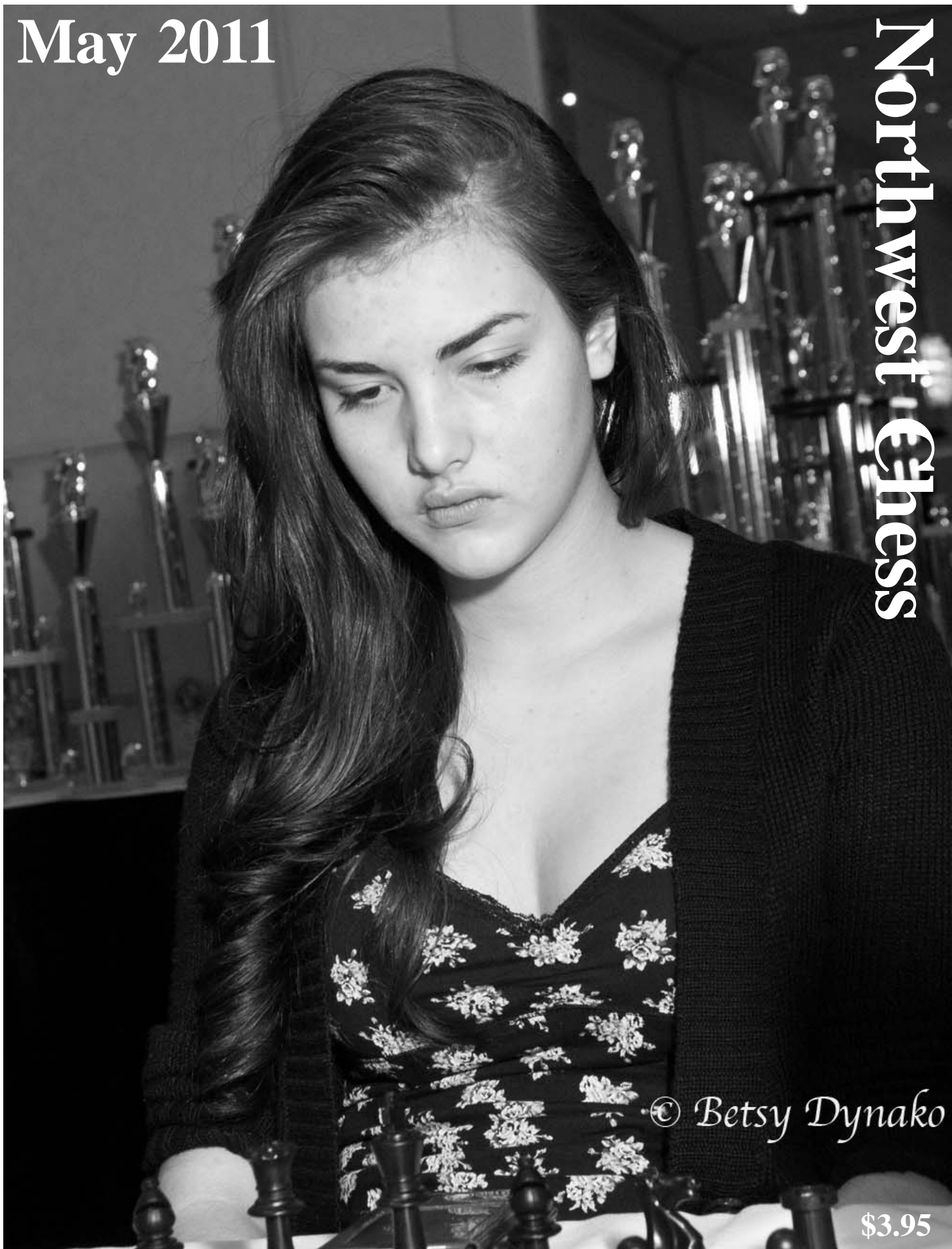


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From the Editor's Desk

Ralph Dubisch

Our cover subject this month is Alexandra Botez from Oregon, who just won the National Girls (under 18) Championships in Chicago. The prize? A full-ride scholarship to the University of Texas in Dallas, valued at \$105,000 to a non-resident!

That's worth a cover shot, taken by the official event photographer in Chicago. Alexandra also commented a game from this event for us. See page six.

Just in: Alexandra tied for first in the 53-player Clark Harmon Memorial, April 16-17, with four wins and a half-point-bye, defeating NM Corey Russell in the final round. Also scoring 4.5 were FM Nick Raptis and Expert Curt Brooks. Raptis drew with Oregon Co-Champion Steve Breckenridge in round four and Brooks drew with Expert Michael Goffe in round two, according to Russell Miller. Brooks beat Breckenridge in the last round to earn his share of first place. Perhaps we'll have a more complete story on this event in a future issue.

The USCF website shows Ms. Botez's rating approaching 2050 after these two events. Next up for Alexandra: the Grand Pacific Open in Victoria, B.C., completed by the time you read this.

NWC Business Manager Eric Holcomb reports: **Change to database and mailing labels** – In preparation for allowing WCF and OCF members to manage their information online with the *Northwest Chess* online registration system, the NWC business manager is creating separate database records for family members who don't receive a separate magazine subscription. As a result, names of these family members no longer appear on mailing labels beginning with this (May) issue. Rest assured, however, that these family memberships are still good, and will appear on membership lists provided to tournament directors. More information will be released in the next month or two. If you have any questions about your membership/subscription, please contact the business manager.

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US Open, Vancouver 2012!

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Larry Parr, 1946-2011

by John Donaldson

Former *Chess Life* Editor Larry Parr died in the early morning hours of April 2 at Subang Jaya Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The cause was reportedly pneumonia with tuberculosis and malaria contributing factors. He is survived by his wife Samboon (Tai), daughter Christiana, and son Ian.

Lawrence (Larry) Arthur Collard Parr was born on May 21, 1946, to Irene and Lawrence C. Parr in Seattle, Washington. He grew up in nearby Bellevue when it was still a sleepy backwater in a conservative household. Larry's father, who served as a naval officer (ensign) in WWII, was a business man and investor who lived into his 90s. His mother, who died in 1995, introduced Larry to a lifelong love of learning and culture.

Chess was to play an important role in Larry's life but he learned the game relatively late while in high school. The head of the Bellevue chess club, V.W. Bever, was a lover of gambit play and his influence rubbed off on Larry who started out playing the Danish Gambit with White and the Budapest Defense with Black. He stuck with these openings for his entire chess career. By the end of 1962 Larry was 1652 on the Northwest Rating system.

While studying at the University of Washington as an undergraduate from 1965-1968 Larry found time to co-author "The Devil's Advocate" column in the *UW Daily* with future Washington state Supreme Court justice Richard Saunders. He was active in conservative clubs on campus and continued to work on his chess game.

Larry's rating had risen to the mid 1800s when he graduated cum laude with a B.A. in history in 1968. He had already played in one important competition, the 1966 US Open in Seattle, where he scored 6-7 against good opposition including a loss to Bill Goichberg who was just beginning his career as a tournament organizer.

Curiously, although Larry would later compete overseas, he appears to have never played a USCF rated game after 1969. His highest USCF rating never approached 2000 but Larry was definitely of expert strength at his peak as shown by some of his later results in Germany and Malaysia. While he loved chess Larry was happiest analyzing, studying and discussing the game rather than

playing in tournaments.

Not long after graduation Larry entered the military and was sent to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, where he studied Russian. Peter Davenport, who studied in Monterey around the same time, said that Larry was not a natural linguist but compensated with lots of hard work. Larry's study of Russian benefited the readers of his beloved *Northwest Chess* when he used his new skills to translate material from the Soviet weekly *64* for his monthly column, "Chess in Russia."

Among the instructors in Monterey was a chess master and refugee from communism. Alex Suhobek made a big impression on Larry who later wrote about him in the January 1971 issue of *Northwest Chess*. Throughout his life Larry was an ardent anti-communist, but considered himself a libertarian and not a conservative - he was strongly against the US invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan. Some old-timers in Seattle believe that Larry's mother (possibly nee Carpenter) was a victim of communist persecution but I have found nothing to confirm this.

Larry saw duty in West Germany in the early 1970s where he was stationed for a time right next to the East German border. During his stay in Europe he had the opportunity to acquire a substantial amount of Russian chess literature. I can still remember Larry proudly showing me his worn copy of *Shakhmatist Nikolai Riumin*, a slim volume by Ilya Kan devoted to one of the best Soviet masters of the 1930s. Larry had gone through all the games, some more than once.

One of Larry's greatest successes over the board was tying for first in a 57-player Swiss at Rhein-Main, West Germany in 1970. The civilized European practice of one game a day with a generous time control made an impression on him and years later when FIDE switched to faster time controls and shorter matches for the world championship he thought these changes were serious mistakes that distracted from the dignity of the game and made it less prestigious to the general public.

Following his stint in the military Larry appears to have spent the next few years making his first visit to the Far East and to have worked as a correspondent for Reuters

in Bangkok but I'm not certain of this. One thing for sure is that Larry had a lifelong love of all things Asian including street food. Larry might have started out his life on a meat and potatoes diet but by his thirties he could easily hold his own with Anthony Bourdain in consuming exotic ethnic dishes. The dark side of Larry's visit was that he contracted a serious case of malaria during either this trip or the one he made to Malaysia in the late 1970s. The malaria was to resurface near the end of his life.

Larry returned to the University of Washington around 1976 where he attended graduate school specializing in Soviet History and American Diplomacy. I believe he earned his Master's degree in history with the late Donald Treadgold and Herbert Ellison serving as his advisors, but am not certain of this. Larry definitely did not finish his Ph.D., possibly due to political differences with some of the members in the history department. An increasing awareness that he was best suited to life as a journalist and not a historian was likely the primary reason for his ending his studies.

During his time as a graduate student Larry served as a teaching assistant for some of Professor Jon Bridgman's undergraduate classes at the U of W where among those he mentored were chess players included future Washington State Champion Bill Schill. Larry also provided an education of sorts for undergraduates who ventured into the Last Exit on Brooklyn, a now defunct but much-loved Seattle coffee house frequented by chess players. Larry would pontificate on politics many afternoons and evenings, his lectures only interrupted by the occasional correction by blitz chess virtuoso Steve Brandwein, his political opposite.

Larry found his true home when he moved to the Far East a second time after finishing his academic career. He landed a job writing for the leading Malaysian paper, *The New Straits Times*, and scored one of his greatest tournament successes, sharing second place in the 7th Selanger open. He won several nice attacking games with his favorite Danish Gambit which he annotated for *Northwest Chess*. This second stay in Malaysia was not to be his last and it was during this time that married his first wife, Salimah (Sally) Hussein.

While attending the University of

Washington as an undergraduate in the mid 1960s, Larry became a friend and fan of Viktors Pupols, one of the top players in the state. Fifteen years later this sparked him to do a series of articles on Pupols for *Northwest Chess* (June and July 1982) that were to prove to have a profound effect on Larry's life. The articles were well received and served as the basis for **Viktors Pupols, American Master**, published by Thinkers' Press in 1983. This book provided Larry the name recognition needed to interview for the position of editor of *Chess Life*.

When he took the helm in January of 1985 *Chess Life* underwent a serious shift from its traditional policy of toeing the middle of the road to adopting a strongly anti-Soviet stance which matched the personal politics of its editor. This soon became apparent to readers who were presented with a very one-sided view of the first Karpov – Kasparov match with Larry unquestioningly accepting Garry's account of the termination of the match. Edward Winter wrote at the time that *Chess Life* was presenting a simplistic view of a complex incident and as usual he was right. The suppression of facts contrary to his position was a characteristic of Larry.

Chess Life also adopted a single voice approach with Larry liberally editing the copy of many contributors. This made a lot of sense in instances where English was the individual's second language but for other writers it produced a lot of hard feelings when they found words and expressions in their articles they never used. *Chess Life* was definitely more timely and lively during Larry's editorship but for some all the articles in the magazine read as if they were written by the same person – the bylines notwithstanding.

The cover of *Chess Life* was always a priority for Larry and he took great care in making sure everything was just right, often going to the trouble of commissioning an expensive professional rather than taking chances. The cover photograph of his good friend Lev Alburt posing in the hills above Portland after winning the 1987 US Open was a real classic and a fine example of Larry's vision being realized.

Working for *Chess Life* was serious business for Larry but occasionally he let his hair down and was not above playing a practical joke – witness the article on chess sculpture that he wrote in 1987. The two-page article was devoted to a guy called the Pro from Dover who had managed to devise a way to stack 32 chess pieces into the sky

without having them tumble over. Those in the know thought it was written primarily as an excuse to put a beautiful Asian woman on the cover. Whatever the case it remains one of the oddest stories to ever appear in *Chess Life*, which is saying quite a lot.

The job at *Chess Life* was a tough one with long hours and poor pay, but Larry thrived on it. Botvinnik once said that playing a world championship match took six months off your life, and many editors at *Chess Life* in the 1980s likely felt the same way. Constant battles with the USCF Policy Board took their toll on many an editor, but Larry welcomed the political infighting and never backed down. Not surprisingly by the spring of 1988 he was looking for a new job. Still, the gig at *Chess Life* put him on the map and he made many important friends that remained close to him the rest of his life, most importantly Grandmaster Larry Evans and photographer Nigel Eddis.

Dumped by the USCF Policy Board, Larry was quick to get back on his feet, and by the middle of 1988 he was working at the anti-communist magazine *Glasnost*, based in New York City. During this time he co-authored articles with Garry Kasparov that appeared in the Wall Street Journal, but with the end of the Cold War in the early 1990s a new career was needed and Larry found one working for the Malaysian businessman and chess maecenas Dato Tan, whose autobiography, **Never Say I Assume!**, he collaborated on..

During the 1990s Larry also found time to co-author the book for which he is likely to be best remembered. **The Bobby Fischer I knew and Other Stories**, published by Jim Eade's Hypermodern Press in 1995. This was a team effort between Grandmaster Arnold Denker and Larry that is a fine tribute to American chess masters of the 1930s and 40s. The material, which was partially serialized in *Chess Life*, would very likely never have seen the light of day if not for Larry, who not only wrote the book (based on Denker's reminiscences) but also spent many hours doing research in the *American Chess Bulletin* and the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* hunting down forgotten games.

The book has its flaws – Kupchik for one is treated unfairly according to the well-respected Walter Shipman – but it is almost unique in American chess literature in preserving the memories and impressions of a US Champion. Edward Lasker's **Chess Secrets I Learned from the Masters** is a similar type of book. Works along these lines by International Masters Walter Shipman

and Anthony Saidy and Master Allen Kaufman would be warmly welcomed to provide a variety of viewpoints.

During the 1990s Larry, along with Nigel Eddis and Larry Evans, became heavily involved in efforts to change the method of election of the USCF Executive Board to "One Member, One Vote." They also fought against FIDE and in particular Florencio Campomanes where their efforts were less successful.

Their battles with FIDE dated back to the aborted 1984-85 Kasparov-Karpov match, but matters became somewhat confused when their champion Kasparov supported Campomanes for election in 1994. They found a new target in FIDE's drug-testing rules which they viewed, as with many topics, as a black and white issue. This came at a cost for many USCF representatives to FIDE, among them Larry's former publisher Jim Eade, who though powerless to effect change within FIDE were considered fair game for punishment. Curiously Larry, Larry Evans and Bill Goichberg – three of the strongest American critics of FIDE – never attended a FIDE Congress.

The 1990s were also when Larry found the Internet and in a big way. Search at rec.games.chess for his handle Parthenon and you will find thousands of posts by him on all matter of subjects. A first rate polemicist, who could persuasively argue either side of an argument, Larry loved nothing better than no-holds-barred battles online. These wars of words in which the Marquess of Queensberry's rules were forgotten and a strict adherence to fact non-essential, were his cup of tea, and he loyally supported his friends and attacked his enemies with great gusto. The people that Larry engaged in polemics with saw the Mr. Hyde side of Larry's personality, while those who associated with him socially remember the Dr. Jekyll half. Larry never saw his battles as being personal, and many of those he most bitterly attacked, including the late Jerry Hanken and Don Schultz, became good friends later on.

The last sixteen years of Larry's life were definitely his happiest. He was extremely proud of his wife Samboon and their two children, Christiana and Ian, and it was with their support that he successfully battled a tumor in his brain a decade ago. Working for Dato Tan not only allowed Larry to support his family but to travel all over the Asia that he so loved.

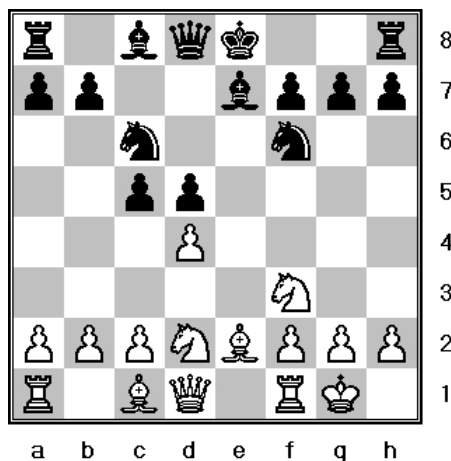
Larry Parr will be missed.

One Game From Chicago

by Alexandra Botez

Jessica Regem – Alexandra Botez
All Girls National Champs, Round 2
Chicago, Illinois, April 9, 2011

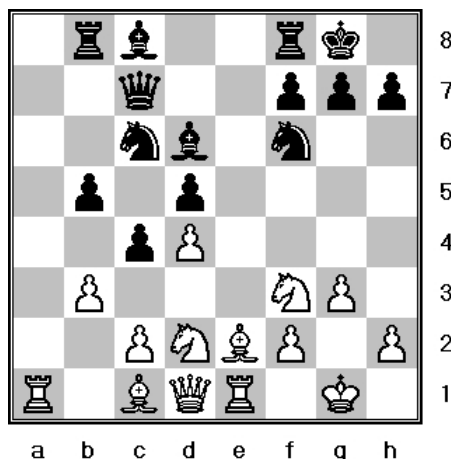
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5 exd5
5. Ngf3 Nf6 6. Be2 Nc6 7. 0-0 Be7



8. Nb3

This move gave me the initiative. I was expecting either 8. dxc5 or 8. c4.

8. ...c4 9. Nbd2 b5 10. b3 Rb8 11. Nb1
Qc7 12. a4 a6 13. axb5 axb5 14. g3 Bd6
15. Re1 0-0 16. Nbd2



At first ...c3 looked tempting, but I didn't want to allow Nf1-e3 and decided to simply develop a piece instead.

16. ...Bf5 17. c3

17. Nf1 gave White more of a fighting chance.

17. ...b4 18. Nh4 Be4

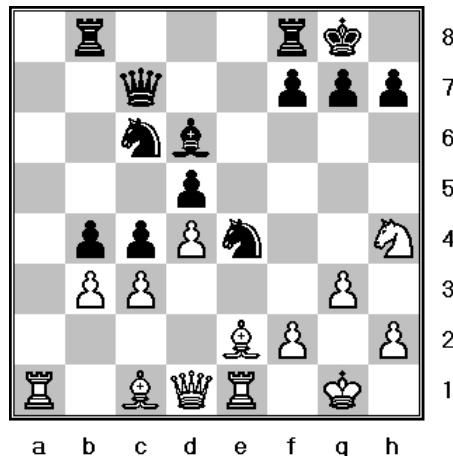
18. ...Be6, holding the pressure, was better in this case.

19. Nxe4

I could have avoided the possibility of

this variation by playing 18. ...Be6 earlier.
19. bxc4 bxc3 20. Nxe4 dxe4 (20. ...Nxe4
21. c5) 21. c5 c2 22. Qd2 Be7.

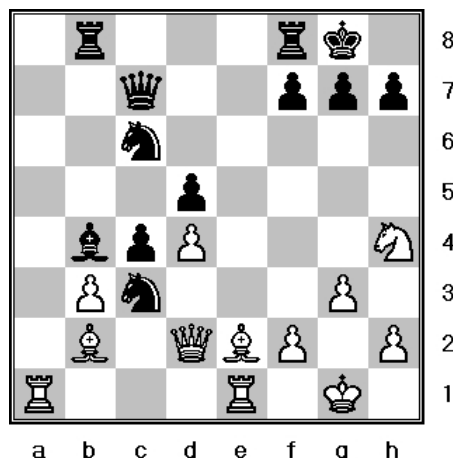
19. ...Nxe4



20. cxb4?

20. bxc4 Nxc3 21. Qd3 dxc4 22. Qxc4
Na5 23. Qxc7 Bxc7 -/+.

20. ...Nc3 21. Qd2 Bxb4 22. Bb2?

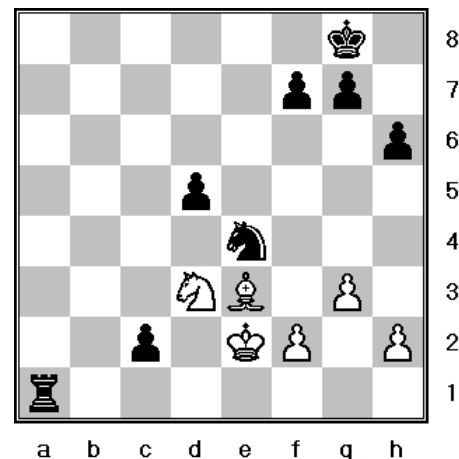


22. ...Ne4

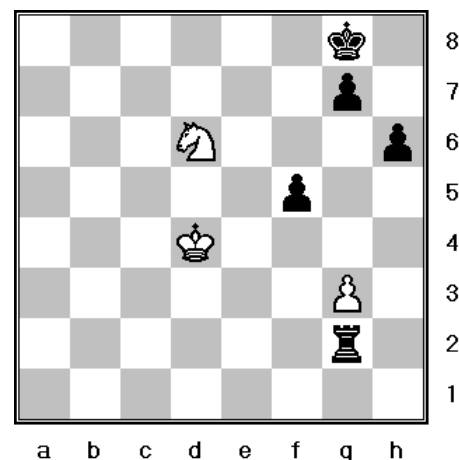
Here White's position did not hold together much longer.

23. Qc1 Bxe1 24.
Qxe1 Rxb3 25. Bc1
Nxd4 26. Bd1 Rd3
27. Bf4 Qb6 28. Be3
Qb2 29. Rc1 h6 30.
Ng2 Rxd1 31. Qxd1
Ne2+ 32. Kf1 Nxc1
33. Qxc1 Qxc1+ 34.
Bxc1 Ra8 35. Be3
Ra1+ 36. Ke2 Ra2+
37. Ke1 c3 38. Nf4 c2

39. Nd3 Ra1+ 40. Ke2



40. ...d4 41. Bc1 Nc5 42. Nxc5 Rxc1
43. Kd2 Rf1 44. Kxc2 Rxf2+ 45. Kd3 Rxb2
46. Kxd4 Rg2 47. Ne4 f5 48. Nd6



48. ...g6 49. Ke5 Rxb3 50. Kf4 Rd3 51.
Nb5 g5+ 52. Ke5 f4 53. Ke4 Re3+ 54. Kd4
Re1 55. Nc3 h5 56. Ne4 Rxe4+ 57. Kxe4
h4 58. Kf3 h3 59. Kf2 g4 60. Kg1 g3 61.
Kh1 f3 62. Kg1 h2+ 63. Kh1 f2 64. Kg2
h1=Q+ 65. Kxh1 f1=Q# 0-1



Washington Championship, Premier, and Invitational

by Fred Kleist

The three-tiered Washington State Championship took place at the Seattle Chess Club on the weekends of February 11-12 and 19-21.

The ten-player round robins—Championship, Premier, and Invitational—each produced a clear winner: Howard Chen, the 2010 Champion, won again, scoring 6.5/9; first-timer Gil Lapid Shafirri scored 7.0/9 in winning the Premier; and, in the third section, Casey Xing also finished on 7.0/9.

Without FM Michael Lee in the lineup, FM Costin Cozianu (2557) was the odds-on favorite to capture his second championship, as his closest competitors—FM Chen (2335), WGM Katerina Rohonyan (2329), FM Ignacio Perez (2296), NM Joshua Sinanan (2286), and FM Curt Collyer (2269)—lay 200 to 300 points behind. Rounding out the field were FM David Bragg (2213), Harley Greninger (2198), Dereque Kelly (2197), and WA Junior Closed winner Igor Ummel (2075). However, Cozianu stumbled out of the gate. After a quick draw as Black versus Sinanan, he dropped two games to Greninger and Bragg before recovering by drawing Chen.

The two 2300s fared better, both drawing two and winning two. FM Chen charged out with wins against Perez and Bragg, while WGM Rohonyan opted for short morning draws as Black and pressed her advantage as White in the evening rounds to victory versus Sinanan and Bragg. (Josh remarked that he and Katerina must have very different conceptions of chess, for, in their encounters, he has rarely been able to predict her moves.)

Two surprise candidates joined the 2300s atop the first weekend leaderboard. Greninger and Kelley both adopted the Rohonyan method—morning draws followed by evening wins. FM Collyer found himself in sole possession of fifth place with one win, two draws, and one loss, to Kelley.

The second weekend witnessed two dramatic reversals of fortune. FM Cozianu pulled himself out of the cellar with three wins and two draws, though that was good only for a share of fourth-fifth at 5.0/9. On the other end of the spectrum, Greninger

suffered defeat after defeat, in the process becoming FM Perez's only victim, to remain on three points for the event. Meanwhile, FM Chen and Kelley forged ahead after seven rounds. Howard defeated WGM Rohonyan and chalked up two draws as Black. Dereque drew two games as White, including one versus Howard and beat Sinanan as Black. In the eighth round, Howard pushed hard for a win against tailender Ummel, but, after more than one hundred moves, had to accede to a split point. Dereque, however, succumbed to Bragg, who also won in the final round to join Cozianu at 5.0. Kelley and Rohonyan both drew in the last round to finish on 5.5, a point behind Chen, who was paired with Greninger. Kelley, by virtue of tiebreaks, will be seeded into next year's Championship along with Chen. FM Collyer joined FMs Bragg and Cozianu at 5.0, by defeating Greninger and Bragg and drawing Cozianu and Rohonyan.

While only two juniors—the winner, Howard Chen, and tailender Igor Ummel—played in the Championship, the lower sections took on the aspect of Veterans-versus-Juniors contests. The Washington Premier consisted of five Veterans—LM Viktors Pupols, Michael MacGregor, WFM Chouchanik Airapetian Gil Lapid Shafirri, and FM Paul Bartron—with an average rating of 2149 and five Juniors—David Golub, Megan Lee, Roland Feng, Nathan Lee, and Samir Sen—averaging 2084. Although the Vets scored 23.5/45, they occupied only two of the top five places: Shafirri took first with 7.0/9 and WFM Airapetian tied for fourth-fifth on 5.0. On the other side of the ledger, N Lee (6.0) finished second, Golub (5.5)—third, and Sen joined Airapetian in the fourth-fifth place tie.

Chouchanik blazed through the first five rounds like a shooting star, defeating in turn FM Bartron, Feng, M Lee, LM Pupols, and MacGregor. Only Shafirri among the remaining players had a plus score (3.5/5). He had defeated Pupols and N Lee in the morning rounds of the first weekend and drawn with MacGregor and Golub in the evenings as well as taking a short fifth round draw with Sen, perhaps to remain fresh for

the coming evening battle with WFM Airapetian. Three others had even scores: Feng (+1=3-1), N Lee (+2=1-2), and Golub (+1=2-1, his third round game with MacGregor being postponed, at the latter's request, to the final day).

On the second Saturday evening, Caissa intervened, encasing that round's losers—WFM Airapetian, M Lee, and Feng—in thick block of ice. The first two went on to lose the rest of their games—four losses in a row each, while Roland managed a draw in the next round before losing his last two. The three accounted for eleven of the fourteen losses suffered in the final four rounds! Meanwhile, Shafirri and N Lee scored 3.5/4 apiece with the former taking all three wins from the ice statues and the latter, two. Golub, who scored 3.5/5, also took advantage of the deep freeze twice. LM Pupols (two wins versus the ice people) and Sen (one ice carving) both scored 3.0/4 to round out the plus scores.

The Washington Invitational was also evenly split between Veterans—Nicholas Hoffman, Mark Smith, Michael Hosford, Dan Mathews, and Steve Buck—and Juniors—Peter Watts, Casey Xing, Kate Tokareva, and Daniel and Samuel He. This time, the average ratings were nearly the same: 1855 for the Vets and 1858 for the Juniors. The latter parlayed their slim rating edge into four of the five place prizes: 1st-Xing (7.0/9), 2nd-Watts (6.5), 3rd-S He (6.0), and =4th/5th-D He (5.0). Hoffman was the only Vet to place with 5.0/9.

Xing and Watts both began with 2.5/3, having defeated Hoffman and Mathews and Tokareva and D He respectively. In the fourth round, Casey downed Buck, while Peter could only draw with Hosford. This was to be the decisive round, for the pair marched in lockstep throughout the second weekend, drawing their first three games and then winning the final two.

Hosford was the only other player to have a plus score in the first weekend at 2.5/4, but four stood 2.0/4.

Given this section's propensity to draw (~47%), no one could mount a challenge for first place, though S He did pull even with Watts after seven rounds.

Two Games From the Washington Invitational

by Daniel He and Samuel He

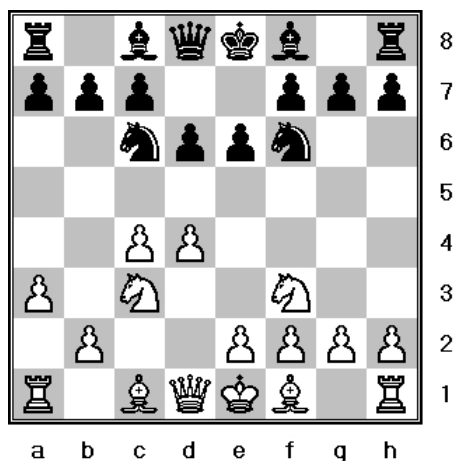
Daniel He – Michael Hosford
Washington Invitational, Round 7
Redmond, February 20, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 Nc6

Black Knights Tango.

3. Nf3 e6 4. a3 d6 5. Nc3

Preparing e4

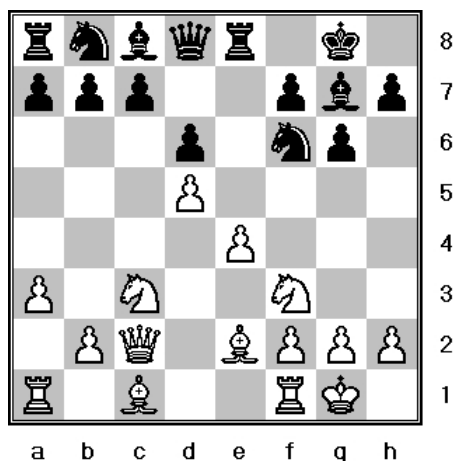


5. ...g6 6. e4 Bg7 7. Be2 0-0 8. 0-0 Re8
9. d5 exd5 10. cxd5 Nb8

10. ...Ne7 was a possibility.

11. Qc2

Protecting the e4 pawn



11. ...c5 12. dxc6

I was also thinking of Bf4 and then Nb5, attacking the d6 pawn. After that, I saw Black could go ...a6, followed by ...b5, which looked better for Black.

12. ...bxc6

I wasn't sure if this was better than ...Nxc6. Both of them leave the d6 pawn very

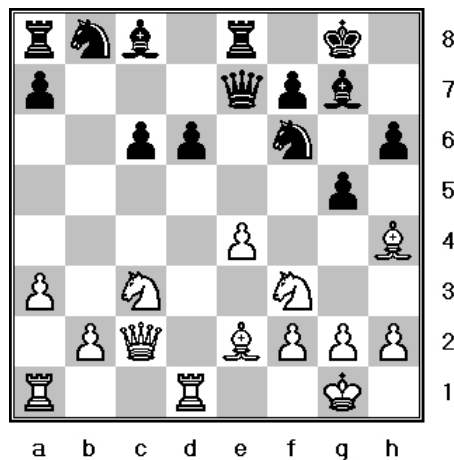
easy to attack.

13. Rd1

This attacks the d6 pawn and stops d5.

13. ...Qe7 14. Bg5 h6 15. Bh4 g5

I don't think ...g5 was needed. ...Nbd7 or ...Bb7 will be better.



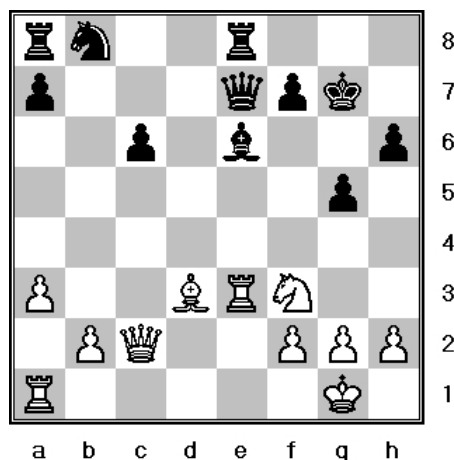
16. Bg3 Nxe4 17. Nxe4 Qxe4 18. Bd3!

The only places for the queen to go are to g4 or e6. If Qe7, then Bxd6!

18. ...Qe6 19. Bxd6 Qf6 20. Be5!

20. ...Rxe5 is not playable because of 21. Nxe5 Qxe5 22. Rd8+, when Rxc8 the next move loses for Black.

20. ...Qe7 21. Re1 Be6 22. Bxg7 Kxg7 23. Re3



My new plan is to attack the bishop on e6 with Nd4, Rae1, Bc4...

23. ...Qf6 24. Rae1 Rd8 25. Ne5

My knight is on a very good square. You can see that the rook on a8 and the b8 knight

cannot move. Also, the queen is likely to get trapped later.

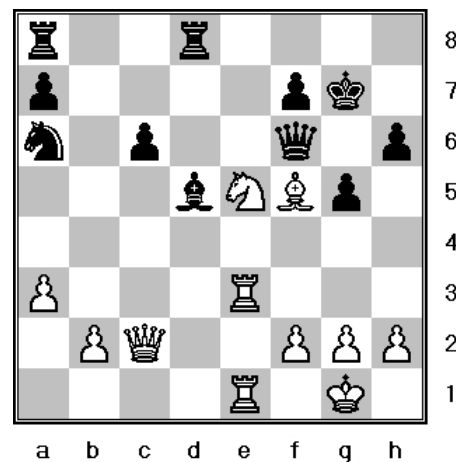
25. ...Bd5

Protecting the pawn on c6

26. Bf5

Stopping the knight from going to d7

26. ...Na6

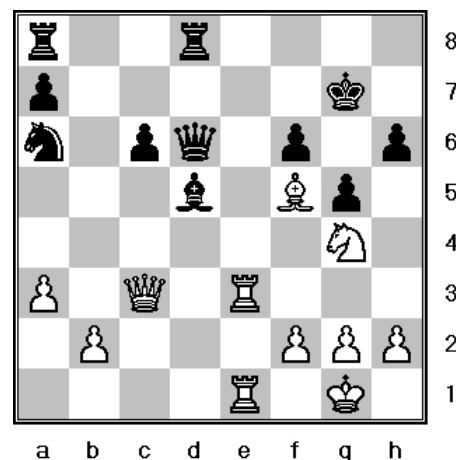


27. Ng4 Qd6??

27. ...Qd4 was better, but I still have a slower win. ...Qd4 b4 I am trying to go Rd1 next, when ...Qb6, the only move, loses to Qc3+! Black has nothing to stop that.

28. Qc3+ f6

Or Kg8 Nf6+ Kf8 Ne8 (or Nxd5, also threatening Qh8#).



29. Re7+

Or the more risky-looking Re6!

29. ...Bf7

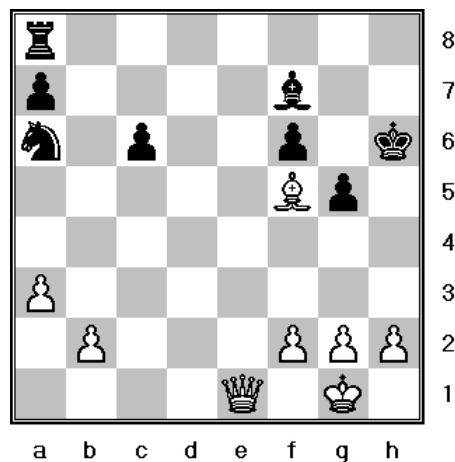
The other move is Kf8 Nxf6, and Nh7+, winning in the next few moves.

30. Nxb6!

Now if 30. ...Kxh6? 31. Qh3+ Kg7 32. Qh7+ Kf8 33. Qxf7#. Also great is 30. Qh3!

30. ...Qxe7 31. Rxe7 Rd1+ 32. Re1 Rxe1+ 33. Qxe1 Kxh6

It still looks like Black is only a little losing, but...



34. Qe7! Kg7 35. Be6

Now 35. ...Rf8 36. Qxa7 Kg6 37. Bxf7+ Rxf7 38. Qxa6 will win too.

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For the entire game, the rook on a8 never moved.

Peter Watts – Samuel He
Washington Invitational, Round 1
Redmond, February 12, 2011

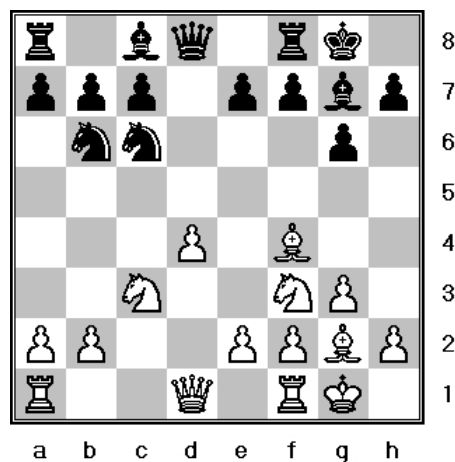
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. g3?!

I don't think this is the best move. Nc3 and e4 is better.

4. ...0-0 5. Bg2 d5

If Nc3 and e4 were played, then I couldn't have played d5!

6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. Nc3 Nb6 9. Bf4!?

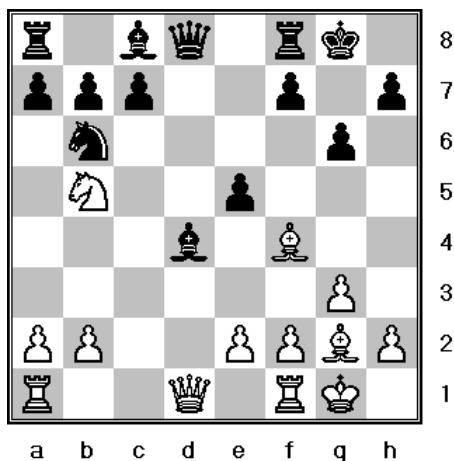


If ...Nxd4, Nxd4, ...Bxd4, Bxc7, ...Bxf2+!. White will be losing a pawn! A better move would be 9. d5, keeping the pawn.

9. ...Nxd4 10. Nxd4 Bxd4 11. Nb5!?

White is trying to win the c7 pawn. I was thinking that after e5, Black would be just winning a pawn:

11. ...e5



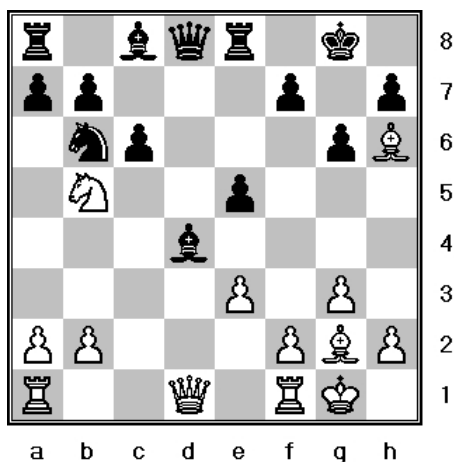
12. Bh6!

I think this is a good move (that I didn't see) because it moves the bishop and gets another turn to try to win back the pawn.

12. ...Re8

If I move the bishop, then Qxd8, ...Rxd8, Nxc7, which wins back the pawn.

13. e3! c6?!



I was thinking Nxd4, ...exd4, exd4, and I can try to win the d4 pawn, but Peter made a much better move!!!!

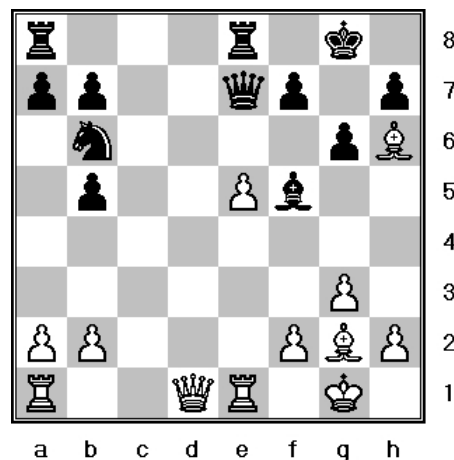
14. exd4!

After ...cxb5, dxe5, Qxd1, Raxd1, and Rxe5, I thought I was better, but I ignored Rd8+!., and White wins.

14. ...cxb5 15. dxe5 Qe7

Here, I thought I was losing a little because White won the pawn back and the b5 pawn is bad!

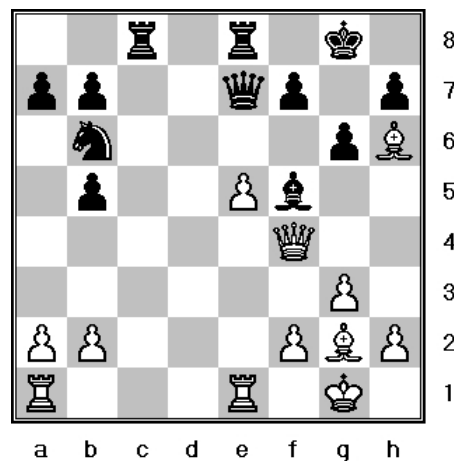
16. Re1 Bf5



17. Qc1?

This just gives me another move, ...Rc8! 17. Qe2 would be better, attacking the b5 pawn.

17. ...Rac8! 18. Qf4



18. ...f6?!?!?

I was thinking exf6, ...Qxe1+, Rxe1, ...Rxe1+, Bf1, ...Bh3 would win, but I didn't see f7+!

19. exf6 Qxe1+ 20. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 21. Bf1 Kf7 22. Qb5!

White is attacking the rook, trying to go Qe7+, and taking the pawn on b5!

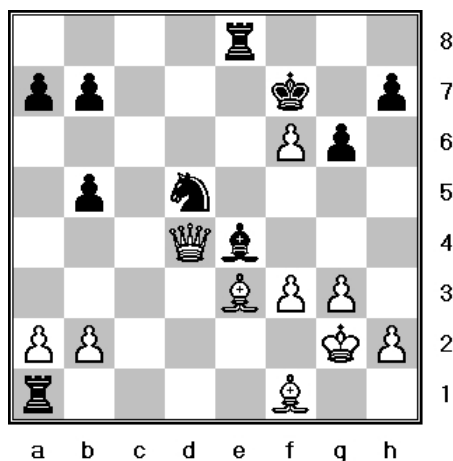
22. ...Rce8 23. Be3 Ra1!

I am trying to go Bd3 or Bh3!

24. Kg2?

{Is it really fair to give this a question mark if all other moves are at least as bad? -editor.}

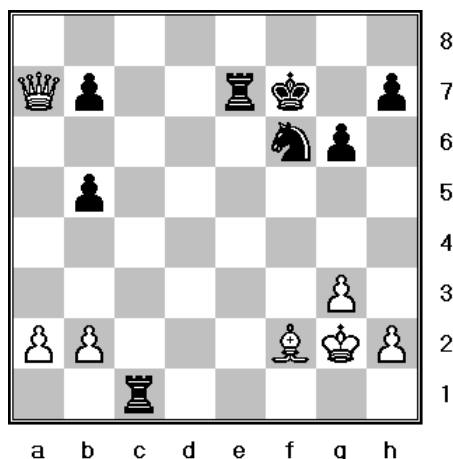
24. ...Be4+! 25. f3 Nd5 26. Qd4



26. ...Bxf3+!

Here, I think Black is a little better, but it would be hard to win.

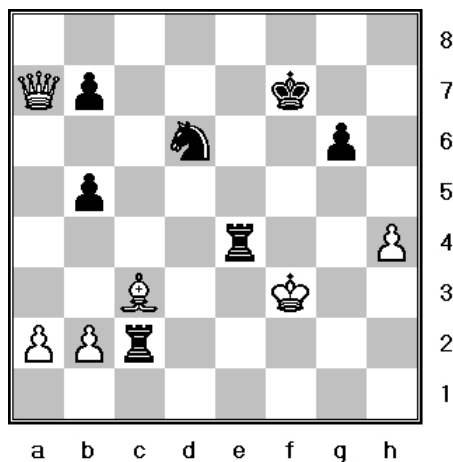
27. Kxf3 Rxf1+ 28. Bf2 Nxf6 29. Kg2 Rc1 30. Qxa7 Re7



31. Bd4 Rc2+ 32. Kf3 Ne4 33. h4 Nd2+ 34. Kg2 Nc4+ 35. Kh3 h5 36. g4 hxg4 37. Kxg4 Nd6 38. Bc3 Re4+

{White should probably play 38. Bc5 with equality. Now 38. ...Nf5 weaves a net around the white king. -editor}

39. Kf3



39. ...Rce2??

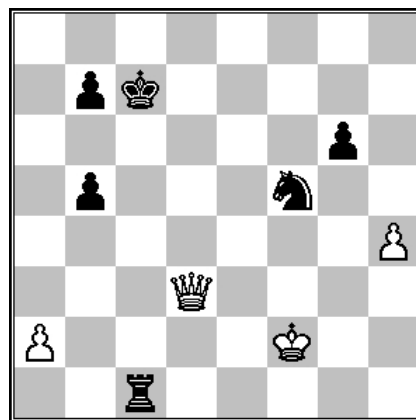
Now I had to lose a rook for a bishop and pawn!

{Or draw by perpetual check right away, since 40. Bb4 R4e3+ 41. Qxe3 Rxe3+ 42. Kxe3 Nf5+ forks the h-pawn. -editor}

40. Bb4 Rxb4 41. Kxe2 Rxb2+ 42. Kd3 Rg2 43. Qc5 Ke7 44. Qe3+ Kd8 45. Qf3 Rg1 46. Ke2 Kc7 47. Kf2

{47. Qc3+ followed by Qg7. -editor}

47. ...Rc1 48. Qd3 Nf5??

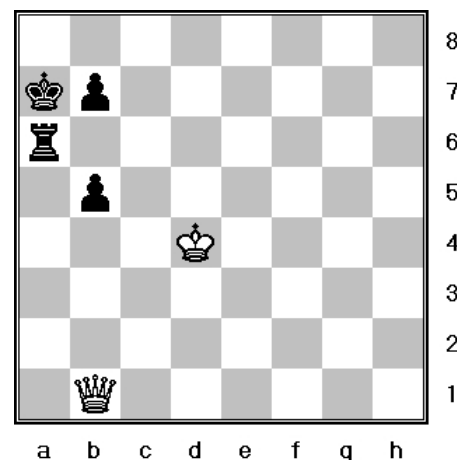


49. h5!! hxg5 50. Qxf5 Kb6 51. Qxh5 Rc2+ 52. Ke3 Rxa2

Now, I think it is a draw because it is hard to win Q + K against a R + K.

{It's a draw because your b-pawn hasn't moved yet! -editor}

53. Qg6+ Ka7 54. Qb1 Ra5 55. Kd4 Ra6!!



If White goes Qxb5, then I will just go Rc6-a6-c6... and White can't win.

56. Kc5 Rc6+ 57. Kb4 Ra6 58. Qg1+ Ka8 59. Kxb5 Kb8 60. Qc5 Ka8

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Oregon Championship

by Frank Niro and Ralph Dubisch

After the lots were drawn and the pairings were made, those of us who couldn't be at the Portland Chess Club to watch the Oregon Championship started following our e-mail reports from the tournament director, Frank Niro.

The first surprise:

Chuck Schulien is unable to play. As a result Mikeal Davis will be inserted into his schedule as listed below:

Round 1: Roua – Breckenridge; Pendergast – Schulien; Deeth – Janniro; Haessler – Morris; Gay – Raptis.

Round 2: Breckenridge – Gay; Raptis – Haessler; Morris – Deeth; Janniro – Pendergast; Schulien – Roua.

Round 3: Schulien – Breckenridge; Roua – Janniro; Pendergast – Morris; Deeth – Raptis; Haessler – Gay.

Round 4: Breckenridge – Haessler; Gay – Deeth; Raptis – Pendergast; Morris – Roua; Janniro – Schulien.

Round 5: Janniro – Breckenridge; Schulien – Morris; Roua – Raptis; Pendergast – Gay; Deeth – Haessler.

Round 6: Breckenridge – Deeth; Haessler – Pendergast; Gay – Roua; Raptis – Schulien; Morris – Janniro.

Round 7: Morris – Breckenridge; Janniro – Raptis; Schulien – Gay; Roua – Haessler; Pendergast – Deeth.

Round 8: Breckenridge – Pendergast; Deeth – Roua; Haessler – Schulien; Gay – Janniro; Raptis – Morris.

Round 9: Raptis – Breckenridge; Morris – Gay; Janniro – Haessler; Schulien – Deeth; Roua – Pendergast.

So just remember that Schulien is now Davis. The new random pairing numbers:

1. Nick Raptis
2. Mike Morris
3. Mike Janniro
4. ~~Charles Schulien~~ Mikeal Davis
5. Radu Roua
6. Mike Pendergast
7. Steven Deeth
8. Carl Haessler
9. Daniel Gay
10. Steve Breckenridge

Looks like the name “Mike” is well-represented in high-level Oregon chess these days.

Then came Frank's report at the end of the first time control of round two. Note the matter-of-fact tone:

Yes, the tourney is off to a good start. Brian Esler was a last minute substitute for Nick Raptis who called from Las Vegas saying he was running well at the Blackjack tables and couldn't get a flight back in time for round one.

So, remember that Mikeal Davis is Chuck Schulien, and Brian Esler is Nick Raptis. Or vice versa.

Results so far:

Round one:

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Roua – Breckenridge | 1-0 |
| Haessler – Morris | 1/2-1/2 |
| Pendergast – Davis | 1-0 |
| Janniro – Deeth | 1-0 |

Gay vs. Esler: postponed until Friday, February 18 at 5 pm.

Aha, that last is a clue to just how last-minute the substitution really was. Imagine your unflappable TD getting the call that the

highest-rated player in your event can't break away from the Blackjack tables....

Rd 2:

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Roua – Davis | 1-0 |
| Esler – Haessler | 1-0 |
| Gay – Breckenridge | 1/2-1/2 |
| Janniro vs. Pendergast | unfinished after first time control (later 1-0) |
| Morris vs. Deeth | unfinished after first time control (later 1/2-1/2) |

The next report from the site:

Four rounds are now complete except for the game Esler vs. Gay which was postponed until 5 pm Friday.

Results: name (rating) w-l-d

4 points:

Roua (2275) 4-0-0

3 points:

Janniro (2104) 3-1-0; lost to Roua

Pendergast (2175) 3-1-0; lost to Janniro

2 points:

Gay (2074) 1-0-2; plus one unplayed game

Breckenridge (2211) 1-1-2

Deeth (2086) 1-1-2



Left to right: Steven Deeth, Mike Morris, Steve Breckenridge, Radu Roua, Mike Pendergast, Mike Janniro, Daniel Gay, Brian Esler, Mike Davis, Carl Haessler and TD Frank Niro. Photo credit: Natasha Niro.

1 points:

Esler (2006) 1-2-0; plus one unplayed game

Haessler (2207) 0-2-2

Morris (2080) 0-2-2

0 points:

Davis (2059) 0-0-4

So it looks like perennial champion Radu Roua is running away with it. Or is he? The second weekend reports start coming in late Saturday, February 19.

Oregon Championship Round 6 results:

Breckenridge – Deeth 1–0

Esler – Davis 1–0

Haessler – Pendergast 1–0

Gay – Roua 1–0

Janniro – Morris 1–0

Four players are tied with four points: Roua, Gay, Breckenridge and Janniro. The three youngest players are combined plus five, while the seven veterans are minus five.

But what happened in round five? Radu lost two in a row? (He was white against Esler, 0–1.) How about the postponed game between Gay and Esler? (1/2–1/2.)

Apparently Steve Breckenridge now went on a tear, and after round eight, he is leading three other players by a full point.

Our next report comes during the final round:

The first game of Round 9 has ended at the 2011 Oregon Closed Championship. And there will be at least two co-champions!! Brian Esler, a last minute replacement for FIDE Master Nick Raptis, upset NM Steven Breckenridge to pull even with the round eight leader at 6-3.

Esler, the lowest rated player in the event, has been jokingly referred to by the other competitors as “the ghost of Nick Raptis” because of his surprisingly strong performance with Nick’s original pairings.

Two other players, Radu Roua and Daniel Gay, can also finish with six points by winning their last round games. Roua has the white pieces against Mike Pendergast and Daniel is black vs. Mike Morris.

A little later, the final word from the tournament:

Round nine results:

Esler – Breckenridge 1–0

Janniro – Hessler 1/2–1/2

Davis – Deeth 1/2–1/2

Gay – Morris 1–0

Roua – Pendergast 1–0

Final standings:

Roua, Esler, Breckenridge, and Gay – 6 points each (the players decided not to have a playoff. They will split the prize money and share the title of Oregon Co-Champion for 2011.)

Janniro – 5 points

Haessler & Pendergast – 4.5 points each

Deeth – 3.5 points

Morris – 2.5 points

Davis – 1 point

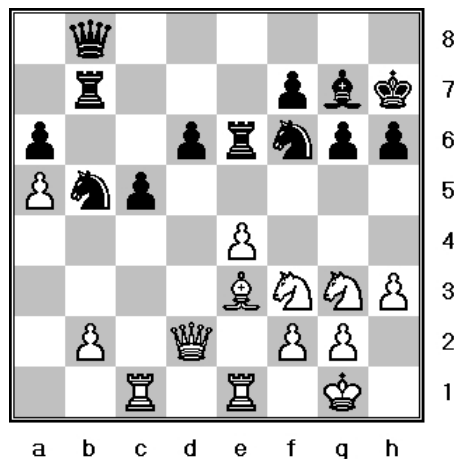
The assistant TD was OCF tournament coordinator Dale Wentz.

All in all, it was a pretty exciting tournament with the three kids prevailing against all but the top-rated defending champ. Breckenridge was born in 1992, Gay in 1993 and Esler in 1986.

The Games:

**Steven Deeth – Mike Janniro
Oregon Championship, Round 1
Portland, February 12, 2011**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. Nf3 g6 5. cxb5 a6 6. b6 d6 7. Nc3 Nbd7 8. a4 Qxb6 9. e4 Bg7 10. a5 Qb8 11. h3 0-0 12. Be2 Ne8 13. 0-0 Nc7 14. Qc2 Nb5 15. Bg5 Re8 16. Bc4 h6 17. Be3 Ra7 18. Qd2 Kh7 19. Ne2 Rb7 20. Rac1 Nf6 21. Ng3 Bd7 22. Rfe1 e5 23. dxe6 Bxe6 24. Bxe6 Rxe6

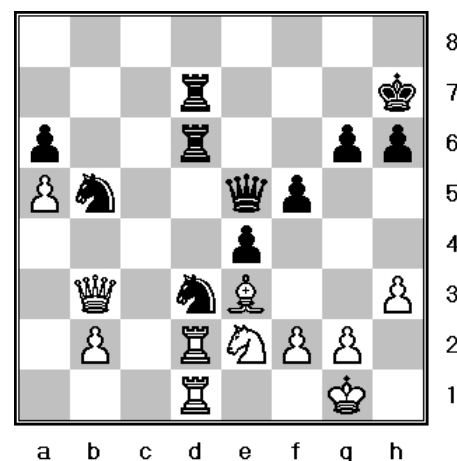


25. e5 dxe5 26. Bxc5 e4 27. Nd4 Rd7 28. Qb4 Nd5 29. Qb3 Bxd4 30. Bxd4 Nf4

31. Rcd1 Qe8 32. Be3 Nd3 33. Re2 f5 34. Red2 Red6 35. Ne2

Time trouble.

35. ...Qe5



36. g3

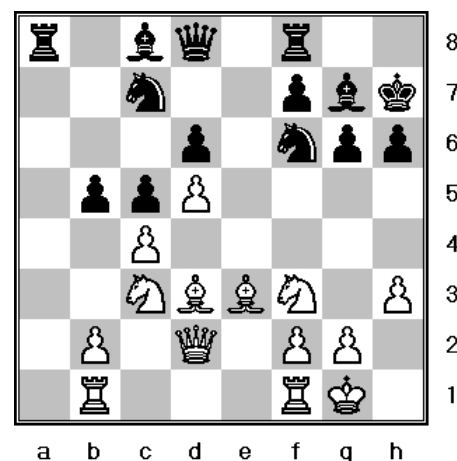
White can save the game with 36. Nf4! Nxf4 37. Bxf4 Qxf4 38. Rxd6 Nxd6 39. Qe6.

36. ...g5 37. Nc3 f4 38. Nxb5 axb5 39. Bb6 fxb3 40. Kg2 Nf4+

0–1

**Daniel Gay – Brian Esler
Oregon Championship, Round 1
Portland, February 18, 2011**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 0-0 6. h3 c5 7. d5 Na6 8. Bd3 Nc7 9. 0-0 a6 10. a4 b6 11. Bg5 h6 12. Be3 e6 13. Qd2 Kh7 14. Rab1 exd5 15. exd5 b5 16. axb5 axb5



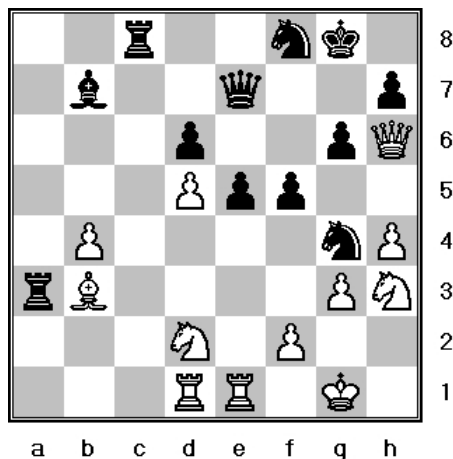
17. cxb5 Ncxd5 18. Nxd5 Nxd5 19. Bxg6+ fxb6 20. Qxd5 Rb8 21. Rfd1 Rxb5 22. Qxd6 Qxd6 23. Rxd6 Bf5 24. Rc1 Rc8 25. Rd5 Be4 26. Rdxc5 Rbxc5 27. Rxc5 Rxc5 28. Bxc5 Bxf3 29. gxf3 Bxb2 30. Kg2 Be5 31. Kf1 g5 32. Ke2 Kg6 33. Ke3 Kf5

34. Be7 Bf4+ 35. Kd3 Bc7 36. Ke2 Ke6
37. Bc5 Kf5 38. Ke3 Bf4+ 39. Kd4 Bc7
40. Ke3 Bf4+

1/2-1/2

Carl Haessler – Mike Morris
Oregon Championship, Round 1
Portland, February 12, 2011

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d3 c6 4. Nf3 Be7
5. 0-0 d6 6. Nbd2 0-0 7. Re1 Nbd7 8. c3 b5
9. Bb3 Nc5 10. Bc2 Qc7 11. Nf1 Re8 12.
Ng3 g6 13. d4 Ne6 14. h3 Bb7 15. Be3 Bf8
16. Qd2 a6 17. Rad1 Rad8 18. Qc1 Bg7
19. b4 Nd7 20. Bh6 Ra8 21. Bb3 a5 22. a3
Ra6 23. h4 Ndf8 24. d5 cxd5 25. exd5 Bxh6
26. Qxh6 Nf4 27. Ne4 Qe7 28. g3 Nh5 29.
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Ng4



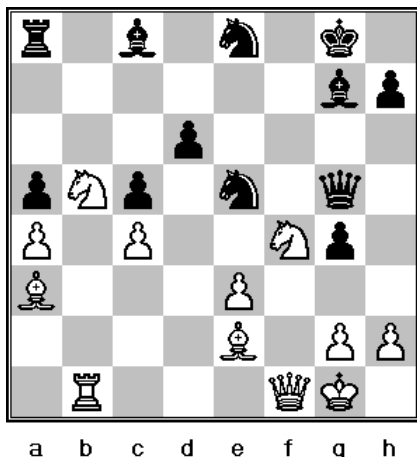
36. Qf4 Qd8 37. Qf3 Nf6 38. Ra1 Rxa1
39. Rxa1 Qb6 40. Ra4 Qd4 41. Qe3 Rc1+
42. Nf1 Qxe3 43. fxe3 Bxd5 44. Bxd5+
Nxd5 45. Kg2 Rc2+ 46. Kg1 Rb2 47. Ra6
Nxb4 48. Rxd6 e4 49. Nf4 Kf7 50. Rb6
Nd3 51. Ra6 Nxf4 52. gxf4 Ke7 53. h5 Rb7
54. Ng3 Kf7 55. hxc6+ hxc6 56. Nf1 Nd7
57. Rc6 Nf6 58. Rc5 Ng4 59. Rc3 Kg7 60.
Ra3 Rb2 61. Rc3 Rb1 62. Kg2 Rd1 63.
Ra3 Rd3 64. Rxd3 exd3 65. Kf3 Nf6 66.
Kf2 Ne4+ 67. Ke1 Kh6 68. Nd2 Kh5 69.
Nf3 d2+ 70. Nxd2 Kg4 71. Ne4 Kf3 72.
Ne5+ Kxe3 73. Nxc6

1/2-1/2

Michael Pendergast – Mikeal Davis
Oregon Championship, Round 1
Portland, February 12, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 0-0
5. e3 d6 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. 0-0 e5 8. b4 a5 9.
b5 Ne8 10. a4 f5 11. Ba3 g5 12. dxe5 Nxe5
13. Nd4 f4 14. Rc1 fxe3 15. fxe3 Rxf1+
16. Qxf1 g4 17. Nd5 c6 18. bxc6 bxc6 19.

Nf4 Qg5 20. Rb1 c5 21. Nb5

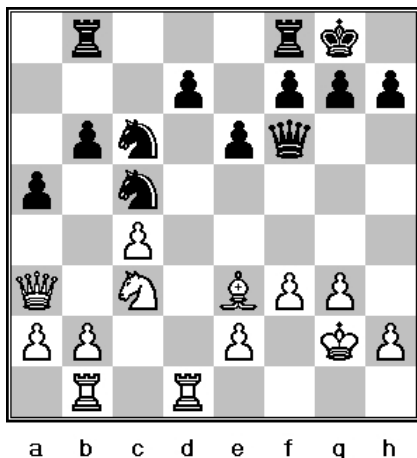


21. ...Bf5 22. Rd1 Bc2 23. Rd2 Bxa4
24. Nxd6 Rd8 25. Ne4 Qe7 26. Bxc5 Qxc5
27. Nxc5 Rxd2 28. Nxa4

1-0

Radu Roua – Steven Breckenridge
Oregon Championship, Round 1
Portland, February 12, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Ba6
5. Qa4 Bb7 6. Bg2 c5 7. 0-0 cxd4 8. Nxd4
Bxg2 9. Kxg2 Bc5 10. Rd1 Bxd4 11. Rxd4
Nc6 12. Rd1 Ne4 13. f3 Nc5 14. Qa3 Qf6
15. Nc3 a5 16. Be3 Rb8 17. Rab1 0-0

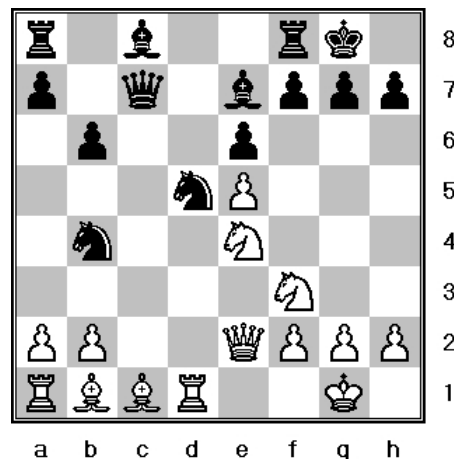


18. Bxc5 bxc5 19. Qxc5 Rfc8 20. Rxd7
Qe5 21. Qd6 h6 22. Qd2 Rd8 23. Rd3
Rxd3 24. Qxd3 Rd8 25. Qe4 Qxe4 26.
Nxe4 Rd4 27. b3 f5 28. Nc3 Rd2 29. Rc1
Nb4 30. Kf1 Nxa2 31. Nxa2 Rxa2 32. c5
Rd2 33. Ke1 Rd5 34. e4 fxe4 35. fxe4 Rd4
36. c6 Rd8 37. e5 Kf7 38. Rc5 Ra8 39. c7
Rc8 40. Kd2

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Steven Breckenridge – Daniel Gay
Oregon Championship, Round 2
Portland, February 12, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4
5. Nf3 Nc6 6. cxd4 d6 7. Bc4 e6 8. 0-0 Nb6
9. Bd3 Be7 10. Nc3 0-0 11. Qe2 dxe5 12.
dxe5 Nb4 13. Bb1 N6d5 14. Rd1 Qc7 15.
Ne4 b6



16. a3

16. Neg5 g6 17. Qe4 with kingside
chances.

16. ...Ba6 17. Qd2 Nc6 18. Neg5

18. Qc2!?

18. ...Nxe5 19. Nxe5 Qxe5 20. Bxh7+
Kh8 21. Nf3 Qe2 22. Bb1 Bc5 23. Qxe2
Bxe2 24. Re1 Bxf3 25. gxf3 Rac8 26. Re4
Be7 27. Ba2 Bf6 28. Bb3 Rc5 29. Rb1 Rfc8
30. Re1 R8c7 31. f4 Rb5 32. Ba4 Ra5 33.
Bb3 Rb5 34. Ba4

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Mikeal Davis – Radu Roua
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Portland, February 12, 2011

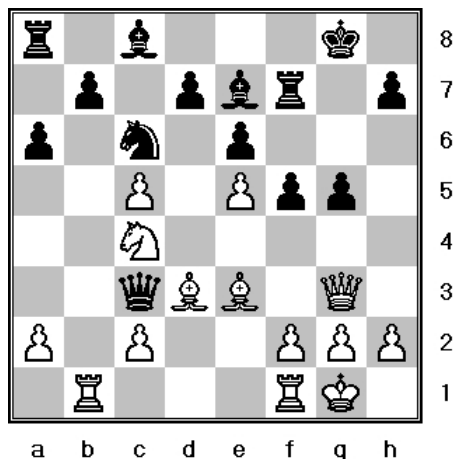
1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 e5 3. Bg2 c6 4. d4 e4 5.
d5 cxd5 6. cxd5 Qa5+ 7. Nc3 Bc5 8. Qa4
Qxa4 9. Nxa4 Bb4+ 10. Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.
Kxd2 Nxd5 12. Bxe4 Nf6 13. Bg2 d5 14.
Nc3 Be6 15. Nf3 Nc6 16. Nb5 Ke7 17.
Rhd1 Rac8 18. Rac1 a6 19. Nbd4 h6 20.
h4 Na5 21. Nxe6 fxe6 22. Ne5 Rhd8 23.
Rxc8 Rxc8 24. Rc1 Rxc1 25. Kxc1 Kd6
26. Nf7+ Ke7 27. Ne5 Nc6 28. Nd3 Kd6
29. b4 b6 30. e3 e5 31. a3 e4 32. Nf4 Ng4
33. Nh5 g6 34. Nf4 Nce5 35. Bf1 a5 36.
bxa5 bxa5 37. Bb5 Nxf2 38. Be8 g5 39.
hxc5 hxc5 40. Ne2 Nfg4

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Brian Esler – Carl Haessler
Oregon Championship, Round 2
Portland, February 12, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4
Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. e5 Nd5 7. Bd2 Nxc3 8.

bxc3 Be7 9. Bd3 Qc7 10. Qe2 0-0 11. Nb5 Qb6 12. Qe4 g6 13. Bh6 Re8 14. Be3 Qa5 15. 0-0 Nc6 16. c4 a6 17. Nd6 Rf8 18. c5 f5 19. Qf4 Qc3 20. Nc4 Rf7 21. Rab1 g5 22. Qg3

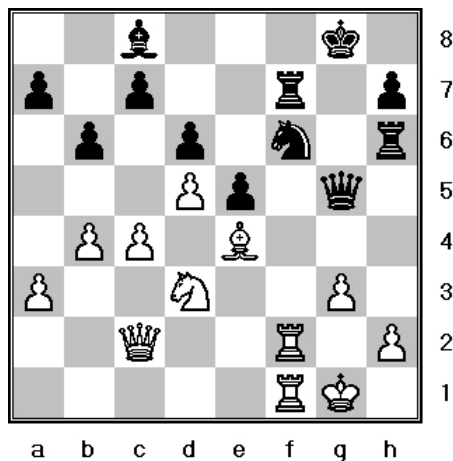


22. ...f4 23. Bxf4 Rxf4 24. Bxh7+ Kxh7 25. Qxc3 Bxc5 26. Nb2 Bd4 27. Qd3+ Kg7 28. Qg3 Rf5 29. Nc4 b5 30. Nd6 Rxe5 31. Rbd1 Kg6 32. Rxd4

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Mike Janniro – Michael Pendergast
Oregon Championship, Round 2
Portland, February 12, 2011

1. c4 e6 2. d4 f5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Bb4 5. Bd2 b6 6. a3 Bxc3 7. Bxc3 Bb7 8. e3 0-0 9. Be2 Ne4 10. Qc2 d6 11. 0-0 Nd7 12. Rad1 Rf6 13. Ne1 Rh6 14. g3 Qf6 15. Ng2 g5 16. f3 Nxc3 17. Qxc3 Qg6 18. Rf2 Nf6 19. b4 Qh5 20. Ne1 g4 21. d5 e5 22. Qc2 Rf8 23. Nd3 Rf7 24. Rdf1 Bc8 25. Bd1 gxf3 26. Bxf3 Qg5 27. e4 fxe4 28. Bxe4



28. ...Kg7

28. ...Bh3! 29. Bg2 (29. Re1 Nxe4 30. Rxe4 (30. Rxf7 Nxc3) 30. ...Rxf2 31. Nxf2 (31. Qxf2 Rf6) 32. Bf5) 29. ...Bxc2 30. Rxc2 (30. Kxc2? Ng4! -+) 30. ...Qe3+ -/+.

29. Ne1 Qe3 30. Qd3 Qxd3 31. Bxd3 Bd7 32. Ng2 Be8

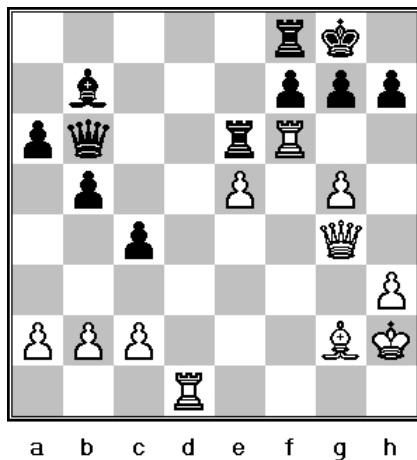
Time.

33. Nh4 Bd7 34. Bf5 Be8 35. Be6 Rxh4 36. Bxf7 Rh6 37. Bxe8 Nxe8 38. Rf7+ Kg6 39. Re7 Nf6 40. Rxc7 b5 41. Rxa7 bxc4 42. Ra6 c3 43. b5

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Mike Morris – Steven Deeth
Oregon Championship, Round 2
Portland, February 12, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. g3 Bb4 7. Nde2 Be7 8. Bg2 Nf6 9. 0-0 d6 10. h3 Nc6 11. Be3 b5 12. g4 Bb7 13. Ng3 Ne5 14. g5 Nfd7 15. Nce2 Rc8 16. Nd4 Nc6 17. Rc1 0-0 18. f4 Nxd4 19. Bxd4 e5 20. Nf5 Nc5 21. Bxc5 dxc5 22. Qg4 exf4 23. Rxf4 Bd6 24. Nxd6 Qxd6 25. Rd1 Qb6 26. Rf6 Rc6 27. e5 c4+ 28. Kh2 Re6



29. Rd6

29. Rxe6 fxe6 30. Bxb7 Qxb7 31. Qxe6+ Kh8 32. Rf1 +/-.

29. ...Rxd6 30. Rxd6 Qc7

30. ...Qf2! -/+.

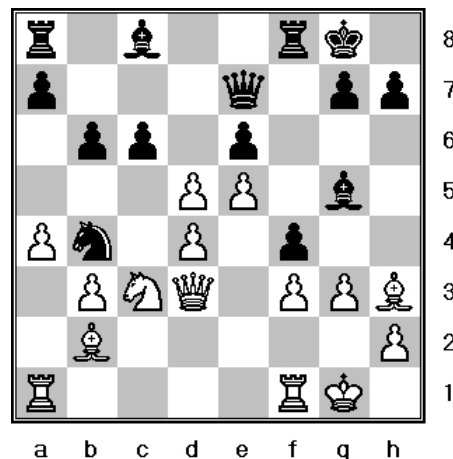
31. Qd7 Qxd7 32. Rxd7 Bc8 33. Rc7 Rd8 34. Kg3 Kf8 35. Be4 g6 36. h4 Be6 37. Ra7 Bd5 38. Kf4 Bxe4 39. Kxe4 Rd2 40. Ra8+ Kg7 41. Rxa6 Rxc2 42. a4 Rxb2 43. axb5 Rxb5 44. Rc6 c3 45. Rxc3 Rb4+ 46. Kf3 Rxh4 47. Rc7 Kf8 48. Ra7 Rh1 49. Rb7 Rf1+ 50. Kg4 Rf5 51. e6 fxe6 52. Rxh7 Rf7 53. Rh8+ Kg7

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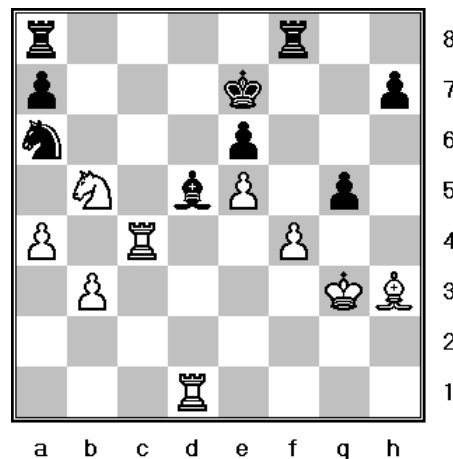
Mikeal Davis – Steven Breckenridge
Oregon Championship, Round 3
Portland, February 13, 2011

1. c4 b6 2. Nf3 e6 3. g3 Ba6 4. Qa4

Bb7 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. 0-0 Be7 7. Qc2 0-0 8. b3 c6 9. Bb2 d5 10. d4 Ne4 11. Nfd2 f5 12. f3 Nxd2 13. Qxd2 f4 14. e4 Bd6 15. e5 Be7 16. Bh3 Bc8 17. Nc3 Bg5 18. Qd3 Qe7 19. a4 Na6 20. cxd5 Nb4



21. d6 Nxd3 22. dxe7 Bxe7 23. Ba3 Bxa3 24. Rxa3 c5 25. Rd1 Nb4 26. dxc5 fxg3 27. Nb5 gxh2+ 28. Kxh2 bxc5 29. Kg3 Kf7 30. Raa1 Ke7 31. Rac1 Bb7 32. f4 g5 33. Rxc5 Na6 34. Rc4 Bd5



35. Rcd4

35. Rxd5! exd5 36. Rc6 +/-.

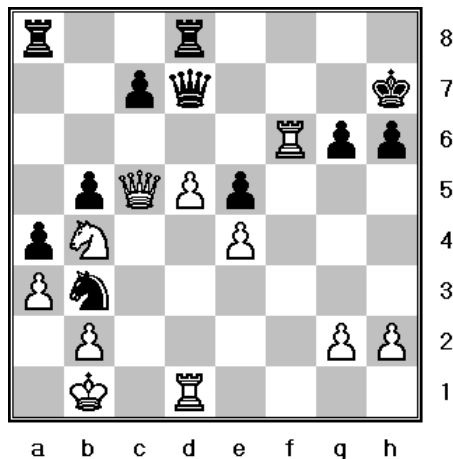
35. ...Rxf4 36. Rxf4 gxf4+ 37. Kxf4 Rf8+ 38. Kg5 h6+ 39. Kh4 Rf4+ 40. Bg4 Bxb3 41. Rd6 Rxa4 42. Nxa7 Nc5 43. Nc6+ Kf7 44. Nd8+ Kg6 45. Rc6 h5 46. Rxc5 Rxc4+ 47. Kh3 Bd5 48. Rc7 Rf4 49. Re7 Kf5 50. Nf7 Bc4 51. Nd6+ Kxe5 52. Nxc4+ Rxc4 53. Rh7 h4 54. Rh5+ Kd6 55. Rxh4 Rxh4+ 56. Kxh4 Ke5 57. Kg3 Kd4 58. Kf3 e5 59. Ke2 Ke4

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Steven Deeth – Brian Esler
Oregon Championship, Round 3
Portland, February 13, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6

5. f3 0-0 6. Bg5 h6 7. Be3 e5 8. d5 Nh5 9. Qd2 Kh7 10. 0-0-0 f5 11. Bd3 Na6 12. Nge2 Nc5 13. Bc2 a5 14. Rhg1 fxe4 15. Nxe4 Nxe4 16. Bxe4 Nf4 17. Nc3 a4 18. a3 Bf5 19. Kb1 Qd7 20. c5 dxc5 21. Bxc5 Rfd8 22. Qc2 b6 23. Be3 Bxe4 24. fxe4 b5 25. Na2 Bf8 26. Bc5 Bd6 27. Nb4 Bxc5 28. Qxc5 Ne2 29. Rgf1 Nd4 30. Rf6 Nb3

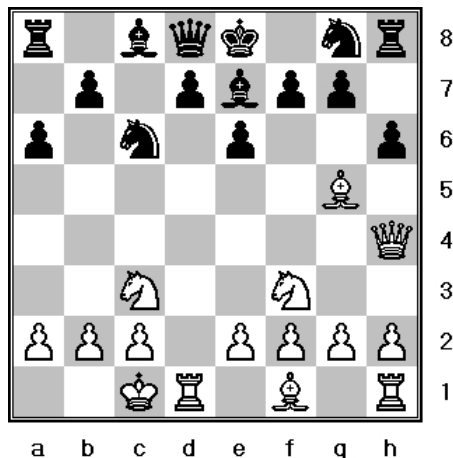


31. Qf2 Qe8 32. Rf1 Rd6 33. Rf7+ Kg8 34. Nc6 Rd7 35. Rxd7 Qxd7 36. Ka2 Qg7 37. Qe2 Nd4 38. Nxd4 exd4 39. Qxb5 Rd8 40. Qxa4 Qe5 41. Qc4 Kg7 42. Rd1 Qxh2 43. Qxd4+ Kg8 44. Rc1 Qd6 45. Qe3 Qe5 46. Qb3 Kg7 47. Rc4 Rd7 48. Qc3 Qxc3 49. bxc3 Kf6 50. Rc6+ Ke5 51. Re6+ Kf4 52. c4 Rg7 53. c5

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Carl Haessler – Daniel Gay
Oregon Championship, Round 3
Portland, February 13, 2011

1. Nc3 c5 2. Nf3 a6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 Nc6 5. Qh4 e6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. 0-0-0 h6



8. Ne4 d5 9. e3 Nf6 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Qf4 0-0 12. g4 Qe7 13. Nxf6+ Qxf6 14. Qg3 Bd7 15. h4 Nb4 16. Ne5 Rfc8 17. Kb1 Ba4 18. b3 Qe7 19. g5 Nxa2 20. gxh6 Nc3+

21. Kc1 Qa3+

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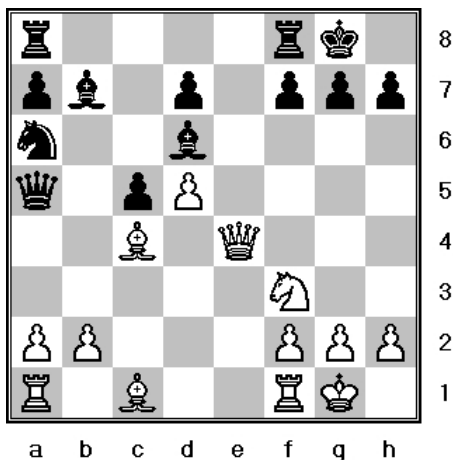
Michael Pendergast – Mike Morris
Oregon Championship, Round 3
Portland, February 13, 2011

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 c5 4. dxc5 Qa5+ 5. Nbd2 Qxc5 6. a3 Bg4 7. b4 Qc7 8. Bb2 Nbd7 9. c4 e6 10. Rc1 Qd8 11. Be2 Bd6 12. c5 Bc7 13. 0-0 0-0 14. Nd4 Bxe2 15. Qxe2 Qe7 16. c6 bxc6 17. Rxc6 Ne5 18. Rc2 Ng6 19. Rfc1 e5 20. Rxc7

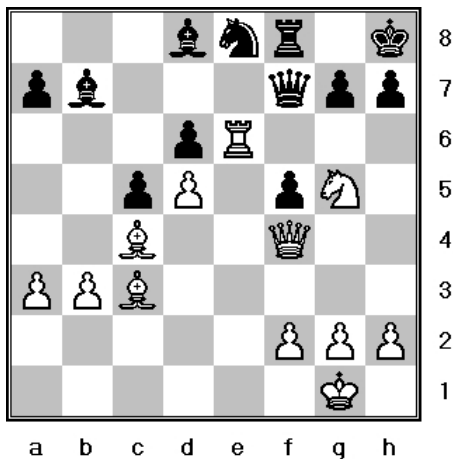
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Radu Roua – Mike Janniro
Oregon Championship, Round 3
Portland, February 13, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. Nd2 Qa5 5. Qc2 bxc4 6. e4 e6 7. Ngf3 exd5 8. exd5 Bd6 9. Bxc4 0-0 10. 0-0 Na6 11. Ne4 Nxe4 12. Qxe4 Bb7

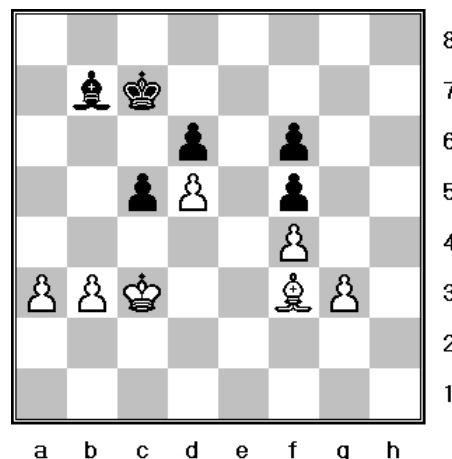


13. Qg4 f5 14. Qh5 Nb4 15. b3 Qd8 16. Bb2 Qe8 17. Qh4 Qg6 18. a3 Na6 19. Rfe1 Rae8 20. Be5 Kh8 21. Qf4 Be7 22. Re3 d6 23. Bc3 Bd8 24. Rae1 Nc7 25. Rxe8 Nxe8 26. Re6 Qf7 27. Ng5



27. ...Bxg5?! 28. Qxg5 Nf6 29. Bxf6

gxf6 30. Qe3 Bc8 31. Re7 Qg6 32. f4 Rg8 33. g3 h5 34. Rxa7 h4 35. Kf2 Qh6 36. Kg2 hxc3 37. hxc3 Qh5 38. Be2 Qg6 39. Qf3 Rg7 40. Ra8 Rg8 41. Qh5+ Qxh5 42. Bxh5 Bb7 43. Rxg8+ Kxg8 44. Bf3 Kf7 45. Kf2 Ke7 46. Ke3 Kd8 47. Kd3 Kc7 48. Kc4 Ba6+ 49. Kc3 Bb7

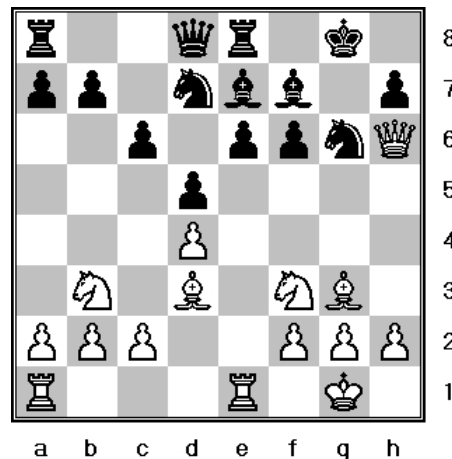


50. b4 Kb6 51. a4 cxb4+ 52. Kxb4 Ba6 53. Bh5 Bd3 54. Bf3 Ka6 55. Bd1 Kb6 56. Bb3 Ba6 57. Bc2 Bc8 58. Bd3 Bd7 59. Bb5 Bc8 60. Bc6 Ka6 61. a5 Ka7 62. Bb5 Bb7 63. Bd7 Bxd5 64. Bxf5 Bg2 65. Bd3 Bh3 66. Be2 Be6 67. g4 Kb7 68. g5 fxc5 69. fxc5 Bf5 70. Bf3+ Ka6 71. Bd5 Bg6 72. Bc4+ Kb7 73. Kc3 Kc6 74. Bd3 Bf7 75. Kb4 Bg8 76. Bb5+ Kb7 77. g6 Be6 78. Be8

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Steven Breckenridge – Carl Haessler
Oregon Championship, Round 4
Portland, February 13, 2011

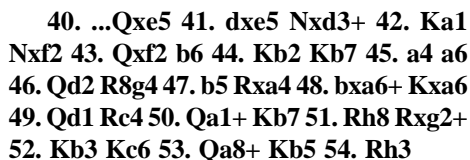
1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nd2 e6 5. Nb3 f6 6. Nf3 Bg6 7. Bf4 Nd7 8. exf6 gxf6 9. Bd3 Bf7 10. 0-0 Ne7 11. Re1 Ng6 12. Bg3 Be7 13. Qd2 0-0 14. Qh6 Re8



15. Rxe6 Bxe6 16. Bxg6 hxc6 17. Qxc6+ Kh8 18. Qh6+ Kg8 19. Qg6+ Kh8

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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4
5. e5 h6 6. exf6 hxg5 7. fxg7 Rg8 8. Nf3
Qf6 9. h4 gxh4 10. Rxh4 Qxg7 11. Qd3
Nc6 12. Rh7 Qf6 13. 0-0-0 Bd7 14. Qe3 0-
0-0 15. Ne5 Rg7 16. Rh6 Qe7 17. f4 Rdg8
18. f5 Rg3 19. Nf3 Bxc3 20. Qxc3 exf5 21.
Re1 Be6 22. Qd2 Qd6 23. Nh4 Qd8 24. c3
R3g4 25. Nf3 Re4 26. Rh2 Qf6 27. Bd3
Reg4 28. Re2 Qg7 29. b4 Rg3 30. Qc2 Qf6
31. Rf2 R3g4 32. Kb2 Rf4 33. Qd2 Rfg4
34. Rh5 Ne7 35. Rh6 Qg7 36. Rh2 Ng6
37. Qc2 Qf6 38. Rh5 Nf4 39. Rh2 Rg3 40.
Ne5



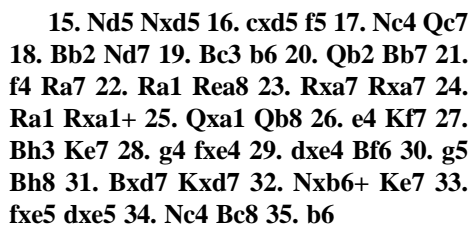
55. Rd3 Rg3 56. Rxd5+ Bxd5 57. Qxd5+ Rc5 58. Qxf7 Rgxc3+ 59. Kb2 Rc2+ 60. Kb1 Rc1+ 61. Kb2 Re1 62. e6 Re2+ 63. Kb1 Rg5 64. Qd7+ Ka5 65. Qd1 f3 66. e7 Rge5 67. e8=Q Rxe8 68. Qd5+ c5

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4
a6 5. Bd3 Bc5 6. Nb3 Be7 7. c4 d6 8. 0-0
Nf6 9. Nc3 Qc7 10. Be3 b6 11. f4 Nbd7 12.
Qe2 Bb7 13. Rac1 Rc8 14. Bd4 Nc5 15.
Nd2 Nxd3 16. Qxd3 0-0 17. b3 Nd7 18.
Nf3 Bf6 19. Rfd1 Rfd8 20. Kh1 Bxd4 21.
Oxd4 Nf6 22. Oe3

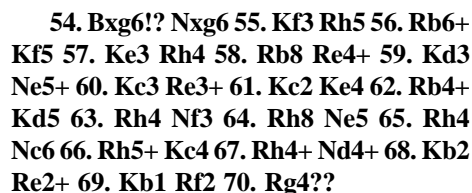
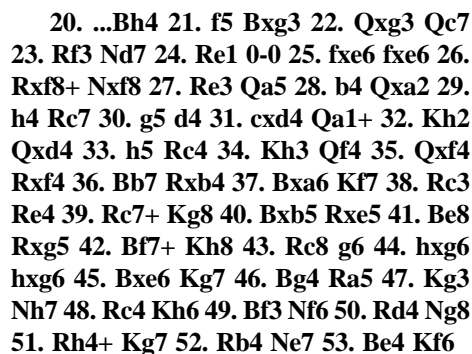
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1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 0-0 5. d3 d6 6. Rb1 a5 7. a3 c6 8. Nf3 Nbd7 9. 0-0 e5 10. b4 axb4 11. axb4 Qe7 12. Qc2 Re8 13. Nd2 Nf8 14. b5 c5



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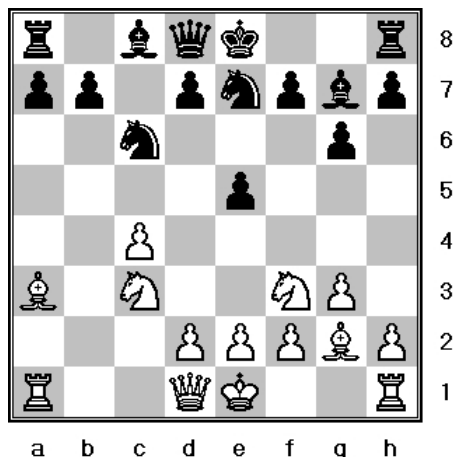
5. Be2 e6 6. h3 Bxf3 7. Bxf3 Nf6 8. 0-0
Bb4 9. e5 Nfd7 10. Ne2 Be7 11. Bf4 b5 12.
g4 Nb6 13. Bg2 c5 14. c3 Nc6 15. Bg3 Rc8
16. Qd3 cxd4 17. Nxd4 Nc4 18. Nxc6 Rxc6
19. b3 Nb6 20. f4



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Mikeal Davis – Mike Morris
Oregon Championship, Round 5
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. c4 c5 2. g3 Nc6 3. Bg2 g6 4. Nc3 Bg7
5. Nf3 e5 6. a3 Nge7 7. b4 cxb4 8. axb4
Nxb4 9. Ba3 Nbc6



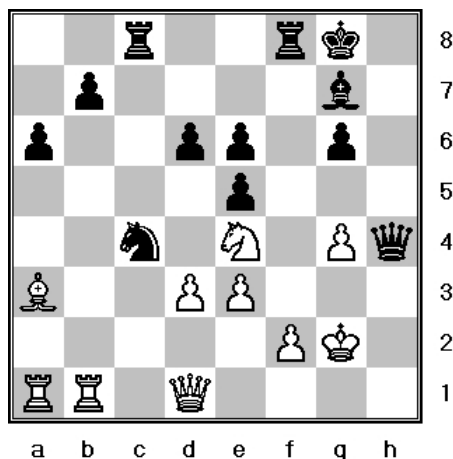
10. 0-0 0-0 11. Qb3 a6 12. Rfb1 d6 13.
Ne4 Nf5 14. e3 h5 15. h3 Be6 16. Nfg5 Na5
17. Qc3 Rc8 18. Nxe6 fxe6 19. g4

The more patient 19. d3 is stronger, with
threats of g4 or Bxd6.

19. ...hxg4 20. hxg4 Nxc4 21. Qb3

The point was 21. gxf5 gxf5 22. Ng3 e4
with skewer.

21. ...Nh4 22. d3 Nxg2 23. Kxg2 Qh4
24. Qd1

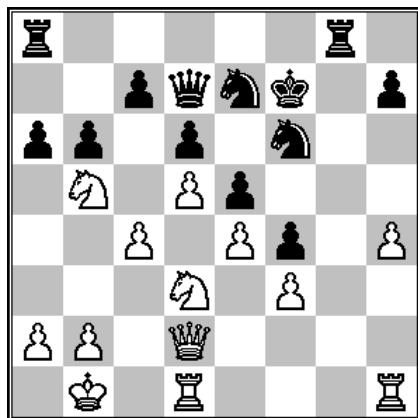


24. ...Rxf2+! 25. Nxf2 Nxe3+ 26. Kf3
Rf8+
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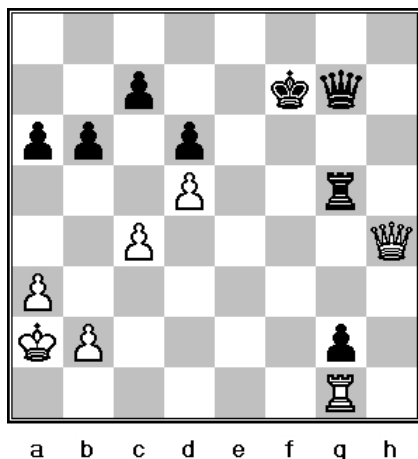
Steven Deeth – Carl Haessler
Oregon Championship, Round 5
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 b6 4. e4 Bb7
5. Be3 e6 6. f3 Ne7 7. d5 0-0 8. Qd2 d6 9.
0-0-0 Nd7 10. Nge2 e5 11. g4 f5?! 12. gxf5

gxf5 13. Bh6 f4 14. Bxg7 Kxg7 15. Bh3
Nf6 16. Kb1 Bc8 17. Bxc8 Qxc8 18. h4
Qd7 19. Nc1 Rg8 20. Nd3 Kf7 21. Nb5 a6



22. Nd4?! exd4 23. e5 Qf5?!
23. ...Nfxd5! -/+.
24. exf6 Ng6 25. Ka1 h5 26. Nf2 Ne5
27. Qxd4 Nxf3 28. Qc3 Rg3 29. Rd3 Rag8
30. a3 Ne5 31. Rxg3 fxg3 32. Nh3 g2 33.
Rg1 Nf3 34. Ng5+ Nxg5 35. hxg5 Rxg5
35. ...Qf1+ -+.
36. Ka2 h4 37. Qe1 Qxf6 38. Qxh4 Qg7



39. Qf2+
39. Qe4 is better.
39. ...Ke7 40. Qh4 Kd7 41. Qh3+ Kd8
42. Ka1 Rg3 43. Qh4+ Kc8 44. Ka2 Kb7
45. Qe4 Qg6 46. Qe2 Qg4 47. Qc2 Qf3 48.
Qa4 Qe3 49. Qd1 Ka7 50. Qb1 Qb3+ 51.
Ka1 Qxc4
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Mike Janniro – Steven Breckenridge
Oregon Championship, Round 5
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. c4 e6 2. b3 Nf6 3. Bb2 b6 4. Nf3 Bb7
5. g3 Bxf3 6. exf3 d5 7. Bg2 d4 8. f4 c6 9.
0-0 a5 10. d3 a4 11. Na3 Bc5 12. bxa4 Qd6

13. Qb3 Ra6 14. Nc2 0-0 15. a3 Rd8 16.
Rfe1 Rd7 17. Re5 Rda7 18. Reel Rxa4
19. Rab1 Nbd7 20. Re2 R7a5 21. Bc1 b5
22. cxb5 Rxb5 23. Qxa4 Rxb1 24. Re1 Nd5
25. Bd2 N7b6 26. Qa5 Rb2 27. Rc1 Rb3
28. Bb4 Bxb4 29. Nxb4 Nc3 30. Bf3 c5 31.
Nc2 e4 32. dxc4 Nxc4 33. Qa8+ Rb8 34.
Qa7 Nd2 35. Bd1?

35. Bh5!

35. ...Nb3 36. Nxd4 Nxc1 37. Bf3 Qb6
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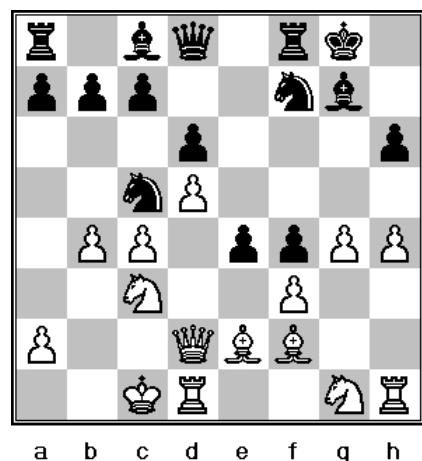
Michael Pendergast – Daniel Gay
Oregon Championship, Round 5
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 Ne4 3. Bf4 d5 4. e3 c5
5. Bd3 e6 6. Bxe4 dxe4 7. Nc3 f5 8. f3 cxd4
9. Qxd4 Qxd4 10. exd4 exf3 11. Nxf3 Bb4
12. Bd2 Bxc3 13. Bxc3 Bd7 14. 0-0-0 Bc6
15. Rhe1 Bd5 16. Ng5 Kd7 17. g3 h6 18.
Nf7 Rc8 19. Ne5+ Ke7 20. Kb1 Nc6 21.
Ng6+ Kf7 22. Nf4 Re8 23. Rd2 g5 24. Nd3
Rad8 25. b3 b5 26. Nc5 Re7 27. Bb2 a5
28. a3 b4 29. a4 Kg6 30. Rde2 Rde8 31.
Nd3 Be4 32. Nc5 Bd5 33. Nd3 Be4 34. Nc5

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Radu Roua – Brian Esler
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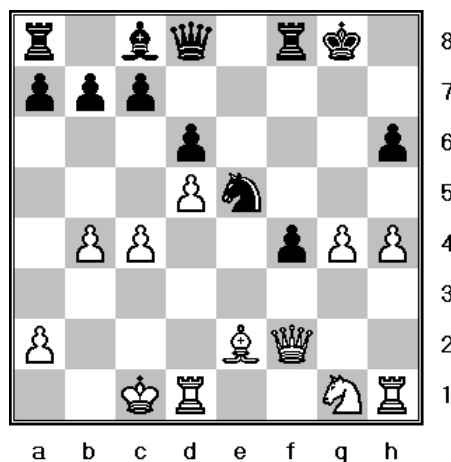
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6
5. f3 0-0 6. Bg5 h6 7. Be3 e5 8. d5 Nh7 9.
Qd2 f5 10. exf5 gxf5 11. 0-0-0 Ng5 12. h4
Nf7 13. Be2 Nd7 14. g4 f4 15. Bf2 Nc5 16.
b4 e4



17. fxe4

17. bxc5 e3 18. Bxe3 fxe3 19. Qxe3 is
unclear, but seems to offer better chances
than the game line. 19. ...dxc5 20. Ne4 Bd4
21. Rxd4 cxd4 22. Qxd4 looks good for
White, in any case.

17. ...Bxc3 18. Qxc3 Nxe4 19. Qd4
Nxf2 20. Qxf2 Ne5



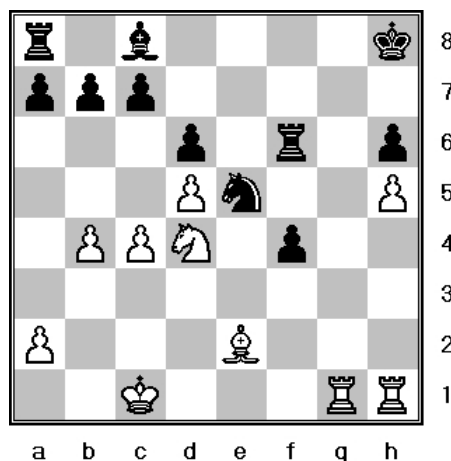
21. Nf3

21. g5 hxg5 22. hxg5 Qxg5(?) 23. Nf3
seems a better way to give up the pawn.

21. ...Nxg4 22. Rdg1 Kh8 23. Qd4+
Qf6 24. Qxf6+ Rxf6 25. h5 Ne5

Black is ahead a clear pawn, but the next
move doesn't help matters for White.

26. Nd4(?)



26. ...f3

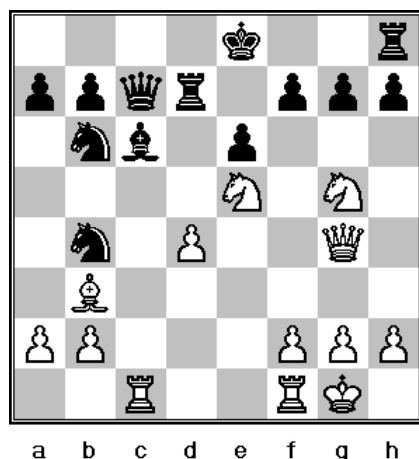
Now it's clearly winning.

27. Bf1 Rf4 28. Nb5 f2 29. Rg3 Bf5 30.
Nxc7 Rc8 31. Ne6 Bxe6 32. dxe6 Nxc4 33.
Rg6 Ne5+ 34. Kd2 Nxg6 35. hxg6 Kg7

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Steven Breckenridge – Steven Deeth
Oregon Championship, Round 6
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4
5. Nf3 e6 6. Bc4 Nb6 7. Bb3 d6 8. exd6
Nc6 9. cxd4 Qxd4 10. 0-0 Nb4 11. Nc3 Bd7
12. Ne4 Qc7 13. Bg5 Bc6 14. Rc1 Be7 15.
Ne5 Rd8 16. Qg4 Bxg5 17. Nxg5 Rd7

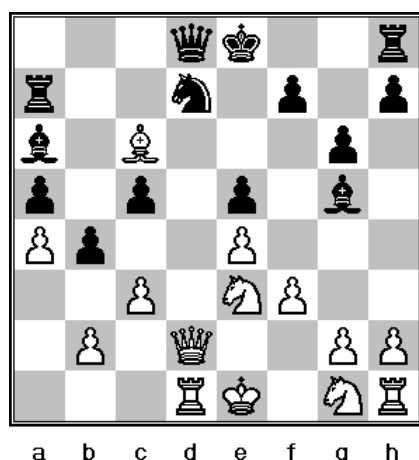


18. Bxe6 fxe6 19. Qh5+ Ke7 20. Nxe6
Kxe6 21. Rfe1 Kd6 22. Nc4+ Nxc4 23.
Qc5#

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Brian Esler – Mikeal Davis
Oregon Championship, Round 6
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be3 a6
5. Qd2 b5 6. Bd3 Bb7 7. f3 Nbd7 8. a4 b4
9. Nd1 c5 10. c3 a5 11. Bb5 e5 12. dxe5
dxe5 13. Bg5 Be7 14. Bxf6! Bxf6 15. Ne3
Ba6 16. Bc6 Ra7 17. Rd1 Bg5?



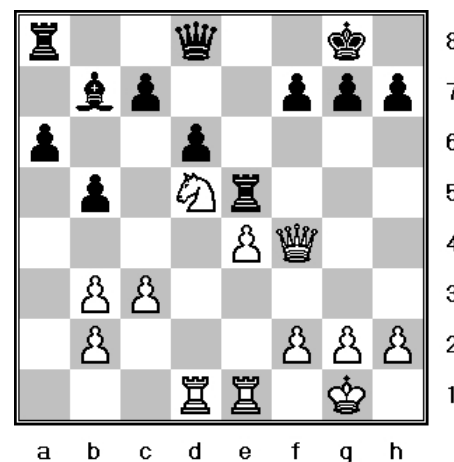
18. Qd6! Be7 19. Bxd7+ Rxd7 20.
Qxa6 Rxd1+ 21. Nxd1 0-0 22. Ne3 bxc3
23. bxc3 Bg5 24. Nd5 Qb8 25. Qb5 Qa7
26. Qd3 Rb8 27. c4 Rb2 28. Ne2 Qd7 29.
Nf6+

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Daniel Gay – Radu Roua
Oregon Championship, Round 6
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4
Nge7 5. d4 exd4 6. Nxd4 b5 7. Nxc6 Nxc6
8. Bb3 Be7 9. Nc3 0-0 10. 0-0 Na5 11. Nd5
Nxb3 12. axb3 Bb7 13. Bf4 d6 14. Qd3

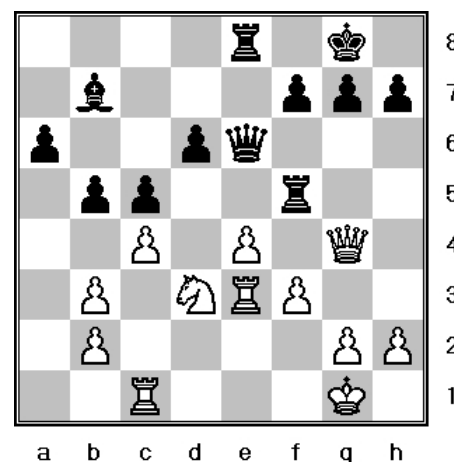
Bf6 15. c3 Re8 16. Rfe1 Be5 17. Qg3 Bxf4
18. Qxf4 Re5 19. Rad1



19. ...Rc8

19. ...f5!?, roughly equal either way.

20. c4 Qe8 21. Re3 Qe6 22. Rc1 c6 23.
Nb4 Re8 24. f3 c5 25. Nd3 Rf5 26. Qg4



26. ...Qf6

26. ...Rf6=.

27. Rce1 Rg5 28. Qd7 Qe7 29. Qxe7
Rxe7 30. e5! dxe5 31. Rxe5 Rgxe5 32.
Rxe5 Rxe5 33. Nxe5 Kf8 34. Nd7+ Ke7
35. Nxc5 Bc8 36. Kf2 Kd6 37. Ne4+ Kc6
38. Ke3 f5 39. Nc3 Kc5 40. cxb5 axb5 41.
Ne2 Bb7 42. Nf4 Kb4 43. Nd3+ Ka5 44.
Kd4 Kb6 45. Ke5 g6 46. Kd6 g5 47. Nc5
Ba8 48. b4 g4 49. Nd7+ Ka6 50. Ne5 gxf3
51. gxf3 Bb7 52. Nc6 Kb6 53. Nd4

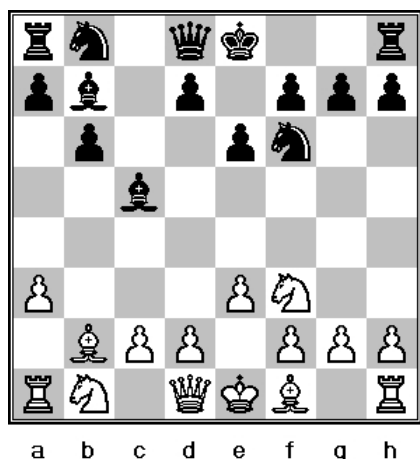
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Carl Haessler – Michael Pendergast
Oregon Championship, Round 6
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1. b4

Ack!

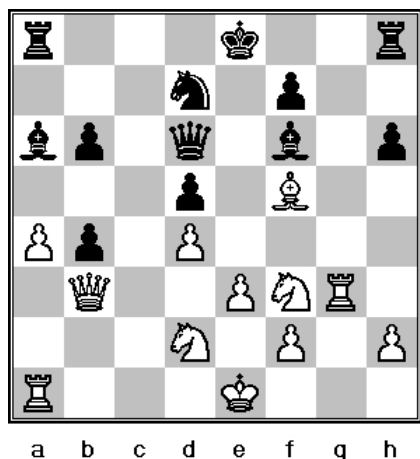
1. ...Nf6 2. Bb2 e6 3. a3 b6 4. Nf3 Bb7
5. e3 c5 6. bxc5 Bxc5



7. g4!?!

Double Ack! Whatever the objective evaluation of the positions that follow, Carl is in his element.

7. ...Nxg4 8. Rg1 Nf6 9. Rxg7 Bf8 10. Rg1 d6 11. d4 Nbd7 12. Nbd2 Qc7 13. Bd3 Be7 14. a4 Nd5 15. c4 Nb4 16. Bb1 a5 17. Rg7 h6 18. Ba3 d5 19. cxd5 exd5 20. Bf5 Bf6 21. Rg3 Ba6 22. Bxb4 axb4 23. Qb3 Qd6



24. Rb1

24. e4! dxe4 25. Nxe4 Qe7 26. Qe3 +/-.

24. ...Re8 25. Kd1 Be7 26. Ne5 Nxe5 27. dxe5 Qxe5 28. Bxc8 Bxc8 29. Rc1 Ba6 30. Qc2 Qh5+ 31. f3 Qxh2?

Time trouble.

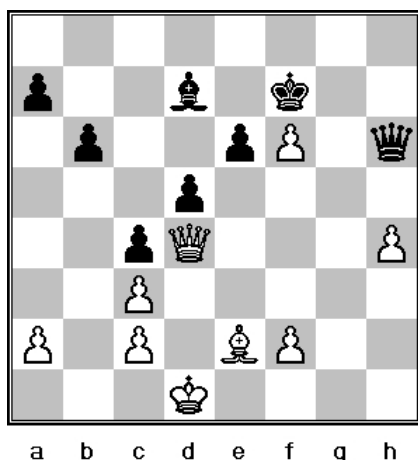
32. Qc6+ Kf8 33. Qa8+

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Mike Morris – Mike Janniro
Oregon Championship, Round 6
Portland, February 19, 2011

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Bd2 Bxc3 7. bxc3 Ne4 8. Qg4 Kf8 9. Bd3 Nxd2 10. Kxd2 c5 11. Nf3 Nc6 12. h4 h5 13. Qf4 Bd7 14. Rhb1 Qc7 15.

Rb2 c4 16. Be2 Re8 17. Rab1 Bc8 18. Rg1 f6 19. g4 Kg8 20. gxh5 fxe5 21. Nxe5 Rf8 22. Qg3 Nxe5 23. dxe5 Rf7 24. Rbb1 Qc5 25. Qe3 Qe7 26. Rg5 b6 27. Rbg1 Kf8 28. h6 gxh6 29. R5g4 Ke8 30. Qd4 Rhf8 31. Rg8 Rxg8 32. Rxg8+ Rf8 33. Rg6 Bd7 34. Rxh6 Qg7 35. Rf6 Rxf6 36. exf6 Qh6+ 37. Kd1 Kf7



38. Qe5

38. Bxc4.

38. ...Qxf6 39. Bh5+ Ke7 40. f4 Qxh4 41. Be2 Qf6 42. Qb8 Qxc3 43. Qxa7 Qd4+ 44. Ke1 c3 45. Qa3+ Qc5 46. Qxc5+ bxc5 47. Kf2 Ba4 48. Bd1 Kf6 49. Ke3 Bb5 50. Bg4 Ke7 51. Bh5 Be8 52. Bxe8 Kxe8 53. Kd3 d4 54. Kc4 Kd7 55. a4 Kc6 56. Kb3 Kb6 57. Ka3 Ka6 58. Ka2 c4

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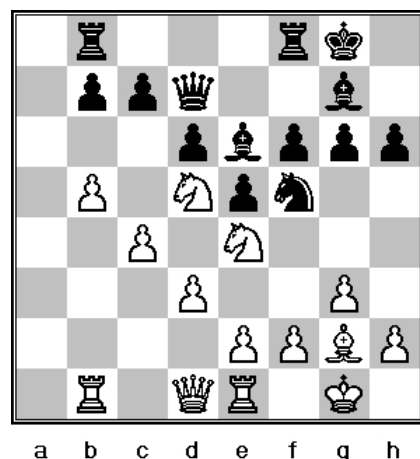
Mikeal Davis – Daniel Gay
Oregon Championship, Round 7
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 0-0 5. e4 d6 6. Nge2 e5 7. 0-0 Be6 8. d3 c6 9. b3 Na6 10. d4 exd4 11. Nxd4 Qd7 12. Bb2 Rad8 13. f4 Bh3 14. Re1 Rfe8 15. Qc2 d5 16. cxd5 Nxd5 17. Nxd5 cxd5 18. Bxh3 Qxh3 19. exd5 Rxe1+ 20. Rxe1 Nb4 21. Qd2 Nxd5 22. Nf3 Bxb2 23. Qxb2 Nb4 24. Qf6 Rf8 25. Ng5 Qe8 26. a3

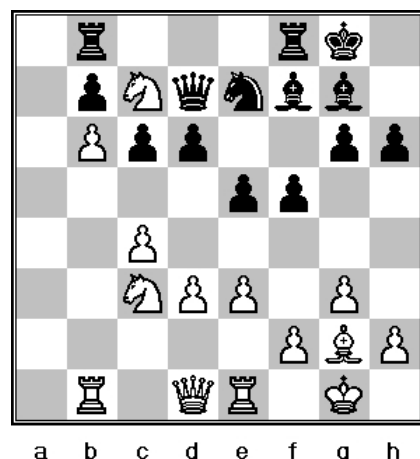
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Mike Janniro – Brian Esler
Oregon Championship, Round 7
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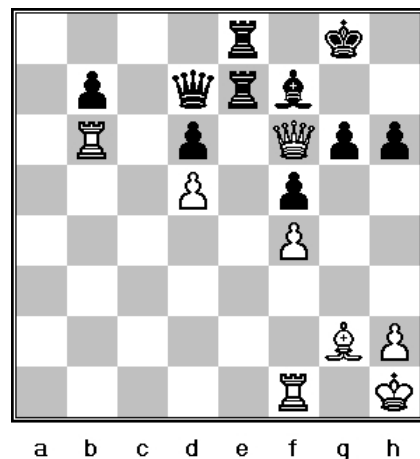
1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 0-0 5. d3 d6 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. 0-0 e5 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bxf6 Bxf6 10. Rb1 a5 11. a3 Be6 12. Nd2 Bg7 13. b4 axb4 14. axb4 Rb8 15. b5 Ne7 16. Nd5 Qd7 17. Re1 Nf5 18. Ne4 f6



19. b6 c6 20. Nc7 Bf7 21. e3 Ne7 22. Nc3 f5



23. f4? exf4 24. Qb3 fxe3 25. Kh1 Nc8 26. Ne2 Bf6 27. d4 Bd8 28. Qxe3 Nxb6 29. Rxb6 Bxc7 30. Rbb1 Kh7 31. d5 Rfe8 32. Qd3 Ba5 33. Rf1 cxd5 34. cxd5 Re5 35. Nf4 Rbe8 36. Qa3 Bd2 37. Qb2 Bxf4 38. gxf4 R5e7 39. Bf3 Qa4 40. Bg2 Kg8 41. Qf6 Qd7 42. Rb6

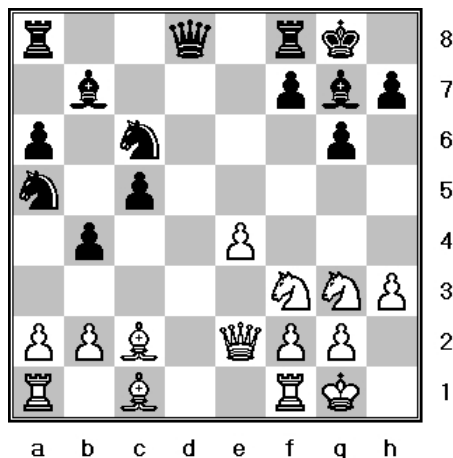


42. ...Re1 43. Rxd6? Qb5 44. Kg1 Qc5+ 45. Kh1 Qf2

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Mike Morris – Steven Breckenridge
Oregon Championship, Round 7
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nge7 5. 0-0 g6 6. c3 Bg7 7. d4 b5 8. Bb3 exd4 9. cxd4 d6 10. h3 0-0 11. Nc3 Na5 12. Bc2 b4 13. Ne2 Bb7 14. Ng3 c5 15. dxc5 dxc5 16. Qe2 Nec6



17. Bg5?! Nd4! 18. Nxd4 Qxg5 19. Nf3 Qf4 20. Rab1 Rfd8 21. Rfd1 h5 22. b3 Re8 23. h4 Nc6 24. Qd2 Qg4 25. Qd7 Re7 26. Qxg4 hxg4 27. Nh2 Nd4 28. Bd3 Nb5 29. Re1 Bc3 30. Rf1 Rd7 31. Bc4 Rad8 32. Nng4 Na3 33. Rbc1 Nxc4 34. bxc4 Rd2 35. Ne3 Rxa2 36. Nd5 Bd4 37. Rb1 Rc2 38. Rbc1 Bxf2+ 39. Kh2 Rxc1 40. Rxc1 a5 41. Rd1 Bxd5 42. exd5 Bxg3+ 43. Kxg3 b3 44. Rb1 Rb8 45. Kf4 a4 46. d6 Kf8 47. Ke5 a3 48. d7 a2

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Michael Pendergast – Steven Deeth
Oregon Championship, Round 7
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. e3 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. c4 d6 5. Nc3 0-0 6. Be2 c5 7. d5 Bf5 8. Nd2 e5 9. e4 Bd7 10. g4 Na6 11. h4 Nc7 12. h5 b5 13. cxb5 a6 14. bxa6 Qb8 15. hxg6 fxg6 16. g5 Nfe8 17. a4 Nxa6 18. Nc4 Nb4 19. Ra3 Rf7 20. Be3 Bf8 21. Kd2 Ra7 22. Ra1 Nc7 23. Na3 Qc8 24. Nab5 Nxb5 25. Nxb5 Rb7 26. Rg1 Qa8 27. Ke1 Qa5 28. Bd2 Qa8 29. f3 Qd8 30. Qb3 Qb6 31. Be3 Bxb5 32. axb5 Ra7 33. Rxa7 Rxa7??

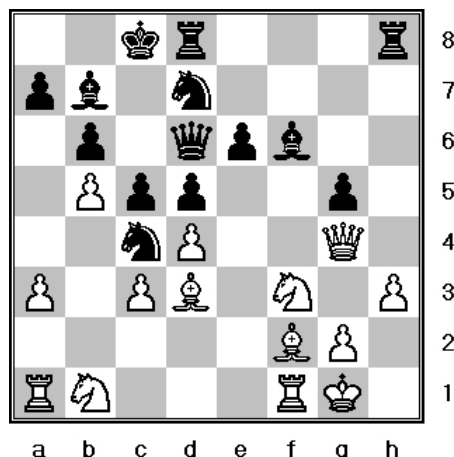
33. ...Qxa7 +=.

34. Qxb4 Qb8 35. Qd2 Be7 36. Kf2 Bd8 37. Bc4 Qc8 38. Kg2 Ba5 39. Qc2 Bb4 40. Kg3 Qd8 41. Qh2 Qa5 42. Qc2 Be1+ 43. Kg2 Ra8 44. Qd3 Bb4 45. f4

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Radu Roua – Carl Haessler
Oregon Championship, Round 7
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. d4 b6 2. e4 Bb7 3. Bd3 e6 4. Nf3 c5 5. c3 Nf6 6. Qe2 d5 7. e5 Nfd7 8. 0-0 Be7 9. a3 Nc6 10. b4 g5 11. b5 Na5 12. h3 h6 13. Be3 Qc7 14. Nfd2 0-0-0 15. f4 f5 16. exf6 Bxf6 17. fxg5 hxg5 18. Qg4 Qd6 19. Nf3 Nc4 20. Bf2

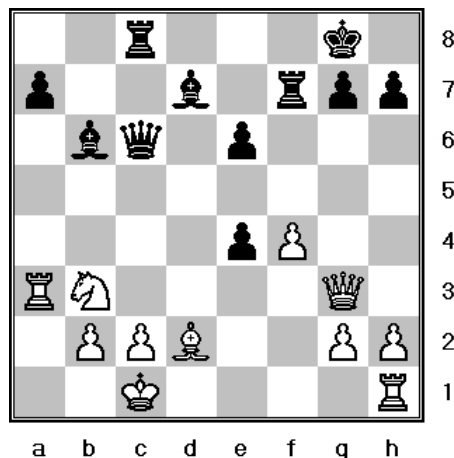


20. ...e5?! 21. Bxc4 exd4 22. Bg3 Qe7 23. Re1 Qg7 24. Bf1 dxc3 25. Ra2 Rde8 26. Re6 d4 27. Rc6+ Bxc6 28. bxc6 Kd8 29. c7+ Ke7 30. Re2+ Kf7 31. Qxd7+

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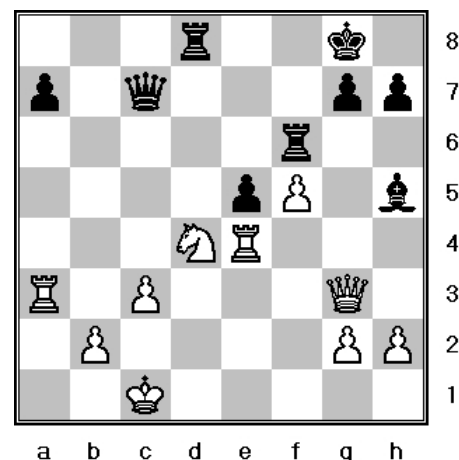
S. Breckenridge – M. Pendergast
Oregon Championship, Round 8
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Ne2 b5 8. dxc5 Bxc5 9. Ned4 Nxd4 10. Nxd4 b4 11. Nb3 Bb6 12. Qg4 0-0 13. a3 Qe7 14. Bd3 f5 15. exf6 Nxf6 16. Qh4 Rf7 17. Qg5 bxa3 18. Rxa3 Bd7 19. Bd2 Rc8 20. Kd1 Qd6 21. Kc1 Ne4 22. Bxe4 dxe4 23. Qg3 Qc6



24. Na1 Rf6 25. Be3 Rcf8 26. Rd1 Be8 27. Nb3 Bh5 28. Re1 Rc8 29. c3 Rd8 30.

Bxb6 Qxb6 31. Nd4 Qc7 32. Rxe4 e5 33. f5



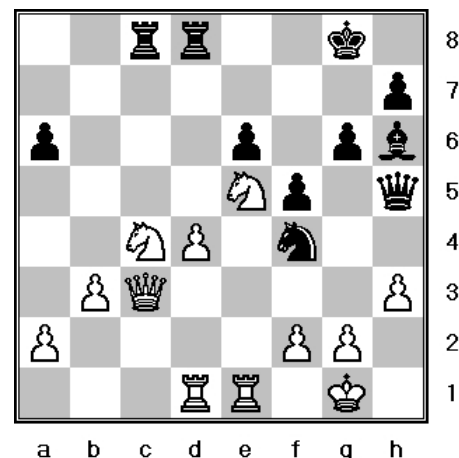
33. ...Rxd4? 34. Rxd4 Rxf5 35. Qd3 exd4 36. Qxf5 Qxh2 37. Qc8+

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Steven Deeth – Radu Roua
Oregon Championship, Round 8
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 a6 5. e3 g6 6. b3 Bg7 7. Bd3 0-0 8. 0-0 b5 9. Bb2 b4 10. Nb1 Nbd7 11. Nbd2 c5 12. Re1 Bb7 13. Rc1 Rc8 14. cxd5 Nxd5 15. Nc4 cxd4 16. exd4 Nf4 17. Be4 Bxe4 18. Rxe4 Nd5 19. Qd2 N7f6 20. Ree1 Ng4 21. Rcd1 Bh6 22. Qd3 e6 23. h3 Nf4 24. Qb1 Nf6 25. Nce5 N4d5 26. Nc4 Nf4 27. Nce5 N6d5 28. Nc4 Qf6 29. Qe4 Rfd8 30. Nfe5 Qg5 31. Qf3 Qh5 32. Qe4 f5 33. Qf3 Nc3 34. Bxc3 bxc3 35. Qxc3?

35. Qxh5=.



35. ...Ne2+?

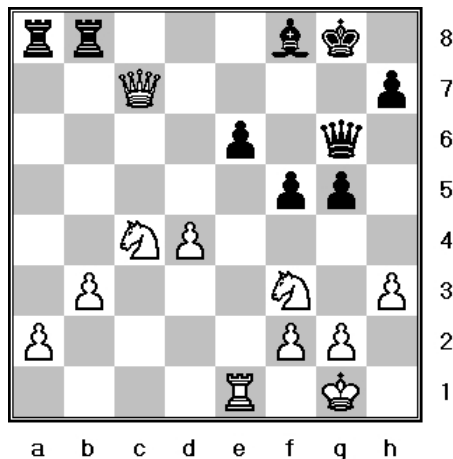
35. ...Qxd1! 36. Rxd1 Ne2+ -/+.

36. Rxe2 Qxe2 37. Re1 Qh5

37. ...Qxa2!?

38. Qb4 Bf8 39. Qb7 g5 40. Qxa6 Qe8

41. Nf3 Ra8 42. Qb6 Rdb8 43. Qc7 Qg6



44. Qc6

44. Nb6! +-.

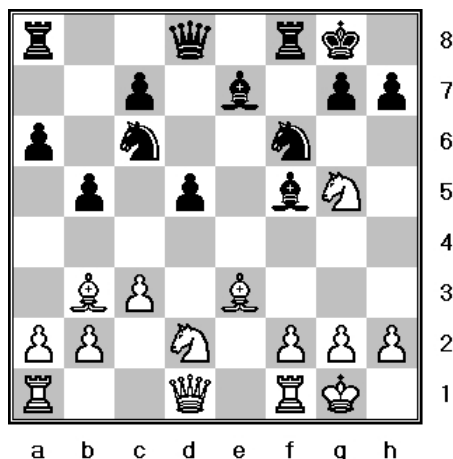
44. ...Re8 45. Nfe5 Qh6 46. Nb6 Rad8 47. a4 Bb4 48. Re3 f4 49. Re2 Qf8 50. Ned7 Qf7 51. d5 f3 52. Re3 fxe2 53. dxe6 Qg6 54. Qc4 Be7 55. a5 Qb1+ 56. Kxg2 Qa1 57. a6 Kh8 58. b4 Rg8 59. Nd5 Rc8 60. Qe4 Bd6 61. N7f6 Rg7 62. e7 Bxe7 63. Nxe7 Rc1 64. Qa8+

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Brian Esler – Mike Morris
Oregon Championship, Round 8
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Nxe4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. dxe5 Be6 9. Be3 Be7 10. c3 0-0 11. Nbd2 f5 12. exf6 Nxf6 13. Ng5 Bf5(?)

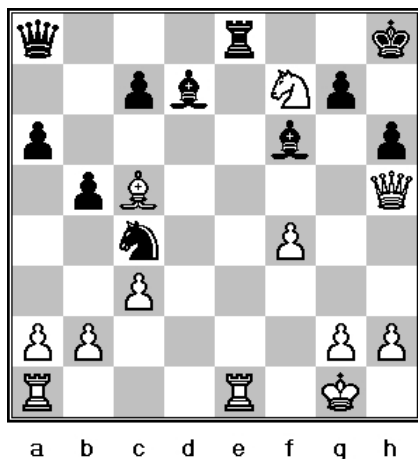
13. ...Qd7 14. Nxe6 Qxe6 15. Re1 +=.



14. Nde4! Kh8 15. Nxf6 Bxf6 16. Bxd5 Ne5 17. Bxa8 Qxa8 18. f4 Nc4 19. Bc5 Re8 20. Re1

20. Rf2!?

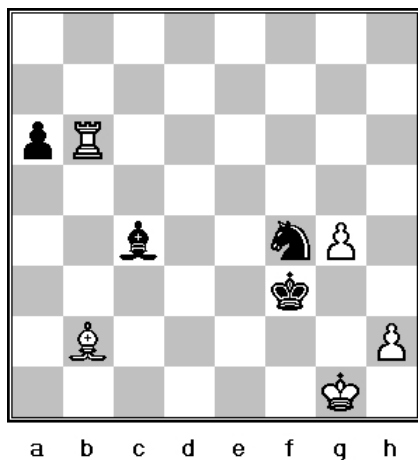
20. ...h6 21. Qh5 Bd7 22. Nf7+ Kg8



23. Qg6

More forcing is 23. Nxh6+! gxh6 24. Qg6+ Bg7 25. Bd4 Rxe1+ 26. Rxe1 Qf8 27. Bxg7 Qxg7 28. Qxg7+ Kxg7 29. Re7+ +-.

23. ...Qc6 24. Nxh6+ Kh8 25. Nf7+ Kg8 26. Bf2 Nxb2 27. Nh6+ Kh8 28. Nf7+ Kg8 29. Ne5 Bxe5 30. Qxc6 Bxc6 31. Rxe5 Rxe5 32. fxe5 Kf7 33. Bd4 Ke6 34. Rf1 Bd5 35. g4 Nd3 36. Rf8 c5 37. Bf2 Bxa2 38. Rg8 Kxe5 39. Rxg7 Bc4 40. Bg3+ Ke4 41. Rg6 b4 42. cxb4 cxb4 43. Bd6 b3 44. Ba3 b2 45. Rb6 Kf3 46. Bxb2 Nf4



47. Bg7?

47. h4! +- Kxg4 48. Rb4 Bd5 49. Bc1.

47. ...Nh3+ 48. Kh1 Nf2+ 49. Kg1 Nh3+

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Daniel Gay – Mike Janniro
Oregon Championship, Round 8
Portland, February 20, 2011

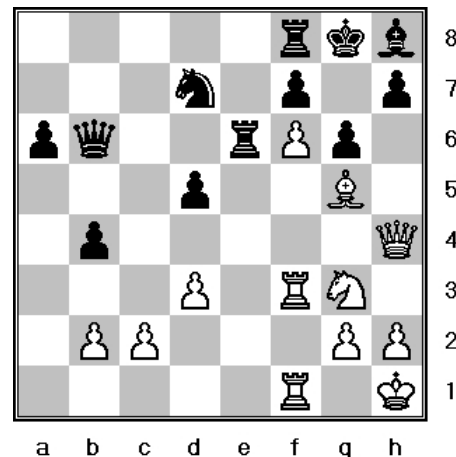
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Rbc1 Rc8 22. Bg5 Kf7 23. Re1 Rxc1 24. Rxc1 Rc8 25. Qf4 Rxc1+

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Carl Haessler – Mikeal Davis
Oregon Championship, Round 8
Portland, February 20, 2011

1. e4 d6 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bc4 0-0 6. d3 c5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. a3 e6 9. Ba2 a6 10. Qe1 b5 11. f5 b4 12. axb4 cxb4 13. Ne2 exf5 14. Qh4 Be6 15. exf5 Bxa2 16. Rxa2 Qb6+ 17. Kh1 Rae8 18. Ng3 Ne5 19. Bg5 Nxf3 20. Rxf3 d5 21. Ra1 Nd7 22. f6 Bh8 23. Raf1 Re6



24. Nf5 Bxf6 25. Bxf6 Nxf6(?) 26. Nd4 Rd6 27. Rxf6

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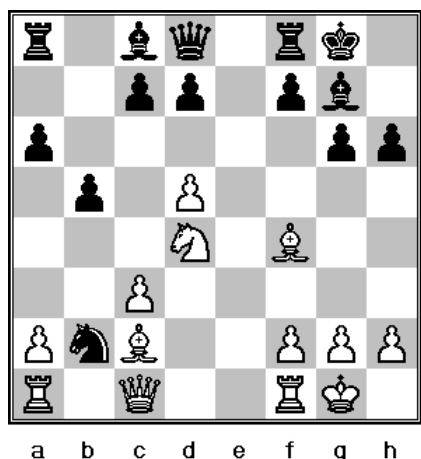
Mikeal Davis – Steven Deeth
Oregon Championship, Round 9
Portland, February 21, 2011

1. c4 c5 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Nf3 e5 6. 0-0 Nge7 7. Ne1 0-0 8. a3 a5 9. Rb1 d6 10. Nc2 Be6 11. Ne3 Rb8 12. Ned5 f5 13. d3 h6 14. b4 axb4 15. axb4 b6 16. b5 Na7 17. Ra1 Nac8 18. Ra6 Nxd5 19. Nxd5 Ne7 20. Nxe7+ Qxe7 21. Bb2 Bc8 22. Bd5+ Kh7 23. Ra2 Bb7 24. Ra7 Rfc8 25. Qa4 Rc7 26. Bxb7 Rbxb7 27. Rxb7 Rxb7 28. Ra1 Qd7 29. Qa8 Bf6 30. Qf8 Bg7 31. Qa8 Bf6 32. Qf8

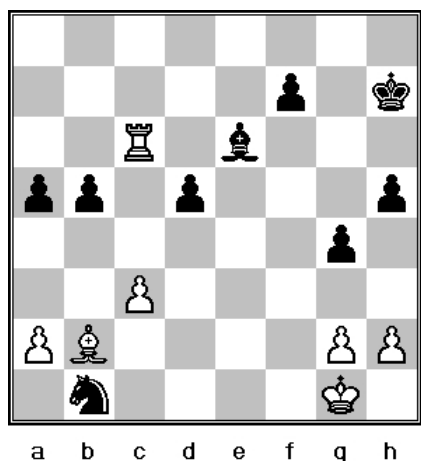
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Brian Esler – Steven Breckenridge
Oregon Championship, Round 9
Portland, February 21, 2011

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nge7 5. 0-0 g6 6. d4 exd4 7. Nxd4 Bg7 8. Be3 0-0 9. Nc3 Na5 10. Nd5 h6 11. c3 b5 12. Bc2 Nc4 13. Bf4 Nxd5 14. exd5 Nxb2 15. Qc1



15. ...g5 16. Bg3 Nc4 17. Nf5 d6 18. Nxe7 Kxe7 19. f4 g4 20. f5 Qf6 21. Qe1 Bb7 22. Bh4 Qe5 23. f6+ Kh8 24. Rf5 Qxe1+ 25. Rxe1 Rfe8 26. Re7 Rxe7 27. fxe7 Kg8 28. Bf6 Ne3 29. Rf4 h5 30. Re4 Nxc2 31. e8=Q+ Rxe8 32. Rxe8+ Kh7 33. Bd8 Bxd5 34. Re2 Na3 35. Bxc7 Nc4 36. Re8 a5 37. Rb8 Bc6 38. Rc8 d5 39. Bf4 Bd7 40. Rc7 Be6 41. Rc6 Na3 42. Bc1 Nb1 43. Bb2



43. ...b4 44. cxb4 axb4 45. Rb6 Nc3 46. Rxb4 Nxa2 47. Ra4 d4 48. Rxd4 Kg6 49. Kf2 h4 50. g3 hxe3+ 51. Kxe3 Kg5 52. Ra4 f5 53. Be5 Nc1?

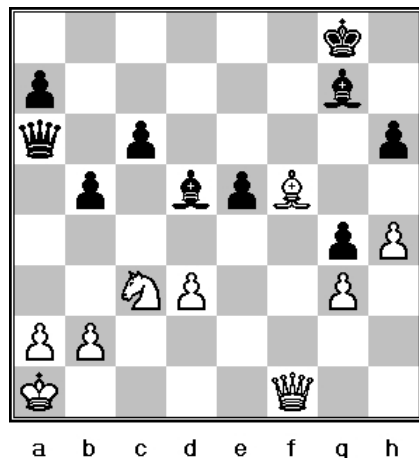
The knight trapped on the edge of the board is unfortunate, but perhaps not fatal. The knight removed from the board is both.

54. Bf4+ Kf6 55. Bxc1 Bb3 56. Ra5 Bc2 57. Kf4 Bd3 58. Bb2+ Kg6 59. Rd5 Be4 60. Rd6+ Kf7 61. Rf6+ Ke7 62. Kg5 Kd7 63. Rxf5 Bf3 64. Rf4 Ke6 65. Rxe4 Bxe4 66. Kxe4 Kf7 67. Kh5

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Mike Janniro – Carl Haessler
Oregon Championship, Round 9
Portland, February 21, 2011

1. c4 g5 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. d3 h6 4. g3 d6 5. Bg2 e5 6. e4 Ne7 7. h4 g4 8. Be3 Nbc6 9. Qd2 Nd4 10. f4 f5 11. 0-0-0 c6 12. fxe5 dxe5 13. Bxd4 Qxd4 14. Kb1 0-0 15. exf5 Bxf5 16. Nge2 Qxc4 17. Ka1 Qa6 18. Be4 Be6 19. Qc2 Nd5 20. Qb1 Rf2 21. Rdf1 Raf8 22. Rxf2 Rxf2 23. Rf1 Rxf1 24. Qxf1 b5 25. Bf5 Bf7 26. Nxd5?! (26. Bf7+! =.) 26. ...Bxd5 27. Nc3



27. ...Bf7?!

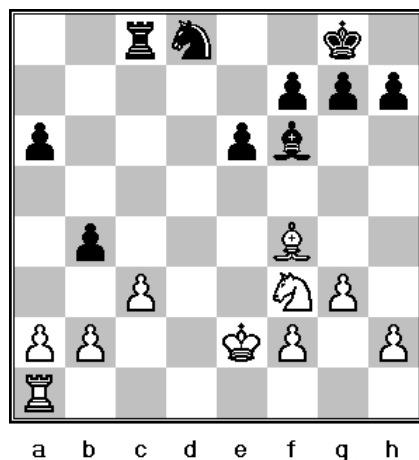
27. ...Bf3! -/+.

28. Bh7+ Kxh7 29. Qxf7 Qc8 30. h5 Kh8 31. Qg6 a5 32. Kb1 Qd7 33. Kc2 c5 34. Ne4 c4 35. dxc4 bxc4 36. Nd6 e4 37. Nf7+ Kg8 38. Nxe6+ Kh8 39. Nf7+

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Mike Morris – Daniel Gay
Oregon Championship, Round 9
Portland, February 21, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 a6 3. g3 b5 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. d3 e6 6. Nf3 Ne7 7. 0-0 d5 8. exd5 Nxd5 9. Nxd5 Bxd5 10. Be3 Be7 11. d4 cxd4 12. Nxd4 0-0 13. Bxd5 Qxd5 14. Qf3 Qxf3 15. Nxf3 Nc6 16. c3 Rfd8 17. Rfd1 Rab8 18. Bf4 Rbc8 19. Kf1 Bf6 20. Ke2 b4 21. Rxd8+ Nxd8



22. Be5?

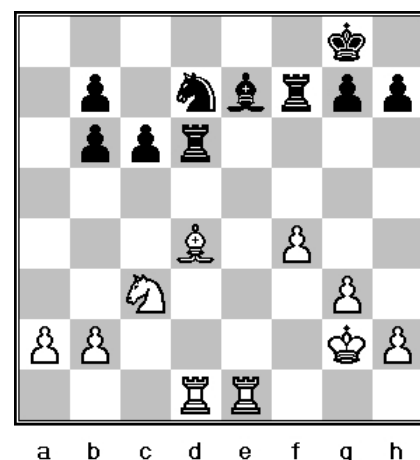
22. Bd2 =.

22. ...Bxe5 23. Nxe5 f6 24. Nf3 bxc3 25. bxc3 Rxc3 26. Rd1 Nc6 27. g4 e5 28. Rd6 a5 29. Nh4 Nd4+ 30. Kd2 Ra3 31. f4 g5 32. fxg5 fxg5 33. Ng6 hxg6 34. Rxe6+ Kf7

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Radu Roua – Michael Pendergast
Oregon Championship, Round 9
Portland, February 21, 2011

1. d4 e6 2. g3 f5 3. Bg2 Nf6 4. c4 Be7 5. Qb3 c6 6. Nc3 d6 7. e4 Qb6 8. Qxb6 axb6 9. Be3 fxe4 10. Nxe4 Nxe4 11. Bxe4 0-0 12. Ne2 Nd7 13. 0-0 Nf6 14. Bg2 Bd7 15. Nc3 Be8 16. Bh3 Bd7 17. Rad1 Ra5 18. Rfe1 Rh5 19. Kg2 e5 20. Bxd7 Nxd7 21. f4 exd4 22. Bxd4 Rf7 23. Ne4 d5 24. cxd5 Rxd5 25. Nc3 Rd6



26. Ne4

White understandably missed 26. Bxe7! Rxd1 (26. ...Kxe7 27. Rxe7!) 27. Rxd1 Ba3!? 28. Nb1! Kxe7 29. Nxb3 +.

26. ...Rd5 27. Bf2 Rxd1 28. Rxd1 Bf8 29. Ng5 Re7 30. Kf3 h6 31. Ne4 Rf7 32. Bd4 b5 33. b3 Nb8 34. Bc5 Rd7 35. Rxd7 Nxd7 36. Bxf8 Kxf8 37. Nd6 b6 38. Nf5 Kf7 39. Nd4 Nb8 40. a3 g6 41. Ke4 Kf6 42. g4 h5(?)

Allows a breakthrough, but Black is pretty tied up and close to losing anyway.

43. g5+ Ke7 44. f5 gxf5+ 45. Kxf5 b4 46. axb4 c5 47. bxc5 bxc5 48. Ne6 Nd7 49. h4 Kf7 50. Nf4 Nb6 51. Nxe5 c4 52. bxc4 Nxc4 53. g6+ Kg8 54. Ng3 Kg7 55. Kg5 Ne5 56. Nf5+ Kg8 57. h5 Nd7 58. h6

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On April 10, with sixty other people in attendance, Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan visited the Seattle Chess Club. He met old friends, gave a talk, signed books, boards, and sets, participated in a fund-raising auction, and apparently had a good time.

Welcome back, Yaz!

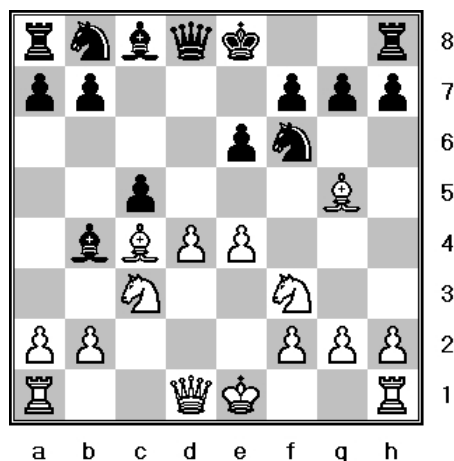
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GM Wells' Queen's Gambit, part four of five.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 dxc4
5. e4 Bb4 6. Bg5 c5 7. Bxc4

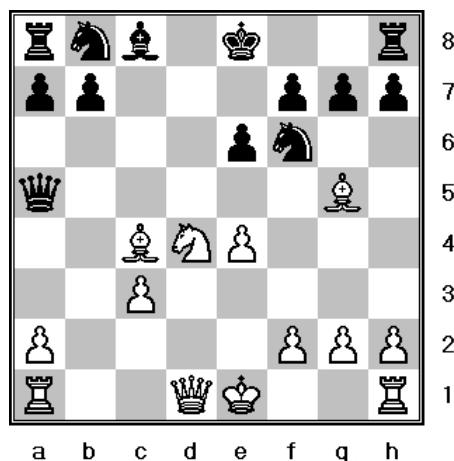


7. Bxc4 has become the main line in the Vienna variation. Offered a choice at move seven between looking for material gain or zooming their development players of the White pieces have found the development to be more successful as well as easier to handle.

A well known materialist such as Karpov has preferred 7. Bxc4, evidence of the feeling about the line. So, why would GMs play this as Black? First of all, tactics don't just run one way. Black will attain some opportunities for tactical operations to offset some disadvantages. Second, Black often ends up with a two versus one majority on the queenside in an endgame. Finally, Black won't be short of space. Though Black is likely to be scrambling the king around it

won't be in a cramped position that is more common in lines of the standard QGD. To sum up: Black is seeking chances to gain a full point via better tactical skill or superior preparation, White's king will likely interfere with the h1-rook becoming active very quickly, and finally if the game advances to an ending Black will have a queenside pawn majority as an asset.

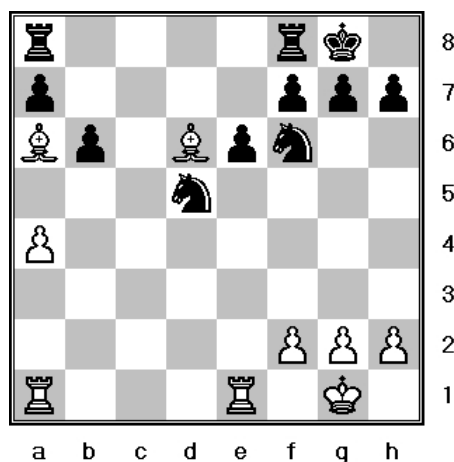
The main position in the line arises from 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. e4 Bb4 6. Bg5 c5 7. Bxc4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 Qa5.



At this point White has three lines: 10. Nb5, 10. Bb5+, and 10. Bxf6.

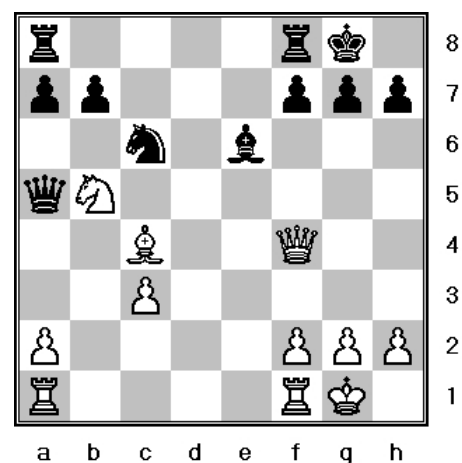
Against Nick Pert in 2003 Wells faced 10. Nb5 and followed the main line:

10. Nb5 Nxe4 11. Bf4 0-0 12. 0-0 Nd7 13. Re1 Ndf6 14. Be7 b6 15. Qd4 Ba6 16. a4 Bxb5 17. Bxb5 Qxc3 18. Qxc3 Nxc3 19. Ba6 Ncd5 20. Bd6



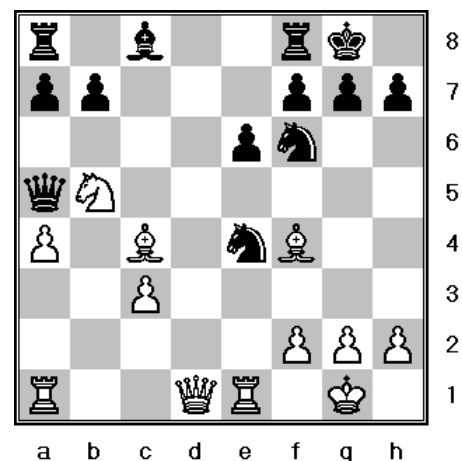
20. ...Rfe8 21. Rac1 Rad8 22. Ba3 e5 and the two bishops were not enough for two extra pawns.

At London 2007 the Dutch GM L'Ami played this line up to 12. 0-0 when Wells played 12. ...Nc6 threatening to capture on c3 (Qd2 won't pin a Nc3 to the Qa5 now that it is defended). The Dutchman played 13. Qf3 e5 14. Qxe4 exf4 15. Qxf4 Be6



when the play was equal.

At move 14 in the main line the move that Karpov played (instead of 14. Be7) was 14. a4 to limit the Qa5 movements as well as stopping a6/b5.

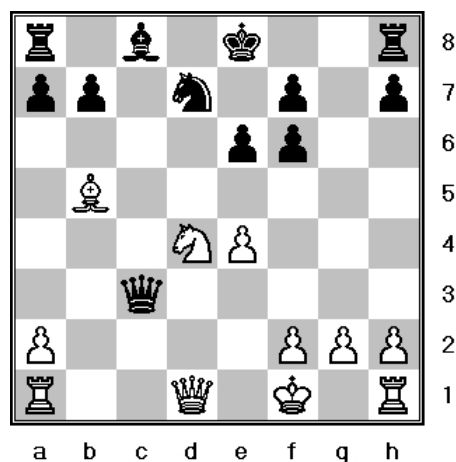


This is the critical test and the only ideas off hand are to aim for a tactical operation with 14. ...e5 15. Bxe5 a6 as suggested by GM Lalic.

10. Bb5+ can be a devastating idea if Black isn't aware of the danger. In short,

White wants to play a combination based on Rc1/Bxf6/Nxe6/Rxc8+ when a defender on d7 will be overwhelmed. Wells faced this against Rogozenko in Germany during 1996.

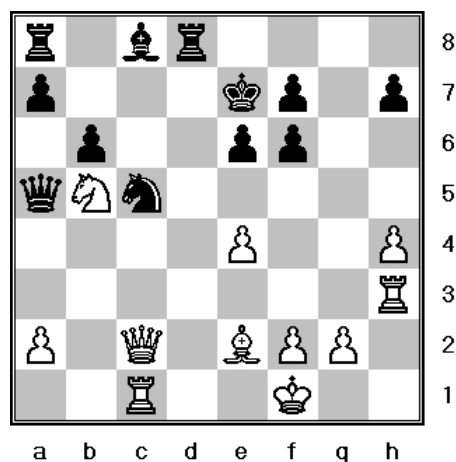
After 10. Bb5+ Nbd7 11. Bxf6 Qxc3+ 12. Kf1 gxf6



Rogozenko played 13. h4 to activate the Rh1.

Note that the combo doesn't work here as b5 is loose; 13. Rc1 Qa5 14. Nxe6 Qxb5+.

After 13. ...Qa5 14. Rc1 Ke7 15. Be2 Rf8 16. Qc2 Nc5 17. Nb5 b6 18. Rh3



18. ...Rd2 19. Qb1 Qxa2 20. Ra3 Qxb1 21. Rxb1 Ba6 22. Ke1 Rad8 Black had gotten everyone out and was on the way to victory.

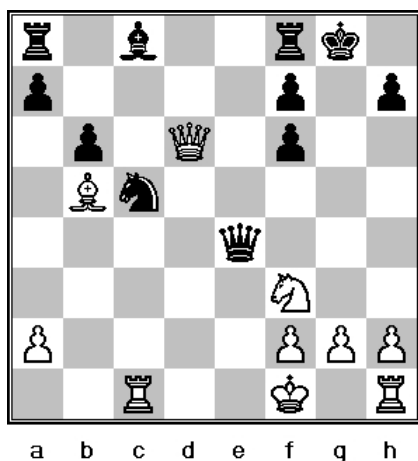
At Halifax 2003 Gormally found a shot after 10. Bb5+ Nbd7 11. Bxf6 Qxc3+ 12. Kf1 gxf6

(see diagram at the top of this column)

13. Nxe6

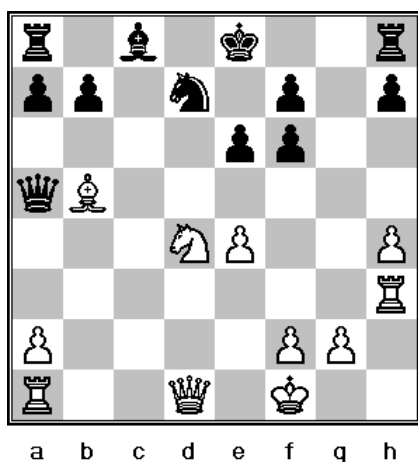
With the idea Rc1xc8.

13. ...Qe5 14. Nd4 0-0 15. Rb1 Nc5 16. Nf3 Qxe4 17. Rc1 b6 18. Qd6

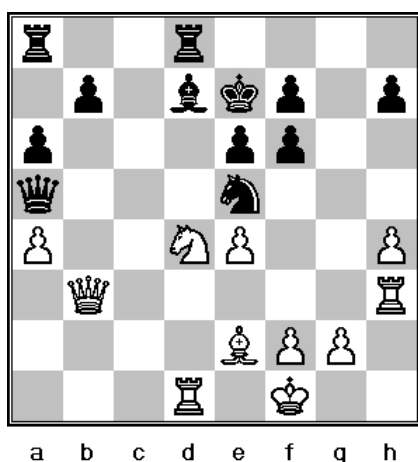


18. ...Be6 19. Re1 Qb4 20. Be2 Rfd8 and Black was doing ok.

One more approach after 10. Bb5+ Nbd7 11. Bxf6 Qxc3+ 12. Kf1 gxf6 13. h4 Qa5 was 14. Rh3 played by Maksimenko against Wells in 2001.



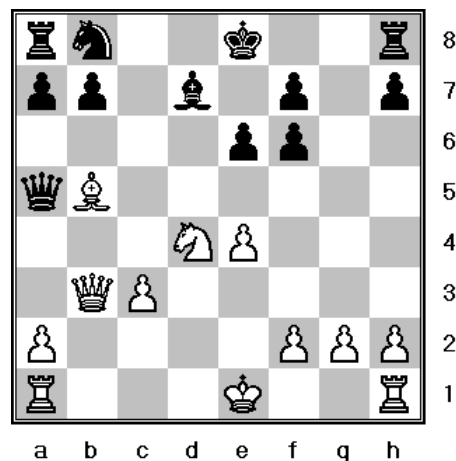
14. ...a6 15. Be2 Ne5 16. Qb3 Ke7 17. Rd1 Rd8 18. a4 Bd7



With Black's pieces out he should be ok.

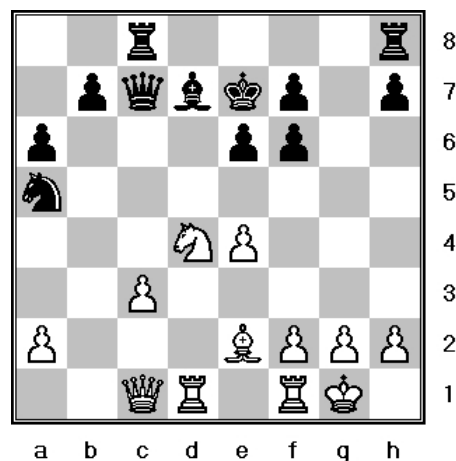
In a 1998 game versus GM San Segundo a transposition found Wells interposing his bishop on d7; Wells played 8. ...Qa5 (instead of 8. ...Bxc3+) meeting 9. Bb5+ Bd7 10.

Bxf6 Bxc3+ 11. bxc3 gxf6 12. Qb3



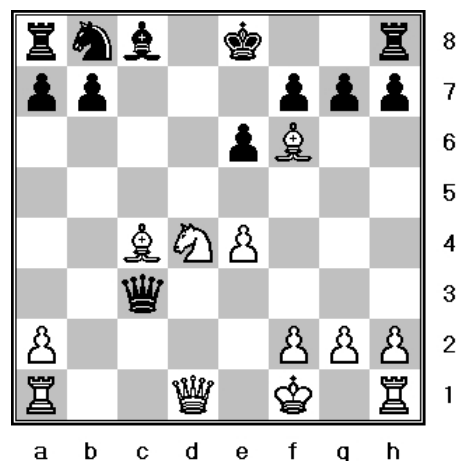
White is aiming at the weak d6 and b7 squares. Wells calls the bluff.

12. ...a6 13. Be2 Nc6 14. 0-0 Qc7 15. Rad1 Rc8 16. Qa3 Na5 17. Qc1 Ke7.



Black has a pretty reasonable Sicilian type position with play down the c-file to compensate for the disfigured kingside.

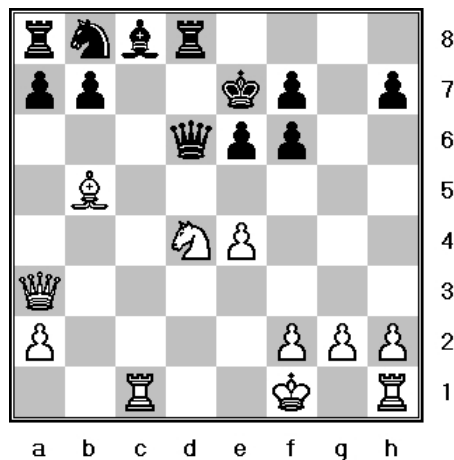
By a large margin the move 10. Bxf6 has been played. To be clear after 10. ...Qxc3+ 11. Kf1



Black should avoid 11. ...Qxc4+ because

a later Rc1 will be unpleasant and White's black square bishop will be a monster. So the line progresses **11. ...gxf6**.

One of Wells' earliest games in the Vienna vs. GM Arkell at London 1991 arrived here and Arkell played the sub-line **12. Bb5+ Ke7 13. Rc1 Qa5 14. Qc2 Qb6 15. Qc3 Rd8 16. Qa3+ Qd6**



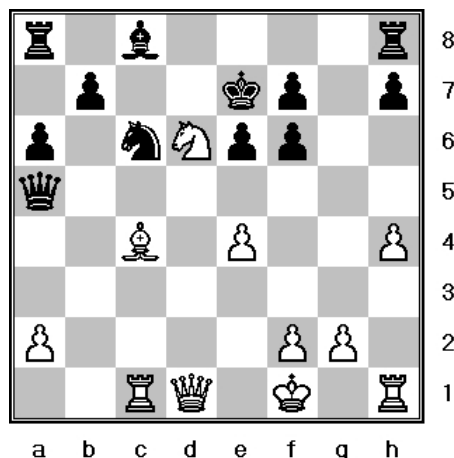
17. Rc7+ Bd7 18. Qxd6+ Kxd6 19. Rxb7 Bxb5+ 20. Rxb5 Kc7 21. Rc5+ Kb6 22. Rc4 e5

White's unfortunate situation on the back rank was the critical factor; Wells won an endgame on move 46. This is an excellent example of Black's chances as the exchange

of queens and white square bishops only revealed the problems White would have with the Kf1/Rh1 tandem.

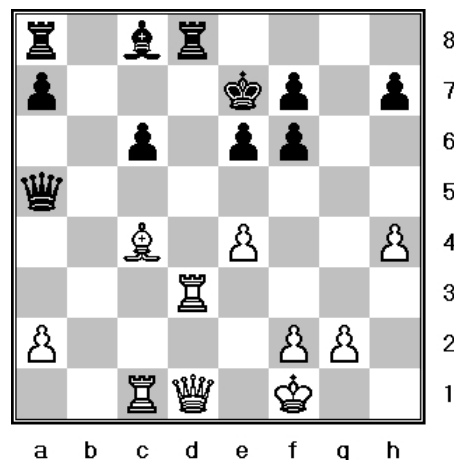
12. Bb5+ is a sideline because Black seems to want to play **Ke7** anyway, consequently the bishop move is kind of a waste of time. The main line now is **12. Rc1 Qa5** when White can transpose back with **13. Bb5+**, but has **13. Nb5** and **13. h4** as alternatives.

I have not found any examples of Wells seeing **13. Nb5**, so I will just offer a line; **13. ...a6 14. Nd6+ Ke7 15. h4 Nc6**



16. Rh3 Rd8 17. Rd3 Qe5; Black seems fine in Hebert – Kosyrev, Montreal 2001.

13. h4 has been played against Wells by GM Gormally at London 1997. **13. ...Ke7 14. Rh3 Rd8 15. Rd3 Nc6 16. Nxc6+ bxc6**



17. e5 fxe5 18. Rxd8 Qxd8 19. Qf3 Qd6 20. Qe3 Rb8 21. Qg5+ Kf8 22. Qh6+ Ke8 23. Qxh7 Rb2 24. Qg8+ Ke7 25. Qg5+ Kf8 26. Be2 Qd2 draw.

The idea of playing **h4/Rh3** would seem to be strongly indicated for White, yet the time involved can be used by Black to negate White's activity.

This is not a exhaustive or conclusive look at the **7. Bc4** line of the Vienna. There is no denying that to play this with Black you need preparation as well as good nerves.

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Big things are a'comin'. The Clark Harmon Memorial Tournament (3x) will be in the past by the time you read this, and many of the leaders below may have been replaced by the publication date. But never fear, more opportunities to pick up big GP points lie ahead. The two largest events on the horizon are the Washington Open (5x) in Renton on Memorial Day weekend, and the Portland Chess Club Centennial Tournament (6x) August 12-14 at the Lloyd Center Doubletree in Portland. These are can't miss tournaments for the aspiring Grand Prix competitor. There will be additional multiplier events in the future, but these two will be the biggest ones of the year.

The ratings used below are the official May ratings. Remember, your rating for the Grand Prix is your *peak* rating of the year. Even if you are only in that class for one month, as was my sojourn in class B last year, that rating will define your class for the year in the Grand Prix. As an example, Steven Buck started out the year in class A, so, even though he has been in class B since February, he will remain in class A for Grand Prix purposes throughout 2011. It doesn't look like it is hurting his ability to lead his class, not a bit.

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EF \$55 / \$65 / \$75

Free entry to GM's, IM's, WGM's.

\$30 entry option for juniors under age 21 playing for medal only. Three medals awarded per section. Canadian dollars accepted at par (no coins).

\$7,500 Prizes Guaranteed by the Washington Chess Federation!

| Open | Premier | Reserve | Booster |
|-------|---------|---------|----------|
| \$900 | \$350 | \$300 | \$250 |
| \$550 | \$300 | \$250 | \$150 |
| \$350 | \$250 | \$200 | \$130 |
| \$250 | \$200 | \$175 | \$100 |
| \$200 | \$150 | \$100 | \$70 |
| U2150 | U1850 | U1550 | U1100 |
| \$350 | \$200 | \$150 | \$120 |
| \$250 | \$150 | \$125 | \$80 |
| \$150 | \$100 | \$100 | \$120(*) |
| \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$80(*) |

(*) Prizes for unrated players.

All prizes will be mailed starting 6/1/2011.

Entries/Information:

Dan Mathews

WCF Tournament Coordinator
2700 NW Pine Cone Dr Apt 402
Issaquah, WA 98027
Cell Phone (425) 218-7529
dthmathews@aol.com

Make checks payable to Washington
Chess Federation (WCF).
Online registration available at
www.nwchess.com.

Holiday Inn Seattle at Renton

One South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057

Reservations/hotel phone number (425) 226-7700

Registration/Byes: Saturday 8:00-9:30AM for 3-day, or 3:30-4:15PM if entering with one half-point bye. Sunday 8:00-9:00AM for 2-day, and entering 3-day event with two half-point byes. Two half-point byes available, which must be requested at registration or before the end of 2nd round.

Format/Ratings: Four sections (see bar at left), six round Swiss system, USCF rated. The Open Section is also FIDE rated. USCF May supplement ratings will be used. Unrated players may play in any section, but can only win the top five prizes in the open section and the two unrated prizes in booster section. We will use the higher of your USCF or foreign rating at the TD discretion.

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 30/90, SD/1. 2-day schedule: Rounds 1-3: Game/60. Rds 1-3 for two-day schedule not FIDE rated for G/60 for the open section. (Rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule.) Both schedules: Digital Clocks preferred. 5-second time delay used from start of game.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Saturday: 10:00AM, 5:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM, 5:30PM, Monday: 9:00AM, 3:00PM. 2-day schedule: Sunday 9:30AM, 12:00PM, 2:30PM, then join 3-day schedule for rest of tourney. WCF annual meeting and elections: 4:00-5:00PM Sunday, May 29, 2011.

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

Miscellaneous: 2011 ChessLecture.com Grand Prix event (40 pts). Chess Magnet School JGP. Robert Karch Memorial NW Grand Prix event. Please bring set, board and clock. Please use entry form (when available) for a list of all discounts and fees, and to indicate schedule, section, side events and byes requested.

Entries/Prizes/Info: See bar at left. Online entry/forms available on NWC website.

Hotels Info/Rates: \$84.00 Single, Double, Triple and Quads rooms. Mention 2011 WA Open. Reservation link will be available on the Northwest Chess website (www.nwchess.com). The cut-off date for reservations at the discount is May 20, 2011.

Side Events:

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

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



Washington Open Side Events May 28-30, 2011

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May 28 WA Open Scholastic. See NWC website, or contact David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Director, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074, ph. (425) 868-3881 email: DavidCHendricks@comcast.net.

May 29 WA Open Novice Championship. Format: one section 4 round Swiss, open to U1200 or Unrated. TC: G/45. EF: \$12.00 (until May 21th), \$16.00 at site. REG: 8:00-9:00am. Rds: 9:45am, 11:30am, 1:15pm, 3:00pm. Prizes: Trophies 1st, 2nd overall and 1st U1100, U1000, U900, U800, Unrated. WCF/OCF membership required.

May 30 WA Open Game/10 Championship. Format: 5 rounds Swiss in one section. TC: G/10 + 5 second delay. Entry Fee: \$20.00. Prize fund: \$170 based on 10 entries. Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$35 in Top Half; 1st \$50, 2nd \$35 in Bottom Half. Register before 11:00am Monday. Rounds at 11:30am, 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 1:00pm and 1:30pm.

May 30 WA Open Blitz Championship. Format: 5 rounds Double Swiss in one section. Two games, one with white and one with black. EF: \$25.00 pre-registered or at site. TC: G/5. Reg: 5:00pm-6:00pm. Rds: 6:10pm, 6:35pm, 7:00pm, 7:25pm and 7:50pm. Prize fund \$400 (b/20). 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, U1800 \$40, U1600 \$40, U1400 \$40, U1200 and Unrated \$40.

Northwest Chess Subscription, State Chess Federation Membership Form

Adult: \$25/year (12 issues) via periodicals mail each month.

One-year membership in the Oregon or Washington Chess Federation included for residents of OR and WA.

Junior: \$17/year (12 issues) or **Scholastic:** \$10/6 months (6 issues, convertible to regular junior membership by paying \$7 before expiration). Must be under age 20 at time of expiration. OR/WA residents only; state membership included.

Family: \$5/year (**not a subscription — membership only**). Open only to a co-resident of an Adult or Junior member. Expires at the same time. *If first member is a junior (\$17/year), additional family member(s) must also be juniors.*

Additional postage required for foreign addresses (contact Business Manager for amount). Inquire about special rates for libraries and school chess clubs.

For general information, Eric Holcomb (541) 647-1021, e-mail: Eric@Holcomb.com

OCF/WCF Membership Application/Renewal Form

Name _____ If Junior, give date of birth _____

E-Mail (used for renewal notices and tournament announcements) _____

Phone Number (optional, not used for telemarketing) (_____) _____ Country (if not USA) _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership Type(s) _____ Total Membership Amount \$ _____

WA residents only: sales tax based on location where magazine will be received.

Tax jurisdiction: _____ Sales tax rate: _____% Tax on membership amount: \$ _____

A tax rate table is available on the Northwest Chess website. WA Memberships received without the correct tax will be valid for 11 months instead of 12 (5 months for scholastic option).

Total: \$ _____

Make check or money order (USA \$ only)
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SCC Tnmt Dir
2420 S 137 St
Seattle WA 98168

SCC Fridays

Typical Friday fare is one round of an on-going tournament (free to SCC members, no prizes) played at a rate of 40/90, 30/60.

Close Ratings: May 6, 13, 20.
It's Summertime: June 3, 10, 17, 24.
Firecracker Swiss (G/13): July 1.
Hot-as-Hades: July 8, 15, 22, 29.
Dog Days Swiss: August 5, 12, 19, 26.
Workingman's Qds (G/24): Sept. 2.
Autumn Leaves: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30.

How to Find the SCC

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

Attendance at 2011's events

Novice (1/8)-2, (4/16)--3; Quads (1/22)-17, (2/5)-19, (3/19)--32, (4/16)--22; Tornados (1/2)-16, (1/30)-19, (2/27)--26, (3/27)--24, (4/17)--22; City Championship (1/14-16)--33; Spring Open (4/1-3)--56, Yaz Lecture/Booksigning (4/10)--60.

May 6

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

May 8, June 5

Sunday Tornado

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

May 14, June 18

Saturday Quads

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

May 18; June 1, 15

1st & 3rd Wed. Quick Quads

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

Entry Fees & Day Fees to Rise June 1

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

Emerald City Open

June 24-26

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule - G/64). The prize fund of \$800 is based on forty-two entries.

a Karsh Memorial Grand Prix event

| Open | | Reserve (U1700) | |
|--------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| First | \$200 | First | \$140 |
| Second | \$130 | Second | \$90 |
| U1950 | \$95 | U1450 | \$65 |
| | | Unr | \$20 |

Upset (rds 1-4) \$15

Entry Fees: \$33 if rec'd by 6/22, \$42 at site. **SCC members**—subtract \$9. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, OR, and WA—subtract \$4. **Unr**—free with purchase of 1-year USCF and WCF. **Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.**

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m., Sat. 9-9:45 a.m.

Rounds: Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

Byes: 2 (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

Miscellaneous: USCF & WCF membership req'd. No smoking. No computers.

Future Events

♂ indicates a NW Grand Prix event ♂

May 7

Tornado #1

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

♂ **May 14-15**

Inland Empire Open ♂

Site: Center Pointe, 1408 N. Washington Street, Spokane, WA. Registration: Sat. 8:30am-9:30am Rounds: Sat. 10:00-2:30-7:00 Sun: 9:00-1:30 or ASAP. Time Control: G/120. E.F \$26 if received by 5/13, \$31 at the door; 18 and under \$5 less. Telephone entries accepted. USCF rated and a NWGP event. \$700 prize fund based on 30 entries Class prizes based on at least five per section. Only one prize per person (Excluding biggest upset.) (Both players must have established ratings) NS, NC, W. One ½ point bye if requested before proceeding round; Sunday byes must be requested before the end of round 3. Director reserves the right to use class pairings in the final round. Cookies and coffee provided. Prizes: 1st: \$165, 2nd: \$125. Class Prizes: 1st (A; B; C; D/E/unrated) \$60, 2nd (A; B; C; D/E/unrated) \$30, Biggest Upset: \$50 (non-provisional ratings). Entries: Spokane CC, c/o David B. Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. Info call (509) 928-3260 or cell (509) 994-9739.

May 20-23

36th Annual Paul Keres Memorial

River Rock Casino Resort, Richmond, B.C., Canada. See display advertising on page 26.

♂ **May 21**

Portland Chess Club G/60 ♂

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

♂ **May 28-30**

Washington Open ♂

Holiday Inn Seattle, Renton, WA. See display advertisement on pages 29-30.

June 4

Washington Senior Adult Championship

Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave., Room 11, across the street from Alfred's Café & 2 blocks down the hill from the Tacoma Dome. Format: 4 round swiss (for those over age 50). TC: G/60. Reg: 9:00-9:45 AM, Rds: Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 OR ASAP. EF: \$25, Prizes: (B/12) 1st \$60+Plaque, 2nd \$50, 1st U2000, U1700, U1400 \$40. Winner seeded into WA Championship Invitational section. 1 HPB available. NS NW NC. USCF & NW (WCF) memb req. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner 8423 E. B St. Tacoma Wash. 98445. Ggarychess@aol.com (253)535-2536. Make checks payable to Gary Dorfner.

June 9-12

National Open

Las Vegas, Nevada. International Chess Festival. See display advertisement on page 10.

June 18-19

Newport June Open

Presented by the Central Coast Chess Club. Site: Central Lincoln P.U.D. Newport, Oregon. 219 N. Coast Highway (south of Walmart) Format: 4-SS. Time Control: 40/90; SD 30. Entry fee: \$35. If received by June 17. \$40. The day of the Tournament. PRIZE FUND: \$1000.00 based on 35 entries. The prize fund will be prorated to the actual number of entries. PRIZES: 1st Place-\$150.; 2nd Place-\$90.; Under 2000- 1st Place-\$90.; 2nd Place-\$60.; Under 1800- 1st Place-\$90; 2nd Place-\$60; Under 1600- 1st Place-\$90.; 2nd Place-\$60.; Under 1400- 1st Place-\$90.; 2nd Place-\$60.; Under 1200- 1st Place-\$60; Under 1000- 1st Place-\$60; Unrated- \$40. Registration: Sat. June 18, 9:15-9:45AM. Rounds: Sat. 10:00AM; 2:30PM; 7:00PM, Sun. 9:30AM; 2:00PM. No Computers. No Smoking. Info: Tournament Director- Bill Barrese; Phone (541)563-7033; Advanced E-Mail registration: blbrs2020@yahoo.com.

♂ **July 3-4**


Evergreen Empire Open ♂

Site: Tacoma Chess Club 409 Puyallup Ave. Room 11, across the street from Alfred's Café & 2 blocks down the hill from the Tacoma Dome. Format: 5 Rd Swiss. Play to improve your USCF rating & to gain N.W. Grand Prix Points. Rds: Sat. 10:00am (G/60), 1:00pm (G/90), 4:00pm (G/120), Sun. 10:00am, 2:00pm or A.S.A.P. (G/120). Entry Fee: Play any 3 rounds for \$8.00, any 4 rounds for \$10.00, all 5 rounds for \$12.00. Registration: 9:00-9:45 am. NS, NC, NW USCF & WCF/OCF memberships required. Entries/info: Gary J. Dorfner 8423 E. B St. Tacoma Wa. 98445 or Call (253)535-2536 or (253)306-7137 (club) e-mail ggarychess@aol.com

♂ **August 12-14**

Portland Chess Club Centennial Open ♂


Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR. See display advertisement on page 27.



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