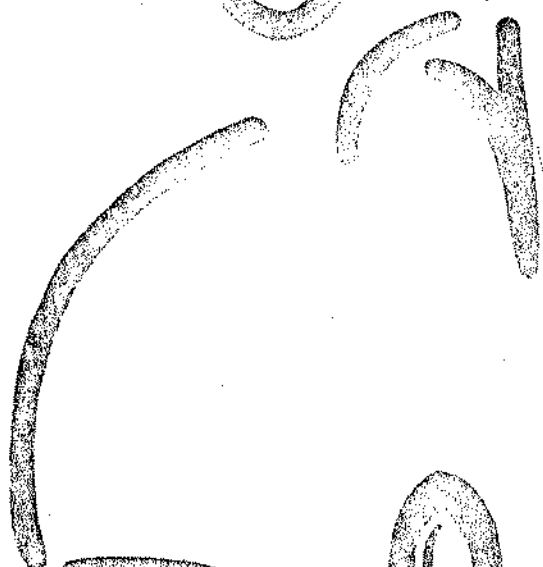


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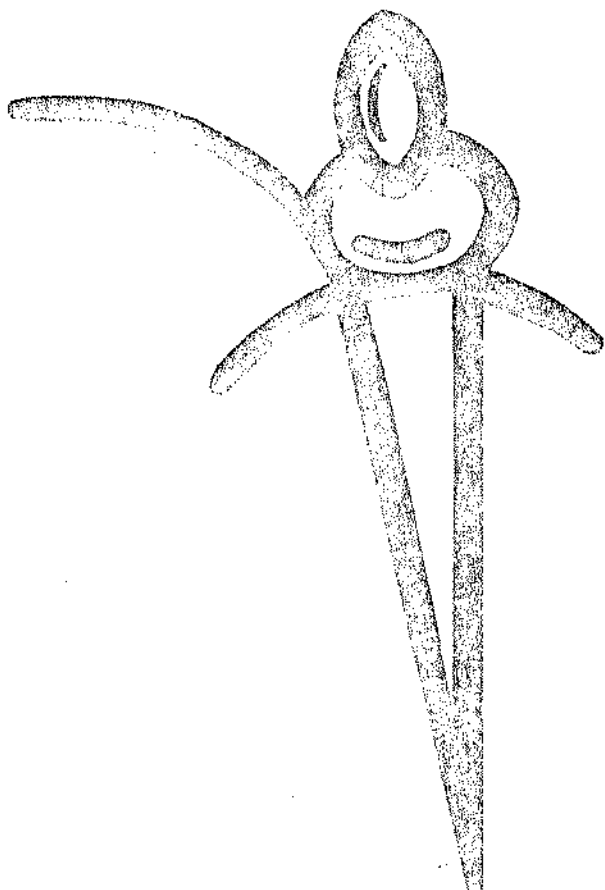
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GGG RATINGS

This month's rating list includes all games received by me as of 1/3/77. I plan to improve the rating list including the top ten players list beginning next month. Please contact me if you think I may have made an error in recording your games or calculating your rating.

I am not currently using the player #'s that were introduced by the previous chairman so it is imperative that all names be legible and spelled correctly. Team captains should make it a point to learn the proper spelling of each of their team members. Team captains and divisional chairmen should also be sure to send me a legible copy of the game results (preferably the original).

Examples of the problems that can occur include the following: 1) The Procon team submitted separate results for Dmytrenko and Dmytrenco for a player listed on the master file as Dmy. This, of course, will result in the creation of 2 new player master records. 2) A player by the name of Sheber was a member of the Chessnuts team; the Motorola team sent in results for both Sheber and Sheler - 1 person, 2, or 3? 3) What is the correct spelling for Sundararaman?

A new player listing will also be included with each rating list - every player should verify that his name was not listed by mistake.

Contact me if you should find any errors.

Terry Andresen

GLG RATINGS

NEW-PLAYER TEAM RATING PTS

SATTERLEE	HARV	0001
RISTOFF	HARV	0000
UOZINSKI	HARV	0000
MOTYCKA	HARV	0002
DZIEDZIC	HARV	0000
WRENS	HARV	0000
MELSON	XNGLI	0005
SANCHEZ	KALNO	0004
KEIG	KNGH	0003
UNDERWOOD	CSSDR	0005
BYCA	STNDR	0005
FRICIOUS	CSSDR	0000
LAMBERS	STNDR	0000
BOBBAY	CSSDR	0000
RICE	CSSDR	0000
KROFFNER	CSSDR	0000
KEITSNYDER	CSSDR	0000
DICKINSON	CSSDR	0000
LINE	CSSDR	0000
UDITE	CSSDR	0000
SWEET	CSSDR	0000
PHAN	CSSDR	0007
CHILLASIN	CSSDR	0002
FRACAC	ROCKS	0000
BEANNOTTE	ROCKS	0000
TEVAROVIC	HARV	0008
COVAS	HARV	0002
BARON	HARV	0000
MUNOZ	HARV	0004
DANGUY	HARV	0000
SPSCHEIS	HARV	0000
AMSON	ROCKS	0000
DZADZIC	ROCKS	0003
QUINN	HARV	0001
SADOR	HARV	0000
DAY	CSSDR	0000
TANG	CSSDR	0007
SATHIS	CSSDR	0000
HEVERSON	CSSDR	0000
HERRILL	CSSDR	0002
DUMA	CSSDR	0000
COTI	CSSDR	0000
BICO	CSSDR	0000
PERNIECKI	CSSDR	0002
GULLER	CSSDR	0000
ALVINO	CSSDR	0002
DIVITO	CSSDR	0000
DOSNER	CSSDR	0000
MUSAYIN	CSSDR	0002
MENNING	MYR LA	0001
HELFRH	MYR LA	0000
QUERTH	MYR LA	0000
EDGEE	MYR LA	0000
MERRY	MYR LA	0000

NEW-PLAYER TEAM

MIRNOV	ROCKS
STONE	ROCKS
ASTIMIRO	ROCKS
DOSTER	STNDR
MEYER	PAS
MURAK	DUPAG
MUNDSEN	DUPAG
HAHRSON	DUPAG
TRAUB	DUPAG
GRIFFIN	DUPAG
MARTIN	DUPAG
OOTANUS	ROCKS
HILIPUES	ROCKS
ABRILIOS	ROCKS
KALPEY	ROCKS
MUSTLEWAIT	ROCKS
MANS	ROCKS
JAYYS	ROCKS
VIASZYNSKI	ROCKS
UNGU	DUPAG
ERSSON	DUPAG
ETPSNYDER	ROCKS
ESWING	ROCKS
HUGENDORP	ROCKS
HORAK	DUPAG
ORSLANSON	STNDR
MURRELL	DUPAG
ISSER	ROCKS
AMYLE	ROCKS
AVALLO	ROCKS
BUFE	ROCKS
UNACKY	ROCKS
HYRENKO	ROCKS
HEVERSEN	ROCKS
RUBAS	ROCKS
ARACCI	ROCKS
AREN	ROCKS
UCKAYENKO	ROCKS
NERNIEKI	ROCKS
YERPOXSKI	ROCKS
ERRACCI	ROCKS
IVILIO	ROCKS
VULLAR	ROCKS
EVERSON	ROCKS
BERER	ROCKS
MCARTH	ROCKS
HELT	ROCKS
HARTDEGEN	ROCKS
HALLMAN	ROCKS
LUMNSON	ROCKS
HARTER	ROCKS
MCCUINN	ROCKS
SACON	ROCKS
PASSIS	ROCKS
WAGNER	ROCKS

NEW-PLAYER TEAM

RUJWID
WAWRO

HARZA
HARZA

East Division Report...by Fred Ciba

It was billed as the "chess match of the decade"...Sears Kingfishers were challenging Sears Number One for the leadership position in the East Division. Battle lines were drawn, players readied and the fight began! After a tumultuous battle and the dust finally cleared there arose in the East a new leader! Sears Kingfishers are now number one! Whereas Ruben Reyes and Bruce Morton went unscathed, Steve Schwartz, Terry Andresen and Tom Campbell fell to the mighty swift swords of Ed Latimer, Fred Kuch and Fred Ciba. Hale Chan and Phil Rolawicz fought hand to hand but finished in a noble draw. Maidens wept, broken morale and tarnished pride were adhered to and vows of vengeance cried through the air. And, wouldn't you know it, the Sears Kingfishers, being the gentlemen they are, have agreed to a rematch! It'll be the very next game - the positional round. Can Sears Number One, who are number two, wind up number three with another defeat? Stay tuned to this column!

Not meaning to rub dirt in the wounds, here's a little diddy I found in the New Orleans "States-Item" newspaper of December 15. It's by Shelby Lynar and is titled Excuses for Losing a Game...

"Why do chessplayers lose games? Try asking one who has just been defeated. Though you may find that even Socrates could not have found truth in that direction."

Chances are the response will be something like one of the following:

'I was sick,' 'I had a headache,' 'I didn't sleep last night,' or 'My food was poisoned.'

So prevalent is this type of excuse that one chessmaster was led to comment: 'I've never yet beaten a healthy opponent.'

The fact is that losing does make some people sick. For example, both Bent Larsen and Mark Taimanov needed medical care after catastrophic 6-0 match losses to Bobby Fischer. While Tigran Petrosian complained after a less drastic loss to Fischer that he was too old (at age 43?) to play. One would guess that Petrosian also was not feeling well.

A most honest answer was given by Fischer himself, after he lost the first game of his match with Spassky.

Fischer, who's astrological sign is Pisces, simply said, 'I played like a fish.'

One final note, please date your game sheets and mail them to me immediately upon completion. I in turn record the results and pass on this information to Terry Andresen, our ratings chairman, and Paul Weston are editor.

Near West Division Report...by Charlie Ward

Dramatic changes in the Near West standings took place during December. The Bell Labs Royals shook off early season setbacks and climbed into second place by virtue of back-to-back victories over the ANL Knights and ANL Monarchs. The WE Chargers moved into sole possession of first place by defeating the WE King's Indians by a score of 4-2. This match was protested by the King's Indians on the basis of a ranking of players in the Chargers' lineup not in accordance with playing strength. The protest was eventually upheld, but the match result was allowed to stand. The Chargers were penalized instead by being required to disclose their lineup for all future matches to their opponents at least 24 hours before each match. Despite this discordant note, it seems clear that there still is an abundance of good spirits in the division, as evidenced in the Amoco Oilers-Int'l Harvester match, where an epic struggle on board 4 was arranged between P.Dzadzic (Amoco) versus J.Dziedzic (Int'l Harvester)!

Far West Division Report by Rick Shaff

At the beginning of the new year the only undefeated team in the Far West is the Argonne Bishops. They have a 2½-2½ match going against the Dragons in the deciding game between Don Wilson and Ron Jackson to be played Jan. 7.* ANL Pawns knocked over the Kingsmen by picking up 3 on the lower boards, and are in good position entering the stretch. It is interesting to note that 4 out of the Argonne teams are very much in the running for the playoff spots in the Near and Far West sections.

If you haven't let your division chairman know the phone number of your playing room, please read about it in bulletin #3 and take care of that matter. We'd like a complete list for the interdivisional play and/or exhibition matches. Captains please make note of my new phone number - 690-4318.

*Don Wilson won the deciding game making the score, Dragons 3½ - Argonne Bishops 2½.

Far West Division Match Results

ANL Pawns	5½	Wheaton College	½	WE Kingsmen	2	ANL Pawns
S. Mihailovich	1	S. Fabricius	0	L. Parker	1	S. Mihailovich
N. Peterson	½	W. Underwood	½	J. Brozovich	0	M. Peterson
W. Walsh	1	R. Valpey	0	I. Stepanek	1	D. Green
D. Green	1	P. Kline	0	R. Harringer	0	E. Veleckis
H. Feder	1	K. Hobday	0	R. Shaff	0	T. Rennan
<u>E. Veleckis</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>B. Price</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>P. Weston</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>H. Feder</u>
D. Johnson	OF	P. Pudaitis	1F	R. Yuknavech	1	R. Meyer
R. Meyer	0	R. Olseng	1			

ANL Rooks	6	Amoco Standards	0	BTL Dragons	4	C.O.D.
R. Benedek	1	E. Lambers	0	D. Wilson	0	S. Amundsen
E. Appelman	1	D. Fajfar	0	J. Sobun	0	S. Martin
G. Das	1	C. Dickinson	0	F. House	1	T. Stramb
S. Ockers	1F	- - -	OF	N. Marselos	1	D. Antch
D. Baurac	1F	- - -	OF	K. Yeh	1F	- - -
K. Uherka	1F	- - -	OF	J. Rosen	1F	- - -

C.O.D.	1½	WE Kingsmen	4½	ANL Bishops	2½	BTL Dragons
S. Surak	½	L. Parker	½	J. Jackson	0	D. Wilson
S. Amundsen	1	J. Brozovich	0	R. Wilson	0	J. Sobun
S. Martin	0	R. Harringer	1	D. Dever	0	F. House
B. Penner	0	R. Shaff	1	S. Decman	1	J. Rosen
T. Stramb	0	R. Yuknavech	1	L. Shirkey	1	F. Myslik
R. Griffin	0	P. Weston	1	N. Beck	½	R. Schme

North Division Match Results

I.T.T.	1	Teletype	5	Motorola	5	Signode
R. Oelrich	0	F. Tegel	1	N. Goncharoff	0	A. Brosig
J. Koulis	0	J. Gilmer	1	Y. Neumark	1	L. Stensaker
P. Yang	0	L. Aldort	1	R. Ogasawara	1	S. Huff
M. Byckowski	1	R. Titus	0	Y. Henning	1	R. Pasturovsk
B. DiVito	0	J. Klemm	1	R. Robinson	1	J. Klein
J. McAnany	0	H. Sue	1	Y. Sheber	1	C. McNow
				J. Myers	1	T. Caracci

EXcaliburs	5	Teletype	1	I.T.T.	5	Curtiss Candy
E. Buerger	0	F. Tegel	1	M. Byckowski	0	A. Mengellis
K. Czerniecki	1	L. Aldort	0	J. Koulis	1	L. Caporusso
P. Wong	1	J. Klemm	0	P. Yang	1	P. Filmanowicz
I. Rosenfeld	1	R. Titus	0	B. Oelrich	1	W. Dahl
J. Brotsos	1	E. Srubas	0	J. McAnany	1	L. Stasaitis
G. Wolcott	1	H. Sue	0	B. DiVito	1	S. Ferrille
J. Owen	1	M. Volpe (EXcal)	0	R. Singh	0	E. Scott

Procon/UOP	1	EXcaliburs	5
M. Tang	0	E. Buerger	1
Z. Dailidka	0	K. Czerniecki	1
J. Kozacky	0	I. Rosenfeld	1
S. Dmy	0	J. Dunworth	1
D. Stuhlberg	1	J. Brotsos	0
M. Sarfullah	0	B. Micek	1
R. Youma	0	J. Owen	1
M. Rico	0	S. Edwards	1

Near West Division Match Results

Int'l Harvester	2	Zenith-Rauland	4	WE Chargers	3	Amoco Oilers
D. Satterlee	0	S. Karlovics	1	K. Dobr	0	H. Schroeder
W. Ristoff	0	A. Sanchez	1	M. Alojado	0	M. Dee
E. Dargelis	1	J. Roelke	0	V. Stamm	0	J. Zechinatti
C. Studzinski	1	H. Tomlinson	0	C. Kimbler	1	G. Daly
S. Ahlf	0	T. Miguel	1	F. Wendorf	1	P. Dzadzic
D. Hartdegen	0	H. Lange	1	M. Swiderski	1	N. Pauwe

WE Chargers	4	WE King's Indians	2	BTL Royals	4	ANL Knights
C. Kimbler	0	J. Warren	1	G. Benson	1	G. Berry
K. Dobr	1	W. Elliott	0	D. Anderson	0	C. Young
M. Swiderski	1	D. Sumro	0	M. Sundararaman	1	B. Nelson
V. Stamm	1	C. Andrews	0	J. Walz	0	C. Ward
M. Alojado	1	J. Thomas	0	N. Reid	1	G. Kinsella
H. Wettersten	0	R. Fish	1	F. Salomon	1F	K. Burba

<u>Amoco Oilers</u>		<u>5½</u>		<u>Int'l Harvester</u>		<u>½</u>		<u>N.L. Monarchs</u>		<u>2½</u>		<u>BTL Royals</u>	
L. Sheridan	1	B. Ristoff	0	E. Kucera	1	J. Jonnson							
Zechinati	1	S. Ahlf	0	V. Krohn	0	G. Benson							
M. Dee	1	B. Motycka	0	R. Maglic	0	D. Anderson							
P. Dzadzic	1	J. Dziedzic	0	L. Baker	½	C. Brenda							
N. Paauwe	1	T. Owens	0	K. Kellogg	1	N. Reid							
G. Daly	½	S. Johnson	½	G. Dragel	0	J. Walz							

<u>D.P.C. Int'l</u>		<u>3</u>		<u>Amoco Oilers</u>		<u>3</u>	
B. Urbas	0	L. Sheridan	1				
S. Parmeter	1	M. Dee	0				
R. Wright	0	P. Dzadzic	1				
J. DesJardins	0	N. Paauwe	1				
J. Mudde	1F	J. Zechinati	0F				
E. Geiger	1F	G. Daly	0F				
J. Mudde	1	E. Geiger (UPC)	0				

East Division Match Results

<u>Sears Kingfishers</u>		<u>4½</u>		<u>Harza Engineering</u>		<u>1½</u>		<u>G.A.T.X.</u>		<u>4½</u>		<u>Harris Trust</u>	
R. Golla	0	M. Stevanovic	1	N. Eslinger	1	J. Quinn							
E. Latimer	1	F. Dungoy	0	J. Rothschild	½	H. Vergara							
F. Kuch	½	G. Bujwid	½	J. Albrecht	1	P. Sacon							
P. Rolewicz	1	R. Munoz	0	J. Passis	1	T. Johnson							
B. Lems	1	S. Wawro	0	R. Wagner	0	M. Ertel							
F. Ciba	1	H. Abramski	0	J. Rogalski	1F	- - -							

<u>Sears Number One</u>		<u>2½</u>		<u>Sears Kingfishers</u>		<u>3½</u>		<u>1st Nat'l Bank</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>Harza Engineering</u>	
R. Reyes	1	R. Golla	0	E. Gastelu	0	M. Stevanovic							
S. Schwartz	0	E. Latimer	1	R. Buchanan	1	S. Wawro							
T. Andresen	0	F. Kuch	1	J. Davis	0	O. Bujwid							
H. Chan	½	P. Rolewicz	½	T. Gaffigan	1	J. Baron							
B. Morton	1	B. Lems	0	H. Chaplik	0	R. Munoz							
T. Campbell	0	F. Ciba	1	S. Redd	0	P. Kolenda							

<u>R.R. Donnelly</u>		<u>1½</u>		<u>Ill Bell Tel</u>		<u>4½</u>	
C. Dobbins	0	E. Sedlock	1				
H. Swanson	0	K. Buell	1				
R. Caine	½	W. Logelin	½				
F. Leben	1	R. Lauth	0				
T. Mayer	0	L. Young	1				
H. Carlson	0	M. Downs	1				
A. Mackey	0	R. Burk (RRD)	1				

League Standings

Far West Division

	Team	W	L	D	Match Points	%
1-2	WE Kingsmen	4	1	0	20½ - 9½	.800
	ANL Bishops	4	1	0	20½ - 9½	.800
3	ANL Pawns	4	1	1	22 - 14	.750
4	ANL Rooks	3	1	1	19 - 11	.700
5	BTL Dragons	4	2	0	22 - 14	.667
6	Wheaton College	1	3	1	8 - 22	.333
7	Amoco Standards	1	4	1	11 - 25	.250
8	C.O.D.	1	4	0	13 - 17	.200
9	Fermilab	0	5	0	8 - 22	.000

Near West Division

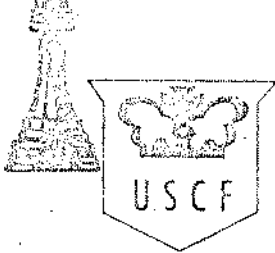
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1	WE Chargers	3	0	2	18½ - 11½	.800
2-3	BTL Royals	4	1	1	20 - 10	.750
	ANL Knights	3	1	0	13½ - 10½	.750
4	WE King's Indians	3	1	1	20 - 10	.700
5	ANL Monarchs	2	2	1	16 - 14	.500
6	CPC Int'l	1	2	2	15 - 15	.400
7	Amoco Oilers	1	3	2	18 - 18	.333
8	Zenith-Rauland	1	3	1	13 - 17	.300
9	Int'l Harvester	0	5	0	4 - 26	.000

East Division

	Team	W	L	D	Match Points	%
1	Sears Kingfishers	4	0	0	16 - 8	1.000
2	Sears Number One	3	1	0	17 - 7	.750
3	R.R. Donnelly	2	1	1	16 - 8	.625
4-5	1st National Bank	2	2	0	15 - 9	.500
	Harza engineering	1	1	2	11½ - 12½	.500
6	Ill Bell Tel	1	2	1	11½ - 12½	.375
7	GATX Corp.	1	3	0	6 - 18	.250
8	Harri's Trust	0	4	0	3 - 21	.000

North Division

	Team	W	L	D	Match Points	%
1	EXcaliburs	5	0	0	25 - 5	1.000
2-3	Motorola	4	1	0	20 - 10	.800
	I.T.T.	4	1	0	19 - 11	.800
4	Teletype	3	1	1	18 - 12	.700
5	Procon/UOP	2	2	1	17 - 13	.500
6-8	Sara Lee	0	4	0	6 - 18	.000
	Curtiss Candy	0	4	0	4½ - 19½	.000
	Signode	0	5	0	4½ - 25½	.000



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The second annual season of the National Chess League, playing matches on boards by telephone, began last night. Seven of last year's nine teams are competing for the second year, in addition to seven expansion teams, for a total of 14 teams. They will play an eight-round Swiss-System scored by game points. Each round the teams are paired with opponents having the same (or the nearest possible) game point total up to that point.

The Washington Plumbers became the 1976 League Champions by pulling off one of the greatest upsets in chess history. Not considered a serious contender all the season, the Plumbers took a surprising early lead and overcame a strong challenge by the New York Threats, the pre-season favorites, to win by $1\frac{1}{2}$ game points. Plumbers' first 1977 match, against expansion team Ramada Rooks of Phoenix, was postponed because of heavy snow in Washington. It will be played next Wednesday night, 12 January.

New York, determined not to be outpaced again, began its season with a 2-0 win by shutting out the expansion Philadelphia Quakers, 6-0. Philadelphia had the highest rated line-up of any new team (2275, higher than three of last year's top 5 overs), but New York's line-up set a new League mark with a 2449 average rating, producing the second shut-out in League history (last year, Washington blanked 1st place Houston in a crucial match). The Threats were led by two former Soviet chess masters, Anatoly Lein and Leonid Shamkovich, who shared the US Open Championship this August. Lein is now the second-ranked active player in the nation after Robert Byrne.

Last year's 3rd place prize-winners, the Cleveland Kinghunters, won their match but only by 4-2. They had expected to do better against the expansion Lincoln Americans. The Nebraskans turned in an excellent performance for a new team with no Masters.

The San Francisco Dragons, fourth-prize winners in 1976, likewise ran into more opposition than expected against an expansion team. The Atlanta Kings held them by a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ margin, a fine result for a team rated only 1935 to their opponents' 2265.

The Los Angeles Stauntons, 5th last year, are trailing the expansion Westfield Colonials of New Jersey, 3-2, with one game to be adjudicated after 60 moves. The field will likely get at least a draw from the adjudication, becoming the only expansion team to win their match. This will not be a great upset, as Westfield (Philadelphia) has a powerful line-up comparable to most of last year's teams. Los Angeles was missing some of its top stars and had a line-up outrating Westfield only 2265 to 2252, a margin of little significance. The New Jersey team was not at full strength either, though, and may be on its way to being a serious contender when all of its top players are available.

The Boston 64's started strongly with a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ rout of the expansion New York Maple Leafs. Another Louisiana newcomer, the Berwick Bay Browns of Morgan City, also had trouble, trailing the Chicago Prairie Dogs 5-0. Berwick Bay should, however, salvage at least a half point and maybe a win in their last game, left to

GM indicates an international grandmaster title, IM an international master, and national titles are not based on ratings. A US rating of at least 2400 indicates a Senior Master, 2200 a Master, 2000 an Expert, 1800 a Class A player, 1600 a Class B player. Blank result indicates game to be adjudicated.

NEW YORK (6)
 1 Anatoly Lein GM 2552..... 1
 2 Leonis Shamkovich GM 2501. 1
 3 Sal Matera IM 2438..... 1
 4 Edmar Mednis IM 2427..... 1
 5 Andy Soltis IM 2423..... 1
 6 Ken Regan 2354..... 1

WESTFIELD (3+)
 1 Arthur Bisguier GM 2389... 0
 2 Michael Valo 2361..... 1
 3 Larry D Evans 2297..... 1
 4 Eugene Shapiro 2175..... 1
 5 Wayne Conover 2155..... 0
 6 Steve Stoyko 2134.....

CLEVELAND (4)
 1 Dumitru Ghizdavu IM 2348.. ½
 2 Calvin Blocker 2317..... 1
 3 Ross Sprague 2304..... 0
 4 Tom Wozney 2263..... 1
 5 James Schroeder 2197..... ½
 6 Robert Burns 2100..... 1

BOSTON (5½)
 1 Norman Weinstein IM 2455.. 1
 2 William Kelleher 2203..... 1
 3 Larry Tapper 2176..... 1
 4 Chris Chase 2173..... ½
 5 Jerome Bono 2159..... 1
 6 Dan Harrington 2147..... 1

SAN FRANCISCO (4½)
 1 John Grefe IM 2448..... 1
 2 Peter Clegghorn 2378..... ½
 3 Dennis Fritzingher 2254.... 1
 4 Robert Hammie 2216..... 1
 5 James McCormick 2268..... 0
 6 Jay Whitehead 2193..... 1

CHICAGO (5+)
 1 Richard Verber 2426.....
 2 Elliott Winslow 2320..... 1
 3 Eugene Martinovsky 2317... 1
 4 Dennis Waterman 2299..... 1
 5 David Presser 2190..... 1
 6 Lawrence Lipking 2159..... 1

PHILADELPHIA (0)
 Leroy Dubeck 2337..... 0
 Tim Taylor 2308..... 0
 Richard Costigan 2308..... 0
 Boris Baczyński 2256..... 0
 Bruce Rind 2228..... 0
 Tom Costigan 2203..... 0

LOS ANGELES (2+)
 John Peters 2404..... 1
 Jeff Kent 2318..... 0
 Julius Loftsson 2273..... 0
 Jerry Hanken 2231..... 0
 Frank Street 2216..... 1
 Alan Pollard 2150.....

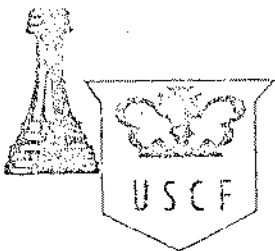
LINCOLN (2)
 Loren Schmidt 2182..... ½
 Rodney Malpert 2128..... 0
 Mike Chess 2124..... 1
 Rich Chess 2103..... 0
 Robert Grande 1991..... ½
 Richard Jourdan 1930..... 0

NEW ORLEANS (½)
 Jim Rousselle 2146..... 0
 Tom Ousley 2006..... 0
 Dennis Baker 1978..... 0
 Ed Williams 1962..... ½
 John Parsons 1902..... 0
 Alberto Prieto 1751..... 0

ATLANTA (1½)
 Jewell Watson 2006..... 0
 William Scott 1993..... ½
 Jared Radin 1908..... 0
 Don Schultz 1908..... 0
 Bob Kolvick 1905..... 1
 Stuart Rundlett 1892..... 0

BERWICK BAY (0+)
 Joseph Bradford 2219.....
 Pat Brown 1943..... 0
 Steve Hobart 1938..... 0
 Walter Herbert 1828..... 0
 Matthew Goshen 1690..... 0
 Thomas Dupuis 1600..... 0

STANDINGS:	Won	Lost	Pct.	Games behind	Avg. rating	Perf. rating
New York Thrats.....	6	0	1.000	-	2449	267
Chicago Prairie Dogs.....	5	0	1.000	½	2285	230
Boston 64s.....	5½	½	.917	½	2219	231
San Francisco Dragons.....	4½	1½	.750	1½	2293	217
Cleveland Kinghunters.....	4	2	.667	2	2255	220
Westfield Colonials (NJ).....	3	2	.600	2½	2252	220
Washington Plumbers.....	0	0	-	3	--	--
Ramada Rooks (Phoenix).....	0	0	-	3	--	--
Los Angeles Staunton.....	2	3	.400	3½	2265	212
Lincoln Mid-Americans.....	2	4	.333	4	2076	210



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USA'S DIESEN IS NEW WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPION

US Junior Chess Co-Champion Mark C. Diesen, age 19, of Potomac, Maryland, has become the first USA representative in 20 years to win the World Junior Chess Championship. The event was held in Groningen, Netherlands, from 21 December 1976 to 5 January 1977. With the title goes a world cup and gold medal, as well as a cash prize of 400 Dutch florins (about \$150).

By winning the World Junior, Diesen automatically qualified for the title of International Master, awarded by the World Chess Federation. Diesen is the youngest USA representative to have qualified for that title since former World Chess Champion Robert Fischer, of South Pasadena, California, earned it in 1957, at the time he was 14 years old.

In a 42-move victory, Diesen defeated Mexico's Marcel Sinquelet in the final-round game, while Lubomir Ftacnik, of Czechoslovakia, who shared the lead with Diesen at the outset of the round, was held to a draw by Nir Grinberg, of Israel, and had to settle for second place. Diesen thus compiled a perfect tournament record of seven wins and no draws for a total of 10.0-3.0. Ftacnik scored six wins and seven draws for a total of 9.5-3.5. Also among the top finishers, tied for 4th-7th place, was Leslie Leow, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who represented Singapore.

The World Junior has been sponsored by the World Chess Federation since 1951. Held biennially at first, since 1973 it has been held annually. Two winners, Soviets Boris Spassky and Anatoly Karpov, went on to become World Champions. Only one USA representative, William Lombardy, of Ridgefield, New Jersey, has previously won the title (in 1957).

Diesen earned the right for the world title by tying for first place in the US Junior Invitational Championship, which was held from June and sponsored by the Memphis Chess Club, which donated an all-expenses-paid trip to Groningen. Diesen and the other co-champion, Michael Rohde, of South Orange, New Jersey, agreed that Diesen would go to Groningen because this is his last year of eligibility for the World Junior, which is limited to players under 20. Rohde went on to capture first place in the Schilde (Belgium) International Youth Tournament, generally acknowledged to be the strongest tournament, restricted to those under 18.

Diesen's victory in the World Junior is seen as the fruit of the Chess Federation's commitment to nurture young talent on a selective basis. For the past two years, Diesen has been tutored by Grandmaster

Lubomir Kavalek, who lives near Diesen in Reston, Virginia. Diesen also acted as Diesen's second in Groningen.

Diesen, now rated as the second-highest player in the United States under 21, began 1976 with a tie for fourth in the National Challengers. He played in the National Open, but was not among the leaders. In the Statham Masters-Plus, he created an early sensation by defeating Grandmaster Walter S. Browne, of Berkeley, for the first time in his career, but faded toward the end.

In July he placed ninth out of 16 with two closing losses due to time pressure. However, he toppled Grandmaster Leonid Shamkovic, a recent emigre from the Soviet Union, for one of his victories. In August he compiled a Board Four record of three wins, three draws and one loss as a member of the US team which took second place at the Student Olympiad at Caracas. In September he won the Sixth City Futurity in New York, after a slow start, with three victories in the last three rounds.

Since Diesen began playing seriously at age 10, he has put chess above everything else. In 1975, a year after graduating from William Churchill High School, he withdrew from freshman courses at the University of Maryland to devote himself full-time to chess. Ironically, neither his mother Marge, once Wisconsin Women's Chess Champion, nor his father Carl, a rated expert in chess, ever encouraged their son to play. Chess literature and sets were placed prominently in their home, however, and Mark as a child gravitated to them. The family moved to the District of Columbia area in the summer of 1975 after having lived in various parts of the country, and it was there that Mark's passion for chess reached full intensity.

Top Finishers
15th World Junior Chess Championship
21 December 1976-5 January 1977
Groningen, Netherlands

1st	Mark C. Diesen	USA	10.0-3.0
2nd	Lubomir Ftacnik	Czechoslovakia	9.5-3.5
3rd	Nir Grinberg	Israel	9.0-4.0
4th-7th	Daniel Campora	Argentina	8.5-4.5
4th-7th	Leslie Leow	Singapore	8.5-4.5
4th-7th	Marcel Sisniega	Mexico	8.5-4.5
4th-7th	Eugeniy Vladimirov	USSR	8.5-4.5

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Letters to the Editor

Recently I played in a chess match where I felt an injustice was involved upon the team I represent as Captain, the WE King's Indians. The incident involved concerned the policies of the league Section II. Rules of Team Competition, paragraph D, Captain responsibility, Part 1 - Player Ranking. One can theorize for a long time on what current relative playing strength is, so dispense with theory.

On Dec. 1, 1976 the WE Chargers faced the Indians, about a year ago C. Kimbler of the Chargers played board #1. My analysis will be a board by board analysis of eleven matches played between Nov. 1975 and Dec. 1, 1976. It works out something like this:

Rating	Player	Board played (number of times played)						NP-Not Played
1541	Kimble	Bd 2 (1)	Bd 3 (2)	Bd 4 (5)	Bd 5 (2)	NP (1)		
1742	Dobr	Bd 1 (4)	Bd 2 (2)	Bd 3 (3)	Bd 5 (1)	NP (1)		
1371	Swiderski	Bd 5 (1)	Bd 6 (5)	Bd 7 (2)	Bd 8 (3)	NP (1)		
1578	Stamm	Bd 1 (2)	Bd 2 (6)	Bd 3 (2)	NP (1)			
1640	Alojado	Bd 1 (5)	Bd 2 (2)	Bd 3 (3)	NP (1)			
1427	Wettersten	No Analysis						

Average board played

Match of Dec. 1

C. Kimbler	3.8	1
K. Dobr	1.7	2
M. Alojado	1.8	5
V. Stamm	2.0	4
Y. Swiderski	6.6	3
M. Swiderski	5.9*	3

*if all board 7's and 8's - treated as 6's. Chargers had an eight man team.

In the first four matches of the current season the Chargers played in order of CIGL ratings. I would never have insisted on this in our match. I did try and insist that Kimbler not play 1 and that their three top players play 1, 2, 3 in reasonable order with Dobr probably on board 1, but two of the top players away on boards 4 and 5.

I close with a comment from the captain of the Chargers. His reasoning since Kimbler previously played board 1 this qualifies him to play board 1. I haven't taken time to research his performance on 1 but current season performance twice on 3 and twice on 4 is as follows:

Board 3 -	1 draw	1 loss
Board 4 -	1 win	1 loss

I don't think that performance which is current warrants being moved to board 1.

Stamm has a better record on board 2 (2 wins) than board 3 (1 win, 1 loss). Does a good record warrant dropping him to board 4?

Swiderski has 4 wins on 5 and 6 where the competition is not as keen.

<u>Indians</u>	<u>Chargers</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1	3.8	-2.8
2	1.7	- .3
3	5.9	-2.6
4	2.0	-2.0
5	1.8	-3.2
6	?	
		<hr/> -10.9 Difference

From my analysis one can plainly see that on more than half (4 to be exact) of the boards played 4 out of 6 of the Charger players played 2 or more boards out of their customary playing strength. Therefor, that night of the match I signed the results sheet and protested the match. I know the rule in the policies has no penalty clause or rating restrictions, just the vagueness of the word honest, but I firmly believe that rules are instituted to be followed and not circumvented just because there is not a set penalty stated. Naturally in my own belief I feel there is strong evidence that an injustice has been done but everyone judges for himself.

I will close with two passing thoughts. When a cadet at our national military academy (West Point) violates the honor system he is expelled from the academy. I am not suggesting such discipline but pointing out that this time there was a flagrant abuse of the CIOL honor system.

Paul Morphy was said to have been driven from the chess board not by his losses over the board, but in the attempted negotiations by his seconds to actually arrange chess matches with strong opponents who constantly averted any encounter with Morphy.

I feel so strongly about this incident, I am compelled to make the following comment.

"I hope in my life that winning will not be the only thing or that winning will not be everything, but that winning will just be a thing."

Dan Kumro, Captain
WE King's Indians

December 8, 1978

Messrs. Greg Berry
Fred Ciba
Ned Anderson
Charles Ward
Rick Schaff
Paul Weston

There seems to be a paradoxical situation in our League Rule D-1 and its enforcement. The rule gives the captain full discretion in ranking his players, specifying the captain's honest opinion as the only criteria.

Past proposals that the captain's discretion be limited by an "X" number of ratings were defeated, reasoning being that a captain should retain total flexibility in ranking his players on the basis of his intimate knowledge of their current relative strength, and that this flexibility should not be limited in any way by our supposedly inaccurate rating system. This feeling was articulated in the above-mentioned rule.

In my opinion, this rule is bad and unenforceable--but it is the rule. Now, if a captain exercises this flexibility, he may be challenged and the match in question protested. It seems that the captain's decision in respect to ranking his players has to fall into one of the following categories:

1. An Honest Correct Decision
2. An Honest Incorrect Decision
3. A Dishonest Correct Decision
4. A Dishonest Incorrect Decision

Of the four above cases, only Nos. 3 and 4 would violate the rule. Even No. 3--where a captain reached a correct decision--would obviously violate the rule if the correct decision was arrived at by means of dishonest thinking. It all boils down (as specified in the rule) to honesty.

Now, who is going to claim that the captain, who ranked his players correctly, should be penalized because he employed dishonest thinking? And who is going to determine whether a captain, who reached an incorrect decision (incorrect by what standards?) made an honest mistake, or was in fact trying to cheat and so on, ad absurdum.

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if we had a well-qualified and state-licensed mind reader for an arbitrator, I would say this rule is good and workable but in the absence of so qualified referee, this rule is bad and obviously unenforceable. It also could be patently unjust if a division chairman decided to make a ruling on a protest involving an alleged violation of this rule.

In my opinion, a division chairman is not a mind reader, therefore, cannot make a ruling unless, of course, he decides to be dishonest himself. I hope that this situation never arise but the possibility and the temptation certainly are there. The obvious conclusion is that the rule should be changed or else the captains should be afforded total freedom in ranking their players with no protests allowed.

Karel Dobr
Alternate Captain
Western Electric Chargers

Charles Ward
Near West Division Chairman

RE: Contested Western Electric Indian vs. Charger Match

I have listened to the reasoning of yourself and Dan Kumro and I have read prepared summaries from Kumro and Karel Dobr. Here then is my opinion in the matter...

Let us first take a close look at the rule regarding player ranking.

DI. Team Captains will be responsible for making an honest effort to rank their players according to their current relative playing strength for each match. All available pertinant data at the clubs' disposal will be used, along with the captain's judgement, in determining such rankings.

I have underlined those factors which I consider important in reaching my decision. They are...

1. Team Captains rank their own players. Not the rating chairman, not the president, not the division chairman, and not mass public opinion. We know Stamm and Kumro complied here.
2. An honest effort should be employed in the captains decision in ranking his players. Simple enough but hard to measure. Nixon morality aside, an honest effort is one that does not employ dirty tricks. I cannot judge whether Vern Stamm was honest or not in his decision to rank his players the way he did. I must assume he did. Likewise, I must assume Dan Kumro did too.
3. Current relative playing strength is not very subjective. A player is either winning, losing or drawing his games. Now, the games being played do not necessarily have to be CIGL games. They can be lunch time matches, domestic matches or competition matches outside of CIGL. Many factors enter here in performance on the boards - we cannot rely on CIGL ratings alone.
4. Pertinant Data relates to the above. Pertinant data to me is CIGL rating, USCF rating, winning or losing streaks in all matches inside and outside of CIGL.
5. Captain's judgement I will admit is subjective. But, assuming the captain is trustworthy and truthful, this should not be a problem. A captain should appraise his players to the best of his ability.

Now then, based on all of the above my decision is this; let the match stand

as played. I do not know Vernon Stamm personally therefore I cannot judge his morality. I have faith in human nature in general, therefore I trust his judgement and truthfulness. I must believe he made an honest decision in ranking his players according to their current relative playing strength.

If we wish to avoid this kind of thing happening again let me suggest that if a team captain suspects his opponent prepared a dishonest line-up do not play the match. Protest in writing the next day to the division chairman. Let the division chairman determine the merits of the case.

..... Regards,

Fred Ciba I)
East Division Chairman

FC/1h

cc: Greg Berry
Ned Anderson
Rick Shaff
Paul Weston

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USCF Affiliates

December 15, 1976

Mr. Dan Kuniro
Captain, Western Electric King's Indians

Mr. Vern Stamm
Captain, Western Electric Chargers

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter to formally answer the protest of the match between your two teams by the King's Indians. As I indicated to you earlier, because my personal affiliation with the Argonne Knights might have given the appearance of a conflict of interest in deciding this dispute, I have consulted the other three CICL Division chairmen in reaching a decision on the protest, and I have accepted their consensus judgement in almost all aspects of my decision.

The majority opinion, which concurs with my own, is that the Chargers did violate the intention of rule II.D.1, relating to the ranking of team members. The argument that enforcement of this rule is impossible even in principle, due to the necessity of judging honesty of intent, was rejected. However, it was agreed that there was no clear standard in the rule which would justify, at least under the present circumstances, a penalty as severe as forfeiture of the match. Also, replaying the match would mean that someone would have to specify the lineups of both teams for the rematch, and this was felt to be arbitrary and thus undesirable. Thus, the result of the match will stand as played. It was also agreed, however, that the Chargers be given a strong warning, and that some further penalty be imposed. Accordingly, I have decided that for the remainder of the 1977 season the Chargers will be required to disclose their lineup for each match to the opposing team captain at least 24 hours prior to the match. Any alteration of this advance lineup would result, unless agreed to by the opposing captain, in forfeiture of the entire match.

In the course of the discussions leading to this decision, it was generally agreed that some clearer and more workable alternative to rule II.D.1 should be adopted to prevent future disputes of this sort. We are presently discussing what form such a clarification should take. Any suggestions you might have along these lines, directed either to myself or to Greg Berry, would be most welcome.

Sincerely,

Charles E. W. Ward

Charles E. W. Ward
Chairman, CICL Near West Division

cc: N. Anderson
G. Berry
F. Ciba
R. Shaif
P. Weston

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The date of our CICL Tornado has been set for Sunday, April 24, 1976. It will be held at the College of DuPage. I hope as many members as possible will participate. Further details will appear in the March and April bulletins. Mark your calendars.

As a result of a recent protested match where a team was accused of juggling its lineup in violation of CICL rule II.^D.0.1, I wish to establish the following guideline on the interpretation of this rule. "No player shall be positioned below any other player whose CICL rating is more than 150 points lower, based on the most recent published rating for both players." Any other positioning of players beyond this limit is acceptable if agreed to by the opposing team captain. Unrated players shall be ranked entirely according to the team captain's discretion.

In the absence of any agreement between team captains, and the absence of sufficient justification by the team captain to explain his decision, the board of any player positioned too low according to the above guideline will be forfeited for the purposes of match scoring, upon protest by the opposing team captain. All games played will stand for purposes of rating.

Problem Corner.. by Newman Guttman

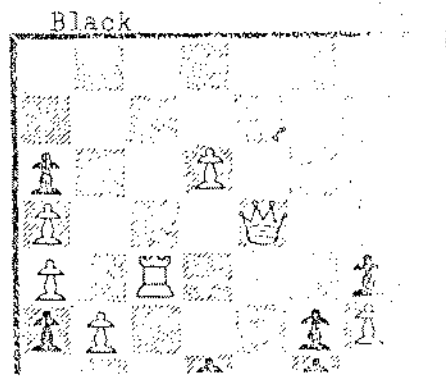
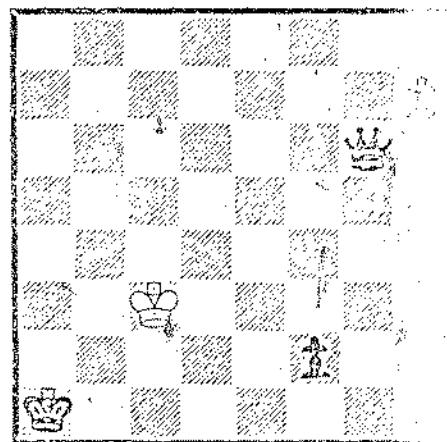
Solutions: #3 (C. Termaat, 1949) 1.NxP
 #4 (P. Wertheim, 1959) 1.N-B3 1.N-K2 1.N-K3

Here's a little anecdote about the FIDE compositional-chess meeting I attended in Ribe, Denmark in 1976. One of the two Soviet representatives was Dr. Gia Nadareshvili. I had met him briefly at another FIDE meeting in Koper in 1961. Communication was bad in both places, since he speaks no English and my Russian is pitiful. Our chess interests overlap little too, since he is an endgame study specialist while I am in the problem world. Nevertheless, he gave me his calling card (in Russian: ...International Master Nadareshvili Antonovich ... chief neuropathologist in the city of Tiflis...), a couple pounds of caviar, a Georgian hat, a Georgian ring, and a book of his collected studies (with a forward by Botvinnik who refers to N. as a "Tanatic"). A third Soviet, a nonchess-playing interpreter, told me that N. was famous in Tiflis. Her proof was that he was already able to publish a book commemorating the 1975 FIDE compositional chess meeting there (which I did not attend). To publish a book in one year in the USSR is normally impossible, she said.

Well, a week after this meeting, I found myself in a taxi outside Tel Aviv with a young fellow who I learned was a recent immigrant from Tiflis. Ever heard of Nadareshvili? I asked. Yes, a famous neuropathologist and etusiast, he replied. A roundabout proof, but there it is.

N. gave us a lecture in Ribe to the effect that composed studies should be relevant to the game, an old Soviet dictum often breached, as many of his compositions show. But here is a reasonably natural study of his "A" that I think you will find entertaining. White is in bad shape, and needs to draw.

Certainly 1.Ph8Q is the only hope. This sets up a threat 2.Kb3ch...3.Qb2mate. Any check by the black Qg6 leads to this or similar threat, so black promotes to a second queen 1...Pf1Q. White then starts his threat 2.Kb3ch and black must interpose, let's say by 2...Qf-f6. White keeps the attack going by 3.Qa8ch, to which black must again interpose 3...Qa6 (if 3...Kb13... with mate in 2). The pattern becomes clear: 4.Qh8ch Qg-f6 5.Qh1ch Qf-f1 6.Qa8ch Qa-f6 7.Qa8ch with perpetual check.

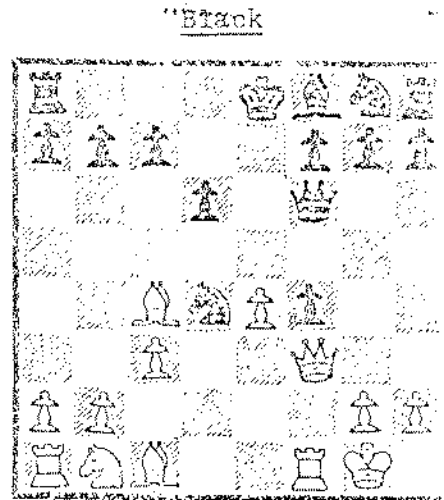


Games of Interest

Far West Division Match
WE Kingsmen vs. ANL Bishops

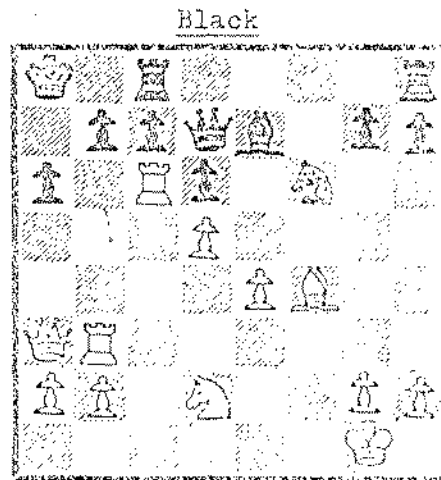
I. Stepanek (1738) vs. R. Wilson (1824)
Kings' Gambit

<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1. e4	e5
2. f4	e:f4
3. Nf3	d6
4. Bc4	Nc6
5. d4	Bg4
6. O-O	B:f3
7. Q:f3	Qf6
8. c3	N:d4



White
After 8.c3, N:d4

9. B:f7!ch	Q:f7
10. c:d4	O-O-O
11. Qa3	a6
12. B:f4	Qd7
13. d5	Nf6
14. Nd2	Be7
15. aRc1	Kb8
16. Rf3	Rc8
17. Rb3	Ka8
18. Rc6!!	Resigns



White
Final Position