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# Washington Events

## by Gary Dorfner

### Washington Open

There were 170 players in all: 42 in the Open, 42 in the Premier, 41 in the Reserve and 45 in the Booster. The winners were:

**Open** 1st, Georgi Orlov, \$900.00; 2nd–4th, Slava Mikhailuk, Josh Sinanan, and Steve Breckenridge, \$383.33 each; 5th, Nick Raptis, Ignacio Perez, Viktors Pupols, Harley Greninger, Mike Pendergast, and David Golub, \$33.33 each; 1st U2150, Mike Omori, \$350.00; 2nd–4th U2150, Paul Bartron, Yevgeniy Rozenfeld, and Jason Cao, \$166.67 each. Megan Lee, Samir Sen, and Alexandra Botez each won a medal.

**Premier** 1st–2nd, Peter Watts and Dan He, \$325.00 each; 3rd–4th/1st U1850, David Bannon, James Nelson, and Niccolo Gelb, \$216.67 each; 5th, Sam He and Dan Phillips, \$75.00 each; 2nd–4th U1850, Bruce Swiney, Noah Fields, and David Wen, \$116.67 each. Marcell Szabo, Kyle Haining, and Jill Ding each won a medal.

**Reserve** 1st, Nathaniel Yee, \$300.00; 2nd–4th/1st U1550, Anthony Lamb, Chris Baldwin, Joe Davis, and Jeff Omori, \$193.75 each; 5th, Dan Kramlich, Paul Buchignani, and Darby Monahan, \$33.33 each; 2nd–3rd U1550, Evangeline Chang and Diallo Wilson, \$112.50 each; 4th U1550, Fred Davis, August Piper, Derek Zhang, Dillon Murray, Carl Dutton, and Jason Yang, \$16.67 each. Medals went to James Soetedjo, Kevin Ma and Noah Yeo.

**Booster** 1st, the only player in the tournament with a perfect 6-0 score, Ankush Puri, \$250.00; 2nd with 5 points, Jiangyu Li, \$150.00; 3rd–5th/1st–2nd U1100, Nicholas Teoh, Emanuel Chang, Trey Michaels, Max Dixon, and Jan Buzek, \$100.00 each; 1st–2nd Unrated, Kirill Filimonov, Stone Kaech, \$100.00 each. Joey Yeo, Terry Li & Pratik Padhi won medals.

TD's Fred Kleist and Gary Dorfner.

### Side Events

In the Game/Ten: (Top Half) 1st, Nicholas Paleveda, \$50.00; 2nd, Mike Murray, \$35.00; (Bottom Half) 1st, James You, \$50.00; 2nd, Alan Walk and Tianlu Peng, \$17.50 each. TD Gary Dorfner. There were 11 players.

Blitz: 1st, Peter Watts, \$65.00; 2nd, Nicholas Paleveda, \$52.00; 3rd, Sloan Sedtiadukurnia, \$39.00; 1st U1800/1st U1600, Dillon Murray and Sangeeta Dhingra, \$26.00 each; 1st U1400/1st U1200/Unrated, Amith Vanmane, Pranav Sharan, Joey Yeo, and Noah Yeo, \$13.00 each. TD Dan Mathews. 13 players showed up for this event.

In the Scholastic section only 32 kids participated, 17 in the K–3 section and 15 in the 4–6 Section. The winners in the K-3 section: 1st, Sam Ariyevich, 4.5; 2nd, Maria Naess, 4.0; 3rd, Marc Huang, 3.5; 4th, Karen Haining; 5th, Khushal Dhingra.

In the 4-6 Section: 1st, Kyle Haining, 5.0; 2nd, Pratik Padhi, 4.0; 3rd, Kirill Filimonov, 3.5; 4th, Sean Miller, 3.0.

They each won trophies. There were also medals awarded for various prizes.

TD David Hendricks.

Team awards:

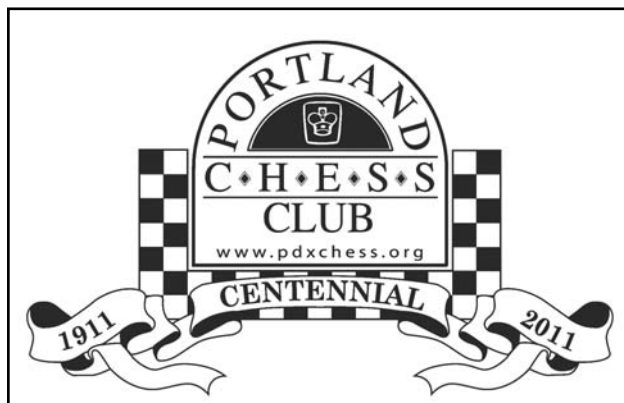
- 1st Ridgecrest Elementary, 8.5
- 2nd Spiritridge Elementary, 6.0
- 3rd Redmond Elementary, 6.0
- 4th Sage Point Elementary, 5.0
- 5th Jewish Day School Of Seattle, 5.0

### Washington Senior Adult Championship

The Wash. Sr. Adult Championship was held at the Tacoma Chess Club on June 4. Seven players age 50+ showed up for this event. TD Gary Dorfner played as a house man so that there would be an even number. The winners were: 1st Paul Bartron and Pat Hessen who was also 1st U2000 \$30.00 each, 1st U1700 Ernst Rasmussen \$20.00, 1st U1400 LeBron Sims \$20.00. Last year's Champion Mark Smith had to bow out because of a bad cold.

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# 2011 Keres Memorial

by Georgi Orlov

This tournament has been held every year since 1976, in the memory of Estonian Grandmaster Paul Keres, who passed away after returning from winning a tournament in Vancouver in 1975.

I have participated in this tournament every year since 1995. I like Vancouver and have a couple of friends there, so this is my personal chess tradition that I fully intend to continue.

At the end of 1990s the event regularly attracted some titled players, with Canadian GMs Kevin Spraggett and Alex Lesiege participating 1998 (Spraggett took first) and GM Vladimir Epishin from Russia took first in 2000 (Svetozar Gligoric and Boris Ivkov from Yugoslavia also participated).

In the recent years attendance has been lower and I think undeservedly so since local organizers run a smooth and well-organized event. I am told next year the tournament may be shortened to three days, which would make participation for Washington players more attractive.

This year the tournament was held at River Rock Casino in Richmond, one of the Vancouver's suburbs. The event had a spacious playing site with a view of the water and big skittles room for a post-game analysis. The games were very competitive, with hardly any short draws.

I was the highest-rated player in the event and tied for first/second with Maxim Doroshenko, from Moldova. I started off with a draw against Andrey Kostin, a young 2100-level player. In the opening I sacrificed a piece and had a great position, but misplayed my hand and was lucky to draw in the end. Rounds two and three brought two wins, but in round four I stumbled again, drawing a promising position against 2300 player. Going into round five I was ½ point behind Bindi Cheng, rated 2500. In the past I played a few games against Bindi, and if memory serves, I lost the last game to him 2-3 years ago in a mad time scramble. This time I opted for 1. e4 instead of my usual 1. d4 or 1. Nf3 since I wanted to have a quick sharp game instead of a drawn-out long maneuvering game. The choice proved to be fortunate and I won a nice attacking game. In the following round I drew another

2300 player, Maxim Doroshenko, a recent arrival from Moldova. I had an edge in the opening, but missed my chance and had to fight for a draw in the end.

In the last round several players had 4.5 out of 6 and I was paired against IM Leon Pisetski. Leon is currently rated 2415, but he is an experienced IM who represented Canada in many Olympiads and winning with Black is always a challenge in such cases. It was interesting game that was decided in the time pressure. Leon was the last to make a mistake and I won the game. Doroshenko won his game as well, while Bindi Cheng drew his opponent after a five-hour game, leaving two of us with 5.5 out of 7 and first and second place tie.

I would like to thank British Columbia Chess Federation, Roger Patterson, Brian Raymer, Paul Leblanc and Stephen Wright for their efforts in organizing this event.

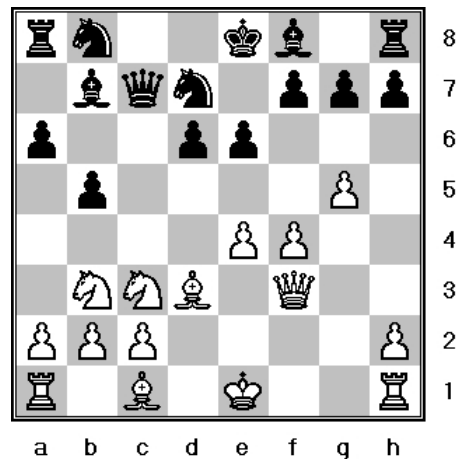
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**Georgi Orlov – Bindi Cheng  
Keres Memorial, Round 5  
Richmond, B.C., May 2011**

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f4 e6 7. Qf3**

I looked at some old games of M. Tal and thought it would be interesting to try something like this.

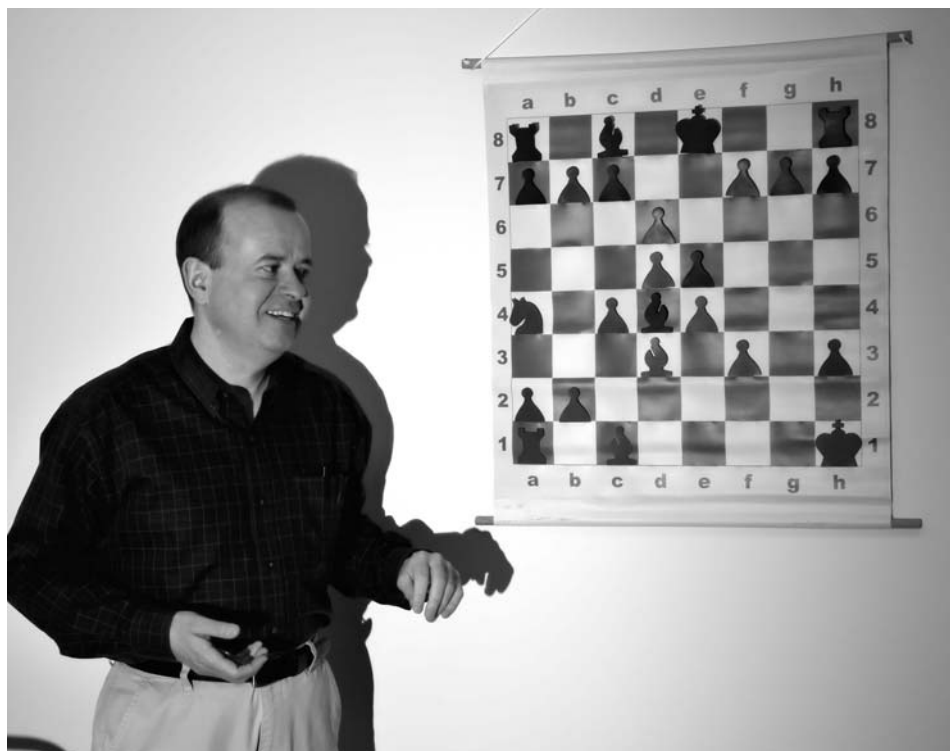
**7. ...Qb6 8. Nb3 Qc7 9. g4 b5 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. g5 Nfd7**



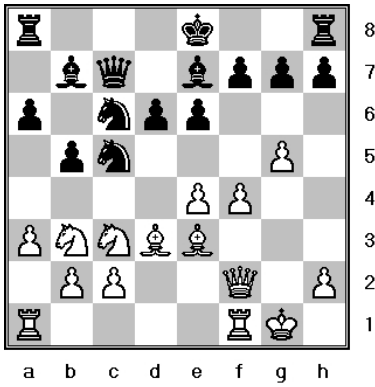
**12. 0-0**

12. Be3 is more flexible and objectively probably a little better move, but I wanted to go "all in."

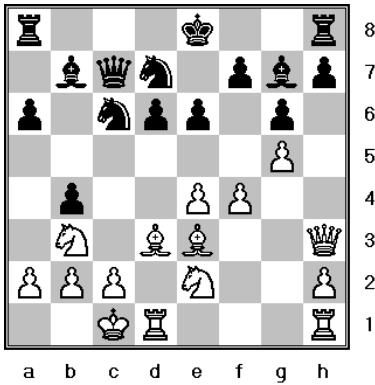
ECO has an odd game between Mestel and Polugaevsky from 1989: 12. ...Nc5 13. a3 Nc6 14. 0-0 Be7 15. Qf2



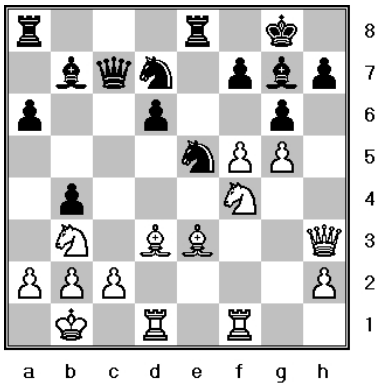
*IM Georgi Orlov. Photo credit: Philip Peterson.*



15. ...Nx b3 16. cxb3 0-0 17. h4 Rfe8 18. b4 Bf8 19. Rad1 g6 20. h5 Bg7 21. Bb1+.  
More likely seems 12. ...Nc6 13. Qh3 b4 14. Ne2 g6 15. 0-0-0 Bg7



16. Rhf1  
(16. Kb1 0-0 17. f5 exf5 18. exf5 Rfe8 19. Rhf1 Nce5 20. Nf4



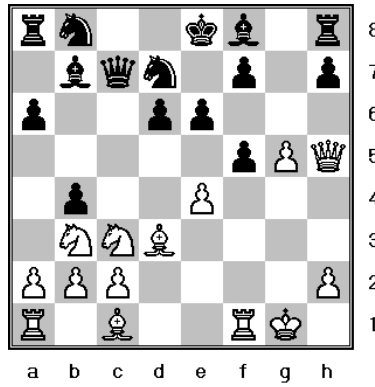
Nijboer – van Wely, Holland, 1993.)  
16. ...0-0-0 17. f5 +=, Ulybin – Magerramov, Uzhgorod, 1988.

**12. ...Be7?!**

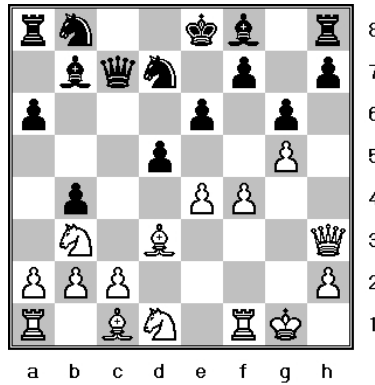
This move looks wrong since castling Kingside seems unlikely and Black should do something else.

12. ...g6! 13. Qh3

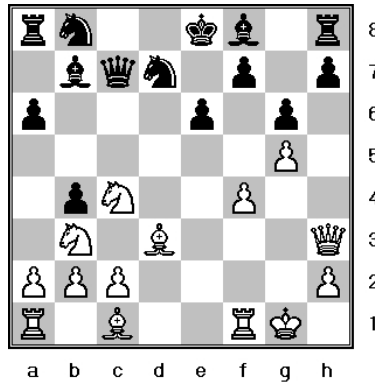
(13. f5!? Perhaps White should play more aggressively: 13. ...gxf5 14. Qh5 b4



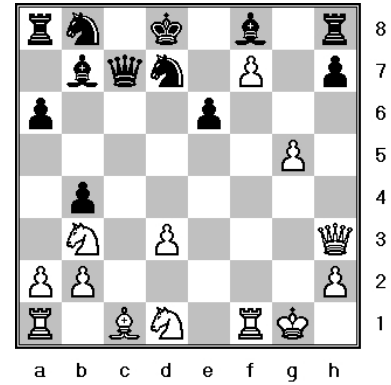
15. exf5 bxc3 16. fxe6 Ne5 17. exf7+ Kd8 18. Nd4 (18. g6 Qc6 19. Qg5+ Kc8 20. Bf5+ Nbd7 21. g7))  
13. ...b4 14. Nd1 d5



15. f5!?  
(15. exd5 Bxd5 16. Ne3 Bb7 17. Nc4=

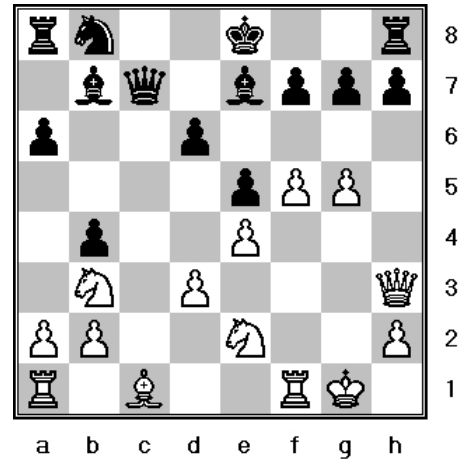


17. ...Bd5 18. Ne3 van der Wiel – Martens, Holland, 1993.)  
15. ...dxe4 16. fxe6 exd3 17. gxf7+ Kd8 18. cxd3



18. ...Qc6! 19. Ne3 Ne5 20. Na5 Qh1+ 21. Kf2 Qf3+ 22. Qxf3 Bxf3 23. Nec4 Nxc4 24. Nxc4 Bh5 25. Kg3 Nd7 26. Be3.

**13. Qh3 Nc5 14. f5 b4 15. Ne2 Nxd3 16. cxd3 e5**



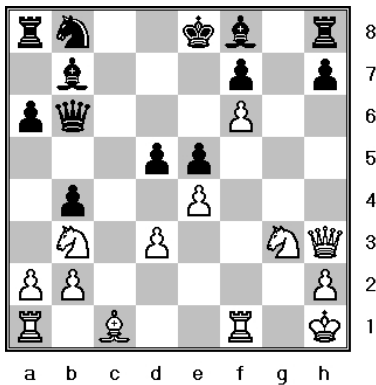
17. f6  
Or 17. g6. I did not see a big attack after 17. ...Nd7 18. gxf7+ Kxf7.  
**17. ...gxf6 18. gxf6 Bf8 19. Ng3 Nd7 19. ...Qb6+ 20. Kh1 d5**

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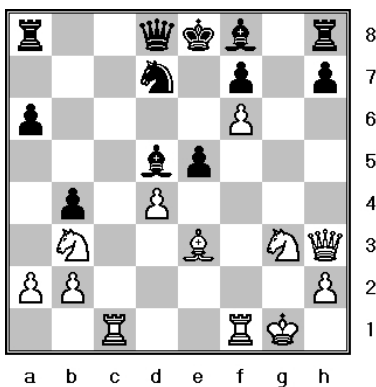
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21. Bh6 dxe4 22. dxe4 Bxh6 23. Qxh6 Nd7.

20. Be3 Qc2?

20. ...d5!? 21. Rac1 Qd8 22. exd5 Bxd5 23. d4!?

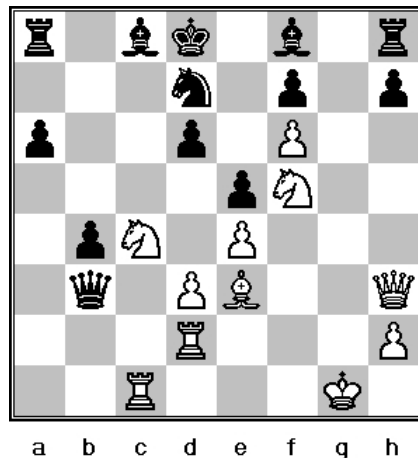


20. ...Qc2 looks too ambitious since White has a huge lead in development. Instead, Black should have counter-attacked with ...d6-d5, attempting to revive the b7-bishop. I would prefer White here, but Black's light bishop is very powerful.

21. Rfd1 Qxb2 22. Na5 Bc8 23. Nc4 Qc2 24. Rac1 Qxa2 25. Nf5 Kd8

25. ...Rg8+ 26.Kh1 a5 27.Ncxd6+; 25. ...a5 26. Rd2 Qb3 27. Ng7+ Kd8 28. Qh5.

26. Rd2 Qb3

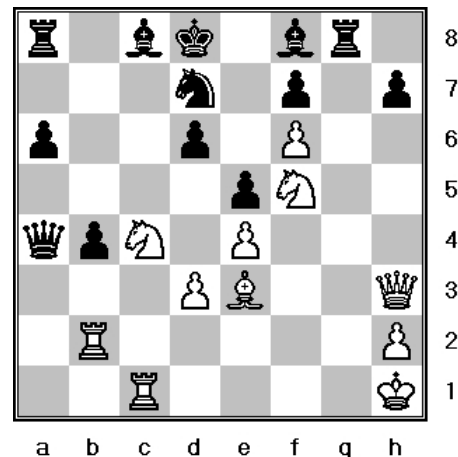


27. Rb2

This drives the Queen away from a2-g8

diagonal so that after Nxd6 the f7-square is unprotected.

27. ...Rg8+ 28. Kh1 Qa4



29. Ncxd6

I also looked at 29. Nb6 Qb5 30. Nxa8 Bb7 31. Nc7 Qxd3 32. Ne6+, but was afraid I was going to miss some odd move.

29. ...Nxf6 30. Nxc8 Ng4

30. ...Rxc8 31. Rxc8+ Kxc8 32. Nd6+ Kd8 33. Qc8+ Ke7 34. Nf5#.

31. Nb6 Qa3 32. Rbc2 Bc5 33. Bxc5 Ke8 34. Nxa8 Kd7 35. Nb6+ Ke6 36. Nh6

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## A Moment in Northwest Chess History by Russell Miller

A search of the *Oregonian* newspaper online found some information about Eugene C. Protzman (25 September 1849 – 20 February 1934). He wrote a chess column in the *Pacific Monthly* magazine. The columns can be found online at [http://www.chessarch.com/excavations/excavations.php?a=1&source=Portland\\_Pacific\\_Monthly](http://www.chessarch.com/excavations/excavations.php?a=1&source=Portland_Pacific_Monthly). *Pacific Monthly* was a magazine of politics, culture, literature, and opinion, published in Portland, Oregon, from 1898 to 1911. The columns found so far run April 1899 to June 1901.

In October 1892 Protzman conducted one side of a living chess game against Professor E. Cook which drew lots of spectators. From the *Oregonian* of 7 October 1892, page six, comes the following information on the living game.

### *Living Chess Game Tonight*

*Elaborate preparations have been made for the living chess game tonight. Splendid thrones have been made for the kings and queens. The white king and queen will wear silver crowns, and gilt crowns will be worn by their majesties of the dark side. The heralds will carry silver trumpets, the bishops staffs, and the knights spears and shields. Should the white side win a white flag with a silver crown in the center will be displayed, and if vice versa a black flag with a gilt crown. The proprieties were made under the direction of Mr. M. F. Bradley, who built the wheat palace. The players will be Messrs. Eugene C. Protzman and Professor Cook. The figures will be represented by the following ladies and gentlemen, the white pawns by a party of handsome girls, and black by gentlemen: White king, Mr. A. E. Jackson; white queen, Miss Ada Romer; white bishops, Mr. Lundell and Mr. Dean; white knights, Mr. Rosen and Mr. Holm; white castles, Mr. Applegren and Mrs. Haglund; white herald, Mr. Ed Boyse; black king, Mr. Laity; black queen, Miss Egypt Brown; black bishops, Mr. Clark and Mr. A. N. Wright; black knights, Mr. E. Lounsbury and Mr. E. Johndson; black castles, Mr. Carl and Mr. H. P. Wilson; black herald, Mr. M. Shawhan.*

Mr. Protzman appears in the paper on 8 August 1915 as one of eight losers to touring master Boris Kostic in a ten-board simultaneous. There were two draws. It appears Protzman also played checkers for the 12 March 1916 paper reports he lost a checker game in a match between Portland and Salem. The 10 Dec 1916 paper reports him as a member of the Chamber of Commerce chess team.

He was a Portland shoe merchant and the Portland Postmaster 1893 to 1897 (one account gave the dates as 1894-1898). He was quite active in the Democratic party. His wife was Kate and daughters Kate and Edna, who became Mrs Charles P. Hessel. He is buried in Riverview Cemetery in Portland. He was a member of the Oregon Road Club which might have something to do with the chess club meeting in their quarters for awhile. One of his shoe retail companies was Protzman-Campbell Shoe Co. and other one was Protzman & DeFrance, a boot and shoe firm. He came to Portland in 1867.

The 22 October 1889 newspaper said he won a checkers game against the Automatic Ajeeb. I could find no more information about this. Also in 1889 he is listed as the treasurer of the Multnomah Chess, Checker and Whist Club.

In his column of 1 April 1899, Mr. Protzman wrote:

*Chess is defined as "an intellectual pastime." This definition doubtless arises from the fact that the eminent men of every age have used the study of its fascinating and subtle combinations as a rest from the cares of genius; for chess, and chess only, has the power of taking complete possession of the mental faculties and diverting them from their accustomed channels. So the philosopher, the soldier, the statesman, and the author have equally been its votaries.*

*On account of its nature chess is commonly considered a difficult game to learn. This is an error--for a half hour is sufficient to enable one to learn the moves and power of the pieces, while within a few weeks both pupil and teacher will find it equally entertaining. If the student is at all apt or ambitious six months of play will be enough to give one a good standing amongst the regular devotees.*

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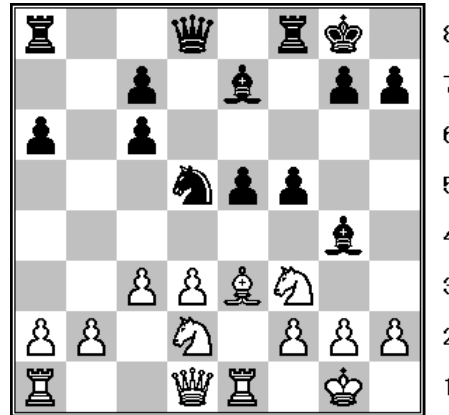
by Ralph Dubisch and Nathaniel Yee



8. d3

He should have played d4 here to gain more space.

8. ...0-0 9. Be3 d5 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Bxc6 bxc6 12. Nbd2 f5

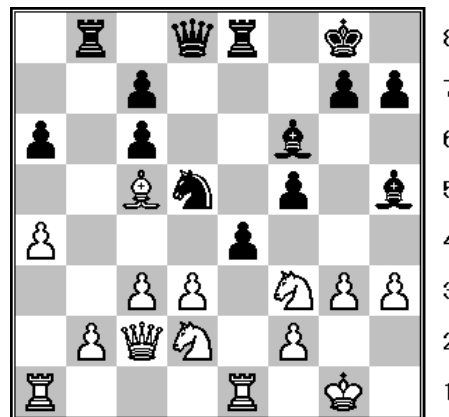


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13. Qc2(?) Bf6(?)

*{Why not 13. ...f4 winning the trapped bishop? 14. Nxe5 doesn't save the piece, because after 14. ...fxe3 the d2-knight (and the f2-pawn+fork) is under attack. So 15. fxe3 and White has a couple of pawns for the piece... but Black is likely winning following a bishop retreat. – RD}*

14. Bc5 Re8 15. h3 Bh5 16. g3 Rb8 17. a4 e4

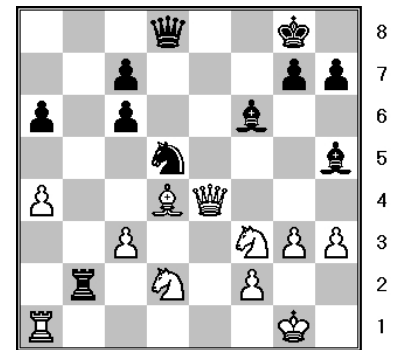


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18. Nd4?

The best thing to do was to take instead with the d3-pawn because of the tactic.

*{Indeed, 18. dxe4 fxe4 19. Rxe4 Rxe4 20. Qxe4 Rxb2 21. Bd4 seems to hold:*

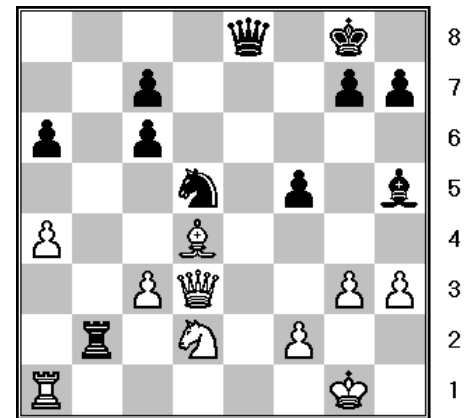


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21. ...Nxc3? 22. Bxc3 Bxc3 23. Qc4+.

*Black can try to make it a gambit with something like 19. ...Bg6!? – RD}*

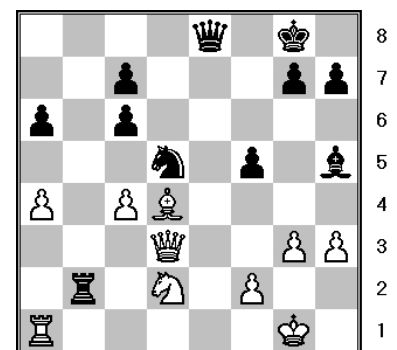
18. ...Bxd4 19. Bxd4 exd3 20. Rxe8+ Qxe8 21. Qxd3 Rxb2



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22. Be3

*{22. c4! with direct attack on the knight and discovered attack on the rook is the obvious way to complicate things.*



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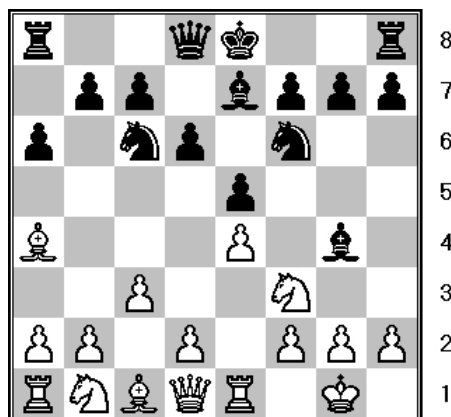
*Then 22. ...Be2! 23. Re1 (forced) 23. ...Nf4! looks like the fun has just begun.*

Last month we incorrectly reported the winner of the grade five trophy at the Washington State Elementary Championships as Nathan Lee. It was in fact Nathaniel Yee of Spiritridge Elementary.

To follow up his success at the State Elementary, in the under-1700 section of the Washington Open Nathaniel took two half-point-byes for rounds three and four, won all of his other games, and finished clear first with 5/6. Nathaniel Yee annotates:

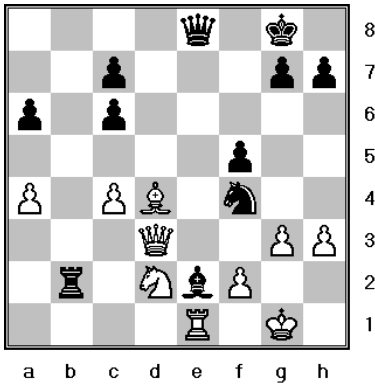
**Darby Monahan – Nathaniel Yee**  
**Washington Open, Round 6**  
**Renton, May 30, 2011**

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 d6 6. Re1 Be7 7. c3 Bg4

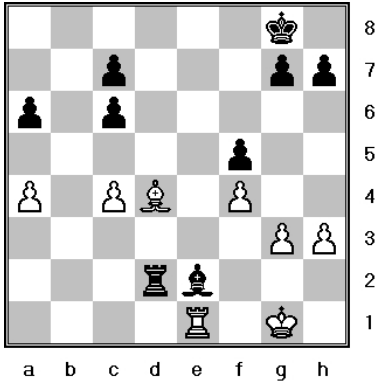


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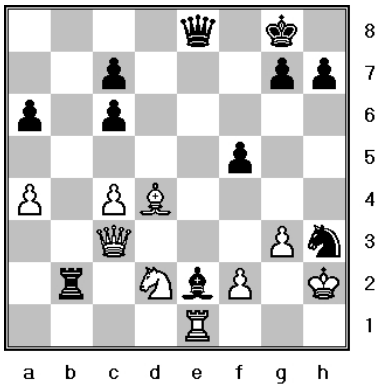


The idea is 24. gxf4 Qg6+ 25. Qg3 Qxg3 26. fxg3 Rxd2.



Black's rook is very active, and all the white pawns are targets.

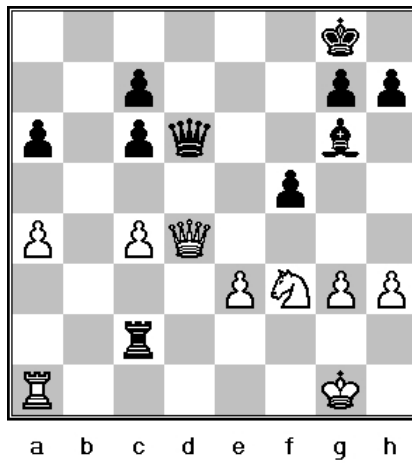
However, White does better from the analysis diagram at the top of this column with 24. Qc3 Nxf3+ 25. Kh2.



Black can force a draw with 25. ...Qh5 26. Qxb2 Nf4+ (27. Kg1 Nh3+ 28. Kg2 Nf4+) or continue the complications with 25. ...Ra2!?, when 26. Kxh3 is a blunder (26. ...Bg4+), but White can threaten to fork the rook with 26. c5, and it seems likely Black will at some point take a perpetual check draw (26. ...Nf4).

Alternately 22. c4! Nb4?! 23. Qc3 Ra2 24. Qxb4 c5!, but 25. Qa5! seems to leave White a piece ahead. – RD}

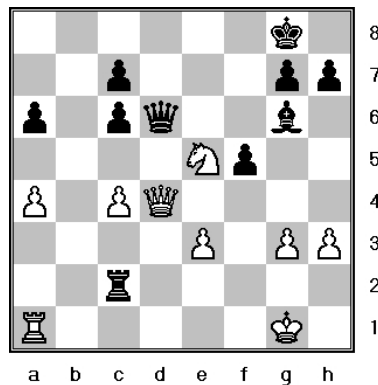
22. ...Bg6 23. Qd4 Rc2 24. c4 Nxe3 25. fxe3 Qe7 26. Nf3 Qd6



27. Qxd6

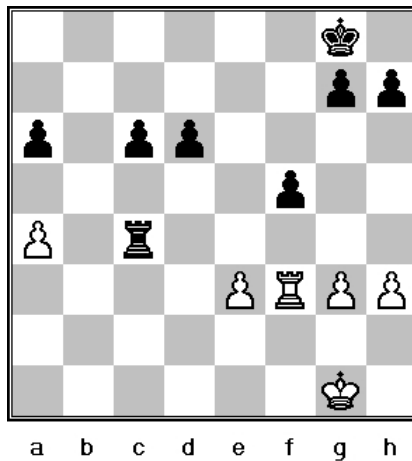
White should not trade queens. Better to play something like Qh4.

{White's best chance is 27. Ne5! with real drawing chances.



Black retains an edge, but queen exchanges on d4 improve White's pawn structure and the knight is hard to assail on the e5-outpost. – RD}

27. ...cxd6 28. Rd1 Bh5 29. Rf1 Bxf3 30. Rxf3 Rxc4



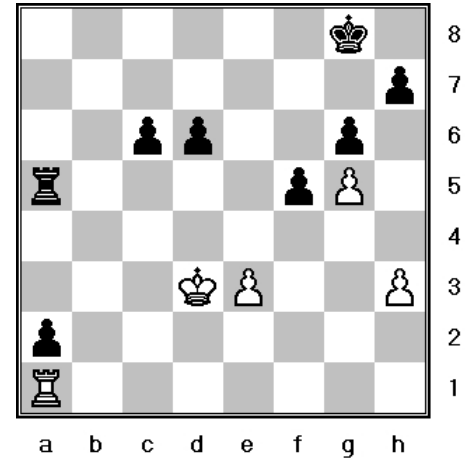
31. Kf2

He should have tried for a draw by taking the f5 pawn instead.

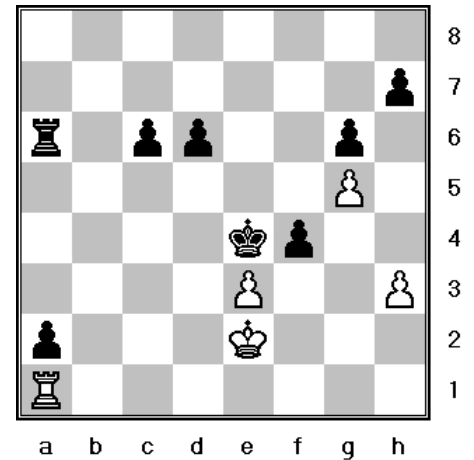
{Not much hope there, either – too many

passed pawns. Now Black wins methodically. – RD}

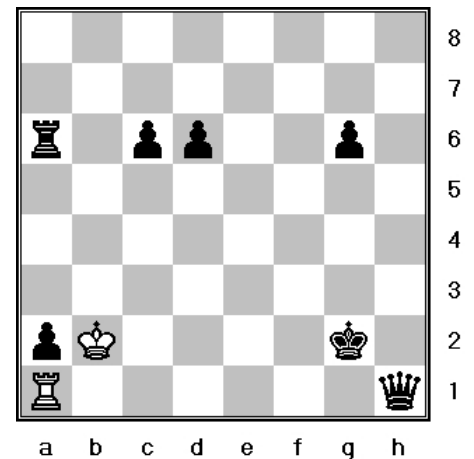
31. ...g6 32. a5 Rc5 33. g4 Rxa5 34. Rg3 Rb5 35. g5 a5 36. Ke2 a4 37. Rg1 a3 38. Kd3 a2 39. Ra1 Ra5



40. Kc4 Kf7 41. Kb4 Ra6 42. Kb3 Ke6 43. Kc3 Ke5 44. Kd2 Ke4 45. Ke2 f4



46. exf4 Kxf4 47. Kd3 Kxg5 48. Kc4 Kh4 49. Kb4 Kxh3 50. Kb3 Kg2 51. Kb2 h5 52. Kb3 h4 53. Kb4 h3 54. Kb3 h2 55. Kb2 h1=Q



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# Games from the Washington Open

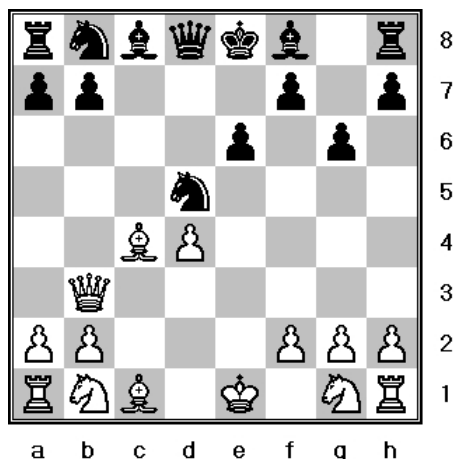
by Steven Breckenridge

Steven Breckenridge – Dave Rupel  
Washington Open, Round 3  
Renton, Washington, May 29, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. c3 g6 3. d4 cxd4 4. cxd4 d5  
5. exd5 Nf6 6. Bc4 Nxd5

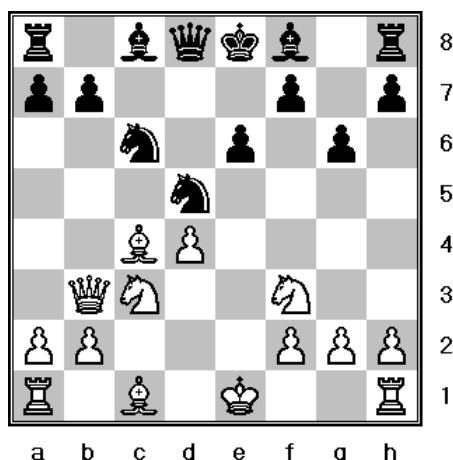
6. ...Bg7 7. Nc3 Nbd7 8. Nge2 0-0 9.  
Nf4 Nb6 10. Bb3 Bf5 11. 0-0 is the main  
book line.

7. Qb3 e6



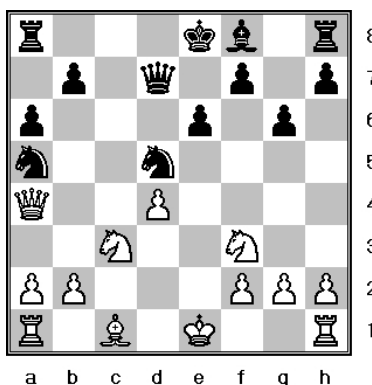
So here is a position I've reached quite a few times in blitz games, and I really like playing these positions as White. It's an open position with Black's white bishop hard to develop, his dark squares are very weak, and all I really need is get my knight on e4.

8. Nf3 Nc6 9. Nc3



9. ...Nb6

9. ...Na5 10. Bb5+ Bd7 11. Qa4 and I thought this was pretty good for me: if Nc6 Nxd5 exd5 and 0-0 with a big positional advantage. However, the computer found this line... 11. ...a6?! 12. Bxd7+ Qxd7



13. Qxd7+ (13. Qxa5? Bb4 14. Ne5 Bxa5 15. Nxd7 Kxd7 16. Bd2 =+) 13. ...Kxd7 14. Ne5+ Ke7 =.

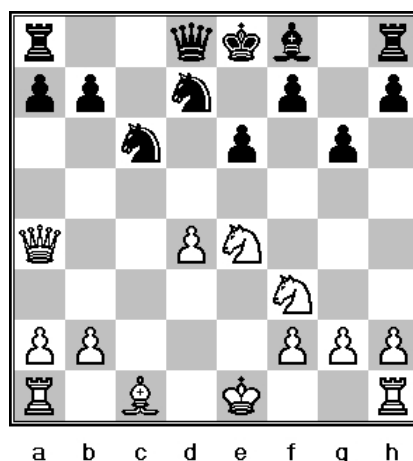
10. Bb5 Bd7

10. ...Bg7 11. Bg5 Qc7 12. Rc1 0-0 13. 0-0 Bd7 14. Rfd1 was how I thought the game should have gone.

11. Ne4 Na5

11. ...Bb4+ 12. Kf1 0-0 13. Bh6 Re8 and I originally thought I would be winning a piece, but my knight on e4 hangs, so I think he could have done this.

12. Bxd7+ Nxd7 13. Qa4 Nc6



14. 0-0

To prevent Qa5+ trade.

14. ...Nb6 15. Qb3 Be7

15... Nxd4? 16. Nxd4 Qxd4 17. Qb5+ Nd7 (Nf6+ if Queen back) 18. Qxb7 Rb8 19. Qc6 +/-).

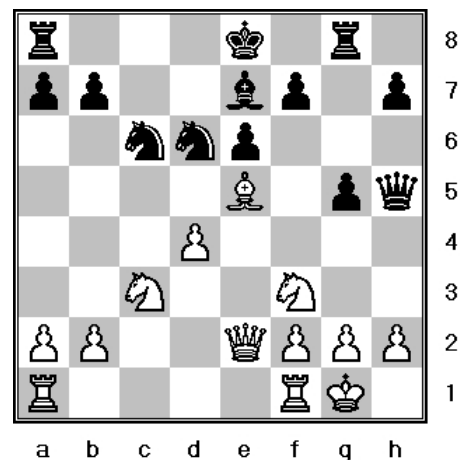
16. Bh6 Qd5

16. ...Nxd4 17. Nxd4 Qxd4 18. Rfe1 with a very pleasant game for White again, or 18. Qb5+ Qd7 19. Qe5.

17. Qe3 Nc4 18. Qe2 Nd6 19. Nc3 Qh5

19. ...Nxd4 20. Nxd4 Qxd4 21. Rfd1 with generally the same ideas, where I would be quite comfortable.

20. Bg7 Rg8 21. Be5 g5



22. Bxd6

I was looking at pushing d5, but g4 would just be winning for him, and I overlooked this move: 22. Nd5! g4 23. Nd2 and I believe I'm winning.

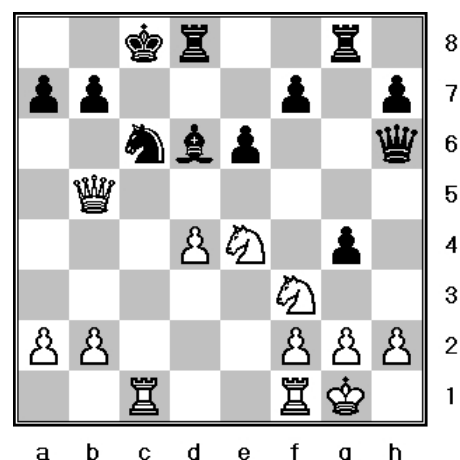
22. ...Bxd6

22. ...g4! 23. Qb5 Qxb5 24. Nxb5 gxf3 25. g3 Bxd6 26. Nxd6+ Ke7 and Black is a little better, but it's probably a draw.

23. Qb5 0-0-0 24. Ne4 Qh6?

24. ...Kb8 25. Rfd1 and he should be able to hold his position (25. Nf6? Nxd4!).

25. Rac1 g4



25. ...Kc7 26. Rxc6+! bxc6 27. Rc1 and mate seems to be near.

26. Rxc6+ bxc6 27. Qxc6+ Bc7 28. Nc5

Rd6 29. Qa8+ Bb8 30. Qb7+ Kd8 31. Qxb8+

31. Ne5.

31. ...Ke7 32. Qc7+

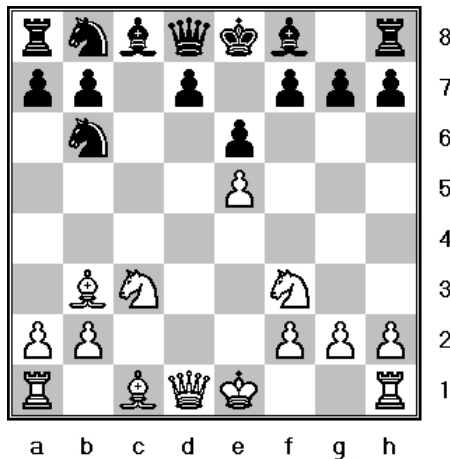
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Steven Breckenridge – Paul Bartron  
Washington Open, Round 5  
Renton, Washington, May 30, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 exd4  
5. Nf3 e6 6. Bc4 Nb6 7. Bb3 dxc3 8. Nxc3

A seemingly much improved Smith-Morra gambit, with Black's white bishop nearly impossible to get out.



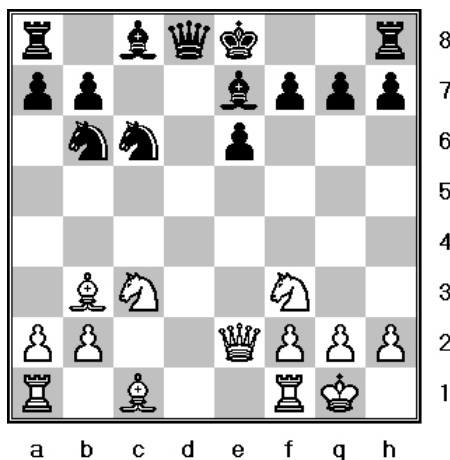
8. ...d5 9. exd6 Bxd6

9. ...Qxd6 10. Qe2.

10. 0-0 Be7?

10. ...0-0 11. Qe2 Nc6 12. Rd1 Qe7 13. Ne4 Bc7 14. Be3 Nd7 15. Rac1 Rd8 is the position I was expecting.

11. Qe2 Nc6



12. Rd1 Nd7 13. Bf4 0-0 14. Nb5 Qa5 15. Nc7

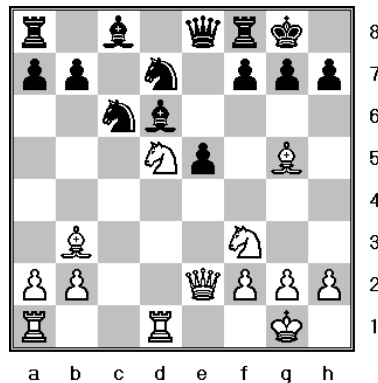
More solid, just 15. Rac1.

15. ...e5



16. Nxa8

16. Nd5 Bd6 17. Bd2 Qd8 18. Bg5 Qe8.

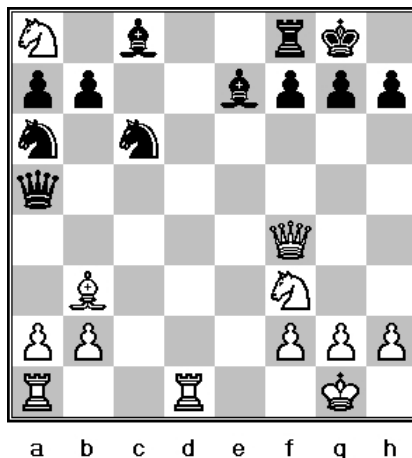


Nothing seemed too clear here, and my intuition said not to do this. Ignacio thought maybe 19. Nf6+ gxf6 20. Rxd6. This just seems like a completely different game where Black might have defense.

16. ...exf4 17. Qe4 Nc5

Computer found 17. ...Nf6 and this should be equal; 18. Qa4 (after 18. Qxf4 Be6 19. Bxe6 fxe6 with Nh5 coming if I try to escape the knight).

18. Qxf4 Na6



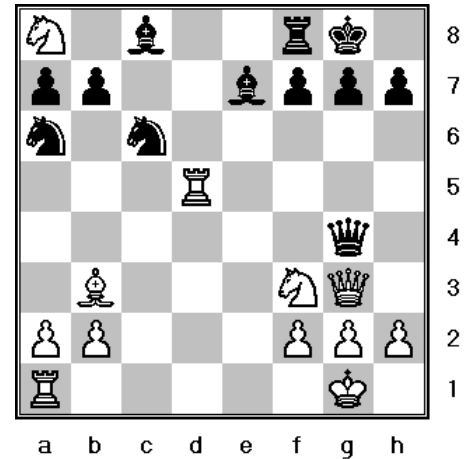
19. Rd5

19. Bc4 was probably best; I miscalculated a little here, and had only a little time on my clock.

19. ...Qb4 20. Qg3

20. Qxb4, followed by Rb5 if Ncxb4 or Bxb4, was my other option.

20. ...Qg4



It seems like he read my mind at the wrong time, for I was hoping he would play this move: 20. ...Be6; I calculated this being better for me, but I forgot he could play Rc8 immediately instead of taking my rook. 21. Nc7 Nxc7 22. Qxc7 Rc8 (22... Bxd5 23. Bxd5 Qxb2 24. Re1 Bc5 and I was thinking I had Qxf7 mate threats once his bishop got off that diagonal or Ng5, but I guess Black has stronger initiatives). I was disappointed that he had ...Qg4.

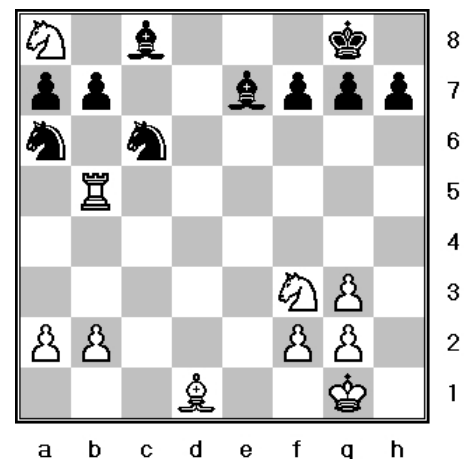
21. Rb5 Qxg3

21. ...Nc5.

22. hxg3 Rd8?

Thought he should have played 22. ...b6 23. Nxb6 axb6 24. Rxb6.

23. Rd1 Rxd1+ 24. Bxd1

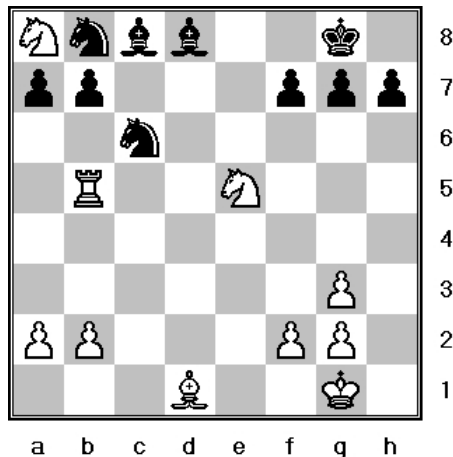


24. ...Bd8

24. ...Nc5 25. b4 Ne4 was a little worrisome, and the computer found this pretty crazy line, that turns out only slight advantage for me: 26. Nd4 Nxd4 27. Re5 Nd6 28. Rxe7 Ne6 29. Nc7 Kf8 30. Nxe6+ Kxe7 31. Nxf7.

25. Ne5! Nab8

25. ...Nxe5 26. Rxe5 Kf8 27. Bf3.



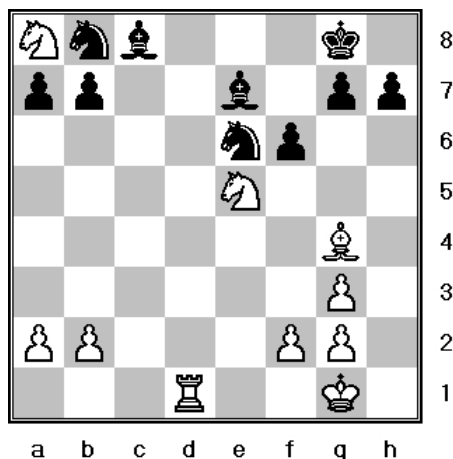
26. Bf3

I had considered 26. Bg4 earlier, but only had about two minutes on my clock and have to make four moves, plus I had used two minutes thinking about it before. 26. ...f5 27. Nxc6 Nxc6 28. Bxf5 Bxf5 29. Rxf5.

26. ...Nd4 27. Rd5 Ne6

27. ...Nxf3+ 28. gxf3 Bf6 29. Nc7.

28. Bg4 Be7 29. Rd1 f6



30. Rc1

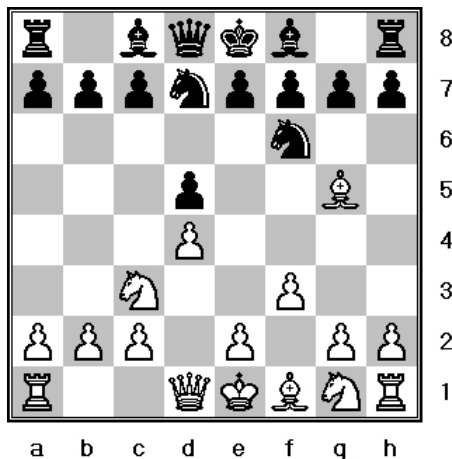
And he forfeited on time here in this lost position.

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David Bragg – Steven Breckenridge  
Washington Open, Round 6  
Renton, Washington, May 30, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Bg5 Nbd7 4. f3



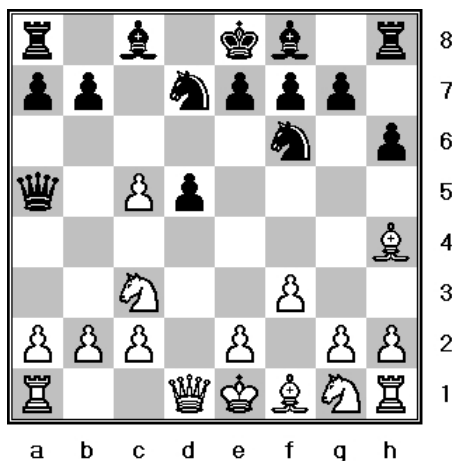
After move four I have already reached a position I have never played before. After the game he told me, "I came to play chess, and that's what I got." This game wasn't about memorization, but really about technique, space, time, and force.

4. ...h6

...c5 is normally played first, but I thought I'd rather have his bishop off that diagonal first.

5. Bh4 c5 6. dxc5 Qa5

One possible stronger alternative is 6. ...e6 7. b4 b6 8. c6 Ne5 9. b5 d4, and Black should be pretty happy with this.



7. Qd2

Thought he might play 7. Bxf6 Nxf6 8. Qd4 and was considering ...e5 and I thought I might have a lot of space advantage to cope with the pawn sacrifice.

7. ...e5 8. e4

I was really tempted to play ...d4 but Nb5 just seemed too powerful.

8. ...dxe4 9. Nb5

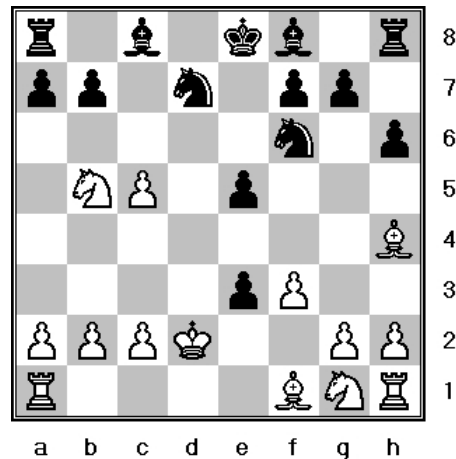
He did it anyway! He has played all these

moves incredibly fast, I think around this time I had used 40 minutes, and he had used about five – like he has played it 100 times.

9. ...Qxd2+ 10. Kxd2 e3+!

This is a very crucial point of the game. At this point every different king move has a dramatic impact on the game; several different lines should definitely be considered and taken into account.

If 10. ...g5 right away 11. Nc7+ Kd8 12. Nxa8 gxh4 13. b4 b6 14. c6 Bxb4+ 15. c3 and the result is Black would lose a piece, but should still have plenty of play.



11. Ke1

He played this very fast again, which I thought maybe he would, but let's look at the other possibilities.

11. Ke2 Nd5 12. Rd1 Nf4+ 13. Ke1 (13. Kxe3? Bxc5+ 14. Kd2 0-0) 13. ...Ne6 14. Nd6+ Bxd6 15. cxd6 and White has a little more breathing room but Black's position might be a little stronger with White's bishop close to being trapped;

11. Kc1 Kd8 (11. ...Nd5 12. c4 a6 13. cxd5 axb5 14. b4 b6 15. c6 Nf6 16. Bxf6 gxf6 17. Bxb5 Kd8 and black seems to be quite comfortable) 12. Nd6 Bxd6 13. cxd6 and similar to the game.

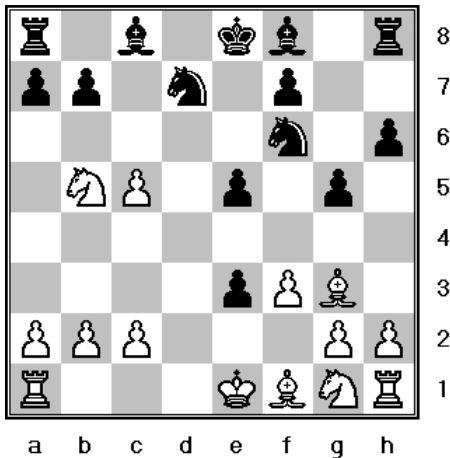
After the game we looked at a lot of crazy lines like this: 11. Kc3 Nd5+ 12. Kc4 Nxc5 (12. ...a6 13. Kxd5 axb5 14. Bxb5 f5 15. b4 g5 16. Bg3 f4 17. Be1 Bg7 -/+ ) 13. Kxd5 Be6+ (13. ...f6) 14. Kxe5 g5 15. Nc7+ Kd7 16. Nxe6 fxe6 with constant Bg7 threat, and it seems Black wins the piece back here somehow maintaining equality after Kd4.

11. ...g5

I considered 11. ...Rb8 12. Nc7+ Kd8 13. Nd5 Bxc5 14. Rd1 Ke8 15. Bb5 and I didn't really like this for me.

### 12. Bg3

12. Nc7+ Kd8 13. Nxa8 gxh4, and now if 14. b4 b6 and b4 can be captured with check without losing a piece.



### 12. ...Kd8

12. ...Rb8 13. b4 it seems like White might be a little theoretically better here with all the queenside pawns. (12. ...Nd5? 13. Rd1 +/-)

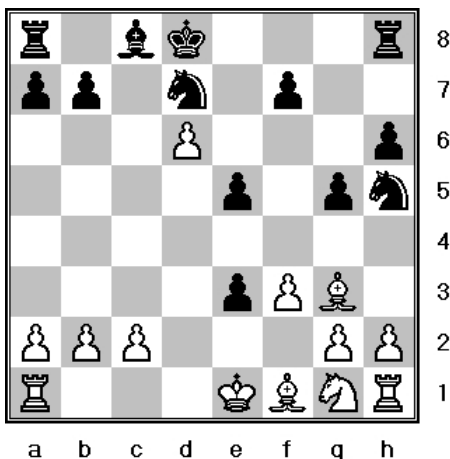
### 13. Nd6

Better was 13. Rd1, and here I would have to play 13. ...Bxc5 followed by 14. Bxe5 Ke7.

### 13. ...Bxd6

Considered 13. ...Rh7 14. Bc4. Just too much to calculate there, with the time getting short on my clock.

### 14. cxd6 Nh5



### 15. Bb5

I expected 15. Bc4 Rf8 (or maybe 15. ...f5 16. Bf7 Ng7).

### 15. ...Re8

Maintaining the ...f5-f4 idea.

### 16. Ne2 f5 17. Kf1 a6 18. Bc4

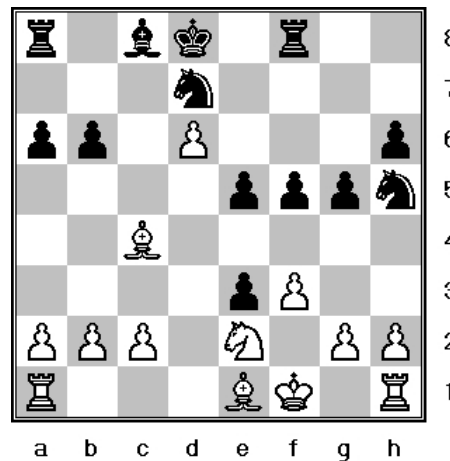
18. Ba4 Re6 19. Rd1 Nc5 20. Bb3 Nxb3

21. axb3 and I should be winning this.

### 18. ...Rf8

If 18. ...e4 19. f4.

### 19. Be1 b6



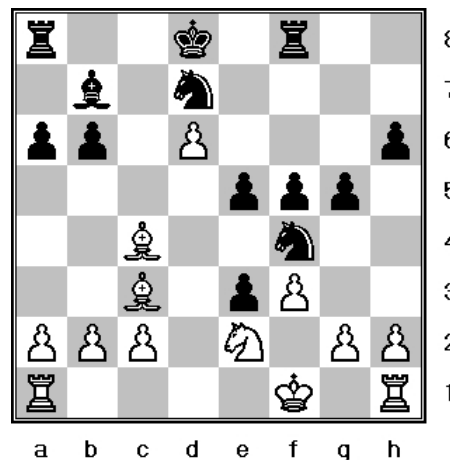
### 20. Ng3!?

He said he forgot I could just play ...Nf4, and this might have been the biggest cause for his loss. I had kind of expected 20. Bd5 Rb8 21. Rd1 Nhf6.

### 20. ...Nf4 21. Bc3 Bb7

Now the following moves must be played in the exact order, or my plan wouldn't work

### 22. Ne2



### 22. ...Nxg2! 23. Kxg2 Rc8!

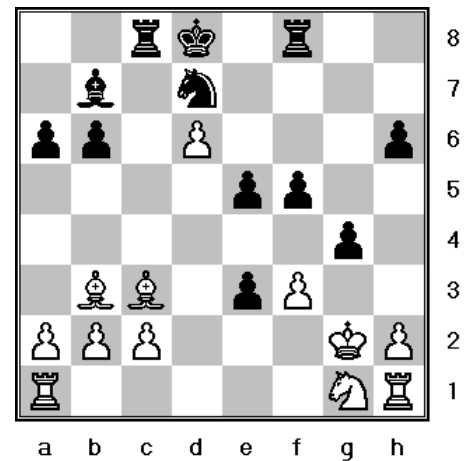
Forcing his bishop to b3 or e6, (I thought he would play to e6) 23. ...g4 24. Ng1 Rf6 and he has 25. Be2.

### 24. Bb3

24. Be6 g4 after which he has to play Rhg1 or Kf1 to barely survive, according to the computer, but I only calculated 25. Ng1 Rf6 26. Bxd7 Kxd7 27. Bxe5 gxf3+ 28. Nxf3 Rg6+ followed by Rxc2 or Bxf3 with a big advantage.

### 24. ...g4 25. Ng1

25. Rhf1.



### 25. ...Rf6

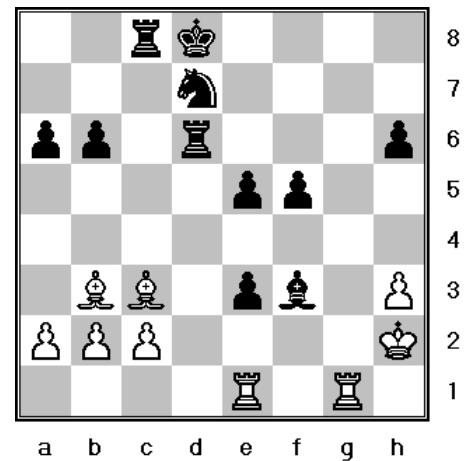
And the threat of ...gxf3 and ...Rg6+ seems pretty overwhelming.

### 26. h3

26. Rf1? Rg6 27. h4 gxf3+ followed by f2.

26. Be1 is probably the best alternative, but still losing to 26. ...Rg6 27. Bh4+ Ke8 28. Bg3 f4.

### 26. ...gxf3+ 27. Nxf3 Rg6+ 28. Kh2 Bxf3 29. Rhg1 Rxd6 30. Rae1



### 30. ...Rxc3

Or 30. ...f4.

### 31. Kg3? Rxb3

White resigns.

This was a very interesting game, that seemed as if it could have gone thousands of different ways after that queen trade.

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Steve Breckenridge is the current Oregon Co-Champion. He finished tied for 2nd-4th in the 2011 Washington Open.

# Joe Davis Annotates

by Joe Davis

## August Piper – Joe Davis Washington Open, Round 6 Renton, Washington, May 30, 2011

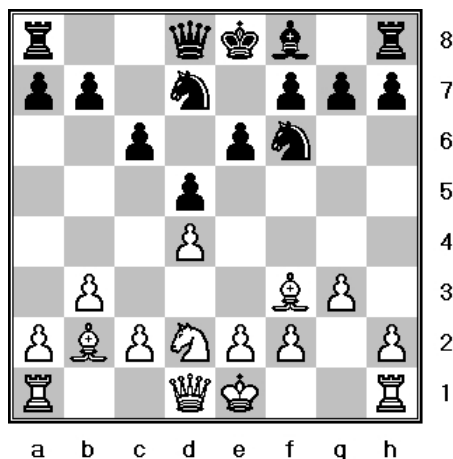
This is my fourth time playing August, all as black, and previously all games have been drawn. August is known to fianchetto both his bishops with white, so I've been working on how to deal with this. My basic idea is to get my light-colored bishop outside the pawn chain because in previous games it has gotten locked behind a closed center.

I entered the sixth round with 3.5 and needed to win to have a chance at the money.

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 c6 4. b3 Bg4 5. Bb2 Bxf3?!

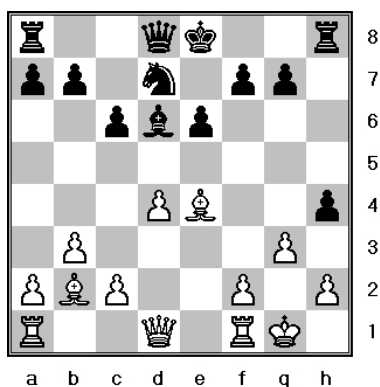
5. ...Nbd7 is probably more solid.

6. Bxf3 Nbd7 7. d4 e6 8. Nd2



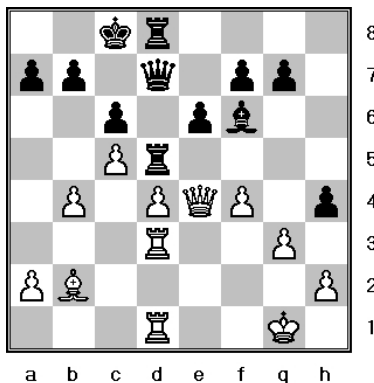
8. ...Bb4?

I think it was better to play 8. ...Bd6 immediately: 9. 0-0 h5 10. e4 dxe4 11. Nxe4 Nxe4 12. Bxe4 h4

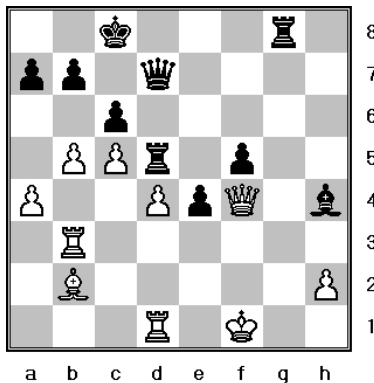


13. Qf3 Nf6 14. Rae1 Qc7 15. c4 0-0-0 16. c5 Be7 17. b4 Nxe4 18. Qxe4 Bf6 19. Rd1 Rd5 20. Rd3 Rhd8 21. Rfd1 Qd7

22. f4

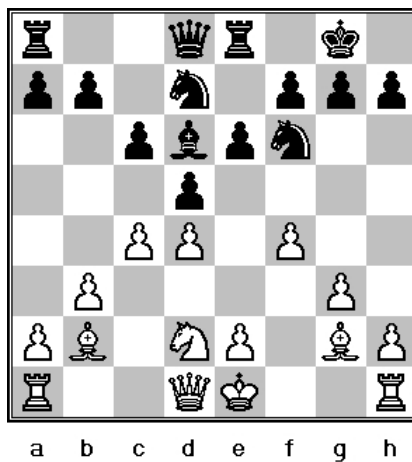


22. ...g5 23. fxg5 Bxg5 24. gxh4 f5 25. Qe1 Bf6 26. Qf2 e5 27. a4 e4 28. Rb3 Rh8 29. b5 Bxh4 30. Qf4 Rg8+ 31. Kf1



31. ...Qg7 32. Qxh4 Qg1+ 33. Ke2 Rg2+, McCarthy-Hodgson, 1990.

9. c3 Bd6 10. c4 0-0 11. Bg2 Re8 12. f4?



Time to pay for not castling.

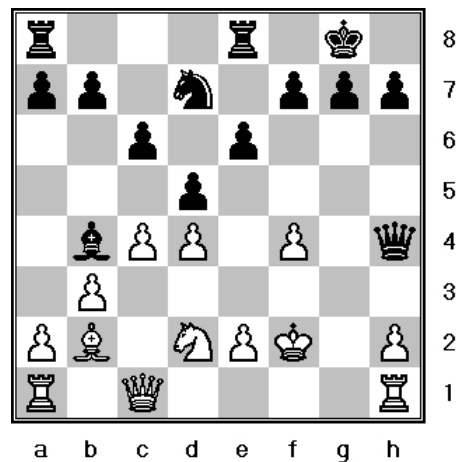
12. ...Ng4 13. Nf1

13. Bf3 Ne3 14. Qb1 Bxf4 15. Nf1 (15. gxh4 Qh4#) 15. ...Bh6.

13. ...Bb4+

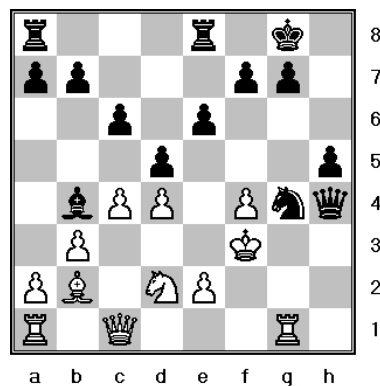
13. ...Qa5+ 14. Nd2 Ne3 15. Qc1 Nxc2+ 16. Kf2 Nxf4 17. gxf4 Bxf4.

14. Nd2 Ne3 15. Qc1 Nxc2+ 16. Kf2 Nxf4 17. gxf4 Qh4+

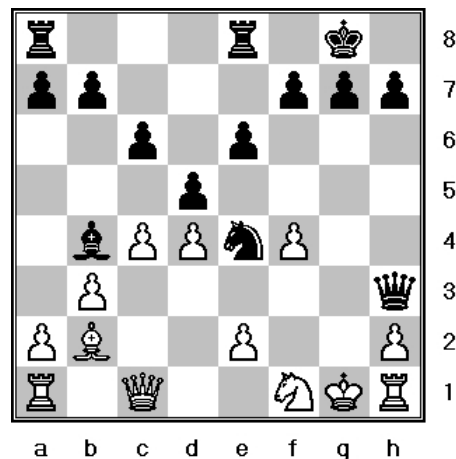


18. Kf3

18. Ke3 Nf6 19. Rg1 Ng4+ 20. Kf3 Nxc2+ 21. Ke3 Ng4+ 22. Kf3 h5.

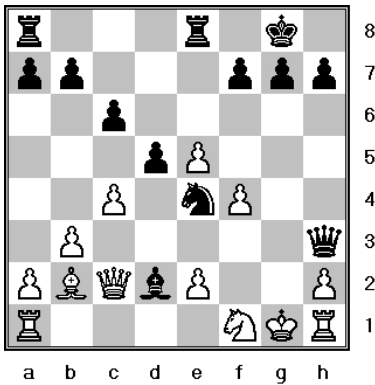


18. ...Qh3+ 19. Kf2 Nf6 20. Nf1 Ne4+ 21. Kg1



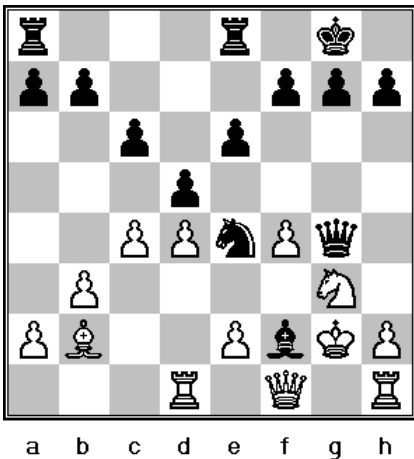
**21. ...Qg4+**

21. ...Bd2 22. Qc2 (22. Nxd2 Qe3+ 23. Kg2 Qxe2+ 24. Kh3 Nf2+ 25. Kg3 Qe3+ 26. Kg2 Nd3) 22. ...e5 23. dxe5



23. ...Be3+ 24. Nxe3 Qxe3+ 25. Kg2 Qf2+ 26. Kh3 Re6.

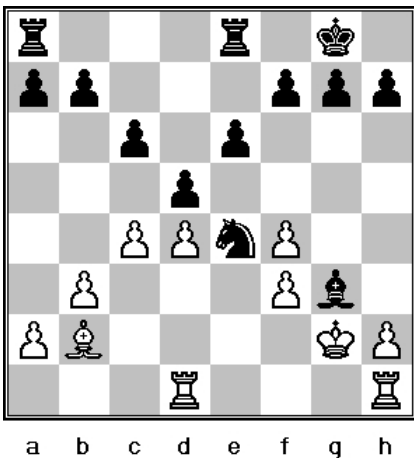
22. Ng3 Bd2 23. Qf1 Be3+ 24. Kg2 Bf2 25. Rd1



**25. ...Bxg3**

The critical moment where I missed the shot 25. ...Nxc3 26. h3 Qg6 27. Qxf2 Ne4+.

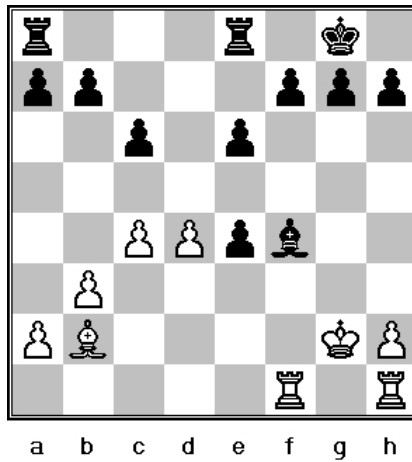
26. Qf3 Qxf3+ 27. exf3



**27. ...Bxf4**

27. ...Nf2 28. hxg3 Nxd1 29. Rxd1.

**28. fxe4 dxe4 29. Rdf1**



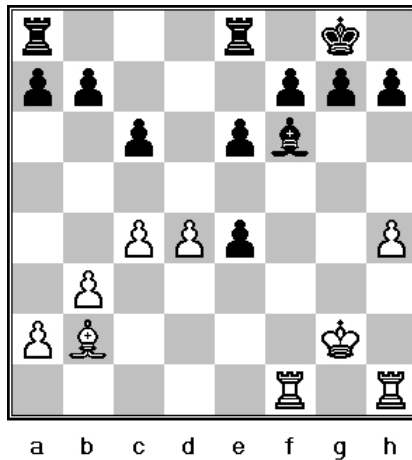
**29. ...Bg5**

Better was 29. ...e5.

**30. h4**

I really played this endgame badly.

**30. ...Bf6??**

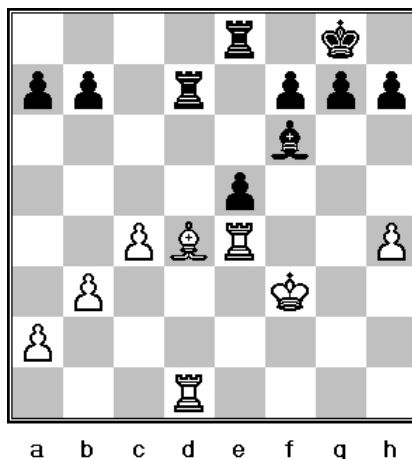


**31. Rf4 Rad8**

Again 31. ...e5 is better.

32. Rxe4 c5 33. Rd1 Rd7 34. Kf3 cxd4

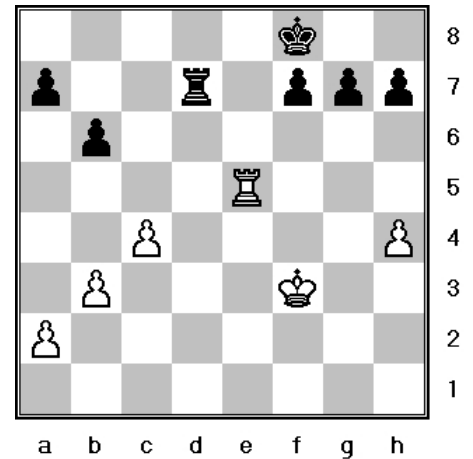
35. Bxd4 e5



36. Rde1 b6 37. Bxe5 Bxe5

37. ...Rd3+ 38. Kf2 Bxe5 39. Rxe5 Rxe5 40. Rxe5 Kf8.

**38. Rxe5 Rxe5 39. Rxe5 Kf8**



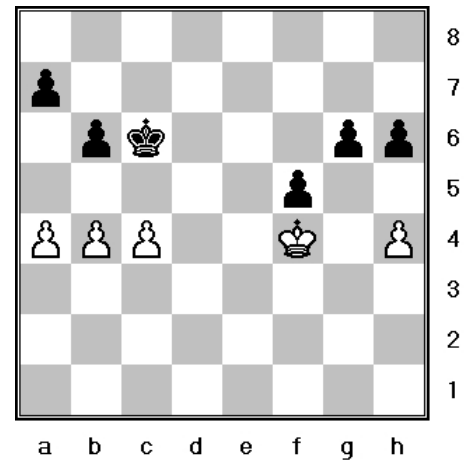
**40. b4?**

40. Rb5 puts up more resistance.

40. ...Rd4 41. Re4 Rxe4 42. Kxe4 Ke7 43. Kd5 Kd7 44. a4 f5

44. ...h6 45. Ke5 g5 46. hxg5 hxg5 47. Kf5 f6.

45. Ke5 g6 46. Kd5 h6 47. Ke5 Kc6 48. Kf4



48. ...a5 49. b5+ Kc5 50. h5 gxh5 51. Kxf5 Kxc4 52. Kf4 Kb4 53. Kg3 Kxa4 54. Kh4 Kxb5 55. Kxh5 a4 56. Kxh6 a3

White resigned.

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*There's more coverage coming of the Washington Open in the August issue, including the games of the winner, IM Georgi Orlov.*

- editor

# Theoretically Speaking

by Bill McGeary



## Torre, part one of two(?)

How much of opening theory is already in practice?

Theoretical novelties and opening surprises have been stock factors in tournaments since the 60s. Usually though, those TNs are some number of moves into a standard opening.

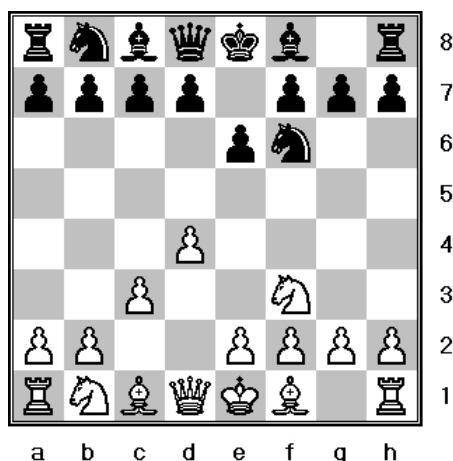
Is it possible to find something new early in the game?

Yes!

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Mark Hebden – Michael Adams  
Kilkenny Masters  
Kilkenny, Ireland, 2006

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c3



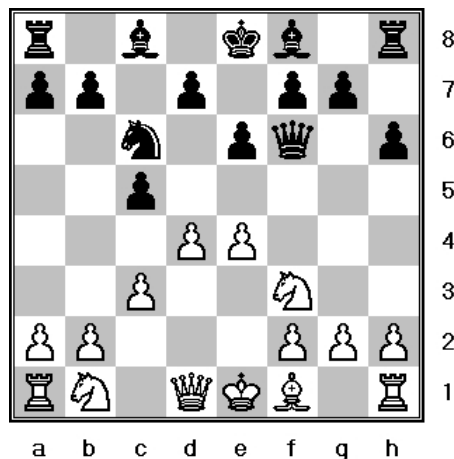
This move is a specialty of English GM Hebden. To understand the reasoning behind the move takes some foresight, as well as some familiarity with the Torre attack.

The first thing to know is that the normal black moves 3. ...d5, 3. ...c5, or 3. ...b6 will

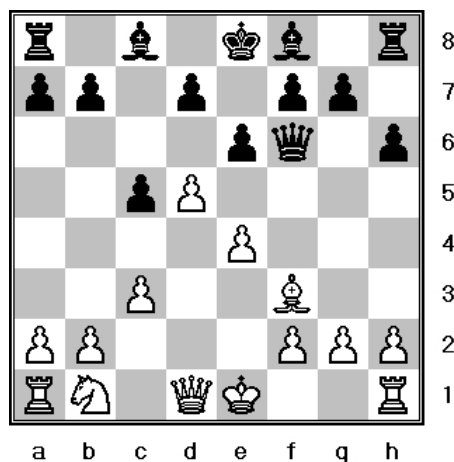
all be met by 4. Bg5 reaching something close to a normal Torre attack position.

So, why the round-about move order? Well, let's see...

3. ...c5 4. Bg5 h6 5. Bxf6 Qxf6 6. e4 Nc6



7. d5 Ne5 8. Be2 Nxf3 9. Bxf3



9. ...exd5

This is one of those moves you can't quite get around. On the surface it would seem better for Black to try to slow things down by aiming for d6,e5 to keep the center closed in order to catch up in development.

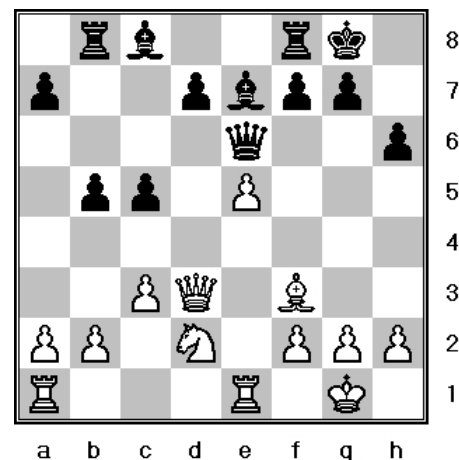
Yet, that blocking idea runs counter to the natural inclination to open lines for the bishops. Which view is right? Well, that is why they play the game.

10. Qxd5 Qe6 11. Qd3

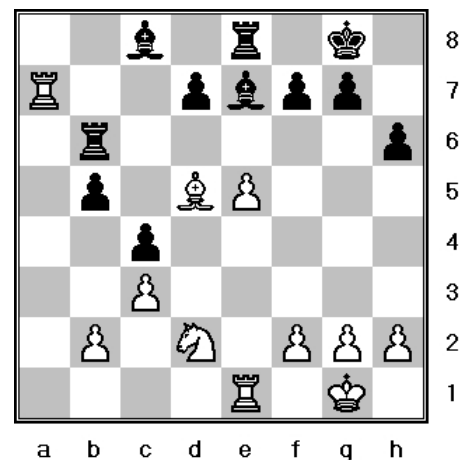
It is the d-file which clearly illustrates White's advantage. Black can try to arrange

some play on the black squares, but it is not clear where it will be or how. On the other hand, White will simply double on the d-file and rearrange the knight to e3 or g3. In that case Black will be stuck defending the backward d-pawn with few real prospects for victory.

11. ...Be7 12. 0-0 0-0 13. Nd2 b5 14. Rfe1 Rb8 15. e5



15. ...c4 16. Qd4 Qb6 17. Qxb6 Rxb6 18. a4 a6 19. axb5 axb5 20. Ra7 Re8 21. Bd5



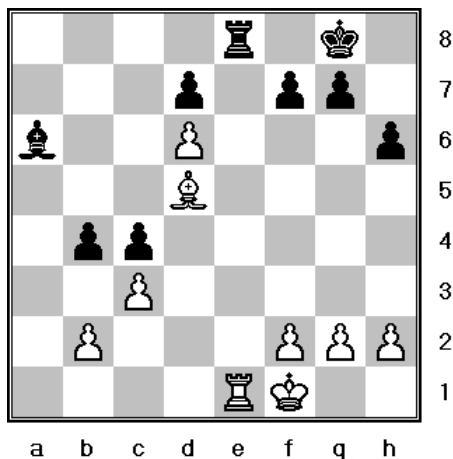
21. ...Bc5

Black's best chance here may be 21. ...d6, though he can't be entirely comfortable in the complications.

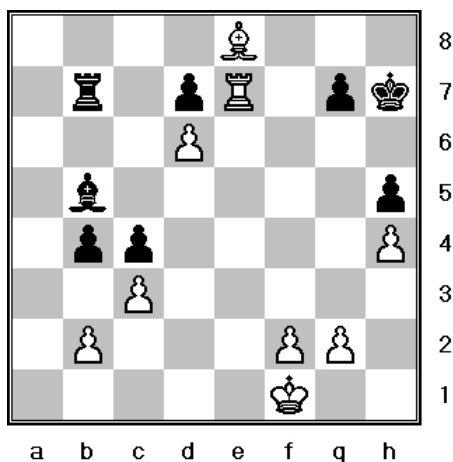
22. Ra8 Ra6 23. Rxa6 Bxa6 24. Kf1 b4 25. Ne4 Bf8 26. Nd6 Bxd6 27. exd6

The pawn on d6 proves to have enough energy to distract Black's forces.

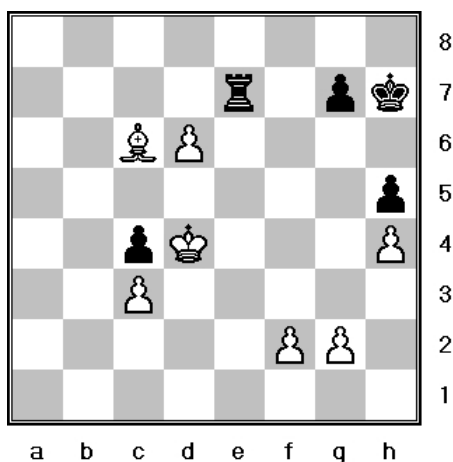




27. ...Rb8 28. Re7 Bb5 29. Bxf7+ Kh7  
30. h4 h5 31. Be8 Rb7



32. Ke2 Bc6 33. Ke3 bxc3 34. bxc3 Rb1  
35. Bxd7 Re1+ 36. Kd4 Rxe7 37. Bxc6



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If Black tries to defend with Re2/e1 White plays Kxc4 and then a timely Be4-d3.

How do we evaluate 3. c3? It isn't really a dynamic forward going move that will cause sleepless nights? No. Is it merely a sneaky round-about move? Maybe. Is it even legitimately good? Yes.

The sequence with 3. c3 has two advantages: first off, because the b2 pawn is easily defended White slips by the gambit lines that follow 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 c5 4. e3 Qb6; second, the line 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 h6 4. Bxf6 Qxf6 is advocated by many GMs because Black has the two bishops and a flexible position. In the corresponding position after 3. c3, Black will have to commit to some sort of structure.

In this game we see that 3. ...c5 4. Bg5 h6 5. Bxf6 Qxf6 worked better for White because of Black's loss of flexibility. White has an easy development which was utilized via the weaknesses on the central black squares and the d-file. The move 3. ...c5 shouldn't be bad in itself, but Black must be aware of what the goal is and focus on that.

Equalizing should be Black's main interest after 3. ...c5.

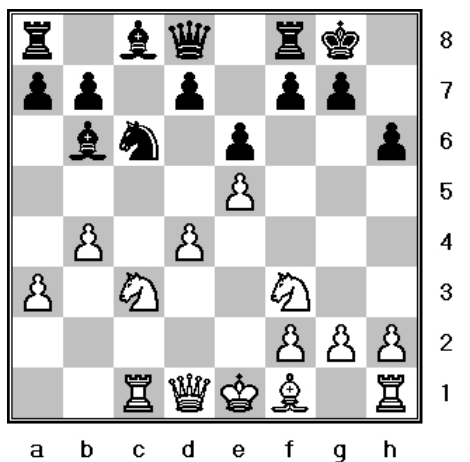
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c3 c5 4. Bg5 h6 5. Bxf6 Qxf6 6. e4

White's primary goal, pawns on d4 and e4 sitting side by side. White will have an easy development and can push forward when appropriate to claim a space advantage. Black has the two bishops, but the central situation remains an issue. With White seeking to open lines in the center, how does Black approach the future?

6. ...cxd4

The most common response. Black aims to ease matters by playing ...Bb4+ and likely will setup a hedgehog with d6 and e6. The downside? White gets to play Nc3 and the central superiority isn't challenged.

7. cxd4 Bb4+ 8. Nc3 0-0 9. Re1 Nc6 10. a3 Ba5 11. b4 Bb6 12. e5 Qd8

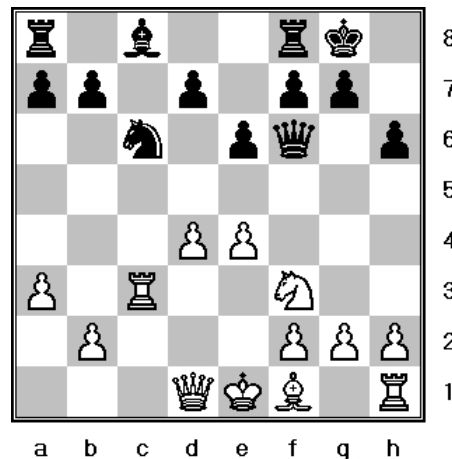


13. Ne4 d5 14. Nc5

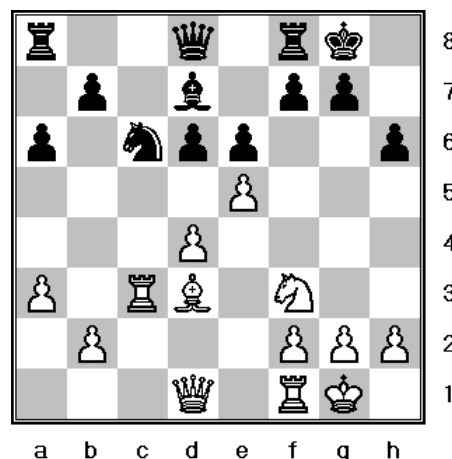
+=, Miles - Kasparov, Internet 1998.

8. ...Nc6 9. Rc1 0-0 10. a3 Bxc3+ 11.

Rxc3

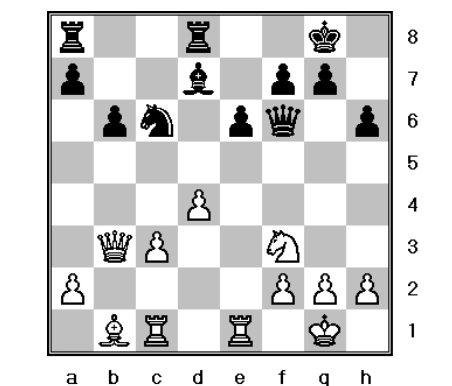


11. ...d6 12. Bb5 Bd7 13. 0-0 a6 14. e5 Qd8 15. Bd3



with advantage, Hebden - Miralles.

9. ...d5 seems peculiar; Black gives up the black square bishop and then stations center pawns on white squares? The real point is that White will have weaker pawns, and because of the exchanges of minor pieces fewer opportunities to increase active chances. 10. Bd3 dxe4 11. Bxe4 0-0 12. 0-0 Bxc3 13. bxc3 Bd7 14. Re1 Rfd8 15. Qb3 b6 16. Bb1.

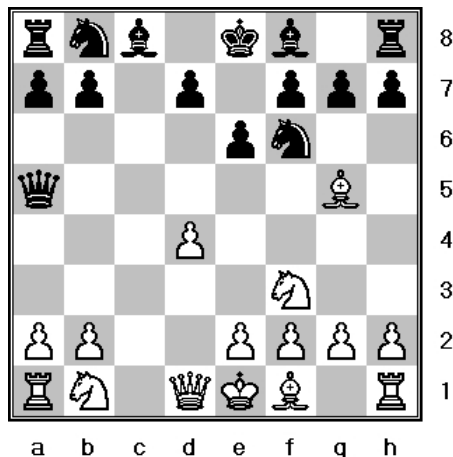


This position is equal. White can claim to have some activity, but Black is solid

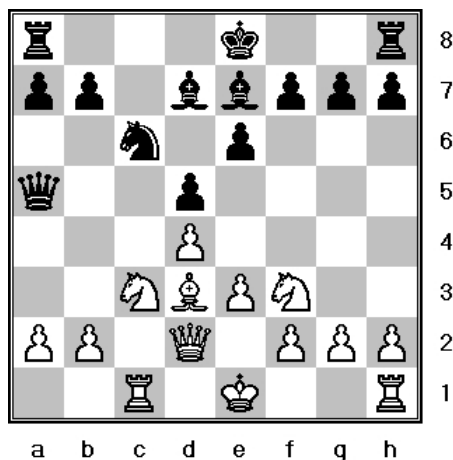
enough with the lessened army sizes.

4. ...d5 will transpose to standard Torre lines after 5. e3; 4. ...Be7 is a pretty simple way to aim for regular Torre-type positions.

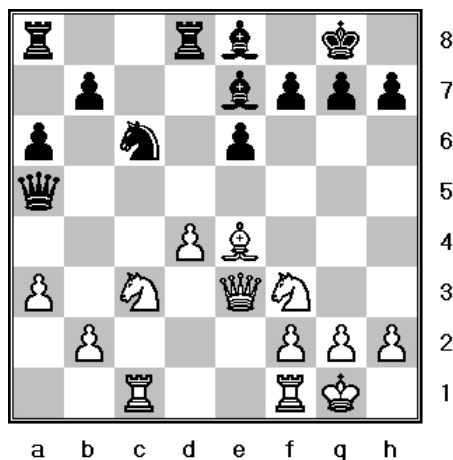
4. ...cxd4 5. cxd4 Qa5+ is a line in many books which is supposed to be easy equality:



6. Nc3 Ne4 7. Bd2 Nxd2 8. Qxd2 d5 9. Rc1 Nc6 10. e3 Be7 11. Bd3 Bd7



12. 0-0 0-0 13. a3 a6 14. e4 dxe4 15. Bxe4 Rfd8 16. Qe3 Be8



White is a little better, aiming to push d4-d5 and plant a knight on d5. Hebben - Hunt, Leek Open 2002.

## Book Reviews IM John Donaldson



### *James Mason in America, Grandmaster Strategy, Rossolimo Sicilian, and Hedgehog Volume 2.*

*James Mason in America, The Early Chess Career, 1867-1878* (McFarland & Company 2011, www.mcfarlandpub.com, 373 pages, hardback, algebraic notation, 40 photos, various indexes, \$49.95) by the Dutch writer Joost van Winsen chronicles the life of one of the most important American chess figures of the last half of the 19th century.

English language speakers who came up through the ranks in the early 1970s likely were exposed to editions of *The Principles of Chess* and *The Art of Chess* by one James Mason. What they likely didn't realize was that these popular treatises on the game had been in print for close to a century and that the author's real name was not actually James Mason! One of the first things we learn in *James Mason in America, The Early Chess Career, 1867-1878* is that Mason's real name is not known. This is quite something when one considers that Mason, who won the 4th American Chess Congress in 1876, was one of the top American players in the late 1860s and throughout the 1870s. His strength can be instantly validated by his 11-4 match victory over Henry Bird.

Author Joost van Winsen not only examines Mason's career in depth but also that of contemporaries like his great rival George McKenzie and other important figures of the day including Lowenthal, Stanley, Reichelm, Winawer, Zuckertort, and Blackburne. These figures are not

only examined through their games but also their writings. The 1860s and 1870s were a golden time for chess journalism in the United States with five major columns including Mason's in *The Spirit of the Times*. van Winsen makes copious use of this material in recreating the time. A particularly nice touch is the reproduction of drawings of several chess clubs of the day that were housed in quite substantial buildings which makes one wonder if the game wasn't better respected then.

*James Mason in America, The Early Chess Career, 1867-1878* is a first rate effort that will be fascinating reading for anyone interested in chess in 19th century America. Like all McFarland books this one features a first-class productions effort with high quality paper and library binding.

Recommended.

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Two new books from *New in Chess* (www.newinchess.com) are *Grandmaster Chess Strategy* (2011, 223 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$24.95) by Jurgen Kaufeld and Guido Kern and *The Rossolimo Sicilian* (2011, 238 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$24.95) by Victor Bologan.

The first book is devoted to the games of a player that is not so well known today but who in his prime, in the late 1970s and early 1980s, was not only one of the ten best players in the world but universally recognized for his distinctive style of play. Look for the antithesis of Mikhail Tal's bold attacking play and the answer might well be Ulf Andersson of Sweden. His ultra-positional style and love of endgames might not have attracted legions of followers but was quite effective in its own right.

Authors Kaufeld and Kern have produced a primer on positional chess using 80 of Anderson's games arranged by theme (playing against two weaknesses, an advantage in space, control of the d-file, prophylaxis, playing against the isolated pawn, etc.). Each of the games is thoroughly annotated with lots of prose explanation and concrete variations where needed

Andersson's style is more conducive to winning with white and as such this book has a high percentage of games where he is playing with this color. Add to this the Swede's proclivity for adopting certain variations for prolonged periods of time and you get real mastery in a narrow sphere. One of Anderson's great loves has always been the Catalan where he has steadfastly stuck with 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. g3 dxc4 5. Qa4+ in stark preference to convention which gives marked preference to 5. Bg2. Anderson's approach avoids huge amounts of theory but at the cost of giving Black easy equality. As the authors show in their chapter The Catalan Endgame, Ulf is able to win many of these so-called "equal" endgames by his consummate mastery of the resulting typical middlegame and endgames. One wonders if many players, especially time-limited amateurs, might not do better to adopt this approach emphasizing overall understanding in place of memorizing lots of sharp opening theory.

**The Rossolimo Sicilian**, by Victor Bologan, is another unique and individual work. Inspired by his old trainer, the ever-inventive Viacheslav Chebanenko, Bologan has written a this book that does not cover the old Rossolimo (1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5) of the 1950s to 1980s, where center-building with c3 and d4 was normal, but instead advocates the modern system of trading on c6, often on move 4 – exceptions being 3. ...d6 and 3. ...e6, where both methods are examined. Bologan offers his material in a hybrid that combines using a "model games" structure and a strict opening book "move by move" approach. This synthesis works well with the Rossolimo that is usually about ideas but can become sharp and theoretical.

Both of these books are strongly recommended.

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One opening that first came into fashion in the 1970s was the Hedgehog. Named after the small spiny mammal that uses its quills for defense this opening setup is characterized by Black shedding his c-pawn for White's d-pawn, then fianchettoing his queen bishop while

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placing many of his pawns on the third rank. White has a space advantage from the opening but attempts to translate this into something concrete like a kingside attack are often rebuffed by Black's resilient structure in which breaks with ...b5 or ...d5 signal counterplay.

Russian GM Sergey Shipov is one of the world's leading experts on this structure and in late 2009 Mongoose Press published the first of his two volumes on the subject which covered the Hedgehog via 1. Nf3 and 1. c4. Over 500 pages in length, it was justly praised for both its insights and comprehensive coverage. His followup volume, just out, **The Complete Hedgehog Volume 2** (Mongoose Press 2011, www.MongoosePress.com, 584(!) pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$29.95) is a monster of a book.

This time Shipov focuses on the Hedgehog via 1. d4 or 1. e4.

I had always assumed the Hedgehog developed in the 1970s and that

maneuvers like ...Be7-d8-c7 dated back no further than the 1960s at most. Imagine my surprise to discover that Fritz Saemisch had come up with this idea against Opocensky (Bad Pistyan, 1922) decades before. Saemisch might not go down in chess history as the strongest of GMs but to discover a major line of the King's Indian (5. f3) and Nimzo-Indian (4. a3) as well as ...Be7-d8-c7 is pretty impressive.

To say that **The Complete Hedgehog Volume 2** is comprehensive would be a understatement but despite being the size of a small phone book it is highly readable due to the author's engaging style. I, for one, enjoyed his stories, particularly his recounting of the trials and tribulations of Hedgehog pioneer Florin Gheorghiu who suffered many a catastrophic defeat in his favorite opening but always kept coming back for more.

Highly recommended.

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# The 2011 Robert Karch Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

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As predicted, the Washington Open had a significant role in the Grand Prix standings. We have some new leaders, and some larger leads, but that is not all. One thing I didn't anticipate was the large number of players for whom the WA Open was their first event of the year. Almost half of the players (83 out of 169), were playing in their first GP tournament of the year. With the 5x multiplier, it was a very good place to start. Now, get ready for something better!

In August, we have the largest event of the year, the Portland Chess Club Centennial Open. It will be held at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, August 12-14, and comes with a \$10,000 guaranteed prize fund and a 6x Grand Prix multiplier. This is a tournament you don't want to miss, whether you care about your Grand Prix status or not.

The GP data shows that all of the top 30 point holders attended the Washington Open, as did 90 of the top 100! The Centennial Open is going to have a similar effect on the standings. So join the fun, join the leaders and come to Portland. But don't forget all those other places where points can be gained, such as the Seafair Open in Seattle with its 2x multiplier, and all the non-multiplier events being held in Portland (4), Seattle (7) and Tacoma (2), throughout the summer. The summer will culminate with the Oregon Open, another multiplier event, on Labor Day weekend.

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### Washington

#### Masters

1 Breckenridge, Steven ... 72.5	1 Bragg, David R ..... 69
2 Raptis, Nick ..... 69	2 Pupols, Viktors ..... 62.5
3 Haessler, Carl A ..... 37.5	3 Orlov, Georgi ..... 37.5
4 Russell, Corey J ..... 15	4 Mikhailuk, Slava ..... 32.5
5 Roua, Radu ..... 14	4 Sinanan, Joshua C .... 32.5
.....	6 Perez, Ignacio ..... 30

#### Experts

1 Botez, V Alexandra ..... 78.5	1 Bartron, Paul R ..... 69
2 Esler, Brian J ..... 49	2 Golub, David ..... 42
3 Brooks, Curtis ..... 48.5	3 Sen, Samir ..... 39.5
4 Hammer, Dale M ..... 45	4 Ummel, Igor ..... 37.5
5 Gutman, Richard G ..... 33.5	5 Feng, Roland ..... 37
6 Pendergast, Michael ..... 30	6 Two tied at ..... 30

#### Class A

1 Sherrard, Jerry ..... 44	1 Buck, Stephen J ..... 96.5
2 Cigan, Jason ..... 40.5	2 Szabo, Marcell ..... 75
3 Chu-Kung, Ben ..... 38	3 O'Gorman, Peter J ..... 74.5
4 Ellis, Jason ..... 37	4 McAleer, James L ..... 66.5
5 Bannon, David T ..... 32.5	5 He, Daniel M ..... 66
6 Grom, Alex ..... 26.5	6 Kiiru, Joseph K ..... 62

#### Class B

1 Wen, David ..... 61	1 Kramlich, Dan ..... 87
2 Shimada, Masakazu ..... 39.5	2 Fields, Noah ..... 67
3 Parnon, Calvin J ..... 39	3 Gelb, Nicolo R ..... 58
4 Sun, Maxwell S ..... 25.5	4 Haining, Kyle ..... 57
5 Hultman, Jan M ..... 20	5 Lampman, Becca ..... 55.5
6 Witt, Steven A ..... 17	6 Nicoski, Aaron M ..... 55

#### Class C

1 Midson, Tony ..... 16.5	1 Monahan, Darby P ..... 80.5
2 Brusselback, Lon ..... 14	2 Piper, August ..... 63.5
3 Falbo, Clement E ..... 13.5	3 Soetedjo, James C ..... 57
4 Meaders, Jedidiah ..... 13	4 Zhang, Brendan ..... 48.5
5 Wentz, Dale R ..... 12.5	5 Baker, Ted ..... 48
6 Esler, Megan C ..... 12	6 Yee, Nathaniel ..... 45

#### Class D and Below

1 Murray, Dillon T ..... 35.5	1 Richards, Jerrold ..... 62
2 Sharan, Pranav ..... 32	2 Haining, Breck ..... 50
3 Cohen, David S ..... 30	3 Jones, Davey V ..... 47.5
4 Sharan, Praveer ..... 26	4 Thomas, Arjun ..... 37
5 Jewel, Nathan ..... 19.5	5 Li, Jiangyu ..... 35
6 Two tied at ..... 11.5	6 Four tied at ..... 32.5

#### Overall Leaders, by State

1 Botez, V Alexandra ..... 78.5	1 Buck, Stephen J ..... 96.5
2 Breckenridge, Steven ... 72.5	2 Kramlich, Dan ..... 87
3 Raptis, Nick ..... 69	3 Monahan, Darby P ..... 80.5
4 Wen, David ..... 61	4 Szabo, Marcell ..... 75
5 Esler, Brian J ..... 49	5 O'Gorman, Peter J ..... 74.5
6 Brooks, Curtis ..... 48.5	6 Bragg, David R ..... 69
7 Hammer, Dale M ..... 45	6 Bartron, Paul R ..... 69
8 Sherrard, Jerry ..... 44	8 Fields, Noah ..... 67
9 Cigan, Jason ..... 40.5	9 McAleer, James L ..... 66.5
10 Shimada, Masakazu ..... 39.5	10 He, Daniel M ..... 66
11 Parnon, Calvin J ..... 39	11 Piper, August ..... 63.5
12 Chu-Kung, Ben ..... 38	12 Pupols, Viktors ..... 62.5
13 Haessler, Carl A ..... 37.5	13 Kiiru, Joseph K ..... 62
14 Ellis, Jason ..... 37	13 Richards, Jerrold ..... 62
15 Murray, Dillon T ..... 35.5	15 Gelb, Nicolo R ..... 58

#### Active Players in Database – 2011

	Oregon	Washington	Other	totals
<b>Master</b>	5	8	1	14
<b>Expert</b>	13	21	2	36
<b>Class A</b>	15	44	9	68
<b>Class B</b>	16	56	5	77
<b>Class C</b>	17	41	9	67
<b>Class D-below</b>	26	102	3	131
<b>totals</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>393</b>

# Portland Chess Club Centennial Open

## \$10,000 Guaranteed

August 12, 13 & 14, 2011

Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR

**TYPE:** 6-round Swiss in 2 sections.

**TC:** 40/120; SD 60

**5-GAME SCHEDULE:** Players rated 2200 and above may enter 2nd round with 1 point.

All others: one irrevocable half-point bye available for any rounds 1-6 if requested before round 2.

**ROUND TIMES:** Friday 11 & 7; Saturday 9 & 7;

Sunday 10 & 5;

**REGISTRATION:** Friday, 9:00am-10:45 am.

**ENTRIES:** \$110. Pre-registration received by August 8 deduct \$10. Free entry to GM's and IM's

(\$100 deducted from any prizes);

Refund of \$20 to guests registered at hotel for at least 2 nights, payable at end of tournament (one refund per room).

**USCF & OCF/WCF** membership required;

OSA or out-of-Northwest pay \$5 OCF tournament fee. USCF August list used to determine ratings. FIDE ratings used for foreign players without USCF ratings.

Unrated players limited to place prizes in Championship Section and U1200/unr in Amateur Section.

**FIDE RATED CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION —**

Open to all; total prize fund \$4500

**PRIZES:** \$2000-1000-500

**U2200:** \$500-300-200

**AMATEUR SECTION—**Open to all under 2000;

total prize fund \$5500

**PRIZES:** \$1000-600-400

**U 1800:** \$500-300-200

**U1600:** \$500-300-200

**U 1400:** \$500-300-200

**U 1200/unr:** \$300-200

**SIDE EVENT:** Saturday Afternoon Blitz start 3:30 pm; 8 double-round Swiss \$20 entry fee; 80% of entries returned as prizes: 1st 50%; 2nd 25%; U2000 25%

**SPECIAL VISITOR GM SUSAN POLGAR:**

Saturday afternoon 10-board clock simul

Sunday morning breakfast topic, "The Bobby Fischer I Knew."

**HOTEL:** Lloyd Center Doubletree

1000 N.E. Multnomah; special chess rate (mention tournament); single occupancy \$99; double occupancy \$109; plus tax. For hotel reservations call 1-800-996-0510.



**MORE INFO** and list of tournament sponsors: [www.pdxchess.org](http://www.pdxchess.org)

*Bring sets, boards and clocks; none supplied. • Any player winning \$600 or more must complete IRS form with SSN before payment.*

Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

USCF ID \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Expire \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Bye Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIDE Rated Championship Section**

**Amateur Section**

Send a check or money order payable to Portland Chess Club to: Mike Morris, 2344 NE 27th Ave, Portland, OR, 97212

# Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

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 kleistcf@aol.com  
 Address for Entries  
 SCC Tnmt Dir  
 2420 S 137 St  
 Seattle WA 98168

## July 9, Aug 14

**Format:** 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 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.

## Saturday Quads

## July 17, Aug 20

**Format:** 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 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.

## Sunday Tornado

## July 20

## 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. —Last in the series!—

### 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, (5/14)–24; Tornados (1/2)–16, (1/30)–19, (2/27)–26, (3/27)–24, (4/17)–22, (5/8)–10, (6/5)–9; City Championship (1/14-16)–33;
- Spring Open (4/1-3)–56, Yaz Lecture/Book-signing (4/10)–60, Adult Swiss (4/30-5/1)–10.

# Seattle Seafair

July 22-24 or July 23-24

A one-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 and SD/1 (Two-day schedule – Round 1, G/64). The prize fund of \$1620 is based on 60 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

*a Harmon Memorial Grand Prix event*

<b>First</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>gtd.</b>	<b>U1800</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>\$195</b>	<b>gtd.</b>	<b>U1600</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>gtd.</b>	<b>U1400</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>U2200</b>	<b>\$140</b>		<b>U1200</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>U2000</b>	<b>\$135</b>		<b>Unrated</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Upset (Rds 1-4)</b>			<b>\$10/rd</b>	
<b>Plus Score Pool</b>			<b>\$215</b>	

**Entry Fees:** \$41 if rec'd by 7/21, \$50 at site. **GMs, IMs, & WGMs**—FREE. **Unrated**—Free with purchase of 1-yr USCF & 1-yr WCF. **SCC members**—subtract \$11. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, OR, and WA—subtract \$5. **Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.**

**Registration:** Fri. 7-7:45pm, Sat. 9-9:45am. **Rounds:** Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

**Byes:** 2 (Sunday rounds, commit at reg.). **Misc.:** USCF & WCF memb. req'd. No smoking. No computers.

# Future Events

♣ indicates a NW Grand Prix event ♣

♣ July 2-3

48th 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. Play to improve your USCF rating & to gain N.W. Grand Prix points. Format: Five (5)-round Swiss (two 1/2-point byes available upon advance request). Registration: 9:00-9:45 AM. Time Control: Round 1, G/60; Round 2, G/90; Rounds 3-5, G/120. Rounds: Saturday, 10:00 (G/60), 1:00 (G/90), 4:00 (G/120); Sunday, 10:00 and 2:00 or ASAP (G/120). Byes: two half-point byes available. Entry Fee: \$12 for all rounds, \$10 for four rounds (one half-point bye), or \$8 for three rounds (two half-point byes). Entries: Mail entries to Tacoma Chess Club, c/o Gary Dorfner, 8423 East B St, Tacoma, WA 98445. (Checks payable to Gary Dorfner.) Information: Gary Dorfner, Tournament Director (253-535-2536), e-mail ggarychess@aol.com. Note: All players (unrateds included) must have both USCF and WCF (or other state) memberships to play. They may purchase both memberships on site. NS/NC/NW.

July 9-10

Oregon Senior Championship

Oregon City, OR. Age 50+. See display advertisement on page 20.

♣ July 16-17

Portland Summer Open ♣

5SS, 2 sections: Open & Reserve (U1800), TC: 40/90 SD/30 Rds 1-3, 40/2 SD/1 Rds 4-5. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th, Portland, OR 97219. EF: \$35. \$10 discount for PCC Members. OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd, OSA. Prizes: (\$650 b/40). Open \$325: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, U2000 \$75. Reserve \$325: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, U1600 \$50, U1400 \$50, U1200/Unr \$50. Reg: 9-9:30AM 3/21, Rds: Sat 10-2-ASAP, Sun 10-ASAP. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg., maximum two. Adv. Ent.: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219. Info: portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.com.

♣ July 30

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.

♣ July 30-31

Spokane Falls Open ♣

Site: Gonzaga University, Schoenberg Center room 201, 800 Pearl St. Spokane, WA 99258. Reg: 8:30-9:45. EF \$18 by 7/29, U18 \$15; \$25 at site for all. USCF rated (NWGP) event; unrated USCF members play first event free. TC: G/120. Rds: Sat: 10:00; 2:30; 7:00, Sun: 9:00; 1:30 or ASAP. \$500 Prize Fund b/25, min 4/section. 1st Overall: \$120; 2nd Overall: \$80; Class prizes: \$60/\$30 in classes B, C, and D/E/Unr; Biggest Upset (non-provisional ratings), \$30. One HPB if requested before previous round; for rounds 4 or 5 request before end round 3. Contact: Dave Griffin (509) 994-9739 (cellular), dbgrffin@hotmail.com. Mail entries: David B. Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. Website: Spokanechessclub.org. Event concurrent with Spokane City Championship match between John Julian and player TBD.

August 7


Newport Run/Chess Championship

Run/Chess Championship presented by the Central Coast Chess Club. Participants run, jog, or walk a timed mile after registration. The time that they set will be their opponents' time for the 5-SS which follows. Sites: For the timed mile, Newport Middle School Track, 825 Northeast 7th Street, Newport, OR 97365 For the chess tournament: the Lincoln County PUD Building, 2129 North Coast Highway Newport, OR 97365-0090 (just south of Walmart). EF: \$5. Prizes-3 foot tall Championship trophy for the overall winner. Additional age/group trophies as participation allows. Registration: 11:30-11:45AM at the Newport Middle School Track. Timed one mile begins at 12PM (Noon). Chess tournament begins at 1PM at the Lincoln County PUD Building. Info: Bill Barrese. Bllbrs2020@yahoo.com or (541)563-7033. Mailing address: 3599 E. Alsea Hwy., Waldport, OR 97394.

♣ August 12-14

Portland Chess Club Centennial Open ♣


Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR. See display advertisement on page 22.



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