3 ♗g7 8. O-O O-O 9. ♘bd2 e6 10. ♘b3 ♘a6 11. ♗f4 exd5 12. ♗d6 ♗e8



13. cxd5 ♘e4 14. ♘xc5 ♘axc5 15. ♗xc5 ♘xc5 16. ♗c1 d6 17. b3 ♘e4

18. ♗e1 ♗b6 19. e3 ♗b2 20. ♗c4 ♗c3 21. ♗f1 ♗a6 22. ♗c6 ♗b7 23. ♘h4 ♗xf1 24. ♗xf1 ♘d2 25. ♗d1 ♗d7 26. ♗c2 ♗ac8 27. a5 ♗xc6 28. dxc6 ♗e6 29. ♗d3 ♗xb3 30. ♗h3 ♗b1+ 31. ♗xb1 ♘xb1 32. ♗d7 ♗f8 33. c7 b3 34. c8=♗ ♗xc8 35. ♗xc8 b2 36. ♗a6 ♘a3 37. ♗d3 ♗xa5 38. ♘f3 b1=♗+ 39. ♗xb1 ♘xb1 40. ♘d4 ♗b6 41. ♘b5 ♗c5 42. ♘f1 a6 0-1

Bogo-Indian

Charles Musgrove (2129, FL)

Ed Daroza (1936)

Fort Lauderdale, U. S. Open (9) 2004

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♘f3 ♗b4+ 4. ♗d2 ♗e7 5. ♘c3 ♘c6 6. e3 ♗xc3 7. ♗xc3 ♘e4 8. ♗d3 ♘xc3 9. bxc3 d6 10. O-O O-O 11. ♘d2 e5 12. d5 ♘b8 13. e4 ♘d7 14. f4



14...exf4 15. ♗xf4 ♗e5 16. ♗h4 ♗xc3 17. ♘f3 ♘e5 18. ♗e2 ♗e3+ 19. ♘h1 ♘g6 20. ♗d3 ♘h4 21. ♘h4 ♗g5 22. ♘f3 ♗f6 23. ♗b1 b6 24. ♗d2 ♗g4 25. ♗f1 ♗xf3 26. ♗xf3 ♗a1+ 27. ♗f1 ♗d4 28. h3 ♗ae8 29. ♗c2 ♗e5 30. ♗f4 f5 31. ♗xf5 ♗xf5 32. exf5 ♗e1+ 33. ♘h2 ♗f4+ 34. g3 ♗e3 35. h4 ♗f3 0-1

Dutch Leningrad

Fred Kleist (2082)

Kevin McDonald (1932, FL)

Fort Lauderdale, U. S. Open (9) 2004

1. d4 f5 2. g3 ♘f6 3. ♗g2 g6 4. c4 ♗g7 5. ♘c3 d6 6. ♘h3 O-O 7. O-O e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. e4 c6 10. ♗b3 ♘a6 11. exf5 gxf5 12. ♗e3 ♗e8 13. f3 ♗h5 14. ♘f2

♗g6 15. f4 e4 16. ♘e2 ♘h8 17. ♗fd1 b6 18. ♗d6 ♗b7 19. ♗ad1 c5 20. a3 ♗g8 21. ♗d2 ♗h5 22. ♗e3 ♘e8 23. ♗d7 ♗c6 24. ♗e7 ♗xb2 25. ♗c3+ ♗xc3 26. ♗xc3+ ♗g7 27. g4 ffg4 28. ♘g3 ♗g6 29. f5 ♗g5 30. ♗xg7 ♗xg7 31. ♗xg7+ ♘xg7 32. ♘xg4 ♗a4 33. ♗e1 ♘f6 34. ♘xf6 ♘xf6 35. ♘xe4+ ♘g7 36. ♘c3 ♗e8 37. f6+ ♘f8 38. ♗e7 ♗b3 39. ♗xh7 ♗xc4 40. ♗d5 ♗xd5 41. ♘xd5 ♗e5 42. ♘f4 ♗g5+ 43. ♘h1 ♗f5 44. ♘g6+ ♘e8 45. f7+ ♗xf7 46. ♗h8+ ♘d7 47. ♘e5+ ♘e6 48. ♘xf7 ♘xf7 49. ♗h7+ ♘e6 50. ♗xa7 ♘b8 51. ♘g2 ♘d7 52. h4 c4 53. ♘f2 ♘c5 54. ♘e2 c3 55. ♘d1 ♘d5 56. ♘c2 ♘c4 57. ♗c7 1-0

Trompovsky

Clint Ballard (2035)

Augustin Gomez (1900, WI)

Fort Lauderdale, U. S. Open (9) 2004

1. d4 d5 2. ♗g5 h6 3. ♗h4 c6 4. c3 ♗b6 5. ♗c2 ♗g4 6. e3 e6 7. ♗d3 ♘d7 8. f3 ♗f5 9. ♗xf5 exf5 10. ♘d2 ♗e7 11. ♗f2 ♘g6 12. ♘b3 g6 13. ♘e2 a5 14. O-O ♗c7 15. ♗g3 ♗d6 16. ♗ae1 O-O 17. ♗xd6 ♗xd6 18. ♗d2 a4 19. ♘bc1 ♘b6 20. e4 fxe4 21. ♗xh6 ♗fe8 22. f4 ♘c4 23. f5 ♘g4 24. ♗h4 ♘ce3 25. f6 ♗e6 26. ♗f4 ♘xf6 27. ♘g3 ♘eg4 28. ♗ef1 ♘g7 29. ♗xg4 ♘xg4 30. ♗xg4 ♘f8 31. ♘ce2 ♘e7 32. ♗h4+ ♘e8 33. ♘f4 ♗f6 34. ♗h8+ ♗f8 35. ♗xf6 1-0

Dutch Stonewall

Nataliya Allard (1523)

James Clague (1800, NY)

Fort Lauderdale, U. S. Open (9) 2004

1. c4 f5 2. d4 ♘f6 3. ♘c3 e6 4. e3 ♗e7 5. ♗d3 ♘c6 6. ♘ge2 O-O 7. O-O b6 8. ♘f4 ♗b7 9. ♘h5 ♗e8 10. ♘g3 g5 11. ♗e2 ♘d8 12. ♘b5 d5 13. ♘xc7 ♗g6 14. ♘xa8 ♗xa8 15. cxd5 ♘xd5 16. ♗f3 g4 17. ♗e2 ♘f7 18. f3 h5 19. e4 ♘f6 20. exf5 exf5 21. ffg4 ♘g4 22. ♘xf5 ♗d8 23. ♗xg4 hfg4 24. ♘g3 ♗f6 25. ♗e3 ♗d8 26. ♗c1 ♗g7 27. ♘h5 ♗xd4 28. ♘g7 ♗xe3+ 29. ♘h1 ♗xd1 30. ♗cxd1 ♘xg7 31. ♗d7 1-0

Future Events

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

October 16 Pierce County Junior Open

Site: *Curtis Jr. High School*, 8901 40 St W, University Place WA. **Format:** 5-round Swiss (K-8). **TC:** G/30. **EF:** \$8. **Prizes:** Trophies 1-5, medals 6-10 (K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-8) **Reg:** 8-9 am. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-2-6:30, Sun 9-2. **Misc:** WSRs rated. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E B St, Tacoma WA 98445; Ggarychess@aol.com; 253-535-2536 (voice or fax).

♣ Oct. 23, Nov. 20 SCC Saturday Quads ♣

Site: *Seattle CC*, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155. **Format:** 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** 40/90, SD/60. **EF:** \$6 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future quad. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 am. **Rds:** 10:00-2:30-ASAP. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC. **Info:** 206-417-5405; cfkleist@cs.com.

October 23-24 Southern Oregon Open II

Site: *Rogue Community College - "J" Bldg*, 3345 Redwood Hwy, Grants Pass OR. **Format:** 1-section, 5-round Swiss. **TC:** 40/90, SD/30. **EF:** \$30 by 10/20, \$35 at site. **Prize Fund:** \$775 b/30. **Prizes:** \$150-100, X 80-50, A 80-50, B 50-25, C 50-25, D/E 50-25, Unr 40. **Reg:** 8-9 am. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-2-6:30, Sun 9-2. **Misc:** USCF membership required for all. **Ent/Info:** Wray A. Maxwell, 740 NW 4th St, Grants Pass OR 97526; 541-476-5000.

♣October 23-24 Puget Sound Open ♣

Site: *University Place Library*, 3605 Bridgeport Way W, University Place WA. **Format:** 1-section, 5-round Swiss. **TC:** Sat. 40/90, SD/60; Sun. 40/2, SD/60. **EF:** \$25 advance \$35 at the site. **Jrs -** \$20 advance, \$25 at the site. For no prize money, \$10 for any player (Economy) and free for unrateds. Unrateds may play for 1st place only with regular EF. **Prizes:** 67% of entry fees (full-paying entries) 1st -25%, Under 2000 (3 equal groups)- 15%, 14%, 13%. Economy winners - Certificates. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 am. **Rds:** Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 10-3 or ASAP. **Byes:** Two half-point byes available

if declared in advance. **Misc:** WCF/OCF and USCF membership required for all. NS, NC. W. **Entries/Info:** Gary Dorfner 8423 E. B St. Tacoma Wa. 98445 253-535-2536 or 253-627-3731, Ggarychess@aol.com, www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com. Make checks payable to TCC

♣October 30 PCC Game-in-60 ♣

Site: *Portland CC*, 8205 SW 24 Ave, Portland OR. **Format:** 1-section, 4-round Swiss. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if over 20 entries. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20 \$5 discount for PCC members. No advance entries. **Prize Fund:** \$200 b/20. **Prizes:** \$60-40-30, U1800 35, U1500 35. **Reg:** 9-9:30 am. **Byes:** 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. **Misc:** OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd, OSA. **Info:** Neil Dale 503-256-5233 www.aboutchess.org.

♣ Nov. 7, Dec. 5 SCC Sunday Tornado ♣

Site: *Seattle CC*, 17517 15 Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155. **Format:** 4SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$14 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prize Fund:** \$10 from each EF. **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg.:** 10:30-11:15a. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. 1/2-K rated. NS, NC. **Info:** 206-417-5405; cfkleist@cs.com.

♣November 4,11,18 Turkey Quads ♣

Site: *Gonzaga University, Herak - Rm 101*, Spokane WA. **Format:** 3RR. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$16. Can be paid at the Spokane CC or on day of tournament. **Reg:** 6:45-7:15 pm. **Info:** David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgriffin@hotmail.com.

♣November 20 The Gobbler ♣

Site: *Gonzaga University, Herak - Rm 121*, Spokane WA. **Format:** 2 events, 4-round Swiss. **TC:** 1st event - G/15, 2nd event - G/30, 1/2-K. **EF:** \$11 for each event. **Reg:** 9-9:30 am. **Prize Fund:** At least 90% of EFs collected for each event. **Misc:** 1-hr lunch break between events. Coffee and snacks provided. **Info:** David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgriffin@hotmail.com.

More Scholastic Events

October 2004

30 Mattawa Autumn Leap (K-3,4-6,7-12) Brian Talbot cfacolumbia@htmail.com 509-831-9704 fax 509-932-5588Mattawa WA

November 2004

6 NW Grade Level Championships P. Prochaska 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com Portland OR

6 St. Michael U1100 & Over 1000 (K-8) Jon Licht 360-754-6472 jlicht@earthlink.net Olympia WA

6 MS/JHS & HS MiniTeams (6-12) Kirk Wings kwings@comcast.net http://whsca.org Lynnwood WA

6 InterMat Candidates (Invitational) Kirk Wings kwings@comcast.net http://whsca.org Lynnwood WA

6 Pasco Pawn Power (K-12) Robert Frost Elem ASB www.chesschampions.org Pasco WA

8 NW Beta Tournament Randy Kaech kaech5@earthlink.net http://home.earthlink.net/~kaech5 Sedro Wooley WA

13 Chess Mates Fall Kick-off Georgi Orlov 206-789-9614 chessmates@earthlink.net www.chessmates.org Seattle WA

20 Eugene Fall Classic Jerry Ramey 541-232-0328 j-adoube@efn.org Eugene OR

26 WA Class Scholastic Carol Kleist 206-242-7076 WCFtntmcor@cs.com Bellevue WA

29 NW Gamma Tournament Randy Kaech kaech5@earthlink.net http://home.earthlink.net/~kaech5 Bellingham WA

December 2004

4 InterMat Tmt (Invitational) Kirk Wings kwings@comcast.net http://whsca.org Seattle WA

4 Richland Rook Round-up (K-2,3-4,5-6,7-12) Cathy Kuwamoto (509)942-2380 Cathy_Kuwamoto@rsd.edu Richland WA

4 Bryant Fall Classic (K, 1-3,4-6) Joe Roseto jroseto@comcast.net www.bryantschool.org Seattle WA

11 Class Action Tmt(JHS,MS & HS) Kirk Wings kwings@comcast.net http://whsca.org Tukwila WA

18 Skagit ChessFest Randy Walther, RandyWalther@msn.com, http://home.earthlink.net/~kaech5/ Sedro-Woolley WA

Open Events

October 2004

♣9-10	Portland Fall Open	Bruce Peterson 503-805-0493 b_r_u_c_e_p_e@yahoo.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
♣10	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣10	Spokane CC Fall Championship	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgriffin@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
13-17	GM Boris Spassky events	Jerry Weikel 775-747-1405 wackyykl@aol.com	Reno NV
15,22,29	TCC Championship, Rds 4-6	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Tacoma WA
15-17	Western States Open	Jerry Weikel 775-747-1405 wackyykl@aol.com	Reno NV
22,29	SCC Championship, Rds 5-6	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
23	WA vs. BC Match	Nick Paleveda 360-756-0776 Nick@the412icompany.com	Bellingham WA
♣23	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org ...	Seattle WA
♣23-24	82nd Puget Sound Open	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Tacoma WA
23-24	Southern Oregon Open II	Wray Maxwell 541-476-5000	Grants Pass OR
♣30	Portland CC G/60	Bruce Peterson 503-805-0493 b_r_u_c_e_p_e@yahoo.com www.aboutchess.org ...	Portland OR

November 2004

4,11,18	Turkey Quads	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgriffin@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org ..	Spokane WA
5	TCC G/45, Rds 1&2	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Tacoma WA
5	SCC Championship, Rd 7	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
6-7	Turkey Open	Bill McBroom whminmsla@hotmail.com 406-728-4654	Missoula MT
♣7	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
12	TCC G/45, Rds 3&4	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Tacoma WA
♣13-14	Tacoma Open	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Tacoma WA
13-14	Silver Star Challenge	Wally Steinke 250-545-6677 www.chess.bc.ca	Vernon BC
♣20	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org ...	Seattle WA
♣20-21	Jack Taylor Memorial	Gregory Churchill gregorychurchill@shaw.ca	Victoria BC
♣26-28	WA Class Championships	Carol Kleist 206-242-7076 WCFTnmtcor@cs.com www.nwchess.com ..	Bellevue WA
♣27	Portland CC G/60	Bruce Peterson 503-805-0493 b_r_u_c_e_p_e@yahoo.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR

December 2004

3,10,17	TCC Mini-Swiss #2	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Tacoma WA
4-5	Apropos Invitational #2	Kent McNall kent@aproposretail.com	Lynnwood WA
♣5	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org ...	Seattle WA
♣17-20	SCC 125th Birthday Celebration	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣18-19	TCC Christmas Congress	Gary Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com	Tacoma WA
♣18-19	Portland Winter Open	Bruce Peterson 503-805-0493 b_r_u_c_e_p_e@yahoo.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
26-29	North American Open	Continental Chess www.chesstour.com	Las Vegas NV

January 2005

♣22-23	Don McAdam Memorial	Gregory Churchill gregorychurchill@shaw.ca	Victoria BC
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February 2005

♣26-27	Dave Collyer Memorial	Kevin Korsmo kmkorsmo@comcast.net www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
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April 2005

♣23-24	Daffodil Open	Gregory Churchill gregorychurchill@shaw.ca	Victoria BC
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June 2005

♣11-12	Island Open	Gregory Churchill gregorychurchill@shaw.ca	Victoria BC
♣11-12	Lilac Open	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgriffin@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA

July 2005

♣11-12	Columbia Cup	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgriffin@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Richland WA
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Scholastic Events

October 2004

16	Pierce County Jr. Open (K-8)	Gary Dorfner Ggarychess@aol.com 253-535-2536	Tacoma WA
25	NW Kickoff	Randy Kaech kaech5@earthlink.net http://home.earthlink.net/~kaech5	Ferndale WA
30	Bughouse Booonanza	Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
30	NSC Fall Scholastic (K-3, 4-6)	www.chessplayer.com/NSC_REG.htm	Seattle WA more

For more scholastic events, see inside back cover