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### Mark Your Calendars with These Key League Dates:

<b>Fall Business Meeting</b>	Last Wednesday of August (Aug 26 2009)
<b>Spring Business Meeting</b>	3.5 Weeks Before Playoffs (April 15, 2009)
<b>Season Playoffs</b>	Second Saturday of May (May 9, 2009)
<b>CICL Open</b>	Second Saturday of May (May 9, 2009)
<b>League Awards Banquet</b>	First Friday of June (June 5, 2009)

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**THIS IS ONE OF THOSE** issues that comes together just to write itself !! Every now and then one arrives that even the Editor wants to study some more ! This one began almost a year ago <gasp!> with one of those favorite emails which get the mind on a topic with plenty of scope. We begin a series of investigations into computer-assisted chess analysis.

**WE FINALLY GOT NEW RATINGS** in January, so that makes it more interesting yet.

The chess presses are always running, churning out rain-forest-killing masses of really generic books. Seems like I buy them all. But in the past month or so, a few really decent and useful ones were finally produced ! So it's time for a "Book Review" feature to highlight them. Even at presstime, a couple more were delivered which you may want to browse. I refer here to the ever-popular author John Watson's heavy, 350-page tome on the English Opening (a topic which started his reputation in the early 1980s) and a repertoire book on 1 d4 by Boris Avrukh that has some original analysis with a perfect layout. More in a later issue.

**...and TEAM CHESS is our game !!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Northwestern University club are in order ! Several of the CICL regulars there took up the challenge to compete in the annual, year-end Pan-American tournament. This year they did quite well with an eighth place finish !

**Jim Smallwood** not only let us know, he also wrote an article and analyzed a couple of his games. The Games Editor added all the games found on the Monsoi (hand-held move recorder) website for our guys during the event. You can find them with the other CICL games when released on our website.

**THE US AMATEUR TEAM MIDWEST** is still on for Valentine's Day weekend, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> through February 15 ! The CICL-sponsored entry is now complete with the following line-up:

	Ratings	
	CICL	USCF
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Anastasia Antipova	2090	2133
Scott Allsbrook	2117	2128
Matthias Pfau	n/a	2123 (FIDE)
Yuri Fridman	2213	2109
Robert Morris	2242	2020

If you find time, spend a day in Milwaukee and cheer on your clubmates ! The Editor expects to be there most the weekend to get pictures and a full report.

There are two sections – Under 2000 and Over 2000 (based on average USCF rating for team) . You can register at the tournament, so there is still time to get a 4-person team (plus one alternate) put together ! The winners of the "Over" section move on to a National competition.

**Find details** in the December 2008 bulletin or the USCF website, both accessible from our website.

**EAST DIVISION 01-04-2009**

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
HEDGEHOGS	3	1	1	17.0	3.5	0.700
NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB	3	0	0	11.5	3.0	1.000
DRW TRADING GROUP	2	2	0	12.0	2.0	0.500
LOYOLA	1	0	1	7.5	1.5	0.750
AMA ROUGE SQUADRON	1	1	1	8.5	1.5	0.500
CITADEL GROUP	1	4	0	11.0	1.0	0.200
AMA TORNADO SNAKES	0	3	1	6.5	0.5	0.125

**NORTH DIVISION 01-04-2009**

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	4	1	0	18.5	4.0	0.800
MOTOROLA KINGS	3	1	0	11.5	3.0	0.750
WALGREEN SKEWERS	2	2	1	17.0	2.5	0.500
UOP	1	2	1	11.0	1.5	0.375
WALGREEN FORKS	1	3	0	9.0	1.0	0.250
EXCALIBURS	1	3	0	9.0	1.0	0.250

**WEST DIVISION 01-04-2009**

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
DOWNERS GR CHESS CLUB	5	0	0	21.0	5.0	1.000
ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB	5	0	0	23.5	5.0	1.000
PAWNS	4	1	0	21.5	4.0	0.800
FERMILAB	2	2	0	8.5	2.0	0.500
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	1	2	1	12.0	1.5	0.375
ARGONNE ROOKS	1	3	1	12.0	1.5	0.300
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	1	3	0	11.0	1.0	0.250
BP-MOLEX	1	4	0	12.5	1.0	0.200
ST XAVIER UNIVERSITY	0	5	0	3.0	0.0	0.000

**EAST DIVISION TOP TEN**

STRUNK, ADAM	LOYLA	2126
SMALLWOOD, J	NWEST	2073
RAUCHMAN, M	HEDGE	2060
BAKSHI, A	NWEST	2026
STRUNK, ALEX	LOYLA	1985
GORODETSKIY, S	DRW	1977
JASAITIS, A	HEDGE	1957D
SMITH, M	HEDGE	1950
SAGALOVSKY, L	HEDGE	1941
SOLOMON, A	NWEST	1881*

**NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN**

MORRIS, R	MKNGT	2229C
FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	2212C
HART, V	EXCLB	2049
LEVENSON, S	SKEWR	2048
THOMSON, J	MKNGT	2031C
MELNIKOV, I	MKING	2023C
SOLLANO, E	FORKS	2013C
WALLACH, C	MKING	1993C
FRISKE, T	SKEWR	1984C
SIWEK, M	UOP	1953D

**WEST DIVISION TOP TEN**

MARSHALL, J	STCCC	2255
KLUG, S	DGCC	2207
KRAS, T	PAWNS	2169C
WILLIAMS, K	PAWNS	2157
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	2155T
STEIN, P	DGCC	2150D
ALLSBROOK, F	TYROS	2130
WIEWEL, J	STCCC	2115
ANTIPOVA, A	ROOKS	2090
SPLINTER, J	STCCC	2070

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS**

ENGELEN, M	EXCLB	92
MEYER-ABBOTT, B	AMATS	68
WIEWEL, J	STCCC	59
ZADEREJ, V	BPMLX	58
ZOLKOS, A	PAWNS	54
CHERKASSKY, G	MKNGT	54
GRANATA, M	SKEWR	47
KARANDIKAR, S	MKNGT	42
CAMPBELL, DOUG	UOP	41
KALAVAGUNTA, S	DGCC	40

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 \*\*\*\* LOYOLA Exhibition Match from 17-MAR-2008 (Last Season) \*\*\*\*\*  
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**17-MAR-08 AMA TORNADO SNAKES                    2                    LOYOLA                    4**

ROUND 9

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 PETERSON, T	1526	0	.5	ACEVEDO, U	0 0 .5
2 MASITI, J	1345	0	0	ADAMS, W	0 0 1
3 FURTNER, F	1452	0	.5	ALEXANDER, J	0 0 .5
4 MEYER-ABBOTT, B	1317	0	1	MIKOS, D	0 0 0
5 HARPER, M	0	0	0	PLOTNER, J	0 0 1
6	0	0	0F	SHENG, A	0 0 1F

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 \*\*\*\* Start of 2008-2009 Season Match Results \*\*\*\*\*  
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**16-OCT-08 NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB 5                    DRW TRADING GROUP                    1**

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 BAKSHI, A	2008	-2	.5	GORODETSKIY, S	1992 2 .5
2 SMALLWOOD, J	2037	15	1	HAYHURST, W	1916-15 0
3 SOLOMON, A	1847	22	1	GORODETSKIY, E	1844-22 0
4 WANG, B	1803-12		.5	GUGENHEIM, O	1614 12 .5
5 ULLOM, G	1726	0	1	REDMOND, M	0 0 0
6 SEVARODYNANSKY	0	0	1	MILLER, D	0 0 0

**23-SEP-08 AMA TORNADO SNAKES                    3                    AMA ROUGE SQUADRON                    3**

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 FURTNER, F	1452	-6	0	ALLEN, H	1780 6 1
2 MEYER-ABBOTT, B	1317	43	1	EAMAN, R	1844-43 0
3 HARPER, M	0	0	0	DUFFY, J	1764 0 1
4 YURCHENKO, O	0	0	0	FRANK, M	1720 0 1
5 MEYER, C	1240	0	1	IRBY, L	0 0 0
6 HINCHCLIFF, E	0	0	1F		0 0 0F

**16-SEP-08 HEDGEHOGS                    4.5                    CITADEL GROUP                    1.5**

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 RAUCHMAN, M	2060-20		.5	MUHS, A	1625 20 .5
2 SMITH, M	1960	12	1	ONG, K	1776-12 0
3 SAGALOVSKY, L	1980-39		0	LE, DUC	1664 39 1
4 JASAITIS, A	2000	2	1	SENSAT, J	1509 -3 0
5 PALMER, J	1533	5	1	PROKOPOWICZ, P	1177 -5 0
6 HEINER, J	1385	18	1	MICHALOPOULOS, G	1314-18 0

**22-SEP-08 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS****4.5 WALGREEN FORKS****1.5**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 FRIDMAN, Y	2213-10	.5	SANTIAGO, T	1923 10 .5
2 THOMSON, J	2017 5	1	HAMELINK, N	1719 -7 0
3 BALICKI, J	1871 5	1	HUGHES, N	1611 -5 0
4 CHERKASSKY, G	1658 17	1	ANSARI, N	1572-17 0
5 DUONG, R	1539-31	0	PERSONS, J	1403 31 1
6 BABINEC, J	1383 0	1	KACZYNSKI, W	0 0 0

**18-SEP-08 UOP****2.5 MOTOROLA KINGS****3.5**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SIWEK, M	1949-13	0	WALLACH, C	2003 13 1
2 BOLDING, E	1886 4	.5	PIPARIA, J	1986 -4 .5
3 LEONG, G	1922 11	1	CYGAN, J	1824-16 0
4 EASTON, R	1815 0	0	ALTIPAMULA, J	0 0 1
5 MICKLICH, F	1489-12	0	GONCHAROFF, N	1569 8 1
6 CAMPBELL, DOUG	1446 19	1	GRYPARIS, J	1391-13 0

**02-OCT-08 WALGREEN SKEWERS****2.5 EXCALIBURS****3.5**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 LEVENSON, S	2044-24	0	HART, V	2025 24 1
2 MCGUIRE, A	1751-15	0	LEE, D	1875 15 1
3 BIALON, D	1767 3	.5	DOWELL, E	1806 -3 .5
4 VAUGHN, R	0 0	1	VIGANTS, A	1538 0 0
5 KANNAPPAN, V	0 0	0F		0 0 1F
6 NICK, X	0 0	1F		0 0 0F

**02-OCT-08 FERMILAB****3 ST XAVIER UNIVERSITY****2**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SPIEGEL, L	1943 0	1	SINOPLA, J	829 0 0
2 GAINES, I	1729 0	1	JACKSON, WILLIAM	0 0 0
3 DEGRAF, B	1497 0	1	NOWAK, M	0 0 0
4	0 0	0F		0 0 1F
5	0 0	0F		0 0 1F
6	0 0	0F		0 0 0F

**18-SEP-08 PAWNS****5 ARGONNE ROOKS****1**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WILLIAMS, K	2153 -2	.5	BENEDEK, R	2133 1 .5
2 KRAS, T	2162 7	1	SUAREZ, E	1861 -7 0
3 WEBER, L	2069 8	1	BAURAC, D	1799 -5 0
4 ELLICE, W	1812 7	1	YACOUT, A	1598-10 0
5 FRANEK, M	1728 2	1	RAMANATHAN, N	1307 -4 0
6 CHRISTIAN, T	0 0	.5	HLOHOWSKYJ, I	1032 0 .5
7 SPITZIG, M	1354 9	.5	FABIJONAS, R	1485 -4 .5 (PAWNS)



**18-SEP-08 DOWNERS GR CHESS CLUB 4.5 ARGONNE ROOKS 1.5**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 KLUG, S	2177 -3	.5	BENEDEK, R	2134 1	.5
2 STEIN, P	2172-22	0	HILL, R	1987 22	1
3 EGERTON, J	2023 10	1	BAURAC, D	1794 -6	0
4 DUGOVIC, D	1732 5	1	KUHLMANN, S	1385 -5	0
5 YALAVARTHI, R	1668 5	1	RAMANATHAN, N	1303 -5	0
6 VECANSKI, D	1608 0	1	BERNSTEIN, J	0 0	0
7 POTTS, K	1838 8	1	GOLISZEK, M	1577 -8	0 (DGCC )

**18-SEP-08 LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS 1 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 5**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 TEGEL, F	2063 -5	0	MARSHALL, J	2236 12	1
2 LUDWIG, T	1993-12	0	WIEWEL, J	2056 18	1
3 MARCOWKA, R	1919 -9	0	SPLINTER, J	2056 14	1
4 STAMM, V	1506 6	.5	SUITS, J	1753-14	.5
5 EUSTACE, D	1509 -9	0	VON HATTEN, J	1650 14	1
6 THOMAS, J	1481 6	.5	PADILLA, R	1639-10	.5

**23-SEP-08 BP-MOLEX 0 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 6**

## ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 COULTER, D	1904-10	0	ALLSBROOK, F	2117 10	1
2 MCGOWAN, D	1468 -1	0	DIAZ, P	2067 1	1
3 DENEEN, D	1441 -6	0	DOBROVOLNY, C	1757 4	1
4 DEICHMANN, E	1287 -2	0	GUIO, J	1805 1	1
5 MANILA, M	1105 -2	0	HAHNE, D	1611 2	1
6 MUELLER, R	1063 -6	0	BYRNE, M	1390 6	1

**08-OCT-08 DRW TRADING GROUP 5 AMA TORNADO SNAKES 1**

## ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 GORODETSKIY, S	1994 3	1	PETERSON, T	1526 -3	0
2 GORODETSKIY, E	1822 5	1	FURTNER, F	1446 -5	0
3 GUGENHEIM, O	1626 8	1	MEYER-ABBOTT, B	1360 -8	0
4 NEMLEKAR, A	0 0	1	HARPER, M	0 0	0
5 LUKASHEVICH, A	0 0	0	MASITI, J	1345 0	1
6 HUA, P	0 0	1	MEYER, C	1240 0	0

**12-OCT-08 CITADEL GROUP 1 AMA ROUGE SQUADRON 4**

## ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 PFAU, M	0 0	0	ALLEN, H	1786 0	1
2 LE, DUC	1703-16	0	EAMAN, R	1801 16	1
3 ONG, K	1764-22	0	DUFFY, J	1764 23	1
4 MUHS, A	1645 0	0F	FRANK, M	1720 0	0F
5 PROKOPOWICZ, P	1172 -7	0	FULKERSON, R	1456 7	1
6 MICHALOPOULOS, G	1296 0	1	IRBY, L	0 0	0

**08-OCT-08 LOYOLA 3 HEDGEHOGS 3**

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 STRUNK, ADAM	2104 16	1	JASAITIS, A	2002-11 0
2 STRUNK, ALEX	1948 24	1	SMITH, M	1972-24 0
3 ACEVEDO, U	0 0	0	SEET, P	1872 0 1
4 ADAMS, W	0 0	0	PALMER, J	1538 0 1
5 ALEXANDER, J	0 0	1	SHEPARDSON, T	1553 0 0
6 TASCH, J	0 0	0	CHAVEZ, A	1293 0 1

**15-OCT-08 WALGREEN FORKS 2 UOP 4**

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SOLLANO, E	2015 12	1	LEONG, G	1933-12 0
2 HAMELINK, N	1712-12	0	BOLDINGH, E	1890 8 1
3 HUGHES, N	1606 -6	0	VAN MEER, J	1858 9 1
4 ANSARI, N	1555 37	1	EASTON, R	1815-25 0
5 BIAN, M	0 0	0	LECHNICK, J	1761 0 1
6 KACZYNSKI, W	0 0	0	CAMPBELL, DOUG	1465 0 1

**21-OCT-08 MOTOROLA KINGS 3.5 WALGREEN SKEWERS 1.5**

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 MELNIKOV, I	2029-15	0	LEVENSON, S	2020 23 1
2 WALLACH, C	2016 -2	.5	FRISKE, T	1976 2 .5
3 PIPARIA, J	1982 7	1	BIALON, D	1770-10 0
4 ALTIPAMULA, J	0 0	1	VAUGHN, R	0 0 0
5	0 0	1F		0 0 0F
6	0 0	0F		0 0 0F

**20-OCT-08 EXCALIBURS 2 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS 4**

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 LEE, D	1890 -6	0	FRIDMAN, Y	2203 4 1
2 DOWELL, E	1803-10	0	THOMSON, J	2022 7 1
3 ENGELEN, M	1670 34	1	BALICKI, J	1876-23 0
4 SUERTH, F	1538 -8	0	KARANDIKAR, S	1714 12 1
5 BROTSOS, J	1534 -9	0	CHERKASSKY, G	1675 14 1
6 REID, C	1455 12	1	BABINEC, J	1383-18 0

**23-OCT-08 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 4 FERMILAB 2**

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 MARSHALL, J	2248 7	1	SPIEGEL, L	1943 -4 0
2 WIEWEL, J	2074 5	1	GAINES, I	1729 -4 0
3 SUITS, J	1739-20	0	SEDOV, A	1780 20 1
4 PADILLA, R	1629 12	1	ANNIS, J	1450-12 0
5 JANSSEN, G	1537 0	0	THOMPSON, D	0 0 1
6 GREER, J	1378 5	1	DRENDEL, B	1010 -5 0

**29-OCT-08 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 1 PAWNS 5**

## ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 ALLSBROOK, F	2127 2	.5	WILLIAMS, K	2151 -2 .5
2 DIAZ, P	2068 0	.5	WEBER, L	2077 -1 .5
3 DOBROVOLNY, C	1761-13	0	ELLICE, W	1819 13 1
4 HAHNE, D	1613-10	0	FRANEK, M	1730 10 1
5 BUCHNER, R	1668-18	0	ZOLKOS, A	1593 27 1
6 VAIL, M	1603-30	0	FABIJONAS, R	1481 13 1
7 BYRNE, M	1396 20	1	SPITZIG, M	1363-20 0

**14-OCT-08 ST XAVIER UNIVERSITY 0 BP-MOLEX 6**

## ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SINOPLE, J	829 0	0	COULTER, D	1894 0 1
2 JACKSON, WILLIAM	0 0	0	ZADEREJ, V	1621 0 1
3 SHEHAN, W	0 0	0	MCGOWAN, D	1467 0 1
4 ROMERO	0 0	0	DEICHMANN, E	1285 0 1
5 NOWAK, M	0 0	0	MANILA, M	1103 0 1
6 PILLARELLA, M	0 0	0	RAVI, S	0 0 1

**01-OCT-08 DOWNERS GR CHESS CLUB 3.5 LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS 2.5**

## ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 KLUG, S	2174 15	1	TEGEL, F	2058 -7 0
2 KALAVAGUNTA, S	2030 15	1	MARCOWKA, R	1910-10 0
3 EGERTON, J	2033 2	1	STAMM, V	1512 -1 0
4 POTTS, K	1846-18	.5	EUSTACE, D	1500 11 .5
5 PARMET, D	1751-37	0	THOMAS, J	1487 25 1
6 GOLISZEK, M	1569-33	0	KOMORAVOLU, K	1396 33 1

**21-OCT-08 DRW TRADING GROUP 2 HEDGEHOGS 4**

## ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 GORODETSKIY, S	1997-20	0	RAUCHMAN, M	2040 20 1
2 HAYHURST, W	1901-19	0	SMITH, M	1948 19 1
3 GORODETSKIY, E	1827 32	1	JASAITIS, A	1991-22 0
4 GUGENHEIM, O	1634 -9	0	SEET, P	1872 9 1
5 NEMLEKAR, A	0 0	0	KRATKA, M	1616 0 1
6 REDMOND, M	0 0	1	CHAVEZ, A	1293 0 0

**03-NOV-08 AMA ROUGE SQUADRON 1.5 LOYOLA 4.5**

## ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 ALLEN, H	1786 -6	0	STRUNK, ADAM	2120 6 1
2 EAMAN, R	1817-13	0	STRUNK, ALEX	1972 13 1
3 DUFFY, J	1787 0	1	ADAMS, W	0 0 0
4 FULKERSON, R	1463 0	.5	ALEXANDER, J	0 0 .5
5 IRBY, L	0 0	0	PLOTNER, J	0 0 1
6	0 0	0F	TASCH, J	0 0 1F

**23-OCT-08 NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB 4 CITADEL GROUP 2**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 BAKSHI, A	2006	0 0	PFAU, M	0 0	1
2 SMALLWOOD, J	2052	4 1	MUHS, A	1645	-4 0
3 SOLOMON, A	1869	12 1	LE, DUC	1687	-12 0
4 WANG, B	1791	-26 0	ONG, K	1742	26 1
5 ULLOM, G	1726	10 1	SENSAT, J	1506	-10 0
6 GAFNI, P	1581	7 1	MICHALOPOULOS, G	1296	-7 0

**10-NOV-08 EXCALIBURS 1 WALGREEN FORKS 5**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 LEE, D	1884	-19 0	SANTIAGO, T	1933	13 1
2 BRONFELD, A	1790	-9 0	SOLLANO, E	2027	6 1
3 ENGELEN, M	1704	22 1	HAMELINK, N	1700	-22 0
4 SUERTH, F	1530	-12 0	HUGHES, N	1600	12 1
5 BROTSOS, J	1525	-12 0	ANSARI, N	1592	18 1
6 VIGANTS, A	1538	-19 0	PERSONS, J	1434	29 1
7 SIEGEL, R	1464	0 1	BIAN, M	0 0	0

**05-NOV-08 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS 4 MOTOROLA KINGS 1**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 MORRIS, R	2242	-9 .5	MELNIKOV, I	2014	9 .5
2	0 0	0F		0 0	0F
3 THOMSON, J	2029	13 1	PIPARIA, J	1989	-13 0
4 BALICKI, J	1853	0 .5	ALTIPAMULA, J	0 0	.5
5 KARANDIKAR, S	1726	13 1	GONCHAROFF, N	1577	-6 0
6 CHERKASSKY, G	1689	13 1	RABINOVICH, E	1538	-13 0
7 BABINEC, J	1365	7 .5	ALFONSO, E	1467	-7 .5 (MKNGT)

**12-NOV-08 WALGREEN SKEWERS 3 UOP 3**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 FRISKE, T	1978	-17 0	SIWEK, M	1936	17 1
2 GRANATA, M	1884	25 1	LEONG, G	1921	-17 0
3 MCGUIRE, A	1736	32 1	BOLDINGH, E	1898	-22 0
4 BIALON, D	1760	-16 0	VAN MEER, J	1867	16 1
5 VAUGHN, R	0 0	1	EASTON, R	1790	0 0
6 NICK, X	0 0	0	CAMPBELL, DOUG	1465	0 1

**03-NOV-08 FERMILAB 0 DOWNERS GR CHESS CLUB 6**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 SPIEGEL, L	1939	-6 0	KLUG, S	2189	9 1
2 GAINES, I	1725	-4 0	KALAVAGUNTA, S	2045	6 1
3 CEASE, H	1479	-6 0	WAKERLY, R	1793	6 1
4 THOMPSON, D	0 0	0	POTTS, K	1828	0 1
5 DRENDEL, B	1005	-1 0	DUGOVIC, D	1737	1 1
6 ANGSTADT, B	0 0	0	PARMET, D	1714	0 1

**11-NOV-08 LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS 3 ARGONNE ROOKS 3**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 TEGEL, F	2051 12	1	ANTIPOVA, A	2138-28 0
2 LUDWIG, T	1981 -9	0	BENEDEK, R	2135 6 1
3 MARCOWKA, R	1900-10	0	HILL, R	2009 10 1
4 STAMM, V	1511 -2	0	SUAREZ, E	1854 5 1
5 EUSTACE, D	1511 25	1	BAURAC, D	1788-25 0
6 THOMAS, J	1512 7	1	RAMANATHAN, N	1298-10 0
7 BREYER, A	1271-36	0	HLOHowskyJ, I	1032 36 1

**30-OCT-08 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 4.5 BP-MOLEX 1.5**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WIEWEL, J	2079 12	1	COULTER, D	1894-12 0
2 FREIDEL, P	1971 11	1	REICH, T	1773-11 0
3 PADILLA, R	1641-24	0	ZADEREJ, V	1621 24 1
4 DJORDJEVIC, V	1625 0	1	KINGENBERG, T	0 0 0
5 ALBERTS, W	1562 16	1	MCGOWAN, D	1467-16 0
6 POWERS, E	1441-10	.5	DEICHMANN, E	1285 10 .5
7 BALES, R	1401 -6	.5	RUFUS, B	1309 6 .5

**12-NOV-08 PAWNS 5.5 ST XAVIER UNIVERSITY .5**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 ELLICE, W	1832 0	.5	SOLORIO, J	0 0 .5
2 FRANEK, M	1740 0	1	SINOPLA, J	829 0 0
3 ZOLKOS, A	1620 0	1	JACKSON, WILLIAM	0 0 0
4 CHRISTIAN, T	0 0	1	SHEHAN, W	0 0 0
5 O'DELL, DW	1364 0	1	ABNEY, I	0 0 0
6 FABIJONAS, R	1494 0	1	NOWAK, M	0 0 0
(STXAV) 7 NORRIS, T	0 0	0	PILLARELLA, M	0 0 1

**22-OCT-08 DOWNERS GR CHESS CLUB 3.5 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 2.5**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 KLUG, S	2198 -5	.5	ALLSBROOK, F	2129 5 .5
2 KALAVAGUNTA, S	2051 2	.5	DIAZ, P	2068 -1 .5
3 EGERTON, J	2035-16	.5	DOBROVOLNY, C	1748 10 .5
4 WAKERLY, R	1799 23	1	GUIO, J	1806-15 0
5 PARMET, D	1714 -7	.5	HAHNE, D	1603 5 .5
6 VECANSKI, D	1608 -3	.5	VAIL, M	1573 3 .5
7 GADDIEL, T	0 0	1	BYRNE, M	1416 0 0

**03-NOV-08 AMA TORNADO SNAKES 1.5 CITADEL GROUP 4.5**

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 MASITI, J	1345 0	0	PFAU, M	0 0 1
2 MEYER-ABBOTT, B	1352 -4	0	ONG, K	1768 4 1
3 FURTNER, F	1441 14	.5	LE, DUC	1675-14 .5
4 HARPER, M	0 0	1	SENSAT, J	1496 0 0
5 YURCHENKO, O	0 0	0	PARRA, J	0 0 1
6	0 0	0F	PROKOPOWICZ, P	1165 0 1F

**24-OCT-08 WALGREEN SKEWERS 5.5 WALGREEN FORKS .5**

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 LEVENSON, S	2043 -7	.5	SANTIAGO, T	1946 4 .5
2 GRANATA, M	1909 30	1	SOLLANO, E	2033-20 0
3 FRISKE, T	1961 4	1	HUGHES, N	1612 -4 0
4 MCGUIRE, A	1768 17	1	HAMELINK, N	1678-17 0
5 VAUGHN, R	0 0	1	ANSARI, N	1610 0 0
6 BIALON, D	1744 7	1	PERSONS, J	1463 -7 0
7 KANNAPPAN, V	0 0	0	BIAN, M	0 0 1

**19-NOV-08 MOTOROLA KINGS 3.5 EXCALIBURS 2.5**

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WALLACH, C	2014-21	0	LEE, D	1865 32 1
2 ALTIPAMULA, J	0 0	1	DOWELL, E	1793 0 0
3 PIPARIA, J	1976-24	0	ENGELEN, M	1726 36 1
4 JOSHI, B	1556 20	1	VIGANTS, A	1519-13 0
5 GONCHAROFF, N	1571 -3	.5	REID, C	1467 4 .5
6 RABINOVICH, E	1525 19	1	SIEGEL, R	1464-12 0

**19-NOV-08 UOP 1.5 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS 4.5**

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 LEONG, G	1904 -4	0	MORRIS, R	2233 4 1
2 BOLDINGH, E	1876 -8	0	THOMSON, J	2042 8 1
3 LECHNICK, J	1761 4	.5	BALICKI, J	1853 -4 .5
4 MOSSBRIDGE, A	1652-17	0	KARANDIKAR, S	1739 17 1
5 OLSEN, A	1475 -6	0	CHERKASSKY, G	1702 10 1
6 CAMPBELL, DOUG	1465 22	1	ALFONSO, E	1460-22 0

**02-DEC-08 ARGONNE ROOKS 2 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 4**

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 ANTIPOVA, A	2110-24	0	WIEWEL, J	2091 24 1
2 BENEDEK, R	2141 6	1	FREIDEL, JESSE	2000-14 0
3 HILL, R	2019-17	0	FREIDEL, P	1982 25 1
4 SUAREZ, E	1859 9	1	SUITS, J	1719-14 0
5 BAURAC, D	1763-19	0	VON HATTEN, J	1664 29 1
6 KUHLMANN, S	1380 -9	0	PADILLA, R	1617 9 1
7 RAMANATHAN, N	1288 0	1	BOURIS, B	0 0 0

**17-NOV-08 BP-MOLEX 2.5 PAWNS 3.5**

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 COULTER, D	1882 -8	0	WILLIAMS, K	2149 8 1
2 REICH, T	1762 17	.5	WEBER, L	2076-17 .5
3 ZADEREJ, V	1645 34	1	ELLICE, W	1832-22 0
4 MCGOWAN, D	1451 16	.5	FRANEK, M	1740-10 .5
5 RINGENBERG, T	1434-11	0	ZOLKOS, A	1620 11 1
6 RUFUS, B	1315 6	.5	MIKULECKY, B	1404 -4 .5
7 SUVARNAKANTI, R	1270-10	0	FABIJONAS, R	1494 4 1

**02-DEC-08 ST XAVIER UNIVERSITY .5 LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS 5.5**

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SINOPLE, J	829 0	0	TEGEL, F	2063 0 1
2 JACKSON, WILLIAM	0 0	.5	LUDWIG, T	1972 0 .5
3 SHEHAN, W	0 0	0	MARCOWKA, R	1890 0 1
4 NOWAK, M	0 0	0	STAMM, V	1509 0 1
5 PILLARELLA, M	0 0	0	EUSTACE, D	1536 0 1
6 ABNEY, I	0 0	0	THOMAS, J	1519 0 1

**17-NOV-08 HEDGEHOGS 5 AMA TORNADO SNAKES 1**

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 JASAITIS, A	1969 1	1	FURTNER, F	1455 -2 0
2 KRATKA, M	1616-37	0	MEYER-ABBOTT, B	1348 37 1
3 PALMER, J	1538 0	1	HARPER, M	0 0 0
4 WARD, CH	1320 17	1	MEYER, C	1240-17 0
5 CHAVEZ, A	1293 0	1	PATELLA, C	0 0 0
6 RAUCHMAN, M	2060 0	1F		0 0 0F

**17-DEC-08 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS 1.5 WALGREEN SKEWERS 4.5**

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 MORRIS, R	2237 -8	.5	LEVENSON, S	2036 12 .5
2 FRIDMAN, Y	2207 5	1	GRANATA, M	1939 -8 0
3 THOMSON, J	2050-19	0	FRISKE, T	1965 19 1
4 BALICKI, J	1849 0	0	VAUGHN, R	0 0 1
5 AUGSBURGER, L	1807-17	0	BIALON, D	1751 26 1
6 KARANDIKAR, S	1756 0	0	NICK, X	0 0 1

**08-DEC-08 BP-MOLEX 2.5 FERMILAB 3.5**

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 COULTER, D	1874 4	.5	SPIEGEL, L	1933 -3 .5
2 REICH, T	1779 19	1	GAINES, I	1721-13 0
3 MCGOWAN, D	1467-13	0	STAPLES, C	1621 13 1
4 RINGENBERG, T	1423-18	0	DEGRAF, B	1497 18 1
5 DEICHMANN, E	1295 0	0	SERGATSKOV, D	0 0 1
6	0 0	1F		0 0 0F

**08-DEC-08 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 6 ST XAVIER UNIVERSITY 0**

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 PADILLA, R	1626 0	1	SINOPLE, J	829 0 0
2 ALBERTS, W	1578 0	1	JACKSON, WILLIAM	0 0 0
3 JANSSEN, G	1537 0	1	SHEHAN, W	0 0 0
4 BALES, R	1395 0	1	PERERSEN, S	0 0 0
5 GREER, J	1383 0	1	BRAZEL, J	0 0 0
6 SEGRETO, T	1278 0	1	PILLARELLA, M	0 0 0
7 VON HATTEN, J	1693-30	0	VAIL, M	1576 30 1 (TYROS)

**08-DEC-08 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 1.5 ARGONNE ROOKS 4.5**

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 ALLSBROOK, F	2134 -4	.5	ANTIPOVA, A	2086 4 .5
2 DIAZ, P	2067-12	0	BENEDEK, R	2147 8 1
3 DOBROVOLNY, C	1758-10	0	SUAREZ, E	1868 10 1
4 HAHNE, D	1608 -9	0	BAURAC, D	1744 9 1
5 BUCHNER, R	1650 7	1	GRUDZINSKI, J	1453-11 0
6 BYRNE, M	1416 0	0	ANTIPOV, S	0 0 1

**04-DEC-08 CITADEL GROUP 2 DRW TRADING GROUP 4**

ROUND 6

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 PFAU, M	0 0	1	GORODETSKIY, S	1977 0 0
2 MUHS, A	1641 14	.5	HAYHURST, W	1882-14 .5
3 LE, DUC	1661-11	0	GORODETSKIY, E	1859 11 1
4 SENSAT, J	1496 8	.5	GUGENHEIM, O	1625 -8 .5
5 MICHALOPOULOS, G	1289 0	0	REDMOND, M	0 0 1
6 LU, D	1387 0	0	RYAN, P	0 0 1

**03-DEC-08 HEDGEHOGS .5 NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB 2.5**

ROUND 6

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SMITH, M	1967-17	0	SMALLWOOD, J	2056 17 1
2 JASAITIS, A	1970-13	0	BAKSHI, A	2006 20 1
3 CHAVEZ, A	1293 20	.5	WANG, B	1765-20 .5
4	0 0	0F		0 0 0F
5	0 0	0F		0 0 0F
6	0 0	0F		0 0 0F

**17-DEC-08 PAWNS 2.5 DOWNERS GR CHESS CLUB 3.5**

ROUND 6

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WEBER, L	2059-14	0	KLUG, S	2193 14 1
2 KRAS, T	2169 0	1	GADDIEL, T	0 0 0
3 LATIMER, E	1973-12	0	KALAVAGUNTA, S	2053 17 1
4 ELLICE, W	1810-19	0	PARMET, D	1707 29 1
5 FRANEK, M	1730 0	.5	DUGOVIC, D	1738 -1 .5
6 ZOLKOS, A	1631 16	1	GOLISZEK, M	1536-16 0
7 FABIJONAS, R	1498 7	1	MIKULECKY, B	1400-11 0 (PAWNS)
8 SPITZIG, M	1343 0	0	CHRISTIAN, T	0 0 1 (PAWNS)



NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
ABNEY, I	STXAV	0	2	0	0000/2	EAMAN, R	AMARS	1	2	0	1804
ACEVEDO, U	LOYLA	0	1	1	0000/3	EASTON, R	UOP	0	3	0	1790C
ADAMS, W	LOYLA	1	2	0	1565#	EGERTON, J	DGCC	2	0	1	2019
ALBERTS, W	STCCC	2	0	0	1578	ELLICE, W	PAWNS	2	2	1	1791C
ALEXANDER, J	LOYLA	1	0	2	0000/3	ENGELLEN, M	EXCLB	3	0	0	1762
ALFONSO, E	MKNGT	0	1	1	1438	EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	2	1	1	1536D
ALLEN, H	AMARS	2	1	0	1780C	FABIJONAS, R	PAWNS	4	0	1	1505T
ALLSBROOK, F	TYROS	1	0	3	2130	FRANEK, M	PAWNS	3	0	2	1730D
ALTIPAMULA, J	MKING	3	0	1	0000/3	FRANK, M	AMARS	1	0	0	1720C
ANGSTADT, B	FERMI	0	1	0	0000/1	FREIDEL, JESSE	STCCC	0	1	0	1986
ANNIS, J	FERMI	0	1	0	1438*	FREIDEL, P	STCCC	2	0	0	2007
ANSARI, N	FORKS	2	2	0	1610	FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	2	0	1	2212C
ANTIPOV, S	ROOKS	1	0	0	0000/1	FRISKE, T	SKEWR	2	1	1	1984C
ANTIPOVA, A	ROOKS	0	2	1	2090	FULKERSON, R	AMARS	1	0	1	1463
AUGSBURGER, L	MKNGT	0	1	0	1790C	FURTNER, F	AMATS	0	3	2	1453
BABINEC, J	MKNGT	1	1	1	1372*	GADDIEL, T	DGCC	1	1	0	0000/2
BAKSHI, A	NWEST	1	1	1	2026	GAFNI, P	NWEST	1	0	0	1588
BALES, R	STCCC	1	0	1	1395	GAINES, I	FERMI	1	3	0	1708T
BALICKI, J	MKNGT	1	2	2	1849C	GOLISZEK, M	DGCC	0	3	0	1520
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	1	4	0	1753T	GONCHAROFF, N	MKING	1	1	1	1568V
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	3	0	2	2155T	GORODETSKIY, E	DRW	3	1	0	1870
BERNSTEIN, J	ROOKS	0	1	0	0000/3	GORODETSKIY, S	DRW	1	2	1	1977
BIALON, D	SKEWR	2	2	1	1777*	GRANATA, M	SKEWR	2	1	0	1931*
BIAN, M	FORKS	1	2	0	0000/2	GREER, J	STCCC	2	0	0	1383
BOLDINGH, E	UOP	1	2	1	1868C	GRUDZINSKI, J	ROOKS	0	1	0	1442
BOURIS, B	STCCC	0	1	0	0000/1	GRYPARIS, J	MKING	0	1	0	1378C
BRAZEL, J	STXAV	0	1	0	0000/1	GUGENHEIM, O	DRW	1	1	2	1617
BREYER, A	DRGNS	0	1	0	1235	GUIO, J	TYROS	1	1	0	1791C
BRONFELD, A	EXCLB	0	1	0	1781	HAHNE, D	TYROS	1	2	1	1599C
BROTOS, J	EXCLB	0	2	0	1513T	HAMELINK, N	FORKS	0	4	0	1661*
BUCHNER, R	TYROS	1	1	0	1657C	HARPER, M	AMATS	1	4	0	1366#
BYRNE, M	TYROS	2	2	0	1416	HART, V	EXCLB	1	0	0	2049
CAMPBELL, DOUG	UOP	4	0	0	1487*	HAYHURST, W	DRW	0	2	1	1868
CEASE, H	FERMI	0	1	0	1473	HEINER, J	HEDGE	1	0	0	1403
CHAVEZ, A	HEDGE	2	1	1	1313#	HILL, R	ROOKS	2	1	0	2002D
CHERKASSKY, G	MKNGT	4	0	0	1712	HINCHCLIFF, E	AMATS	1	0	0	0000/0
CHRISTIAN, T	PAWNS	2	0	1	0000/4	HLOHOWSKYJ, I	ROOKS	1	0	1	1068*
COULTER, D	BPMLX	1	3	1	1878	HUA, P	DRW	1	0	0	1100/1
CYGAN, J	MKING	0	1	0	1808	HUGHES, N	FORKS	1	3	0	1608C
DEGRAF, B	FERMI	2	0	0	1515	IRBY, L	AMARS	0	3	0	0000/9
DEICHMANN, E	BPMLX	1	2	1	1295	JACKSON, WILLIAM	STXAV	0	4	1	1338#
DENEEN, D	BPMLX	0	1	0	1435	JANSSEN, G	STCCC	1	1	0	1537
DIAZ, P	TYROS	1	1	2	2055D	JASAITIS, A	HEDGE	2	3	0	1957D
DJORDJEVIC, V	STCCC	1	0	0	1625	JOSHI, B	MKING	1	0	0	1576*
DOBROVOLNY, C	TYROS	1	2	1	1748D	KACZYNSKI, W	FORKS	0	2	0	0000/7
DOWELL, E	EXCLB	0	2	1	1793	KALAVAGUNTA, S	DGCC	3	0	1	2070
DRENDEL, B	FERMI	0	2	0	1004#	KANNAPPAN, V	SKEWR	0	2	0	0000/2
DUFFY, J	AMARS	3	0	0	1787	KARANDIKAR, S	MKNGT	3	1	0	1756
DUGOVIC, D	DGCC	2	0	1	1737	KINGENBERG, T	BPMLX	0	1	0	0000/1
DUONG, R	MKNGT	0	1	0	1508*	KLUG, S	DGCC	3	0	2	2207

/x - UNRATED; x = # OF RATED GAMES

# - 5 TO 9 RATED GAMES

\* - 10 TO 24 RATED GAMES

C - CENTURY CLUB MEMBER

D - DOUBLE CENTURION

T - TRIPLE CENTURION

Q - QUAD CENTURION

V - QUINTUPLE CENTURION

01-04-2009

NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
KOMORAVOLU, K	DRGNS	1	0	0	1429	POTTS, K	DGCC	2	0	1	1828
KRAS, T	PAWNS	2	0	0	2169C	POWERS, E	STCCC	0	0	1	1431
KRATKA, M	HEDGE	1	1	0	1579	PROKOPOWICZ, P	CITGR	1	2	0	1165#
KUHLMANN, S	ROOKS	0	2	0	1371*	RABINOVICH, E	MKING	1	1	0	1544
LATIMER, E	PAWNS	0	1	0	1961T	RAMANATHAN, N	ROOKS	1	3	0	1288*
LE, DUC	CITGR	1	3	1	1650	RAUCHMAN, M	HEDGE	2	0	1	2060
LECHNICK, J	UOP	1	0	1	1765C	RAVI, S	BPMLX	1	0	0	0000/1
LEE, D	EXCLB	2	2	0	1897	REDMOND, M	DRW	2	1	0	0000/3
LEONG, G	UOP	1	3	0	1900D	REICH, T	BPMLX	1	1	1	1798
LEVENSON, S	SKEWR	1	1	2	2048	REID, C	EXCLB	1	0	1	1471D
LU, D	CITGR	0	1	0	1387*	RINGENBERG, T	BPMLX	0	2	0	1405
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	0	2	1	1972C	ROMERO	STXAV	0	1	0	0000/1
LUKASHEVICH, A	DRW	0	1	0	1100/1	RUFUS, B	BPMLX	0	0	2	1321
MANILA, M	BPMLX	1	1	0	1103	RYAN, P	DRW	1	0	0	0000/1
MARCOWKA, R	DRGNS	1	3	0	1890T	SAGALOVSKY, L	HEDGE	0	1	0	1941
MARSHALL, J	STCCC	2	0	0	2255	SANTIAGO, T	FORKS	1	0	2	1950C
MASITI, J	AMATS	1	2	0	1345*	SEDOV, A	FERMI	1	0	0	1800*
MCGOWAN, D	BPMLX	1	3	1	1454	SEET, P	HEDGE	2	0	0	1881
MCGUIRE, A	SKEWR	2	1	0	1785*	SEGRETO, T	STCCC	1	0	0	1278
MELNIKOV, I	MKING	0	1	1	2023C	SENSAT, J	CITGR	0	3	1	1504
MEYER, C	AMATS	1	2	0	1223#	SERGATSKOV, D	FERMI	1	0	0	0000/1
MEYER-ABBOTT, B	AMATS	3	2	0	1385*	SEVARODYNANSKY	NWEST	1	0	0	0000/0
MICHALOPOULOS, G	CITGR	1	3	0	1289	SHEHAN, W	STXAV	0	4	0	0000/3
MICKLICH, F	UOP	0	1	0	1477D	SHEPARDSON, T	HEDGE	0	1	0	1553
MIKOS, D	LOYLA	0	1	0	0000/3	SIEGEL, R	EXCLB	1	1	0	1452C
MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	0	1	1	1389D	SINOPE, J	STXAV	0	5	0	829
MILLER, D	DRW	0	1	0	0000/0	SIWEK, M	UOP	1	1	0	1953D
MORRIS, R	MKNGT	1	0	2	2229C	SMALLWOOD, J	NWEST	3	0	0	2073
MOSSBRIDGE, A	UOP	0	1	0	1635	SMITH, M	HEDGE	2	2	0	1950
MUELLER, R	BPMLX	0	1	0	1057*	SOLLANO, E	FORKS	2	1	0	2013C
MUHS, A	CITGR	0	1	2	1655	SOLOMON, A	NWEST	2	0	0	1881*
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PALMER, J	HEDGE	3	0	0	1538	STRUNK, ALEX	LOYLA	2	0	0	1985
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PLOTNER, J	LOYLA	2	0	0	0000/1	ULLOM, G	NWEST	2	0	0	1736

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VAIL, M	TYROS	1	1	1	1606	WARD, CH	HEDGE	1	0	0	1337
VAN MEER, J	UOP	2	0	0	1883	WEBER, L	PAWNS	1	1	2	2045
VAUGHN, R	SKEWR	4	1	0	1800/4	WIEWEL, J	STCCC	4	0	0	2115
VECANSKI, D	DGCC	1	0	1	1605	WILLIAMS, K	PAWNS	1	0	2	2157
VIGANTS, A	EXCLB	0	3	0	1506C	YACOUT, A	ROOKS	0	1	0	1588
VON HATTEN, J	STCCC	2	1	0	1663	YALAVARTHI, R	DGCC	1	0	0	1673
WAKERLY, R	DGCC	2	0	0	1822	YURCHENKO, O	AMATS	0	2	0	0000/1
WALLACH, C	MKING	1	1	1	1993C	ZADEREJ, V	BPMLX	3	0	0	1679
WANG, B	NWEST	0	1	2	1745	ZOLKOS, A	PAWNS	4	0	0	1647

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## Northwestern University places 8<sup>th</sup> at the 2008 Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championships

This was the third year the Northwestern Chess Team has participated in the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championships and also our most successful year with our first score of 4 points out of a possible 6. This year, the Pan Ams were held in the city of Dallas, TX in close proximity to the Dallas / Fort Worth Airport at the Marriott Hotel South. The tradition was started back in 2006 when Steve Gorodetskiy, the president of our chess club at the time, decided that with a lot of hard work and fundraising, we might be able to send our first team.

We arrived on December 27<sup>th</sup> and our first round was to be held at 6PM that evening against the **University of Texas at Dallas' C** team (STILL with an average USCF rating of 2300+). My opponent, Chaitanya Vaidya played into a classical King's Indian Defense against my 1.d4 opening, and only after a mere 16 moves, we declared the game a draw as I was exhausted from a long day of traveling and it was going to be a long drawn out battle for me to be able to win the position in which I had a slight pull. Our board three, Andrew Solomon, was up a pawn in an unclear position against his opponent, while on the other boards, everyone seemed to be playing a balanced game. When I returned, it was clear that Andrew was going to win against his opponent, Garrett seemed to have a superior position in his game, and Ankur had drawing chances in his game down a pawn in a bishops of opposite color ending. Garrett ended up losing an exciting game under heavy time pressure, and Ankur lost a very difficult ending with outstanding play by his opponent, Keaton Kierwa. The final match score was 1.5-2.5 in UTDC's favor. This was a definite surprise for many and our team quickly became a leader over all other U2000 teams in tiebreaks.

The second round began the next day at 10AM where we were pitted against **Miami University**. We didn't have much trouble with this team and managed to win 3.5-0.5 with the draw coming from yours truly as I misplayed an endgame up 2 pawns in time pressure (a recurring theme as we will see).

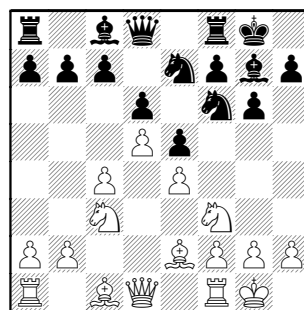
Our third round was another big one. We were playing against **University of Texas Brownsville** with an average team rating of 2200+. We ended up losing this match 3.5 – 0.5. On board one, Ankur played IM Daniel Fernandez and stumbled into a line that the IM had studied in depth prior to this round. We were also blown away on boards 3 and 4 rather quickly.

Here's my game, with some comments:

**Smallwood, James (1908) - Ortiz, Nadya (2220)** [E99]  
Pan Am @ Fort Worth TX  
Round 3 - 12-28-2008  
Time Control 120min, 30 sec increment

**[Notes by Jim Smallwood]**

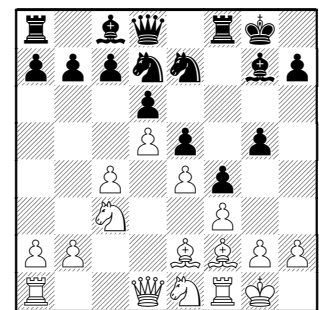
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7



**9.Ne1**

I have recently been exploring the bayonet attack **9.b4** but wanted to stick with what I knew best during this game

**9...Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5**



This is a standard position in the King's Indian Defense. White will attempt to tear Black limb for limb on the queenside while Black will endeavor to quarter White on the kingside.

The bishop on f2 will assist in the queenside attack for White, while in other lines it becomes the white king's most valuable protector. However, it is also a target for a black pawn landing on g3.

Black's main strategy is based around playing ...g5-g4-g3 and he doesn't care

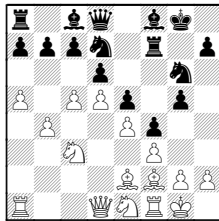
if it will cost him a pawn as in return he will get open lines and outposts for his pieces.

Perhaps the most important piece in the black army is the light-squared bishop. This is because if white meets ...g4-g3 with h2-h3 then black will be able to sacrifice his bishop to rip open the white king position.

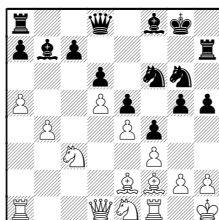
**13.a4** This is GM Korchnoi's idea, and in my opinion, my opponent played the best response.

**13...a5!?**

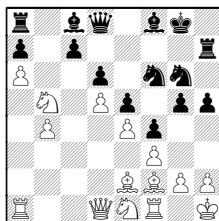
**A)** If white is allowed a freehand on the queenside, a typical position that could arise is 13...Ng6 14.a5 Rf7 15.b4 Bf8 16.c5



16...Nf6 17.c6! h5 18.Kh1 Rh7 19.cxb7 Bxb7

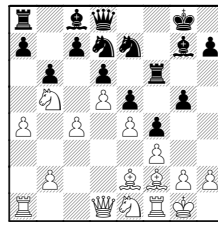


20.a6 Bc8 21.Nb5



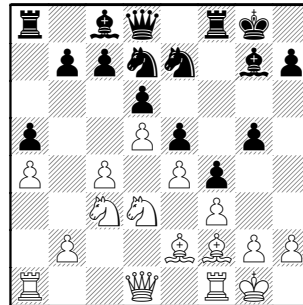
as played in 1995 by Kortchnoi-Xie Jun., 1995

**B)** Also note 13...Rf6 is not thought to be so good here because of 14.Nb5 b6



15.a5

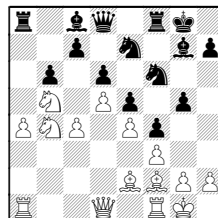
**14.Nd3**



**14...h5?** Inconsistent with her previous move!

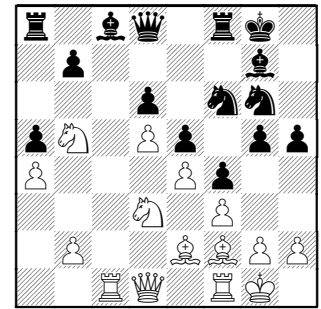
I was expecting 14...b6 There is no point in playing ...a7-a5 if black just allows white to play c4-c5 afterwards.

A possible line I was considering was 15.b4 axb4 16.Nb5 Nf6 17.Nxb4



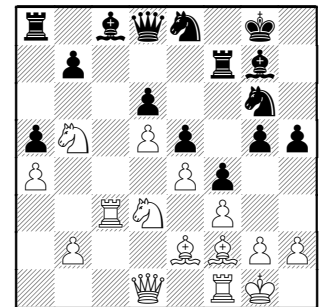
17...g4 18.Bh4!

**15.c5 Nf6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Nb5 Ng6 18.Rc1**



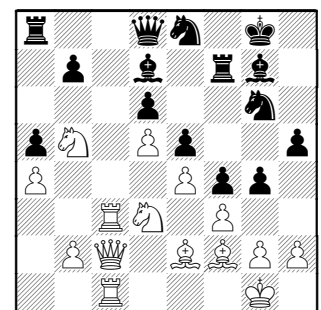
**18...Rf7** Stopping Nc7, a common theme in the King's Indian which also opens possibilities for the rook to join in the attack by Bf8-Rg7

**19.Rc3 Ne8**



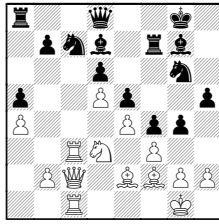
Adding another protector to c7 and d6.

**20.Qc2 g4 21.Rc1 Bd7** (as expected)



**22.Qd1?** a bit inconsistent with my plan

I was disheartened to find 22.Nc7 Nxc7



23.Rxc7 Bxa4! where Black ends up a Pawn ahead.

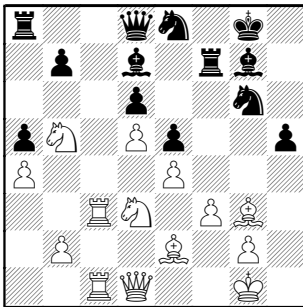
From that analysis diagram, however, I immediately realized **23.Bb6!** - *unfortunately* after I'd played the game move !!

22...g3?!

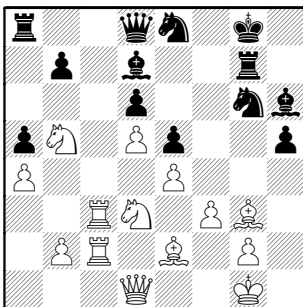
Black rushes the attack and I was banking on white having enough defensive resources to weather the storm and remain up a pawn.

22...Qg5 may very well have steered the game back into balance or even a slight pull for black

23.hxg3 fxg3 24.Bxg3



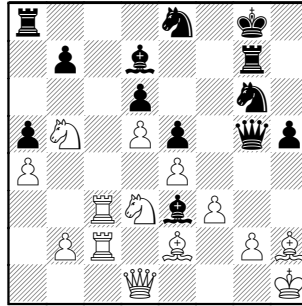
24...Bh6 25.R1c2 Rg7



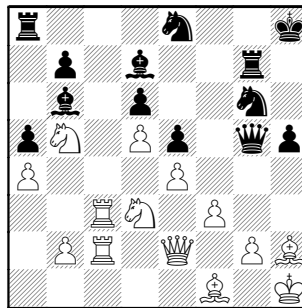
26.Bh2

Perhaps the retreat 26.Bf2 was better for me, I'm not sure. My defensive strategy is straightforward.: Ne1, Bf1, etc. It is very easy for white to defend this position.

26...Be3+ 27.Kh1 Qg5



28.Bf1 Kh8 29.Qe2 Bb6

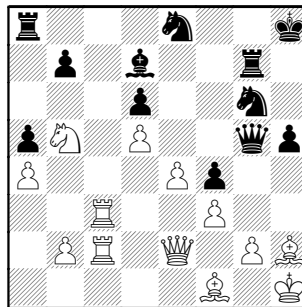


Threatening Nxe5 with a discovered attack on the bishop

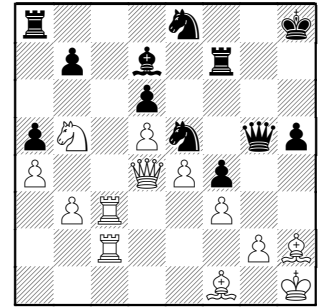
30.Qd2 Be3

I was getting low on time here so I repeat the position

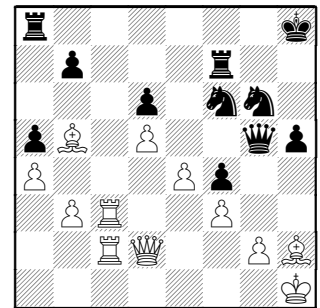
31.Qe2 Bf4 32.Nxf4 exf4



33.b3 Ne5 34.Qd2 Rf7 35.Qd4



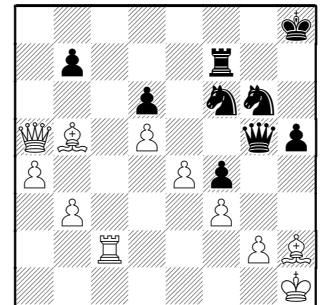
35...Bxb5 Removing the knight on e8 of its defensive duties 36.Bxb5 Nf6 37.Qd2 Ng6



38.Rc7

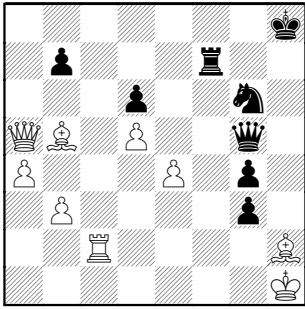
I was tempted by 38.g3 but did not want to complicate the position given my time situation

38...Raf8 39.Rxf7 Rxf7 40.Qxa5

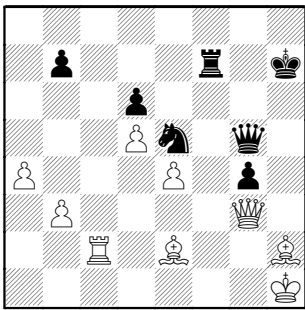


For the rest of the game, I was under extreme time pressure.

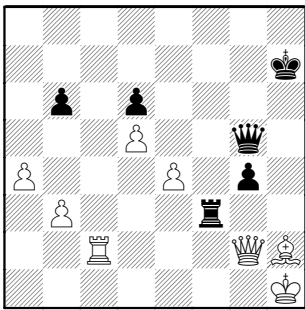
40...Ng4 41.fxg4 hxg4 42.g3 fxg3



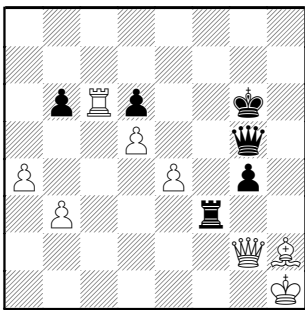
43.Qc3+ Kh7 44.Qxg3 Ne5 45.Be2



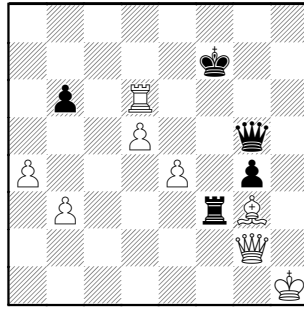
45...b6 46.Qg2 Nf3 47.Bxf3 Rxf3



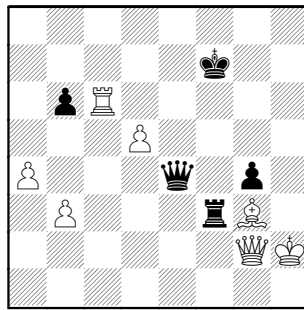
48.Rc7+ Kg6 49.Rc6



49...Kh5 50.Bg3 Kg6 51.Rxd6+ Kf7

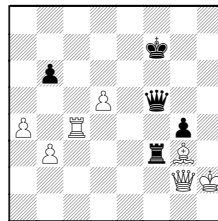


52.Rc6 Qe3 53.Kh2 Qxe4



54.Rc4 Qh7+

My intent was to will brilliantly after 54...Qf5



with 55.Qxf3!! but forgot the game move, as the Queen had been on the c1-h6 diagonal with my Rook covering c1.

55.Kg1 Qb1+ 56.Kh2 Qh7+ 1/2-1/2

The next day we found ourselves up against the **University of Central Florida B Team**. Roughly 10 minutes into the match Garrett had scored a win on board 4 with an amusing mate using bishop, knight, and pawn. Andrew's game looked simple enough to win and indeed he did after another 20 minutes of play.

On boards 1 and 2, Ankur and I were having a harder time with our opponents, but eventually we won and had a perfect 4-0 victory.

The following round was at 5PM and our bowl game (NU vs. Mizzou) began at 7PM, so we were anxious to finish our games promptly. We played **Dartmouth** and we were currently the top two teams with an average team rating under 2000.

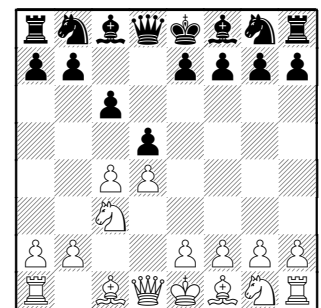
Luckily, my opponent was kind enough to adopt a highly inaccurate strategy early on, but the rest of the team was not so lucky.

My miniature (with annotations) went as follows:

**Smallwood, James (1908) - West, Jonathan (2042) [D10]**  
Pan Am @ Fort Worth TX  
Round 5 - 12-29-2008  
Time control: 120min, 30 sec increment

*[Notes by Jim Smallwood]*

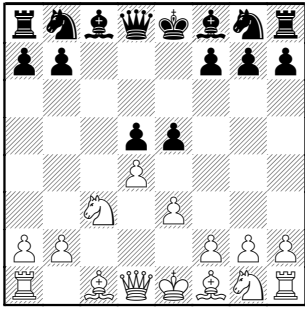
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3



3...e5!?

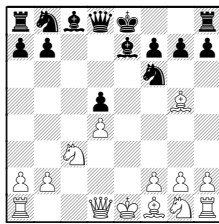
Something I have never come up against with my move order!

4.cxd5 cxd5 5.e3



5...e4 Exactly what I was hoping for !

5...exd4 6.exd4 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7

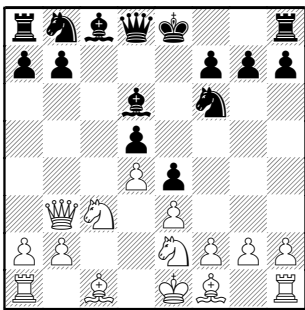


is fairly balanced

6.Qb3

We enter a French Advance Variation with the colors reversed. The d5 pawn will turn out to be a weakness

6...Nf6 7.Nge2 Bd6



Play heads into Milner-Barry Gambit lines now with the colors reversed and an extra tempo in hand. It is soon demonstrated that black has adopted a highly dubious strategy.

8.Bd2

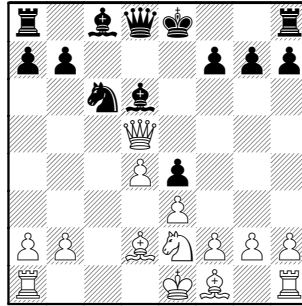
[We never get tired of pointing out that]

certainly not 8.Nxd5?? Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Bb4+ wins the Queen

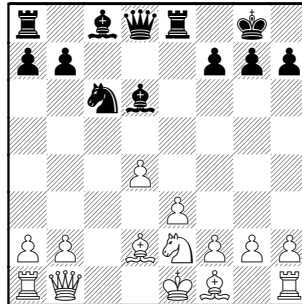
8...Nc6

A better alternative might be 8...Bc7 as I was considering during the game

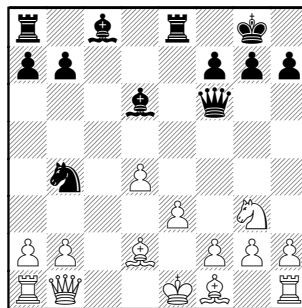
9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5



10...0-0 11.Qxe4 Re8 12.Qb1!



The best retreat square for the Queen.  
12...Qf6 13.Ng3 Nb4



It would appear at first glance that black is just fine here. He threatens ...Bxg3 followed by Bf5-Nc2+, Qxd4 moves

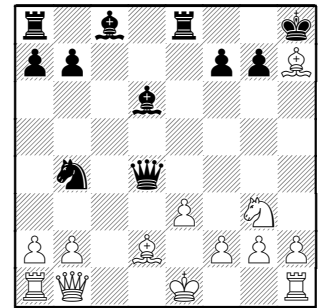
14.Bd3

But on my 13th move, a deeper look

revealed that, after this reply, black is in deep trouble. In my opinion, after white castles, black's position is hopeless in all lines

But not 14.Bxb4 Bxb4+ as the white king has to move and will most likely be massacred by black's active pieces.

14...Qxd4 15.Bxh7+ Kh8

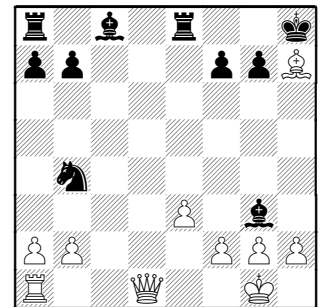


16.0-0!! Qxd2?

The point of my previous play!!

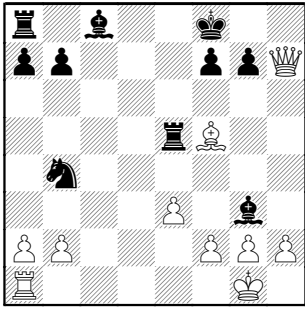
The knight on g3 holds the e2 square and the b4 knight blocks black's only escape. Black's best is to move the queen and accept that he is down two pawns and likely in a position to lose.

17.Rd1 Qxd1+ 18.Qxd1 Bxg3



19.Qh5! Re5 20.Bf5+ Kg8 21.Qh7+ Kf8



**22.Bxc8 1-0**

By the time I finished the game, our bowl game had just started so I rushed up to the room to watch the game and relay the scores to everyone else on my team. Garrett ended up drawing on board 4 and missed opportunities earlier in the game to play for a win, and Andrew continued his streak of domination to pummel his opponent in a gambit system played against his Dutch defense. Ankur ended up drawing a difficult game in which I thought he was worse after avoiding main lines in the Samisch variation of the King's Indian Defense. Fortunately we won the match against Dartmouth 3-1 but had a very disappointing overtime loss to Mizzou in our bowl game.

The next day we awoke bright and early as the round was an hour earlier than in previous days. We had to play the University of Toronto A Team in the final round with an average team rating of over 2200. It was a very tense match with Ankur and I facing 2400+ opponents on the top two boards. My game began as a Moroczy bind in which I found myself struggling to improve my pieces. I was cramped for space the whole game and just sought to trade off pieces against my opponent and hopefully be able to enter an endgame. My opponent tried pushing

too hard and I was able to net a pawn going into the endgame.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough for the win but a draw on board 2 against such a high rated opponent was a highly desirable result. On board 3, Andrew was outplaying his 2100 opponent and Garrett looked to be entering into an equal game. On board 1, Ankur looked to be slightly better than his opponent. Garrett's opponent offered him a draw and after 10 minutes of looking at the other two remaining games, Garrett made a good decision and took the draw. Not long after, Andrew concluded his game, and it all came down to Ankur's game. If Ankur could draw, we would win the match. Play continued for another hour or so and as pieces were traded off the position looked more and more like a draw. Finally, in a rook and pawn endgame, Ankur's higher rated opponent acknowledged that the position was drawn and accepted Ankur's draw offer, giving us a 2.5-1.5 victory, an 8<sup>th</sup> place overall finish, and a clear 1<sup>st</sup> place for teams with average ratings below 2000.

As I am graduating this year and will be stepping down as president of our school club and also leaving the area (starting my first job in New York City), I would like to express my gratitude for the experience the CICL has given our chess club. It gives our members something to look forward to with every match, and it is definitely an element of my college chess experience that I have always enjoyed.

*[ Editor's Note – All games collected by the MonRoi website will be included in the CICL games pgn. See the download page of our website ]*

## DID TAL ROB ROB OR DID ROB ROB TAL ??

### Your Favorite Engine is W-E-A-K !!

Enter your game's moves. Find some tough lines. Flip the analysis engine on. Within seconds, you get a numerical evaluation. Yup, it was a crush. You walk away happy.

But does that really mean you and the computer didn't miss a longer line that radically re-evaluates the game? How do you tune your chess engine for maximum throughput and accuracy? How can you improve your use of it? Can you find an innovation in a standard opening position?

Grandmaster-strength chess engines have arrived, but they are still dependent on pruning, algorithm, and programming. We can't trust the machine – it still makes errors! Believe it? **With this article, we open a series of investigations to discover how much we can trust our silicon friends.**

Here's a thought from Garry Kasparov:

“Nowdays, when analyzing and researching a chess position, it is essential to have the assistance of a chess-playing computer. It would be a mistake to imagine that a computer can "solve" all one's chess problems. In certain strategically unbalanced positions-- of which there were plenty in my game against the World, a computer's judgment is still unsophisticated. However, where straight calculation and tactics are involved, they are usually very strong.

The trick is to understand when to use a computer, and how. This is a skill in itself-- at which Yuri [*Dokhoian, Kasparov coach*] and Boris [*Alterman, hired for later in the match*] are highly proficient. They both sense whether the machine is pursuing a worthwhile continuation, or whether it should be guided in another direction.”<sup>1</sup>

While your favorite Games Editor was busy analyzing the 2008 Playoff games using Deep Shredder 10, an email arrived which put the machine to the test. **Rob Morris**, of the Motorola Knights team, had spent some time collecting examples of machine foul-ups in tactical positions—the very atmosphere which it is supposed to thrive! This was so interesting the Bulletin Editor had to join in and prove what a piece of work his favorite engine was (“was” because after even this initial study, he was very disappointed!). It failed miserably !! A mention to Walgreen teammate **Norm Hughes** interested him in firing-up his dozen engines and we ended up with a recommendation of what the two top engines are!<sup>2</sup>

This series of articles, then, is destined to cover several aspects of computer-aided chess analysis. We have Rob's initial quirky games and a couple hand-picked situations *ala* Tal. As this led to a deeper understanding of how to get the analysis produced as quickly as possible, we will move on to engine tuning. Then a couple of books which supposedly find some busts of even a 2-Ghz machine using the hottest chess programs (Fritz and Rybka 3) will lead us into a study of finding “novelty” moves. Finally, in so doing, we will develop a series of test positions that can be used to determine any chess engine's true strength.

In the following pages, we present Rob's work so you can be challenged just as we were. Afterwords, we'll share some observations and discoveries. We leave the other topics for another issue. Let's get to it !!

<sup>1</sup> Garry Kasparov, in his Introduction to "**Kasparov Against the World**", KasparovChess Online, Inc., 2000, p6

<sup>2</sup> I guess it doesn't give anything away to tell you right up front they are RYBKA3 and FRITZ10. Oddly, FRITZ11 doesn't appear to grade as well with our test positions !!

Here is an investigation I began long ago. The original intent (1 or 2 years ago) was to create four "What's the best move" type positions from Tal games, that my computer, due to some insanely complex sac being best, couldn't solve. After countless hours hunting for such sacrifices and finding only *two* examples, I tried researching on the Internet to find other ways to make computer chess programs look foolish. In the end ... I spent a lot of time and had very little current, useful, and entertaining material. (Not all of it is included here.) After the number of hours (probably 30 or 40 total) I've spent trying to make this thing work, I couldn't bear to never even submit it! Furthermore I simply can't bear to put any more time into the project.

While watching a recent Internet-based, live transmission of games from the World Championship cycle I was even more amused by the kibitzers than the game itself. One amateur kibitzer after another seemed to be running some computer software and mocking the "poor play" of GM XXXX. While I have a healthy respect for computers, what had transpired left a bad taste in my mouth. I, for one, would no more expect to beat the top computer programs than to outrace my little Honda Civic in a marathon. What we, as amateurs, often forget is that the top GM's can still, on a good day, perform that seemingly inhuman feat. Yes the top players are that good. This article is dedicated to them.

Have you ever wondered just how good computers are at chess? Around 2001 a mere expert named Eduard Nemeth made a bit of a name for himself by showing that commercial programs of the time were often beatable with a goofy little gambit that some have dubbed the "Nemeth Gambit". The basic idea of which seemed to be the sacrifice of a piece to open the h-file:



### GAME 1

**Shredder 5 - Nemeth, 30' rapid, 2000** (Nemeth used a P600 computer with 256 Mb RAM, and 64-128 Mb hash tables.)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 f6 5.d4 d6 6.c3 h5 7.Be3 Bg4 8.O-O Be7 9.d5 b5 10.Bc2 Na7 11.a4 f5 12.h3 f4 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.hxg4? hxg4 15.Nfd2 Nh6 16.axb5 Bf8 17.g3 Qg5 18.Ba4 Qh5 19.Nf3

(see diagram)

19...Nf5 20.Nh4 Nxh4 21.bxa6+ Ke7 22.Re1 Nf5 23.Kf1 f3 mate.

[Editor: We discovered this same attack from an interesting line of the Spanish Exchange and will use it in our investigations during a coming issue!]

That was a quick one to give you a taste and show you where we're headed.

Here's another:

### GAME 2 Nemeth - Junior 6.0, 5' blitz, 2001

1.Nc3 d5 2.d3 e5 3.e4 d4 4.Nb1 Nc6 5. g3 Nf6 6.h4 Be7 7.Bh3 O-O 8.b3 Bxh3 9.Nxh3 h6 10.a3 a5 11.Kf1 a4



(see diagram)

12.Bg5 axb3 13.cxb3 hxc5 14.hxc5 Nb4 15.Kg2 Ne8 16.Qh5 f5  
 17.g6 Nf6 18. Qh4 Rf7 19.Ng5 Kf8 20.Qh8+ Ng8 21.Qxg8+ Kxg8  
 22.gxf7+ Kf8 23.Rh8 mate

Of course this is really just an example of the “horizon effect” – the engine didn’t get to examine deep enough.

Naturally there are other related ways of “humiliating” the machines ...

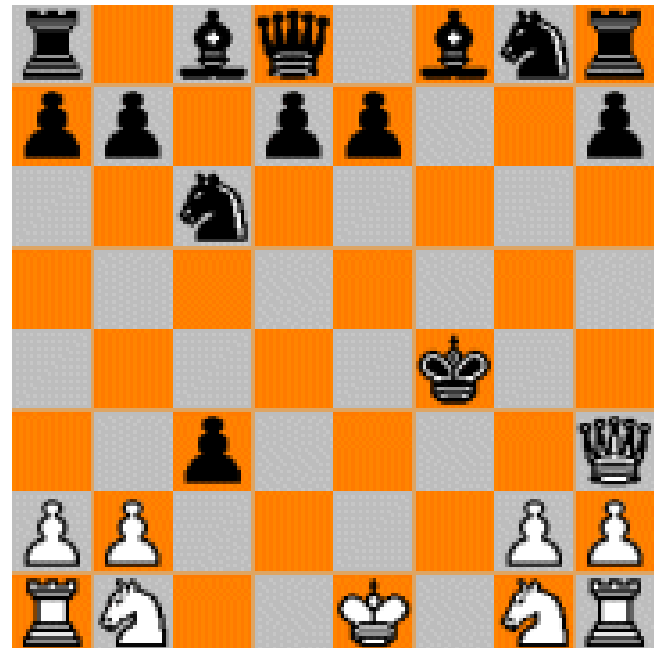
**GAME 3**

Nemeth - Fritz 6, 10' blitz, 2001

1.e4 c5 2.e5 Nc6 3.f4 g5 4.Bc4 gxf4 5.d4 cxd4  
 6.c3 dxc3 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ Ke6 9.Qh3+ Kxe5  
 10.Bxf4+ Kxf4

(see diagram at right)

11.Qh5 Qa5 12.Ne2+ Ke4 13.Nbxc3+  
 and mate soon follows

**GAME 4**

Tim Krabbe - Rebel Century, 5' blitz, 28 July 2001

1.e4 c5 2.Na3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.h3 Nxe4 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Qh5+ Ke6 8.Qg4+ Kd5 9.c4+ dxc3 10.Be3 Ne5  
 11.O-O-O+ Nd2 12.Qe2 Ke6 13.Bd4 cxb2+ 14.Bxb2 Qc7+ 15.Kxd2 Qc5 16.Nf3 d6 17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Ng5+ Kd7  
 19.Qf3 Qa5+ 20.Ke2+ Kc7 21.Rd5 Qb6 22.Rc1+ Kb8 23.Rxc8+ Kxc8 24.Qc3+ Kb8 25.Qxe5+ Kc8 26.Rc5+ Kd7  
 27.Qd5+ Ke8 28.Qf7+ Kd7 29.Rd5+ Kc7 30.Ne6+ Kc6 31.Qf3 Qxf2+ 32.Kxf2 and mate in a few moves.

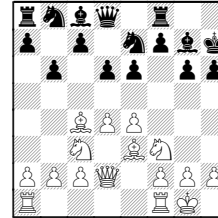
Without a doubt, any reasonably skeptical reader will point out that these games are old and of no real significance. True ... but this author would like to suggest that even in 2008 the mechanical monsters still aren't as tough as they are made out to be. According to the hype they are nearly unbeatable. This is supposedly even more true at Blitz.

Consider the following recent (2007) blitz game (played on ICC). This shows just how much a gifted human GM can get away with. Aside from the amusing ending, stare long and hard at black's set-up after move 9. When I first saw this game it seemed to me that Hikaru was mocking the machine even in the opening:

**CRAFTY (Computer) – Hikaru Nakamura [A00]** ICC blitz ICC, 2007

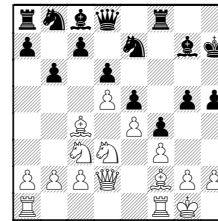
1.Nc3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Bc4 e6  
4.Nf3 Ne7 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 0-0  
7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3 b6 9.Qd2 Kh7

(see diagram at right)



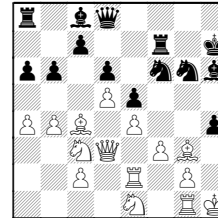
10.d5 e5 11.Ne1 f5 12.f3 f4  
13.Bf2 g5 14.Nd3 h5

(see diagram at right)



15.Rae1 Ng6 16.Re2 Bh6 17.Ne1  
g4 18.Qd3 a6 19.a4 Nd7 20.Kh1  
Nf6 21.b4 Rf7 22.Rg1 g3  
23.hxg3 fxg3 24.Bxg3 h4

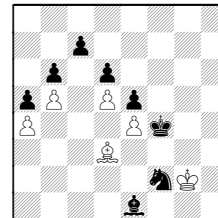
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25.Bxh4 Nxh4 26.g3 Ng6 27.Rh2 Kg7 28.Kg2 Rf8 29.Nd1 Rh8 30.Rgh1 Bg5 31.Rxh8 Nxh8 32.Nf2 Ng6  
33.c3 Qe8 34.b5 a5 35.Nc2 Ne7 36.Nh3 Bxh3+ 37.Rxh3 Qg6 38.Kf2 Rh8 39.Rxh8 Kxh8 40.Ba2 Nd7  
41.Ne1 Nc5 42.Qc2 Qh6 43.Ng2 Ng6 44.Bc4 Qh2 45.Bf1 Kg7 46.Qa2 Nf8 47.Bc4 Nh7 48.Kf1 Qh1+  
49.Kf2 Qc1 50.Be2 Nf6 51.Qc4 Bd2 52.g4 Qxc3 53.Qxc3 Bxc3 54.Bd1 Bd2 55.Nh4 Ng8 56.Ke2 Bg5  
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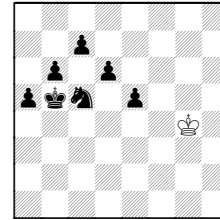
61.Nf5 Kf6 62.Kc3 Nh4 63.Nxh4  
Bxh4 64.Kd2 Kg5 65.Bd1 Kf4  
66.Ke2 Nf6 67.Kf1 Nh7 68.Kg2  
Be1 69.Kf1 Bg3 70.Be2 Ng5  
71.Kg1 Nxf3+ 72.Kg2 Ne1+  
73.Kf1 Nc2 74.Kg2 Ne3+ 75.Kh3  
Be1 76.g5 Kxg5 77.Kh2 Kf4  
78.Bd3 Ng4+ 79.Kg2 Nf2

(see diagram at right)



80.Bc2 Nxe4 81.Bb3 Nc5 82.Kf1  
 Nxb3 83.Kxe1 Nc5 84.Ke2 Nxa4  
 85.Ke1 Nc5 86.Kf2 Ke4 87.Kg2  
 Kxd5 88.Kg3 Kc4 89.Kg4 Kxb5

(see diagram at right)



90.Kg3 a4 91.Kf3 a3 92.Ke3 a2 93.Kf2 a1N 94.Ke3 Kc6 95.Kf3 Nab3 96.Kg4 Nd4 97.Kg5 Nde6+ 98.Kf5  
 Kd7 99.Kg4 b5 100.Kf3 b4 101.Kg3 b3 102.Kf3 b2 103.Kg4 b1N 104.Kf5 Na3 105.Kg4 Nb7 106.Kf5 Nf8  
 107.Ke4 Nd8 108.Kd3 Nb5 109.Kc4 Na7 110.Kd3 Nc8 111.Ke4 Ke6 112.Ke3 d5 113.Kd2 c5 114.Kd1 e4  
 115.Kc2 d4 116.Kb2 Kd5 117.Kc1 c4 118.Kd2 e3+ 119.Ke1 Ke4 120.Kf1 d3 121.Ke1 c3 122.Kd1 c2+  
 123.Kc1 e2 124.Kd2 Kd4 125.Ke1 c1N 126.Kd2 Nb3+ 127.Ke1 Kc3 128.Kf2 Nc5 129.Ke1 Nce6 130.Kf2  
 Nc7 131.Kf3 e1N+ 132.Kf2 Nc2 133.Kf1 Ne8 134.Kg2 Nfe6 135.Kf2 Nf6 136.Kf3 Nd6 137.Kg3 Nc6  
 138.Kg2 N2d4 139.Kh3 N4f5 140.Kg2 Nfe7 141.Kf2 Ng6 142.Ke1 Kc2 143.Kf2 d2 144.Kg2 d1N 145.Kf1  
 Nc3 146.Kf2 Ncd5 147.Kg2 Nce5 148.Kg1 Nde4 149.Kg2 Nd4 150.Kg1 Ngf4 151.Kh1 Nfg4 152.Kg1  
 Nde3 153.Kh1 Ndf5 154.Kg1 Nf3+ 155.Kh1 Nfg3# 0-1

I can hear you already ... "but that was crafty ... try RYBKA!" Alright ...how about the following (also speed chess) less gaudy display against the "all powerful" Rybka:

[Event "ICC"]

[Site "Internet Chess Club"]

[Date "2008.02.20"]

[White "Goldmund"] <Alexander Rustemov>

[Black "TransWarp"] <Rybka>

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1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c3 b6 4. g3 d5 5. Bg2 Bd6 6. Bg5 Nc6 7. Nbd2 O-O 8. e4 Be7 9. Bxf6 Bxf6  
 10. O-O Re8 11. Re1 Bb7 12. Qc2 Qd7 13. Rad1 g6 14. h4 a5 15. h5 a4 16. hxg6 hxg6 17. e5 Bg7  
 18. Nf1 Na5 19. Ne3 c5 20. Ng4 Qe7 21. Qc1 Nc4 22. Re2 a3 23. b3 Nb2 24. Rdd2 Ba6 25. Re3 c4  
 26. b4 Bb5 27. Bh3 Rec8 28. Kg2 Nd3 29. Qh1 Rc7 30. Kg1 Re8 31. Bf1 Ra7 32. Qh3 Rc7 33. Ne1 Ba4  
 34. f4 Nxe1 35. Rxe1 Kf8 36. Qh7 Qd8 37. Rh2 Rc8 38. Ne3 Re7 39. g4 Rb7 40. g5 Qe7 41. Ng4 Ke8  
 42. Qxg7 Kd7 43. Qf6 Kc6 44. Qxe7 Rxe7 45. Rc1 Ra7 46. Kf2 Rf8 47. Ke3 Raa8 48. Be2 Rh8  
 49. Kd2 Rxh2 50. Nxb2 Rh8 51. Ng4 Rh4 52. Ke3 Rh3+ 53. Kf2 Rh8 54. Nh6 Rh7 55. Rh1 Bc2  
 56. Rh2 Bb1 57. Rh1 Bc2 58. Rc1 Ba4 59. Ke3 Kd7 60. Kd2 Ke8 61. Rh1 Rh8 62. Rh2 Bb3 63. Rh1 Ba4  
 64. Kc1 Kf8 65. Rh2 Ke8 66. Ng4 Rf8 67. Rh7 Ke7 68. Kb1 Bc6 69. Bd1 Bb5 70. Bc2 Kd8 71. Nh6 Be8  
 72. Rg7 Kc8 73. Rg8 Rxc8 74. Nxc8 Kd8 75. Nf6 Bd7 76. Ng4 Kc7 77. Ne3 Be8 78. Bd1 Kb7 79. Kc1 Bd7 80. Nc2 b5  
 81. Nxa3 Kb6 82. Nb1 Kb7 83. Kb2 Ka7 84. a4 Kb7 85. Ka3 Ka6 86. Nd2 Kb6 87. Nf1 Ka6  
 88. Ne3 Kb7 89. axb5 Kb6 90. Bf3 Bxb5 91. Bd1 Ba6 92. Ba4 Kc7 93. Be8 Bc8 94. Bxf7 Kd7 95. Bxg6 Kd8  
 96. b5 Ke7 97. Kb4 Kf8 98. Kc5 Kg8 99. b6 Kf8 100. Kd6 Bb7 101. Kxe6 Bc8+ 102. Kf6 Kg8 103. e6 Bxe6 104. Kxe6  
 Kg7 105. f5 Kg8 106. Kf6 Kf8 107. b7 Kg8 108. b8=Q#

What is that you say ... Everyone gets lucky sometimes!? Oh, skeptical reader! I don't have Rybka but I do have Chessmaster 10<sup>th</sup> edition so I decided upon a little test. The following positions are taken from Mikhail Tal's games. I fed CM10 each of these positions and allowed it to calculate under tournament time controls. The computer's answer is one (or more) of the choices. Of course Tal's answer is also one of the options. The variations are complex but Tal's answer is better.

What's the Best Move (TAL #1)



White to move

- A) Be3
- B) Bh6
- C) Nxh5

What's the Best Move (TAL #2)



Black to move

- A) gxf5
- B) g4
- C) dxe5

**What's The Best Move Answers** (from previous page):

**Problem 1. C.** This is from Tal vs. Spassky Tilburg 1980. Obviously these problems are deep. Nobody said Chessmaster would miss simple stuff! That said my hope was that you, gentle reader, would, upon being told these were Tal games, choose the sacrificial lines.

A) After 9 min 30 seconds this is Chessmaster's calm recommendation and the computer evaluates the position as essentially equal.

B) Up until approximately the 5 min mark the silicon beast preferred Bh6 and gave an essentially equal evaluation.

C) Tal's answer and best! The game continued 32 ... Nxf5 33 gxf5 Rf5 34 e5 dxe5 35 Bh6 Ra6 36 d6 f6 37 Bxg7 kxg7 38 Rg5 Kf7 39 Bg6 and the win is coming. The truth is even the computer agrees that white is winning after move 33.

**Problem 2. A..** This is from Doroshkevich vs. Tal 43<sup>rd</sup> USSR Ch. Yerevan 1975. It's Tal! Look for the sac.

A) After 16 ... gxf5 17 exf6 Rxe3 18 fxf7 Ne5 19 Bg2 And even the computer agrees that Tal is winning after 19 ... f3 20 Bxf3 Qh4 21 Be4 Rxc3 22 bxc3 Qxe4 23 Kg1 Kxg7 when Black's superb knight and safer king should be enough to win.

B) CM10 gives 16 ... g4 and a dead equal evaluation even after more than 9 minutes of number crunching.

C) 16 ... dxe5 17 fxf5 e4 18 Bg2 Nh5 19 Nxe4 leaves white with a slight advantage.

**AFTERWORDS....**

Rob left off at this point, so we can now delve deeper using some more modern machinery, fully expecting that Chessmaster and his equipment are W-E-A-K !

The most interesting of all his examples was **Tal #1**, so I immediately fired up DeepShredder 10 and entered that position. Incidentally, the "Deep" part of the program is written to take advantage of both cores in a dual-core processor so that two independent tasks can be done simultaneously. We'd expect super results. After cranking for 10 minutes or so, and seeing the program reject Tal's reply, I stop it and force the Tal move. The evaluation immediately confirms that it is the best move ! I stop the analysis, and re-enter the position. Now it immediately plays Tal's move as the best. Very weird, but, after some thought, realize the program has saved its hash tables and so is remembering the previous run. To confirm, I unload the engine and restart it—it once again rejects Tal's move.

I was so mad I forgot about the whole idea, knowing I'd eventually have to take some time to learn how to tune the engine. It could evaluate Tal's move correctly, it just somehow simply pruned it from the tree too early. Finally, after mentioning this to Norm, who discovered some tuning (see next issue), FRITZ10 and RYBKA make the sacrifice on their own, but find an improvement with **32 Nf5!** . I did get it to choose this move after **40 minutes'** thought ! It was bedtime, so I left it running overnight only to discover the next morning it had rejected it at some point.

The point of 32 Nf5 appears to be the additional option of Nh6+, forcing open lines in the King's position if Black decides not to accept the sac. Incidentally, these engines agree that Tal's offer (32. Nxf5) is best declined by playing 32..Bh8 or 32..f6 . All the other engines tried still follow Rob's findings – 32 Bh6? is nearly unanimously chosen.

For reference, note that the Editor's machine is an AMD Turion 64X2 (dual proc) 1.6Ghz, 2G RAM. Norm's is an p4/2.66Ghz (single proc), XP running under control of ChessBase10.

So the best line from **TAL #1**, according to Deep Rybka 3 Dynamic on Tom's laptop, appears to be

**TAL #1. in 5 seconds:**

**32 Nf5 gf 33 Rf5 Qg3** (33.. Qe8 34 e5 idea Bh6 is deemed a quick crush) **34 R1f3 Ra1+ 35 Bd1 h4 36 Rxc3 hg** (only 5M positions examined. DS10 examined 1G before starting Nf5 and spent at least 40 minutes, eventually discarding it).



Norm's take is exactly the same. Interestingly, only RYBKA recommends the 33..Qg3 move. FRITZ just "hopes" for the best with 33..Qe8. The real laughter is that FRITZ10 finds Tal's move on its own (also gives 32. Nf5 as its equal second choice), but the new version, FRITZ11, misses it completely, even after 20 minutes! *We'll be using this fact as a hint toward evaluating engines and see if we can find why the two versions yield different results.*

**For this one, I score it even** – Tal's move stands up, but Rob's approach does lead us to a slightly better move!

### TAL #2.

This one wasn't much of a challenge for any of them. They all almost immediately choose Tal's line. Score this one to Tal.

Just to be tidy, and to feed my idle curiosity, I tried to use my new hero (RYBKA3) to discover at what stage the computer went wrong in Rob's first examples.

### Game 1 : Shredder-Nemeth

Immediately looked at ..Nf5, but after 30-second review decides gxf is better. But at depth 11, reverses that and declares ..Nf5 a kill! As I said earlier, we'll be revisiting this attack as it seems fairly logical and I've discovered a YouTube video touting 4...Ng4 in the Spanish which generates it. Stay tuned!

### Game 2 : Nemeth-Junior

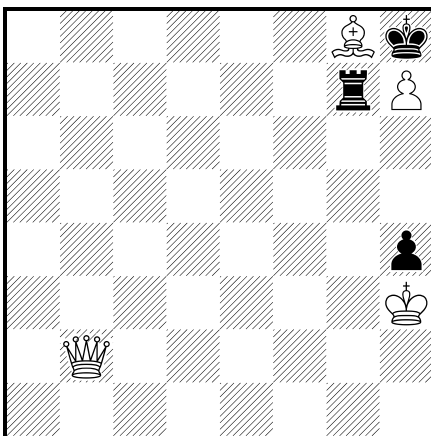
Immediately liked hxg, but after 1 minute at 11-ply went with game reply--- 12 Bg5 ab 13 Bxf6 bxc 14 Qxc2 Bxf6 Black is up a Pawn. (12..hg 13 hg ab 14 gf bc 15 Qxc2 Bxf6 the same). So computer freaked out.

The real error is 15 Nfd2 ?? RYBKA3, within a few minutes, finds **Ne1!** so that a subsequent Ng2 keeps the Knight safe and makes the trip to h4 before Black can setup the battery on the h-file.

### Game 3 : Nemeth-Fritz

Liked g7-g5, but after Bc4 immediately says d7-d5! ... after exd, then gxf. The sac doesn't work as the King has the d7 square, if needed. So, again, the computer misses a defensive move.

**As a final tease**, here's one I found on the Internet that it is claimed **NO ENGINE** gets right!



**WHITE TO MOVE and MATE in 4**

**1.Kh2 h3** ChessBase board hint (Fritz?) suggests Kh1, but Rybka3 doesn't even consider it. DeepShredder10 immediately finds solution from here. **2.Kh1 h2 3.Bf7 Kxh7 4.Qxh2#**

Norm ran this on all the major engines (Crafty20.14 Fritz10/11, Hiarcs10, Junior10, Rybka3) and **ONLY FRITZ10 finds it without help!** Even giving the first move as a hint, all the engines immediately find the rest **EXCEPT Rybka3 !!** So this is filed as our *second* engine-test position.

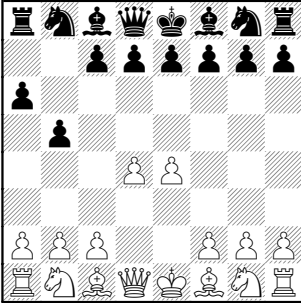
[from Rybka Internet bulletin board] Zugzwang is involved... probably it's nullmove related. Anyway, it looks like the moves 1.Kh2 and 2.Kh2 are forward pruned. Even with Preserve Analysis, if I go backwards from the mate, R232a seemingly ignores these moves. The engine can find 2.Kh2 if set to 10(!) multi-pv variations. If forced to take a look at 1.Kh2, 2.Kh2 is missed in that variation

**We're out of space – so more next time!  
And we'll be a bit more scientific about it!**

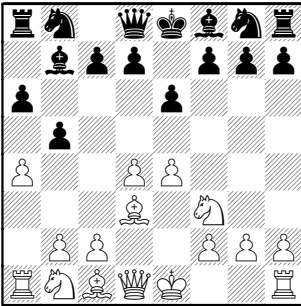
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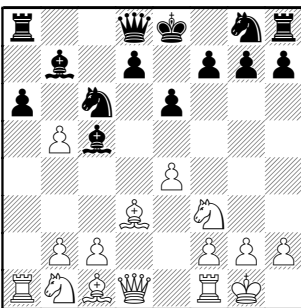
1.d4 b5 2.e4 a6



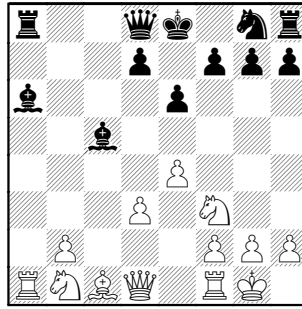
3.a4 Bb7 4.Bd3 e6 5.Nf3



5...c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.axb5

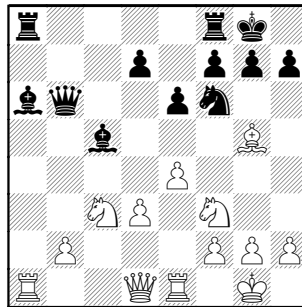


8...Nb4 9.bxa6 Nxd3 10.cxd3 Bxa6

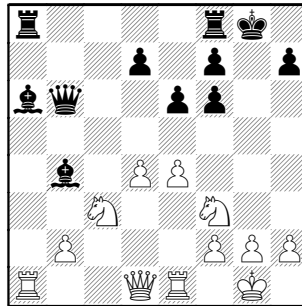


All juiced-up for a discovery to the hanging a1-Rook, but what makes it work ?

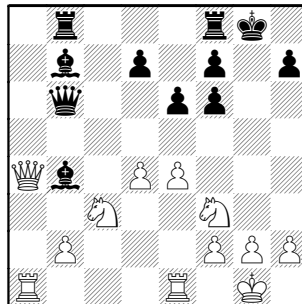
11.Nc3 Nf6 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bg5 Qb6



14.d4 Bb4 15.Bxf6 gxf6



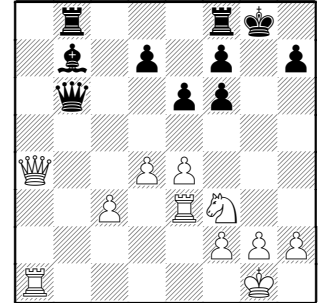
16.Qb3 Rab8 17.Qa4 Bb7



18.Re3

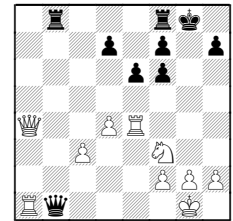
Look out ! White has abandoned full defense of the backrank.

18...Bxc3 19.bxc3



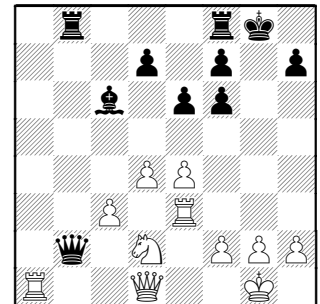
19...Qb2

Black will be looking for a combination like 19...Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Qb1+

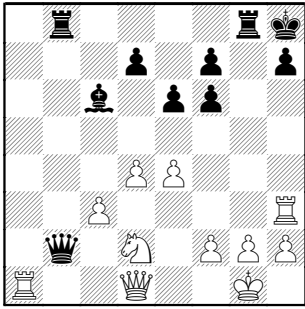


but right now White has 21.Re1

20.Qd1 Bc6 21.Nd2

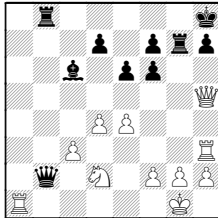


21...Kh8 22.Rh3 Rg8



23.Rb1? That's what Black was waiting for !

23.Qh5 Rg7



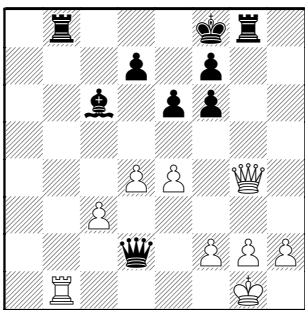
24.Rd1  
(24.Rb1?? Qxb1+ 25.Nxb1 Rxb1+)

24...Ba4

23...Qxd2! 24.Rxh7+ What else is there

24.Qxd2?? Rxb1+;  
24.Qh5?? Rxb1+;  
24.Re3 Qxd1+ 25.Rxd1 is the slowest win

24...Kxh7 25.Qh5+ Kg7 26.Qg4+ Kf8

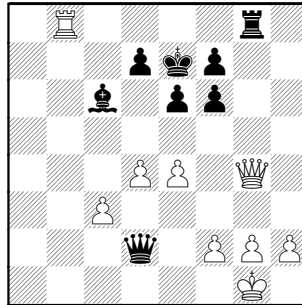


Now White has to defend Queen and stop the backrank mate.

27.Rxb8+

27.Qd1 is the only answer, but Black has too much extra material

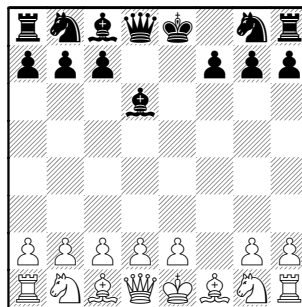
27...Ke7



Lots of stuff hangs. A cute final position. 0-1

**Santiago, Teddy (1954) – Lee, David (1906)** [A02]  
Forks-Excaliburs, 11-10-2008

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6



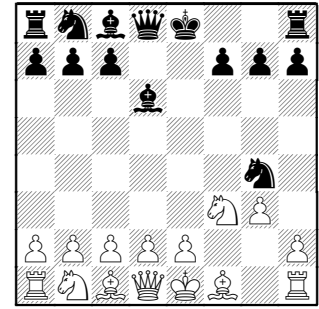
I was drooling like a dog watching this live- a tactical opening between two tactical players!! Oughtta be interesting !

4.Nf3 covering h4

This From's Gambit, Black's immediate threat is 4... Qh4+ since 5.g3 Bxg3+ is a quick mate

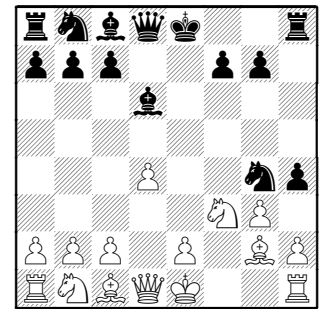
4...Nh6 Apparently directed toward Ng4-xh2 so Bg3# can follow.

5.g3 Ng4

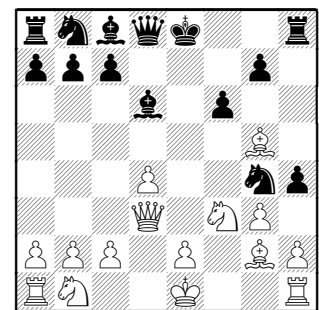


6.Bg2 Simple and effective. The f1 square is now available to the King

6...h5 Storming the Kingside, just in case White thinks he's going to castle there.  
7.d4 h4



8.Bg5 f6 9.Qd3

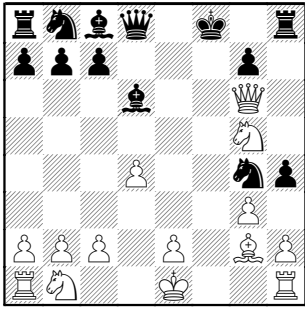


Oddly, it was Black that was racing to mate along the short diagonal to the King. Now White is doing it !

9...fxg5

Deep Shredder says Black takes over with 9...h3

10.Qg6+ Kf8 11.Nxg5



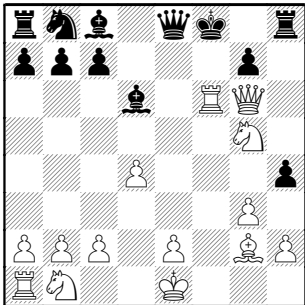
11...Qe8??

11...Qe7 is the only move-- f6 must be defended as White now shows

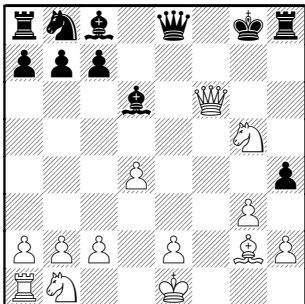
12.Rf1+ Nf6 this would hold if Black had one more defender to f6 (thus showing why Qe8 was critically wrong)

No better is 12...Ke7 13.Qxg7+ Kd8 14.Nf7+

13.Rxf6+



13...gxf6 14.Qxf6+ Kg8

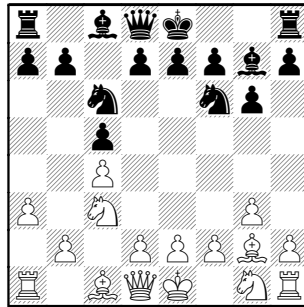


15.Bd5+

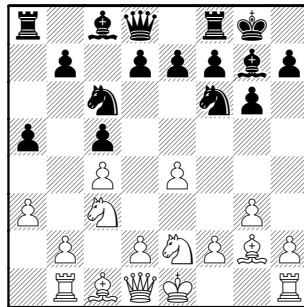
Black possibly missed this reply. After a long look, he resigned. 1-0

**Benedek,Roy (2133) – Freidel,Jesse (2000)** [A36]  
Rooks-St Charles CC, 12-2-2008

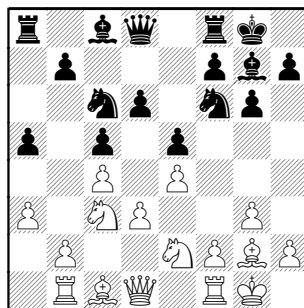
1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.a3 Nf6



6.Rb1 a5 7.e4 0-0 8.Nge2



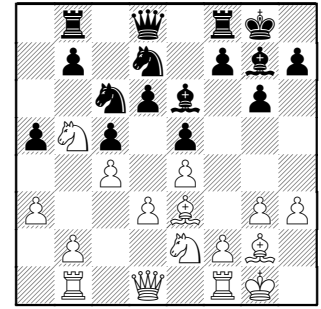
8...e5 9.0-0 d6 10.d3



10...Be6 [10...Ne8; 10...Rb8] 11.h3 Nd7

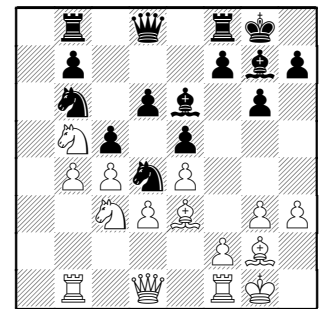
11...Ne8 keeps contact with d6, not blocking the Queenside as in game.

12.Be3 Rb8 13.Nb5

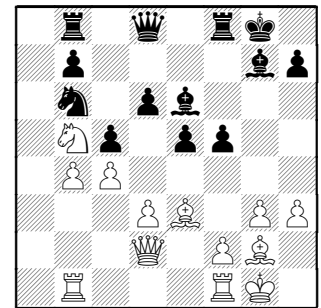


13...Nb6 This guy has no future here and is really in the way !

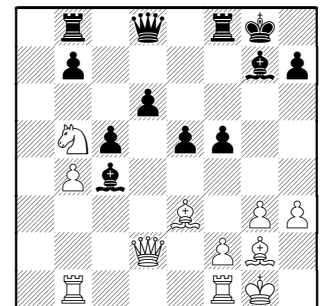
14.Nec3 Nd4 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4



16...f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qd2 Nxb5 19.Nxb5



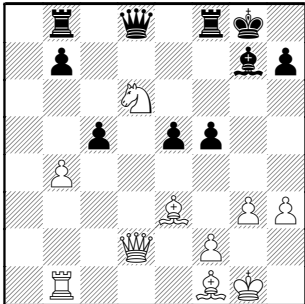
19...Nxc4 20.dxc4 Bxc4



21.Nxd6

21.Bd5+! cleans the house

21...Bxf1 22.Bxf1



22...Qd7

Not seeing the downside to 22...cxb4  
23.Rxb4 Qc7 idea Rfd8

23.Bxc5

23.bxc5 Establishes the Knight while attacking b7

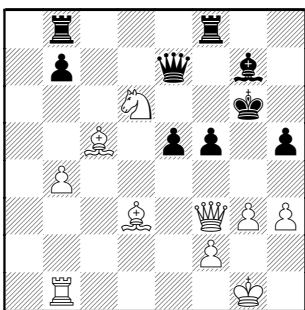
23...h5 24.Bb5

24.Qg5 idea Bc4+ etc

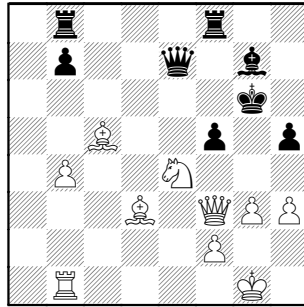
24...Qe7

24...Qd8 maintains pin on Knight

25.Qd5+ Kh7 26.Qf3 Kg6 27.Bd3



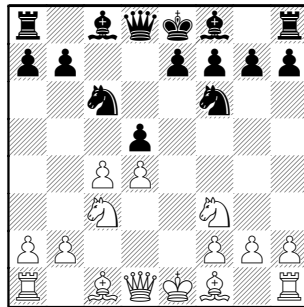
27...e4 28.Nxe4



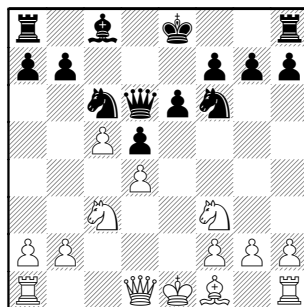
1-0

Von Hatten, Jeremy (1650) -  
Baurac, Dave (1799) [B14]  
St Charles CC-Rooks, 12-2-2008

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3



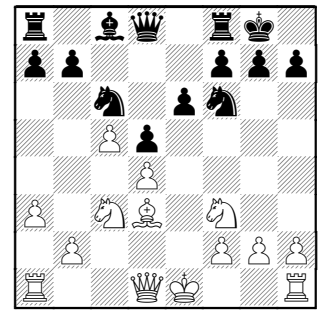
6...e6 [6...Bg4; 6...Bf5]  
7.Bf4 [7.a3 prepares c4-c5,b4]  
7...Bd6 [7...dxc4; 7...Bb4] 8.Bxd6 Qxd6  
9.c5



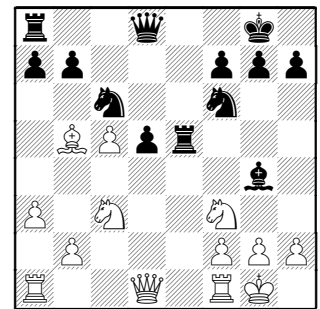
9...Qd8 10.a3

10.Bd3 0-0 (10...Nb4 11.Bb1) 11.0-0 b6

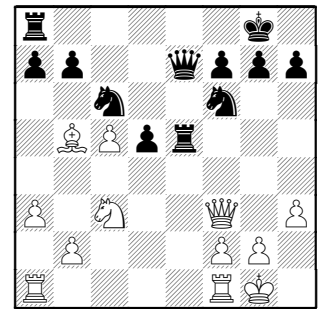
10...0-0 11.Bd3



11...e5! 12.dxe5 Re8 13.Bb5 Bg4 14.0-0  
0 Rxe5

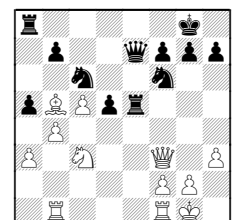


15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qe7

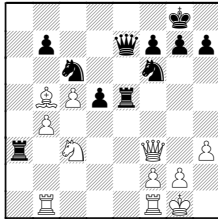


idea is Qxc5 17.Qf4 indirectly defending c5

17.b4 a5 18.Rab1



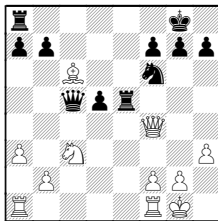
takes advantage of the 10. a3 move, but maybe White didn't like 18...axb4  
19.axb4 Ra3



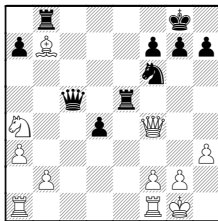
and d5-d4 becomes a problem (worse - Nc3 hangs). 20.Rfd1 d4 21.Bxc6 idea Rxd4 21...Rxc3! drops the Bishop

**17...Re8**

17...Qxc5? 18.Bxc6

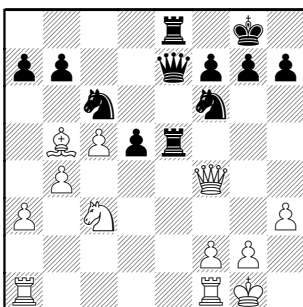


18...d4 (18...bxc6 19.Qxe5) 19.Bxb7 Rb8  
20.Na4

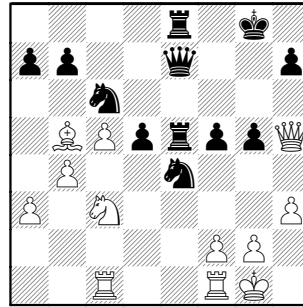


and the Knight is safe since the Black Queen is tied to the Rook

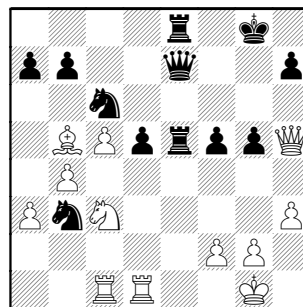
**18.b4**



**18...Ne4** **19.Rac1** **g5** **20.Qg4** **f5** **21.Qh5**



**21...Nd2** **22.Rfd1** **Nb3?**



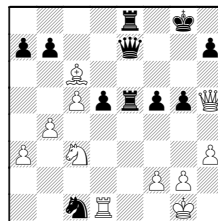
Black apparently has the worthy goal of securing c6 to break the pin, but there's a tactical problem.

**23.Rb1**

Looks like White can force favorable tactics here:

**A)** 23.Bxc6! bxc6 24.Rb1+-

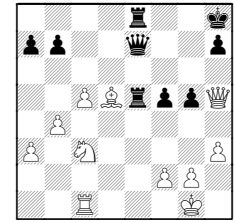
**B)** Black's reply 23...Nxc1 doesn't help:



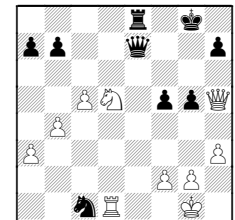
**B1)** Simply 24.Bxe8

**B2)** Or some forced trades 24.Qxe8+!  
Qxe8 25.Bxe8

**B3)** Maybe even 24.Bxd5+ Kh8 25.Rxc1



**B4)** Some interesting lines generate from Black's exchange sac after 24. Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Nxd5

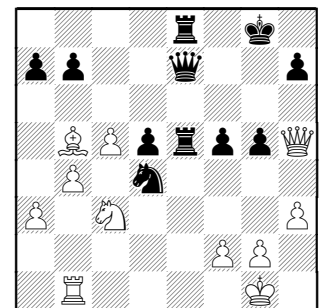


25...Qe2?

**B41)** 26 Nf6+! 26...Kf8 27.Nxh7+

**B42)** 26.Qxe2 Rxe2  
(26...Nxe2+ 27.Kf1 idea Nf6+ forking or Re1)  
27.Rxc1+-

**23...Nbd4** **24.Rxd4!** **Nxd4**

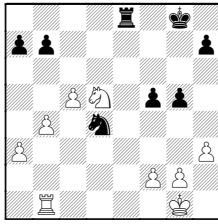


**25.Bxe8** **Ne6**

25...Qxe8 26.Qxe8+ Rxe8 27.Nxd5

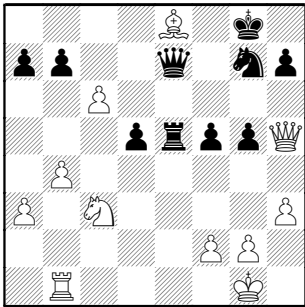
Diagram follows...





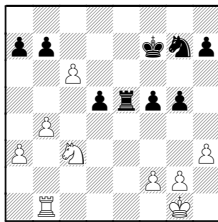
Black keeps the loss to a Pawn, but still has a tough defence.

26.c6! Ng7



27.Nxd5? Should give away all advantage earned !

Better is 27.Qf7+ Qxf7  
(27...Kh8 28.cxb7+-)  
28.Bxf7+ Kxf7



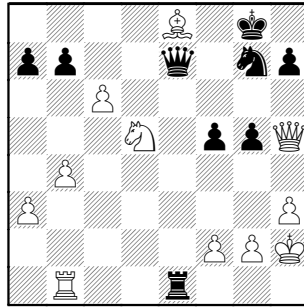
29.c7

The Pawn is harder to defend after 29.cxb7 Re8

29...Re8 30.Nxd5

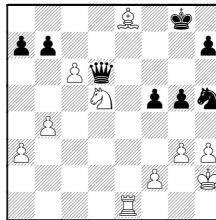
Deep Shredder prefers 30.Nb5 to gain queening square with Na7

27...Re1+ 28.Kh2

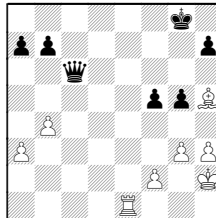


28...Qe5?>

28...Qd6+! avoids any attack to the Queen allowing Nxh5  
29.g3 Nxh5 30.Rxe1

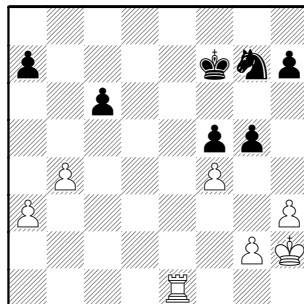


30...Qxd5 (30...Nxg3 31.Ne7+ Kf8)  
31.Bxh5 Qxc6



With an open board, I choose the side with the Queen.

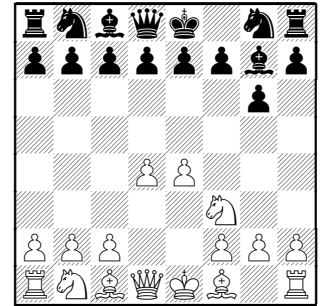
29.f4 Now White is back on track  
29...Qxd5 30.Bf7+ Qxf7 31.Qxf7+ Kxf7  
32.Rxe1 bxc6



33.Rc1 Ne6 34.Rxc6 1-0

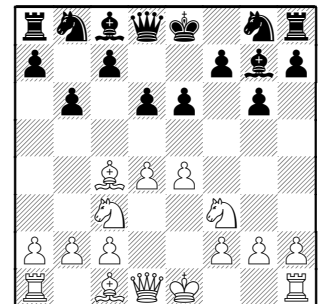
Kratka, Milan (1616) – Meyer-Abbott, Ben (1317) [B06]  
Hedgehogs-AMATS, 11-17-2008

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3

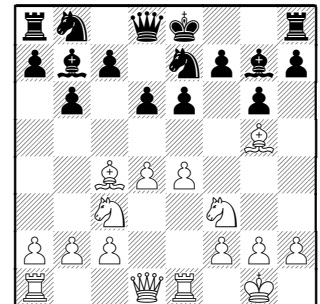


3...e6 A bit odd. In Kingside fianchetto positions, Black plays to the Black squares.

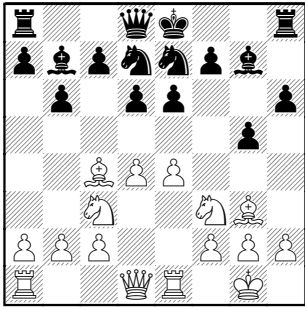
4.Nc3 d6 5.Bc4 b6



So Black intends the Double Fianchetto or Elephant (Knights at Nd7 and Ne7) types. 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Re1 Ne7 8.Bg5



8...h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nd7

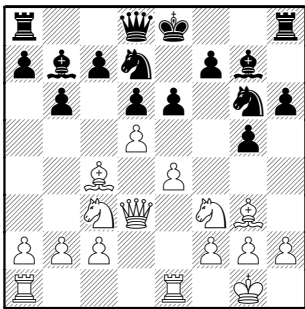


Black's position is flexible, if a bit cramped. But the symmetry looks really cool !!

11.Qd3 Ng6

11...0-0 might be committing the King to an exposed corner. Also, Black doesn't have the normal c7-c5 or f7-f5 Pawn breaks, so he begins to run out of counterattacking moves.

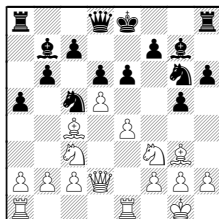
12.d5



Things now decline rapidly for White - so his search for better play begins here.

12...e5 killing both Bishops' reach, but there is a benefit, as Black shows.

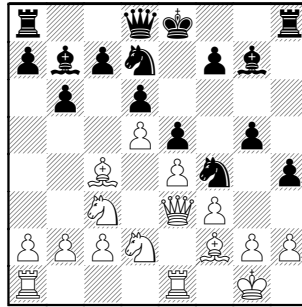
12...Nc5 13.Qd2 a5



secures the Knight and e6 14.Nd4 Ba6 (14...Qd7 idea 0-0-0)

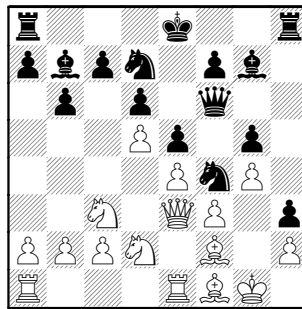
13.Nd2 h5! threat is h4, of course. His pieces will need some re-arranging, but the closed center heralds the wing action.

14.f3 h4 15.Bf2 Nf4 16.Qe3



16...h3! threatening Nxg2, forking or fun down the h-file (as in Qf6-h6).

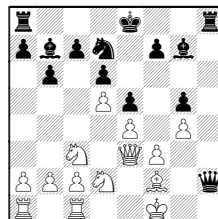
17.Bf1 Qf6 18.g4



18...Qh6 Ng2 fork threat is back on !  
19.Rec1 [19.Bg3 stops Black's next]  
19...Ng2 20.Qe2

20.Bxg2 hxg2 21.Bg3 as in game

White is pressured after 21.Kxg2 Qxh2+ 22.Kf1

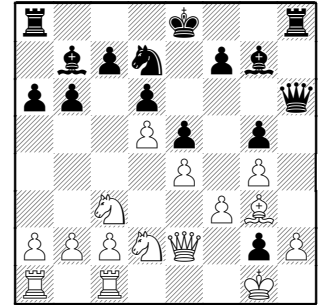


and Black can now choose:

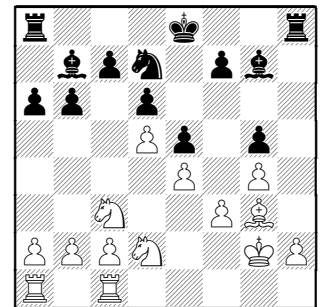
A) 22...Ba6+ 23.Ne2 Qh1+ 24.Bg1

B) 22...Qh1+ 23.Bg1 (23.Ke2?? Ba6+) 23...Rh2 idea Ba6+

20...a6 21.Bxg2 hxg2 22.Bg3

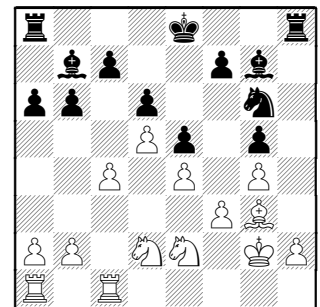


22...Qh3 23.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 24.Kxg2



White has come out a Pawn ahead, but it's going to take ton of work to make it count - it's the backward h-Pawn and Black owns the breaking squares at f4 and h4.

24...Nf8 25.Ne2 Ng6 26.c4



Oddly, now it's White that has the

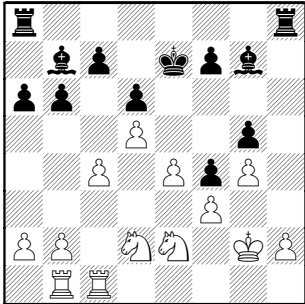


Knights on the second rank of the d- and e- files.

26...Nf4+ 27.Bxf4 seems to get rid of a bad piece, but allows Black a dominating one in return !

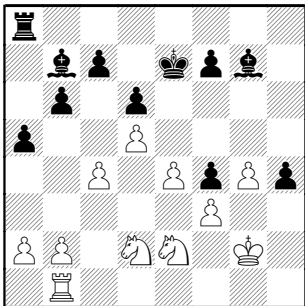
- A) 27.Kf2? Nd3+;
- B) 27.Nxf4? exf4 28.Bf2 Bxb2
- C) So, by elimination, maybe 27.Kf1

27...exf4 28.Rab1 Ke7



Doubling on the h-file becomes a possibility.

29.Rh1!? a5 30.h4 Rxh4 31.Rxh4 gxh4



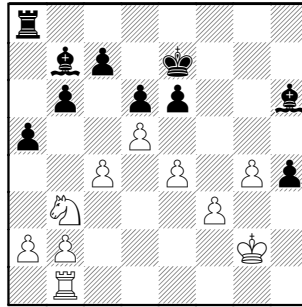
32.Nxf4?

White has nicely unblocked the Pawn formation and has another in his sights (as in Kh3,Ng2), but there's a tactical flaw.

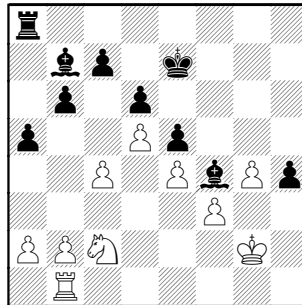
32...Bh6!

Highlighting the dominance of the dark squares with his active Bishop.

33.Ne6 fxe6 34.Nb3

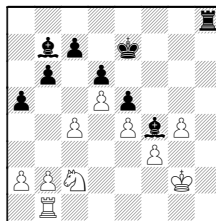


34...e5 Keeps the Knight bottled in.  
35.Na1 Bf4 36.Nc2



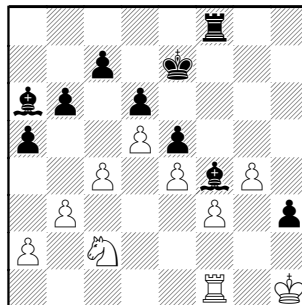
36...h3+! Another beautiful tactical finesse !! 37.Kh1

37.Kxh3? Rh8+ 38.Kg2

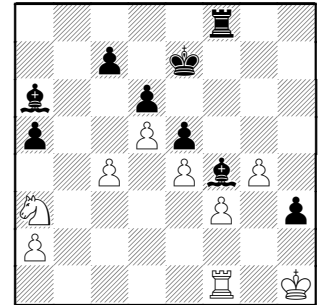


38...Rh2+ 39.Kg1 Rxc2

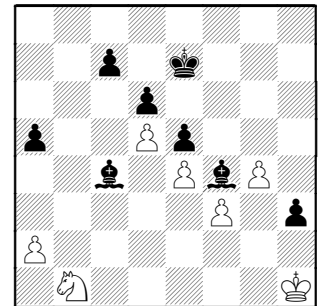
37...Rf8 38.Rf1 Ba6 39.b3



39...b5 40.Na3 bxc4 41.bxc4



41...Rb8 Black is always a step ahead.  
42.Rb1 Rxb1+ 43.Nxb1 Bxc4



44.Nc3 Bf1 45.Nd1 Bg2+ A solid performance by Ben, an underdog that played like a Master ! 46.Kg1 0-1



**Would your chessgame improve with a little coaching ?**  
**How about with a little coaching from a Grandmaster ?**  
**How much would you pay for such training ?**

Take it one step further—How much would you pay for Grandmaster coaching from the most complete chessman that ever played ? Would *that* help your game??

Sounds a bit over-the-top to expect anything that dramatic from a book. And that cheap, for that matter. But we're talking about Garry Kasparov here, and a heart-to-heart session is yours for the price.

The new series is titled "**Garry Kasparov on Modern Chess**" with the first two of four parts now available. Part One, "Revolution in the 70s", was completed in 2007 and finally last year we've been treated to Part Two, "Kasparov vs Karpov 1975-1985" which includes the first two World Championship matches.

Hold on! I can hear you mumbling "Hasn't enough been written about those?". Some of us even had to suffer through the record string of draws as they were being played. Why would anyone want to waste more time over victory-less chess ? Wasn't that the match that was so boring they called it off ? Well folks, these books are nothing but **page-turners!**

You're probably well aware of Garry's "My Great Predecessors" series. A planned 3-volume work covering the biography of the World Champions grew into five tomes, and the desire to chronicle the developments these heroes caused inspired him to continue on with a look back at his own career. He did cause a few storms, you know ?! Thus, the new series.

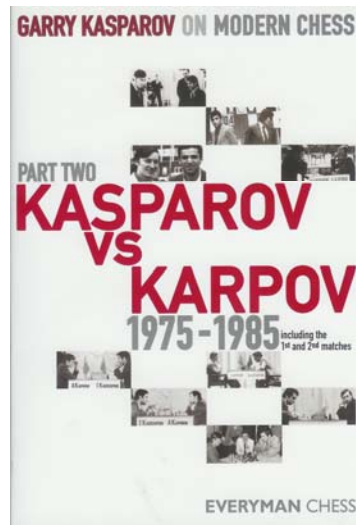
And this is what makes them so fascinating. Garry has been away from these tense, far-searching battles for chess supremacy and an icon known to the whole world. Not since Bobby Fischer's era can any chessplayer make that claim. So he has a unique vantage point to scan the horizon – seeing both lands well explored and those that lie ahead.

We are now so accustomed to Garry's status that we forget the actual climate of the 1985 matches. Anatoly Karpov had been on top for over a decade- the very years that Garry Kasparov was growing up and becoming a grandmaster. Garry was thus just a kid admiring the hero of his sport, even if not too often participating in the same tournaments as Karpov. As

we learn from Garry's autobiography, the two had rarely played before the first championship match. He was only 21 years old, fighting the whole Communist system embodied in his opponent. We are given the inside details of even these aspects of the battle.

One would expect bragging about the victories and excuses for the losses. Garry's open admission of failures and lack of focus is quite disarming. For me, this was a great encouragement to remember even he is human and was able to overcome the same problems we average patzers fight over-the-board ! His method was always nothing short of absolute work.

Here's an excerpt which illustrates the kind of writing you will encounter:



"Before the first game I was very nervous and I was quite unable to acquire the necessary peace of mind. Later I was told that I began the match very confidently, but in fact this was not so. In a certain sense I had defeated my previous opponents too easily. But now, when I was required to play with full intensity, I was not prepared for this – like a boxer who has always won by a knockout in the first few rounds, and in his next fight is obliged to spend all fifteen in the ring. In addition, I was not very familiar in practice with Karpov's style, whereas he could have made a good study of mine, by including in his analysis

the very strong Soviet grandmasters who had played me. But I was 21 years old ! I believed in myself, and I was hoping that nevertheless I would win against the champion. Alas, I was too presumptuous." [Part 2, pp 59-60.]

It's not giving away too much of the drama to remind you that Kasparov was down 4-0 after 13 games. Each game a blunder-fest, with him luckily surviving some draws because of Karpov's return gifts! Reading Kasparov's patzer-like admissions such as "*To this day I don't know why I played this move!*" is priceless. You can tell by the tone of his writing that some of these losses (or draws from won positions) are too painful for him even now.

### But you get yet more for your purchase!

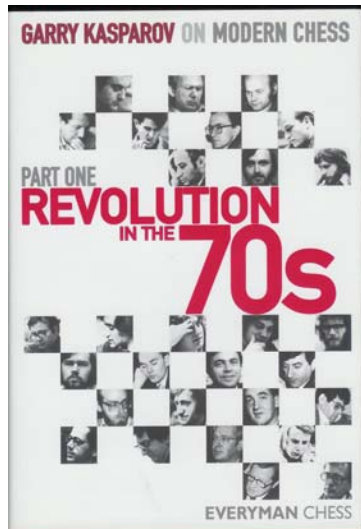
Chess is the general subject, but Garry isn't happy until he's given all aspects of the discussion on hand. Just why was the match abandoned and re-started? He takes no less than 35 pages to pass on not just his prejudices, but actual transcripts that, to my knowledge, had never been printed. Garry is quick to point out the inconsistencies in the various arguments.

A final benefit for your hard-earned money is the chess knowledge passed on. It's as if Garry has taken his famous analysis-filled harddrive and laid out his intimate plans and innovations. What has he now got to lose, he's retired! It's now all available for any who would take the time for study.

This is the role his first volume plays. The "Revolution in the 70's" is the very timespan he was jumping up the rating list. What were the key openings and variations during this gap between the previous champions (already chronicled in the "Predecessor" series) and his reign? The answers set the stage for his match analysis. In fact, much cross-referencing work was done—even back into the original volumes.

Honestly, Did you go over every word of every one of the "Predecessor" volumes? With these new books, you have the culmination of the progress of the century and Garry leads you through it.

Chess isn't easy. Even the best blunder their games away. Get inspired by living side-by-side with the Great One! Highly recommended for general reading and detailed study.



#### Garry Kasparov on Modern Chess

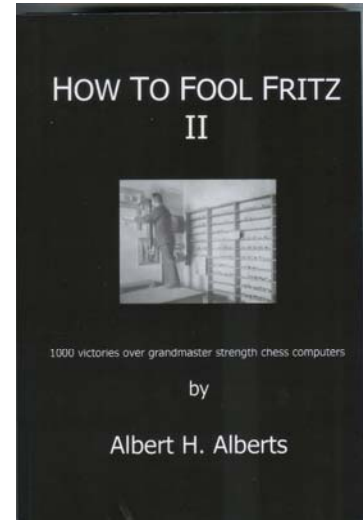
**Part 1: Revolution in the 70s, Garry Kasparov, Everyman Chess, 2007, 416pp with index of players ISBN 978-185744-422-3**

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### You can't have much more of a contrast in books!

We go from the ultimate author with impeccable style and attention of detail to the oddest writer that has no desire to impress or waste time with gory specifics about the actual moves in a variation.

I frequently browse the Amazon list of chess books and



crossed paths with the slovenly entry entitled "How to Fool Fritz 2" by the unknown **Albert H. Alberts**. Its price was a bit steep, and a review stating "I really wanted to hate this book" wasn't enough to scare me away. Really, though, the subtitle "1000 victories over grandmaster strength chess computers" was too much. It had just been published in

October 2008—what kind of equipment could this joker be using to make such an absurd claim?

But the connection with the research being done for this issue of the Bulletin was too much a draw. Just had to see what new advice (doubtful if any) this one would produce.

I truly hate this book. That's why I felt compelled to go back to Amazon and purchase the same author's previous work "How to Fool Fritz". Then I spent most of my freetime (interrupting the issue's research) going over the lines he'd discovered the computer falls for every time.

It's probably easiest to just list these books' failings-

- Insane moves that only a computer would make
- Positions that have little resemblance to "normal" chess
- Constant bizarre piece sacs just to make tactics
- Frequent missing moves in variations (you have to guess)
- Constant human intervention in the computer's recommended line
- Games resulting from blitz time control
- Listing variations as move1/move2 , move3/move4. Took the longest time to realize that move1=White move and move2=Black response. Comma separates pairs. I guess this saves printing costs for the move numbers.

- No paragraphs for analysis lines so sub-variations often given for a main-variation on some other page. You come to an impossible move and realize you started with the wrong variation !

Almost useless. Then there's the random quotes from unknown sources (some seem to be movie lines) that have no bearing on the task at hand, let alone chess itself. This is the most bizarre chessbook you will ever see.

So why did I spend money and time on them ??

1. I want to get more training value from my chess engines. This guy reveals his way.
2. I want to learn to develop new moves in old lines
3. I appreciate his attitude toward computer chess. You're going to get crushed anyway, so don't be afraid to make it interesting. Excessive material loss may lead to loss of the game, but how far can it go and survive?
4. In relation to #3, his discovery that a 3-point deficit can be turned into a draw. This means you can sac several Pawns or a piece.
5. Let the computer prove the tactics. You force it to sacrifice, let it show you how far it can recover. Some interesting discoveries can be made !
6. His call ? Return to the romantic days of sacrificial chess !

In both books, he walks through many standard openings and details an enterprising sacrifice (sometimes plural!). My question, however, with the second book is what kind of equipment the analysis is run and for how long. But the goal is apparently not to generate fool-proof lines, but wild ones. If you've studied them and your opponent hasn't, he's forced to figure out the mess while his clock ticks.

I'll leave the more-interesting variations for upcoming issues of the Bulletin (fodder for another "Computer Chess Investigations" article) and give some quotes which give you a feel for the author's crazed style.

"Great blessing of machine chess is that the computer numerically estimates the risk level, and the challenge then becomes: at what risk can we revert the game from a "bad" position and what criteria do we obey to when taking the risk..."

Away with the opening books and the cautious approach we learned from them! Back to the romantic era of high risk variations!...

Trial-and-error is the name of the game....We will not "play" games, we will "compose" them. And concentrate on developing opening novelties and try to deviate from standard book theory as early as possible in the game. With a constant eye on the risk level. Every bold and overbold sacrifice will be investigated...

What a misery in thousands of draws, agreed or not! BLITZ that is what we want."

In all that introduction (from first book), he never gets around to telling us about his computer. About half way through, in an interruption of the introduction to his Sicilian findings, we finally get the straight dope: "I play HIARCS on an I-Mac with a book so I figure the fellow knows what he is doing. I-Mac supposedly has 500Mhz clock, depth 7/8 with reasonable patience, which is kidstuff. At 125Mhz I beat any machine within 20 moves. I can concede a rook or up to five pawns. All these games I threw out. I play Fritz[7] on 650Mhz and somehow the program dives to depth 13 within a bearable time limit."

As we discovered in this issue's Computer Chess Investigations, complicated lines quickly get to depth 18 or more before the real evaluation can be made.

By the next year and book, he's updated:

"My previous booklet How to Fool Fritz I was played with Fritz-7 without book on a 625Mhz machine allowing evaluation depth 14 in a reasonably practical time span. In this book we will rise to Fritz-10/RVBKA on a 2Ghz machine up to depth 17 and higher in the endings. Although I realize now that a multitude of lines in HTTF-1 can be refuted by stronger programs backed up by theory books, I still feel a little homesick for those sometimes frivolous games..."

I did NOT win 1000 times [despite what his cover says!]. I lost count. It must run in the hundreds. But if you can beat machines several hundred times a 1000 times should be possible."

Enough about this nutcase and his nutty books ! We'll extract some goodies and move on, thank you !

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