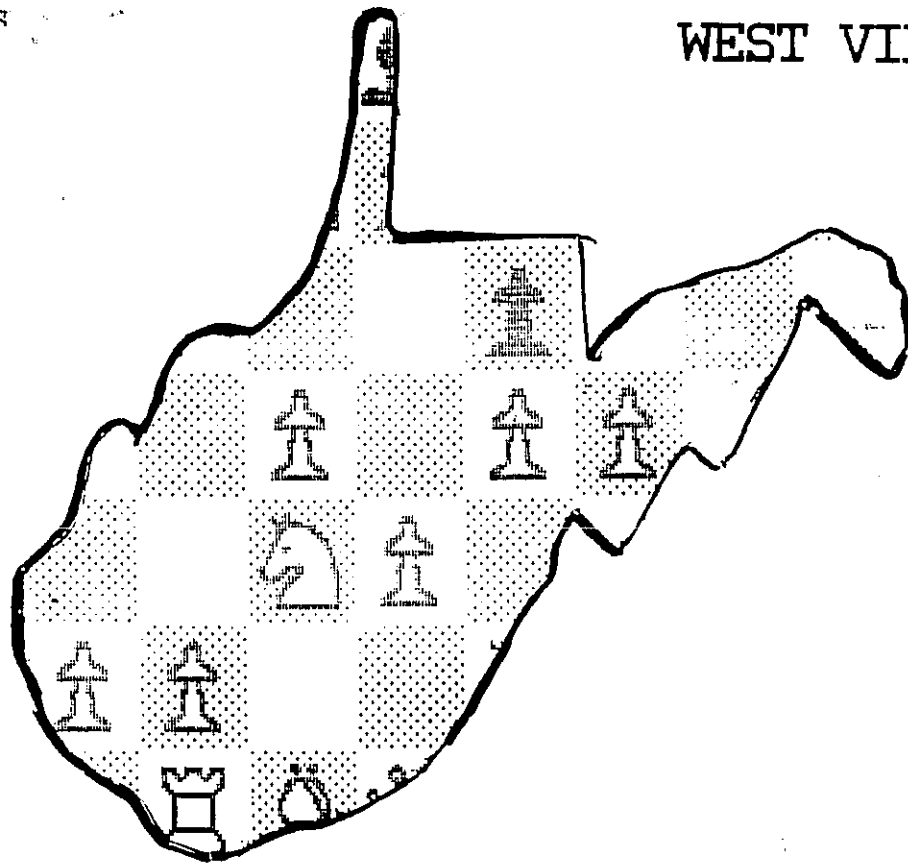


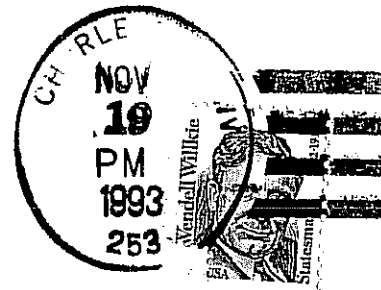
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Dear Readers,

You now have in your hot little hands the first issue of the 1993-1994 West Virginia Chess Bulletin (#211). You will notice, however, that most of the material is from the previous year. We have our reasons.

First, our constitution requires that the minutes of the annual business meeting and the annual finance report be printed in the bulletin. The minutes and financial statement from '92 and '91 had not yet been printed. We felt the obligation to comply with the constitution. We also feel it a good idea to let members who can't attend the business meeting have an opportunity to find out what's going on.

Second, we feel it important to give coverage to all West Virginia tournaments. Only one game from the three tournaments covered by this issue have been published previously. It would not be fair to the participants of these tournaments to ignore these tournaments. Therefore, we have given coverage to these events despite their age and have elected to delay coverage of more recent tournaments until next issue.

We hope that our readers agree with this decision. It was a judgement call.

Speaking of next issue, we project that it will come out in late January, 1994. This issue will cover the Kanawha Valley Open which was won by Chuck Schulien and the 1993 state championship which was won by Schulien, Griffith, and Feldstein. If space permits, coverage will be given to the Tug Valley Open won by Schulien and Roush.

If any organizer wishes to have an announcement of a tournament published in that issue, try to get the details to me by January 1st.

Your notice is directed to page six where the details for the Second Annual Weston Winter Open is printed. This tournament is almost upon us! We hope to see you there on December 4th!

We hope you enjoy this issue!

Sincerely Yours,

John Everett Roush.



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HOAGIE HUT OPEN

Charles Schulien and Konnie Dolgovskij shared first place at the Hoagie Hut Open with perfect scores of 4-0. Five players tied for third at 3-1 including Jim Walker, Dan O'Hanlon, Markle Butcher, John Brewster, and Lloyd Roberts. Bill Salmon finished in a three way tie for nineteenth at 1-3.

The tournament was held on November 28, 1992 in Parkersburg, W.Va. Naomi Schulien directed the event which drew twenty-four participants.

The crosstable from this event appeared last issue (#210). We present a selection of games from the event with a few light notes by the editor.

ROUND I

B.McLear (C) - C.Schulien (SM)
Bishop's Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6
4.Bg5

4.Nf3 leading to a Guico Piano or 2 Knight's Defense and 4.Nc3 leading to a Vienna Opening are more common. It is hard to criticize 4.Bg5 but in retrospect it looks doubtful. White was unable to find a good plan and this editor has likewise failed to do so.

4...h6 5.Bh4 Be7 6.Nc3

The natural plan for White is to play f4. Black's last two moves have defanged this threat. For example 6.f4?! exf4 7.Nf3 g5 8.Bf2 and now either 8...d5 or 8...Na5 looks fine for Black.

6...0-0 7.Nf3 d6 8.0-0 Na5
9.Nd2

After only eight and a half

normal looking moves, White has lost the initiative and has started sliding downhill. White can try 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.h3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Be6 12.Nd5 (12.b3? g6 13.Nd5 Bg7 14.Qd3 f5! 15.Rad1 fxe4 16.Qxe4 Bf5 -+ OR 15.Nd2 c6 16.Nc3 fxe4 17.Ndxe4 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Nc5 Bf7 -+) 12...c6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qd3 Rad8 15.Qc3 Qg6 16.Rfel f5

(16...Bxh3? 17.Nh4 +-) 17.Nh4 Qf6 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Qxf5 20.Re2. Even here, though, Black retains the initiative and the advantage. Perhaps most prudent is 9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 c6. Black is still at least equal with a number of promising plans at his disposal. For example he can play ...Ne8 and after Bxe7 Qxe7, Black can shuttle the N to e6 via c7 and/or break with ...f5 or ...d5 as

circumstances dictate. The QB will find a home on e6, f5, or g4 and the QR can go to d8, e8, or join his brother on the f-file. On the other hand, White is more or less limited to engineering d4 to take the sting out of Black's ideas.

9...c6 10.b4 Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Re8 12.a3 Be6 13.Ne3 d5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Ng4

15.Nf5 d4 16.Ne2 Bxf5
17.exf5 e4 =+

15...d4 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Ne2 a5 18.bxa5?!

18.Qd2!?

18...Rxa5 19.f4

With his Q-side a flaming wreck, White correctly attempts to open another front on the K-side.

19...Bg4 20.f5?

Closing the newly opened front.

20...Rea8 21.h3

Better is 21.Ng3 threatening 22.h3, although 21...Qh4! leaves Black on top anyway. 21...Bxe2 22.Qxe2 Rxa3 23.Rxa3 Rxa3 24.Qd2 Rc3 25.Rb1 b5 26.Rb3 Qg5 27.Qxg5?

This leads to a lost ending. Better is 27.Qd1. Black still holds the whip, but it is much harder for him to chalk up the point. Of course, defending such endings is excruciating but White has little choice. 27...hxg5 28.Rxc3?

Ditto. 28.Rb2 provides stiffer resistance.

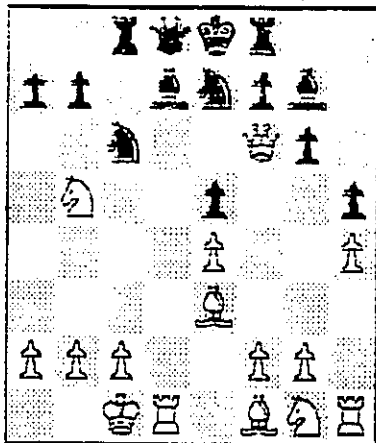
28...dxc3 29.g4?

29.Kf1

29...b4 30.Kf1 b3 31.cxb3 c2 0-1

J.Walker (CM)- M.Ellison (D)
Modern Defense

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.Be3 Bd7?! 5.Qd2 e5 6.Nge2
Ne7 7.0-0-0 Nbc6 8.d5 Nb8 9.h4
h5 10.Ng1 c6 11.dxc6 Nbxc6
12.Qxd6 Rf8 13.Nb5 Rc8 14.Qf6!



An amusing position!
14...Bxf6 15.Nd6 mate!
14...Rg8 15.Nxd6+ Kf8 16.Qxf7
mate.

B.Salmon (U)- M.Butcher (B)
Kings Indian Defense
1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Bg5 Nbd7
The deployment of White's

B's has weakened d4. Black could attempt to take advantage of this with 6...Nc6 which leads to a decent position for Black after 7.d5 Nd4 8.Nge2 c5. Therefore, White should try 7.Nge2 e5 8.de5!? (8.d5!? Nd4!? 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nb5 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Be2 and either ...d3 or ...c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Nxd4 Qa5+ give Black adequate counterplay.) 8...Nxe5!? 9.f4 (9.Nd5 c6) Ned7 10.0-0 c6 with an unclear position. (At least it is unclear to the editor!) 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5 h6 9.Bh4 Nc5 10.Qc2?!

Illogical. If White seeks the exchange of the B on d3, he should force it and gain ground on the Q-side with 10.b4. On the other hand, if he wishes to retain the B in anticipation of ...f5, then 10.Bc2 is the ticket. 10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.0-0 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 f5 14.Rae1?

This loses a piece. White had to try 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Ne4 Nf6 16.Ne2-c3 Qe8 17.f3 Qg6 18.Rae1 Rf7 with the idea of ...Raf8. Black has the initiative, but White's still in the game. 14...f4 15.h3 fxf3 and 0-1 in 34.

ROUND II

C.Burkhammer (D)- C.Hudson (B)
Modern Defense

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 d6
4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.h3 Qa5
7.Bd2 Qb4 8.b3 Qb6 9.Be3 0-0
10.0-0 Nbd7 11.d5 Qc7 12.Bg5
Nb6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qd3 cxd5
15.exd5 Bf5 16.Qd2 Nxc4
17.bxc4 Qxc4 18.Ne2 Bxa1
19.Rxa1 Qxc2 20.Qxc2 Bxc2
21.Rc1 Rae8 and 0-1 in 30.

M. Butcher (B) - J. Walker (CM)
Dutch Defense
1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e3
Be7

4... Bb4 is a good
alternative leading to a sort
of Nimzo-Dutch.

5. Bd3 d5 6. cxd5

This move is unnecessary.
Even if one intends to play it
eventually, there is no hurry
as Black will rarely if ever
play ... dxc4. Better is 6. Nf3
with 0-0 and Qc2 to follow. If
Black carelessly plays ... Nbd7
then cxd5 virtually forces
... cxd5 when the c-file will
prove fertile ground for
White's major pieces. (... Nxd5
surrenders control of e4.)

Another plan for White is
6. Nge2 and 0-0 when he can
eject a N from e4 with f3 and
can work toward the e4 break.
White ultimately chooses this
plan but he could have
benefitted by omitting or
delaying cxd5. Yet a third
option is 6. f4 setting up the
Anti-Stonewall formation.

Theory considers the
Rubenstein Variation as
harmless, but I think it is an
interesting alternative to the
more common K-fianchetto
lines.

6... exd5 7. Qc2 g6 8. Nge2 c6
9. a3 a5 10. Bd2 Na6 11. 0-0 0-0
12. Ng3 Bd6 13. Nce2 Nc7 14. f3
Kg7 15. e4

A risky pawn sac.
15... dxe4 16. fxe4 Bxg3 17. Nxc3
Qxd4+ 18. Kh1 fxe4 19. Nxe4 Ncd5
20. Rad1 Bf5 21. Rxf5! gxf5
22. Ng5 Rae8 23. Bxf5 Qh4
24. Nf3!

24. Ne6+ Rxe6 25. Bxe6 +=
24... Qf2 25. Qc1??

25. Bh6+! +-
25... Ne3 26. Bxe3 Qxe3 27. Qc2
Re7 28. h3 Qe2 29. Qc1 Qe3
30. Qc2 Rfe8 31. Rd3 Qf4 32. Rd1
Re2 33. Qd3 R8-e3 34. Qd8 Qxf5
35. Qc7+ Kh6 36. Qg3 Rxf3

37. gxf3 Qg5 38. Qxg5+ Kxg5
39. Rg1+ Kf4 40. Rg7 Rxb2 41. Rf7
Kg3 42. Rg7+ Kxh3 43. Kg1 h5
44. Rg6 Nd5 45. Rg5 h4 46. Rg6
Ne3 47. f4 Ng4 48. f5 Rb1 mate
0-1

D. O'Hanlon (B) - J. Ancrile (B)
Torre Attack-Kings Indian
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7
4. e3 0-0 5. Nbd2 d6 6. Be2 c5
7. c3 Nbd7 8. 0-0 b6 9. Re1 Bb7
10. Qc2 Rc8 11. Rad1 Re8 12. Bf1
Qc7 13. h3 e6 14. Bf4 Qc6 15. e4
Nh5 16. Be3 a6 17. a4 Nhf6 18. e5
dxe5 19. dxe5 Nd5 20. Nc4 Nxe3?

20... Bf8 at once is better.
There is no reason to trade
Black's best piece and there
are very good reasons to keep
d-file blocked.

21. Rxe3 Bf8 22. Red3 Red8
23. Nd6 Bxd6 24. Rxd6 Qc7 25. Qd2
Bc6 26. Bxa6 Ra8 27. Bb5 Bxb5
28. axb5 Ra7 29. Qh6 Ra-a8
30. Qd2 Ra7 31. Ng5 h5 32. Ne4
Kf8 33. Qf4 Ra8 34. Ng5 Nxe5
35. Qxe5 Rxd6 36. Qxd6+ Qe7
37. Nh7+ Ke8 38. Qc6+ 1-0

ROUND III

R. Bierce (A) - C. Hudson (B)
English Opening
1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7
4. Bg2 d6 5. d3 c6 6. Nf3 0-0
7. 0-0 e5 8. Rb1 Nbd7 9. b4 a5
10. b5 Qc7 11. bxc6 bxc6 12. Nd2
Nc5 13. Nb5 Qd7 14. Ba3 e4 15. d4
cxb5 16. dxc5 b4 17. Nxe4! Nxe4
18. Bxe4 Ra6 19. Bb2 dxc5 20. Qc2
Bb7 21. Bxb7 Qxb7 22. Rfd1 Rae6
23. Bxg7 Kxg7 24. Rd5 Qe7 25. e3
Kg8 26. Rbd1 Ra8 27. Qa4 Raa6
28. Qb5 Rec6 29. Qb8+ Kg7 30. Qf4
a4 31. Rd7 Qf6 32. Qb8 Rab6
33. Qe8 b3 34. Rd8 Kh6 35. axb3
axb3 36. Rb1 b2 37. Qf8+ Qg7
38. Qe7 Ra6?? 39. Qh5 mate 1-0

D. O'Hanlon (A) - C. Schullien (SM)
Colle/Kings Indian Defense
1. d4 Nf6 2. e3 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7
4. Be2 0-0 5. 0-0 d6 6. b3 Nbd7

7.Bb2 b6 8.c4 Bb7 9.Nbd2 e5
 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Rb1 Ngxe5
 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Nf3 Be4
 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8
 16.Rb2 Rd6 17.Rd2? Bxf3
 18.Bxf3 Rxd2 19.Bxa8 Rxa2
 20.Be4 f5 21.Bd3 Kf8 22.b4 a5
 23.c5 Rd2 24.cxb6 cxb6
 25.bxa5? Rxd3 26.axb6 Rb3
 27.g3 Rxb6 and 0-1 in 53.

J.Brewster (B)- M.Ellison (D)
 Philidor's Defense

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Bg4
 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nc3 exd4 6.Qxd4
 Bxf3 7.gxf3 Nc6 8.Qe3 g6 9.Bd2
 Bg7 10.h4 h5 11.0-0-0 Ne5
 12.Bb3 a6 13.Kb1 c5 14.Bd5 Rb8
 15.Qf4 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 0-0 17.Qg3
 b5 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 Kh7 20.Nf4
 Qe8 21.Rxd6 Ra8 22.Rhd1 a5
 23.Ne6 Qe7 24.Nxf8+ Qxf8
 25.R1-d5 Nc4 26.Rd7 Nb6
 27.Bxc5 Qxc5 28.Rxc5 1-0

ROUND IV

J.Dailey (D)- A.Mullins (B)
 Sicilian Dragon

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7
 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Qd2 Re8
 10.Rac1 Bd7 11.Nd5? Nxe4
 12.Qd1 Qa5 13.f3 Qxd5 14.Nxc6
 Bxc6 15.Qxd5 Bxd5 16.fxe4 Bxe4
 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bb5 Rec8 19.c3 a6
 20.Be2 Rc6 21.Bf3 Bxf3 22.Rxf3
 e5 23.Rd1 Rd8 and Black nursed
 his material advantage to 0-1
 in 35.

J.Ancrile (B)- J.Brewster (B)
 Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1.e4 d5 2.d4!?
 No Center Counter Defense
 today!
 2...dxe4 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.f3 Nf6
 Vienna Defense.
 5.fxe4 Nxe4 6.Qf3 Nd6 7.Bf4
 Qc8?!

Eric Schiller's monograph on
 the Blackmar (1986) only gives
 7...e6 at this juncture.
 7...e6 appears better as it

protects the QB and prepares
 development of the KB. Black
 need not fear 8.Bxd6 Bxd6
 9.Qxb7 Nbd7 when his lead in
 development gives him the
 edge. Instead Schiller cites
 8.0-0-0 following Diemer-Anon,
 1955.

8.Bxd6 exd6 9.Bc4 Bg6 10.Nh3
 Be7 11.Nf4 Nc6 12.Bb5 0-0
 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nxg6 Qe6+

Simply 14...fxg6 seems
 preferable.

15.Ne2

15.Nge5 dxe5 16.0-0-0 is
 unclear. Neither K is
 completely safe. Black is
 behind in development and his
 P-structure is shattered.
 However, he does have an extra
 P and will have an easier road
 (b-file) to White's K than
 White has to the Black K.

15...fxg6 16.Qd3

16.Qxc6 Bh4+ 17.g3 Rae8

18.Qb5 Qe4 -+

16...Bh4+ 17.g3 Bg5 18.h4 Bh6
 19.h5 gxh5 20.Rxh5 Rae8 21.Rh2
 Qf6 22.Rxh6 Qxh6 23.Rd1 Rf6
 0-1

R.Sheppard (D)- M.Butcher (B)
 Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Nc3

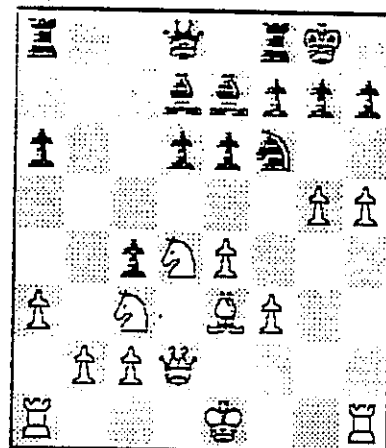
5.c4 takes up the gauntlet.

5...Nf6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 Be7

8.Be2 a6 9.Qd2 0-0 10.h4 Bd7

11.h5 b5 12.a3 Ne5 13.g4 Nc4

14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.g5



White has built up a nice attacking formation. Black, however, has his counterchances. The position appears dynamically equal.

15...Ne8 16.0-0-0

This is necessary to add the weight of the QR to the attack, but it also gives Black an inviting target. Tit for tat!

16...Nc7?!

This N should be left on e8 to help defend the K-side. Black should consider 16...Qa5 with ...Rb8 and ...d5 (to allow ...Bxa3) to follow.

17.g6 fxc6 18.hxc6 h6

19.Bxh6!?

Manly, but a bit over hasty. It would be better to prepare this sac with 19.Kb1 or 19.Rdgl.

19...gxh6 20.Qh2

20.Qxh6? Bg5+

20...Bg5+ 21.Kb1 e5 22.Nde2

Qf6 23.Rdf1 Qxg6

Perhaps better is 23...Ne6

24.Nd5 Qxg6 25.Rhg1 Kh7 26.Ne7

Qg7 27.Nf5 Rxf5 28.exf5 Nc5 =+

24.Rhg1 Kh7 25.f4 exf4 26.Nxf4

Qf6 27.Nfd5 Qxf1+ 28.Rxf1

Rxf1+ 29.Ka2 Ne6?

29...Nxd5 30.Nxd5 Be6

31.Qxd6 Bxd5 32.Qxd5 Rd8

33.Qxc4 Rf2 with counterplay

on the 7th rank.

30.Qxd6 Rf7 31.Nb6 Rd8 32.Nxd7

Rdx7 33.Qxe6 a5 34.Qxc4 h5

35.e5 Rde7 36.Qd5 h4 37.e6 Rg7

38.Qf5+ Kh6 39.Ne4! Bc1 40.Nf2

Rg6 41.Ng4+ Kg7 42.Qe5+ Kf8

43.Qh8+ Rg8 44.Qf6+ Ke8

45.Qxh4 Bg5 46.Nf6+ Bxf6

47.Qxf6 Rf8 48.Qe5 Rb7 49.Qxa5

Rf6 50.Qa8+ 1-0



WESTON WINTER OPEN

The Second Annual Weston Winter Open will be held December 4, 1993 at the Lewis County High School Cafeteria in Weston, West Virginia. The details are:

Registration: 8 am- 9:30 am

Rounds: 10 am/ 12:30 pm/
3:30 pm/ 5:30 pm

Time Limit: Game/ 60

Prizes: \$200 based on 20 entrants

1st - \$80

(Class prizes based on 3 entrants in class. If less than 3, class combined with another class)

1700-1999 \$40

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JUDGE DAN AT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Most West Virginians swelled with pride when the May issue of Chess Life appeared and our own Dan O'Hanlon was on the cover as part of the winning team at the amateur team championship. Dan has been kind enough to supply us with his personal account of the event. Read and enjoy!

In early January, I was contacted by a friend of mine from the Manhattan Chess Club asking if I would be interested in playing 4th board for a local NY team. IM Jay Bonin, NM Mark Ritter and Expert Harold Stenzel needed someone near my rating [1771] to get them just under the 2200 team average required in the US Amateur Team East tournament. I have always wanted to play in that tournament, so I readily agreed to be, in Bob Bukovac's memorable phrase, "4th board wag on an all-star team." Our team average rating of 2199.5 made us the top-rated team in the tournament.

The theory of this kind of team is that boards 1 and 2 usually play opponents a few hundred points lower and are expected to produce 2 points. Board 3 is usually a bit higher-rated than his opponent and is expected to at least hold a draw. Thus, the top 3 boards are expected to produce 2 1/2 points and win the match. Board 4 is usually playing a much higher-rated player and is basically expected to just show up, hold on as long as he can, and die without a whimper!?

Our first round tested the validity of this theory when Stenzel lost quickly on board 3. I was in a worse position at the time, but managed to hold the draw. Suddenly, I was a hero who had saved the match for the team! The second round went a bit better, with the top boards going 3-0. I again made a draw, so we were still undefeated and the opponents were getting tougher. I played my first Expert in round 3:

Stoudt(2097)-O'Hanlon(1771)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Be3 d5 5.e5 Nh6 6.Be2 f6 7.h3 fe 8.de 0-0
9.Nf3 Nf7 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.0-0 e6 [avoiding 11...Ne5 12.Ne5 Be5 13.Nd5! cd
14.Qd5+ +-] 12.Qd2?! Ne5 13.Kh1? Nf3 0-1

My teammates could hardly believe their eyes...neither could his! Naturally, their failure to get a point early on board 4 put a lot of pressure on their top 3 boards. The top 2 boards went down, but Stenzel lost so, once again, my point saved the match for the team. I drew another Expert in round 4. Bonin and Ritter drew. Stenzel won a great game against Jessica Ambats, so he finally got to be the hero and save one for the team.

On Sunday, we learned that our team name, Bonin the USA, was one of the finalists for best name [we lost out the White Pawns Can't Jump]. In round 5, we played GM Bisguier's team. Bonin beat Bisguier handily, Ritter and I won and Stenzel...well, let's just say that I did it again

and leave it at that. In the last round, we played a team of russian emigrants. I played what I felt was my best game of the tournament:

O'Hanlon(1771)-Reznick(1973)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.c3 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.0-0 Re8 9.e4 de 10.Ne4 Ne4 11.Be4 Nf6 [here I had to decide where the B belonged; I realized that f7 was the weak pawn for B and b2 was the weakness for W; my move prepares to deal with both things] 12.Bc2 Qb6 13.Bb3 [blocking b2 and attacking f7] a5 14.Ne5 e6?! 15.Qf3! [xf7 so the Nf6 is pinned] Qd8 16.Ng4 [+ -] a4 17.Bc2 Qb6 18.Nf6+ Bf6 19.Qf6 e5? 20.Bh6 1-0

We won the East Regional 6-0, received Quartz clocks with a plaque declaring us the champions, and qualified for an all-expense paid trip to the finals in the Old Harbor section of Baltimore. This was the first times the four regional finalist have met in person [in prior years they have played by phone or computer, with lots of problems]. The Harbor View Yacht Club paid for the airline tickets and the rooms at the Radisson. The playing hall was spectacular, with lots of food, snacks and a soda bar, along with great natural lighting and a view of the harbor.

We played the South in round 1. I had the Black pieces against a 2141, but managed a draw. We beat them 3-1, but the West beat the Midwest by the same score. In the second round, I lost a cliffhanger against the 4th board from the West. It was my first loss in 8 rounds, but I felt terrible. We drew the match 2-2, but my teammates were great over dinner and really cheered me up. We knew it could come down to tiebreaks in the last round.

I had Black against a 14 year old russian Expert who now lives in Milwaukee. My teammates all won their games and the West beat the South 3-1, so it all came down to my game. Let me bore you one last time by telling you time that I held the draw and my half point won the whole thing for us on tiebreaks. It was the thrill of a lifetime for me. We won beautiful trophies, got our pictures on the cover of Chess life, and I picked up 75+ points and became a Class A player for the first time. I would highly recommend the Amateur Team tournament to anyone wanting to have lots of fun and lots of chess. If you go, you'll surely see me there, because I'm already planning for next year's tournament!

DOUGIE BEATS A GM!

Many of you remember Dougie Lane, formerly of Spencer, West Virginia, currently of Arizona. At the National Open this former Mountaineer scored a wonderful attacking win against Leonid Shamkovich, formerly of the Soviet Union, currently of New York! Dougie has submitted the game to us.

Dougie Lane (CM)- L. Shamkovich (GM)

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Be3 Be7 10.Nb3 Na5 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.f4 0-0 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.g4 d5 15.g5 Nxe4 16.Ncxe4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nb4?? 18.Nf6+ gxf6 19.Bxh7+ 1-0

After the game Shamkovich told Dougie he thought he could hold with 18...Bxf6 but Dougie says that loses to 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.gxf6 (threat Qg5 and Qh6 mate) Qd8 22.fxg7! Kxg7 23.Kf2 and mate again. An anonymous kibitzer has suggested 21...Qc2 as a stronger defense for Black. We leave it to the reader to decide.

WESTON WINTER OPEN

Charles Schulien of Parkersburg captured first place at the Weston Winter Open with a score of 3.5-.5. Jim Walker of Cross Lanes, Randy Bierce of Moundsville, and Richard Sheppard of Spencer tied for second at 3-1. Bill Salmon of Dunbar did not compete in this tournament.

This event was held in Weston, West Virginia on December 5, 1992 and drew twenty-two players. Markle Butcher handled the directorial duties.

The crosstable from this event appeared last issue (#210). We present a selection of games with a few light notes.

ROUND I

C.Schulien (SM)- Sheppard (D)
Kings Indian Defense
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 Nbd7
7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 a6 9.Nh3 Ne5
10.Nf2 Ne8?!

10...Rb8 aiming/hoping for an eventual ...b5 is better. Black appears to be going out of his way to weaken his position.

11.Be2 f6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.0-0 Nc7 14.a4 Rb8 15.f4 Nf7 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rb6 18.Nd3 e6 19.b4! Rb8 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Bxc5

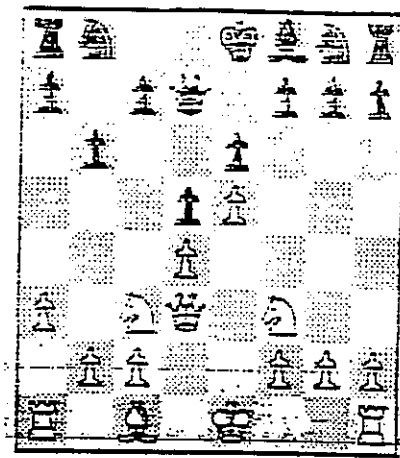
Black is busted.

21...Re8 22.d6 Na8 23.Ba3 Bc8 24.c5 Bb7 25.Rab1 Qd7 26.Nb4 Bc6 27.Bxa6 e5 28.Nxc6 Qxc6 29.Bb5 and 1-0 in 33.

Ellison (D)- Walker (CM)
French Defense

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5

b6 5.a3 Bf8 6.Nf3 Qd7 7.Be2
7.Bb5! c6 8.Ba4 causes Black
more distress.
7...Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Qd3 Nb8



Strange as it may seem, this is an "ideal" position toward which Black aims in this variation! Black has traded the White-square B's without loss of tempo (7.Be2 and 9...Nb8 cancel each other out) and he is actually ahead in development (!?) because both of White's N's are misplaced. White needs to push P's to c3 and f4 and the N's must move to allow this. Meantime, Black will clamp down on the K-side with ...Ne7-f5 and ...h5 to prevent g4 and f5. If such perverted logic appeals to you, you should consider taking up this line. In that case a good training program would consist of studying Nimzovitch, Petrosian, and yoga!

10.0-0?!

Now it will be very difficult to play g4 and f5 without exposing White's monarch to a fatal chill.

10...Ne7 11.Be3 Nbc6 12.b4 Nf5

13.Rfe1 Be7 14.Nb1 Rd8 15.Nbd2
h6 16.Nb3 g5 17.Nfd2 g4 18.g3
h5 19.h4 gxh3 20.Nf3 Rg8
21.Nh2 Bg5 22.Bd2 Nce7 23.c3
Bxd2 24.Nxd2 Ng6 25.a4 Kf8
26.a5 Qe7 27.Qf3 Qg5 28.Rd1

The scoresheet doesn't
indicate which R went to d1,
but it hardly matters.
28...h4 29.g4 Nf4 0-1 on time.

Black has a winning
advantage on the board as
well.

ROUND II

LaBue (D)- Sefton (D)

Colle Opening

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 Bb4+?
4.c3 Be7 5.Bd3 d5 6.0-0 c5
7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.e4

What's the hurry? 3.Re1 is
indicated.

8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4
Bd7 11.d5 exd5 12.Qxd5 Qc7

12...Be6 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8
14.Bxc6 bxc6 and the 2 B's
compensate for the grungy
P-structure.

13.g3 Be6 14.Qh5 0-0-0 15.Bf4
Qb6 16.b3 g6

16...Bf6!?! 17.Ng5!?! is
unclear.

17.Qh6 f5 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 19.Ng5
Qe8 20.b4 Bf8 21.Qg5 Be7

22.Qh6 c4
22...Bf8 =

23.Rad1 Bd5?! 24.Qg7! Be6
25.Qe5 Rd7 27.Qb8 mate!

Sheppard (D)- Freshour (E)

Philidor's Defense

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Be7
4.Bc4 c6 5.0-0 Bf6 6.Re1 b5
7.Bb3 a5 8.a3 Nh6? 9.d3 Ng8
10.Be3 Ne7 11.Ng5 Bxg5 12.Bxg5
0-0 13.Qf3 Be6

13...Kh8 with the idea of
14...f6 is better. Black has
managed to stay in the game
despite his lack of
development because of his
strong point at e5. White
should have challenged this

strong point by preparing d4
or f4 to open the game for his
better developed pieces.

14.Qg3 Bxb3 15.Bf6?! g6 16.Qg5
Re8 17.Qh6 Nf5! 18.Bxd8 Nxb6
19.Bg5 Bxc2 20.Bxb6 Bxd3
21.Rad1 Bxe4?

Better is 21...b4 22.Rxd3
bxc3 23.bxc3 d5 24.exd5 cxd5
25.Rxd5 Nc6 or 21...Bc4
22.Rxd6 =

22.Nxe4 Re6 23.Nxd6 g5 24.Bxg5
Rg6 25.Nf5 Na6 26.Ne7+ Kg7
27.Nxg6 and 1-0 in 40.

Mike Richardson (B)-

C.Schulien (SM)

Kings Indian Defense

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7
4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nc6
7.Nc3 a6 8.e4 Rb8 9.Re1 b5
10.cxb5 axb5 11.Qc2 Bg4 12.Be3
Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5
15.Bg2 Qd7 16.Rad1 Rfe8 17.Nd5
Nxd5 18.exd5 Nc4 19.Bc1 Rxe1+
20.Rxe1 Re8 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8
22.Kf1 Qd7 23.b3 Ne5 24.h3 b4
25.f4 Qb5 26.Qe2 Nd3?

Better is 26...Qxe2+
although White still holds an
edge.

27.Be4 Qc5 28.Be3 Nc1 1/2-
1/2!?

29.Qd2 Qb5+ 30.Kf2 Qe8
31.Kf3 and I don't see how
Black saves the N. Perhaps
the clock was a factor.

Walker (CM)- Waugh (B)

English Opening

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6
4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e4 e5 6.Nge2 Nge7
7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 d6 9.Rb1 a6

Black should not break
symmetry with 9...a5. White
will engineer b4 anyway then
later take the a-file away
from Black.

10.a3 b6?!?

Better is 10...Rb3.

11.b4 Bd7 12.b5 axb5 13.Nxb5
Nd4 14.N2xd4 exd4 15.f4 Bxb5
16.Rxb5 Ra5 17.Rxa5 bxa5
18.Qa4 Qb6 19.Rf2 Ra8?