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Mark Your Calendars with These Key League Dates:

Fall Business Meeting	Last Wednesday of August (Aug 30 2006)
Spring Business Meeting	3.5 Weeks Before Playoffs (April 19, 2006)
Season Playoffs	Second Saturday of May (May 13, 2006)
CICL Open	Second Saturday of May (May 13, 2006)
League Awards Banquet	First Friday of June (June 2, 2006)

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ON THE COVER:

CONGRATS TO THE ST CHARLES BAKER CHESS CLUB !! on their unstumbling waltz through the best teams of the League ! Teams expressed special thanks to you for your fighting spirit !

The happy team members on this issue's cover are:

(Top row, left to right):

Paul Freidel, Wally Alberts, Paul Raso

(Bottom row, left to right):

Jeremiah Freidel, Tam Nguyen, Jesse Freidel)

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It's unanimous ! This season's playoffs were the most intense and exciting we've seen in a long time. Your roving reporter was stupidly absent due to a work conflict, but the various emails and comments afterwards (see "Playoff Wrap-up" inside) expressed one main thought: tight competition !

The look on Irwin's face is firmly captured in mind (wish I'd had my camera). Upon asking him for a tidbit, he paused, stumbling for a simple phrase to sum-up. Finally, he stares me in the face, and just blurts out "It was the most exciting, intense competition!", but with this wonderful expression of a wry smile that just glowed with a realization of what fun it had been. It really made me realize I'd missed a good one.

My story is typical Tom Friske goof-off confusion. As I wrote last month, all season my focus has been to get back into the playoffs and redeem my lousy play from last year. I was in an overall slump then and I intended to prove it a fluke ! But there was the conflicting factor of work trips to South Carolina. Before this one in May, the boss had specifically asked me if I had anything going that weekend-- the opportunity to schedule around it was there ! But I simply didn't think of the playoffs until a couple weeks later when it was too late ! D'oh !!

Anyways, this issue brings us up-to-date through end of May. The banquet is the first weekend of June and also promises to be a "don't miss" event, with the Illiniois Chess Association joining us this year. Next month's issue will be the season wrap-up and announce the award winners !

*Happy browsing,
Tom Friske*

EAST DIVISION 04-30-2006

TEAM NAME				GAME	MATCH	PCT	PR	USAT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS			
ALUMNI ACES	8	1	1	42.5	8.5	0.850	1789	150.8
HEDGEHOGS	7	2	1	38.0	7.5	0.750	1710	151.5
NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB	5	3	1	35.5	5.5	0.611	1653	153.8
AMA TORNADO SNAKES	3	6	1	22.0	3.5	0.350	1499	79.5
CITADEL GROUP	2	6	1	20.5	2.5	0.278	1532	92.8
LEO BURNETT	1	8	1	14.5	1.5	0.150	1329	61.3

NORTH DIVISION 04-30-2006

TEAM NAME				GAME	MATCH	PCT	PR	USAT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS			
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	7	1	1	36.0	7.5	0.833	1919	155.5
RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS	6	3	0	31.0	6.0	0.667	1874	139.8
MOTOROLA KINGS	4	2	3	30.0	5.5	0.611	1814	133.8
UOP	4	3	2	31.5	5.0	0.556	1786	137.0
EXCALIBURS	3	5	1	21.5	3.5	0.389	1654	49.3
WALGREENS	2	6	1	20.0	2.5	0.278	1537	65.8
NORTHROP	1	7	1	15.0	1.5	0.167	1547	46.3

North Division Exhibition Team

LOYOLA	0	4	1	4.0	0.5	0.100
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WEST DIVISION 04-30-2006

TEAM NAME				GAME	MATCH	PCT	PR	USAT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS			
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	9	1	0	43.5	9.0	0.900	1869	172.5
FERMILAB	8	1	1	42.5	8.5	0.850	1850	176.3
ST CHARLES BAKER	8	1	1	42.0	8.5	0.850	1825	161.8
ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB	6	2	2	38.5	7.0	0.700	1830	179.3
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	5	4	1	29.0	5.5	0.550	1676	115.3
ARGONNE ROOKS	4	5	1	28.5	4.5	0.450	1601	114.8
PAWNS	3	6	1	28.5	3.5	0.350	1580	117.8
CASE	2	7	1	18.5	2.5	0.250	1529	63.5
MOLEX	1	6	3	24.0	2.5	0.250	1528	99.8
CA	2	7	1	19.5	2.5	0.250	1503	77.5
BP CHICAGOLAND	1	9	0	13.5	1.0	0.100	1389	69.5

CICL Performance Ratings

04/30/2006

Team	Division	Games Ave	Board PR	Match PR	PR (B+M) /2
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	North	7.5	1915.3	1922.5	1919
RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS	North	7.7	1867.4	1880.5	1874
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	West	7.7	1837.5	1899.9	1869
FERMILAB	West	8.2	1835.2	1864.6	1850
ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB	West	9.0	1827.2	1831.8	1830
ST CHARLES BAKER	West	8.0	1786.7	1863.8	1825
MOTOROLA KINGS	North	8.0	1803.7	1823.5	1814
ALUMNI ACES	East	4.8	1763.1	1814.0	1789
UOP	North	6.7	1765.2	1806.2	1786
HEDGEHOGS	East	6.8	1671.5	1748.0	1710
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	West	8.8	1646.7	1705.6	1676
EXCALIBURS	North	6.8	1637.9	1669.3	1654
NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB	East	4.7	1644.9	1660.4	1653
ARGONNE ROOKS	West	8.5	1599.4	1603.0	1601
PAWNS	West	6.8	1613.4	1547.4	1580
NORTHROP	North	6.3	1526.0	1568.1	1547
WALGREENS	North	5.5	1550.0	1524.5	1537
CITADEL GROUP	East	5.8	1543.2	1521.1	1532
CASE	West	8.3	1539.0	1519.0	1529
MOLEX	West	8.5	1543.9	1511.3	1528
CA	West	7.3	1466.9	1538.3	1503
AMA TORNADO SNAKES	East	6.0	1450.5	1547.0	1499
BP CHICAGOLAND	West	5.8	1319.7	1459.2	1389
LEO BURNETT	East	4.7	1394.9	1262.1	1329

EAST DIVISION TOP TEN

INUMERABLE, F	ALUMN	2203C
RAUCHMAN, M	HEDGE	2145
GAZMEN, E	ALUMN	2080C
CHAN, ROBERT	NWEST	2077
WEBER, L	ALUMN	2069
BENESA, A	ALUMN	2057C
BENDICH, I	NWEST	2033
JASAITIS, A	HEDGE	1999D
SOLLANO, E	ALUMN	1978C
HAYHURST, W	CITGR	1936

NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN

ALLSBROOK, F	RKNGT	2200
MORRIS, R	MKNGT	2198
FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	2186
WONG, P	EXCLB	2154C
FRISKE, T	WALGR	2093C
HEISER, E	RKNGT	2052
MELNIKOV, I	MKING	2039C
LANG, R	EXCLB	2026
WALLACH, C	MKING	1999C
LEONG, G	UOP	1985C

WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

GARZON, G	FERMI	2284
JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	2217D
NGUYEN, T	BAKER	2173
STEIN, P	TYROS	2172
WILLIAMS, K	CASE	2153
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	2148T
DORIGO, T	FERMI	2118
MARSHALL, J	STCCC	2111
DIAZ, P	TYROS	2110C
RASO, P	BAKER	2039

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

JOSHI, B	MKING	205
SUITS, J	STCCC	197
ZADEREJ, V	MOLEX	167
RABINOVICH, E	MKING	128
FREIDEL, JESSE	BAKER	123
MCCOY, N	STCCC	117
BOLSHOV, A	FERMI	115
BALICKI, J	MKNGT	114
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	101
RUFUS, B	MOLEX	93

NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
ABDALLAH, D	PAWNS	0	4	0	1403	DEICHMANN, E	MOLEX	1	7	1	1294
AHK TAR, A	LOYLA	1	1	0	1200/1	DENEEN, D	BPCHI	3	8	0	1447
ALBERTS, W	BAKER	5	3	4	1622	DENMARK, T	COMPA	2	5	1	1745
ALEXANDER, W	CASE	1	5	1	1560	DENNISTON, E	NORTH	1	2	2	1459#
ALFONSO, E	MKNGT	2	4	0	1467	DERIY, B	ROOKS	4	3	1	1485#
ALI, J	BAKER	0	1	0	1188	DIAZ, P	TYROS	8	2	2	2110C
ALLEN, H	ALUMN	5	4	1	1907	DJORDJEVIC, V	STCCC	3	0	0	1581
ALLSBROOK, F	RKNGT	4	0	3	2200	DOBR, K	DRGNS	3	4	0	1343Q
ANNIS, J	FERMI	3	2	0	1300/3	DOBROVOLNY, C	DRGNS	4	1	0	1829C
ANSARI, N	WALGR	2	6	1	1571	DORIGO, T	FERMI	2	2	1	2118
ARJUN, A	MKNGT	1	0	0	1200/0	DOWELL, E	CASE	0	7	5	1776*
AROND, D	RKNGT	6	3	1	1746	DUEDE, E	LOYLA	0	0	0	1700/0
ARUTCHEV, E	NWEST	1	4	0	1300/2	DUFFY, J	LBURN	3	4	2	1804
AUBRY, B	NORTH	3	3	0	1615#	DUONG, R	MKNGT	1	2	2	1400/2
AUGSBURGER, L	MKNGT	3	3	0	1788C	DYCZKOWSKI, R	CASE	1	4	1	1355
BALES, R	BAKER	1	1	0	1394	EAMAN, R	LBURN	3	3	3	1879
BALICKI, J	MKNGT	8	0	4	1900C	EASTON, R	UOP	5	4	2	1891
BAUMGARTNER, C	RKNGT	6	3	3	1727	ELEK, G	NORTH	0	3	1	1215C
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	9	0	1	1846D	ELLICE, W	PAWNS	2	6	5	1800C
BENDICH, I	NWEST	1	0	0	2033	ELLIOTT, T	NORTH	0	2	2	1392
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	4	3	2	2148T	ENGELN, M	RKNGT	2	4	3	1622
BENESA, A	ALUMN	4	5	1	2057C	EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	2	4	2	1462C
BOLDINGH, E	UOP	6	2	1	1876C	FABIJONAS, R	PAWNS	2	8	2	1546T
BOLSHOV, A	FERMI	8	1	2	1638	FELDMAN, M	BAKER	0	0	0	1300/0
BREYER, A	DRGNS	3	3	1	1319	FISSETTE, R	AMATS	3	6	2	1721*
BROCK, B	LOYLA	2	0	0	2095	FOX, R	MOLEX	0	1	1	1562
BRONFELD, A	EXCLB	4	3	0	1845	FRANEK, M	PAWNS	4	2	3	1724D
BROTOSOS, J	EXCLB	1	5	1	1542T	FRANK, M	ALUMN	9	2	0	1733C
BUCHNER, R	TYROS	7	2	3	1714C	FREIDEL, D	BAKER	1	1	1	1328
BUCKLEY, J	STCCC	2	0	0	1371	FREIDEL, JER	BAKER	8	3	1	1769
BUKY, J	RKNGT	1	1	0	1938	FREIDEL, JESSE	BAKER	9	3	1	1964
BURDICK, T	AMATS	0	0	0	1000/0	FREIDEL, P	BAKER	5	4	4	1903
BURIAN, D	NORTH	0	2	0	1508D	FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	4	2	6	2186
BYRNE, M	COMPA	4	5	1	1410*	FRISKE, T	WALGR	5	1	3	2093C
CARRINGTON, S	LBURN	0	0	0	0000/0	FULKERSON, R	LBURN	1	3	1	1435
CASHER, P	MOLEX	0	1	0	1100/2	FUNG, J	CITGR	0	3	0	1200/2
CASTANEDA, R	BPCHI	1	5	2	1259	FURTNER, F	AMATS	2	6	3	1457
CEASE, H	FERMI	3	0	1	1440	GAFNI, K	LOYLA	1	0	0	1828
CHAN, R	LOYLA	0	2	0	1200/2	GAINES, I	FERMI	7	5	1	1780D
CHAN, ROBERT	NWEST	1	0	0	2077	GANDHI, R	RKNGT	1	1	0	1939
CHERKASSKY, G	MKNGT	4	4	0	1664#	GARRIDO, J	LBURN	1	2	0	1100/1
CHUN, A	NWEST	0	0	0	800/0	GARZON, G	FERMI	8	1	3	2284
COHEN, H	RKNGT	3	2	0	1810	GASIECKI, P	AMATS	0	0	0	1000/0
COHEN, L	RKNGT	2	3	1	1962	GAZMEN, E	ALUMN	7	0	2	2080C
COOMBES, N	HEDGE	0	1	0	1299*	GIERTZ, C	STCCC	0	1	1	1474
COULTER, D	BPCHI	2	3	6	1938	GONCHAROFF, N	MKING	1	6	4	1656V
CYGAN, J	MKING	3	5	0	1755	GOODFRIEND, B	AMATS	4	2	0	1240
DECKER, D	MKING	0	1	0	1300/0	GORODETSKIY, S	NWEST	6	3	1	1909
DECMAN, S	ROOKS	1	2	1	1573D	GRABSKIY, J	COMPA	1	6	0	1300/7
DEGRAF, B	FERMI	5	2	3	1488*	GRANDHI, V	WALGR	0	1	0	1200/1

/x - UNRATED; x = # OF RATED GAMES

- 5 TO 9 RATED GAMES

* - 10 TO 24 RATED GAMES

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05-15-2006

NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
GREER, J	BAKER	3	2	2	1415	LE, DUC	CITGR	2	5	1	1720*
GRUDZINSKI, J	ROOKS	0	1	0	1431	LECHNICK, J	UOP	5	3	1	1699C
GRUDZINSKI, T	AMATS	0	1	0	1300/1	LEE, D	EXCLB	3	6	0	1930
GRYPARIS, J	MKING	1	4	1	1407C	LEONG, G	UOP	3	3	5	1985C
GUIO, J	TYROS	4	4	2	1846C	LEVENSON, S	WALGR	7	2	0	1887
GUTIERREZ, M	BAKER	3	0	0	1476	LINDNER, E	STCCC	1	1	0	1609
HAHNE, D	TYROS	6	1	1	1662C	LISSERMAN, E	MKING	1	3	1	1400/2
HALL, A	CASE	3	3	0	1500	LU, D	NWEST	3	5	1	1416*
HANSON, M	COMPA	3	2	0	1400/3	LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	1	2	2	1949C
HART, V	RKNGT	4	2	3	1948	MANILA, M	BPCHI	0	6	0	1152*
HAYHURST, W	CITGR	1	1	6	1936	MARCOWKA, R	DRGNS	6	3	0	1961D
HEISER, D	RKNGT	3	4	0	1150/3	MARKLEY, S	COMPA	1	0	0	1400/2
HEISER, E	RKNGT	6	4	2	2052	MARSHAL, KEN	RKNGT	2	3	1	1484
HENDRICKSON, B	MOLEX	1	6	2	1505	MARSHALL, J	STCCC	4	3	2	2111
HERMAN, J	BPCHI	0	1	0	0000/1	MARTELL, J	NWEST	0	1	0	600/0
HERNANDEZ, F	BPCHI	0	5	1	963#	MASITI, J	AMATS	3	0	0	1275/1
HILL, R	ROOKS	4	4	0	1990C	MASON, K	LOYLA	0	0	0	1200/0
HLOHOWSKYJ, I	ROOKS	0	6	0	0000/9	MCCLENDON, L	COMPA	0	7	0	1298
HO, M	NORTH	0	1	0	900/1	MCCOY, N	STCCC	4	0	2	1631
HORTON, D	MKING	2	1	0	1920	MCFADDEN, J	AMATS	0	1	0	1150/1
HUGHES, N	WALGR	2	4	2	1651C	MC GEE, M	STCCC	5	2	3	1472
HUSSAIN, S	LOYLA	0	2	0	1700/2	MCGOWAN, D	MOLEX	3	4	2	1275
HUSSEIN, A	WALGR	0	0	0	0000/0	MCGUIRE, A	WALGR	2	0	0	1850/1
INUMERABLE, F	ALUMN	2	1	0	2203C	MCLAWHORN, M	AMATS	0	4	0	1300/2
IRBY, L	AMATS	0	1	0	0000/1	MCWHIRT, C	NORTH	1	3	2	1621#
JACKSON, S	CASE	2	1	0	1560C	MEISSEN, B	STCCC	7	3	1	1791
JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	9	0	4	2217D	MELNIKOV, I	MKING	3	3	3	2039C
JAMES, D	AMATS	0	6	0	1500/6	METZLER, J	CITGR	1	1	0	1250/1
JANSSEN, G	BAKER	6	3	0	1441	MEYER, C	AMATS	2	3	0	1100/2
JASAITIS, A	HEDGE	5	2	2	1999D	MICHALOPOULOS, G	CITGR	1	2	0	1327
JAWAID, A	LOYLA	0	0	0	1313	MICKLICH, F	UOP	5	4	1	1565D
JOHNSON, K	BAKER	0	1	0	1441	MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	4	3	0	1431D
JOSHI, B	MKING	7	3	1	1531*	MILLER, A	ALUMN	5	4	1	1413
JURGENSEN, A	STCCC	0	0	0	1207	MILLING, J	COMPA	3	0	0	1500/4
KARANDIKAR, S	MKNGT	7	4	2	1639	MOEHS, D	FERMI	2	1	0	1423*
KARPIERZ, J	TYROS	1	0	0	1298	MOLINA, J	FERMI	1	1	0	1581*
KATSUYAMA, M	AMATS	0	0	0	1400/0	MORAN, P	RKNGT	1	0	2	1615
KELLEY, G	STCCC	1	0	0	1324	MORRIS, R	MKNGT	8	2	2	2198
KINSELLA, G	ROOKS	0	2	0	1425C	MOSSBRIDGE, A	UOP	0	1	0	1678
KOGAN, G	EXCLB	1	0	0	1692C	MUELLER, R	MOLEX	0	2	0	1024*
KOMORAVOLU, K	DRGNS	1	3	1	1268	MUHS, A	CITGR	2	5	2	1404
KRATKA, M	HEDGE	4	0	0	1703	NABEREZHNEV, D	ROOKS	0	2	0	0000/3
KRAUSE, R	RKNGT	1	3	0	1400/2	NALLATHAMBI, R	UOP	5	1	1	1559
KRAVIK, S	NWEST	4	2	0	1380	NGUYEN, T	BAKER	4	1	0	2173
KUHLMANN, S	ROOKS	1	3	0	1364*	NURSE, G	CASE	2	2	2	1809
KUNHIRAMAN, P	CITGR	2	3	1	1350/3	O'BRIEN, B	RKNGT	0	0	1	1291
LACART, B	STCCC	0	0	0	1192	O'DELL, DW	PAWNS	1	6	3	1383C
LAFORGE, W	TYROS	4	1	1	1415	OLSEN, A	UOP	5	2	1	1485C
LANG, R	EXCLB	1	1	1	2026	ONG, K	CITGR	2	1	0	1886
LATIMER, E	PAWNS	0	0	1	2008T	PADILLA, R	STCCC	1	0	1	1579

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NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
PARAOAN, E	CASE	3	5	2	1617D	STEIN, P	TYROS	6	4	2	2172
PARRA, J	CITGR	2	1	0	1200/1	STOLTZ, B	TYROS	4	2	6	1925C
PEHAS, A	DRGNS	1	1	1	1862C	STOSKUS, A	STCCC	4	2	0	1343
PETERSON, T	AMATS	4	8	0	1463*	STUMP, P	STCCC	1	1	0	1168
PIPARIA, J	MKING	4	3	4	1866	SUAREZ, E	ROOKS	0	2	0	1834
PIVOVITZ, M	STCCC	0	2	0	1375	SUERTH, F	EXCLB	1	5	1	1485D
PIOWAR, T	AMATS	0	3	0	1050/1	SUITS, J	STCCC	10	2	0	1598
PRADT, D	STCCC	2	2	1	1624	SUARNAKANTI, R	BPCHI	1	5	1	1209*
RABINOVICH, E	MKING	5	2	0	1512	TAN, A	HEDGE	2	3	2	1662*
RASO, P	BAKER	3	1	0	2039	TANNER, C	BAKER	0	0	0	1334
RAUCHMAN, M	HEDGE	2	1	3	2145	TEGEL, F	DRGNS	3	4	1	2035Q
REICH, T	MOLEX	2	6	1	1882	THOMAS, J	DRGNS	2	3	1	1532D
REID, C	CASE	3	7	1	1455D	THOMSON, J	MKNGT	4	4	4	1978C
RINGENBERG, T	BPCHI	2	2	0	1421	THORNE, P	CITGR	0	1	0	0000/1
RODNYANSKY, S	NWEST	3	2	0	1734	UNDERWOOD, W	COMPA	0	4	2	1909C
ROJO, V	CASE	0	1	1	1405	VAIL, M	COMPA	2	4	3	1565
ROSS, B	MKNGT	0	1	0	0000/1	VAN MEER, J	UOP	0	0	0	1958
RUFUS, B	MOLEX	4	3	2	1259*	VAN PETTEN, J	BAKER	1	1	0	1462
SAM, K	CITGR	1	1	0	1100/0	VIGANTS, A	NORTH	0	8	0	1596C
SANTIAGO, T	ALUMN	1	2	1	1908	VON HATTEN, J	BAKER	0	0	0	1540
SCHOONOVER, M	UOP	0	2	0	1237	WALKER, A	NORTH	1	4	2	1815
SEDERLAND, C	NORTH	0	1	0	900/2	WALKER, C	UOP	4	2	1	1834
SEET, P	HEDGE	6	0	1	1890	WALLACH, C	MKING	2	4	4	1999C
SENSAT, J	CITGR	2	4	1	1558	WANG, ANDREW	BAKER	3	0	2	1743
SHEPARDSON, T	HEDGE	0	1	0	1558	WARREN, R	NORTH	0	0	1	2000/1
SHPAKOV, A	MKING	3	0	0	1400/1	WEBER, L	ALUMN	1	1	1	2069
SINGH, H	MKING	0	1	0	1400/0	WEITZ, R	EXCLB	5	3	0	1589D
SITAR, K	LBURN	3	5	1	1526	WIEWEL, J	STCCC	4	6	2	2007
SIWEK, M	UOP	1	1	4	1977D	WILLIAMS, K	CASE	0	1	0	2153
SLATER, B	BPCHI	0	10	0	0000/0	WILLIAMS, S	HEDGE	2	0	0	1201#
SMALLWOOD, J	NWEST	6	2	1	1874	WINKLE, J	BAKER	0	0	0	1579
SMITH, BR	TYROS	4	4	1	1581C	WINKLER, J	CITGR	0	2	0	1100/1
SMITH, M	HEDGE	5	2	2	1934	WOHNS, N	NWEST	1	1	0	1400/3
SOLLANO, E	ALUMN	9	1	1	1978C	WONG, P	EXCLB	0	1	0	2154C
SOROCK, R	WALGR	0	7	0	900/5	WYKRET, J	COMPA	0	1	0	1200/1
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	6	2	5	1967D	YACOUT, A	ROOKS	2	0	0	1592
SPLINTER, J	STCCC	4	3	2	2033	ZADEREJ, V	MOLEX	6	3	1	1630
STAFF, M	LOYLA	0	1	0	1200/0	ZOELLNER, J	CASE	3	5	1	1326D
STAMM, V	DRGNS	3	3	1	1508T	ZUBIK, J	BPCHI	1	1	0	1180#
STAPLES, C	FERMI	2	2	0	1594						

/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

05-15-2006

Football is often mentioned as “a game of inches”; chess just as often becomes “a game of half-points”. Ever wonder why the grandmasters are happy to draw round after round ? Sure, sometimes they realize it's not the right day to go to battle and bail out, but most often their professional experience reminds them that a draw is sometimes as good as a win.

When the heat was turned up in the 2006 League Playoffs, it boiled down to just such a decision. After nine months' of battles, after over 100 matches completed, after over 600 games played, the one question yet to be answered was “Can Wally Alberts hold an exchange-down ending enough to draw ?”

It's not to say that nobody else contributed to the scene. Teams formed, divisions joined, statisticians created playoff invitations, stars shone, results were reported, eight teams were finally announced.

As the Near West had had too few teams for competition at the season's start, they had joined with the Far West, creating a large and disproportionately sized division. When everything was fairly worked out, this newly formed West Division had four teams invited, three invitations went to the North, and a single team would represent the East. From the West were the reigning champs St Charles CC, the newbie St Charles Baker, and two veteran playoff teams: Fermilab and Lucent Tyros. The North Division trio consisted of the two Motorola teams and the new club-team Renaissance Knights. The East provided the perennial Alumni Aces.

Meanwhiel, instead of the CICL Open tournament, the League reverted to an old favorite “2nd Tier” section for any other teams to compete for a single trophy. To attempt maximum participation, the teams for this group consisted of four players (with a possible alternate). This was well-received and seven teams met the challenge: AMA Tornado Snakes, Northwestern University, Pawns, Case, UOP, Renaissance Knights (4 players not part of the Championship team), and enough stragglers for another team appropriately named “Loose Ends”.

The final rounds of both competitions were battles to the bitter end. In the 2nd tier, UOP (Gee Leong, Richard Easton, Frank Micklich and Art Olsen) was 2-0 and the Pawns (K. Jakstas, Wayne Ellice, R. Fabijonas and Bob Mikulecky) were 1-1 going into the round. UOP needed a draw against the Pawns to clinch first place. First, Art Olsen defeated Bob

Mikulecky and then Frank Micklich defeated R. Fabijonas to clinch **1st place for UOP** in the 4-man team tournament. The result here was also decided by a half-point: UOP scored 2.5 matchpoints just ahead of Northwestern at 2.0 !

Yes, the stars came out to play for the Championship! Of special note was Pete Stein, with a set of the most interesting and enterprising games. In round 2, he and Robert Morris had a bloody battle, storming each other's Kings on opposite wings. But in this case, Rob's attack prevailed.

In round 3, Pete uncorked a real shocker for an opening against the Aces' Florentino Innumerable, the Englund Gambit (1.d4, e5) to get away from any preparation for a King's Indian, and to get into an open game. Pete got what he wanted, but not a win, as Florin squeezed it out in an endgame.

As the final round completed, however, the Baker team just about had the title in the bag, leading 3-2 over the Motorola Knights, so the latter team's Shekhar Karandikar had to struggle to make something out of a drawish ending versus Wally Alberts. Team competition at its best, the key game being played on board 6 ! Shekhar had a Rook vs Knight, but Wally was up several pawns including a solid passed one. The league championship hinged on one last game (technically two since the game was about 86 moves); the game that wouldn't end (to these desperately waiting around for the answer), going on an hour after all others.

The dozen or so people milling around simply thought nothing could be made of this position. As it dragged on and on everybody was thinking, come on already. But Shekhar kept pressing in true team-spirit fashion, and after about an hour got to the point where maybe there were some possibilities after all. He took a chance on freeing up Wally's strong passer to try to make some progress, but it wasn't good enough. The draw was finally complete as he was forced to give up his rook for the pawn and knight.

A great example of team play from both players! **St Charles Baker are the 2005-2006 League Champions !**

The top three finishers, then, were:

1st place: Baker
2nd place: Fermi
3rd place: Motorola Knights

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How to read the cross-table

Players are arranged in the order they played in the first round. An asterisk indicates that a particular player did not play in that round. Examples are P. Raso of St. Charles Baker who didn't play in the 1st round and Andrew Wang who played in the first round but didn't play in the 2nd and 3rd rounds.

When a player moves up or down a board in the 2nd or 3rd round the board in which that player played in that round is indicated after his opponent's name. An example is Y. Fridman who moved to board 2 in rounds 2 and 3 and R. Morris who moved to board 1 in rounds 2 and 3.

A "1" indicates a win against the player indicated in the column. A "0" indicates a loss and a "=" indicates a draw. Examples are T. Nguyen won against L. Cohen, Jesse Freidel lost to E. Heiser and A. Wang drew C. Baumgartner.

1st Baker	Rkngt	Alumn	Mknght	Total
T. Nguyen	1 L. Cohen	1 F. Inumerable	1 R. Morris	3.0
P. Raso	*	1 A. Benesa	0 Y. Fridman	1.0
Jesse Freidel	0 E. Heiser	1 H. Allen	=J. Thomson	1.5
P. Freidel	1 R. Gandhi	0 E. Sollano	=J. Balicki	1.5
Andrew Wang	=C. Baumgartner	*	*	0.5
Jer. Freidel	=D. Arond	1 M. Frank	1 L. Ausburger	2.5
W. Alberts	1 M. Engelen	=A. Miller	=S. Karindakar	2.0
Total	4.0	4.5	3.5	12.0

2nd Fermi	Alumn	Rkngt	MKing	Total
G. Garzon	1 A. Benesa	=F. Allsbrook	1 C. Wallach	2.5
T. Dorigo	0 E. Gazmen	0 E. heiser	1 D. Horton	1.0
L. Spiegel	0 H. Allen	=V. Hart	1 J. Piparia	1.5
I. Gaines	0 E. Sollano	1 H. Cohen	1 N. Goncharoff	2.0
A. Bolshov	1 M. Frank	1 C. Baumgartner	0 B. Joshi	2.0
B. Degraf	1 A. Miller	=M. Engelen	0 E. Rabinovich	1.5
Total	3.0	3.5	4.0	10.5

3rd Mknght	STCCC	Tyros	Baker	Total
Y. Fridman	1 J. Marshall	0 P. Diaz (2)	1 P. Raso (2)	2.0
R. Morris	1 J. Wiewel	1 P. Stein (1)	0 T. Nguyen (1)	2.0
J. Thomson	1 J. Splinter	1 J. Guio (4)	= Jesse Freidel	2.5
J. Balicki	1 B. Meissen	= B. Stoltz (3)	= P. Freidel	2.0
L. Ausburger	0 N. McCoy	1 R. Buchner	0 Jer. Freidel	1.0
S Karindakar	0 J. Suits	0 D. Hahne	=W. Alberts	0.5
Total	4.0	3.5	2.5	10.0

4th Alumn	Fermi	Baker	Tyros	Total
F. Inumerable	*	0 T. Nguyen	1 P. Stein	1.0
A. Benesa	0 G. Garzon	0 P. Raso	*	0.0
E. Gazmen	1 T. Dorigo	*	= P. Diaz	1.5
H. Allen	1 L. Spiegel	0 Jesse Freidel	= B. Stoltz	1.5
E. Sollano	1 I. Gaines	1 P. Freidel	1 J. Guio	3.0
M. Frank	0 A. Bolshov	0 Jer. Freidel	1 R. Buchner	1.0
A. Milller	0 B. Degraf	= W. Alberts	0 D. Hahne	0.5
Total	3.0	1.5	4.0	8.5

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When a player moves up or down a board in the 2nd or 3rd round the board in which that player played in that round is indicated after his opponent's name. An example is R. Buchner of Lucent Tech Tyros who moved to board 5 in round 2.

A "1" indicates a win against the player indicated in the column. A "0" indicates a loss and a "=" indicates a draw. Examples are E. Heiser won against Jesse Freidel, L. Cohen lost to T. Nguyen and C. Baumgartner drew Andrew Wang.

5th-7th Rkngt	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Fermi</u>	<u>SKCCC</u>	<u>Total</u>
F. Allsbrook	*	= G. Garzon	1 J. Marshall	1.5
L. Cohen	0 T. Nguyen	*	*	0.0
E. Heiser	1 Jesse Freidel	1 T. Dorigo	1 J. Wiewel	3.0
R. Gandhi	0 P. Freidel	*	*	0.0
V. Hart	*	= L. Spiegel	1 J. Splinter	1.5
H. Cohen	*	0 I. Gaines	0 B. Meisen	0.0
C. Baumgartner	= Andrew Wang	0 A. Bolshov	= N. McCoy	1.0
D. Arond	= Jer. Freidel	*	*	0.5
M. Engelen	0 W. Alberts	= B. Degraf	0J. Suits	0.5
Total	2.0	2.5	3.5	8.0

5th-7th Mking	<u>Tyros</u>	<u>STCCC</u>	<u>Fermi</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. Melnikov	0 P. Stein	*	*	0.0
C. Wallach	1 P. Diaz	0J. Marshall	0 G. Garzon	1.0
D.Horton	*	1 J. Wiewel	0 T. Dorigo	1.0
J. Piparia	= B. Stoltz	= J. Splinter	0 L. Spiegel	1.0
J. Cygan	0 R. Buchner	*	*	0.0
N. Goncharoff	= J. Guio	0 B. Meissen	0 I. Gaines	0.5
B. Joshi	0 D. Hahne	1 J. Suits	1 A. Bolshov	2.0
E. Rabinovich	*	1F N. McCoy	1 B. Degraf	2.0
Total	2.0	3.5	2.0	7.5

5th-7th Tyros	<u>Mking</u>	<u>Mknght</u>	<u>Alumn</u>	<u>Total</u>
P. Stein	1 I. Melnikov	0 R. Morris	0 F. Inumerable	1.0
P. Diaz	0 C. Wallach	1 Y. Fridman	= E. Gazmen	1.5
B. Stoltz	= J. Piparia	= J. Balicki	= H. Allen	1.5
R. Buchner	1 J. Cygan	0 L. Ausburger (5)	0 M. Frank (5)	1.0
J. Guio	= N. Goncharoff	0 J. Thomson (4)	0 E. Sollano (4)	0.5
D. Hahne	1 B. Joshi	1 S. Karandikar	1 A. Miller	3.0
Total	4.0	2.5	2.0	8.5

8th STCCC	<u>Mknght</u>	<u>Mking</u>	<u>Rkngt</u>	<u>Total</u>
J. Marshall	0 Y. Fridman	1 C. Wallach	0 F. Allsbrook	1.0
J. Wiewel	0 R. Morris	0 D. Horton	0 E.Heiser	1.0
J. Splinter	0 J. Thomson	= J. Piparia	0 V. Hart	0.5
B. Meissen	0 J. Balicki	1 N. Goncharoff	1 H. Cohen	2.0
N. McCoy	1 L. Ausburger	0F E. Rabinovich(6)	= C. Baumgartner	1.5
J. Suits	1 S. Karindakar	0 B. Joshi (5)	1 M. Engelen	1.0
Total	2.0	2.5	2.5	7.0

PLAYOFF DIVISION 05-14-2006

TEAM NAME	GAME			MATCH		PCT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	
ST CHARLES BAKER	3	0	0	12.0	3.0	1.000
FERMILAB	2	0	1	10.5	2.5	0.833
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	2	1	0	10.0	2.0	0.667
ALUMNI ACES	1	1	1	8.5	1.5	0.500
RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS	1	2	0	8.0	1.0	0.333
MOTOROLA KINGS	1	2	0	7.5	1.0	0.333
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	1	2	0	8.5	1.0	0.333
ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB	0	3	0	7.0	0.0	0.000

ROUND ONE

13-MAY-06 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 4 MOTOROLA KINGS 2

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 STEIN, P	2206 13	1	MELNIKOV, I	2048 -9	0
2 DIAZ, P	2111-20	0	WALLACH, C	1995 20	1
3 STOLTZ, B	1930 -3	.5	PIPARIA, J	1866 5	.5
4 BUCHNER, R	1725 17	1	CYGAN, J	1781-26	0
5 GUIO, J	1875 -8	.5	GONCHAROFF, N	1666 5	.5
6 HAHNE, D	1631 9	1	JOSHI, B	1480-13	0
7 SMITH, BR	1602-21	0	RABINOVICH, E	1457 31	1

09-MAY-06 ALUMNI ACES 3 FERMILAB 3

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 BENESA, A	2081 -7	0	GARZON, G	2272 11	1
2 GAZMEN, E	2060 19	1	DORIGO, T	2166-29	0
3 ALLEN, H	1900 27	1	SPIEGEL, L	1975-18	0
4 SOLLANO, E	1947 7	1	GAINES, I	1756 -7	0
5 FRANK, M	1755-21	0	BOLSHOV, A	1610 31	1
6 MILLER, A	1428-19	0	DEGRAF, B	1483 19	1

10-MAY-06 RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS 2 ST CHARLES BAKER 4

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 COHEN, L	1992-16	0	NGUYEN, T	2101 16	1
2 HEISER, E	1977 22	1	FREIDEL, JESSE	1962-22	0
3 GANDHI, R	1966-27	0	FREIDEL, P	1898 27	1
4 BAUMGARTNER, C	1766 -2	.5	WANG, ANDREW	1741 2	.5
5 AROND, D	1749 -3	.5	FREIDEL, JER	1716 3	.5
6 ENGELN, M	1687-28	0	ALBERTS, W	1605 28	1

11-MAY-06 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 2 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS 4

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 MARSHALL, J	2134-20	0	FRIDMAN, Y	2180 20	1
2 WIEWEL, J	2077-16	0	MORRIS, R	2186 16	1
3 SPLINTER, J	2111-33	0	THOMSON, J	1931 33	1
4 MEISSEN, B	1761-15	0	BALICKI, J	1881 15	1
5 MCCOY, N	1589 35	1	AUGSBURGER, L	1817-24	0
6 SUITS, J	1572 30	1	KARANDIKAR, S	1695-30	0

ROUND TWO**13-MAY-06 MOTOROLA KINGS 3.5 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 2.5**

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 WALLACH, C	2015-11	0	MARSHALL, J	2114 16	1
2 HORTON, D	1900 32	1	WIEWEL, J	2061-32	0
3 PIPARIA, J	1871 13	.5	SPLINTER, J	2078-13	.5
4 GONCHAROFF, N	1671 -8	0	MEISSEN, B	1746 18	1
5 JOSHI, B	1467 31	1	SUITS, J	1602-31	0
6 RABINOVICH, E	1488 0	1F	MCCOY, N	1624 0	0F

13-MAY-06 RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS 2.5 FERMILAB 3.5

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 ALLSBROOK, F	2174 7	.5	GARZON, G	2283 -7	.5
2 HEISER, E	1999 31	1	DORIGO, T	2137-31	0
3 HART, V	1913 3	.5	SPIEGEL, L	1957 -2	.5
4 COHEN, H	1867-30	0	GAINES, I	1749 20	1
5 BAUMGARTNER, C	1764-30	0	BOLSHOV, A	1641 30	1
6 ENGELN, M	1659-10	.5	DEGRAF, B	1502 10	.5

13-MAY-06 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS 3.5 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 2.5

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 MORRIS, R	2202 24	1	STEIN, P	2219-24	0
2 FRIDMAN, Y	2200-29	0	DIAZ, P	2091 20	1
3 BALICKI, J	1896 3	.5	STOLTZ, B	1927 -1	.5
4 THOMSON, J	1964 16	1	GUIO, J	1867-11	0
5 AUGSBURGER, L	1793 13	1	BUCHNER, R	1742-13	0
6 KARANDIKAR, S	1665-24	0	HAHNE, D	1640 16	1

13-MAY-06 ST CHARLES BAKER 4.5 ALUMNI ACES 1.5

ROUND 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 NGUYEN, T	2117 28	1	INUMERABLE, F	2207-19	0
2 RASO, P	2029 25	1	BENESA, A	2074-17	0
3 FREIDEL, JESSE	1940 22	1	ALLEN, H	1927-22	0
4 FREIDEL, P	1925-21	0	SOLLANO, E	1954 14	1
5 FREIDEL, JER	1719 23	1	FRANK, M	1734-16	0
6 ALBERTS, W	1633-13	.5	MILLER, A	1409 13	.5

ROUND THREE**13-MAY-06 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 2 ALUMNI ACES 4**

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 STEIN, P	2195-23	0	INUMERABLE, F	2188 15	1
2 DIAZ, P	2111 -1	.5	GAZMEN, E	2079 1	.5
3 STOLTZ, B	1926 -1	.5	ALLEN, H	1905 2	.5
4 GUIO, J	1856-10	0	SOLLANO, E	1968 10	1
5 BUCHNER, R	1729-15	0	FRANK, M	1718 15	1
6 HAHNE, D	1656 6	1	MILLER, A	1422 -9	0

13-MAY-06 ST CHARLES CHESS CLUB 2.5 RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS 3.5

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 MARSHALL, J	2130-19	0	ALLSBROOK, F	2181 19	1
2 WIEWEL, J	2029-22	0	HEISER, E	2030 22	1
3 SPLINTER, J	2065-32	0	HART, V	1916 32	1
4 MEISSEN, B	1764 27	1	COHEN, H	1837-27	0
5 MCCOY, N	1624 7	.5	BAUMGARTNER, C	1734 -7	.5
6 SUITS, J	1571 27	1	ENGELN, M	1649-27	0

13-MAY-06 FERMILAB 4 MOTOROLA KINGS 2

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 GARZON, G	2276 8	1	WALLACH, C	2004 -5	0
2 DORIGO, T	2106 12	1	HORTON, D	1932-12	0
3 SPIEGEL, L	1955 12	1	PIPARIA, J	1884-18	0
4 GAINES, I	1769 11	1	GONCHAROFF, N	1663 -7	0
5 BOLSHOV, A	1671-33	0	JOSHI, B	1498 33	1
6 DEGRAF, B	1512-24	0	RABINOVICH, E	1488 24	1

13-MAY-06 ST CHARLES BAKER 3.5 MOTOROLA KNIGHTS 2.5

ROUND 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 NGUYEN, T	2145 28	1	MORRIS, R	2226-28	0
2 RASO, P	2054-15	0	FRIDMAN, Y	2171 15	1
3 FREIDEL, JESSE	1962 2	.5	THOMSON, J	1980 -2	.5
4 FREIDEL, P	1904 -1	.5	BALICKI, J	1899 1	.5
5 FREIDEL, JER	1742 27	1	AUGSBURGER, L	1806-18	0
6 ALBERTS, W	1620 2	.5	KARANDIKAR, S	1641 -2	.5

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A "1" indicates a win against the player indicated in the column. A "0" indicates a loss and a "=" indicates a draw. For example, G. Leong drew against L. Cohen, then won against S. Gorodetskiy and then lost to K. Jakstas.

1st UOP	<u>Amats</u>	<u>Nwest</u>	<u>Pawns</u>	<u>Total</u>
G. Leong	=D. Coulter	1 S. Gorodetskiy	0 K. Jakstas	1.5
R. Easton	1 R. Fisette	1 J. Smallwood	0 W. Ellice	2.0
F. Micklich	1 T. Peterson	=D. Lu	1 R. Fabijonas	2.5
A. Olsen	= F. Furtner	1 S. Kravik	1 B. Mikulecky	2.5
Total	3.0	3.5	2.0	8.5

2nd Nwest	<u>Pawns</u>	<u>UOP</u>	<u>Rkngt</u>	<u>Total</u>
G. Gorodetskiy	0 K. Jakstas	0 G. Leong	1 L. Cohen	1.0
J. Smallwood	= W. Ellice	0 R. Easton	1 G. Cherkassky	1.5
D. Lu	1 R. Fabijonas	=F. Micklich	1 C. Reid	2.5
S. Kravik	1 B. Mikulecky	0 A. Olsen	1 R. Krause	2.0
Total	2.5	0.5	4.0	7.0

3rd Pawns	<u>Nwest</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>UOP</u>	<u>Total</u>
K. Jakstas	1 S. Gorodetskiy	= G. Nurse	1 G. Leong	2.5
W. Ellice	= J. Smallwood	= E. Dowell	1 R. Easton	2.0
R. Fabijonas	0 D. Lu	1 E. Paraoan	0 F. Micklich	1.0
B. Mikulecky	0 S. Kravik	1 C. Reid	0 A. Olsen	1.0
Total	1.5	3.0	2.0	6.5

4th Amats	<u>UOP</u>		<u>Loose Ends</u>	<u>Total</u>
D. Coulter (Bpchi)	= G. Leong		1 C. Staples	1.5
R. Fisette	0 R. Easton		1 D. Dneen	1.0
T. Peterson	0 F. Micklich		1 D. Heiser	1.0
F. Furtner	= A. Olsen		1 R. Dyczkowski	1.5
Total	1.0	Bye	4.0	5.0

5th-7th Rkngt	<u>Case</u>	<u>Loose Ends</u>	<u>Nwest</u>	<u>Total</u>
L. Cohen	1 E. Dowell	1 C. Staples	0 S. Gorodetskiy	2.0
G. Cherkassky (Mkngt)	0 G. Nurse	1 R. Dyczkowski	0 J. Smallwood	1.0
Ken Marshal	0 E. Paraoan	0 D. Deneen	*	0.0
C. Reid (Case)	*	*	0 D. Lu	0.0
R. Krause	1 R. Dyczkowski	0 D. Heiser	0 S. Kravik	1.0
Total	2.0	2.0	0.0	4.0

2006 2nd Tier Playoffs at a Glance


compiled by Ruben R. Reyes


How to read the cross-table

Players are arranged in the order they played in the first round. An asterisk indicates that a particular player did not play in that round. For example, C. Reid of Case didn't play in the 1st round and R. Dyczkowski played in the first round but didn't play in the 2nd round.

When a player moves to a different board after the first round, the board in which that particular player moved to is indicated after the opponent's name. For example, R. Dyczkowski of Case played on board 2 for Loose Ends in the 2nd round. In the 3rd round, however, Dyczkowski moved down from board 2 to board 4 while D. Deneen moved up from board 3 to board 2 and D. Heiser moved up from board 4 to board 3.

A "1" indicates a win against the player indicated in the column. A "0" indicates a loss and a "=" indicates a draw. For example, E. Dowell lost against L. Cohen, then drew against K. Jakstas. Then there's G. Nurse who won against G. Cherkassky.

5th-7th Case	<u>Rkngt</u>	<u>Pawns</u>		<u>Total</u>
E. Dowell	0 L. Cohen	= K. Jakstas	 Bye	0.5
G. Nurse	1 G. Cherkassky	= W. Ellice		1.5
E. Paraoan	1 Ken Marshal	0 R. Fabijonas		1.0
R. Dyczkowski	0 R. Krause	*		0.0
C. Reid	*	0 B. Mikulecky		0.0
Total	<u>2.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>		<u>3.0</u>

5th-7th Loose Ends		<u>Rkngt</u>	<u>Amts</u>	<u>Total</u>
C. Staples (Fermi)	 Bye	0 L. Cohen	0 D. Coulter	0.0
R. Dyczkowski (Case)		0 G. Cherkassky	0 F. Furtner (4)	1.0
D. Deneen (Bpchi)		1 Ken Marshal	0 R. Fisette (2)	1.0
D. Heiser (Rkngt)		1 R. Krause	0 T. Peterson (3)	0.0
Total		<u>2.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>

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TEAM NAME	GAME			MATCH		PCT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	
UOP	2	0	1	8.5	2.5	0.833
NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB	2	1	0	7.0	2.0	0.667
PAWNS	1	1	1	6.5	1.5	0.500
AMA TORNADO SNAKES	1	1	1	5.0	1.5	0.500
RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS	0	1	2	4.0	1.0	0.333
CASE	0	1	2	3.0	1.0	0.333
LOOSE ENDS	0	1	2	2.0	1.0	0.333

ROUND ONE

13-MAY-06 CASE 2 RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS 2

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 DOWELL, E	1786-11	0	COHEN, L	1976 11	1
2 NURSE, G	1789 0	1	CHERKASSKY, G	0 0	0 (MKNGT)
3 PAROAN, E	1625 11	1	MARSHAL, KEN	1528-16	0
4 DYCZKOWSKI, R	1373 0	0	KRAUSE, R	0 0	1

* Extra Board *

(FERMI) STAPLES, C 1591 13 1 DENEEN, D 1440-13 0 (BPCHI)

13-MAY-06 AMA_TORNADO_SNAKES 1 UOP 3

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
(BPCHI) 1 COULTER, D	1928 4	.5	LEONG, G	1983 -2	.5
2 FISETTE, R	1726-13	0	EASTON, R	1887 13	1
3 PETERSON, T	1481-18	0	MICKLICH, F	1545 12	1
4 FURTNER, F	1437 2	.5	OLSEN, A	1460 -1	.5

13-MAY-06 NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB 2.5 PAWNS 1.5

ROUND 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 GORODETSKIY, S	1903 -6	0	JAKSTAS, K	2219 4	1
2 SMALLWOOD, J	1893 -8	.5	ELLICE, W	1774 5	.5
3 LU, D	1342 35	1	FABIJONAS, R	1565-23	0
4 KRAVIK, S	1372 27	1	MIKULECKY, B	1445-18	0

13-MAY-06 LOOSE ENDS 0 BYE ROUND 0

ROUND 1

* DRAW - 1/2 MATCH POINT AWARDED *

ROUND TWO

13-MAY-06 RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS				2	LOOSE ENDS				2
ROUND 2									
	BD	RATINGS SCORE				RATINGS SCORE			
	1 COHEN, L	1987	4	1	STAPLES, C	1604	-4	0	(FERMI)
(MKNGT)	2 CHERKASSKY, G	0	0	1	DYCKZKOWSKI, R	1373	0	0	(CASE)
	3 MARSHAL, KEN	1512-28		0	DENEEN, D	1427	28	1	(BPCHI)
	4 KRAUSE, R	0	0	0	HEISER, D	0	0	1	(RKNGT)

13-MAY-06 PAWNS				3	CASE				1
ROUND 2									
	BD		RATINGS	SCORE			RATINGS	SCORE	
	1	JAKSTAS, K	2223-13	.5		NURSE, G	1789 20	.5	
	2	ELLICE, W	1779 0	.5		DOWELL, E	1775 1	.5	
	3	FABIJONAS, R	1542 19	1		PARAOAN, E	1636-19	0	
	4	MIKULECKY, B	1427 18	1		REID, C	1492-18	0	

13-MAY-06 UOP				3.5 NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB				.5
ROUND 2								
	BD		RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE	
1	LEONG, G		1981 11	1	GORODETSKIY, S	1897-17	0	
2	EASTON, R		1900 22	1	SMALLWOOD, J	1885-22	0	
3	MICKLICH, F		1557 -7	.5	LU, D	1377 11	.5	
4	OLSEN, A		1459 12	1	KRAVIK, S	1399-19	0	

13-MAY-06 AMA_TORNADO_SNAKES			0	BYE ROUND			0
ROUND 2							
* DRAW - 1/2 MATCH POINT AWARDED *							

ROUND THREE

13-MAY-06 AMA_TORNADO_SNAKES				4	LOOSE ENDS				0
ROUND 3									
	BD		RATINGS		SCORE		RATINGS		SCORE
(BPCHI)	1	COULTER, D	1932	6	1	STAPLES, C	1600 -6	0	(FERMI)
	2	FISETTE, R	1713	8	1	DENEEN, D	1455 -8	0	(BPCHI)
	3	PETERSON, T	1463	0	1	HEISER, D	0 0	0	(RKNGT)
	4	FURTNER, F	1439	18	1	DYCKZKOWSKI, R	1373-18	0	(CASE)

13-MAY-06 NORTHWESTERN CHESS CLUB				4	RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS				0
ROUND 3									
	BD		RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE		
	1 GORODETSKIY, S		1880 29	1		COHEN, L	1991-29	0	
	2 SMALLWOOD, J		1863 11	1		CHERKASSKY, G	1675-11	0	(MKNG
	3 LU, D		1388 28	1		REID, C	1474-19	0	(CASE
	4 KRAVIK, S		1380 0	1		KRAUSE, R	0 0	0	

13-MAY-06 PAWNS**2 UOP****2**

ROUND 3

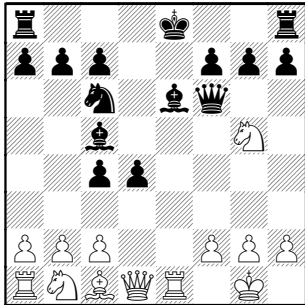
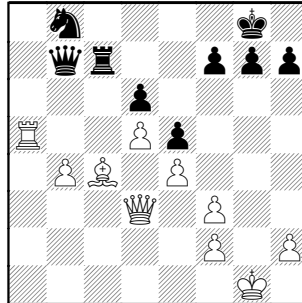
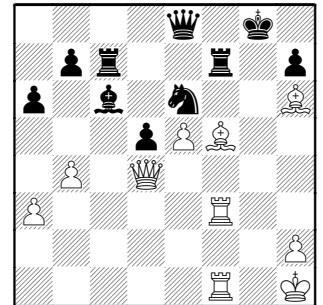
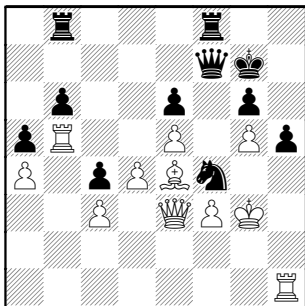
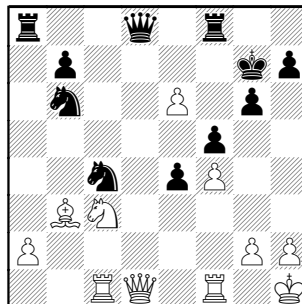
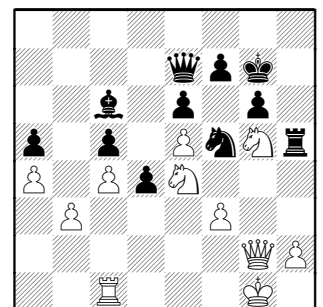
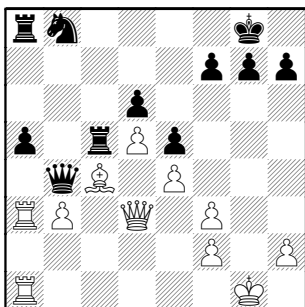
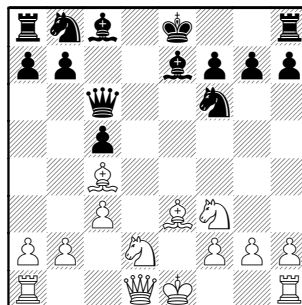
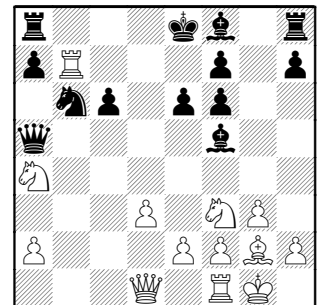
BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 JAKSTAS, K	2210 7	1	LEONG, G	1992 -7	0
2 ELLICE, W	1779 21	1	EASTON, R	1922-31	0
3 FABIJONAS, R	1561-15	0	MICKLICH, F	1550 15	1
4 MIKULECKY, B	1445-14	0	OLSEN, A	1471 14	1

13-MAY-06 CASE**0 BYE ROUND****0**

ROUND 3

* DRAW - 1/2 MATCH POINT AWARDED *

Here's some favorite positions from the 2006 CICL Playoffs !
Can you find the game continuation ? (Solutions on page 37)

PROBLEM 1.**WHITE to move****PROBLEM 4.****BLACK to move****PROBLEM 7.****WHITE to move****PROBLEM 2.****BLACK to move****PROBLEM 5.****WHITE to move****PROBLEM 8.****BLACK to move****PROBLEM 3.****WHITE to move****PROBLEM 6.****WHITE to move****PROBLEM 9.****WHITE to move**

Wallach,C (1995) –

Otero y Garzon,G (2272) [B99]

CICL 2005/06 Playoffs, 05-13-2006

Motorola Kings vs Fermilab

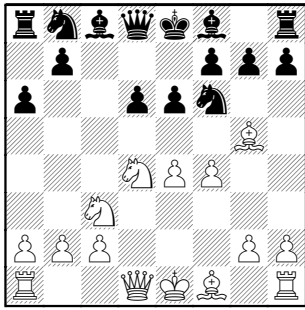
[Notes by Gustavo Garzon]

1.e4 c5 Time: [White=0, Black=0]

2.Nf3 d6 [1,1] 3.d4 cxd4 [1,1] 4.Nxd4

Nf6 [1,1] 5.Nc3 a6 [1,2] 6.Bg5 e6

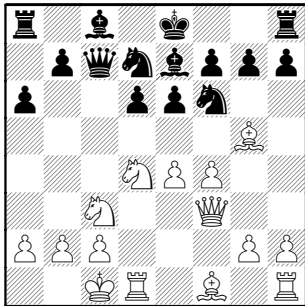
[2,2] 7.f4



7...Be7 [2,3] I am not that familiar with the Najdorf.

Black has the interesting: 7...Qb6 and it seems that 7...Qc7 is a bit more ambitious (black gains a tempo to mobilize the queenside by keeping the bishop in f8).

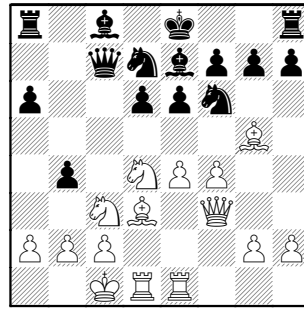
8.Qf3 Qc7 [4,4] 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 [4,5]

**10.Bd3**

This move does not look as the most aggressive.

I had considered 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 with a complex game.

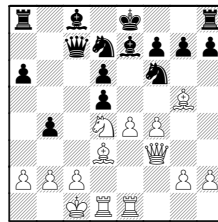
10...b5 [7,6] 11.Rhe1 b4 [9,9]



I do not know the details of this particular position and rushed with the b pawn. It now seems that 11...Bb7 is more accurate.

12.Na4

After the game, both Cliff and later Robert Morris suggested the piece sacrifice: 12.Nd5 exd5

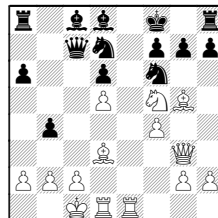


13.exd5

13.Nf5! was overlooked and gives an important attack.

13...Kf8 14.Nf5 Bd8 Wallach stopped here and said he felt the position was confusing and it would require certain tactical skills to continue the attack.

But I'll continue 15.Qg3

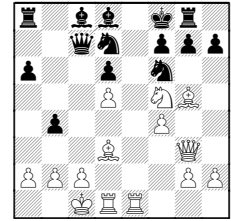


Here Rob expressed his opinion that White has a strong attack and I was not able to show him otherwise.

Indeed, the position is complicated but it seems that black has enough

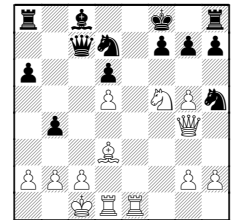
defensive resources. The whole idea is still valid since white has an extremely active position and black has to defend with absolute precision.

After the game we did not see the best defense: (15.Nxg7 h6) 15...Rg8



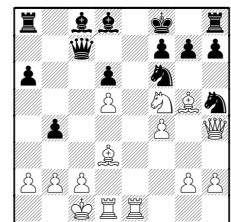
In the post-mortem we looked at the Knight hop of 15...Nh5 as the main defensive resource. That analysis was very light and we left with the impression that white had a very strong attack. But it is white who has to be careful. For example: 16.Qh4

(16.Qg4?! Bxg5 17.fxg5



17...Nc5! and it seems that black's shaky position holds.)

16...Ndf6

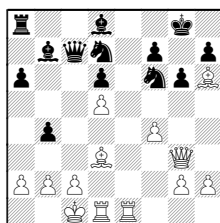


17.Nxg7 (17.g4 h6-+) 17...h6!

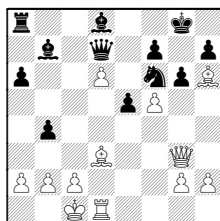
So after Black's best 15...Rg8 16.Nh6

(16.Nxg7? Rxg7 17.Bh6 Nh5-+)

16...Bb7 17.Nxg8 Kxg8 18.Bh6 g6



And black defends. White cannot get very ambitious, for example: 19.f5 Ne5 20.Rxe5 dxe5 21.d6 Qd7

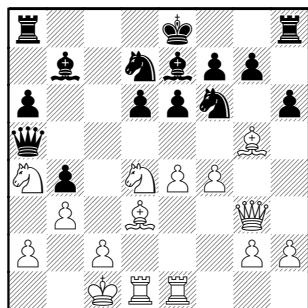


Let's return to the game, top of 2nd column of previous page...

12...Bb7 [17,10] 13.Qg3

White continues with his plans. In my opinion black is better here, the knight on a4 offers black enough play.

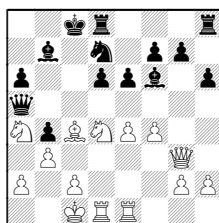
13...Qa5 [18,15] 14.b3 h6 [25,19]



15.Bh4

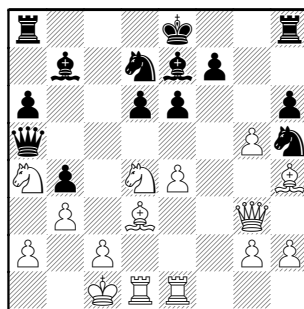
This will give black enough control of the center.

Probably better would have been: 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Bc4 0-0-0



and to me black's position looks nicer.

15...g5 [30,26] 16.fxg5 Nh5 [30,31]



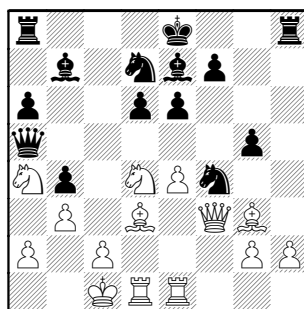
17.Qh3

[Friske] This can't be right as it gives Black a free move. 17.Qf2 f7 and e6 are the key attack points 17...hxg5 18.Rf1 Rh7

(18...gxh4 19.Qxf7+ Kd8 20.Nxe6+ Kc8 21.Qxe7)

19.e5 discovering on Rook 19...Rg7 20.exd6 Bd8 (20...Bxd6? 21.Bxg5) 21.Bc4 e6 is looking weak]

17...Nf4 [38,32] 18.Qf3 hxg5 [38,32] 19.Bg3

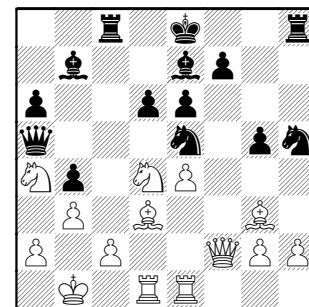


Much more forcing would be: 19...Nc5 and black has a decisive advantage (white's king is in much more danger than black's)

20.Qf2 Rc8 [42,39] 21.Kb1

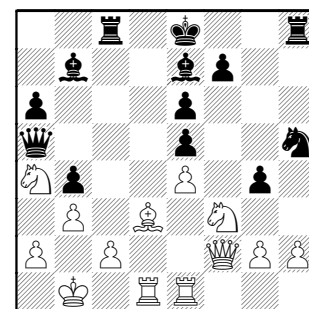
At this point I felt I had the advantage but it was not clear how to proceed.

21...Nh5 [42,56]



It is tough to take the knight from the f4 outpost but now black gets control of the dark squares.

22.Bxe5 dxe5 [54,57] 23.Nf3 g4 [56,59]

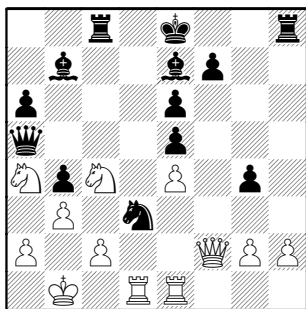


24.Nd2

White might profit from black's weak move with: 24.Qa7 and the knight in f3 is doing much more there than in d2.

24...Nf4 [57,61] 25.Nc4 Nxd3?! [58,63]

19...Ne5 [40,35] A very tempting move but not the best.



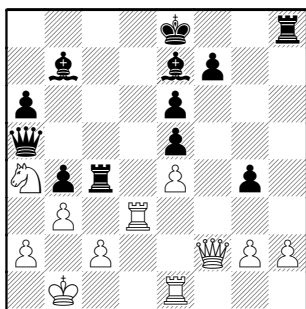
I felt that the position of the knight on f4 was not that strong and decided to trade it. But white's knights and the position of black's king would give white an easier game.

25...Qc7 was better.

26.Rxd3? A serious mistake.

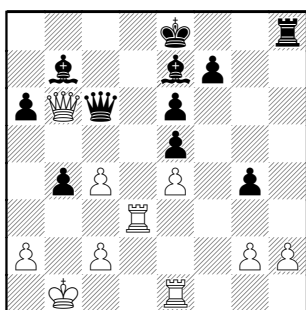
Much better would be: 26.cxd3 Qc7
27.Rf1 and suddenly white is in command.

26...Rxc4 [60,64]



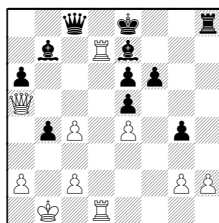
Now black has a winning position.

27.bxc4 Qxa4 [60,64] **28.Qb6 Qc6**



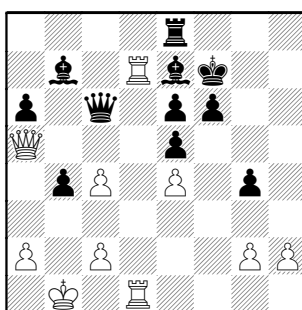
[61,64] **29.Qa5 f6** [62,68] **30.Red1 Kf7** [62,70]

Stronger is: 30...Qc8 and white runs out of threats. 31.Rd7



31...Qxd7 32.Rxd7 Kxd7—+

31.Rd7 Re8 [63,74]

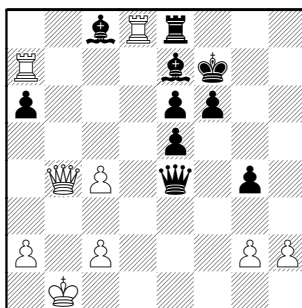


White has been lost since move 26. But again, after the game Robert Morris suggested that white had a strong attack and again I failed to prove the contrary.

32.Qxb4

After 32.Rc7 Qxe4 33.Qxb4 Bc6
34.Rd8 Kg6! —+ white's pieces are hanging in the air.

32...Bc8 [71,75] **33.Ra7 Qxe4** [71,76]
34.Rd8

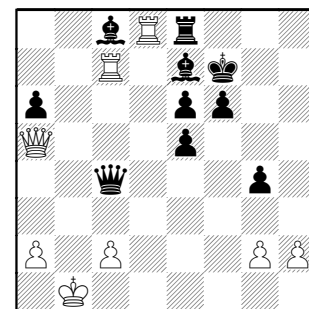


34...Qc6 [73,77]

Much stronger would have been:

34...Kg6 but I was completely blind to this move.

35.Qa5 Qxc4 [84,80] **36.Rc7**

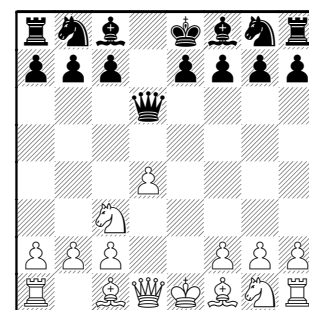


36...Qf1+ [85,81] **37.Kb2 Rxd8**
[85,81] 0–1

Lee,D - Walker,A [B01]
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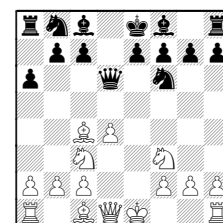
[Notes by Arnie Walker/Fritz]

1.e4 d5 **2.exd5 Qxd5** **3.Nc3 Qd6**
4.d4



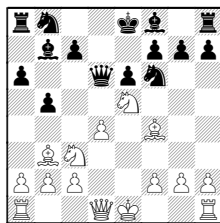
4...Nf6

Previously Arnie had tried 4...a6
5.Bc4 and could have continued
5...Nf6 6.Nf3

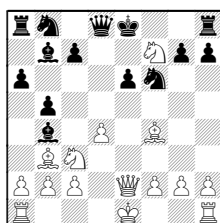


6...Bg4!

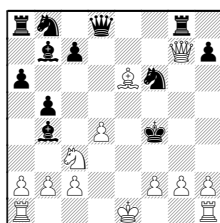
Fritz demonstrated the problems Black has defending after 6...b5?! allows White to develop with tempo 7.Bb3 Bb7 still ignoring the center posts 8.Ne5 e6 9.Bf4



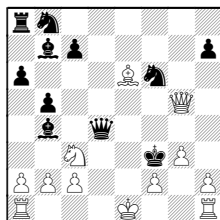
9...Qd8 10.Qe2! Bb4 11.Nxf7!



11...Kxf7 12.Qxe6+ Kg6 13.Qf7+ Kf5
14.Be6+ Kxf4 15.Qxg7 Rg8



And now there's simple Mate in 8
(Fritz thought so, at least)
16.Qh6+ Rg5 17.g3+ Kf3 18.Qxg5
Qxd4



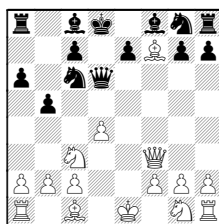
19.Qf5+ Kg2 20.Rg1+ Kxg1 21.Ke2+
Qd1+ 22.Rxd1+ Kxh2 23.Qh3#

7.Be3

(7.h3 Bh5 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0-0)

7...Nbd7 8.0-0 e6

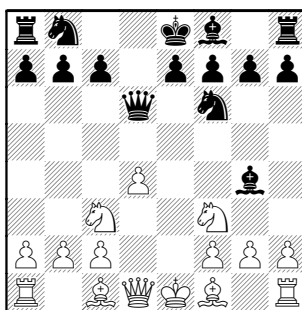
In the earlier attempt after 4..a6 5 Bc4
(see diagram at bottom last page) he
was forced to resign after 5...b5??
6.Bxf7+ Kd8 7.Qf3 Nc6?



8.Bd5 Bb7? 1-0. (Morris-Walker,
9/20/2005)

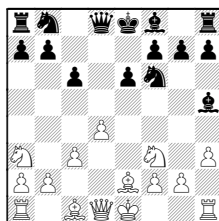
Brownie points scored for trying
again!

5.Nf3 Bg4



6.h3

6.Nb5 Qd8 7.c3 e6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be2
c6 10.Na3



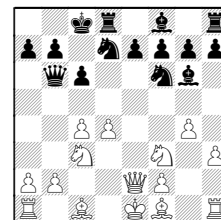
10...Bxa3 11.bxa3 b5 12.0-0 Qa5
13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Nd2 Bxe2 15.Qxe2
0-0=

6...Bxf3

I was concerned that declining the
trade would leave me too far behind
in development, but that doesn't
appear to be the case: 6...Bh5 7.Nb5

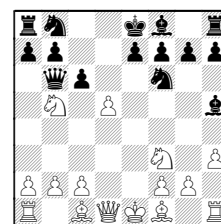
Qb6 8.d5

(8.g4 Bg6 9.c4 c6 10.Nc3 Nbd7
11.Qe2 0-0-0



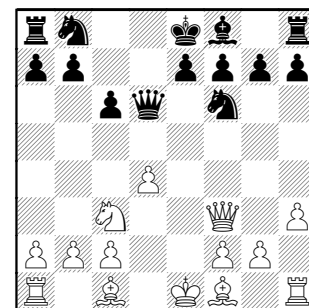
12.g5 Ne8 13.Bg2 e6 14.Be3 Bb4
15.Rc1 Qa5)

8...c6



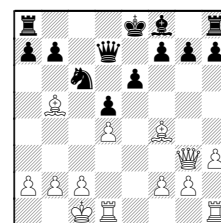
9.Be3 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.dxc6
Nxc6=

7.Qxf3 c6



8.a3?! offering a pawn, which Black
should have taken.

8.Be3 e6 9.0-0-0 Nd5 10.Nxd5 cxd5
11.Bb5+ Nc6 12.Bf4 Qd7 13.Qg3

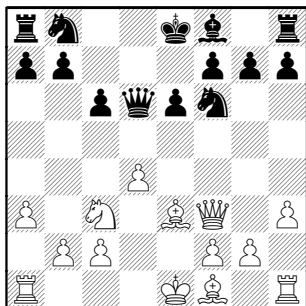


13...Rc8 14.Rhe1 a6 15.Bxc6 Qxc6
16.Rd2 Rg8!

(16...g6 17.Kb1 Bb4 18.c3 Be7 19.Rde2
b5 20.Bh6)

17.Kb1 Be7 18.Be5 h6 19.Rde2 Kf8
20.Qb3 b5 21.Bg3 a5 22.Qd3 a4 23.Qd2
b4 24.Re3 Qb6 with initiative

8...e6?! [8...Qxd4 9.Be3 Qd8] 9.Be3

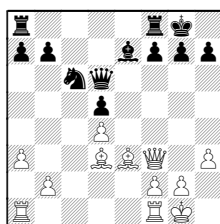


9...Nd5

9...Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Bf4 Qd7
12.Be5 Be7 13.Bd3 0-0-0=

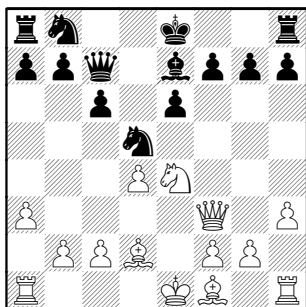
10.Ne4

(10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.c4 Nc6 12.cxd5 exd5
13.Bd3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0

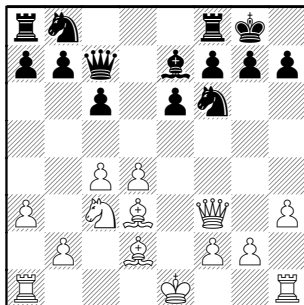


15.b4 Bf6 16.Rfd1 Rfe8 17.Rac1 a6
18.Bf5 Rad8 19.Qg4 g6 20.Bc2 Bg7=)

10...Qc7 11.Bd2 Be7

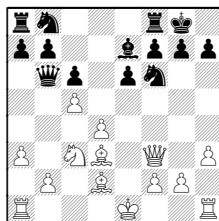


12.c4 Nf6 13.Nc3 relinquishing the
initiative; the position is just about
dead even. 13...0-0 14.Bd3



14...Rd8

14...Qb6! 15.c5

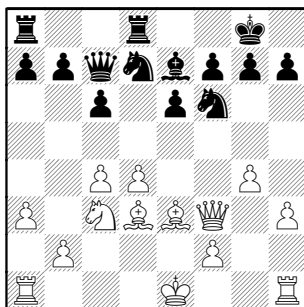


15...Qd8
(15...Qxb2?? 16.Qd1 idea Ra2)
16.Be3 b6 17.Rd1 bxc5 18.dxc5 Qc7
19.Ne4 Nd5

15.Be3

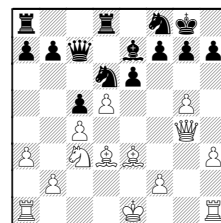
15.Bf4 Qa5 (15...Qb6 16.0-0-0)
16.Rd1 Qb6=

15...Nbd7 16.g4



White presses the wing attack while
Black strikes back in the center;
sound strategy by both players.
16...g6

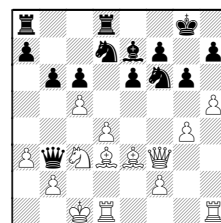
Fritz prefers 16...c5! 17.g5 Ne8
18.Qe4 Nf8 19.d5 Nd6 20.Qg4



20...b6 21.Rd1 a6 22.dxe6 Nxe6

17.h4 e5!

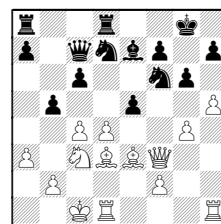
White's attack is too much if 17...Qb6
18.0-0-0 Qb3 19.c5 b6 20.h5



20...bxc5 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Bc2 Qb7
23.g5 Rab8 24.Na4 Nh5 25.Rxh5
gxh5 26.Bxh7+ Kxh7 27.g6+ Kxg6
28.Rg1+ Bg5 29.Rxg5+ Kh7
30.Qxh5#

18.d5

18.0-0-0! b5
(18...Qa5 19.Nb1 b5 20.g5 Nh5
21.Rhe1 Rab8+) 19.h5

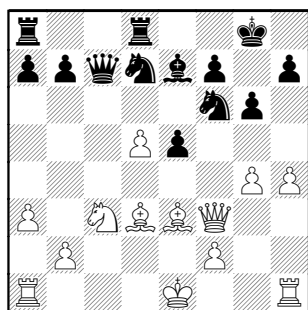


19...bxc4

[Editor: Wrong ! Black should pursue
opponent's King, not open lines for
attack against his own ! (19...b4)]

20.Bxc4 exd4 21.Bxd4 Ne5 22.Qg3
Bd6 23.Qh4 Be7 24.hxg6 Nxg6
25.Qg5 Qf4+ 26.Qxf4 Nxf4

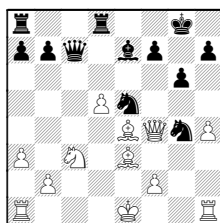
18...cxd5 19.cxd5



19...Nb6

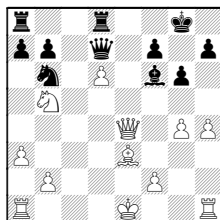
19...e4! I was trying to get this in just before this point, but didn't see it now, because I saw the text first and stopped looking for better.

20.Bxe4 Ne5 21.Qf4 Nfxg4

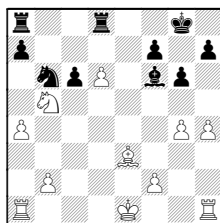


20.h5!

20.Nb5 Qd7 21.d6 e4 22.Bxe4 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Bf6



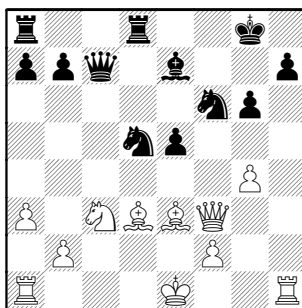
24.a4 Qc6 25.Qxc6 bxc6



26.Nxa7 Nc4 27.Bc5 Re8+ 28.Kf1

Nd2+ 29.Kg2 Nb3 30.Bb6 Nxa1 31.Rxa1 Re4 and not sure about it

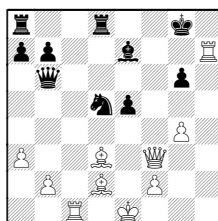
20...Nbx d5 21.hxg6 fxg6



22.Rxh7??

22.Nxd5 Qa5+!

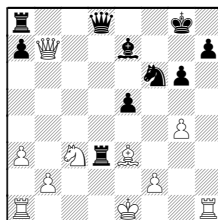
A) 22...Nxd5 23.Rc1 Qa5+ 24.Bd2 Qb6 25.Rxh7



25...Nf4 26.Bxf4 Rxd3 27.Qxd3 Kxh7 28.Qh3++

B) 22...Rxd5 23.Rc1 Qa5+ 24.Bd2 Rxd3 25.Qxd3 Qd5 26.Qc4

23.Nc3 Rxd3 24.Qxb7 Qd8



25.Qa6
(25.Bxa7?! Rd7 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Bb6 Qc8 28.g5 Qb7 29.Rg1 Nd5 30.Nxd5 Rxd5 31.Rc1 Bc5! 32.Qf3 Rf8 wins.)

22...Nxe3 Good enough reply.

[Editor: I nor Fritz see a reason

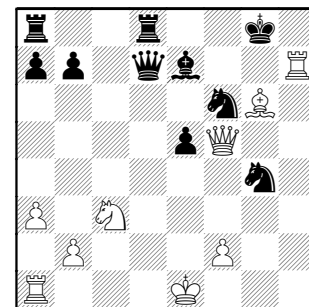
against simply taking the Rook 22...Kxh7 23.Qh3+

(23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.g5 Rxd3 25.Qh3+ Kg8 26.Qh6
(26.Qe6+ Kg7 27.gxf6+ Bxf6)

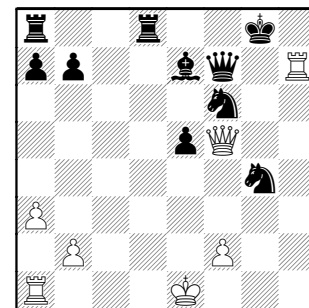
26...Bf8)

23...Kg8 24.Qh6 Bf8 25.Qxg6+ Qg7!

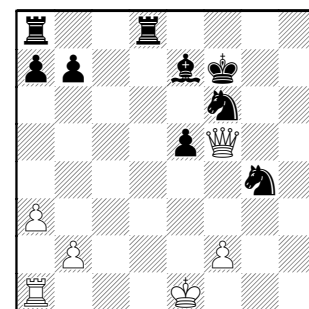
23.Bxg6 Nexg4 24.Qf5 Qd7



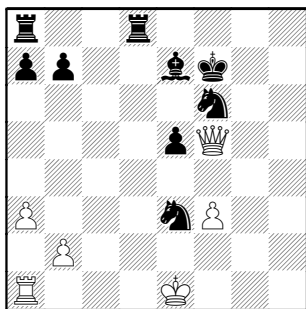
25.Nd5 Qxd5 26.Bf7+ Qxf7!



Cleaning house, with a killer ready. 27.Rxf7 Kxf7



28.f3 Ne3

**WHITE RESIGNED**

Black is hitting Queen, of course, but also threatens the common Nc2+ fork. So where can the Queen go and still cover c2 ? **29.Qb1 Rd1+ 30.Qxd1 Nxd1 31.Rxd1** and Black has a two piece plus in a simplified position **0-1**

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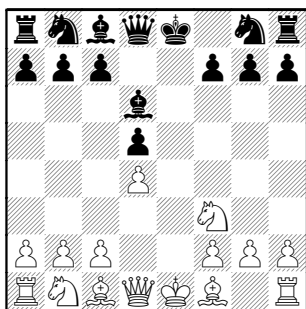
[Notes by Irwin Gaines]

This was from Round 2 of the playoffs. We had drawn our first match against the Aces and so were .5-.5. On the top tables 1-0 Tyros play 1-0 Motorola Knights, and 1-0 Baker plays .5-.5 Aces. If we win and either the Aces win or one of the top tables ends in a drawn match we will have a chance to play for the championship.

1.e4 e6 for the first time all year, a French **2.d4 d5 3.exd5**

I've been studying the Winawer, Tarrasch and Advance, so of course it's instead an Exchange variation!

3...exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6

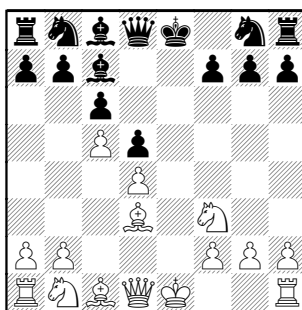


A sharper alternative is Bg4

5.c4

Now I should play Bb4, but am annoyed at having to move the bishop twice in a row. I actually first wrote down Ne7, trying to get back into normal channels, but fortunately before I made the move noticed that this drops the bishop to c4-c5. I still can't talk myself into Bb4 and decide instead to protect the d5 pawn and make an escape square for the bishop. I pay for this unwise decision for the next 15 moves.

5...c6 6.c5 Bc7 7.Bd3



7...Nf6 Putting this Knight on e7 to block the check is almost certainly better. I don't know what got into me. I must have decided he wasn't going to play the check since he passed up the opportunity, but now that I can no longer interpose the Knight he can't resist

[Editor : From my experience, this is the real problem (not ..c6). The key to abusing White for playing the French Exchange is to remember to develop the Kingside Knights oppositely: If White develops to f3, Black plays to e7 and vice versa.]

8.Qe2+ oops. Now Be6 looks bad after Ng5, so I interpose the Queen.
8...Qe7

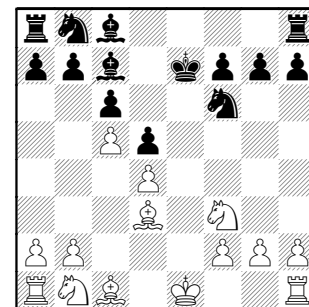
[Editor : Fairly certain Black is OK after **8...Be6 9.Ng5** (Trouble with pins occur after **9...Qe7**)

9...Qd7 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Bf5
(11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bg5 idea

Bxf6,Qh5 or Qf3 13...Qf7)

11...Kf7 12.Bh3 (12.0-0? exf5)]

9.Qxe7+ Kxe7

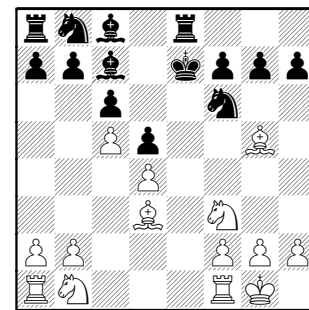


OK, I've been doing well in endgames this year. Hopefully I can get my pieces untangled before I get mated or lose material.

10.0-0 Re8

I am expecting **11. Re1+ Kf8 12. Rxe8 Kxe8** when I will have time to finally get developed, but instead...

11.Bg5



Here come the tactics. this is the first critical point in the game. I need to worry about Bxh7 since the defending Knight is pinned. If I break the pin then he can just play Bxf6 and win the h-pawn without problems. And if I defend the f6-Knight then he can take the h-pawn right away.

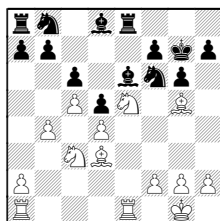
However, as long as I have the possibility of playing g6 I can trap the bishop on h7 (as in the famous game 1 of the Fischer Spassky world championship match in 1972), so I decide I don't need to worry about

Bxh7 and calmly defend the Knight with Nd7. Given the variation below, however, perhaps I needed to think more carefully about an immediate g6.

11...Nbd7

A) 11...Kf8 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bxh7 and white is winning

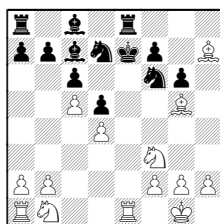
B) 11...g6 12.Re1+ Be6
(12...Kf8 can't be played as it loses the f6-Knight to 13.Bxf6)
13.Ne5 Bd8 14.Nc3 Kf8 15.b4 Kg7



Black seems to be surviving, barely, so maybe this was better than allowing Bxh7, but during the game I thought Bxh7 would lose the bishop

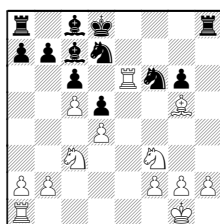
12.Nc3

12.Bxh7 g6 13.Re1+



Oops, things are not quite as simple as planned. I can't attack the trapped bishop with the King without walking into a mate, and I can't break the pin!

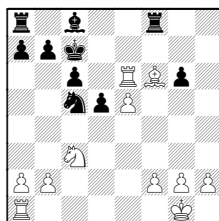
13...Kd8 14.Nc3 Rh8 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Re6



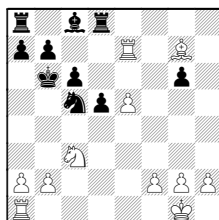
Still pinned! **16...Rf8 17.Ne5 Bxe5**

[Editor: Just to see what happens...
17...Nxe5 18.Bxf6+ Rxf6
(18...Kd7 19.Re7+) 19.Rxf6+-]

18.dxe5 Nxc5 19.Bxf6+ Kc7

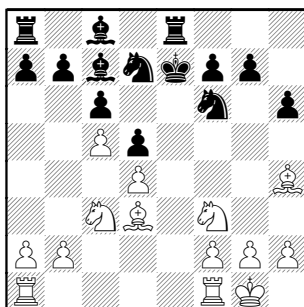


20.Re7+ Kb6 21.Bg7 Rd8



With the passed e-pawn it looks like white is winning. Fortunately, my opponent must have remembered the Fischer-Spassky game and avoided Bxh7. I didn't see any of this during the game; I'd planned on g6 and Kf8 after the check, not noticing the mate!

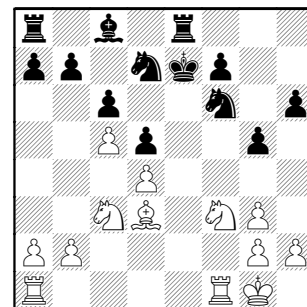
12...h6 13.Bh4



13...g5

Trying to exchange pieces to relieve my congestion

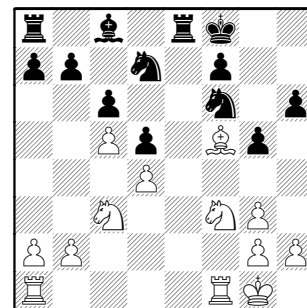
14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.fxg3



Hhmm, maybe that wasn't such a good idea. Now there are tactics on the f-file against both f6 and f7. Let's see if I can organize my pieces to defend both squares.

15...Kf8 may have been better to play b6 and open up the b-file for my rook. But I'm concerned about the threats on the f-file and so hasten to organize a defense. I also need to activate the c8 bishop.

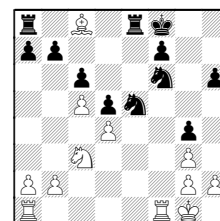
16.Bf5



16...Kg7

16...g4 was suggested by the computer and it does look like this will allow me to untangle. I didn't even consider this during the game!

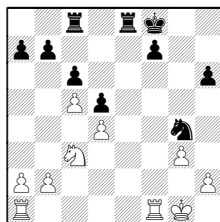
17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxc8



18...Nf3+ Now he has to block that

dangerous f-file!

19.gxf3 Raxc8 20.fxg4 Nxg4

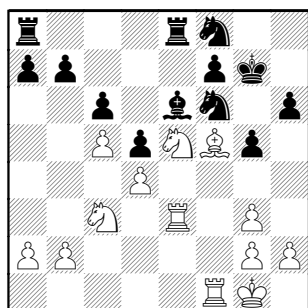


Black is out of danger

17.Rae1 probably better here to play Rxe1, consistent with trying to untangle by exchanges, but I feel it is better to continue to untangle, in particular to free the c8 bishop

17...Nf8 18.Ne5 again an opportunity to exchange some pieces with Bxf5, but I was worried about protecting f7 and so choose ...

18...Be6 19.Re3

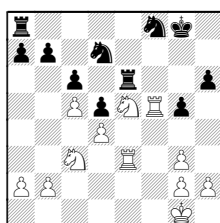


Threatening to double on the f-file, but I can probably equalize with Bxf5 followed by Re6

19...N8d7

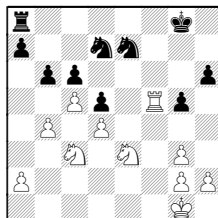
I had been intending Nf6-d7, but notice just in time that this fails to Bxe6 followed by Rf7 check

19...N6d7 20.Bxe6 Rxe6 21.Rxf7+ Kg8 22.Rf5



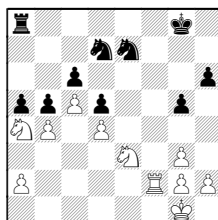
Hey! Maybe this wouldn't have been as bad as I thought, since the e5-Knight is pinned.

22...Ng6 23.Ng4 Rxe3 24.Nxe3 b6 25.b4 Ne7



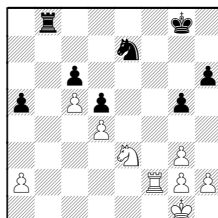
26.Rf2 a5! 27.Na4 bxc5

[Editor : I prefer 27...b5!]



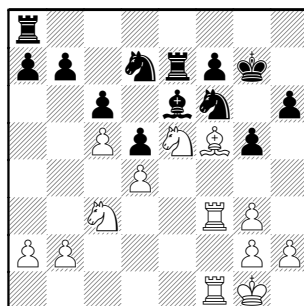
28.Nb6 Nxb6 29.cxb6 axb4]

28.Nxc5 Nxc5 29.bxc5 Rb8



No, that probably wouldn't work out very well, glad I avoided this variation

20.Ref3 Re7

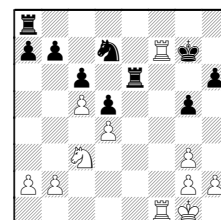


As another defender is added to f7, it looks like black has weathered the storm and may even have a slight edge. White tries a cheap shot

21.Bxe6 I guess hoping for Rxe6 **21...fxe6** of course.

White has nothing now. Keep your eye on this new e-pawn, it will be the hero 30 moves later

If instead 21...Rxe6 22.Nxd7 Nxd7 23.Rxf7+

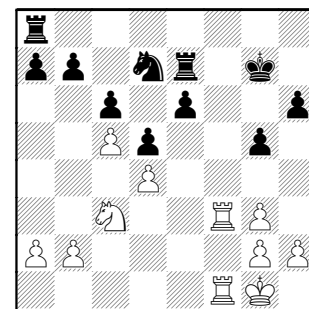


23...Kg6 24.Rxd7 White wins. I saw this and avoided it

22.Nxd7

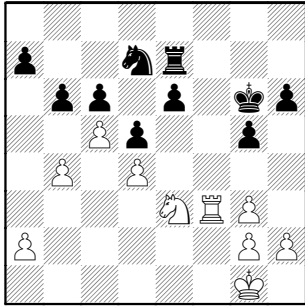
Not Rxd7 which drops the f6-Knight

22...Nxd7

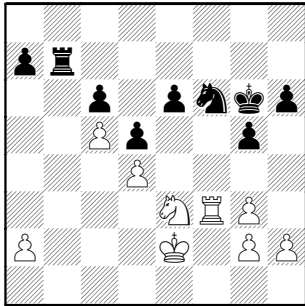


Now all the potential penetration squares on the f-file are well defended, and black can go on the offensive, threatening e4 and b6. For the first time all game I was feeling good !

23.Nd1 Rf8 24.Ne3 Rxf3 25.Rxf3 Kg6 26.b4 b6



27.Kf2 bxc5 28.bxc5 Nf6 29.Ke2
Rb7



The black rook penetrates queenside.
But it is fairly easy for white to
organize a defense.

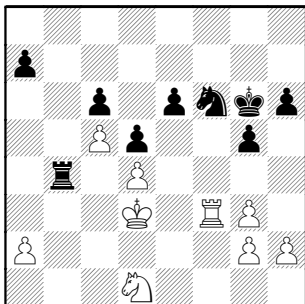
30.Nd1

After 30.Nc2 Rb2 31.Kd3 a5

(31...Rxa2 32.Nb4)

32.a3 it's not clear black is getting
anywhere

30...Rb4 31.Kd3



Here Nd7 and e5 would be a good
idea, possibly even winning, but i am
hypnotized by attacking the pawns
with the rook

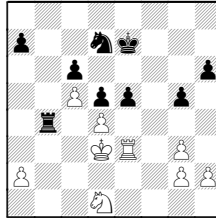
[Editor : Black's real problems are the

many backward Pawns and the
inactivity of his King, but not sure
these helped by Kf7-e7]

31...Ra4

31...Nd7 32.Re3 e5

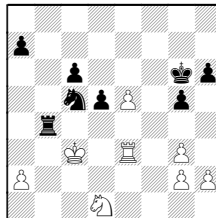
[Editor : 32...Kf6 33.Rf3+ Ke7 34.Re3
e5!]



35.dxe5 Ke6]

33.dxe5 d4

[Editor : not seeing a downside to
33...Nxc5+ (idea Ne6) 34.Kc3



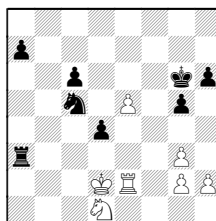
34...Rb7 35.Rf3 (35.e6? Kf6)

35...Rf7! The connected passers,
weakness of Pe5 and White's
doubled extra Kingside Pawn make
me believe this a win for Black.

(Certainly not 35...Ne6? 36.Rf6+ Kg7
37.Rxe6)

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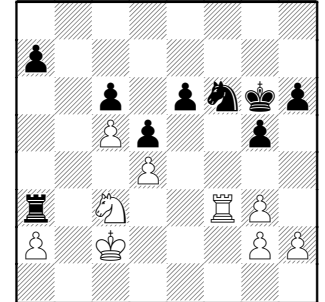
34.a3 Ra4 35.Re2 Nxc5+ 36.Kd2
Rxa3



and black wins.

[Editor : But after 37.e6 how to stop
passer ?? With 37...Ra2+! 38.Ke1
Rxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Nxe6]

32.Nc3 Ra3 33.Kc2



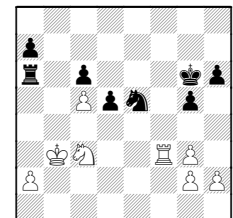
Arriving at the next critical point in the
game. I suddenly wake from my
hypnosis and notice that I have
trapped my rook !

I am getting short of time, and use all
but my last 10 minutes trying to figure
out how to extract the Rook. There is
actually no way for white to win the
rook (unless black does something
extremely foolish like a5). The king
can chase the rook back to a6 but
can't get to b5 to attack it. Still, I
worry about my Rook being locked
out of the game and so adopt a
desperate strategy to free it.

But the calm variation starting Nd7 is
again probably the best chance

33...Ne4

33...Nd7 34.Kb2 Ra6 35.Kb3 (35.Re3
Kf6) 35...e5 36.dxe5 Nxe5



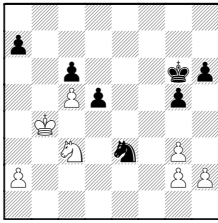
37.Re3

(37.Rf8;

37.Ne2 (idea Nd4) 37...Nd7)

37...Ra3+ (37...Kf5) 38.Kxa3 Nc4+

39.Kb4 Nxe3



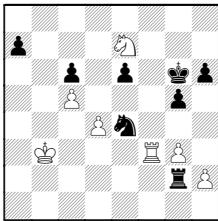
40.Ne2 Well, black isn't winning but probably not losing either.

34.Nxe4

I spent almost all my time examining this variation and decided I would come out at least OK.. I didn't even consider the alternative of Nxd5. which probably wins for white. Fortunately, white didn't either. At this point white has 15 min, I have 10 to make time control at move 45.

34.Nxd5 weakness of Ra3

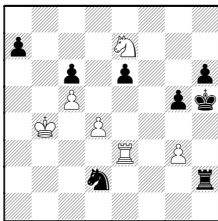
34...Rxa2+ 35.Kb3 Rxc2 36.Ne7+



36...Kh5

[Editor : Maybe that improvement wanted is keeping the Black King near the e-Pawn with 36...Kg7]

37.Re3 Nd2+ 38.Kb4 Rxh2



39.Rxe6

[Editor : Seems 39.Nxc6 and the c-passer forces Black to quickly retreat]

39...Kg4 40.Nxc6 Kxg3 41.Nxa7

[Editor : 41.d5 is more forceful]

41...Nf3 42.d5 Ra2 43.Re7 and white wins, not sure where black can improve

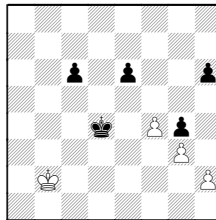
34...Rxa2+ 35.Kb3 dxe4

I had anticipated this position and thought I would win the pawn endgame after Kxa2

36.Re3 white rejects the (losing) pawn endgame; instead black will be 2 pawns up in the rook endgame

36.Kxa2 exf3 37.gxf3 Kf5 38.Kb3 h5!

38...g4 39.f4 Ke4 40.Kc4 a6 41.Kc3 a5 42.Kc4 a4 43.Kb4 Kxd4 44.Kxa4 Kxc5 45.Ka3 Kd4 46.Kb2

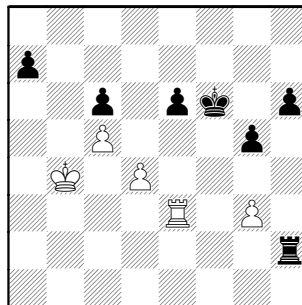


46...c5

([Editor : Or instead of spending a move bringing deflecting Pawn closer to enemy King, just go wipeout his Kingside with 46...Ke3--+]

47.Kc2 c4 48.Kd2 c3+ 49.Kc2 Kc4 50.Kc1 Kd3 51.Kb1 c2+ 52.Kb2 (52.Kc1 Kc3 53.f5 exf5 54.h3 gxh3 55.g4 h2 56.gxf5 h1Q#) 52...Kd2 53.Kb3 c1Q)

36...Rxc2 37.Rxe4 Kf6 38.Kb4 Rxh2 39.Re3

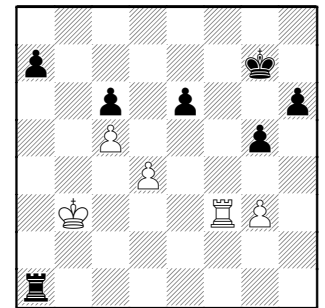


At this juncture, I'm just desperate to make the time control without giving anything away. Note the black king can't penetrate on the a-file since Ra2 check just chases the it back.

39...Rd2 [39...h5 make a passer ?]

40.Rf3+ Kg7 perhaps Ke7 would have been wiser to prevent the danger to the c-pawn, but I am blitzing and am worried about the h-pawn.

41.Kc3 Ra2 42.Kb3 Ra1



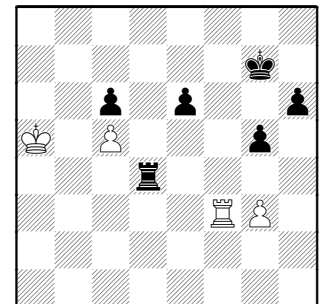
43.Kb4 a5+ 44.Kb3 a4+ 45.Kb4

The last move before the time control and typically I make an unwise decision. It was better to find something non-committal like h5 with the possibility of creating another passed pawn

45...Rd1

I decide that giving up the a-pawn to win the d-pawn (with check) will stand me in good stead, but this may in fact throw away the win.

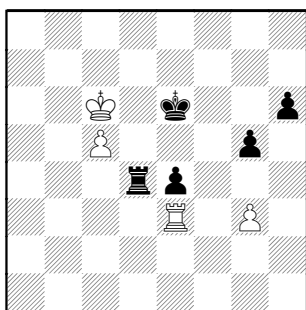
46.Kxa4 Rxd4+ 47.Ka5



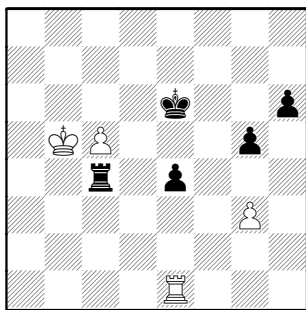
Oops, I notice here that the c-pawn must fall, and rather than winning I may actually be losing if I can't stop it.

The state of the match heightened the drama ! Boards 1,2, 5 and 6 have finished and the score stands 2-2. Next to me on board 3 Lenny has survived a bizarre opening and a time scramble to emerge a pawn up in a queen endgame, and I am figuring him for a win, so I'm trying to figure out how to guarantee a draw here.

**47...e5 48.Kb6 e4 49.Re3 Kf7
50.Kxc6 Ke6**



51.Re1 Rc4 52.Kb5



The last critical point in the game. Since the last comment, Lenny has accepted a draw in his game, and so the match stands at 2 1/2-2 1/2 . **So I now need to win.**

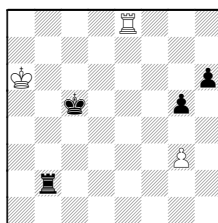
My best chance is Rc2, then winning the c-pawn when black takes the e-pawn, and finally winning the plus-pawn Rook endgame with the better king position. But I was afraid that the 2-1 Pawns in a Rook endgame would be drawn. I play one last overly risky non optimal move.

52...Kd5

Here I had analyzed 53 Rd1+ Rd4 54 Rxd4 Kxd4 and both of us queen, thinking I could win the queen endgame. The variation shows an example.

Much stronger for white, however, is 53 Rd1+ Rd4 54 Rc1!. Then I could very well even lose. But fortunately white tries one more cheap shot instead.

**52...Rc2 53.Rxe4+ Kd5 54.Re8 Rb2+
55.Ka6 Kxc5**



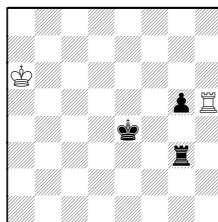
56.Rc8+

56.Re6 Rh2 White's King is way offside(56...h5 57.Re5+)

56...Kd5 57.Rh8 Rg2

(Editor : Or 57...Rh2 and walk the King to win the g-Pawn)

58.Rxh6 Rxg3 59.Rh5 Ke4



White's King is too far from the action: 60.Kb5 g4 61.Rh8 Rg1 62.Re8+ Kf4 63.Kc4 g3 64.Rf8+ Ke5 65.Re8+ Kf6 66.Re2 g2 67.Rc2 Ke5 68.Kc3 Ke4 69.Kb2 Rb1+ 70.Kxb1 g1Q+ and black wins

53.c6

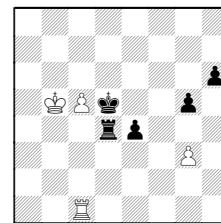
Hoping for Rxc6? Re1+! and white wins the black rook.

But despite all my errors I avoid the cheap-o and suddenly have a a

straight-forward win.

53.Rd1+ Rd4 54.Rxd4+

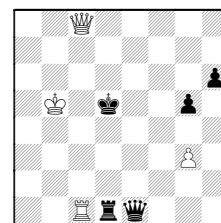
54.Rc1



This is the critical variation: does white force the c-pawn through or can black prevail?

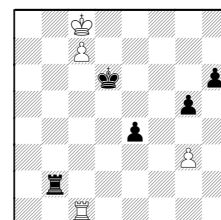
54...Rd2

(54...e3 the race to queen doesn't work for black 55.c6 e2 56.c7 Rd1 57.c8Q e1Q)



**58.Rxd1+ Qxd1 59.Qd7+ Ke4
60.Qxd1)**

**55.c6 Rb2+ 56.Ka6 Ra2+ 57.Kb7
Rb2+ 58.Kc8 Kd6 59.c7**



A) 59...Ke7 this seems like the wrong idea, just losing the e pawn for nothing

B) 59...Rf2 the cheap mate threat doesn't work since the white king can slip out to the b file, but perhaps black can still win by sac'ing the rook for the c-pawn:
60.Rb1 Rf8+ 61.Kb7 Ke5 62.c8Q Rxc8 63.Kxc8 e3 with the white king out of play and the threat of the

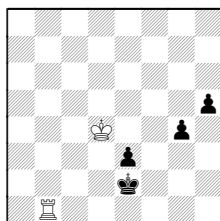
advanced e-pawn, black has strong chances, but is there a win?? I can't find it.

[Editor : A fascinating position with an equally inviting proposition. Mind if I take a shot at a win for Black ??]

64.Kd7 Ke4 65.Ke6 Kf3 66.g4 Kxg4 67.Ke5 Kf3 68.Kd4 e2

(68...g4 69.Rf1+ Ke2 70.Rb1 g3

[Editor: Get the passers connected. Both on the 3rd rank outplay Rook. 70...h5!



71.Rb5

(71.Rb2+ Kf3 72.Rb3 g3 73.Rxe3+ Kf2)

71...h4 72.Rh5

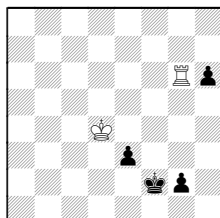
(72.Rg5 g3 73.Rg4 Kf3 74.Rxh4 g2)

72...h3 73.Rh4 Kf3 and the e-Pawn wins

74.Kd3
(74.Rh8 Kg2 75.Kxe3 h2 76.Kf4 g3)

74...e2 75.Kd2 Kf2)
Editor out..]

71.Rb6 g2 72.Rg6 Kf1 73.Rf6+ Ke1 74.Rg6 Kf2 75.Rf6+ Kg3 76.Rg6+ Kf2



Black can't make progress .

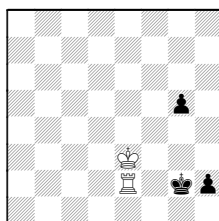
(Editor : that's why the h-Pawn needed to join the fray)

So rejoining the secondary analysis line (not underlined) just left in first column...

69.Kd3 g4

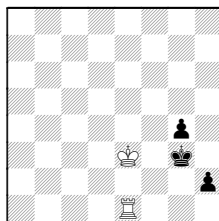
(69...h5 70.Kd2 h4 71.Rb3+ Kf2 72.Re3 h3
(72...g4 73.Rxe2+ Kg3 74.Re1 h3 75.Re3+ Kg2 76.Re2+ Kg1 77.Re1+ Kf2 78.Re2+ Kg3 79.Re1 h2 80.Ke3 Kh3 81.Kf2 g3+ 82.Kf3 g2 83.Re8 back to the same underpromotion draw)

73.Rxe2+ Kg1 74.Ke3 h2 75.Re1+ Kg2 76.Re2+



76...Kh3

[Editor : I spot an improvement with 76...Kg3! 77.Re1 g4



since the g-Pawn creeps into play and doesn't allow the White King into the corner

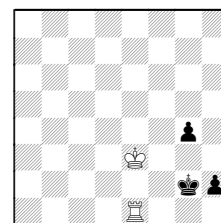
78.Kd2

I'm not finding a different alternative:

a) 78.Kd3 Kf2 79.Kd2
(=79.Re2+ Kg1 80.Re1+ Kg2 81.Re2+ Kh3 82.Re3+ g3)
79...g3 80.Re2+ Kf3 81.Re3+ Kf4 82.Re1 g2;

b) 78.Ke4 Kh3 79.Re3+ g3 80.Re1 g2;

c) 78.Ke2 Kg2 79.Ke3



79...g3

(79...h1Q? 80.Rxh1 Kxh1 81.Kf4=)

80.Kf4

(80.Ke2 h1Q 81.Rxh1 Kxh1 82.Kf3 Kh2+ as the g-Pawn is now close enough to his fearless leader;

Or 80.Re2+ Kh3 81.Re1 g2)

80...Kf2!

(80...Kh3 81.Re8 Kg2
(81...g2?? 82.Rh8#;
81...h1Q? 82.Rh8+ Kg2
83.Rxh1 Kxh1 84.Kxg3=

82.Rh8

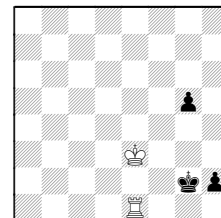
(82.Re1 Kf2 83.Ra1 g2
84.Ra2+ Ke1 85.Kg3 h1Q
86.Ra1+ Ke2 87.Rxh1 gxh1Q)
82...Kf2 83.Rh7=)

81.Ra1 g2 82.Ra2+ Ke1 83.Kg3
(83.Ra1+ Kd2)
83...h1Q;

So from analysis diagram just left in previous column... after 78. Kd2...

78...Kg2! 79.Re2+ Kh3 (threatening to Queen) 80.Re1
(=80.Re3+ g3) 80...g3) 77.Re1 g4

[Editor : Black wins by "shouldering" the White King 77...Kg2!



threatening to Queen
78.Re2+ Kg3 (the White King is useless) 79.Re1 g4 wins as above]

78.Kf2 g3+ 79.Kf3 g2 80.Re8

Black can't continue with h1(Q) or g1(Q) as he gets mated. An under-promotion holds the draw 80...g1N+ 81.Kf2 Nf3.

(Not Kxf3 or black wins with h1(Q)+)

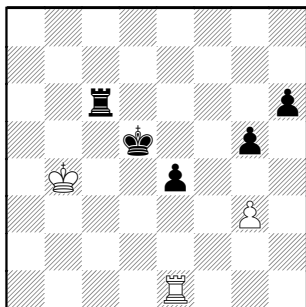
82.Rh8+ Nh4 83.Rxh4+ Kxh4

84.Kg2 and white holds the draw

So back to the game... a full page and a half back (!!) in the middle column.

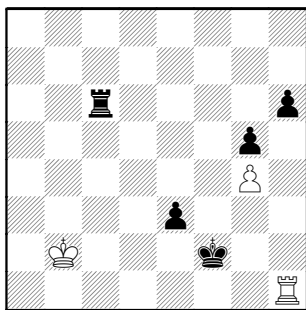
White has just played 53 c6 ?

53...Rc5+ 54.Kb4 [54.Kb6 Rxc6+] 54...Rxc6



And it's all over but the shouting

55.Kb3 Kd4 56.g4 Kd3 57.Kb2 e3 58.Rd1+ Ke2 59.Rh1 Kf2



With the king cut off it is hopeless for white.

The finish might go 60 Rh2+ Kg3 61 Rh1 e2 62 Kb3 Kg2.

And so Fermilab won the match, but unfortunately for us the other two top matches are decisive. Motorola beats the Tyros 3 1/2-2 1/2, and Baker beats the Aces 4 1/2- 1 1/2.

So Baker will play Motorola Knights and we have to hope they draw and we can win our last round match.

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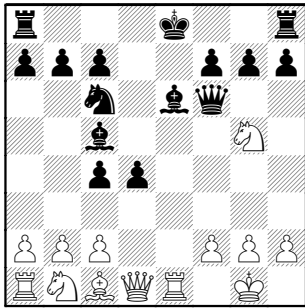
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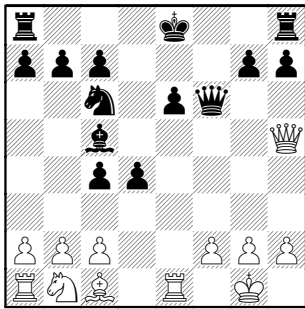
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SOLUTION 1.

Stein,P (2206) - Melnikov,I (2048)



10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qh5+

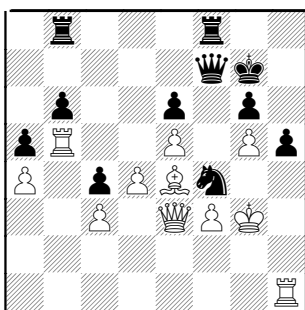
**1-0**

Lots of trouble. White goes up material with Qxc5. But Black would have a lead in development and an advanced center. But look for a good Black move !

11...g6 12.Qxc5 0-0-0? 13.Bg5

SOLUTION 2.

Gaines,I - Sollano,E



35...Qe7 36.Rbb1
Not the best reply...

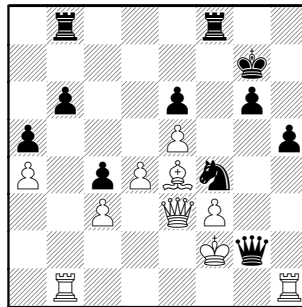
Also bad is 36.Kh4?? Ng2+ idea
Nxe3;

It looks like the King can survive
without the Rook around.

36.Rhb1;

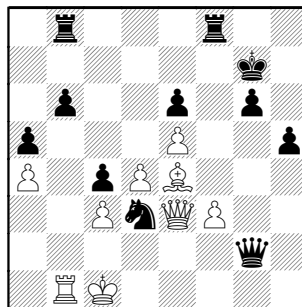
36.Rg1 Qxg5+ 37.Kf2 Qh4+ 38.Kf1
Qh3+ 39.Kf2 (39.Ke1 Ng2+)

36...Qxg5+ 37.Kf2 Qg2+

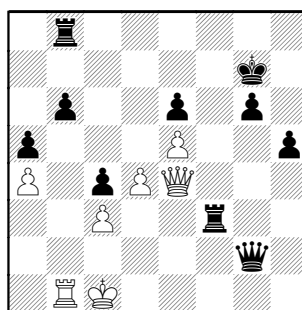


Forcing an interruption in the Rook's
communication line

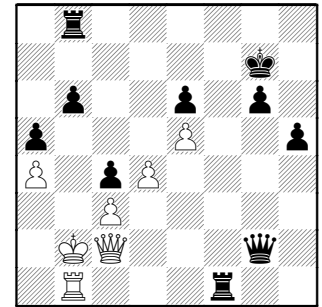
38.Ke1 Qxh1+ 39.Kd2 Qg2+ 40.Kc1
Nd3+



41.Kd1 [41.Bxd3] 41...Nf2+ 42.Kc1
Nxe4 43.Qxe4 Rxf3



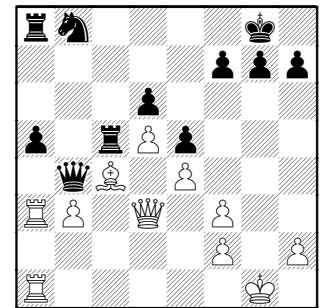
44.Qc2 Rf1+ 45.Kb2



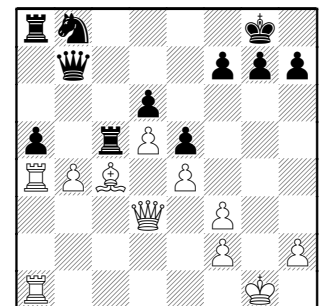
45...Rxb1+ [45...Rf2] 46.Kxb1 Qxc2+
0-1

SOLUTION 3.

Frank - Bolshov

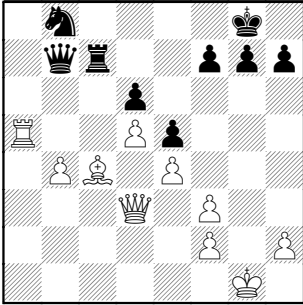


30.Ra4 Qb7 31.b4



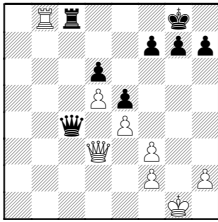
31...Rc7 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.Rxa5

White has won a Pawn. Problem 4
asks you to continue the game...

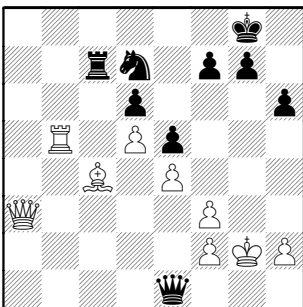
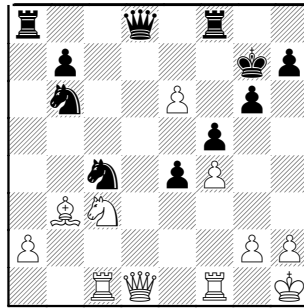
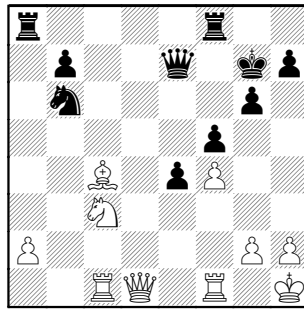
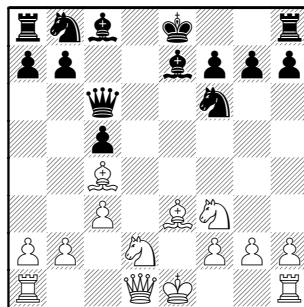
SOLUTION 4.**Frank - Bolshov***(continued from Solution 3)***33...Qxb4 34.Rb5 Qe1+**

At the start of the whole line, a Rook on a1 was stopping this check.

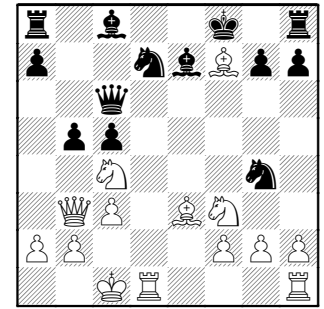
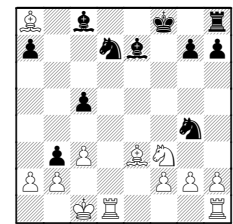
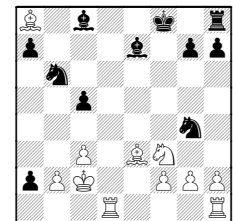
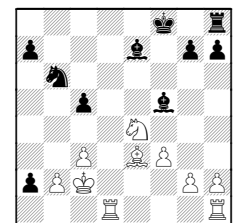
Black can still blunder this away with 34...Qxc4?? 35.Rxb8+ Rc8 (only move)



36.Qxc4 and Black can't recapture

35.Kg2 Nd7 36.Qa3 h6**0-1****SOLUTION 5.****Horton,D (1900) - Wiewel,J****25.e7 Qxe7 26.Bxc4****26...Rfd8 [26...Nxc4 27.Qd4+] 27.Qb3 Nxc4 28.Qxc4** and White converted the material advantage**SOLUTION 6.****Thomson,J (1964) - Guio,J (1867)****10.Bxf7+ Kf8 11.Nc4 Nbd7 12.Qb3 Ng4**

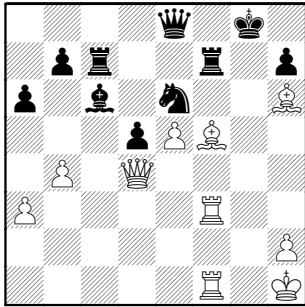
(12...Kxf7 13.Nce5+ double check)

13.0-0-0 b5**14.Bd5 Qa6** losing a full Rook.Actually better is **14...bxc4 15.Bxc6 cxb3 16.Bxa8****16...bxa2** Black is only down an exchange and the a-Pawn threatens !And now best is **17.Kd2**, avoiding the threats now analyzed...After **17.Kc2 Nb6**idea **Bf5+-b1,a1Q18.Be4** securing the diagonal, but... **18...Nf6 19.Nd2 (19.Bd3? c4)****19...Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bf5 21.f3**

White should still win

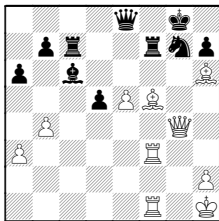
SOLUTION 7.

Augsburger,L (1806) –
Freidel,J (1620)

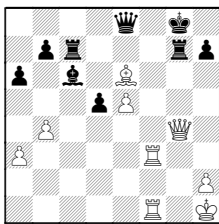


32.Qg4+ Kh8

Moving the hanging piece doesn't
save it : 32...Ng7

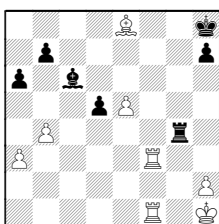


33.Bxg7 (33.Be6? Qxe6!) 33...Rxg7
34.Be6+!



34...Rcf7 (34...Kh8 35.Rf8+)
35.Qxg7+!

Less forcing, but not changing
game's outcome would be
35.Bxf7+ Kh8 36.Bxe8 Rxg4

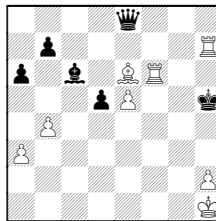


37.Rf8+ Kg7 38.R1f7+ Kh6 39.Bxc6
bxc6

35...Kxg7 36.Rxf7+ Kh6 37.R1f6+
Kh5

The same position arrives after
37...Kg5 38.Rg7+ Kh5

38.Rxh7+

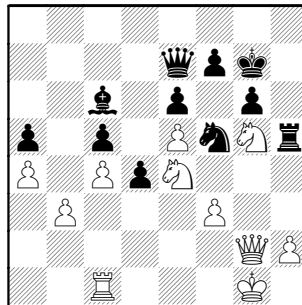


38...Kg5 39.Rg7+ Kh5 40.Bg4+ Kh4
41.Rh6+ Qh5 42.Rxh5#

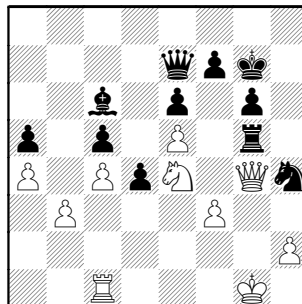
33.Bxe6 b5 34.Bg7+ Rxg7 Black
resigned, realizing Rf8+ will mate on
g8 1–0

SOLUTION 8.

Piparia,J (1884) - Spiegel,L (1955)



29...Nh4 30.Qg4 Rxg5!!

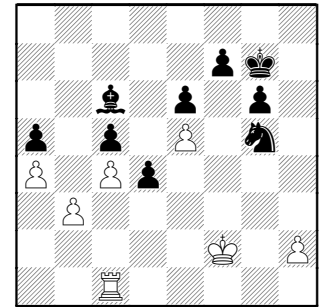


Absolutely gorgeous !!

31.Nxg5 Qxg5! 32.Qxg5

32.Kf2? Qxc1 33.Qxh4 idea Qf6+
with perpetual (Black can interpose at
h6 if he is aware, however) 33...Qe3+
idea Qxf3+

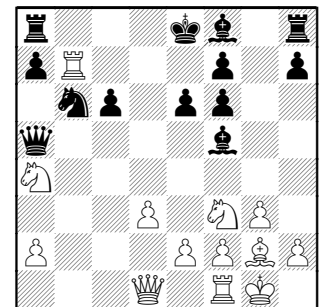
32...Nxf3+ 33.Kf2 Nxg5



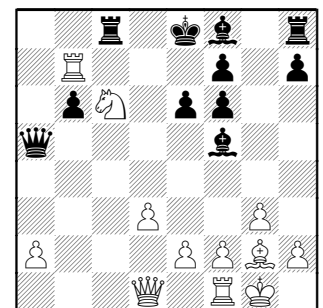
Black is winning both materially and
positionally !

SOLUTION 9.

Jakstas,K (2219) - Gorodetskiy,S



15.Nd4 Rc8 [15...Qxa4 16.Bxc6+]
16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Nxc6



ALL IN A KNIGHT'S WORK

Chess nerds fight for chess babe

Getting physical and chess seem such an odd couple.

No odder than Australian chess star/hottie **Arianne Caoili**, British grandmaster **Danny Gormally** and Armenian chess star **Levon Aronian**.

Uh, wait. Even mathematically challenged Quick Hits can see those three add up to more than a couple.

They also added up to an incident recently at a nightclub that very well could be considered the highlight of the 2006 World Chess Olympiad in Turin, Italy.

Gormally, 30, took exception to Aronian salsa-dancing with the 19-year-old Caoili.

"I went up to him, and I punched him," Gormally told the Melbourne Sunday Age. "Which is very embarrassing to me. Basically, I hit him because I was jealous. Obviously, I've got problems with alcohol and anger, which I need to deal with."

"I was jealous because he was dancing with her — maybe I was also a bit jealous because he's the

world No. 3 and I'm the world No. 200-and-something."

Aspiring singer Caoili has been labeled the "Anna Kournikova of chess," although the dark-haired beauty's resemblance seems more gender-specific than anything.

"She's not my girlfriend," Gormally said. "She told me that she had a boyfriend in Australia. I've never had any feelings from her that there was likely to be a relationship between us besides friendship. But it doesn't matter — sometimes you just fall in love with people, and that's what happened."

Caoili's mother, **Annette**, downplayed the incident.

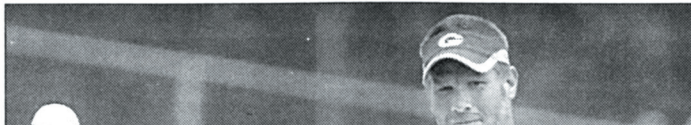
"This is just a storm in a teacup," she told an Aussie media outlet. "It's just the typical thing isn't it? Sex, beauty, scandal, even the so-called chess nerds, as the world sees them — it sells."

"I mean, she's not **Madonna** for heaven's sake."

Though it sounds like she's working on it.



Danny Gormally (left) threw a punch at fellow chess whiz Levon Aronian because Aronian was dancing with Arianne Caoili.

CZECH HER OUT
Vaidisova: No

THE HOT CORNER

SI jinx has nothing on Score's North

Hours before Steelers quarterback **Ben Roethlisberger** crashed his motorcycle Monday in Pittsburgh, he was on the air with **Mike North** on WSCR-AM (670).

"When I got off the phone, the first thing I said was, 'What a great guy,'" North said. "You don't envision anything like this happening."

Roethlisberger broke his jaw and nose when he was thrown helmetless from his motorcycle into a car. He was listed in serious but stable condition, according to reports.

North (right) said the "freaky" coincidence that Roethlisberger was on his show before the crash was unnerving. Three comedians who appeared on the show in recent years died soon afterward, he said.

"I don't know if it's the jinx of me or the show," North said. "It makes me think, 'What the hell is going on?'"

"He's on with me, the luckiest guy in the world, that guy... Few hours later, I saw that dent in the car. Unbelievable."



Mark J. Konkol

SPORTS WIRE

All NHL players clean
after first year of testing

All drug tests given to players were clean during the first season of the NHL's anti-doping program, which was adopted in the labor agreement last year that ended the yearlong lockout.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

College World Series field set

Rice, Georgia and Miami won the decisive Game 3s of their Super Regionals to earn the last