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Greetings from the Editor

In late June, my computer crashed and many of my files and programs were lost. One consequence of this is the lateness of this issue. For next issue, unless I receive a sudden in-rush of material, I'll use some material that



Editor's Desk

IM John Donaldson sent me on the 1966 U.S. Open held in Seattle. That way I should be able to produce a quicker issue.

Nevertheless, please send in your games, articles and pictures! I need material to work on.

Best Wishes, Frederick K. Kleist

Thanks to R. Miller for working on the crosstables. Thanks to C. Kleist for proofreading.

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On the Cover: Some Washington Open and National Open players: (clockwise from left) Nhon Do (UNR winner of the Reserve Section of the WA Open), NM Curt Collyer (co-winner of the WA Open), Geoff Gale (co-winner of the Premier Section of the WA Open), Josh Sinanan (plus score in Open Section of Nat'l Open); (center) GM Gregory Serper (co-winner of the WA Open and second-seventh in the Nat'l Open). Photos of Do, Gale, Sinanan, and Serper by Michel Milczewski. Photo of Collyer by Chris Bird courtesy of the National Open 2007 CD

Serper, Collyer Top Washington Open

Gale, Ho Tie in Premier Unrated Takes Crown, Not Money, in Reserve Supathanasinkasaem Wins Booster 6-0

he North Seattle Community College cafeteria was host to the 177 players of the 2007 Washington Open. The players were distributed fairly evenly among the four sections—Open, Premier (U2000), Reserve (U1700), and Booster (U1400)—with the Reserve topping out at fifty.

GM Gregory Serper shared first-second with NM Curt Collyer on five points when the former gave up a draw to NM Michael Lee in the final round. Serper unsuccessfully essayed a variation that had given him trouble with the opposite color at the recent U.S. Championship in Oklahoma. He also drew with Ricky Selzler in round two. Collyer, too, had two draws, with Chris Kalina in the first round and with NM Nick Raptis in the fourth. Raptis, angered that Dan Mathews had emerged from the two-day schedule with 2.5 points—consisting of one full-point bye, one win, and one half-point bye—offered a quick draw to Collyer and proceeded to lose his final two games. Raptis contended that Mathews' unusually high score would be a boon to those Masters who would play him. However, Mathews' only Master opponent was LM Viktors Pupols, who defeated Dan in one of the longer fourth-round games. Pupols also had a fine tournament, tieing with Lee and Oregon Champion Radu Roua for third-fifth at 4.5.

The co-Champions of the Premier Section, WCF President Geoff Gale and Alec Ho, also scored five points. Ho drew with Patrick Gay and Megan Lee, while Gale, who took two half-point byes, won all his games. Tieing for third-sixth at 4.5 were Steve Buck, George Fan, Dr. Marvin Hayami, and Kerry Xing.

Unrated Nhon Do walked off with the Reserve Crown, scoring 5.5 points in the six-round event. However, according to USCF rules, the only cash prizes that unrated players may compete for are Open section place prizes as well as special 'Unrated Prizes.' In this tournament, the latter were to be found in the Booster Section. Five players finished a point behind Do, tieing for first-fifth: Scott Charleston, Alex Chow, Kamran Hughes, Anthony Lamb, and Colin Southcote-Want. All Do received was glory and a 2037 provisional rating.

The Booster Section had the only perfect score, as Oregonian Sompoth Supathanasinkasaem swept through the field. Ian Southcote-Want was clear second at five points, while Justin Yu and Ian McPherson shared third-fourth a half point back.

The three-section Washington Open Scholastic attracted 67 players. The Grades 7-12 Section, with six entrants, became a round-robin. Ernest So won the section with a 5-0 score. The 22-player Grades 4-6 Section was topped by Edward Strong, who also scored 5-0. Jonathan Collins and Adam Ellner tied for second-third at four points. Also scoring 5-0 was the Grades K-3 Section winner Chandler Moy. Jacob Jensen was a half point behind, while Jesse Egelston, Spencer Lehman, and Phillip Wang shared third-fifth at four points.

Games

My 2007 Washington Open did not start ideally. I was paired against Kalina in round one, where I started playing well only when I was down a pawn (and managed to draw). In round two, I achieved a very large advantage against Howard Chen's Two Knights Tango, but then allowed him all kinds of unnecessary counterplay and achieved a win only in a murky time-scramble. All things considered, this was my first well-played game for the event.—CC

Slav Exchange

Joshua Sinanan (2108) NM Curt Collyer (2206)

Seattle. Washington Open (3) 2007

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer 1. 夕f3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.c4 夕f6 4. 夕c3

Sinanan used to be exclusively a London player, but in recent years has been gaining experience in queen-pawn systems involving c2-c4.



4...a6 5.cxd5

My opponent goes for the Exchange Variation, which is one of the best systems against the Modern Slav (4...a6).

5...cxd5 6.单f4 包c6 7.里c1

7.e3 \(\textit{\textit{g4}}\)! and Black exchanges White's Knight on f3. The Exchange Slav, much like the Exchange French, often leads to positions where the Bishop pair is not such an important factor because of the stabilized center.

7....≜f5 8.e3 \(\mathbb{\textsq}\) c8

8...e6 9. ₩b3 2 a5 10. ₩a4+ and Black cannot block with the desired 10... **Ad7**, because his pawn is on e6.

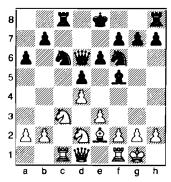
9. e2 e6 10.0-0

10. 對b3 **公a5** 11. **對a4+ b5** and the Knight cannot sacrifice itself on b5 because of the pin along the c-file.

10... 单d6 11. 单xd6 豐xd6

I was following the game Kramnik-Bareev from the 2005 Russian Super Final, but Sinanan's next move was new to me.

12.4 d2!?



This move is well-motivated, as White is trying to make use of the weakened c5-square (c5 is weak, because Black has played ... a7-a6 in the opening, making ... b7-b6 more difficult to achieve because of the looseness of the a-pawn).

12...O-O 13.4 b3 2 d7 14.a3 4 cb8!?

Black's strategy is to eventually position his Queen on either a7 or b7 (to help defend the a6-pawn) and then play the pawn move ... b7-b6 to cover the c5square. If this is accomplished, White's Knights will not have good outposts on the queenside, while the Rooks will be exchanged along the c-file and Black will equalize the game.

15.豐d2 豐b6 16.公a1 豐a7 17.b4 公b6 26.dxe5 fxe5 27.豐c3 鼻d7! 18.夕b3 夕c4 19.鱼xc4 互xc4 20.夕a5 耳cc8 21. ②a4

After this move, I momentarily panicked, because I realized that after my planned 21...b6 to evict the Knight, White could attempt to penetrate on the c-file rather than retreat the Knight. The Exchange Slav is a tricky opening in that there is often a fine line between equality and disadvantage. As Black, you can make only a slight mistake and perhaps find yourself in a technically lost position. Thankfully, here I was able to find 24...e5, a move I was quite happy with.

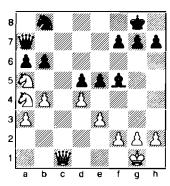
21...b6 22. 里xc8 里xc8 23. 里c1

This move is White's big idea.

23... Exc1+

23... \(\mathbb{Z}\)c7!? is also possible.

24. 曾xc1 e5!



If not for this resource, Black would likely be lost, as White's Queen comes in on c8 and the Bishop on f5 is worthless in the queenside struggle. Here I thought, "Ah-ha! You cannot beat the Slav so" easily." Now the Bishop covers c8 and White must attend to the Knight.

25.4 b3 f6

I figured that 25...e4 would be equal, but I was playing for more, as White's

Knights were awkwardly placed. Notice that Black has achieved his desired a6-b6-₩a7 structure—this setup is my contribution to 4...a6 Exchange Slav theory. Aside from my own games. I have never seen anyone else employ it.



25...f6. Black gains a tempo on the White Knight and prepares to play 28... 206 to

I had seen this resource when I played

guard his center pawn.

28. 4 b2 4 c6 29.h3 h6 30. 4 d3 增b8 31.a4 費d6 32.b5

Sinanan plays to remove the defender of e5; here Black is forced to trade his epawn for White's b-pawn.

32...axb5 33.axb5 公a7 34.豐xe5 豐xe5 35.4)xe5 \$xb5 36.4)d4 \$c4 37.f4

When entering this ending, I assessed it as equal. White's Knights are very attractively placed. However, Black has a Bishop and passed pawn. Probably both sides can play for a win, which is actually what occurred in the game.

37... 40c838. \$\dag{\psi} 12 40d639. \dag{q4b540. \$\dag{p}} e1

White's King must attend to the bpawn, otherwise it will march all the way to bl! Here I had the idea of fixing White's kingside pawns on the light squares. As the King leaves the kingside, my Bishop could possibly come in and take the unguarded pawns. I am not sure if my next move is objectively best, but it adds to the complexity of the position.

40...g5!? 41.f5

Sinanan is now looking to create his own chances with his new passed pawn.

41...b442.f6b343.dd1 &f144. 2dc6!?

The following positions are quite complex, and could probably be analyzed for hours. I recall calculating some complex lines where White's Knights practically checkmate my King. However, I cannot recall exactly how they went. Anyway, this might be a fun position to look at for awhile. 44. 2xb3 2c4!? 45.

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②xc4 dxc4 46. ②d2 Axh3 47. ②xc4 �f7!, with advantage, was my intended variation.

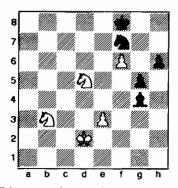
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A sample draw: 44...包f7 45.包g6 Axh3 46.包ce7+ \$h7 47.包f8+ \$h8 48.包fg6+.

45.42e7+ \$f8 46.42xd5 \$2f7!

A very logical move, as it takes away the defender of the g4-pawn.

49... ②d6! was more straightforward. 50. €\xb3



This natural move is possibly a mistake, as the Knight and pawn endgame that arises is difficult for White.

50...욮e6! 51.e4 ①d6 52.슣e3 욮xd5 53.exd5 화f7

The problem for White is that Black is winning the f-pawn, and defending the d-pawn is not so simple.

54. \$\dd \dd xf6 55. \$\dd c5

55. 2 d2 g4! and Black just starts pushing the pawns.

55...**\$**e5

White's King is caught on the "wrong side".

56. ປົc1 ປົf5 57. ປົe2 h5 0-1

There is no defense against the advancing pawns. What a tough fight—nearly six hours!

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It was exciting to play Jim McCormick for the first time. He is a "big name" of Northwest chess about whom I have heard many stories. Before the game, Elston Cloy told me that McCormick would surely play the Exchange French.

OGD Slav

LM James McCormick (2200) NM Curt Collyer (2206)

Seattle, Washington Open (5) 2007

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.②f3 ②f6 4.②c3 a6
5.②e5 e6 6.g3

After the game, McCormick indicated that he'd seen a Christiansen game where White had won using the kingside fianchetto combined with 5. 20e5.

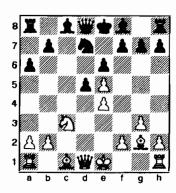
6...�bd77.�g2�xe5

McCormick post-game: "No one takes on e5 in these positions!"

8.dxe5 4 d7 9.cxd5 cxd5

9...exd5!?

10.e4!



I was hoping he wouldn't play this move. Now 10...dxe4 11.包xe4 包xe5 wins a pawn, although, with Black's centralized King and lagging queenside development, it looks unpleasant. 11... 對 12.全d2 對 xe5 13.0-O followed by 14.全f4 also looks dangerous for Black.

10...dxe4

I am simply trying to get castled, but McCormick stops me.

11.0-0

This is quite principled. White doesn't even bother regaining the e-pawn immediately, but just accelerates his development.

11...**£e**7

I am simply trying to get castled, but McCormick stops me.

12.豐q4

Black's position is looking very difficult. What do YOU think Black should do?

12...**含**f8!?

The King is relatively safe here. Black's plan is to try to catch up in development by targeting the extended e5-pawn and winning time on the White Queen.

13.豐xe4 豐c7 14.星e1 包c5 15.豐e2 鱼d7 16.鱼f4 鱼c6

It is favorable to exchange White's "Catalan"-type Bishop. I don't think White has made the most of his development lead.

17. axc6 對xc6 18. 日ac1 日d8 19. 日ed1

19.b4 **②**d3 shows the point of 18... **☑**d8.

19...互xd1+20.互xd1 g5

Black is still looking to pressure the pawn on e5. This move is nice, as now the King has some space as well.

21.单c1 h5!?

Since the King is blocking its normal route, Black tries to develop his Rook without moving it. White needs to prevent Black from opening the h-file, else the Rook may act in concert with the Queen posted on the long diagonal.

22.h3!

During the game, I thought this was a very strong move. Now White can always keep the kingside closed by locking up the pawns.

22...වුd7!

Black's Knight looked nice on c5, but wasn't doing anything. From d7, it ties White's Queen to the e-pawn.

23. He1 Ad8!

Another move I was quite happy with, potentially repositioning the Bishop to c7, where it can contribute something.

24.∰e4

McCormick and I were both getting lower on time and needed to make it to move 40. I think his decision to trade Queens was a "safe" move. However, it leads to an ending that is dangerous for him because of the e5-weakness.

24... **世**xe4 25. **里**xe4 **里**g8

Relieving the Bishop of its defensive duties as well as discouraging f2-f4.

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2007 Oregon Open

You are cordially invited to attend the 56th annual Oregon Open September 1st thru 3rd.

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Northwest of Las Vegas

18 of 28 Have Plus Scores at the National Open

into the desert to play in the National Open in Las Vegas on the weekend of June 8-10. About two thirds of them finished the six-round, seven-section event with a plus score (3.5). Four players placed in the top ten in their respective sections.

GM Gregory Serper of Bellevue scored five points in the 102-player Open Section, which put him in tie for secondseventh. NM Curt Collyer (Spokane) and Expert Joshua Sinanan (Brier, WA) both scored 3.5 in the same section.

Brian Svehaug of Vancouver also scored five points, tieing for third-seventh in the 105-player U1600 Section. Artem Mishurov (4.0) and Bernard Spera (3.5) of Rogue River, OR, had plus scores in the same section.

Another five-point scorer was Bert Rutgers of Lynden, WA, who tied for second-fifth in the 74-player U1400 Section. Tristan Sun (4.0) of Mercer Island and Jeremy Kohlenberg (3.5) were the other plus scores in that section.

In the 44-player U1200 Section. Bellevue's Michael Cohn scored 4.5. good for second through seventh place. James Smith (3.5) of Portland had a plus score.

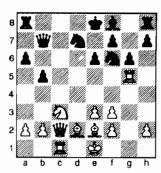
Others with plus scores were: David Rupel (U2200 - 4.0; Olympia), Ed Daroza (U2200 - 3.5; Hillsboro, OR), Keith Yamanaka (U2000 – 4.0; Seattle). Elston Cloy (U2000 - 3.5; Shoreline, WA), Fred Kleist (U2000 – 3.5; SeaTac, WA), Martin Schmidt (U1800 - 4.0; WA), and Anthony Lamb (U1800 -3.5) WA).

QGD Slav

GM Ben Finegold (2604) NM Curt Collyer (2206)

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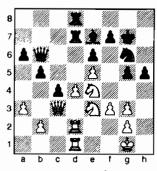
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QGD Semi-Slav

Joshua Sinanan (2168) IM David Preuss (2473)

Las Vegas, National Open (1) 2007

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29...4 xe5 30.d5 f6 31. h2 b4 32.axb4 鱼xb4 33.豐d4 豐xd4 34.旦xd4 a5 35. **\$g6 38.**ᡚxd4 f5 39.e7 **\$xe7 40.**ᡚc3 单c541.夕c2\$f642.夕a4单f243.夕c3 ቋd5 47.ᡚc3+ ቋe5 48.ᡚa4 এd4 49. ව්a3 \$d5 50.ව්c3+ \$c5 0-1

English

LM Jerome Hanken (2200) GM Gregory Serper (2562)

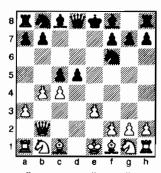
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QGD Slav

LM Viktors Pupols (2230) GM Viktor Kortchnoi (2664)

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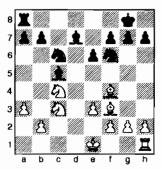


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Queen's Gambit Declined GM Gregory Serper (2562) NM Ronald Bruno (2295)

Las Vegas, National Open (2) 2007

1.d4 ②f6 2.c4 e6 3. ②c3 单b4 4. 豐c2 c5 5.dxc5 ②c6 6. ②f3 O-O 7. 单f4 单xc5 8.e3 d5 9. 量d1 豐a5 10.a3 量d8 11. ②d2 dxc4 12. ②xc4 星xd1+ 13. 豐xd1 豐d8 14. 豐xd8+ ②xd8 15. 鱼e2 ②c6 16. 鱼f3 鱼d7



17. De5 Be8 18. Dxc6 Bxc6 19. Bxc6 bxc6 20. Bg3 Dd5 21. De4 Be7 22. De2 f5 23. Dd2 Bf6 24. Dc4 Db6 25. De5 Da4 26. Ec1 Eb8 27. b4 Eb5 28. Dxc6 Bb2 29. Dxa7 Ed5 30. Ec2 Bxa3 31. Dc6 Df7 32. Be5 Db6 33. Bd4 Dd7 34. Ea2 Bc1 35. Ea1 Bd2 36. Dxd4 g6 40. Dc3 De7 41. Db4 Dd6 42. Db5 Dc7 43. De6+ Db8 44. f3 De5 45. e4 fxe4 46. fxe4 Da7 34. De5 50. e6 Dd6+ 51. Dc6 Df5 52. Dd7 g4 53. De5 1-0

Grünfeld

NM Curt Collyer (2206) Robert Lau (2049)

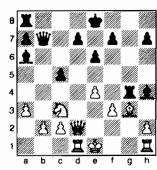
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Sicilian Taimanov

Inoel Cardenas (1842) Joshua Sinanan (2168)

Las Vegas, National Open (2) 2007

1.e4 c5 2.包c3 e6 3.包f3 包c6 4.皇b5 ②ge75.d4 cxd4 6.包xd4 包xd4 7.豐xd4 包c6 8.皇xc6 bxc6 9.皇e3 豐c7 10.豆d1 皇a6 11.豐a4 豐b7 12.皇d4 皇b4 13.a3 皇e7 14.皇xg7 豆g8 15.皇e5 豆xg2 16. 豐d4 c5 17.豐d2 豆g4 18.f3 皇h4+ 19. 皇g3



OGD Slav

FM Kazim Gulamali (2411) NM Curt Collyer (2206)

Las Vegas, National Open (3) 2007

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer 1.包f3d52.d4c63.g3单g44.单g2包d7 5.c4

In the 2007 WA State Championship, Bartron played 5. \(\Oddsymbol{D} bd2 \) and 6.c3 and achieved a draw.

5...e6 6. 4 bd2 4 gf6 7.O-O 🙎 d6

Essentially, the position is a Torre Attack with reversed colors. My opponent did not seem particularly confident in the opening and used a lot of time for his moves

8.b3 O-O 9. **企**b2 **豐e**7

Black is "threatening" to play ... \(\textit{\textit{a}} \) a3 to trade the Bishops. This trade is anti-intuitive, because it exchanges White's bad Bishop for Black's good Bishop. Nevertheless, it weakens White's queenside (Black may follow up with ... a7-a5-a4) and exchanges in general help the side with less space.

10.包e5 单h5 11.a4

To prevent 11... 2a3, but this move is a concession! Now Black can use the b4-square "forever."

11... 国ad8 12. 費e1

When my opponent played this, my initial reaction was that he had completely gone off track. However, it's not so simple: the natural 12...\(\Delta\text{b4}\) (threatening 13...\(\Delta\text{xe5!}\)) can now be met with 13.\(\Delta\delta\text{3!}\), when Black has to retreat the Bishop.

12...<u>\$</u>q6!

I decided this was the most logical move. Now that there is no pin on the e2-pawn, Black retreats the Bishop to fight for the e4-square and prepare to exchange pieces.

13.**②**xg6

Gulamali decides to try to make something out of the Bishop pair. White is slightly better in the resulting positions, however, Black's position has no weaknesses and all his pieces can come to good squares. Everything revolves around the pawn break d4-d5. Playing these positions takes a certain kind of mindset (for either side), otherwise you will grow very impatient.

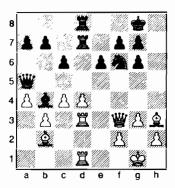
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Preparing to bring the Queen to a5. 17...\$b4 is the natural move to attack e1. However, I became concerned about 18.a5 a6 (otherwise White plays a6 himself, softening up the long diagonal) 19.c5 \$\mathbb{\m

18.旦fe1 鱼b4 19.旦e3 費d8 20.旦d1 費a5 21.旦ed3 旦fd8

Now it is up to White to try to improve his position.

22. £h3



I was happy to see this, as now Black can force an exchange of Queens.

22...費h5 23.含g2

23. 世q2 世e2

I was briefly tempted by the move 24...e5!? However, I realized White could reply with the calm 25. 2e2, gaining an advantage.

25. **空e2 空f8**

White's d-pawn is becoming more of a liability than an asset. My opponent was already in time trouble, trying to reach move 40. I decided to attempt to bring my knight to f5 to increase the pressure on the d-pawn. White may have to play the weakening move g4 to prevent this, and then I planned to fix the pawn with ... q5. In fact, this exact scenario occurred in the game.

26.皇g2 **日6d727.皇c1 李g8**

More or less just letting my opponent find his own moves.

28. **A**d2

This simplifying exchange favors Black, as now the d-pawn becomes more difficult to defend.

28...\alphaxd229.\alpha1xd2a5!30.\alphaf1?!\De4 31.ቯd1 �\d6!

Threatening to come to f5.

32.g4 g5

White always has to beware of allowing a good Knight versus bad Bishop situation.

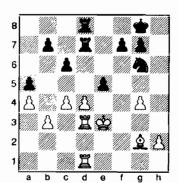
33.**≜**g2 **€**)c8!

Beginning the journey to f4.

34. \$\dot{\dot}e3 \dot{\dot}e7 35.f4

Gulamali is determined to prevent me from getting a grip on the dark squares. However, the King becomes exposed.

35...gxf4+ 36.\$xf4 4 g6+ 37.\$e3 e5!?



This looked like the most uncomfortable move to meet.

38.dxe5?

Down to around one minute left for three moves, my opponent simply missed the check on f4. 38.d5 2)f4 was good for Black, but 38. 2 e4!? was a better move. **②f4+41. 含d4 ②xg2 42. 含c5**

Black has won a piece. Nevertheless, the ending is still tricky, as White's King will pick up two pawns on the queenside. I decided to bring my King to the queenside to prevent any unexpected pro-

45.曾b6 包f4!

It is important that the Knight be placed on the right circuit. After 45... 20e3?! 46.h3!, the position is less clear.

46.\$xa5 \$c7 47.g5 \$2g6!

Stopping all counterplay.

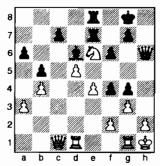
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QGD Ragozin

GM Merab Gagunashvili (2675) GM Gregory Serper (2562)

Las Vegas, National Open (3) 2007

1.d4 @f6 2.c4 e6 3.@f3 d5 4.@c3 &b4 5.豐a4+ ②c66.e30-07. Qd2a68. Qd1 dxc49.\(\text{\ti}\text{\tex{ 12.e4h613.\(\textit{\textit{\Omega}}\)e2\(\textit{\Omega}\)g614.\(\textit{\Omega}\)e1\(\textit{\Omega}\)f415. Âxf4 exf4 16.ᡚd3 ᡚd7 17.ᡚb1 ፱e8 18.夕d2 夕c5 19.夕xc5 单xc5 20.豐c2 单d6 21.单f3 单d7 22.□fe1 豐f6 23.夕c4 □ac824.a3b525.4)a5 □e726.b4 □ce8 27. 2b7 ac8 28. 2c5 gg 5 29. 2d3 f6 30.∰c1 h5 31.⊈h1 ≜g4 32.ᡚc5 ≜c8 36.4)e6



豐g6 42.豐xf4 亘e2 43.亘d1 豐xe4+ 44. ♥xe4+ \(\mathbb{Z}\)xe4 45. \(\mathbb{Z}\)d6 a5 46.bxa5 且a447.a6 且xa348.且b6 且a449.且xb5 Draw

Grünfeld

Joshua Sinanan (2168)

WIM Batchimeg Tuvshintugs (2275) Las Vegas, National Open (3) 2007

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gxf3 2e6 57. \$d3 2c5+ 58. \$d4 2xb3+

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King's Indian Classical Micah Cohen (1891)

LM Viktors Pupols (2230)

②g4 65. \$xg6 ②e3 0-1

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GM Gregory Serper (2562) Noberto Vela (2141)

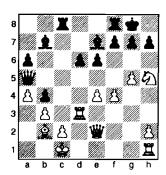
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Sicilian Paulsen

IM Emory Tate (2435) Joshua Sinanan (2168)

Las Vegas, National Open (4) 2007

1.e4c52.包含e63.d4cxd44.包xd4包c6 5.包c3 豐c7 6.包b3 a6 7.皇d3 包f6 8.f4 d69.g4b5 10.g5 包d7 11.a4b4 12.包e2 島b7 13.包g3 包a5 14.包xa5 豐xa5 15. 豐e2 皇e7 16.b3 O-O 17.皇b2 包c5 18. O-O-O 包xd3+ 19.豆xd3 豆ac8 20.包h5



20...豆c3 21.豆g1 耳fc8 22.豆xc3 耳xc3 23.心f6+ 含f8 24.心xh7+ 含e8 25.含b1 豐c5 26.豆g2 耳e3 27.豐d2 魚xe4 28.g6 魚xg6 29.含a2 豆c3 30.豆xg6 豆xc2 31.豐xc2 豐xc2 32.豆xg7 豐xh2 0-1

Barry Attack

LM Viktors Pupols (2230) Kelly Cottrell-Finegold (1812)

Las Vegas, National Open (4) 2007

1.d4 d5 2.夕c3 夕f6 3.魚f4 a6 4.e3 g6 5.夕f3 魚g7 6.魚d3 O-O 7.h3 b6 8.夕e5 魚b7 9.h4 夕bd7 10.h5 c5 11.hxg6 fxg6 12.豐f3 c4 13.夕xc4 夕h5 14.夕e5 夕xe5 15.dxe5 夕xf4 16.exf4 兔xe5 17.豐h3 兔xc3+ 18.bxc3 含f7 19.豐xh7+ 含e8 20.豐xg6+含d721.夏h6 夏f622.豐g4+含c7 23.夏xf6 exf6 24.豐g7+ 含d6 25.豐xb7 豐e8+ 26.含d2 1-0

Queen's Indian

NM Curt Collyer (2206) GM Hans Joachim Hecht (2443)

Las Vegas, National Open (4) 2007
1.d4 ②f6 2.②f3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.e3 兔b7
5.兔d3 d5 6.O-O ②bd7 7.豐e2 兔d6
8.②c3 ②e4 9.cxd5 exd5 10.兔a6 豐c8
11.兔xb7 豐xb7 12.兔d2 O-O 13.罩ac1
a6 14.罩fd1 罩fe8 15.兔e1 ②ef6 16.豐c2
g6 17.豐b3 罩ac8 18.②a4 ②e4 19.兔b4
兔xb4 20.豐xb4 ②d6 Draw

French Chigorin

NM Pedram Atoufi (2316) NM Curt Collyer (2206)

Las Vegas, National Open (5) 2007

Annotations by NM Curt Collyer

1.e4 e6

Over the years, I have received feed-back from other players that my style is "positional," "grinding," "technical," "solid," etc. Many times, these descriptions sound more like insults than compliments. Personally, I find my style to be quite enjoyable, but here is a game with a somewhat unusual flavor, just to keep you entertained.

2.**瞥e**2

In my opinion, a rather odd place to put the Queen.

2...**≜**e7

In passing, it occurred to me that 2...e5 3. 15 15 16 16 4. 15 would be some kind of artificially enhanced Ruy Lopez.

3.42f3 d5 4.d3 42c6

At this point I decided to play in the spirit of Alexander Morozevich. 4... ©c6 looked like the kind of move he would probably bash out without much thought.

5.e5 f6 6. £f4 fxe5 7. 2xe5 2xe5 8.

ቋxe5 Øf6 9. Øc3 O-O 10.O-O-O c5

I assessed the position as slightly favorable to Black, as White is in no position to attack the Black King. Also, the Queen, Knight, and light-squred Bishop seem to be running into one another.

11. **b**1 b5?!

This dubious pawn sacrifice requires some explanation. After my opponent played the move 11. \$\Delta\$b1, the thought entered my mind, "What would Ignacio Perez play here?" I hope I don't offend my friend, but 11...b5 struck me as a distinctly Ignacio-type move. Considering that Morozevich would probably also consider it, as well as the fact that this round my opponent was a 'mere' 2300 player, I decided to mix things up.

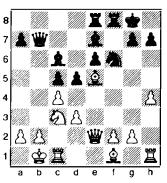
12.**公xb5 豐b6 13.c4**

13.ᡚc7 ፱b8∆ ...፱b7; 13.ᡚc3 ᡚd7 14.皇g3 皇f6

13...皇d7 14.纪c3 皇c6 15.旦c1

I was much more concerned about 15.\(\textit{\Delta}\)g3!?, immediately attacking the pawn on e6.

15... **国ae8 16.h4 對b7**



Black has some compensation. It is difficult for White to develop his lightsuared Bishop. Objectively, he is probably fine, but, practically speaking, such

situations can be difficult to deal with for humans.

17.f3 **含**h8 18.h5 h6 19.**營**d2 **点**d8

I had some idea of bringing my Bishop to a5 to harrass the Queen.

20.cxd5?!

I don't understand this move, but maybe the Bishop stuck behind the

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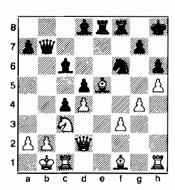
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White pawns was giving my opponent a 27... 2a4! headache.

20...exd5 21.d4 c4

Again, playing against the Bishop on fl.

22.g4?!



This move was a complete surprise. It took me about two minutes to decide on my response.

22... Exe5!

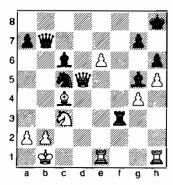
I don't not know if Atoufi overlooked this move, or if he just underestimated it. Either way, White has let the situation get out of hand.

23.dxe5 **②d**7

Summing up Black's compensation for the Exchange and a pawn: the e5pawn is weak; the f3-pawn is weak; White's dark squares are weak; ...d5-d4 is a possible threat. Perhaps, objectively, White's position is fine, although I would be uneasy playing his side of the board.

My opponent tries to land a shot of his own, but he miscalculates.

26....**全**g5 27.**豐**xd5?



This is Atoufi's grand idea. I did not see this move coming at all. But, according to the [John] Julian Principle: "If I didn't look at it, it must not be very good!"

Threatening general mayhem. Now White can't cover everything.

28. ②xa4 皇xd5 29. ②c5 豐c6 30. 皇xd5 瞥xd5 31.6\d7 冥f2 0-1

Many thanks to Alexander and Ignacio for helping me achieve a suspicious position and proceed to win in flashy style.

Sicilian Kan

GM Julio Becerra (2592) GM Gregory Serper (2562)

Las Vegas, National Open (5) 2007

1.e4 c5 2.1 f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.1 xd4 a6 5.夕c3 豐c7 6.皇d3 夕f6 7.O-O 皇c5 8. 4 b3 单e7 9.f4 d6 10. 實f3 4 bd7 11.\(\hat{L}\)d2b5 12.a4b4 13.\(\hat{L}\)a2a5 14.\(\hat{L}\)d4 全b7 15.分b5 對b8 16.對e2 O-O 17. □ae1 ②c5 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 ②fd7 20. ②c1 皇a6 21.貲h5 q6 22.貲e2 幻xa4 23.幻d4 費b6 24.鼻e3 ②xb2 25. ②db3 費b7 26.\(\text{\Phi}\) h6 \(\text{\Phi}\) xd3 27.\(\text{\Phi}\) xd3 a4 28.\(\text{\Phi}\) d2 b3 29. 全xf8 互xf8 30.c4 b2 31. 全h1 a3 32. \(\bar{\Pi}\) b1 \(\Delta\) c5 33. \(\Delta\) xc5 \(\Delta\) xc5 34. \(\Delta\) e4 37. ₩e3 \(\mathbb{Z}\)b8 38.c5 \(\mathbb{L}\)xf1 0-1

QGD Exchange

Joshua Sinanan (2168) NM Ronald Bruno (2295)

Las Vegas, National Open (5) 2007 1. ② f3 ② f6 2.c4 e6 3. ② c3 d5 4.d4 ② e7 5.g3 O-O 6.cxd5 exd5 7.鼻g2 h6 8.豐c2 c6 9.O-O 里e8 10.单f4 **包bd7** 11.里fd1 ሷf8 12. ፯ab1 a6 13.b4 ᡚb6 14. ᡚe5 g5 15.鱼c1 包q4 16.包f3 豐f6 17.h3 鱼f5 18. 對b3 鱼xb1 19. 對xb1 公xf2 20. 含xf2 **夕c4** 21.a3 草e6 22.草e1 草ae8 23.e4 dxe4 24. 基xe4 鱼q7 25. 基xe6 豐xe6 26. 對d3 包d6 27. 皇f1 含h8 28.g4 f5 29.gxf5 ②xf5 30. ②e2 罩f8 31. 查g1 費d6 32.单g2 包g3 33.包xg3 豐xg3 34.豐e4 豐b8 35.ᡚe5 亘e8 36.兾b2 孛g8 37.豐g6 旦e738.鱼e4 含f8 39.豐f5+含e8 40.鱼f3 當d8 41.魚xc6 豐d6 42.魚f3 當c7 46.鱼f3 營b6 47.曾g2 營d6 48.a4 營e6 49. 費d5 費c8 50. 費d6+ 費c7 51. 費c5 營d8 52.b5 ≜xe5 53.dxe5 罩c7 54.營e3 豐c8 55.皇e1 囯c2+ 56.皇f2 axb5 57.axb5 曾c7 58.曾a7+ 含c8 59.曾a8+ \$d7 60. 對xb7 對xb7 61. \$\textit{\$\textit{\$a}\$}xb7 \$\textit{\$e}\$6 62.鱼f3 含xe5 63.b6 含f4 64.b7 旦b2 65.皇c6g466.hxg4曾xg467.曾f1 旦b1+

68. 中e2 單b2+ 69. 中d3 h3 70. 单a7 h2 71.b8=費h1=費72.費g8+ 1-0

Hippopatomus

Roderick Santiago (1995) LM Viktors Pupols (2230)

Las Vegas, National Open (5) 2007 1.d3 d5 2.e3 e5 3.a3 Øf6 4.h3 ≜d6 5.42c3 O-O 6.42d2 c5 7.42ge2 a6 8.g3 b59.皇g2皇b710.国h2包bd711.f4豐c7 12.fxe5 \$\text{\Omega} xe5 13. \$\text{\Omega} f4 g5 14. \$\text{\Omega} fxd5 ②xd5 15. ②xd5 \$xd5 16. \$xd5 \$xg3+ 17.孛e2 鱼xh2 18.豐h1 旦ae8 19.豐f3 ②b6 20.豐f5 亘e5 21.豐f6 ⊙xd5 24. \$\dot{\psi}\$xe3 \$\dot{\psi}\$f4+ 25. \$\dot{\psi}\$e2 \$\dot{\psi}\$e8+ 26. \$\dot{\psi}\$d1 豐f2 27.豐a5 b4 0-1

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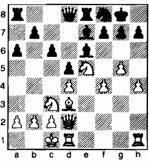
GM Gregory Serper (2562) GM Viktor Kortchnoi (2664)

Las Vegas, National Open (6) 2007 1.d4 ᡚf6 2.c4 e6 3.ᡚf3 b6 4.g3 ይb7 5. \(\hat{q} 2 \(\hat{\text{\te}\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texit{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\ 8.20c3 De4 Draw

French

NM Curt Collyer (2206)

Las Vegas, National Open (6) 2007 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.40c3 a6 4.40f3 40f6 5.皇q5 皇e7 6.exd5 exd5 7.豐d2 c6 8. O-O-O O-O 9.单d3 包bd7 10.h4 互e8 14. 2 e5 e6 15.f4



18. 国g3 单f5 19. 国hg1 单xd3 20. 實xd3 **豐e6 21.h5 罩e7 22.夕d1 单xe5 23.fxe5** 費h6+24.包e3 互f725.c4 包e626.含b1 ②f4 27.②f5 豐xh5 28.②xg7 豐h2 29. Фе8+Фg6 30.e6 1-0

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Harmon Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

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The Washington Open added over fifty names to this year's grand prix roster. With a multiplier of five, this event caused the standings to undergo some significant shuffling. The standings below include all events through June 3rd. Nearing the halfway point of the year, we have had 356 players and 798 entries, an average of 2.24 entries per player. This statistic is ahead of last year.

Other events with multipliers are ahead this summer. These include the Clark Harmon Memorial in Portland (x3) and the Evergreen Empire Open in Tacoma (x2), both on July 14-15, as well as the Seafair Open in Seattle (x2), August 10-12. The Seafair is later this year, perhaps because the US Open is earlier. The summer ends with the Oregon Open in Eugene on Labor Day Weekend, an event which usually has a x3 or x4 multiplier.

A little about the Oregon Class: Two years ago (2005), this event was advertised as a Grand Prix event, and was included in the data. Payment was never received and e-mails went unanswered. In late January of 2006, I had to delete it from the standings due to this lack of payment. Unfortunately, this changed a few of the prizewinners. Last year, I did not include the data from the Oregon Class, due to the previous year's circumstances. Of course, a few months after the event, payment was received and I had to then add in the Class data. This again altered the standings abruptly. In talking to an officer of the OCF at the Washington Open, I was told that the Class this year was intended to be a part of the Grand Prix, but the OCF financial situation is in a bit of flux. This is understandable. I will inform you now, as I informed him then, I will include the Class data as soon as payment is received. I'll mention it in my report when this occurs.

Oregon		Washington		
Masters				
1 Raptis, Nick	50.5	Collyer, Curt	63.5	
2 Haessler, Carl	23.5	Lee, Michael	41.5	
3 Schulien, Charles	3.0	Pupols, Viktors	37.5	
4		McCormick, James	37.0	
5		Serper, Gregory	35.0	
6		Koons, Nat	34.5	
	Ex	perts		
1 Roua, Radu	32.5		140.5	
2 Gutman, Richard	30.0		91.5	
3 Yu, Corbin	27.5		60.5	
4 Breckenridge, Steven	25.0	•	49.0	
5 Morris, Michael	16.5		48.0	
6 Daroza, Eduardo	7.5	Calpo, Benjamin	46.5	
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1 Gay, Daniel	47.0	Mathews, Dan	111.0	
2 Ball, Larry	22.0	Kolde, Sterling	90.0	
3 Banner, Richard	20.5	O'Gorman, Peter	68.0	
4 Peake, Ethan	16.5	Gale, Geoffrey	59.0	
5 Surak, Steve	13.5	Kalina, Chris	55.5	
6 Serres, Drew	11.0	Wang, Michael	53.5	
		ass B	33.0	
1 Becker, Brett	57.0	Buck, Stephen	64.5	
2 Bailey, Taylor	47.5	Chow. Alex	64.0	

3 Hann, Anthony 2	27.5	Umm	el, Igor		51.5
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3 O'Sullivan, Conor 3	30.0	Walke	er, Alan		38.5
4 Terrill, Michael 2	5.0		Anthony		37.5
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1 Weyland, Phillip		ID	1899	46.5	
2 Milner, Arie		BC	1811	43.0	
3 Walker, Andrew		NJ	1758	39.0	
4 Placek, Philip		ΙĹ	1672	30.0	
5 Colorado, Ramon		PA	1951	29.5	
6 Skulsky, lan		BC	2167	27.5	
7 Li, Changhe		BC	1892	25.0	
8 Jiang, Louie		BC	1860	25.0	
9 Harmon, Carl		ID	1420	25.0	
10 Caluza, Severo		BC	1834	25.0	
11 Weyland, Ronald		ID	1530	24.0	
12 Carpenter, Romie		MT	1819	23.5	
13 McBroom, William		MT	1584	23.0	
14 Oszvald, Joseph		BC	2074	20.0	
15 Harmon, Luke		ID	1583	20.0	
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NW Kids Join Trophy Rush in Sacramento

Breckenridge Tops K-9, Blitz; Stole First K-8 U750

eighty of them from the Northwest, thronged to Sacramento for the six-section National K-9 Championships at the end of March. Oregonian Steve Breckenridge finished in a six-way tie for first in the 136-player Grades K-9 Section, scoring six from seven. Fellow Oregonian Kyler Stole scored a perfect 7-0 in winning the 165-player Grades K-8 U750 Section. Jeremiah Kwan (WA) tied for second-ninth in the same section, scoring six points.

Indeed, fifty Northwesterners scored four or more points. Some of the top scorers were: Daniel Gay (OR, 6.0, K-8), Dakota Dixon (WA, 5.5, K-8), Daniel Ho (WA, 5.5, K-8), Patrick Nikong (OR, 6.0, K-8 U1000), David Lindgren (WA, 5.5, K-8 U1000), John Flett (OR, 6.0, K-9 UNR), and Adam Smith (WA, 6.0, K-

There were also team trophies to be had. Sunset HS (Daniel Friesen 4.0, David Kim 4.0, Isaac Kim 3.0, Jeremy LeGrove 2.5) of Portland came sixtheighth in the Grades K-9 Section. King's Way Christian (Daniel Ho 5.5, Alec Ho 5.0, Sebastian Baker 4.0, Ryan Scott 2.5) of Vancouver tied for third-fifth in the Grades K-8 Section

In addition, six-double-round Blitz and Bughouse tournaments were held. Breckenridge took top honors in the Blitz, scoring eleven points, while Kamran Hughes (WA) tied for sixth-eighth with 9.5. In the Bughouse, the teams of Daniel Gav & Cameron Gregson (OR) and Ethan Gottlieb & Peter Lessler (both WA) tied for second-third, scoring ten points.

Sicilian Alapin

Steve Breckenridge (1948) Zachary Adams (1649)

Nat'l K-9 Champ., Sacramento (3) 2007

Annotations by Steve Breckenridge 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 g6 5. 2 f3 2 g7 6. 2 c3 2 c6 7. h3 e6 8. 2 c4 ᡚge79.0-0 0-0 10.皇g5f6 11.皇f4 d5

Almost one thousand youngsters, about 12. 4b3 4b8 13.exd5 2xd5 14. 2xd5 exd5 15. 基c1 单e6 16. 世e2 世d7 17. 瞥b5 囯fe8 18.凰a4 囯ac8 19.囯c3 g5 20.皇g3 皇h6 21.旦b3 旦e7 22.旦e1 国f723.豐c5 身f824.豐c3 身f525.国c1 **⋓**e6 26.**⋓**d2 **এe**4 27.ᡚe1 ᡚxd4 28. 旦xf8 31.豐xd4 旦c8 32.f3 单b1 33.单b3

Winning a piece.

35...**∰**e7 36.**≜**xe1

The game is over now, but Black 22. Ife1 plays a little longer.

36...⊈g7 37.₤g3 b6 38.h4 h6 39.皇c4 单g6 40.營d5 单h7 41.hxg5 hxg5 42. 豐e6 豐xe6 43.鼻xe6 昏f8 44.臭d6+ 항e8 45.항g3 a6 46.항f2 항d8 47.항e3 åa2+ 51.b3 åb1 52.åb5 åd3+ 53. \$xb6 \$f1 54.g3 \$e2 55.f4 gxf4 56. gxf4 2d3 57. \$\ddotsa5 f5 58. \$\ddots b6 2e4 59. a5 \$e8 60.a6 \$d8 61.\$a7 \$e8 62. \$\ddots \ddots 65.\$\psi xa8 \$\psi d8 66.\$\psi b7 \$\psi e8 67.\$\psi c6 \$d8 1-0

Schmid Benoni

Daniel Naroditsky (2115) Steve Breckenridge (1948)

Nat'l K-9 Champ., Sacramento (4) 2007

Annotations by Steve Breckenridge 1.e4 g6 2.d4 \$ g7 3.\$ c3 d6 4.\$ f3 \$ f6 5.\$e2 O-O 6.O-O c5 7.d5 e6 8.dxe6 盘xe6 9.句g5 瞥e7 10.句xe6 fxe6 11.单e3 夕c6 12.f4 d5 13.exd5 里ad8

15...Ød4 16.\(\textit{\Omega}\)xd4 cxd4! 17.\(\textit{\Omega}\)b5 ≅dd8

The a7-pawn is hanging, but, if he takes it, then 18... \subseteq c5 followed by 19...d3+ is crushing.

18.单c4 **公**d5!

Threatening the fork on e3, and allowing the Bishop to defend the d4-pawn. 19.**₩**e4

This looks strong, but Black has a good answer.

19...a6!

Forcing the Knight back to a3.

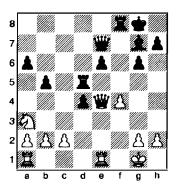
20.单xd5

Not 20.4 xd4, as 20... ₩c5 wins material.

20... 互xd5 21. ②a3 b5

Not allowing the Knight any play.

Going for e6 and threatening the Rook on d5.



22...d3!! 23.c3

If 23. 對xd5, then 23... 對a7+ wins the White Oueen, while on 23. 對xe6+ 對xe6 24. 互xe6、24... Qd4+ 25. 當h1 Qxb2 wins a piece.

23...d2! 24.耳f1 b4!

Winning at least a pawn.

25.40c2 bxc3 26.bxc3 \$xc3 27. \$\mathbb{\pi}\$ad1 豐d7 28.星f3?! 星c8 29.星f2 阜a7 30. \$\dot{\phi}\nabla e5? 31.fxe5 \(\bar{\pm}\) xe5 32. \$\dot{\pm}\) b4!

There is no tactic to win material for Black.

32... 皇h6 33.h3 豐d3! 34. 旦fxd2

White is forced to sac an Exchange to remove the passed pawn.

旦b5 37.曾g4 曾f5

I traded Queens to remove chances for tactics in this open position.

Trying for the cheap knight fork.

40... **少**g7 41. **公**f4 **基e8** 42. **基d7+ 少**h6 43. **公d5 基f8**

Kind of a stupid move.

44.ᡚe3 ፱xa2 45.ᡚg4+ &g5 46.፱xh7 ፱e8

Back to where the Rook belongs.

47.且a7?! 且ee2 48.\$h1 \$h4!

Bringing the King in for the win. Not 48... \(\mathbb{Z} \) \(\mathbb{Z}

49.閏f7 国xg2 50.包e3 国ge2 51.包f1 \$\psi\$xh3 52.旦f3+ \$\psi\$g4 53.旦f8 旦e1 54. \$\psi\$g1 呈aa1 55.\$\psi\$g2 \(\text{Exf1} \) 56.旦c8 旦f4 57.旦c5 呈a2+ 58.\$\psi\$g1 \$\psi\$h3 59.旦c3+ \$\psi\$h4 60.旦b3 g5 61.旦c3 g4 62.旦c1 \$\psi\$h3 63.旦c3+ g3 64.旦c1 旦ff2 65. □b1 □g2+ 0-1

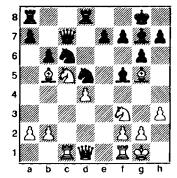
Sicilian Alapin

Steve Breckenridge (1948) Gregory Young (2060)

Nat'l K-9 Champ., Sacramento (5) 2007

Annotations by Steve Breckenridge and FM Chuck Schuilien (CS)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ②f6 3.e5 ②d5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d6 6.②f3 ②c6 7.皇e2 g6 8.exd6 實xd6 9.②c3 皇g7 10.O-O O-O 11.②e4 豐d8 12.h3 豐c7 13.皇g5 夏d8 14.夏c1 皇f5 15.②c5 b6 16.皇b5?!



16.**②a6 豐b7 17.⊉b5 罩ac8 18.豐a4** is safer.—CS

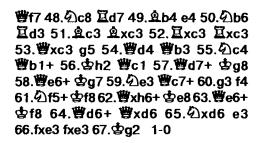
16... ⊞ac8

16...bxc5 17.星xc5 星d6 18.垒xc6 星xc6 19.星xd5 垒e6 is a little better for Black.—CS

17.**₺**)b3

17...曾b7 18.豐e2 豐a8 19.皇a6 豆c7 20.a3 皇e6 21.夕e5 h6 22.皇d2 夕b8 23.皇d3 豆xc1 24.豆xc1 夕f6 25.皇c4 皇d5 26.皇b4? 豐b7 27.皇d2 e6 28.皇xd5 豐xd5 29.豐e3 夕e4 30.皇e1 夕a6 31.夕c6 豆d7 32.a4 夕d6 33.豐d3 雲h734.a5 夕f5 35.豐c4 bxa5 36.皇xa5 夕xd4??

A miscalculation losing a piece.



Larsen's Opening

Alec Getz (2210) Steve Breckenridge (1948)

Nat'l K-9 Champ., Sacramento (6) 2007

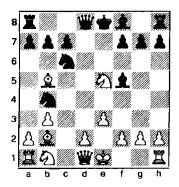
Annotations by Steve Breckenridge
1.b3 e5 2.\Delta b2 \Quad \Quad \Quad c6 3.c4 \Quad \Quad f6 4.e3 d5
5.cxd5 \Quad \Quad xd5 6.\Quad \Quad b4 \Quad \Quad \Quad d4 d4

Very complex!

7. 2) f3 & f5?!

7...e4

8.4)xe5



8...f6?!

8... **省d5** is much safer and about equal.

9.**肾f**3!

After 9. 2xc6 bxc6, Black will bring the Knight to either d3 or c2.

12. ₩h5+ first would be better.

12...豐e7 13.皇xc6+ bxc6 14.皇xa1 豐xe5 15.皇xe5 O-O-O 16.乞c3 皇d6 17.d4 皇xe5?! 18.dxe5±

White's King and Knight coordinate with the central pawns to give him a clear advantage in the endgame.

18...g5 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 單d4 21.g3 單hd8 22.單d1 c5 23.單xd4 cxd4 24.夕e4 \$d7 25.f5 耳f8

25... \$\displays 7 is a tougher defense, as White must watch the d-pawn.



Steven Breckenridge, Daniel Gay and Cameron Gregson

26. 16+ \$e7 27. \$d3 c5 28. 2d5+ \$d729.e6+ \$d630.e7 필e831.f6 1-0

Sicilian Alapin

Steve Breckenridge (1948) Michael Yang (2140)

Nat'l K-9 Champ., Sacramento (7) 2007

Annotations by Steve Breckenridge and FM Chuck Schulien (CS)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ∰xd5 4.d4 ②f6 5.②f3 Ձg4 6.Ձe2 e6 7.Ձe3 cxd4 8. cxd4 Ձe7

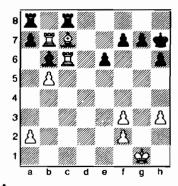
8... 2b4+ is more active.

9.包c3 **豐**d6?

The Queen blocks the Bishop and is vulnerable here. 9... 世d8 is the main line. 10. 心b5 世d8 11.h3 皇h5 12. 宣c1 公a6?

The Knight on the rim is poorly placed. 12... 206 was okay.

13.0-0 0-0 14.皇f4 夕d5 15.皇g3 ②ab4 16.豐b3 夕c6 17.夕c3 皇xf3 18. 皇xf3 夕xd4 19.豐xb7 夕xf3+ 20.gxf3 豐b6 21.豐xb6 夕xb6 22.夕b5 夕d5 23. 夕c7 夕xc7 24.罝xc7 皇f6 25.b4 h6 26. b5 皇d8 27.罝b7 皇b6 28.皇c7 冝fc8 29. 冝c1 孛h7 30.冝c6



30...\alphaxc7?

Exchanging Bishops simplifies White's task of exploiting his queenside pawns and Rook on the seventh rank.—CS

30.... 全g6 31.a4 f6 32.全f1 (32... 全xb6 至xc6 33.bxc6 axb6 34.c7 互c8 should be a draw.) 32...e5 33.a5 . 全d4 and Black is hanging on.

31. 旦cxc7 旦xc7 32. 旦xc7 含g6 33.a4

Defends the b-pawn and ties Black's Rook to the a7-pawn.

33...\$f6 34.\$f1 e5 35.\$e2 \$e6 36. \$d3 g6 37.\$c4 \$\mathbb{Z}\$d8 38.\$\mathbb{Z}\$xa7 \$\mathbb{Z}\$d4+ 39.\$c5 \$\mathbb{Z}\$d2 40.b6 \$\mathbb{Z}\$xf2 41.b7 \$\mathbb{Z}\$c2+ 42.\$b6 \$\mathbb{Z}\$b2+43.\$a6 1-0

Northwest Chess

Washington Quick Chess Championship

he hastily organized Washington Quick Chess Championship drew ten players to Tacoma on June 2. Michael MacGregor and Dan Mathews were the top scorers with four points apiece. Mike Murray was third with 3.5 and Nhon Do fourth with three points.

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This win in the fifth and final round of the 2007 Washington Quick Chess tournament gave me third place and the Under 2000 prize.—MM

Two Knights

Mike Murray (1977) Michael MacGregor (2180)

Tacoma, WA Quick Chess Champ. (5) 2007

Annotations by Mike Murray and FM Chuck Schulien (CS)

1.e4 e5 2.ᡚf3 ᡚc6 3.d4 exd4 4.욮c4 ᡚf6 5.ᡚg5

An ancient line, probably not fully sound, but hard to meet if you don't know it. I found this little gem back at the 1966 U.S. Open in Seattle, browsing my newly purchased German edition of Estrin's book on the Two Knights Defense.

5...9e5

5...d5 6.exd5 ②xd5 (6... 世e7+! leads to typical positions in Two Knights Defense where Black has sufficient active play to compensate for the missing pawn. 7.含f1 ②e5 8.世xd4 ②xc4 9.世xc4 h6 10.②f3 世c5 is the most common continuation.—CS) 7.O-O 鱼e7 8. ②xf7 with a nice variation of the Fried Liver Attack.

6.皇b3 h6 7.f4 hxg5 8.fxe5 ᡚxe4 9.∰xd4 ᡚc5 10.ᡚc3 皇e7

10...d6 11.Ձe3 ②xb3 12.axb3 dxe5 13.≝xe5+ ≝e7 is book.

11.\(\textit{\textit{e}}\)e3 O-O 12.O-O-O b6

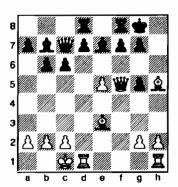
Allowing White to preserve his Bishop with tempo can't be good.

13.单d5 c6 14.单f3 豐c7 15.夕e4

15. ②b5 ₩b8 16. ②d6 with a bind seems better than my move.

The hastily organized Washington 15... ②xe4 16. 豐xe4 鱼b7 17. 豐f5 国ad8
Ouick Chess Championship drew 18. 鱼b5

Intending to add a Rook to the f-file pressure and to sac the Bishop for two Pawns, if he played g6. Then, I could look for a win, while keeping the perpetual in my back pocket.



18...d5

18...g6 ? 19.≜xg6 fxg6 20.營xg6+ 暬h8 21.h4 g4 22.營h6+ 暬g8 23.星d4 mate is unstoppable.

19.e6 fxe6

19...**皇f6** 20.皇xf7+ **豆**xf7 21.exf7+ **豐**xf7

20.豐xe6+ 含h8 21.豐h3 皇c8 22.皇g4+?

22.g4! when Black is toast.

25...g426.豐xg4豐e527.單he1豐e4 28.豐g3 单d6 29.豐h3 豐c4 30.堂b1 單de8 31.h5

26. 旦d4 g6 27. 旦dxh4+! 魚xh4 28. 旦xh4+ 1-0

And Black resigned in time to avoid checkmate.

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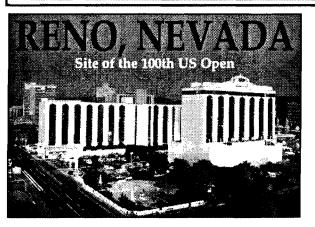
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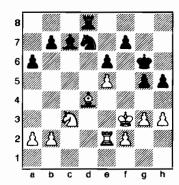
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Washington Open, cont'd from page 6 26. ae3 ac7 27. ad4 ag7

The King comes to g6 to guard the kingside so that the Rook can do something more productive.

28. 李g2 李g6 29. 李f3 里d8

Strange, White's pieces are well centralized and yet they are uncoordinated. 30. Xe2



30...�Ъь8!

When I played this, I felt White was collapsing.

31. ae3 2c6 32. e4 q4+

I was tempted by the prospect of bringing the Knight to f3 to create potential mating nets when combined with the Rook. In time trouble, such an attack might prove troublesome for White.

Here something interesting occurred. I picked up my Bishop and moved it to \$\dot\g2 \boxed d1

a5, although I did not take my hand off the piece. I then noticed that 36. \(\mathbb{Z}\)c5 might proove irritating, as I would then need to play 36... \(\mathbb{I}\)d5 to avoid losing a piece. Consequently, I moved the Bishop to b8 instead. McCormick then stopped the clock and said that he needed "to have a ruling" since my Bishop had "touched the square (a5)." The tournament director was summoned.

Ultimately, since it was agreed that I had not released the piece, the move ... 2 a5 was not yet considered final and I was allowed to continue with 35... 2b8. It was a relief to discover that the chess rules I had learned as a child were still in effect. After the game, in his gravelly voice, McCormick told me something like: "You gotta look out for those onemove tactics, doesn't John Donaldson teach you those? If you play ... 2 a5, then Ic5 wins a piece." I replied that Id5 would prevent the loss of a piece, but he wasn't interested in resetting the position to look at it.

35...\$b8 36.\$b6 \(\bar{L}\)d1

Somehow amid the ... 2 a5 controversy and our mutual time-trouble, my Rook has landed on the back rank and my Knight is looking to come to f3.

37.4)d2 4)d3!

With the idea of ... 2 e1+.

The players have reached move 40, but unfortunately for White, not all his pieces made it there with him.

Caro-Kann Advance

Alec Ho (1800) Matthew Yang (1757)

Seattle, Washington Open (4) 2007

Annotations by FM Chuck Schulien 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ደf5 4.4 f3 e6 5.4bd24d76.4b3c57.c4 e78.e2 国c8 9.O-O h5?! 10.鱼e3 dxc4 11.鱼xc4 cxd4 12.豐xd4 a6 13.里ac1g5?! 14.包fd2 ᡚh6 15.f3?

Black's pawn storm has the desired effect after White weakens his pawn shield to counter. [15.2e2]

15...**£**g6 16.g4 h4?

Had Black exchanged pawns, he would've gain a playable game.

17.h3 ②g8 18.②e4 Qxe4 19.豐xe4 b5 20.鱼xe6! 国h6 21.鱼f5 国xc1 22. 国xc1 **瞥b8** 23.鱼xd7+ **\$\delta\$**xd7 24.**\$\delta\$**f5+ **□**e6 25.夕c5+ Axc5 26. Exc5 夕e7 27. 世xg5 f6 28. 費xh4 fxe5 29. 費f2 互d6 30. 費c2 **公d5 31.費f5+ 空e7 32.費xe5+ 空f7** 33. \\ \\ \\ xd5 1-0

Unfortunately, these are all the games I have received from the Washington Open. The bulletin editor has sent no games as 39. \$\pmah2 \pmaxd2 40. \pmaxb8 \Omega\f3+ 41. yet. So, if you played any good games, send them to nwceditor@cs.com.

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5,19,26 SCC Championship (rds 4-6)

Washington Senior Open

Western States Open

13-14 Portland Fall Open

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