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CICL PlayOffs, Photo Courtesy Art Olsen

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Editor's Notes:

We've made it to the end of another CICL season! Congratulations to this season's League Champions, Downer's Grove Chess Club. Please see below for final Playoff Standings.

We're still looking for submissions! As always, feel free to submit stories, games, chess news, and information about local chess events to the bulletin, even over the summer. The next bulletin will be released in September/October when the 2012-2013 season begins. Please email submissions to Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org.

Have a great summer everyone; see you in the Fall!

Patrice Connelly
CICL Bulletin Editor

Final Playoff Standings

DGCC 3-0 League Champions
Rogue 2.5-.5 2nd place
Wombats 2-1 3rd place
DRW 1.5-1.5
SCCC 1-2
Knights 1-2
Kings 1-2
CitUC 0-1 (dropped out)



Playoff Photo courtesy Art Olsen

CICL Banquet Blitz Tournament Results:

Section 1:

1st Place: Klug, S: 8

2nd Place/3rd Place Tie: Eaman, R: 6, Zolkos, A: 6

4th Place: Tennant, S: 5

5th Place: Brock, B: 4

Allsbrook, F: 3

Thomson, J: 2.5

Balicki, J: 1.5

Weber, L: 0

Section 2:

1st Place/2nd Place Tie: Cygan, J: 9, Connelly, P: 9

3rd Place: Duong, R: 7.5

4th Place: Franek, M: 6.5

5th Place: Sinople, J: 6

6th Place: Gaines, I: 4.5

Duffy, J: 3.5

Olsen, A: 3

Mosley, A: 3

Olsen, K: 2

Olsen, Amanda: 1

Play-Off Games from the Players!

CICL 2012 Play-Offs, Round 3: Tenant, Steve (2220) WMBTS - Klug, Steffen (2180) DGCC
Annotations by Steffen Klug.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 c5 9.Bd3 Nc6 [9...b6 10.Ne2] 10.Ne2 Re8 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ng3 [12.Nf4 Bd7] 12...Rc8 13.Ra2 Rc7 14.Raf2



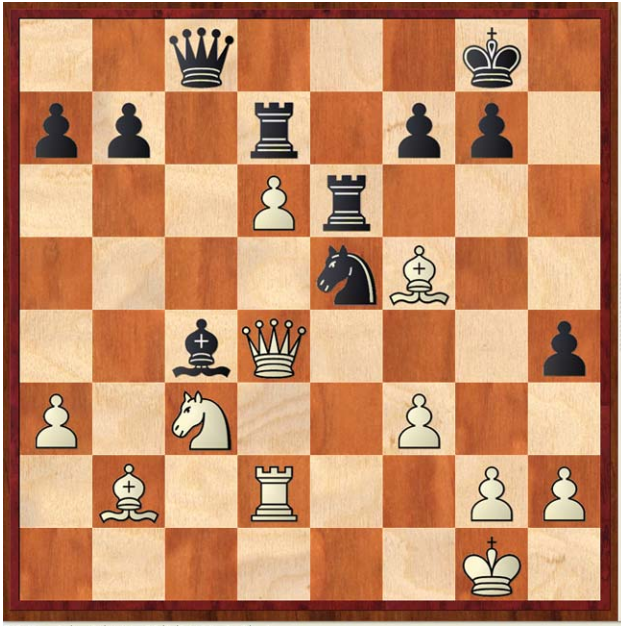
Position after 14. Raf2

I am getting worried about e3e4 and then the f3-f4-f5 push **14...Qc8 15.Bb2 cxd4 16.cxd4 h5**. Originally I planned to play Na5, but I thought this was an interesting pawn push. **17.e4**. I thought this would not work, due to h5. **17...h4 18.Ne2 Nh5**. I did not want to allow Nf4. **19.exd5?!**



Position after 19. exd5

I expect Nc3 Nf4 [19.Nc3! Nf4 20.Bc2 Na5. The computer suggests Qd7, Black is in trouble] **19...Bxd5 20.Nc3 Nf4 21.Be4** White plans to sac the exchange for dangerous pawn play. **21...Bc4 22.Qd2 Bxf1 23.Qxf4 Bc4 24.d5 Ne5 25.d6 Ng6** [25...Rd7! 26.Bf5 (26.h3 Rxd6) 26...Nd3 27.Bxd3 Re1+ 28.Rf1 Qc5+] **26.Qd2 Rd7 27.Qd4 Ne5** [27...f5! I could not calculate all the variations. This move is very committing 28.Bd5+ Bxd5 29.Qxd5+ Kh7 30.Qxf5 Rxd6 31.Qh5+ Kg8 32.Ne4] **28.Rd2 Re6 29.Bf5?**

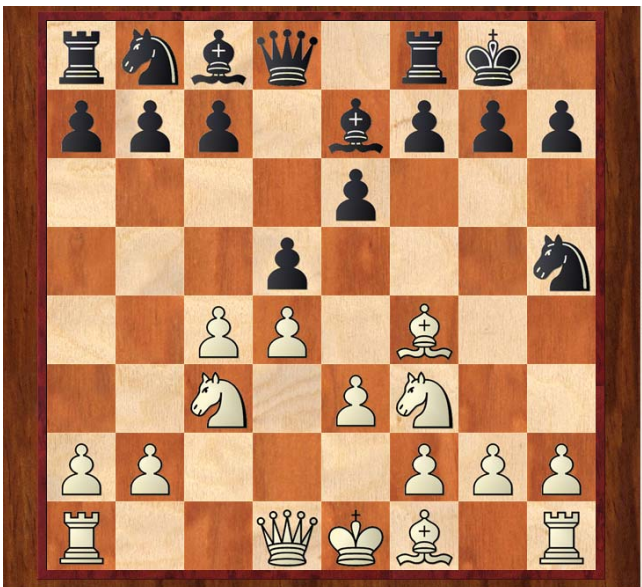


Position after 19. Bf5

Looses immediately. [29.Nd5 leads to a complicated endgame. I did not see the hidden mate threat on g7 29...Bxd5 30.Bxd5 Rxd6 31.Bxe6 Rxd4 32.Bxc8 Nxf3+ 33.gxf3 Rxd2 34.Be5 probably a draw] **29...Rdxd6 30.Qxh4 Qc5+ 31.Qf2 Nxf3+** [31...Rxd2 engines points this out - I did not calculate any further after seeing Nxf3] **32.gxf3 Rxd2**. With this win we became CICL champions as Caleb drew and Dan Parmet and Kevin Potts won. Gaddiel drew his game and Greg lost for the final score of 4-2 0-1

CICL 2012 Play-Offs, Round 3: Daniel Parmet, DGCC- Adrian Zolkos, WMBTS Annotations by Daniel Parmet

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nh5



Position after 6...Nh5

The first new move for me. [6...c5; 6...c6; 6...Nc6; 6...a6; 6...b6; 6...Nbd7] **7.Bg3 Nxg3 8.hxg3 h6** I did not like this move because black has rigidly defined the structure and now his position is quite hard to play. After a long think, I came up with the plan Ne5-Qh5-Ng4 with the idea of Nxh6 gxh6 Qxh6 and mate to possible for h7 or h8. So black must respond accurately. [8...b6; 8...Nd7; 8...c6] **9.Ne5!**



Position after 9. Ne5

[9.e4? dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb4+ 11.Nc3 c5 12.Be2 cxd4 13.Qxd4³; 9.Bd3?! dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5= Black's position is again problem free and easy to play.; 9.cxd5?! exd5= and black has zero problems after c6 Nd7 Bf5. His position is easy to play.] **9...dxc4** The point of this move is to now play Nd7 without dropping the pawn but I think that this misses the idea I had prepared with Ne5 [9...Nd7?! 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nxd5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Re8 13.Bc4²;

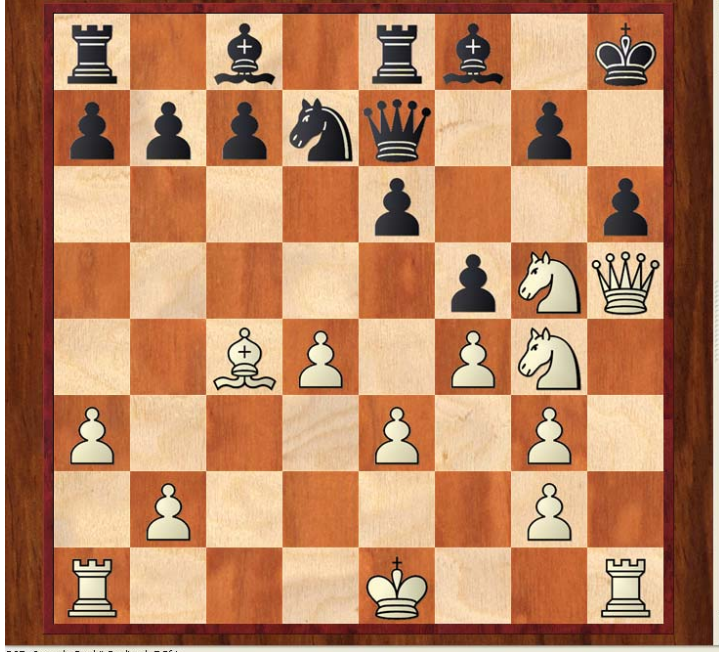
19...Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qc2 c5 12.dxc5 c6 I had calculated here and was not sure if Qa4 or cxd5 or Rc1 was best but this game continued with Qa4. This seemed like black's best chance. 13.Qa4 Qc7 14.Qa3 Rb8 15.Rc1 Rd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Bd3 a5 18.Ne2 Bf6 19.Nd4 Bg4 20.Qc3 Rb4 21.a3 Rb7 22.b3 Re8 23.0-0 g6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Bg7 26.b5 cxb5 27.c6 b4 28.Qc5 Rbb8 29.Nb5 Qa5 30.Nd6 Qxc5 31.Rxc5 Rf8 32.c7 Ra8 33.Rb1 Bc3 34.Rxd5 Bc8 35.Rc5 Ra3 36.Ne4 Re8 37.Kh2 Kg7 38.Nd6 Rf8 39.Bc4 Ra7 40.Rd1 b3 41.Bxb3 Bb4 42.Rcc1 Bxd6 43.Rxd6 Re8 44.Rc5 Rh8 45.Bc4 h5 46.e4 h4 47.f3 h3 48.g4 hxg2+ 49.Kxg2 Rf8 50.Kg3 Ra1 51.Kf4 f6 52.e5 Re1 53.e6 Rh8 54.Rd7+ Kh6 55.Rf7 1-0 (55) Chess Tiger 2007.1 (2806)-Delfi 5.1 (2733) CCRL 2007;

9...c5 10.Qh5 cxd4 11.exd4 Nd7 12.0-0-0 Nxe5 13.dxe5; 9...c6 10.Qg4 Nd7 11.Rxh6 Nf6 12.Qg5 Nd7] **10.Qh5 Nd7 11.Ng4!** I think only now did it dawn on my opponent that he has a problem. **11...Re8** [11...f5 12.Nxh6+ gxh6 13.Qg6+;

11...Nf6 12.Nxh6+ gxh6 13.Qxh6;

11...Bg5?! 12.f4 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Bxc4²] **12.Bxc4 Bf8** [Originally I thought Nf8 would hold (though white still would have an edge), though the computer proves me wrong. Therefore, Bf8 is probably the best. 12...Nf8 13.Nxh6+ (13.Ne4 Ng6 14.f4; 13.Ne5!! the computer finds this win:) 13...gxh6 14.Qxh6 Bf6] **13.Ne4 Qe7!** I believe this Qe7 moves show a very good defence from my opponent. He found a clever idea to play Kh8 without losing the f-pawn. This point also marks the only instance in this game where I didn't play the best move... though my move does not spoil the position: [A cute Queen sac line I had calculated during the game. 13...f5 14.Qxf5 Kh8 15.Nxh6 exf5 16.Nxf5+ Qh4 17.Rxh4#;

13...Kh8 14.Qxf7] **14.a3** [14.Bb3; 14.0-0-0!!+- c6TM a) 14...Kh8 15.Bd3 f5 16.Qg6 fxe4 (16...fxg4 17.Ng5) 17.Bxe4; b) 14...Rd8 15.d5!!; c) 14...Qb4 15.Bd3 Qe7 16.Kb1+-; 15.Rh4 Kh7 16.Rdh1 c5] **14...Kh8** [14...c6 15.f4; the computer finds this long line as the only way to survive... a series of ideas I didn't even consider during the game. 14...Rd8TM 15.f4 b5TM 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Ng5 Nf6TM 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Bh7+ Kh8TM 20.Be4 Bxe4 21.Nxe4±] **15.f4!!+- f5 16.Ng5!**



Position after 16. Ng5

Nf6 [16...fxg4 when I first saw this position, I was trying Nf7+ or Bxe6 followed by Nf7+ before I saw the obvious Qg6+ 17.Qg6 a) 17.Bxe6?? Ne5!!-+) 17.Nf7+ Kg8 18.Ng5 Nf6 19.Qg6 b5! and I thought black might somehow hold but there is still Bd3 or Rxh6 20.Rxh6 (20.Bd3 c5 21.Rxh6 cxd4 22.Ke2) 20...bxc4 21.0-0-0]

17.Qg6 fxe4 18.Nf7+ black may choose to resign here. **18...Qxf7 19.Qxf7 Be7 20.0-0-0 Bd7 21.Rh2** [21.Rxh6+ gxh6 22.Rh1 Bf8 23.Qxf6+ same as game] **21...Bf8 22.Rdh1 Re7 23.Rxh6+ gxh6 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Qg6+** [25.Rxh6 Bxh6 26.Qxe7] **25...Rg7 26.Bxe6+** [26.Qxh6] **26...Bxe6 27.Qxe6+ Rf7 28.Qxg4+ Bg7 29.Rxh6 Re8 30.Re6 Rfe7 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 32.f5 Kf7 33.Qg6+** and with 5 seconds left, my opponent resigns. 1-0



CICL Play-offs Round 3; Downers Grove Chess Club versus Wombats.
Photo Courtesy Art Olsen.

The last Match of the Season, a sweet success

by Tony Jasaitis

In the last round of the East Division season, which paired adjacent teams in the standings for one last chance to beat someone of their own (non)caliber, we solid 9th-placer Tradelink Zookeepers slogged it out with the 10th (last) place AMA Tornado Snakes team in a who-cares sorrow-drowning pigout pizza and beerfest, topped by one of the finest Tiramisu deserts this connoisseur has ever had. They were driven to victory surrounded by the silent cheerleading of a full complement of the Tradelink Zoo Mascots (stuffed animals).

The pizza was as fine as it gets, from Lou Malnati's, as usual at our chess matches. The beer came from a raid of the Friday beer fridge, with German beer steins provided by our friendly cellar-sharing opponents. The Tiramisu was Lou Malnati's own, just heavenly, made with Kahlua, one of my favorite liqueurs, instead of the standard rum. Everybody thought it was great.

Well, that's the report, see you next season...Oh yeah, almost forgot, we played some chess, too. :)

Even though we spotted the AMA a point with a forfeit of board 6, we still won 4-2. It probably helped that their usual board 1 player chose the Bulls game over chess, backing out on the day of the match.

Chris Rorvick made the point back almost as fast as we lost it, checkmating his board 5 opponent in 9 moves with a lone Knight.

Tim McEneaney temporarily set us back, slipping on board 4, but Neal Coombes evened the score winning a close game on board 3.

My Zombie Dust beer put the spell on whatever my board 2 opponent was drinking, leading me to outplay his Modern Defense.

Mack Smith clinched match victory after outmaneuvering the King's Indian Defense on board 1.

So we solidly met our goal for the season, to not finish in last place. Mission accomplished! Thanks to everybody for taking the time to play, and thanks to the Tradelink management for supporting the team!

Lawson House YMCA Chess Dedication Ceremony

By Rob Eaman

On Monday, July 16, 2012, teammates from the Chicago Industrial Chess League's Rogue Squadron conducted a ceremony with the staff and over 40 residents of the Lawson House YMCA in Chicago. The ceremony's purpose was to donate chess equipment on behalf of former teammate Isaac Braswell.

Isaac Braswell passed away in March, 2012, leaving an unfulfilled chess legacy among Lawson House YMCA residents. Isaac played at the Lawson House YMCA regularly, and when he played, he frequently talked about getting a chess club going. Through donations from members of the Chicago Industrial Chess League, that dream is now several steps closer to reality.

The Ceremony

A wooden chess table and a number of other chess gifts were unveiled in a ceremony which began with Rob Eaman and Bill Brock speaking for a few minutes about Isaac's place in chess, the quality of his play, and the legacy he left behind.



Rob Eaman and Bill Brock of the Rogue Squadron kick off the ceremony.

The ceremony continued with the unveiling of the table, which features a plaque memorializing Isaac and one of his favorite chess sayings.



Left; a photo of the new Chess Table for the Lawson House YMCA. Right, the inscription on the table, encouraging residents and players to “Keep on pushing those passed pawns!” in Issac’s memory.

To properly break in the table, the Rogue Squadron thought it best to conduct a ceremonial walkthrough of one of Isaac Braswell’s victories. Teammates David Franklin and Bill Brock took their positions in front of the crowd:



David Franklin and Bill Brock of the Rogue Squadron prepare to play through a ceremonial first game, one of Isaac Braswell’s victories from 2009. Franklin played white as Braswell.

Bill and David took time to explain some of the strengths of Isaac's play, and fielded several questions from the crowd.

Afterward, the remaining chess gifts were displayed, and a final Q&A was followed by several rounds of speed chess between CICL teammates and members of the crowd.



Jim Duffy and Josh Persons of the Rogue Squadron display additional chess gifts

Contributions to the Memorial Fund

A total of **\$575** in donations was collected from a variety of CICL sources, all of whom should be recognized for their generous contributions:

CICL Rogue Squadron (Prize Money), Bill Brock, Jim Duffy, Mark Frank, Rob Eaman, David Franklin, Irwin Gaines, Carl Guiu, Tony Jasaitis, Mohammed Khan, Kevin Potts, and Sonny Mata. Donations

All donations were spent on gifts for the Lawson House YMCA. The gifts donated on Monday 7/16/2012 included the following:

- A \$450 chess table with a memorial plaque in Isaac Braswell's honor
- A box of wooden Staunton chess pieces
- Four chess instruction books
- Three tournament chess sets (vinyl boards with pieces)
- A chess clock

After the ceremony, grateful residents and Director of Housing Alvena Clark applauded the group's efforts, and asked the Rogue Squadron to come back and continue to help grow chess at the Lawson House YMCA. Isaac Braswell's dream may yet become a reality.



Individual Standings

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Section	Name	W	L	D	Game Points
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COHEN,L	2	0	1	2.5
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KHAN,M	1	1	1	1.5
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LAWRENCE,D	1	1	1	1.5
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DUGOVIC,D	1	0	0	1
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COHEN,H	1	2	0	1
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GHOLIZADEH,R	0	1	2	1
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FRANEK,M	0	0	1	0.5
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MATA,S	0	0	1	0.5
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LEONG,G	0	0	1	0.5
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TOLLIVER,T	0	1	0	0
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DUFFY,J	3	0	0	3
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GUIU,C	2	0	0	2
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KIRKSY,M	2	1	0	2
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MATA,S	2	0	0	2
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RABINOVICH,E	1	1	0	1
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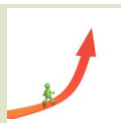
VIGANTS,A	1	2	0	1
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VAIL,M	1	2	0	1
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FABIJONAS,R	0	3	0	0
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MOSLEY,A	0	3	0	0
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Section	Name	W	L	D	Game Points
SMR					
	THOMPSON,GZ	6	0	2	7
	BROCK,B	6	3	1	6.5
	PFAU,M	5	3	2	6
	GORODETSKIY,E	5	3	1	5.5
	PRIMORAC,V	2	2	5	4.5
	SHEVCHUK,E	4	1	1	4.5
	GUIDRY,D	3	2	3	4.5
	MATA,S	4	2	0	4
	SOVA,ANDREW	4	1	0	4
	DUFFY,J	3	1	2	4
	ONG,K	2	4	3	3.5
	KUNHIRAMAN,P	2	2	3	3.5
	EAMAN,R	2	3	3	3.5
	FURTNER,F	1	2	4	3
	SENSAT,J	3	3	0	3
	SMITH,M	2	5	2	3
	LE,DUC	3	4	0	3
	LARSON FREEMAN,T	2	6	0	2
	FINE,A	2	1	0	2
	PROKOPOWICZ,P	2	5	0	2
	GALE,M	1	3	0	1
	ACEVEDO,U	0	2	2	1
	PARRA,J	0	6	0	0



Most Improved Players

(the James E. Warren Award)

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Player	Team	Rating	- Gain from Ineligible Games	- Base Rating	= MIP Rating Gain
SINOPLE,J	PAWNS	1109	-3	859	+253
SHEVCHUK,E	CITGR	1389	62	1192	+135
GWEKOH,R	ROOKS	1564	0	1430	+134
GUIDRY,D	BCBS	1659	-5	1543	+121
SHEKHTMAN,L	NWEST	1806	0	1705	+101
PROKOPOWICZ,P	CITUC	1265	-15	1179	+101
BI,TAO	NWEST	1303	0	1214	+89
KOMBLEVITZ,A	DRW	1167	0	1078	+89
MHASHILKAR,P	FERMI	1397	0	1310	+87
COOMBES,N	TLZOO	1363	0	1276	+87

Note: Players must have 9 or more rated games at the start of the season to be eligible.

Note 2: Direct impact of games between teammates and from rated only games has been removed.