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Mark Your Calendars with These Key League Dates:

Fall business Meeting Spring Business Meeting Season Playoffs CiCL Open League Awards Banquet Last Wednesday of August (Aug 31 2005) 3.5 Weeks Before Playoffs (April 20, 2005) Second Saturday of May (May 14, 2005) Second Saturday of May (May 14, 2005) First Friday of June (June 3, 2005)

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Art Olsen, Bob Hill, Arnie Walker, Dave Baurac, and Norm Hughes

The 2005 CICL playoffs (Rounds 2 and 3) and Individual Tournament Saturday, May 14th starting early at 8:45 AM

The playoff site will be at the home of our **Computer Associates** team. See following page for address and driving instructions.

The Individual tournament will consist of 4 rounds of Game/60. If more than 16 players enter the Individual tournament a 2nd section will be added based on rating. First- and second- place winners will receive cash prizes at the event!

Please pre-register by sending an email to TD Art Olsen at aolsen14@comcast.net

THE CICL PLAYOFFS are already underway. Here are the first-round pairings:

Saint Charles (Black on board 1) at Motorola Knights (to be played May 12th)

Lucent Tyros (Black on board 1) at Getco ended in a 3-3 tie
Alumni Aces (White on board 1) at Argonne Rooks Aces 5, Rooks 1

Pawns (White on board 1) at Excaliburs

Pawns 3.5, Excaliburs 2.5

The seeds for the 2005 playoffs are based on the team performance ratings from the regular season. Legend for lines below is:

#1=1st place in division, #2=2nd place in division, W=White on board 1, B=Black on Board 1

- 1. Motorola Knights #1 (W) PR 1921
- 2. Lucent Tyros #2 (B) PR 1839
- 3. Alumni Aces #1 (W) PR 1831
- 4. Excaliburs #2 (B) PR 1797
- 5. St. Charles #1 (B) PR 1748
- 6. Getco #2 (W) PR 1694
- 7. Argonne Rooks #1 (B) PR 1694
- 8. Pawns #2 (W) PR 1625

Swiss Pairings were used for this year's pairings. The home team for round 1 is based on division standing. A 1st place team is the home team against a 2nd place team etc. A coin flip was used to determine the home team for each of the 4 round 1 matches because all 1st place teams are playing each other and all 2nd place teams are playing each other in round 1. Color assignment, for round 1, for a team's board 1 follows normal Swiss color assignment rules (see USCF 6th edition rules). Colors are then alternated for boards 2 thru 6. The number 1 seeded team was assigned white on board 1. Colors are then alternated (2nd seed is black, 3rd seed is white, and 4th seed is black on board 1) for the remaining seeds.

SPECIAL NOTE: The ratings lists for Saturday, May 14th, will be those published in **this bulletin**. They will not be updated during the playoffs due to the timing of the Knights-St.Charles match and lack of time between rounds 2 and 3.

If anyone has questions, please let me know.

Thanks, Art Olsen CICL Playoff Tournament Director <u>aolsen14@comcast.net</u>

(DIRECTIONS TO PLAYOFF SITE on following page.....)

Directions to PLAYOFF SITE at

COMPUTER ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Midwest Division Headquarters 2400 Cabot Drive Lisle, Illinois 60532 630-505-6000

Find the red star in center of map and choose your favorite Interstate



From: The Loop

290 West (Eisenhower Expressway) to I88 West. Continue on I88 West to Route 53. Exit Route 53 South to first traffic light, which is Warrenville Road, turn right (West). Travel about 2 miles to Cabot Drive (second traffic light) Corporate Lakes turn right. Continue on Cabot to 2400 which is a large red and black building.

From: Northwest Suburbs

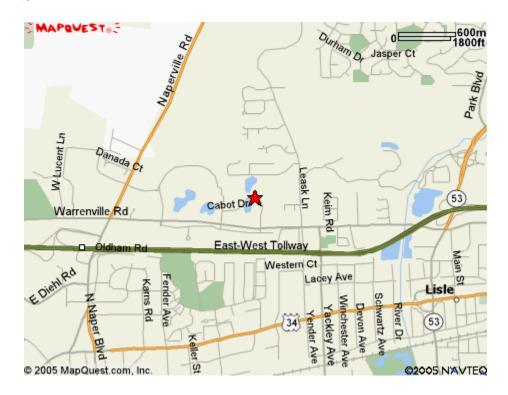
Route 53 South (becomes 355 South) to I88 West. Continue on I88 West to Route 53. Exit Route 53 South to first traffic light, which is Warrenville Road, turn right (West). Travel about 2 miles to Cabot Drive (second traffic light) Corporate Lakes turn right. Continue on Cabot to 2400 which is a large red and black building.

From: Southwest Suburbs

I88 East to Naperville Road. Exit Naperville Road left (North) to first traffic light which is Warrenville Road. Turn right on Warrenville Road (East) to Cabot Drive (second traffic light). Turn left on Cabot Drive (Corporate Lakes). Continue on Cabot Drive to 2400 which is a large red and black building.

Street-detail map on following page......

STREET DETAIL MAP



PLEASE BRING YOUR CHESS EQUIPMENT! as none will be provided

In addition, Captains, please bring your unused Match Sheets and Game Sheets. We otherwise may not have enough spare supply. And, of course, Playoff teams should remember their Round 1 gamescores.

Complimentary coffee, doughnuts, and drinks will be provided by the CICL before the games start.

Bring your own lunch, or plan to go to area places, which can be dicey if your morning round goes long. The schedule does plan for a lunch break, however.

Maps for area eating establishments will be provided at site on Saturday.

Non-CICL players are invited to participate in the CICL Open, provided over the age of 16. Only the highest CICL finishers, however, will be awarded title and prizes.

This is a great opportunity to give the curious a taste of CICL competition!

IT'S TIME FOR AWARDS !!

And we need you to give them out!

Your applause is requested, and in return we'll feed you, tease you at 5-minute chess, and maybe even give you a book.



The 2005 AWARDS BANQUET Friday, June 3 Dinner will be served at 6:30PM

At Carriage Greens Country Club 8700 Carriage Greens Drive Darien, IL 60561 (same site as last year)

Scheduled Events are:

- A tasty dinner
- Awards presentation
- Raffle
- Speed tournament

Special Speaker, GM Nikolai Mitkov

PRICE: \$22 if sent early, \$25 at door. \$1 for speed tournament entry
Mail registrations to:
Lenny Spiegel, 807 Wood Avenue, Geneva IL 60134

Lecture & Simul

Grand Master Hikaru Nakamura



Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL.

Sunday June 12, 2005 3:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Hosted by

Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club

(Open to all ages)

The Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club is pleased to announce the 2005 US Chess Champion GM Hikaru Nakamura will give a lecture & simultaneous exhibition in Northbrook, Illinois.

Cost: \$30.00 for the lecture & simul players before June 1

\$40.00 for the lecture & simul players after June 1

\$10.00 for lecture & simul spectators

Limited to first 50 registered players

<u>Schedule</u>: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. late registration if space available

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. lecture

5:00 – 11:00 p.m. simultaneous exhibition

Registration: Make checks payable to:

Renaissance Knights CCC
Mail to: Renaissance Knights
P.O. 1074

Northbrook, IL. 60065-1072

For more info: www.renaissanceknights.org

Sheila Heiser @ (847) 526-9025 or email RKnightsCCC@aol.com

Send the following info: Name, Phone, Address, City, State, Zip, Email, Number of people players for either lecture and/or simul,

I've updated the Publicity Chairman's webpage within the CICL's website, found at my link under "CICL Friends":

- a current Publicity status report
- a map of Chicago area with possible teams mentioned
- a map of Chicago area chess clubs

(one of these is new since last season's publicity drive)

- a map of colleges in Chicago area that may have clubs

(five of these are new since last season's publicity drive)

- the email I sent about the CICL's relationship to USTL & ILCC?

I've also attached this below, in case it was lost in the email before.

- updated subpage of web links

The CICL's flyer can also be found here.

ABOUT THE USTL & ILCC

You'll notice the last "new business" agenda item for the 4/20 CICL business meeting is in regards to two new chess leagues, both of which involve the greater Chicago area.

What (if any) relationship the CICL should have with them needs discussion.

- The United States Chess League (USCL) at www.uschessleague.com is a national league for teams whose average rating is 2300+. Their first season starts August 2005, with eight US cities competing. Seven of these have been announced (New York, Boston, Baltimore, Miami, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Dallas). The final city to be announced on 4/30, which may well be Chicago. Format is 8 person rosters, 4 person lineups per match. Matches played over the internet on Wednesday nights. Greg Shahade of New York is the primary organizer. Chicago chess players who may be involved include Angelo Young, Albert Chow, Dejan Maksimovic, Alexander Stamnov, and Jon Burgess.
- Illinois Collegiate Chess started as an offshoot of the ICA's Youth Committee, but are now a fully separate organization from the ICA.

As their website (www.ilcollegechess.org) says:

Illinois Collegiate Chess is a organization of college chess clubs that supports inter-school play and related activities. We invite any college in Illinois and nearby to participate. Illinois Collegiate Chess was formed to promote college chess activity in the Illinois region. Our role will be to coordinate and promote activity, relying on local organizations actually schedule and run most tournaments.

They're kind of starting from scratch, but are aware of how the state-level high-school league for chess, the Illinois High School Association's (IHSA) Chess group, is organized. They are focusing on team chess.

The ILCC is gearing-up to start competition this Fall, Chuck Beach of Rockford is the primary organizer.

18 colleges in the greater Chicago-area, and a further 10 throughout the State have been identified as possibly having chess clubs. As the greatest concentration of college clubs is in greater Chicago, the ILCC is seeking to form a conference of the colleges there first. With further conferences covering other parts of Illinois to follow.

The CICL has been asked if we'd like to be a part of, or take the lead in, forming the greater Chicago area conference of chess college competition.

As Chuck wrote:

Would the Chicago Chess League be interested in sponsoring a Collegiate Chess Conference in the Chicago area? I'm heading [Illinois Collegiate Chess, an] initiative to improve inter-school play among colleges. We're looking at forming College Chess Conferences around the state. We would prefer to coordinate with successful and established chess regional organizations. We would prefer to publicize (rather than control) local efforts, and also help coordinate activities across regions including a state collegiate championship.

I feel this is an important decision for the CICL to make, and needs attention from all CICL captains and officers.

I volunteered to collect as much info as possible about the ILCC. But have made no commitments for the CICL (or for anybody). There are a variety of ways the CICL might interact with the Greater Chicago area conference of the ILCC (GC/ILCC):

- not at all (likely losing any college teams ever participating in the CICL again)
- have a cordial but distant relationship, e.g. occasional exhibition matches
- have a separate division of the CICL, which is the GC/ILCC, whose best
 - two teams are invited to participate in the CICL's playoffs. Their regular season would probably be run substantially different than the rest of the CICL.
- one organization runs both the CICL and GC/ILCC, but they're completely disjoint in terms of competition.
- fully integrate the teams of the GC/ILCC into today's CICL divisions. This is not probably something that would serve either the CICL's or the college team's best interests over the long term.

In any of these scenario, some overlapping volunteers, who are involved both in the CICL and ILCC might be helpful.

Volunteers from the CICL who have been (or would like to become) interested in college chess, or have experience in any college team competition, or other school-based chess competition, or local college alumni could be very helpful.

Once up and going, I'd assume the college team's coaches of the ILCC would do most of the organizing (like the teams captains of the CICL), plus a small set of "front office" organizers (similar to the CICL's officers).

This is a major opportunity, but one that won't go anywhere without volunteers to do the initial work and contribute ideas.

Where would the CICL be today, if its founders in 1957 (and scores and scores of people since then) hadn't taken up the challenge?

Brian Smith, CICL Publicity Chair Final Season Standings 11

NEAR WEST DIVISION 05-01-2005

					GAME	MATCH		
TEAM NAME		M	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	PCT	PR
ARGONNE ROOKS		9	2	1	40.5	9.5	0.792	1667
PAWNS		9	3	0	47.5	9.0	0.750	1638
CASE		2	7	3	28.5	3.5	0.292	1520
COMPUTER ASSO	CIATES	1	9	2	18.5	2.0	0.167	1377

FAR WEST DIVISION 05-01-2005

PR
1722
1839
1850
1539
1523
1320

NORTH DIVISION 05-01-2005

					GAME	MATCH		
TEAM NAME		M	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	PCT	PR
MOMODOL A IZNITOLIMO		0	1	0	20.0	0 0	0 000	1044
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS		8	Τ	0	39.0	8.0	0.889	1944
EXCALIBURS		6	3	0	30.0	6.0	0.667	1763
MOTOROLA KINGS		5	4	0	31.0	5.0	0.556	1736
KEMPER INSURANCE		3	6	0	24.0	3.0	0.333	1681
NORTHROP		3	5	0	20.0	3.0	0.375	1583
NORTHWESTERN CHESS (CLUB	3	5	0	16.0	3.0	0.375	1446
IIOP		2	6	Ω	15 0	2 0	0 250	1455

EAST DIVISION 05-01-2005

TEAM NAME	W	L	D		MATCH POINTS	PCT	PR
ALUMNI ACES	7	0	0	32.0	7.0	1.000	1831
GETCO	5	3	0	23.0	5.0	0.625	1694
LEO BURNETT	3	5	0	18.0	3.0	0.375	1607
CITADEL GROUP	1	8	0	20.0	1.0	0.111	1686

CICL Team Performance Ratings 04/20/05

Team	Division	Rating	Games Ave
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	North	1944	7.3
FERMILAB	Far West	1850	7.5
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	Far West	1839	7.3
ALUMNI ACES	East	1831	4.8
EXCALIBURS	North	1763	6.8
MOTOROLA KINGS	North	1736	7.3
ST. CHARLES CHESS CLUB	Far West	1722	7.2
GETCO	East	1694	6.0
CITADEL GROUP	East	1686	7.8
KEMPER INSURANCE	North	1681	8.2
ARGONNE ROOKS	Near West	1667	7.3
PAWNS	Near West	1638	8.0
LEO BURNETT	East	1607	5.0
NORTHROP	North	1601	5.0
MOLEX	Far West	1539	9.0
CASE	Near West	1523	7.5
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	Far West	1523	7.7
UOP	North	1470	4.5
NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB	NORTH	1419	3.5
COMPUTER ASSOCIATES	Near West	1382	7.0
BP CHEMICALS	Far West	1320	5.8

NEAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

FAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	2191T	MACHAJ,B	STCCC	2260
WILLIAMS, K	CASE	2172	GARZON, G	FERMI	2244
JAKSTAS,K	PAWNS	2158C	BEZZUBOV,V	FERMI	2225
LATIMER, E	PAWNS	2016T	STEIN, P	TYROS	2186
HILL,R	ROOKS	2004C	DORIGO,T	FERMI	2163
UNDERWOOD, W	CA	1934C	MARSHALL, J	STCCC	2112
SUAREZ,E	ROOKS	1891	SPLINTER, J	STCCC	2100
ELLICE, W	PAWNS	1864C	WIEWEL,J	STCCC	2085
FRAATS,D	CASE	1847C	DIAZ,P	TYROS	2061C
DENMARK, T	CA	1763*	TEGEL, F	DRGNS	2029Q

NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN

EAST DIVISION TOP TEN

WOLF, D	MKING	2319	VOLYNSKIY,G	GETCO	2559
FRIDMAN,Y	MKNGT	2294	TAMEZ,I	ALUMN	2209
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	2218D	INUMERABLE, F	ALUMN	2206C
MORRIS,R	MKNGT	2186	KRAS,T	LBURN	2139
WONG, P	EXCLB	2173C	RAUCHMAN, M	GETCO	2129*
FRISKE,T	EXCLB	2110C	BENESA, A	ALUMN	2129C
LANG, R	EXCLB	2067	WEBER, L	ALUMN	2121
WALLACH, C	MKING	2031C	GAZMEN,E	ALUMN	2035C
DAW, P	NWEST	2024	JASAITIS,A	GETCO	2026D
MELNIKOV, I	MKING	2019C	SANTIAGO, T	ALUMN	1992

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

ELEK , G	NORTH	116
ZADEREJ,V	MOLEX	115
LE, DUC	CITGR	114
MUHS,A	CITGR	108
MCGOWAN, D	MOLEX	107
COULTER, D	BPCHM	107
HAYHURST,W	CITGR	89
VAIL, M	CA	76
BOLSHOV,A	FERMI	75
CEASE, H	FERMI	71

05-APR-05 CASE ROUND 11				ARGONNE ROOKS		2.5
BD	RATIN	GS	SCORE		RATINGS	
1 ALEXANDER, W	1638	-2	0		2202 1	1
2 PARAOAN,E	1613	28	1	HILL,R	2054-28	0
3 REID,C	1520	9	. 5	BAURAC, D		
(* The upper board						
(* Case was penaliz						
4 DOBR,K						
5 DYCZKOWSKI,R				HLOHOWSKYJ,I		
6 ZOELLNER, J	1328	20	1	KINSELLA, G	1449-20	0
05-APR-05 COMPUTER ASSOCI	ATES		. 5	PAWNS		5.5
ROUND 11						
BD			SCORE		RATINGS	
1 UNDERWOOD, W	1936	-7	0	JAKSTAS,K	2133 7	
2 DENMARK, T	1740	7	. 5	ELLICE, W	1846 -4	
3 VAIL,M						
4 BELFOR, V						
5	0	0	0 F	ABDALLAH, D	1468 0	
6				CADE, M	0 0	
(PAWNS) 7 CADE,M	0	0	0	ABDALLAH, D	1468 0	1
19-APR-05 PAWNS			4	ARGONNE ROOKS		2
ROUND 12						
	RATIN				RATINGS	
1 JAKSTAS,K				BENEDEK, R		
2 ELLICE, W	1842	22	1	HILL, R	2026-22	0
3 FRANEK,M	1692	0	1	GRUDZINSKI,J	1459 -9	0
4 FABIJONAS,R	1641-	Z3	0	KINSELLA, G	1429 23	
5 CADE,M 6 O'DELL,DW	1428	0	1F	HLOHOWSKYJ,I	0 0	0F
19-APR-05 COMPUTER ASSOCIA	TE C		2 (CASE		4
ROUND 12	ILES		2 (CASE		4
BD	RATTN	GS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 UNDERWOOD, W	1929		1	PARAOAN,E	1641 -5	0
2 DENMARK, T	1747		1	ALEXANDER, W	1636-16	
3 VAIL,M	1454-		0	REID, C	1529 12	
4 BELFOR, V		0	0	DOBR, K	1377 0	
5 GRABSKY	0	0	0	ZOELLNER, J	1348 0	
6	0	0	OF		1350 0	1F
30-MAR-05 CITADEL GROUP ROUND 9			4	LEO BURNETT		1
BD	RATIN	GS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 HAYHURST,W	1914	14	.5	KRAS,T	2153-14	.5
(* Board 2 was not p	layed	bу				
2 ONG,K	1889			EAMAN, R	1890 0	OF
3 LE, DUC	1724	8	.5	DUFFY, J	1840 -8	.5
4 SENSAT, J	1557	22	1	SITAR, K	1543-22	0
5 MUHS,A	1352	30	1	FULKERSON, R	1480-30	0
6 JANKE,A	0	0	1	BANNON, B	1283 0	0

06-APR-05 LEO BURNETT ROUND 8		0	ALUMNI		0
(* Cancelled by mutual	agreemer	nt *)			
13-APR-05 GETCO ROUND 9		0	ALUMNI		0
(* Cancelled by mutual	agreemer	nt *)			
29-MAR-05 KEMPER INSURANCE ROUND 9	2	2	EXCALIBURS		4
BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 LEONG, G	1990-10	0	FRISKE, T	2108 10	1
1 LEONG,G 2 SIWEK,M	1979-11	0	FRISKE,T LANG,R	2067 17	
3 EASTON,R	1859 14	1	KOGAN, G	1727-10	
4 WALKER, C	1801 9	1	WEITZ,R		
5 OLSEN, A			BROTSOS, J		
6 CHOUDRY, A	1309-12	0	SUERTH, F	1484 8	1
07-APR-05 MOTOROLA KINGS		5.5	KEMPER INSURANC	E	. 5
ROUND 10					
	RATINGS			RATINGS	
1 MELNIKOV,I				1968 2	
2 WALLACH, C	2027 4	1	HUGHES, N	1683 -4	
3 PIPARIA,J 4 CYGAN,J	1814 /	1	OLSEN, A	1510 -4	
4 CYGAN, J	1848 2	1 🗆	WIRTZ, R	1310 -2	
5 BAUMGARTNER, C	1/3/ 0	1 F		0 0	OF
6 GONCHAROFF,N 7 BAUMGARTNER,C	1737-42	0	JOSHI,B	0 0 1284 42	1 (MKING)
18-APR-05 EXCALIBURS ROUND 10		. 5	MOTOROLA KNIGHT	s	5.5
BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 FRISKE,T	2118 -8	0	FRIDMAN, Y	2281 13	1
2 LANG,R	2084-17	0	MORRIS, R	2169 17	1
3 KOGAN, G	1717 -5	0	THOMSON, J	1987 8	1
4 BROTSOS, J	1572 -6	0	AUGSBURGER, L	1818 6	1
5 WEITZ,R	1552 -7	0	BALICKI,J	1761 10	1
6 SUERTH, F	1492 2	.5	ALFONSO, E	1541 -4	.5
31-MAR-05 UOP		.5 1	NORTHWESTERN CHE	SS CLUB	4.5
ROUND 9					
BD	RATINGS			RATINGS	
1 LECHNICK, J	1727 16		DAW, P	2030-16	. 5
2 MICKLICH, F	1594 -7	0	GORODETSKIY,S	1796 11	1
3 O'BRIEN, D	1402 0	0F	MOORE, G	1587 0	1F
4 VAN ZILE,C	1309 0	0	TOWNSEND, M	0 0	1
5	0 0	0F	PATEL, A	0 0	1F
6	0 0	ΟF		0 0	OF

14-APR-05 NORTHROP ROUND 10		3.5	NORTHWESTERN CH	ESS CLUB	2.5
BD 1 WALKER, A 2 DORFF, M 3 VIGANTS, A 4 DENNISTON, E 5 FETTERMAN, M 6 SEDERLAND, C	RATINGS 1790-10 1610-11 1652 0 0 0 1317 0	.5 1 1F	TOWNSEND, M	0 0	.5 0 0F
23-MAR-05 BP CHEMICALS		1	FERMILAB		5
ROUND 8					
	RATINGS			RATINGS	
1 COULTER, D	1962 38	1	GARZON, G	2257-38	0
2 SLATER, B 3 DENEEN, D 4 CASTANEDA, R	0 0	0	SPIEGEL,L	1934 0	1
3 DENEEN, D	1429 -5	0	GAINES, I	1792 3	1
4 CASTANEDA, R	1245 -9	0	BOLSHOV,A	1489 9	1
5 HISTED, C	0 0	0	CEASE, H	1387 0	1
6 ZUBIK,J	1192-10	0	DEGRAF,B	1413 10	1
5 HISTED,C 6 ZUBIK,J 7 WOODS,C	0 0	0	SUVARNAKANTI,R	0 0	1 (BPCHM)
07-APR-05 MOLEX		1	LUCENT TECH. TY	ROS	5
ROUND 9					
BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 REICH,T 2 HENDRICKSON,B 3 ZADEREJ,V 4 KING,J	1913 -8	0	STEIN, P	2174 8	1
2 HENDRICKSON, B	1544 -2	0	DIAZ,P	2068 1	1
3 ZADEREJ,V	1466 -3	0	STOLTZ, B	1940 2	1
4 KING,J	0 0	0	GUIO,J	1896 0	1
5 MCGOWAN, D	1262 -3	0	BUCHNER, R	1699 2	1
6 DEICHMANN,E				1294-25	
07-APR-05 FERMILAB ROUND 9		4.5	LUCENT TECH. DR	AGONS	1.5
	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
BD 1 GARZON,G 2 SPIEGEL,L	2219 12	1	TEGEL, F	2034 -5	
2 SPIEGEL L	1934 16	1	MARCOWKA,R	1962-16	
3 GAINES,I	1795-11	0	PEHAS, A	1879 11	1
4 STAPLES, C	1598 20		THOMAS, J	1561-13	
5 BOLSHOV, A	1498 25		STAMM, V	1533-11	
6 CEASE, H	1387 8			1501 -5	-
7 MOEHS, D	1377 19		KOMORAVOLU, K	1329-19	
11-APR-05 BP CHEMICALS ROUND 9		1.5	ST CHARLES CHES	S CLUB	3.5
BD	RATINGS			RATINGS	SCORE
1 COULTER, D	2000 8	. 5	MARSHALL,J	2120 -8	.5
(* The upper board	forfeit]	penalt	y was applied to	BP on bo	pard 2 *)
2 SLATER, B	0 0	OF	FREIDEL, P	1879 0	1F
3 CASTANEDA, R	1236 -4	0	HUTCHBY, C	1637 4	1
4 RINGENBERG, T			LITTLE, J	1548-34	0
5 SUVARNAKANTI,R			PIVOVITZ,M	1405 0	
6 WOODS,C	0 0	1		1201 0	0

14-APR-05 LUCENT TECH. TY	ROS	1.5	FERMILAB		4.5
ROUND 10					
BD	RATINGS			RATINGS	
1 STEIN, P	2182 4	. 5	BEZZUBOV,V	2229 -4	. 5
2 DIAZ,P	2069 -8	0	GARZON, G	2231 13	1
3 STOLTZ,B	1942 9	. 5	DORIGO,T	2177-14	. 5
4 GUIO,J	1896-13	0	SPIEGEL, L	1950 13	1
5 BUCHNER,R	1701 4	.5	GAINES, I	1784 -4	.5
6 SMITH, BR	1694-12	0	GOMEZ,G	1762 18	1
18-APR-05 BP CHEMICALS		2	MOLEX		4
ROUND 10					
BD	RATINGS			RATINGS	
1 SUVARNAKANTI,R	0 0	. 5	REICH, T		
2 DENEEN, D	1424-15		•		1
3 HISTED, C	0 0		ZADEREJ,V	1463 0	1
4 CASTANEDA, R	1232 2	. 5	MCGOWAN, D	1259 -2	.5
5 RINGENBERG, T	1377 16	1	DEICHMANN, E	1276-16	0
6 WOODS,C	1156-34	0	MUELLER, R	966 34	1
19-APR-05 LUCENT TECH. DR	AGONS	2	ST CHARLES CHES	S CLUB	4
ROUND 10					
BD	RATINGS			RATINGS	
1 MARCOWKA,R	1946 6		•		
2 BLACKMON, E	1689 -3		· , ·	2096 4	
3 THOMAS, J			FREIDEL, JESSE		
4 EUSTACE,D	1496 -8		•		
5 KOMORAVOLU,K	1310 -5	0	ALBERTS, W	1666 5	1
6 BREYER,A	1258 41	1	PRADT, D	1674-41	0

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ABDALLAH, D	PAWNS	2	2	0	1468	DUFFY,J	LBURN	4	1	2	1832
AILES, T	FERMI	0	1	0	1685	DYCZKOWSKI,R	CASE	4	2	0	1350
ALBERTS, W	STCCC	1	1	0	1671	EAMAN, R	LBURN	1	2	3	1890
ALEXANDER, W	CASE	2	10	0	1620	EASTON, R	KEMPR	4	2	2	1873
ALFONSO, E	MKNGT	3	3	1	1537	ELEK, G	NORTH	4	2	0	1223C
ALI,J	STCCC	0	1	0	1201	ELLICE, W	PAWNS	6	5	1	1864C
ALLEN,R	UOP	0	1	0	1173*	ENGELEN, M	STCCC	1	1	0	1681
AROND, D	EXCLB	1	3	2	1753	EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	4	4	1	1488C
AUGSBURGER, L	MKNGT	3	0	3	1824C	FABIJONAS,R	PAWNS	6	2	3	1618T
BALICKI, J	MKNGT	3	2	1	1771	FETTERMAN, M	NORTH	1	4	0	1317*
BANNON, B	LBURN	1	4	0	1283	FOX, R	MOLEX	2	4	0	1571
BAUMGARTNER, C	MKING	1	2	2	1695	FRAATS, D	CASE	0	2	1	1847C
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	6	0	5	1745D	FRANEK, M	PAWNS	8	3	1	1698D
BELFOR, V	CA	0	8	0	0000/8	•	ALUMN	1	0	2	1727C
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	7	1	1	2191T	FREIDEL, D	STCCC	1	2	0	1337
BENESA, A	ALUMN	4	1	1	2129C	FREIDEL, JER	STCCC	3	2	0	1693
BEZZUBOV, V	FERMI	0	0	1	2225	FREIDEL, JESSE	STCCC	3	0	3	1843
BLACKMON, E	DRGNS	1	5	0	1686C	FREIDEL, P	STCCC	1	0	0	1879
BOLDINGH, E	UOP	2	3	2	1861C	FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	6	1	2	2294
BOLSHOV, A	FERMI	6	0	2	1523	FRISKE, T	EXCLB	5	1	2	2110C
BORODYANSKIY, A		1	0	0	1512	FULKERSON, R	LBURN	2	2	1	1450
BOYD, A	NORTH	0	1	0	0000/1	•	FERMI	5	3	2	1780D
BREWER, K	STCCC	1	0	0	1699	GARDNER, M	NORTH	0	1	0	1305*
BREYER, A	DRGNS	3	3	1	1299	GARZON, G	FERMI	8	1	1	2244
BROTSOS, J	EXCLB	4	3	1	1566D	GAZMEN, E	ALUMN	4	0	2	2035C
BUCHNER, R	TYROS	4	1	5	1705C	GIERTZ, C	STCCC	1	0	0	1500
BURIAN, D	NORTH	0	3	1	1517D	GOMEZ, G	FERMI	1	0	0	1780
BYRNE, M	CA	1	5	1	1343#	GONCHAROFF, N	MKING	4	1	2	1684V
CADE, M	PAWNS	0	2	0	0000/2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	NWEST	3	2	1	1818
CAIRONE, B	NORTH	0	1	4	1800	GRABSKY	CA	0	1	0	0000/1
CASHER, P	MOLEX	0	1	0	0000/1		STCCC	1	0	0	1441
CASTANEDA, R	BPCHM	0	8	2	1234*	GRUDZINSKI,J	ROOKS	0	2	0	1450
CEASE, H	FERMI	5	1	1	1395	GRYPARIS, J	MKING	2	1	1	1459C
CHIESA, R	BPCHM	0	1	0		GUIO, J	TYROS	6	1	0	1883C
CHOUDRY, A	KEMPR	0	1	0	1297#	GUTIERREZ, M	STCCC	0	1	0	1426
CHRISSE, G	BPCHM	0	2	0		HAHNE, D	TYROS	6	0	0	1615C
COOMBES, N	GETCO	2	1	0	1338#	HAYES, D	BPCHM	0	1	0	0000/4
COULTER, D	BPCHM	3	2	4	2008	HAYHURST, W	CITGR	2	4	3	1928
CYGAN, J	MKING	2	1	2	1850	HENDRICKSON, B	MOLEX	4	5	1	1557
DAW, P	NWEST	3	0	1	2024	HERNANDEZ, F	BPCHM	0	2	0	0000/2
DECMAN, S	ROOKS	3	0	1	1589D	HILL,R	ROOKS	5	2	0	2004C
DEGRAF, B	FERMI	5	1	1	1423*	HISTED, C	BPCHM	0	5	0	0000/5
DEICHMANN, E	MOLEX	3	6	0	1260*	HLOHOWSKYJ,I	ROOKS	2	4	0	0000/3
DENEEN, D	BPCHM	0	5	0	1409	HUGHES, N	KEMPR	2	2	2	1679C
DENMARK, T	CA	3	4	2	1763*	HUTCHBY, C	STCCC	2	1	0	1641
DENNISTON, E	NORTH	1	0	2	0000/1	INUMERABLE, F	ALUMN	2	1	0	2206C
DIAZ, P	TYROS	5	3	2	2061C	JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	6	2	3	2158C
DOBR, K	CASE	3	5	0	1377Q	JANKE, A	CITGR	1	4	0	1170*
DORFF, M	NORTH	0	1	0	1599	JANSSEN, G	STCCC	1	2	0	1432
DORIGO, T	FERMI	3	0	2	2163	JASAITIS,A	GETCO	1	4	3	2026D
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NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
JOSHI,B	MKING	2	3	2	1326#	MORRIS,R	MKNGT	6	0	3	2186
KARANDIKAR,S	MKNGT	5	1	0	1689	MOSSBRIDGE,A	KEMPR	2	1	0	1713
KARPIERZ,J	TYROS	1	2	0	1269	MUELLER, R	MOLEX	1	2	0	1000#
KELLEY,G	STCCC	0	1	0	1293	MUHS,A	CITGR	2	2	4	1382
KING,J	MOLEX	0	1	0	0000/1	MURAGAPPAN,G	CITGR	0	1	0	0000/1
KINSELLA, G	ROOKS	4	2	0	1452C	NABEREZHNEV, D	ROOKS	0	1	0	0000/1
KOGAN, G	EXCLB	1	6	1	1712C	NEUMAN,J	CA	0	1	0	0000/1
KOMORAVOLU,K	DRGNS	4	5	0	1305*	O'BRIEN,D	UOP	0	0	2	1402*
KONARE, B	NWEST	0	1	0	0000/1	O'DELL,DW	PAWNS	2	2	2	1428C
KOSMICKE, J	GETCO	0	2	0	0000/4	ODAME, K	CA	0	1	0	0000/1
KRAS,T	LBURN	2	1	3	2139	OLSEN, A	KEMPR	3	4	0	1506C
KRATKA,M	GETCO	2	5	0	1660	ONG, K	CITGR	2	4	1	1889
KREINES, B	NWEST	1	1	0	1820	PARAOAN,E	CASE	2	6	0	1636D
KUHLMANN, S	ROOKS	0	0	2	1398#	PATEL,A	NWEST	0	3	0	0000/2
LAFORGE, W	TYROS	2	2	0	1389	PEHAS,A	DRGNS	1	1	0	1890C
LAMB, J	MKING	0	1	0	0000/0	PIPARIA,J	MKING	3	3	2	1821
LANE, M	NORTH	0	2	0	0000/7	PIVOVITZ,M	STCCC	1	0	0	1405
LANG, R	EXCLB	2	1	2	2067	PRADT,D	STCCC	1	1	0	1633
LATIMER, E	PAWNS	0	2	0	2016T	RABINOVICH, E	MKING	2	1	1	1384
LAUGER, L	STCCC	0	0	0	1102	RASO, P	STCCC	1	0	0	1980
LE, DUC	CITGR	4	2	2	1732*	RAUCHMAN, M	GETCO	2	1	1	2129*
LECHNICK, J	UOP	4	3	1	1743	RAVI,S	BPCHM	0	1	0	0000/1
LEONG, G	KEMPR	2	3	1	1980C	REICH, T	MOLEX	0	5	4	1905*
LESAIN, J	NWEST	0	2	0		REID, C	CASE	6	4	2	1541D
LEVITT,B	NWEST	0	0	0	1066	REVELLON, L	UOP	1	0	0	1981
LINDNER, E	STCCC	1	0	0	1601	RINGENBERG, T	BPCHM	2	2	0	1393
LITTLE,J	STCCC	0	2	0	1514	ROTHSTEIN, J	NORTH	0	1	0	0000/0
MACHAJ,B	STCCC	1	0	0	2260	RUFUS,B	MOLEX	3	2	0	1166#
MANILA, M	BPCHM	0	1	0	1195*	SAGALOVSKY,L	GETCO	1	0	0	1980
MARCOWKA, R	DRGNS	2	1	1	1952D	SAJBEL, P	UOP	0	1	1	1789C
MARES,C	GETCO	0	1	0	0000/2	•	NWEST	1	0	1	0000/1
MARKLEY,S	CA	1	1	0	0000/1	SANTIAGO, T	ALUMN	4	0	0	1992
MARSH,M	LBURN	2	3	0	1195	SCARLETT, T	STCCC	0	0	1	1371
MARSHALL,J	STCCC	1	2	2	2112	SCHOONOVER, M	UOP	0	4	0	1247
MARSHALL, K	MKNGT	0	1	1	1284	SEATON, E	CASE	0	1	0	1571
MCCLENDON, L	CA	1	2	2	1371	SEDERLAND, C	NORTH	0	1	0	0000/1
MCCOY, N	STCCC	1	0	1	1514	SEET, P	GETCO	3	3	1	1848*
MCDANIEL, T	STCCC	0	1	0	1416	SENSAT, J	CITGR	2	7	0	1579
MCGEE, M	STCCC	0	1	0	1468	SITAR, K	LBURN	1	6	1	1521
MCGOWAN, D	MOLEX	4	3	3	1257	SIWEK, M	KEMPR	0	4	4	1970C
MEISSEN, B	STCCC	1	0	1	1698	SLATER, B	BPCHM	0	1	0	0000/1
MELNIKOV, I	MKING	0	1	3	2019C	SMITH, BR	TYROS	4	3	1	1682C
MICKLICH, F	UOP	2	4	2	1587D	SOLLANO, E	ALUMN	4	0	1	1956C
MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	3	2	1	1420C	SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	6	3	0	1963D
MILLER, A	ALUMN	1	3	0	1437	SPLINTER, J	STCCC	2	1	2	2100
MILLER, T	ALUMN	1	0	0	1869	STAMM, V	DRGNS	2	4	1	1522T
MILLING, J	CA	1	0	0	0000/1	•	FERMI	2	3	0	1618
MOEHS, D	FERMI	1	1	0	1396*	STEIN, P	TYROS	3	2	2	2186
MOLINA, J	FERMI	3	0	1	1590*	STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	0	1	0	2218D
MOORE, G	NWEST	0	0	0	1587	STINSON, T	STCCC	0	1	0	1340

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NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
STOLTZ, B	TYROS	4	1	2	1951C	WALKER, C	KEMPR	4	1	1	1810
STOSKUS, A	STCCC	1	0	0	1329	WALLACH, C	MKING	3	1	4	2031C
STUMP, P	STCCC	0	1	0	1182	WANG, G	KEMPR	1	2	0	1589*
SUAREZ, E	ROOKS	3	0	0	1891	WEBER, L	ALUMN	0	1	0	2121
SUERTH, F	EXCLB	3	1	2	1494D	WEITZ,R	EXCLB	3	4	0	1545C
SUVARNAKANTI, R	BPCHM	1	2	2	0000/4	WIEWEL,J	STCCC	4	0	2	2085
TAMEZ,I	ALUMN	5	0	2	2209	WILLIAMS, K	CASE	0	0	2	2172
TAN,A	GETCO	6	2	0	1721#	WILLIAMS, S	GETCO	0	1	0	1201#
TEGEL, F	DRGNS	0	4	4	2029Q	WIRTZ,R	KEMPR	0	1	0	1308*
THOMAS,J	DRGNS	1	6	2	1559D	WOHNS, N	NWEST	1	0	0	0000/1
THOMSON, J	MKNGT	6	1	2	1995	WOLF, D	MKING	0	2	0	2319
TOWNSEND, M	NWEST	1	1	1	0000/3	WONG, P	EXCLB	0	0	1	2173C
UNDERWOOD, W	CA	2	2	1	1934C	WOODS,C	BPCHM	1	8	0	1122*
URBON, C	CA	0	0	0	0000/0	YACOUT, A	ROOKS	3	2	0	1562
VAIL,M	CA	4	7	1	1436	ZADEREJ,V	MOLEX	5	4	1	1463
VAN ZILE,C	UOP	0	3	2	1309	ZIMMERMAN, F	MKING	1	0	0	0000/0
VIGANTS,A	NORTH	3	4	1	1652C	ZOELLNER, J	CASE	5	3	0	1348D
VOLYNSKIY,G	GETCO	0	0	1	2559	ZUBIK,J	BPCHM	1	1	0	1182#
WALKER, A	NORTH	2	3	1	1780						

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UPPER BOARD FORFEITS

Each team is allowed 2 upper board forfeits per season. After the 2nd upper board forfeit, the team is penalized one extra game point for each such forfeit in the match.

TEAMS WITH 2 OR MORE UPPER BOARD FORFEITS

CASE
BP CHEMICALS
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NORTHROP
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TEAMS WITH 1 UPPER BOARD FORFEIT

LUCENT TYROS LEO BURNETT EXCALIBURS ALUMNI UOP

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

Business Meeting of April 20, 2005 At: Motorola

Attendees:

Jim Brotsos Bob Buchner Irwin Gaines Tony Jasaitis Art Olsen Frank Suerth Jim Thomson Jerry Thomas Jeff Wiewel

MINUTES

1. President Jim Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. OFFICERS REPORTS

President-Jim Thomson:

Jim referenced the meeting agenda he prepared and mentioned the two significant items requiring a vote. These are the Anti-Stacking and the Associate Team proposals.

Secretary-Jerry Thomas:

The minutes of the last business meeting held August 18 and printed in the Bulletin were approved as written.

Treasurer-Lenny Spiegel (not present, report emailed):

Lenny prepared and distributed a mid-season budget report (see web site for it). In preparing the report, he noticed that UOP apparently paid the annual dues twice and he has not received anything from Computer Associates. Everybody thought that Computer Associates just forgot and would pay. Jim Thompson will contact Lenny and ask him to follow up with these 2 teams.

Most of the costs for the season – refreshments, trophies, and the banquet (in the case of a loss) – are still to come and it's not possible to predict how we will do in the end. No team is receiving the CICL bulletin by mail this year and Lenny suggests dropping this as an option next year.

Payment for the banquet (\$22 in advance) can be paid to:

Lenny Spiegel 807 Wood Ave. Geneva, IL 60134

Division Chairmen

North-Art Olsen, Chairman

Art reported that the Motorola Knights finished first and the Excaliburs second. They both will play in the playoffs. The UOP team captain is stepping down and they are short of players. Northwestern forfeited several away matches and changed time controls just prior to their match. The Northwestern captain is graduating and they will have a new captain. A representative for the Northwestern team needs to come to the fall business meeting. Art Olsen will contact them.

Near West-Carl Reid, Chairman (not present, info emailed)

Carl reported that Argonne finished first and the Pawns second. They both will play in the playoffs. All current teams in the division will participate next season.

East-Jim Duffy, Chairman (not present)

Tony represented the East. The Alumni Aces finished first and Getco is the second place division winner. They both will play in the playoffs. The Citadel, expected to have problems fielding players, did OK.

Far West-Bob Buchner, Chairman:

Bob reported St. Charles Chess Club and the Lucent Tyros tied for first in a very close race. They both just beat out Fermilab by half a match point. St. Charles Chess Club is first based on tiebreak and the Lucent Tyros is second. They both will play in the playoffs. BP will need a new captain for next year and their viability next year is a concern. St. Charles Chess Club is splitting into 2 teams next year (see Publicity Chairman's report on new teams for next year.).

The division had difficulty completing ten rounds with the shortened season.

We need a way to contact former players so that they can join an Associate team.

3. OTHER REPORTS:

Bulletin Editor & Games Editor-Tom Friske (not present and no report)

Art said that Tom is not receiving games and is discouraged about that. Jerry suggested that pre-addressed and stamped envelopes would make it easier for captains and get a better response rate. Irwin Gaines volunteered to create addressed envelopes for the games. Whether the league will pay for the postage will be decided at the fall business meeting.

The attendees said Tom has been a great job on the bulletins and wondered if we could submit him for a chess publication award or contest. A couple of possibilities were mentioned and will be investigated. If anyone is aware of a chess publication award or contest that applies, please email Jim Thomson.

Tom is currently Bulletin Editor, Games Editor, and Webmaster. This is a lot of work for one individual. Jim Thomson will talk to Tom to see if he will stay as games editor and if some part of these roles he would like some help on.

Webmaster-Tom Friske (not present and no report)

There are still some problems with emails. For example, the email alias for cicl-secretary still does not go to Jerry Thomas, the current secretary.

Rating Chairman-Art Olsen (no report)

As previously discussed at the last business meeting, Art mentioned he is still considering a proposal to make a slight change in our rating system. It will increase the number of games played before the next "ratings chart-or formula" applies. See new business.

Publicity Chairman-Brian Smith (not present, info emailed)

Currently, three new teams are planning on joining the CICL for the 2005/2006 season:

- 1 Walgreen's (in Deerfield) will likely field a team, see Tom Friske for more info.
- 2 St. Charles Chess Club would like to field a second team called "Baker". See Jeff Wiewel.
- 3 Fred Furtner of the American Medical Association has asked that the AMA join the CICL. They are located on State St. just north of the east branch of the Chicago River in downtown Chicago.

Chicago Area Mensa's chess club (in Arlington Heights) had earlier expressed an interest in joining us for the 2005/2006 season. A new chess club called the Renaissance Knights Chess Club (in Northbrook) may be a good candidate to field a team. An "all CICL vs. the Renaissance Knights Chess Club" match may happen. See Joseph Cygan for more info.

If anyone knows of other potential new teams, or would like to help with publicity efforts, let me know. The amount of time I have to devote to CICL publicity is reduced, so I'll happily step aside for someone to take over as Publicity Chair.

Special recognition is due to Clive Hutchby of the St. Charles Chess Club team. He writes a regular chess article for the home town newspapers of several of the far western suburbs. News, photos, and games from that Club, their participation in the CICL, and news in general about the Far West division of the CICL has routinely been included. Great publicity!

Banquet Chairman-Bert Gazmen (not present, info emailed)

Bert said the venue is the same as last year. The banquet will be \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. It will be on Friday, June 3 starting at 6:30 at:

Carriage Greens Country Club 8700 Carriage Greens Drive Darrien, IL 60561 Tel. 630-985-3400 www.carriagegreens.com

Jim Thomson mentioned that the Renaissance Knights Chess Club (in Northbrook) is a good source for a Grand Master as the guest speaker. He will discuss that possibility with Brian Smith and Bert. (*Editor FYI*: GM Mitkov has accepted to speak since the meeting)

Trophy Chairman-Marty Franck (not present, info emailed)

Our vendor will be slightly increasing the marble based trophy prices. Marty still expects to be within or slightly over the \$800. Marty needs to have the MVP selections from each of the division chairs.

4. ELECTIONS for next season:

President

Jim Thomson asked for candidates for President for next year as he is stepping down. Several possible candidates were identified and attendees agreed to contact them to see if they would accept. Anyone knowing a candidate should contact Jim. Jim agreed to serve through the fall business meeting.

Secretary

Jerry Thomas agreed to continue and received a unanimous vote to remain as our secretary.

Publicity Chairman

All praised Brian Smith on the great work he has done as publicity chairman. He said he would serve, but would not be able to devote as much time. All agreed that this was acceptable. Brian was elected unanimously.

Banquet Chairman

Bert Gazmen received a unanimous vote to remain as our banquet chairman.

Treasurer

Lenny Spiegel received a unanimous vote to remain as our treasurer.

Division Chairs

All division chairs agreed to continue and received a unanimous vote.

5. CALENDAR

Playoffs:

Rounds 2 & 3 will be Saturday, May 14. Jeff Wiewel said there are several chess tournament directors at the St. Charles club and he would contact them to see if one of them would be interested. Art Olsen volunteered to be the Tournament Director if no one else is available. Art emailed playoff details on April 27th. Rounds probably will be 9AM and 2PM. There will be a separate individual tournament. Remember non- CICL members can play in the latter, but are not eligible for prizes.

Playing Site- Unknown at this time.

We need to find alternative playing sites. Motorola could be available if nothing else works out. Jim reminded us that we talked about renting a facility every third year or so. (*Editor FYI* – Computer Associates' Captain Matt Vail secured their site for us.)

Banquet: Friday, June 3, 2004. Same site – Carriage Greens. See details above.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Alumni Player Stacking Issue

Solution to this covered under the Associate Team Proposal in new business.

Regular Season Deadline for Completing Schedule

Prior to the meeting, Jim Thomson polled via email all team captains on the end of season hard deadline. The rule is now revised to:

Any team with a chance of finishing 1st or 2nd in their division, or with a chance of finished 3rd as a #1 or #2 wildcard seed, must complete their schedule by the day prior to the Spring Business Meeting. All other teams must complete no later than 1 week after the Spring Business Meeting.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Upper Board Forfeit

Proposal

Cap penalty such that teams don't go below 0 game points. For entire proposal see web site.

1 Deferred to next meeting.

Combine Rating Tables Proposal

Art Olsen described the proposal to increase the number of games played before the next "ratings chart-or

formula" applies. Several people volunteered to help him on this. A committee of volunteers was formed to create a proposal for the next business meeting. Anyone wishing to participate should email Art.

Associate Team Proposal

(brief summary: combine Alumni, Merged Company, and Loner Pool Team Types into a new team type called Associate. This team type picks a company each year, and recruits from that Company and/or Alumni players. This team type is subject to the Ratings Cap, similar to Club Teams. Goal is to improve struggling team viability, improve CICL recruitment from companies, increase CICL retention of Alumni, and address the alumni player stacking issue raised at the last business meeting).

The attendees discussed what this meant and determined that this would help the current Alumni teams. This proposal was passed by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining with 5 proxy votes being cast. The following teams are Associate teams: Alumni Aces, Case, Excalibars, Getco, Leo Burnett, and Pawns.

The attendees thanked the volunteer team of Jim Thomson, Irwin Gaines, Tony Jasaitis, Bob Buchner, and Brian Smith for their fine work in creating this proposal and describing the merits of this proposal.

Anti-Stacking Proposal

Use minimum of 1400, 1600 for lowest two rated players when checking the rating cap.

The attendees discussed how often this would have applied during the current season and its affect on the current Alumni teams. This proposal was passed by a vote of 11 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstaining with 5 proxy votes being cast.

Discuss Relationship between CICL and new Chicago Leagues forming

Discuss relationship between CICL and new Chicago Leagues forming: "Illinois Collegiate Chess" (team competition between colleges throughout Illinois) and the "United States Chess League" (master level team competition between cities throughout the USA, including Chicago).

The League encourages these leagues, hopes they succeed, and supports them. Material about our league and how it functions rules is on our web site. At the present time, we do not have anyone available (volunteers) that can help them organize.

Dragis Award

The attendees decided that it was time to award a Dargis. Several candidates were discussed and voted upon. However, subsequent to the meeting it was discovered that the person had already received the Dargis award.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Jerry Thomas, Secretary 5/03/2005

	2003-04 Final	2004-05 Fall Meet.	2004-05 Spring Meet.
Revenue			
Basic Team Dues	950	950	1000
Electronic bulletin			
Postal bulletin	15		
Late fees	45		15
Banquet surplus(deficit)	-16		
Total Revenue	\$ 994	\$ 950	\$ 1,015
Disbursements:			
Trophies	639	800	
Bulletin			
Scoresheets	220	0	0
Playoff refreshments	116	125	
USCF/ICA Dues	40	40	40
Special			
Total disbursements	\$ 1,015	\$ 965	\$ 40
	\$ (21)	\$ (15)	\$ 975

It looks like UOP has paid twice and I have not received a check

¹ 20 teams @ \$50 each. The Pawns had a credit of \$75 from last season.

from Computer Associates?!

We presently have \$2,005 in our checking account. This reflects \$420 in banquet credits.

ANOTHER 30 Minutes to Better Chess

NUTS!! More to study and no more time to invest in it !! In the first Bulletin this season, we were quickly introduced to a systematic approach to reviewing our chess games. Once one habitually makes progress this way, other needs become obvious. In fact, once those steps were outlined, it highlighted other techniques the author uses to speed the annotation time while still maintaining a detailed description of the game. So I'd like to pass along some real time-savers here: 1) Using the common evaluation symbols as a quick reference to the balance on board, 2) Graphing a chess game, 3) More use of ChessBase, 4) Common ChessBase symbols as phrases.

1) Common evaluation symbols.

We all know them: +- means White is winning, +/- means White has an advantage, +/= means White is better, = means drawish, =/+ means Black is better, =/- means Black has an advantage, -+ means Black is winning. Or in Fritz-speak: >2.0 means +-, >= 0.5 means +=, -0.5 to 0.5 means =, etc. I like the numeric representation better as there's more room for differentiation, but I know I'm no computer that can evaluate any position so precisely! I'd like a method that shows the change in balance, but still be specific enough to quantify the current balance on the board.

So I rate positions with the common symbols, but have detailed their meaning:

- = means neither side has a permanent advantage. So not just drawish, but both sides have possibilities
- +/= White has at most a piece advantage (materially) or an useful space/piece-play advantage. You may argue this the same as "White is better", but my emphasis concerns defining precisely what makes White "better"
- +/- White has at least a piece advantage (materially) or multiple key threats. This is the stage of advantage, but no precise win is vet defined.
- + White has a clear method to win. The emphasis here is on marking when White can explain how the win will be accomplished. It does NOT imply that White has nothing to think about or that Black has no threats that can turn the game. Yet, when marked this way, we can show that White favorably comes out of the complications, regardless of Black's play.

(The others are the same with colors reversed).

As I review games, then, the marking of a position is simple and not as open for discussion. Is one side up a Pawn or minor piece? If yes, give him the "+" and the other side of the "/" a "=". Is one side up more and has a clear way to use the material? If yes, give him the "+" and the other side of the "/" is a "-". If one side has a clear method to win, award him the + and opponent a "-".

Remember, marking a game is supposed to simply be a short-hand for tracking the battle on the board. As you progress through your notes on a different day, the game will be divided into phases and you can tell at a glance which side has made progress. Or a series of the same evaluation marks let's you know that, despite the threats made, neither side has made headway.

The downside to all this is you still haven't specified the details of the position's evaluation. What are the key elements of balance? In a later section of this article, we'll give you the ability to specify these.

2) Graphing a chess game.

Before we leave the realm of generally tracking the chess battle, however, there is another technique that has become more popular due to computers and also helps gain a quick view of the ebb and flow. I was introduced to this by GM lossif Dorfman in his book "The Method in Chess". Basically, you take graph paper and draw the full vertical (y-axis) line at the left, and evenly split it horizontally (x-axis). Mark the y-axis as '0' at the intersection and each line up is 1 point and greater, each line down is a -1 and less. The positives represent a favorable White position, and negatives are when Black is better. Horizontally, each mark right is a move number (maybe in increments of 5). So then you use your computer's numeric evaluation at key points in the game and graph them at the move/evaluation intersection point.

This is great because a steep line (whether up or down) indicates a vast change in position, or a more horizontal line would indicate more steady play by each side.

This method does take a little extra time, but you can decide whether it's quicker than squinting through lines of analysis looking for evaluation marks (as in #1 above). Personally, with the ChessBase ability to make comments a different color from the moves on your screen, the evaluations stick out pretty easily.

3) Basic ChessBase helps.

Yup, ChessBase is your friend and loaded with features that can help you study. As always, the hard part is using them often enough so they become second-nature. In fact, that's why the author forgot these pointers in that previous article--- simply didn't

remember it was done that way! Let's get a quick look at the most useful ones, and in the next section I'll relate how I've taken these to new levels and gained some special insights because of my buddy.

A couple of the traditional ChessBase basics can be passed over here, because they've been detailed in previous bulletins! Look to the **April 2002** issue for screen shots and step-by-step of doing searches, including for specific material on/off board. My most-used favorite is "medals", a way of flagging various common game features (tactics, ending, sacrifice, etc). ChessBase has a unique color assigned to each of these, so when you select it, a color patch shows up in the gamescore and on the game-list screen. You can also search for them! Find that reviewed in the **November 2002** bulletin.

Here, however, I'd like to point out a new fact about medals and also introduce you to a new feature of ChessBase 8 (incidently ChessBase9 was just released last Fall).

Those color patches, medals, can be selected singly or as many as you need to describe the current points of interest. I've found that you get more specific by using **color pairs!** For example, red is the color for a sacrifice (I like to think of it as blood-shed!) and a bright, light-blue is the color for "user". I like to mark games for further study with a "user" flag, and the "sacrifice" and "user" flags together represent my favorite sac... the Rook sacrifice, of course! Now when I want to review specific games, I simply seach on ECO, set the flags, and automatically reach key sacrifices in my favorite openings! Very cool. Only problem is that you need to review the games to flag them in the first place! Similarly, there is a grey-green shade to mark "Pawn structure", so when I flag that with "Sacrifice" I've highlighted interesting Pawn-sacs. Other medals include "Key game", "Strategy", "Tactics", "Defense" and you can see how specific things can be marked in sets like Sacrifice & Tactics would mark a combination worthy of review. Sounds like a lot of bother, but these are all available at the click of a mouse and really don't take much time from your study. And great are the rewards!

The "Annotation Palette" was a new feature introduced with ChessBase8 (see it at right). It is simply a floating menu of buttons that, when pressed, mark your gamescore. The marks are the standard symbols begun in the 1960s by Chess Informant. In previous versions of CB, they were only available via CTL and ALT key combinations (they still are). The benefit to the palette is that it remains on top of all other windows and can be moved anywhere on the screen. You have the symbols available at a mouse-click. Once again, being aware of what the symbols represent start you to using them, and then you progress to the place where you use them as words. But for those times when English is still needed, the palette does contain a "Before move" and "After move" button for adding text. Here, the keyboard combinations will generate additional symbols.

4) Using symbols a phrases.

As mentioned above, symbols can be used as general evaluators and you have the palette to mark others. But how about when you want to describe why the position evaluates as given? English is acceptable, but timing-consuming. I've begun to use symbols in pairs (thanks to realizing how it helped pairing medals) and have pretty well created enough vocabulary to translate the essence of any written advice.



The palette has some of the most-used symbols, but the keyboard combinations are still active and cover most others needed. Usually the symbol is the first alphabetic character of the word, in combination with CTL, ALT, SHIFT, or various pairs of those keys. So like an arrow pointing right means "attack" and its keyboard combo is CTL-A ("A" for "attack" or, since the developers are German, it may stand for "angriff"). Or a CTL-Z re-enters the last deleted variations to your gamescore, but a CTL-SHIFT-Z represents the "Zugzwang" symbol (which is a circle with a dot in it).

I got tired of looking up ones I knew exist, but couldn't remember the key-group. So it suddenly dawned on me to try *every* key combination singly, in pairs, and in triads. I wrote them down in a chart format and hung it near my tube. So now a quick lookup is all I need: find symbol in table, read row and column to find the key combination that generates it. **Find my chart on the next page; copy it and place it somewhere handy.**

Again, it's surprising how these goofy things start acting like their own words! It was only then I realized that, if they're words, they could be strung together to form phrases!

A couple things I found missing from the symbols were one for "ranks" and one for "files". But there was an upward-pointing arrow for "initiative" (CTL-I) and that right-pointing arrow for "attack" (CTL-A). So I realized these are as good as any to represent ranks (horizontal pointing) or files (vertical pointing) if I could somehow differentiate them. Well, usually when you want to talk about either you also specify *which* rank or file, so it was my first "pair". An upward-arrow alone says "initiative", but an upward-

arrow followed by a letter would represent that file (as in arrow "e" means the "e" file). Similarly, a right-pointing arrow means "attack" but a right-pointing followed by 1 would mean "the 1st rank".

Take that all to the next step. If you know that the word "weakness" is represented by a symbol that is two diagonal lines crossing (entered with key-combo Control-Shift-W), you can say "back-rank weakness" with symbol combination: X->1 or X->8.

Well, this started getting complicated. Sometimes annotations list moves and give an alternative. So I chose a comma between moves to join them as a list (a relatively common short-hand anyway) and the forward slash to represent "or". If you need to show a priority in grouping a list or an alternative, you use a space at the breaking point.

I've ended up with horrible-looking gobbly-gook that quickly summarizes, however. Like "Xf5,h5,->1(diamond)Nge2-g3, Nf5/Nh5" which translates to "targeting weaknesses at f5,h5 and White's backrank by continuing Nge2 then Ng3 and later on to f5 or h5".

I'll let you decide which is easier.

CONCLUSION.

Call me crazy. I don't care. It's just that when ChessBase is your friend you start wondering how else to use what's there. And weird things happen. However, these short-cuts have allowed me to quickly summarize the battle and provide for visual ways (especially using colors) for locating the key points in a game. The ability to search these allows the student to gather similar scenarios from multiple games and this improves your understanding of the underlying strategy.

Don't expect to learn tricks all-at-once, but, rather, use a few of these additional ideas which are most useful to you.

Try it, you'll like it!



ABOUT THE CHART ABOVE

The first column is base keystroke, the succeeding columns are that keystroke in combination with another key(s) as indicated in column header. Finding the intersection of a key with a specific combo shows what ChessBase symbol will be generated. Or, in reverse, if you know a symbol, find it in chart and extend to row and column header to find what generates it.

--The Games Editor

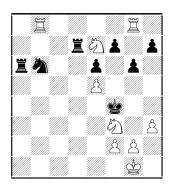
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NOTES by Dave Baurac

Dueling Blunders??

WHITE TO MOVE

47.Nxe7??



According to Fritz, White's best try was 47.Ncd4 Bc5 48.Ne2+ Ke4



with a slight advantage to Black.

But Black also fails to notice his forced mate and blunders into one by White:

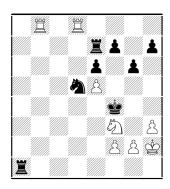
47...Rxe7??

He has failed to notice that Black has 47...Rd1+ 48.Kh2 Raa1

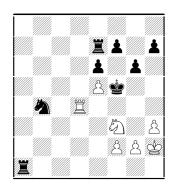


and mate is unavoidable

48.Rgd8 with a winning advantage for White. **48...Ra1+ 49.Kh2 Nd5**



50.Rb4+! Nxb4 51.Rd4+ Kf5

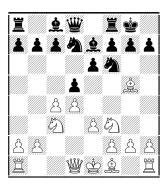


52.g4# 1-0

Wallach,C - Thompson,J [D63] Kings-Knights, 24.03.2005

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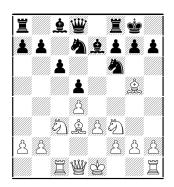
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7



7.Rc1 to discourage ..c5. **7...c6 8.cxd5** mixing ideas is not generally

recommended. Now the rook would be better on the b file in order to support a minority attack via b2-b4, b5

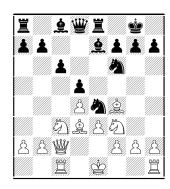
8...exd5 9.Bd3



9...Ne4 10.Bf4

I didn't like 10.Bxe7 because exchanges relieve pressure

10...Ndf6 11.Qc2 Re8



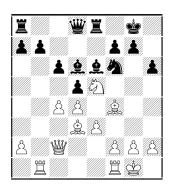
12.0-0

Not 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qxe4

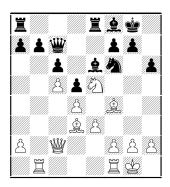


14...Bb4+

12...Bd6 13.Ne5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 h6 15.c4 Be6 16.Rb1



16...Qc7? [16...dxc4 looks best] **17.c5 Bf8**

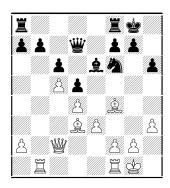


[17...Bxe5 leads to a similar position]

18.Ng6 to secure the two bishops and to increase my control of the dark squares

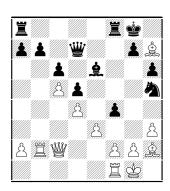
Also acceptable is 18.Ng4 Qe7 19.Nxf6+

18...Qd7 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.h3

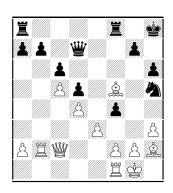


Overly cautious. The idea was to preserve a safe square bishop after Nh5

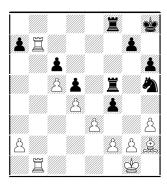
20...Nh5 21.Bh2 f5 Black has to try something before his queenside is destroyed. 22.Rb2 f4 23.Bh7+



23...Kh8 Forcing the king to h8 could be useful in the endgame 24.Bg6 Bf5 25.Bxf5



25...Qxf5 [25...Rxf5 26.Rxb7!] 26.Qxf5 Rxf5 27.Rxb7 Raf8 28.Rfb1



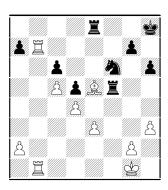
28...fxe3 Choosing activity, although Rf7 is more solid **29.fxe3 Nf6**

29...Rf2? (Diagram follows)



30.g4 Nf6 31.Kxf2

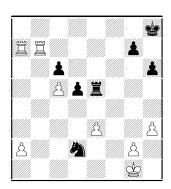
30.Bd6 to un-double the Rooks on the f-file **30...Re8 31.Be5**



Keeps the Knight in place (with threat of Rxg7 or Bxg7)

31.Rxa7 could also be tried

31...Rfxe5 a last gasp for counterplay 32.dxe5 Rxe5 33.R1b3 Just to delay the capture of the e-Pawn 33...Ne4 34.Rxa7 Nd2 35.Rbb7

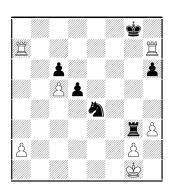


35...Rxe3

35...Rg5 36.Rc7 Rg6 37.Ra6 and advance the passers

36.Rxq7 So the check at move 23

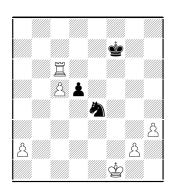
didn't pay off 36...Ne4 37.Rge7 Rg3 38.Rh7+ Kg8



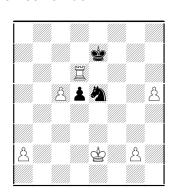
39.Rxh6 grabbing more material to make the outcome inevitable

Even more convincing is 39.Rhc7 using the backrank mate threat (Rc8#) to win the c-Pawn and secure White's

39...Rg7 40.Rxg7+ Kxg7 41.Rxc6 Kf7 42.Kf1



42...Nd2+ 43.Ke2 Nc4 44.h4 Ke7 45.h5 Ne5 46.Rd6



BLACK RESIGNED. Nd7 fails to simply Rxd7! Similarly Nf7 can be ignored with a4! or h6! **1–0**

Hill R - Henderson S [A43] Midwest Class Oakbrook (5), 10.2004

Submitted by Bob Hill numeric evaluations by Tiger 15.0

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 d6 4.c3 e5 5.e4



5...Be7 +0.28

5...a6 !? 6.Bd3 h6 7.a4 Bg4 +0.07

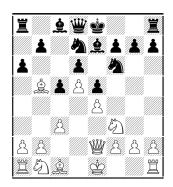
6.Bb5+ +0.04

6.Bd3!?



6...0-0 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Re1 +0.28

6...Nbd7 7.Qe2 a6



8.Bxd7+?! -0.44

8.Bd3 !? b5 9.c4 bxc4 10.Bxc4 -0.05

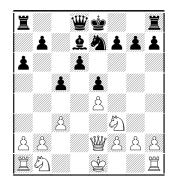
8...Bxd7 9.Bg5 -0.71

9.0-0!?9...0-0



10.b3 Ne8 11.Bb2 -0.44

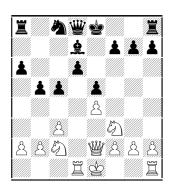
9...Nxd5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7



11.Na3 -0.86

11.0–0 !? 11...Ng6 12.Na3 Bc6 13.Rfe1 –0.71

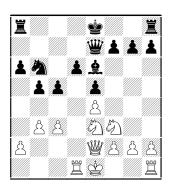
11...b5 12.Rd1 Nc8 13.Nc2



13...Qe7 -0.55

13...f6 !? 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ne3 Bc6 -0.76

14.Ne3 Be6 15.b3 Nb6



16.h4 ?! -0.96

16.0-0 !? 16...0-0 17.Qc2 c4 18.Rd2 -0.51

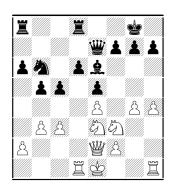
16...0-0 17.g4? -1.51

Better is 17.Ng5 Rac8



18.0-0 c4 19.Qb2 -0.96

17...Rfd8 -1.41



If 17...c4!?



18.Qc2 f6 19.h5 cxb3 -1.51

18.Nf5 -1.71

18.Ng5 !? 18...h6 19.Nf3 f6 20.Nf5 –1.41

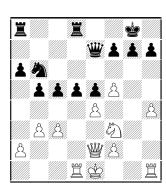
18...Bxf5 19.gxf5 -2.01

19.exf5!? d5



20.g5 f6 21.h5 -1.71

19...d5



20.Ng5 ?! -2.51

20.Rg1 !? d4 21.Qd2 Qb7 22.Qe2 -2.01

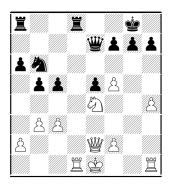
20...dxe4? -1.41

Better is 20...d4 21.cxd4 exd4



22.e5 d3 -2.51

21.Nxe4



21...Nd5 -1.26

21...Rxd1+ -1.51

22.h5 Nf6 23.h6!? -1.26

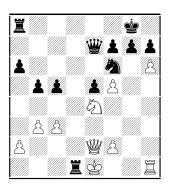
23.Rxd8+ ?! Rxd8 24.h6



24...Nxe4 25.Qxe4 -1.61

23...Rxd1+

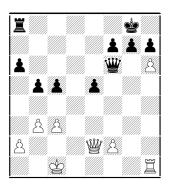
(diagram follows)



24.Kxd1!? -1.26

24.Qxd1?! Nxe4 25.Qd5 Rd8 26.Qxe4 -1.61

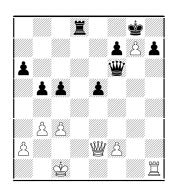
24...Qd7+ 25.Kc1 Qxf5 26.Nxf6+ Qxf6



27.hxg7 ?! -1.86

27.Qe3 !? Qf4 28.Qxf4 exf4 29.hxg7 –1.41

27...Rd8 ? -1.33



Black should try 27...Qf4+ 28.Qd2 Qxd2+ 29.Kxd2



29...f6 -1.86

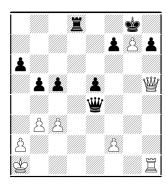
28.Qh5? -2.26

28.Qe3! Qxg7 29.f3



(idea is Rg1 pinning Queen) 29...Kh8 30.Rh5 –1.33

28...Qf4+ 29.Kb1 Qe4+ 30.Ka1



30...Rd2? -1.33

30...b4 ! 31.Rc1 bxc3 32.Qh3 Qe2 -2.26

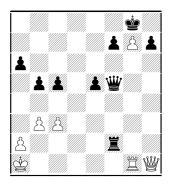
31.Qh3 ?? -3.01

Better is 31.Rg1 Rxf2



32.Qg5 Qd3 33.Qxe5 -1.33

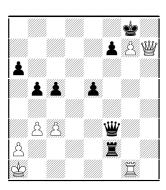
31...Rxf2 32.Rg1 Qf5 33.Qh1



33...Qf3 ?? +300.00

The Queen is required to guard h7! So try 33...e4 34.Qh4 f6 35.Qg3 Rf1+ -3.51

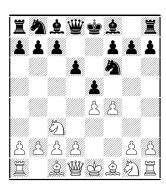
34.Qxh7+!! 1-0



Balicki,J - Hughes,N Kemper vs Knights [C29]

Notes by Norm Hughes

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d6



This is pretty passive, played since I did not know the Vienna. Normal is 3...d5 4.fxe5 Nxe4 5.Nf3



5...Be7

5...Bg4 6.Qe2 Ng5 7.h4 Nxf3+ 8.gxf3 Be6

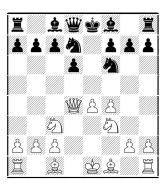


9.d4 Nc6 10.Be3 Be7=

6.d4 0-0 7.Bd3 f5 8.exf6 Bxf6 9.0-0 Nc6=



4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4



6...Qe7

6...c6 7.Be3 d5 8.exd5 Bc5 9.Qd3



9...Qe7 10.Nd4 Ng4 11.Nf5 Nde5



12.Nxe7

12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Qe4 Qxe4 14.Nxe4



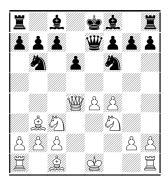
14...Nxe3 15.Nxe3 Bxe3=

12...Nxd3+ 13.Bxd3 Nxe3 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.dxc6 Rxc6



White has the extra Pawn in the endgame. It still may not be enough to win.

7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3



8...Be6

8...c5



9.Qd3 d5

9...Nxe4 10.0-0

(10.Nxe4 f5 11.Nfg5 fxe4 12.Qe2



12...d5 13.c4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4= The position is even. White will get back the Pawns.

10...Nxc3 11.Re1 Be6 12.f5



12...c4 13.Qxc3 cxb3 14.Nd4 Rc8±



White has the advantage even though Black is temporarily up material.

Returning to mainline analysis at middle last column...

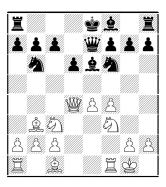
10.Nxd5 Nbxd5 11.Bxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qd3 Rd8



White again has the extra Pawn. But, is it enough to win with Queens and Rooks still on the board?

9.0-0

(Diagram follows)



9...h6

I did not like this move. I was afraid of Ng5. Howerver, it seems better then the alternatives.

A) 9...c5 10.Ba4+ Kd8 11.Qe3



11...Nxa4 12.Nxa4 Kc8 13.Re1 h6

B) 9...0-0-0 10.f5 c5 11.Qf2 Bd7



12.a4 Bc6 13.Re1 h6±

10.Nd5

When this move was played, I thought it was a good move as it forces Black give up a Bishop for a Knight. But, on futher review, 10. f5 seems a better move.

A) 10.f5

(Diagram follows)



10...Bxb3 11.axb3 Qd8 12.e5 dxe5 13.Qxe5+ Be7



14.Rd1 Nbd7 15.Qg3 Kf8 16.Ne5±



White has the stronger position.

B) 10.e5



10...dxe5 11.fxe5 Nfd7 12.Qe4



12...Nc5 13.Qf4 Nxb3 14.axb3 Qb4

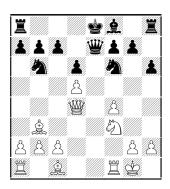


15.Nd4 Bc5 16.Nce2=

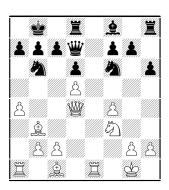


with an even game. The 10.f5 variation is White's strongest continuation.

10...Bxd5 11.exd5

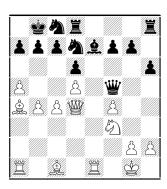


11...0-0-0 [11...Qd7] 12.Re1 Qd7 13.a4 Kb8



Making room for the Knight to go to c8 to help cover a7.

14.a5 Nc8 15.Ba4 Qf5 16.c4 Nd7 17.b4 Be7



18.Rxe7?!

This is a turning point in the game. White has a good attack. This exchange sac is not necessary. White should just regroup and continue with the attack. The threat is Bf6 winning the Rook on a1.

A) White could also just play 18. Qf2, Bf6 19. Ra3 and Blacks threat is gone. White's Black squared Bishop is tied down to the defense of the f4 Pawn otherwise 19. Bb2 would be a consideration.

B) <u>18.Ra3 Bf6 19.Qf2 Ka8 20.a6 b6</u> 21.Qd2 Rhg8 22.Qd1



22...Nb8

22...g5 23.fxg5 hxg5



24.Rf1 Qg4 25.Be3 Ne7 26.Nd4 Qxd1 27.Bxd1 Rdf8 28.Nc6 Ng6 29.Ba4±



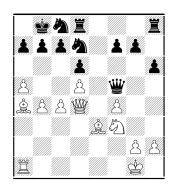
White has the better position.

23.Nd4 Bxd4+ 24.Qxd4+-



White has a far better position.

18...Nxe7 19.Be3 Nc8



20.c5?!

Another turning point in the game. This is not the best move here. Black now has the advantage.

20.Qc3 Qg4 21.a6 b6 22.Re1

(Diagram follows)



22...Nf6 23.Nd4 Rde8 24.Bxe8 Rxe8±



20...Nf6 21.c6

21.a6 b6 22.Rd1 dxc5 23.bxc5 Rxd5

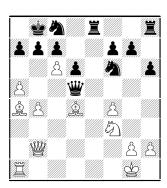


24.Qb2 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Qd3 26.Qc1



Black is better.

21...Qxd5 22.Qb2 Rde8 23.Bd4



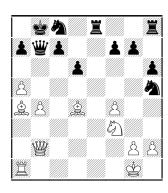
23...Nh5?! Not the best move. Black now loses the advantage.

23...bxc6 24.Rc1 Ne7 25.Qf2 Ng4 26.Qf1 Kb7



27.a6+ Ka8. Black maintains the advantage.

24.cxb7 Qxb7



25.Bxe8?! White was too quick to get the material back. His advantage is gone.

The game is now even.

25.a6 Qe4

A) 25...Qd5?



loses material right away with 26.Bxe8 Rxe8 27.Ra5 Qc4 28.Rxh5

B) 25...Qa8



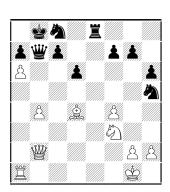
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Bxe8 Rxe8 28.Qxg7 Qd5 29.Qxh6 Re4 30.Qg5 White has a slight advantage.

So the mainline analysis is: 26.Re1 Qxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Rxe1+



28.Kf2 Re6± White maintains the advantage.

25...Rxe8 26.a6



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