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John Roush, Pat Kelly and Craig Rabatin share the title at the first annual Parkersburg Open

For the first time since the Fairmont Open in 1991, there was a two-day, five round tournament (excluding the State tourney). The Rev. John Kay directed this event and expressed an interest in making this an annual event. Thirty three players participated with Charleston's John Roush, Pat Kelly and Craig Rabatin each scoring four to tie for first. The logjam at three and a half included Byron Funkhouser - top A player, Mike Richardson, VA's Johnson Chua and 1995 High School

Champ John Dailey-all tied for class B. Joe Dean with a victory over Mike Baker claimed the class C prize and Jim Jordan was Class D champ.

In the final round John Roush and Craig Rabatin played each other to a draw, allowing Pat Kelly to join them after his upset win over Donald Griffith. Markle Butcher had a chance to tie for first, however he couldn't hold a slight advantage and lost to Byron Funkhouser.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2146*m4	2145*m4	W--13	W---5	W---4	D---8	D---3	4.0
2	Pat Kelly	OH	1954*A0	1976*A0	W--23	W---6	H---	D---9	W---8	4.0
3	Craig Rabatin	WV	1870*B2	1905*B7	W--31	D--11	W--12	W--14	D---1	4.0
4	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1876*a7	1879*a7	W--19	W--16	L--1	D--17	W--9	3.5
5	Mike Richardson	WV	1718*A5	1743*A5	W--20	L--1	W--10	D--16	W--17	3.5
6	Johnson Chua	VA	1695*b6	1704*b6	W--32	L--2	D--19	W--18	W--16	3.5
7	John Dailey	WV	1626*b9	1644*b9	W--25	L--9	W--22	H---	W--15	3.5
8	Donald Griffith	WV	2158*X7	2132*X7	W--17	D--10	W--11	D---1	L--2	3.0
9	Markle Butcher	WV	1727*B6	1756*B6	W--22	W--7	D--14	D--2	L--4	3.0
10	Mark Tipton	WV	1710*b0	1712*b0	W--30	D--8	L--5	W--23	D--11	3.0
11	Rick Holsberry	WV	1674*b5	1687*b5	W--28	D--3	L--8	W--27	D--10	3.0
12	Joe Ancrile	WV	1649*b7	1561*b7	W--29	D--15	L--3	H---	W--23	3.0
13	John Dean	WV	1555*0	1556*c2	L--1	L--20	W--24	W--25	W--21	3.0
14	Steve Charles	OH	2084*x8	2052*x8	W--18	W--21	D--9	L--3	U---	2.5
15	Michael Taylor	OH	1699*b7	1663*b7	D--27	D--12	D--18	W--19	L--7	2.5
16	Gary Morris	WV	1674*b0	1656*b0	W--33	L--4	W--31	D--5	L--6	2.5
17	Jason Rihel	WV	1566*C5	1578*C5	L--8	W--30	W--20	D--4	L--5	2.5
18	Aaron Richardson	WV	1514*c2	1533*c4	L--14	W--32	D--15	L--6	W--22	2.5
19	Tom LaBue	WV	1405*C2	1420*C2	L--4	W--24	D--6	L--15	W--28	2.5
20	Jim Jordan	WV	1395*D2	1418*D4	L--5	W--13	L--17	H---	W--27	2.5
21	Mike Baker	WV	1685*B4	1637*B4	W--24	L--14	L--23	W--31	L--13	2.0
22	Duane Hosom	KY	1667/04	1500/08	L--9	W--29	L--7	X---	L--18	2.0
23	Bob McLear	WV	1400*c7	1420*c7	L--2	W--28	W--21	L--10	L--12	2.0
24	Tim Cross	WV	1133/16	1152*e2	L--21	L--19	L--13	W--29	W--31	2.0
25	Mike Price	WV	869*0	866*0	L--7	B---	L--27	L--13	X---	2.0
26	Jim Gikas	WV	1917*A7	1918*A7	H---	W--27	U---	U---	U---	1.5
27	Charles Haid	WV	1345*D7	1340*D7	D--15	L--26	W--25	L--11	L--20	1.5
28	Bill Salmon	WV	1168*d0	1162*d0	L--11	L--23	H---	W--33	L--19	1.5
29	Jean Parker	WV	873/07	961/11	L--12	L--22	H---	L--24	W--33	1.5
30	Jay Sampson	WV	Unrated	1153/03	L--10	L--17	D--33	H---	F---	1.0
31	Peter Mauk	WV	Unrated	1229/05	L--3	W--33	L--16	L--21	L--24	1.0
32	Bob Blackwell	OH	1271*B2	1262*E2	L--6	L--18	H---	F---	U---	0.5
33	Alex Criss	WV	1033/08	992/13	L--16	L--31	D--30	L--28	L--29	0.5

Upcoming Events in the West Virginia

May 27 Huntington Open: 4-SS, G/60, NS, NC
Site: Huntington YMCA, May Building, Room 201,
935 10th Ave. Huntington, WV

Two sections: OPEN: EF: \$15 \$\$75% of EF's
RESERVE (U1600): \$10, \$\$65% of EF's

Both: Registration 9:30-10:15am

Rounds: 10:30-1-3:15-5:45

Entries to: Mike McAlister, 4022 Van Sant St.
Huntington, WV 25704 (304) 429-5117 eves

June 3 Zugswang: 4-SS, G/60, NS, NC, W
Site: Comfort Suites, Mineral Wells, WV (I-77 Exit 170)

Rounds: 10-12:45-3-5:15 Reg: 9:00-9:45am

EF: \$12 if rec'd by 5/29, \$15 at site. \$\$ b/entries

Entries to: Patrick Kelly, 104 Iroquois Drive
Marietta, OH 45750 (614) 374-0538

June 10 Charleston Open: 4-SS, G/80, NS, NC, W
Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse,

5101 West Washington St, Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Rounds: 10-1-4-7 Reg: 9:00-9:45am

EF: \$18, \$15 Charleston CC members, \$9 under 18

\$\$ 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, b/25

Entries to: Donald Griffith, 2718 Lakeview Drive
St. Albans, WV 25177 (304) 727-5009

June 11 Tug Valley Open: 4-SS, G/60

Site: Red Man Lodge, Rt 52, Varney, WV

Rounds: 10-12:15-2:30-4:45 Reg: 9:00-9:45am

EF: \$15 if rec'd by 5/31 or TVCC members, \$20 at site

\$\$: (330 b/20): 125-75-50, U1600, U1400 \$40 each

Byes: Rounds 1 and 4 only by request

Entries to: Tim Goan, 841 Moore St,
Williamson, WV 25661 (304) 235-2995

July 1 Quick Chess and Pizza: 5-SS G/25, NS

followed by a free G/5 tournament

Site: Comfort Suites, Mineral Wells, WV (I-77 Exit 170)

Rounds: 10-11-1-2-3 Reg: 9:00-9:45am

EF: \$12 if rec'd by 6/27, \$15 at site

Free pizza and soda offered between rounds 2 and 3.

Trophies to top three and U1700, U1400. No cash prizes.

Entries to: Joe Ancrile, Box 271,
Elizabeth, WV 26143 (304) 275-3689

July 15 Buckhannon Summer Open: 4-SS, G/75, NS,

Site: Holy Rosary Catholic Church Activity Hall

(tentatively set)

35 Franklin Street, Buckhannon, WV

Rounds: 10-1-3:30-6 Reg: 9:00-9:45am

EF: \$12 by 7/10, \$15 at site \$\$: b/entries

Entries to: Tom LaBue, 135 Shawnee Drive
Buckhannon, WV 26201 (304) 472-1682

July 22 Bill Salmon's Revenge: 4-SS, G/60, NS, NC
Site: Huntington YMCA, May Building, Room 201
935 10th Ave. Huntington, WV

EF: \$15, \$10 U1400 and Unrateds \$\$75% of EF's

Both: Registration 9:30-10:15am

Rounds: 10:30-1-3:15-5:45

Entries to: Mike McAlister; 4022 Van Sant St.
Huntington, WV 25704 (304) 429-5117 eves

**August 19 2nd Annual Parkersburg Homecoming
Open:** 4-SS, G/75, NS, NC, W

Site: Comfort Suites, Mineral Wells, WV (I-77 Exit 170)

Rounds: 10-12:30-3-5:30 Reg: 9:00-9:45am

EF: \$12 by 8/14, \$15 at site, \$\$ b/entries

Entries to: Patrick Kelly, 104 Iroquois Drive
Marietta, OH 45750 (614) 374-0538

August 19 Kanawha Valley Open: 4-SS, G/80, NS, NC

NOTE: The date might change to Aug 12 or Aug 26.

Look for date in an upcoming issue of Chess Life.

Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse,

5101 West Washington St, Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Rounds: 10-1-4-7 Reg: 9:00-9:45am

EF: \$18, \$15 Charleston CC members, \$9 under 18

\$\$ 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, b/25

Entries to: John Roush, 1610 Washington St. East
Charleston, WV 25311

September 2-4 WV State Championship: 6-SS,

Time Control: 40/90, G/1, NS, NC, W

Site: Comfort Suites, Mineral Wells, WV (I-77 Exit 170)

EF: \$20, \$25, \$15 juniors WVCA required, OSA

Prizes: \$800 (b/50) minimum

HR: \$59 1-4 per room, must reserve by 8/25

WV Quick Chess Championship, Sat. Sept 2

WV Action Chess Championship, Sun. Sept 3

Entries to: Rev. John Kay, PO Box 151

Barlow, OH 45712 (614) 678-2248

e-mail: GVRC72A@prodigy.com or

JKREV@aol.com or

71524,102@compuserve.com

September 23 Huntington Fall Open (QC):

Time Control: 5-SS, G/20

Site: Huntington YMCA May Building, Room 201

935 10th Ave., Huntington, WV

EF: \$8, \$\$70% of EF's

Both: Registration 12:00-12:45 pm

Rounds: 1-2-3-4-5

Entries to: Mike McAlister, 4022 Van Sant St.
Huntington, WV 25704 (304) 429-5117 eves

Current West Virginia Grand Prix Standings
as of March 31, 1995:

1. Jim Walker	33.00
2. Jim Gikas	30.50
3. Pat Kelly	27.83
4. John Roush	23.00
5. Byron Funkhouser	22.33
6. Donald Griffith	20.50
7. Konnie Dolgovskij	20.00
8. Aaron Richardson	17.50
9. Mike Richardson	17.33
10. Mike Taylor	15.50
11. Tom LaBue	15.33
12. Jason Rihel	12.50
13. Markle Butcher	12.00
14. Randy Bierce	11.83
15. Dennis Funkhouser	11.50
Jim Jordan	11.50
17. John Dailey	11.00
Rich Sheppard	11.00
19. Joe Ancrile	10.83
20. Jerry Skeen	10.50
21. Prashant Chandra	9.50
22. Mike Baker	9.00
23. Bob McLearn	8.67
24. Duane Hosom	8.00
25. Jeff Crook	6.50
Jonette Mercer	6.50

The tournaments included as WV Grand Prix so far:

- 1- WV States, Wheeling
- 2- Parkersburg October Open, Parkersburg
- 3- Parkersburg November Open, Parkersburg
- 4- Parkersburg December Open, Parkersburg
- 5- Al DuVall Commemorative, Parkersburg
- 6- Cross Lanes Open, Cross Lanes
- 7- Parkersburg Open, Parkersburg
- 8- Atlantic Class Championships, Harpers Ferry (participation points only)
- 9- Spring Fling, Parkersburg

These upcoming tournaments have been designated as WV Grand Prix:

- 1- Lucky 13, Parkersburg
- 2- Huntington Open, Huntington
- 3- Zugswang, Parkersburg
- 4- Charleston Open, Cross Lanes
- 5- Tug Valley Open, Varney
- 6- Buckhannon Summer Open, Buckhannon
- 7- Bill Salmon's Revenge, Huntington
- 8- 2nd Annual Homecoming, Parkersburg
- 9- Kanawha Valley Open, Cross Lanes

25th Annual WV Scholastic Class Championship
John Dailey takes High School Individual Title

Submitted by John Homer.

The 25th Annual West Virginia Scholastic Chess Championship was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, 1995 at the Wilson Student Union of WV State College. 191 chess players from 31 schools (11 from Kanawha County) competed in this USCF event for state titles and national USCF ratings. For the first time in the history of this event, the children in grades K-3 competed in their own Primary Section.

In the Primary Section, Teays Valley Christian Academy won First Place, and one of their players, Alex Kovarik, grade 2, is the 1995 Individual Primary Champion. Alex went undefeated. Juan Potes of Cheat Lake Elementary was runner-up with three wins and one loss.

The Teays Valley Christian Academy Elementary Team, grades 4-6, also won First Place for the third year in a row, and seven of their players were in the top eight in the final standings. First-time players from Andrews Heights Elementary of Tornado, Kanawha County, came in a close second. Undefeated Evan Young (Teays Valley) earned the title of 1995 Elementary Champion, while Derrick O'Dell (Teays Valley) was runner-up.

Elkins Middle School won the Junior High Championship, with Wirt County Middle School a close second. Junior High Champion was Timothy Taylor (Teays Valley) 5-0, and Billy Leary (Elkins) 4-1 was runner-up.

Jefferson County High School repeated as the High School Champions. Elkins High finished in second. John Dailey (Wirt County), 4-0, is the 1995 High School Champion and will represent West Virginia in the Denker Tournament of Champions, where all fifty state high school champions compete in August in San Francisco. Runner up this year was Gary Cogar (Lewis County).

Top Girl trophies went to Dana Riggelman (Tygarts Valley HS), Andrea Cowperthwait (Tygarts Valley JHS), Katy Talley (Ordnance Elementary - Point Pleasant), and Rebecca Funkhouser (Kanawha City Elementary). Forty-five players were named to the All-State Chess Team and received trophies.

The Tournament was sponsored by the WV Scholastic Chess Association and was directed by John Homer and Charles Szasz, President and Vice-President of WVSCA. WVSCA is a non-profit corporation which promotes scholastic chess in West Virginia as a way of teaching the fourth 'R', Reasoning.

The Al DuVall Commemorative Chess Tournament

*Comfort Suites
Mineral Wells, WV
January 7, 1995
4-Round Swiss, G/60
Joe Ancrile, Tournament Director*



Eliot Jacobson Victorious at The Al DuVall Commemorative

The flu bug and the threat of bad weather joined forces to keep a lot of people away, but 24 players managed to find their way to the Al DuVall Commemorative Chess Tournament held on January 7 at the Comfort Suites of Parkersburg. Chess expert Eliot Jacobson, a mathematics instructor at Ohio University in Athens, won the event with a perfect record of four wins and no losses. Dave Rutherford of Marshfield, Ohio was runner-up with three wins and a draw.

Other prizewinners included Michael Richardson of Spencer and Patrick Hurley of Stanford, California (Class B-C), Paul Milliman of Parkersburg (Class D-E) and Duane Hosom of Lovely, Kentucky (Unrated). The tournament honored Al DuVall, chess champion of West Virginia in 1951. DuVall, who was active in state chess from the 1940's to the 1970's, is now living in North Carolina. For more on Al DuVall, please see the story on page seven.

Here are a sampling of games from the Al DuVall Commemorative.

Dave Rutherford (A) - Paul Milliman (D), Round 1

1. d4 d5 2. c4 b6 3. cxd5 Qxd5 4. Nf3 Qd8 5. e4 Bg4 6. Bc4 e6 7. O-O Bxf3 8. Qxf3 Qxd4 9. Bb4+ c6 10. e5 Ne7 11. Bg5 Nd5 12. Nc3 Qxe5 13. Bh4 Be7 14. Bg3 Qf6 15. Nxd5 exd5 16. Qxf6 Bxf6 17. Bxb8 cxb5 18. Rfe1+ Kd7 19. Bf4 Rhe8 20. Red1 Bxb2 21. Rab1 Ba3 22. Rxb5 Kc6 23. Rbx5 Re6 24. Rd7 Re7 25. R7d3 Rae8 26. h3 Drawn 1/2 -1/2

John Kay (B) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 1

King's Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. f4 Nc6 3. Nf3 Bc5 4. Bc4 Nge7 5. Nc3 d6 6. Na4 Ng6 7. Nxc5 dxc5 8. f5 Nf4 9. O-O Nd4 10. Nxe5 Nde6 11. fxe6 Qd4+ 12. Kh1 Qxe5 13. exf7+ Ke7 14. d3 Ne6 15. Qf3 Rf8 16. Be3 b6 17. c3 Qf6 18. Qg3 Qg6 19. Qh4+ Kd7 20. Rf5 c6 21. Re5 Kc7 22. Qe7+ Kb8 23. Bxe6 Qf6 24. Bxc8 Qxe7 25. Rxe7 Kxc8 26. Rf1 Rb8 27. Rxa7 Rb7 28. Ra8+ Rb8 29. Rxb8+ Kxb8 30. Bf4+ Kb7 31. Bd6 Rxf7 32. Rxf7+ Ka6 33. Rxf7 Kb5 34. e5 Black resigns 1-0

Duane Hosom (UNR) - Richard Sheppard (C), Round 1
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. c3 d6 5. cxd4 Nf6 6. Nc3 Bg4 7. Bb5 a6 8. Bxc6 bxc6 9. O-O e6 10. d5 cxd5 11. exd5 Be7 12. dxe6 fxe6 13. Qd3 O-O 14. Ng5 Bf5 15. Qe2 Qd7 16. Re1 e5 17. f4 Rae8 18. Qxa6 Kh8 19. fxe5 dxe5 20. Qb5 Qc7 21. Ne4 Nxe4 22. Nxe4 Bxe4

23. Rxe4 Bc5+ 24. Be3 Bxe3+ 25. Rxe3 Qc2 26. Rxe5 Rxe5 27. Qxe5 Qf2+!! 28. White resigns 0-1

Matt Ellison (D) - Mark Davis (UNR), Round 2
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Nf3 d6 5. e3 O-O 6. Bd3 Bg4 7. O-O Nbd7 8. Be2 c6 9. Bd2 e5 10. dxe5 dxe5 11. Ng5 Bxe2 12. Qxe2 Re8 13. e4 Nc5 14. Rad1 Qc7 15. Rfe1 Red8 16. b4 Nd3 17. Rf1 Nxb4 18. Nd5 Nbx5 19. cxd5 cxd5 20. Rc1 Qe7 21. Rc2 d4 22. Qf3 b6 23. Rfc1 Rd7 24. Rc8+ Rxc8 25. Rxc8+ Rd8 26. Rxd8+ Qxd8 27. a4 a5 28. h3 Qe7 29. Qb3 Nd7 30. Qb5 Bh6 31. h4 f6 32. Qd5+ Kg7 33. Ne6+ Kf7 34. Nc5+ Ke8 35. Bxh6 Nxc5 36. Qc6+ Nd7 37. Kh2 Kf7 38. Qc8 Qe8 39. Qb7 Qe7 40. g3 g5 41. Qc6 Qe6 42. Qb5 Kg6 43. hxg5 fxg5 44. Qe2 Kxh6 and Black soon won 0-1

Bob McLearn (C) - Bill Salmon (E), Round 2
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 b6 3. Nc3 Bb7 4. d5 g6 5. e4 Bg7 6. Bd3 d6 7. Bg5 O-O 8. Qd2 Nh5 9. Bh6 e5 10. O-O-O Nd7 11. g4 Nf4 12. Bxf4 exf4 13. Qxf4 Qh4 14. Qg3 Qg5+ 15. f4 Qf6 16. Nf3 Bh6 17. g5 Qg7 18. h4 Nc5 19. gxh6 Qxh6 20. Qg5 Qg7 21. Qe7 Nxd3+ 22. Rxd3 Rac8 23. Rg1 h5 24. f5 Qh6+ 25. Qg5 Qxg5 26. Nfg5 c6 27. f6 cxd5 28. cxd5 Ba6 29. Rdg3 Rc4 30. Nf3 b5 31. Nd2 Rd4 32. Rg5 b4 33. Nb3 Rc4 34. Na5 Rc5 35. Nc6 Be2 36. Kd2 Bg4 37. Ne2 a5 38. b3 Re8 39. Ne7+ Kh7 40. Rc1 Rxc1 41. Nxc1 Bf3 42. Ke3 Bg4 43. Nc6 Bf5 44. Ne7 Bg4 45. Nd3 Kh6 46. Nc6 Bf5 47. Nf2 Bg4 48. Nxa5 Rc8 49. Nd3 Rc2 50. Nxb4 Rh2 51. Nac6 Rxh4 52. Nd8 Kxg5 53. Nxf7+ Kxf6 54. Nxd6 Rh3+ 55. Kd4 Ke7 56. e5 h4 57. Ne4 Bd1 58. d6+ Ke6 59. Ng5+ Kf5 60. Nxf3 g5

After a time scramble, the game was drawn 1/2 - 1/2

Mark Davis (UNR) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 3

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 a6 4. Bd3 b6 5. c4 Bb7 6. Nc3 e6 7. O-O Bd6 8. Bd2 O-O 9. Rc1 dxc4 10. Bxc4 Nc6 11. a4 Nb4 12. Re1 Ne4 13. Nxe4 Bxe4 14. Bxb4 Bxb4 15. Re2 Qf6 16. Ne5 Bd6 17. Bd3 Bxd3 18. Qxd3 Bxe5 19. dxe5 Qxd5 20. g3 Rad8 21. Qb3 Qh5 22. Rec2 Rd1+ 23. Rxd1 Qxd1+ 24. Kg2 Qd6 25. Rc1 g6 26. Rd1 Qc6+ 27. Kg1 e5 28. Rd3 e4 29. Rc3 Qd7 30. Qc2 Qg4 31. Rxc7 Rd8 32. f3 exf3 33. Kf2 h5 34. h4 g5 36. Rc4 Rd2+ 36. Qxd2 Qxc4 37. Qd8+ Kg7 38. Qxg5+ Kf8 39. Qxh5? Much better is 39. Qd8+ Kg7 40. Qd4+ Qxd4 41. exd4 f5 42. Kxf3 Kf6 or simply 39. Kxf3 39...Qe2+ 40. Kg1 Qg2 mate 0-1

Eliot Jacobson Victorious at The Al DuVall Commemorative

Jim Walker (X) - Pat Kelly (A), Round 3

Nimzo-Indian Defense, Saemisch Variation

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. a3 Bxc3+
6. bxc3 Ne4 7. Qc2 Nd7 8. e3 c5 9. Bd3 Ndf6 10. O-O
Qa5 11. Nd2 Nxd2 12. Bxd2 Bd7 13. cxd5 exd5 14. c4
Qc7 15. cxd5 Nxd5 16. Rac1 Rac8 17. dxc5 Nf6
18. Qb1 Bc6 19. Bf5 Rd8 20. Bc3 Qe7 21. Bd4 O-O
22. Bxf6 Qxf6 23. Bxh7+ Kh8 24. Be4 Rfe8 25. Bxc6
bxc6 26. Rfd1 Qg5 27. Rd6 Rb8 28. Qa2 Rb7 29. g3
Rc7 30. Qc4 Rce7 31. Qf4 Qxf4 32. gxf4 Rc7 33. R1d1
R8e7 34. Kg2 g6 35. a4 Kg7 36. a5 Kh7 37. Kf3 Kg7
38. h4 f6 39. a6 Kf7 40. Rd8 Ke6 41. e4 Rcd7
42. R8xd7 Rxd7 43. Rxd7 Kxd7 and White soon won

Dave Rutherford (A) - Mike Richardson (B), Round 3

Ruy Lopez, Schlieman Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 f5 4. Nc3 fxe4 5. Nxe4 Nf6
6. d3 d6 7. Bg5 Be7 8. Qd2 Nxe4 9. dxe4 Bd7 10. Bc4
h6 11. Be3 Bf6 12. Qd5 Qe7 13. Qb5 Nd8 14. Qb3 Be6
15. O-O-O Bxc4 16. Qxc4 Qf7 17. Qa4+ Qd7 18. Qb3
Qf7 19. Rd5 O-O 20. Rhd1 Be7 21. c4 b6 22. Ng1 Ne6
23. Ne2 Bg5 24. Ng3 Nf4 25. R5d2 g6 26. f3 a5 27. Kb1
Ne6 28. Bxg5 Nxe5 29. Qb5 Qe8 30. Qd5+ Qf7 31. Nf1
Ne6 32. Ne3 Nd4 33. Nc2 Nxc2 34. Rxc2 Kg7 35. Rd3
Qf6 36. Qc6 Qf7 37. Rd5 Rac8 38. Rcd2 Qe8
and White eventually won 1-0

Bob Shock (D) - Pat Hurley (C), Round 3

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d3 Bc5 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bb4
6. O-O d6 7. Bd2 O-O 8. Nd5 Bxd2 9. Qxd2 Be6
10. Rae1 Nd4 11. Nxd4 exd4 12. f4 c5 13. e5 Bxd5
14. exf6 Bxc4 15. fxg7 Re8 16. Rxe8+ Qxe8 17. dxc4
Kxg7 18. f5 Qe3+ 19. Qxe3 dxe3 20. Re1 Re8 21. g4
Kf6 22. h3 Kg5 23. Kg2 Kf4 24. Rf1 Ke4 25. Kg3 e2
26. Re1 Ke3 27. h4 Re4 28. b3 Rd4 29. h5 Rd1
30. Rxe2 Kxe2 31. Kh4 Kf3 32. Kg5 Rh1
and Black won 0-1

Eliot Jacobson (X) - Jim Walker (X), Round 4

King's Indian, Fianchetto Variation

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. O-O d6
6. c4 Nbd7 7. Nc3 e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. e4 c6 10. Qc2 Re1
11. h4 Qc7 12. Be3 Nf8 13. Rad1 Be6 14. b3 Rfd8
15. Rxd8 Rxd8 16. Rd1 Rxd1 17. Qxd1 Bc8 18. Qd2
Ne6 19. Ng5 Nd4 20. f4 Nh5 21. g4 Nxf4 22. Nf3 Nxf3
23. Bxf3 Ne6 24. Ne2 Bf8 25. Kg2 Bc5 26. h4 Bxe3
27. Qxe3 b6 28. a3 Qd6 29. g5 Qd8 30. Bg4 h6
31. gxh6 Kh7 32. Qg3 Qf3 33. h4 Kxh6 34. Qe3+ Kg7
and White eventually won 1-0

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1	Eliot Jacobson	OH	2109*x7	2133*x9	W--16	W--10	W--4	W--3	4.0
2	Dave Rutherford	OH	1907*A7	1920*A7	D--8	W--22	W--5	W--9	3.5
3	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2100*M5	W--19	W--6	W--9	L--1	3.0
4	Andy Katz	WV	2047*x0	2037*x0	W--14	W--11	L--1	W--8	3.0
5	Mike Richardson	WV	1707*A5	1718*A5	W--18	W--13	L--2	W--11	3.0
6	Patrick Hurley	CA	1599/04	1671/08	W--24	L--3	W--16	W--13	3.0
7	Duane Hosom	KY	Unrated	1667/04	L--11	W--14	W--19	W--12	3.0
8	Paul Milliman	WV	1166/07	1388/11	D--2	W--23	W--10	L--4	2.5
9	Pat Kelly	OH	1980*A0	1954*A0	W--15	W--12	L--3	L--2	2.0
10	John Kay	OH	1641*b2	1622*b2	W--21	L--1	L--8	W--17	2.0
11	Richard Sheppard	WV	1559*c9	1576*C2	W--7	L--4	W--15	L--5	2.0
12	Aaron Richardson	WV	1514*c2	1513*c2	W--20	L--9	W--22	L--7	2.0
13	Clyde Sutherland	WV	1513/09	1507/13	W--17	L--5	W--18	L--6	2.0
14	Jim Jordan	WV	1392*D2	1395*D2	L--4	L--7	W--24	W--21	2.0
15	Matt Ellison	WV	1384*D7	1398*D7	L--9	W--20	L--11	W--19	2.0
16	Bob Shock	WV	1314/12	1372/16	L--1	W--21	L--6	W--22	2.0
17	Bob McLearn	WV	1421*c7	1400*c7	L--13	D--18	W--23	L--10	1.5
18	Bill Salmon	WV	1175*d0	1193*d0	L--5	D--17	L--13	W--23	1.5
19	Marvin Boyce	WV	1403*D0	1384*D0	L--3	W--24	L--7	L--15	1.0
20	Mark Davis	OH	1297/04	1181/08	L--12	L--15	L--21	W--24	1.0
21	Glenn Haynes	WV	1125*0	1129*0	L--10	L--16	W--20	L--14	1.0
22	Don Phillips	OH	Unrated	1277/04	W--23	L--2	L--12	L--16	1.0
23	Tim Cross	WV	1204/12	1133/16	L--22	L--8	L--17	L--18	0.0
24	Alex Criss	WV	1055/04	1033/08	L--6	L--19	L--14	L--20	0.0

A Look Back at Al DuVall by Joe Ancrile

Having come to Charleston, West Virginia, in 1943, Al worked at the Rubber Plant during World War II. Following the war, Al accepted a job offer from Union Carbide. He married soon thereafter and remained in West Virginia until 1974. During the 1950's Al was among the highest rated players in the state, along with Dr. S. Werthammer, John Hurt, and Ed Foy. With Hurt and Foy, he was pictured on the cover of CHESS LIFE magazine in November of 1947 for their creation of home-crafted chess clocks.

Al's accomplishments in chess included numerous wins in West Virginia tournaments during the twenty-year period from the mid 1940's to mid 1960's. His most significant victory was the state championship in 1951, and his highest chess rating was 2156. One of Al's favorite tournament weapons was the Max Lange Attack, which most of his opponents feared and tried to avoid.

In 1974, Al moved to North Carolina where he remained active in the local chess club for ten years. Today at the age of 73, he continues to play chess with his computer and some occasional offhand games but no longer engages in serious competition. And he is amazed at how today's young players - thanks to all the books, computers, and tournaments - are able to learn in a short time what it took him many years to acquire.

Selected Games of Al DuVall

Al DuVall - T. Sweeney

WV State Championship, 1947

1. e4 b6 2. d4 e6 3. c4 Bb7 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. Qe2 O-O 7. Nf3 d5 8. e5 dxc4 9. Bc2 Nd5 10. Bxh7+ Kxh7 11. Ng5+ Qxg5!? 12. Bxg5 Nxc3 13. Qh5+ Kg8 14. bxc3! Bxc3+ 15. Ke2 Bxa1 16. Bf6! Be4 17. Qg5 Bg6 18. Rxa1 Nd7 19. h4 Nxf6 20. exf6 gxf6 21. Qxf6 c5 22. h5! Bxh5+ 23. g4 Kh7 24. Rh1 Black resigns 1-0

Al DuVall - Ed Faust

Kanawha Valley Open, 1949

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 exd4 5. O-O Bc5 6. e5 d5 7. exf6 dxc4 8. Re1+ Be6 9. Ng5 Qd5 10. Nc3 Qf5 11. Nce4 Bf8!? 12. Nxf7! Kxf7 13. Ng5+ Kg8 14. g4 Qg6 15. fxg7 Qxg7 16. Nxe6 Qd7 17. f4 Re8 18. f5 Nd8 19. Nxd8 Rxe1+ 20. Qxe1 Qxd8 21. Qe6+ Kg7 22. Bh6+ mate 1-0

Al DuVall - Ed Foy

WV State Championship, 1950

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. f4! Bg7 7. e5! dxe5 8. fxe5 Ng4? 9. Bb5+ Kf8 10. Ne6+ Black resigns 1-0

Al DuVall - John Hurt

1952

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 f5!? 4. e5!? c5 5. c3 cxd4 6. cxd4 Nc6 7. Ne2? Qb6 8. Nb3 Bd7 9. g3 Rc8 10. Bd2 Nb4! 11. Bc3 Ba4 12. Nf4 Nxa2 13. Qh5+ g6 14. Nxc6 hxc6 15. Qxh8 Kf7 16. Qh7+ Bg7 17. Nc5 Nxc3 18. bxc3 Bc2? 19. Bg2 Nh6 20. Bxd5! exd5 21. e6+ Ke8 22. Qxg7+ Rc7 23. Qxh6+ Kd8 24. Qxg6+ Kd8 25. e7+ Kxe7 26. Qxb6 axb6 27. dxc5 bxc5 28. Kd2 Be4 29. Rhe1 Black resigns 1-0

F. Buck - Al DuVall

Hendersonville, NC 1981

1. Nf3 c5 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nc3 e5 4. d3 d6 5. e4 Be7 6. Nd5 h6 7. Nxe7? Ngxe7 8. g3 O-O 9. Bg2 f5!? 10. Bh3 fxe4 11. Bxc8 Rxf3!? 12. Bb7 Rxd3 13. Qa4 Rc8 14. Bxc8 Qxc8 15. Be3 Nf5 16. Bd2 Ncd4 17. O-O-O Ne2+ 18. Kb1 Nfd4 19. Qxa7 e3! 20. fxe3 Rxe3! 21. Rhf1 Qg4 22. Qa8+ Kh7 23. Qd8? 24. Ka1 Nc2+ 25. Kb1 Na3+ 26. Ka1 Qb1+ 27. Rxb1 Nc2+ mate 0-1



PLAYERS DISPLAY "HOME-MADE" CHESS CLOCKS

Members of the Charleston (W.Va.) Chess Club with their home-made chess clocks. Left to right are: Allen DuVall, Esther Snyder, Edward Foy, Mrs. Edwin Faust, William Hartling and John Hurt, Jr. The clocks (left to right) were made by Reid Holt; the next two shown together by Hurt and DuVall on a design worked out by Hurt; and the remaining two by Foy and Hartling.

John Roush takes the Cross Lanes Open Championship

Another chess tourney, another snowstorm; the forecast scared off some competitors, but a crowd of twenty dared to show for the Cross Lanes Open held on January 28, 1995 at the Lake Chaweva Clubhouse. John Roush attained some revenge on Donald Griffith with a final round victory to claim sole ownership of the CLO Championship. Dennis Funkhouser in his first tourney since the WV States, finished with a score of 3.5 to place and brother Byron Funkhouser with a stunning victory over Virginia expert Chris Bush in round 4 wrapped up third. Chuck Waugh took the under 1600 prize, highlighted by a fourth round draw with Jim Walker. Donald Griffith directed this WV Grand Prix event.

David Hundley (C) - Ben Good (D), Round 2
French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd2 Bxc3 5. Bxc3 dxe4
6. d5 Nf6 7. Bb5+ Bd7 8. Bxd7+ Qxd7 9. dxe6 Qxe6
10. Ne2 Nc6 11. Nf4 Qf5 12. Qd2 Rd8 13. Qe3 Ng4
14. Qg3 O-O 15. h3 Nf6 16. h4 Qg4 17. O-O Qxg3
18. fxe3 Ng4 19. Nh5 f6 20. Rf4 Ne3 21. Rxe4 Rde8
22. Rf4 Nd5 23. Rg4 g6 24. Bd2 Ne5 25. Rd4 gxh5
26. Rxd5 Rd8 27. Rxd8 Rxd8 28. Bc3 Kf7 29. Rf1 Kg6
30. Rf2 Rd1+ 31. Kh2? Ng4+ 32. Kh3 Nxf2+ *Really,*
32... Rh1++ *ends it, but this is picky.*
33. Kh2 Rh1 mate

Jim Walker (X) - David Michael (B), Round 2
French Defense, Tarrasch Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. Bd3 c5 6. c3
Nc6 7. Ne2 Qb6 8. Nf3 cxd4 9. cxd4 f6 10. exf6 Nxf6
11. O-O Bd6 12. Bf4 Qc7 13. g3 O-O 14. Rc1 Nh5
15. Bxd6 Qxd6 16. Ng5 Nf6 17. Nf3 e5 18. dxe5 Nxe5
19. Nxe5 Qxe5 20. Qb3 Bh3 21. Rfe1 Ng4 22. Nf4 Qd4
23. Qc2 Rxf4 24. Bxh7+ Kh8 25. Bg6 Rxf2 26. Rcd1
Rf1 mate 0-1

Charles Haid (D) - Tim Goan (C), Round 3
Max Lange Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 exd4 5. O-O Bc5
6. e5 Ng4 7. Bxf7+ Kxf7 8. Ng5+ Kg8 9. Qxg4 d6 10. e6
Qf6 11. Nd2 h5 12. Qg3 Bxe6 13. Nde4 Qf5 14. Nxc5
h4 15. Qf4 dxc4 16. Qxc7 Rb8 17. Re1 Bd5 18. Bf4
Bxg2 19. Qxb8+! Nxb8 20. Re8+ Qf8 21. Rxf8+ Kxf8
22. Kxg2 b6 23. Bxb8 Ke7 24. Re1+ Kf6 25. Bf4 Kf5
26. Kf3 Rd8 27. Re5+ Kf6 28. Kg4 g6 29. Re6 Kg7
30. Be5+ Kf8 31. Rxxg6 c4 32. Ne6+ Ke7 33. Nxd8 Kxd8
34. Rg7 d3 35. cxd3 cxd3 36. Bc3 a5 37. f4 b5 38. f5 b4
39. Bd2 a4 40. f6 Ke8 41. Kg5 a3 42. b3 h3 43. Kg6

Kf8 44. Kh7 Ke8 45. f7+ Kd7 46. f8/Q
and White quickly won 1-0

John Roush (X) - Chris Bush (X), Round 3
Queen's Gambit Declined, Orthodox Variation

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. cxd5 exd5
6. e3 c6 7. Bd3 Be7 8. Qc2 b6 9. Nf3 Bb7 10. O-O O-O
11. Rac1 Rfe8 12. Bxf6 Nxf6 13. Ne5 Bf8 14. Ne2 c5
15. Ng3 c4 16. Be2 Nd7 17. Nf3 b5 18. Nd2 g6 19. Bf3
f5 20. b3 Rb8 21. Rb1 a6 22. a4 Qa5 23. axb5 axb5
24. bxc4 Rec8 25. c5 Nxc5 26. Nxc5 Rxc5 27. Qd1 Qd8
28. Nb3 Rc3 29. Nd4 b4 30. Nge2 Ra3 31. Ne6 Qa5
32. Nxf8 Rxf8 33. Qd4 b3 34. Nf4 Ra4 35. Qd1 Ba6
36. Bxd5+ Kh8 37. Qxb3 Ra3 38. Qb2+ Qc3 39. Rfc1
Qxb2 40. Rxb2 g5 41. Ne6 Rg8 42. Ra2 Rd3 43. Nd4
Rd8 44. Rxa6 Rxd5 45. Rc8+ Kg7 46. Rc7+
Black resigns 1-0

Dennis Funkhouser (X) - Don Griffith (X), Round 3
Nimzo-Indian Defense, Rubenstein Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Nf3 c5 5. e3 Nc6 6. Bd3
Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 d6 8. O-O e5 9. Qc2 h6 10. Rd1 Qe7
11. d5 Nd8 12. e4 b6 13. Be3 Nb7 14. Qe2 Na5 15. Nd2
g5 16. Nb3 Nxb3 17. axb3 Bd7 18. b4 O-O 19. h4 Nh7
20. Qh5 Qf6 21. Ra6 Bc8 22. Ra2 Qg7 23. hxg5 hxg5
24. Rda1 f6 25. Be2 f5 26. exf5 Bxf5 27. bxc5 bxc5
28. Ra6 Rf6 29. Bg4 Rh6 30. Qxh6 Qxh6 31. Bxf5 Nf8
32. Rxa7 Rxa7 33. Rxa7 Qf6 34. g4 Ng6 35. Be6+ Kh8
36. Rd7 Nf4 37. Rxd6 Qh6 38. Rd8+ Kg7 39. Bxf4 exf4
40. Rg8+ Kf6 41. Kg2 Ke5 42. Bf5 f3+ 43. Kxf3 Qh3+
44. Ke2 Qxc3 45. Re8+ Kd6 46. Re6+ Kc7 47. d6+ Kd8
48. Re4 Qc2+ 49. Ke1 Qc1+ 50. Ke2 Qc2+ 51. Ke3
Qc3+ 52. Ke2 Qc2+ Drawn by repetition 1/2-1/2

David Michael (B) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 d5 4. Bb5+ Nc6 5. Bxc6+ bxc6
6. e5 Ba6 7. Nf3 Be7 8. d3 Nh6 9. O-O Nf5 10. Qe1 h5
11. Nd1 c4 12. d4 c5 13. c3 cxd4 14. cxd4 Qb6 15. Nc3
Bb4 16. Qd1 Ke7 17. a3 Bxc3 18. bxc3 Qa5 19. Qe1
Rab8 20. a4 Rbc8 21. Ba3+ Ke8 22. Bb4 Qc7 23. Nh4
Qc6 24. Nxf5 exf5 25. Qh4 Qe6 26. Qxh5 g6 27. Qh8+
Kd7 28. Qf6 Qxf6 29. exf6 Re8 30. Be7 Rb6 31. Rf3
Bb7 32. Rh3 Bc6 33. a5 Reb8 34. Rc1 Rb1 35. Rxb1
Rxb1+ 36. Kf2 Rb2+ 37. Ke3 Rc2 38. Bb4 Rxxg2
39. Rh7 Ke6 40. Rh8 Kxf6 Drawn 1/2-1/2

John Roush takes the Cross Lanes Open Championship

Chuck Waugh (C) - Gilbert Stone (D), Round 3

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Ne7 5. a3 Ba5 6. b4 Bb6 7. Nf3 a6 8. Bd3 Nf5 9. Bxf5 exf5 10. O-O Be6 11. Ne2 Nd7 12. Qd3 Qe7 13. Ng3 g6 14. Bd2 f6 15. exf6 Nxf6 16. Bg5 O-O-O 17. Rfe1 h6 18. Bxf6 Qxf6 19. Ne5 h5 20. a4 h4 21. Ne2 g5 22. a5 Ba7 23. b5 Rd6 24. Nc3 g4 25. bxa6 Rxa6 26. Nb5 f4 27. Nxa7+ Rxa7 28. a6 Bf5 29. axb7+ Kxb7 30. Qb5+ Qb6 31. Qxd5+ Kc8 32. Rxa7 Qxa7 33. Nc6 Qa3 34. Qxf5+ Kb7 35. Qb6+ Kc8 36. Qb8+ Kd7 37. Qxh8 Qc3 38. Qe8+ Qd6 39. Qe6++

Tim Goan (C) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Neo-Sveshnikov

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d6 6. N1c3 a6 7. Na3 b5 8. Nd5 Nge7 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bh4 Qh5+ 11. c3 Nxd5 12. Qxd5 Bb7 13. Rd1 Qc7 14. Qd2 g5 15. Bg3 Be7 16. h4 O-O-O 17. c4 b4 18. Nc2 a5 19. Ne3 Nd4 20. Nd5 Bxd5 21. cxd5 Kb7 22. Rc1 Qb6 23. f3 Rc8 24. Bf2 Rxc1+ 25. Qxc1 Rc8 26. Qd2 Rc2 27. Bxd4 Rxd2 28. Bxb6 Rxb2 29. Bxa5 Rxa2 30. Bxb4 gxh4 31. Bd2 h5 32. Ke2 Bg5 33. Kd3 Rxd2+ 34. Kc3 Rd1? 35. Ba6+ Kxa6 36. Rxd1 Kb6 37. Rb1+ Kc7 38. Kc4 Be3 39. Kb5 Kd7 40. Ka6 Ke7 41. Kb7 Kf6 42. Kc6 Bc5 43. Rb7 Kg6 44. Rd7 f5 45. Rxd6+ Bxd6 46. Kxd6 and White soon won 1-0

Aaron Richardson (C) - Charles Haid (D), Round 4

London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bf4 Bg7 4. e3 c5 5. c3 cxd4 6. exd4 O-O 7. h3 Nd5 8. Bh2 Nc6 9. Bd3 e6 10. Nbd2 Qf6 11. Ne4 Qd8 12. O-O f5 13. Ned2 Qf6 14. Qe2 g5 15. Ne5 Nf4 16. Bxf4 gxf4 17. Ndc4 Nxe5 18. exd5 Qg5 19. Nd6 f3 20. Qxf3 Bxe5 21. Nxc8 Raxc8 22. Qxb7 Rc7 23. Qf3 Rb8 24. Qe2 Bf6 25. f4 Qg7 26. Rab1 R7c7 27. Qf2 Kf7 28. Rfd1 Rxb2 29. Rxb2 Bxc3 30. Bxf5 Rxb2 31. Rxd7+ Kf6 32. Qh4+ Kxf5 33. Rxxg7 Bxxg7 34. Qg5+ Ke4 35. Qxxg7 Rxxa2 36. Qxxh7+ Kxf4 37. Qh4+ Ke3 38. Qe1+ Re2 39. Qxe2+? Kxe2 40. h4 Ke3? 41. h5 Kf4 42. Ke3 and White soon won 1-0

David Michael (B) - Dennis Funkhouser (X), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bb5 Nd4 6. Nxd4 cxd4 7. Ne2 a6 8. Bc4 Qc7 9. d3 b5 10. Bd5 Rb8 11. O-O e6 12. Bb3 Ne7 13. Qe1 O-O 14. Qh4 d5 15. f5 exf5 16. Bf4 Be5 17. Qh6 dxe4 18. dxe4 Be6 19. Bxe6 fxe6 20. Kh1 fxe4 21. Nxd4 Bxf4 22. Nxe6 Bxh6 23. Nxc7 Rxf1+ 24. Rxf1 Rb6 25. Rd1 Bf4 26. Rd7 Bxc7 27. Rxc7 Re6 28. Rd7 e3 29. Rd1 e2 30. Re1 Nd5 31. Kg1 Nb4 32. Kf2 Nxc2 33. Rxe2 Rxe2+ 34. Kxe2 Kf7 35. Kd3 Ne1+ 36. Kd4 Ke6 37. g3 Kd6 38. h3 Nf3+ 39. Ke3 Ne5 40. Kd4 Nc6+ 41. Ke4 Ke6 42. g4 g5 43. a3 a5 44. b3 h6 45. a4 b4 46. Ke3 Kd5 47. Kd3 Nd4 48. White resigns 0-1

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2115*m4	2146*m4	W--15	W--3	W--8	W--4	4.0
2	Dennis Funkhouser	WV	2100*X0	2106*X0	W--16	W--10	D--4	W--6	3.5
3	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1849*a5	1876*a7	W--17	L--1	W--9	W--8	3.0
4	Donald Griffith	WV	2168*X7	2158*X7	W--11	W--14	D--2	L--1	2.5
5	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2100*M5	W--9	L--6	W--16	D--7	2.5
6	David Michael	WV	1761*b5	1792*B4	W--18	W--5	D--14	L--2	2.5
7	Chuck Waugh	WV	1509*C4	1536*C4	W--20	L--8	W--12	D--5	2.5
8	Chris Bush	VA	2140*m7	2108*m7	W--13	W--7	L--1	L--3	2.0
9	Richard Sheppard	WV	1576*C2	1584*C2	L--5	W--18	L--3	W--15	2.0
10	Tim Goan	WV	1539*b2	1526*b2	W--19	L--2	L--13	W--16	2.0
11	Aaron Richardson	WV	1524*c2	1514*c2	L--4	L--12	W--17	W--13	2.0
12	Gilbert Stone	WV	1381*D2	1399*D2	L--14	W--11	L--7	W--17	2.0
13	Charles Haid	WV	1322*D7	1345*D7	L--8	W--20	W--10	L--11	2.0
14	Jim Gikas	WV	1929*A7	1917*A7	W--12	L--4	D--6	U--	1.5
15	David Hundley	WV	1480*c0	1445*c0	L--1	L--17	W--19	L--9	1.0
16	Tom LaBue	WV	1412*C2	1405*C2	L--2	W--19	L--5	L--10	1.0
17	Ben Good	WV	1208*d4	1220*d4	L--3	W--15	L--11	L--12	1.0
18	Bill Salmon	WV	1193*d0	1168*d0	L--6	L--9	L--20	B--	1.0
19	Jeremy Hummer	VA	1111*E5	1114*E5	L--10	L--16	L--15	W--20	1.0
20	David Olson	WV	Unrated	1084/04	L--7	L--13	W--18	L--19	1.0

Annotated Games from Cross Lanes Open

D.Griffith-J.Roush

French Defense, Steinitz Variation

Annotated by John Roush

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 *This is the Steinitz Variation which appears to be more popular in WV than 4. Bg5. 4...Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nbc6 7. Be3 a6 The alternatives include the wild 7...Qb6 and the somewhat more solid 7...cxd4. 8. Qd2 b5 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. 0-0-0 A better try is 10. Bxc5 Nxc5 11. Qf2 with K-side castling in mind. It would be too harsh to label the text a blunder, but it is an inaccuracy. 10...Qb6 11. Bxc5 Nxc5 12. Bd3 Bb7 13. Kb1 Preparing Qf2. 13.Qf2?? runs into ...Nxd3+ winning the Q. 13...0-0-0 14. Ne2?! After 14. Qf2 either ...Kc7 or ...Na4 is unclear. 14...Ne4! 15. Bxe4 dxe4 16. Nfd4 Rd7 Piling on the pressure on the d-file. 16...g5!? 17. Qc3! b4 18. Qc4 is wild but appears to favor White. 17. c3 Rhd8 18. Qc2 Kb8 Anticipating the opening of the c-file. 19. Rhe1 Na5 20. Ng3 f5! 21. exf6 gxf6 22. Nxe4?! This results in the "loss" of a piece for three pawns. One should keep in mind, though, that this is the last round of the tournamant and Donald trails me by 1/2 point. He needs a win! Allowing Black to reinforce the e4 pawn with ...f5 doesn't look appealing either. In that case, Black would continue by transferring the R's to the c-file and attacking the K with such moves as ...Bd5, ...Nc4, and ...b4. 22...e5 23. Nxf6! 23. fxe5 fxe5 24. N at d4 moves Bxe4 25. Qxe4 Rxd1+ wins a R. 23...Qxf6 24. fxe5 Qb6 25. e6 Rde7 26. Qf2 Rde8 27. Qf5 Nc6 28. Nf3 Nd8 29. Ne5 Qxe6 29...Ka7 may be just as good. I simply couldn't resist the text and its follow up. 30. Nd7+ Qxd7! 31. Qf4+ 31. Rxd7 Rxe1+ 32. Kc2 Be4+ or 31. Qxd7 Rxd7 32. Rxd7 Rxe1+ 33. Kc2 Kc8 34. Rxh7 Rg1 35. Rg7 (35. g3? Be4+) Rxg2 -. 31...Qc7 32. Rxe7 Rxe7 33. Rxd8+ Bc8 34. Qd4 Rd7 35. Rxd7 Qxd7 36. Qf4+ Ka8 37. Kc1 Qg4 38. Qc7 Qg5+ 39. Kc2 Qxg2+ 40. Kc1 Qf1+ 41. Kc2 Qf2+ 42. Kc1 Qe1+ 43. Kc2 Bf5+ 44. Kb3 Qd1+ 45. Kb4 Qa4+ 46. Kc5 Qc4+ 47. Kb6 Qxc7+ I expected resignation at about this point, but Donald disappointed me. 48. Kxc7 Ka7 49. b3 Bb1 50. a4 Ba2 51. axb5 axb5 52. Kc6 Ka6 53. b4 53.c4 b4! -. 53...Bc4 54. h4 h5 55. Kc5 Kb7 56. Kd6 Kb6 57. Kd7 Kb7 58. Kd6 Kc8 59. Ke5 Kd7 60. Kf6 Kd6 61. Kf5 Kd5 62. Kf4 Be2 63. Ke3 Bg4 64. Kd3 Bf5+ 65. Ke3 Kc4 66. Kd2 Bg6 67. White resigns 0-1*

Chris Bush (X) - Byron Funkhouser (A), Round 4

French Defense, Winawer Poisoned Pawn

Annotated by Byron Funkhouser

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Ne7 7. Qg4 Qc7 8. Qxg7 Rg8 9. Qxh7 cxd4 10. Ne2 Nbc6 11. f4 Bd7 12. Qd3 dxc3 13. Rb1 13.Qxc3 is the most popular continuation, 13. Nxc3 and 13. Ng3 are also playable for White. 13...O-O-O 14. Nxc3 Na5 15. Qd4 This move leaves the book, 15. Qxb5 = or 15. Rxb5 =. 15...Nf5 16. Qxa7?! I was expecting 16. Qf2, now the queen is nearly out of play. 16...Nc6 17. Qa8+ Nb8 18. Bd2 Bc6 With the idea of pressuring the pawn on g2. 19. Nb5! This forces Black to trade off his white-squared bishop. 19...Bxb5 20. Rxb5 Nd4! 21. Ba5!? Qc6 22. Rb6 Qc7 23. g3 23. Rb5 is almost a draw (by repetition) offer. 23...Nxc2+ 24. Kd2 Nxa3 25. Rb2 Nc4+ 26. Bxc4 dxc4+ 27. Kc1 Qc6 28. Re1 c3! 29. Rb6 Qf3 30. Rd6? This gives up an important attacking piece. Even though White obtains a passed pawn 30. Rb3 may have been preferable. 30...Rxd6 31. exd6 Qd3 32. d7+? After the game, Bob Bukovac, who was watching this game intently, asked me what I would have done with 32. Rd1 and I replied "Draw". For example, 32. Rd1 Qe3+ 33. Kb1 Qe4+ 34. Kc1 Qd3. Black needs to avoid. 32. Rd1 Qe2?? 33. Surprising d7+ mate. Also, Chris said he thought about playing 32. Re2!?. A possible continuation to watch is 32. Re2!? Qxe2? 33. d7+ Kxd7 34. Qxb7+ (Kd6?? 35. Bb4 mate) 34..Ke8 35. Qxb7+ and Black is in grave danger unless White forgets about Qc2 mate. 32...Qxd7 33. Bxc3 Rd8 Here, Black is clearly better 34. Kb2 Instead of this, White may want to try to bring his Queen back into play. Now, the end comes quickly. 34...Qb5+ 35. Ka1 Rd6! 36. Rc1 Ra6+ 37. Ba5+! Kd7 38. Rc7+ Kd6 39. Qxa6 Saves checkmate, but it is hopeless for White now. 39...Nxa6 40. Rxf7 Qxa5 41. Kb2 Qb4+ 42. Kc2 Nc5 43. h4 Qb3+ 44. Kd2 Ne4+ 45. Ke2 Nxc3+ 46. Kf2 Nf5 47. h5 Qe3+ and Black soon won.

CHESS WORKSHOP: On Saturday, August 5, there will be a chess workshop presented by Chess Instructor David Gundlach, SM Chuck Schulien and WV chess expert Jim Walker. The topic will be middlegame planning. It will be held at the Best Western in Parkersburg, located at the intersection of US 50 and I-77 (Exit 176). For more information, please call Joe Ancrile at (304) 275-3689.

Games from Parkersburg Open

Charles Haid (D) - Michael Taylor (B), Round 1

French Defense, Alekhine-Chartard Attack

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e5 Nfd7 6. h4 a6 7. Nh3 c5 8. Bxe7 Qxe7 9. Qg4 O-O 10. Bd3 f5 11. Qf4 cxd4 12. Qxd4 Nc6 13. Qf4 Ndx5 14. O-O-O Nxd3 15. Rxd3 d4 16. Ne2 e5 17. Qg5 Be6 18. Qxe7 Nxe7 19. a3 Rac8 20. Kbl Bc4 21. Rd2 h6 22. Re1 Bxe2 23. Rdx2 Nc6 24. Ng1 Rfd8 25. h5 e4 26. Nh3 Kf7 27. Nf4 Ne5 28. Rd2 Kf6 29. Ne2 d3 30. cxd3 Rxd3 31. Red1 Rxd2 32. Rxd2 Nd3 33. Nd4 Rc1+ 34. Ka2 Ke5 35. Ne2 Rc7 36. f3 Nc1+ 37. Nxc1 Rxc1 38. fxe4 fxe4 39. Rd7 e3 40. Re7+ Kf4 41. b4 Rc2+ 42. Kbl Rxc2 43. Kc1 Kf3 44. Kd1 Rg1+ 45. Kc2 Rg2+ 46. Kd1 Ra2 47. Rf7+ Kg4 48. Rxc7+ Kxh5 49. Rxb7 Rxa3 50. Ra7 Ra4 51. Ke2 Rxb4 52. Rxa6 Rb3 53. Re6 Kg5 54. Rxe3 Rb2+ 55. Kf3 h5 56. Kg3 Rb1 57. Re5+ Kg6 58. Re6+ Kf5 59. Re2 Rg1 60. Kh3 Rg4 61. Re3 Kf4 62. Ra3 Rg1 63. Ra4+ Kf3 64. Ra3+ Draw agreed 1/2 - 1/2

Gary Morris (B) - Byron Funkhouser (A), Round 2

King's Indian Defense, Fianchetto Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. c4 d6 6. Nc3 c6 7. O-O Qa5 8. Bd2 Qh5 9. h4 h6 10. Qc2 Nh7 11. Nh2 g5 12. hxg5 hxg5 13. e3 Bh3 14. f4 Nd7 15. Ne4 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 g4 17. Rh1 Qg6 18. Raf1 f5 19. Ne2 Nhf6 20. Nhxg4 Nhxg4 21. Rh4 Nxf2 22. Kxf2 Nf6 23. g4 Nhxg4+ 24. Ke1 e5 25. Rg1 e4 26. Bc3 d5 27. cxd5 cxd5 28. Bb4 Rfc8 29. Bc3 b5 30. Qb3 Qc6 31. a3 a5 32. Rh5 b4 33. axb4 axb4 34. Qxb4 Ra1+ 35. Ke2+ Rxc1 36. Rxf5 Qh6 37. White lost on time 0-1

John Roush (X) - Mike Richardson (B), Round 2

Queen's Gambit Declined, Exchange Variation

1. c4 e6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 Be7 5. cxd5 exd5 6. e3 O-O 7. Bd3 Nbd7 8. Qc2 Re8 9. Nf3 c6 10. O-O Nf8 11. Rab1 Be6 12. b4 N6d7 13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. b5 c5 15. Rfc1 Rac8 16. dxc5 Nxc5 17. Bf5 Qf6 18. Nd4 Red8 19. Bd3 Nxd3 20. Qxd3 Nd7 21. a4 Ne5 22. Qe2 Qg6 23. Rb3 Qd3 24. Qxd3 Nxd3 25. Rc2 Rc4 26. f3 Nb4 27. Rcb2 Nd3 28. Rd2 Nc1 29. Ra3 Rdc8 30. Rc2 Nd3 31. Nxd5 Rxc2 32. Nxc2 Rd8 33. Rxd3 Rxd5 34. Rxd5 Bxd5 35. Nd4 g6 36. Kf2 f5 37. Ke2 Bc4+ 38. Kd2 Kf7 39. Kc3 Bf1 40. g3 Ke7 41. a5 Kd6 42. Kb4 b6 43. a6 Bg2 44. h4 Kd5 45. Nc6 Bxf3 46. Nxa7 Ke4 47. Nc6 Black resigns 1-0

Bob McLearn (C) - Mike Baker (B), Round 3

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 e6 4. c5 Be7 5. Bf4 c6 6. e3 b6 7. b4 bxc5 8. Bxb8 cxd4 9. Qxd4 Rxb8 10. a3 Qc7

11. Nf3 a6 12. Bd3 c5 13. bxc5 Bxc5 14. Qa4+ Nd7 15. O-O O-O 16. Qh4 Nf6 17. g4 g6 18. Qxf6 Be7 19. Qe5 Bd6 20. Qf6 Bb7 21. Ne2 e5 22. Qh4 Qd7 23. Bf5 Qa4 24. Ng5 h5 25. Ng3 Bc8 26. Nxe5 gxh5 27. Qxe5 Bxf5 28. gxf5 Kg7 29. Kh1 Kf6 30. Nh7+ Ke7 31. f6+ Kd7 32. Qf5+ Ke8 33. Nxf8 Kxf8 34. Rfc1 Rd8 35. Qh7 Ke8 36. Qg8+ Bf8 37. Rc7 Qe4+ 38. Kg1 Rd7 39. Rc8+ Rd8 40. Rxd8+ Kxd8 41. Qxf8+ Kc7 42. Qxf7+ Kb8 43. Qg8+ Black resigns 1-0

Mike Richardson (B) - Mark Tipton (B), Round 3

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1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Nbd2 c5 4. e3 Nc6 5. c3 d5 6. Bd3 Bd6 7. O-O O-O 8. dxc5 Bxd5 9. e4 dxe4 10. Nxe4 Nxe4 11. Bxe4 h6 12. Qe2 Bd7 13. Rd1 Qe7 14. Bc2 Rad8 15. Bf4 Bc8 16. b4 Bb6 17. b5 Nb8 18. Bxb8 Bd7 19. Bd6 Bxb5 20. Qe4 f5 21. Bxe7 Rxd1+ 22. Rxd1 fxe4 23. Bxf8 exf3 24. Bd6 fxg2 25. Kxg2 Bc6+ 26. f3 Kf7 27. Be4 Bxe4 28. fxe4 Ba5 29. c4 b6 30. c5 bxc5 31. Bxc5 Black resigns 1-0

Steve Charles (X) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 3

King's Indian Defense

Notes by Markle Butcher

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 *Fischer once played 4...O-O 5. e5 Ne8 against Letelier, 1960 Leipzig Olympiad, but I don't share the desire to play it.* 5. Be2 O-O 6. Ne3 Nc6? *Better is 6...e5* 7. Bg5 e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. Qxd8 Rxd8 10. Nd5 Nxd5!? *After his mistakes in the opening, Black must give up the exchange or get crushed.* 11. Bxd8 Ndb4 12. Rd1 Bg4 13. Bxc7 Bxf3 14. Bxf3 Nc2+ 15. Kd2 Ncd4 16. b3 Bh6+ 17. Kc3 f6 18. Bg4 Bf8 19. Rcl Nb4 20. Ra1 Nbc2 21. Draw agreed 1/2 - 1/2

Johnson Chua (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 3

Budapest Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. e3 exd4 4. exd4 d5 5. Nc3 c6 6. Ne3 Be7 7. Bd3 O-O 8. O-O Be6 9. c5 Qc8 10. Re1 Re8 11. Bf4 Bf5 12. Qc2 Bxd3 13. Qxd3 Nbd7 14. Re2 Nf8 15. Rae1 Ng6 16. Bg3 Nh5 17. Qe3 Nxe3 18. fxg3 Qc7 19. Qf2 Qd7 20. Ne5 Nxe5 21. Rxe5 Bf6 22. Qf5 Rxe5 23. Qxd7 Rxe1+ 24. Kf2 Rae8 25. Qg4 h5 26. Qf4 R1e6 27. h4 g6 28. b4 Bg7 29. Qd2 b5 30. a4 a6 31. a5 Kf8 32. Kg1 Re1+ 33. Kf2 R1e3 34. Qxe3 Rxe3 35. Kxe3 Ke7 36. Kd3 Bh6 37. Nd1 Ke6 38. Nc3 f6 39. Ne2 g5 40. Nc3 g4 41. Nd1 f5 42. Nc3 Bc1 43. Ne2 Bh6 44. Nc3 Bc1 45. Nd1 Ba3 46. Kc3 Bc1 47. Nf2 Be3 48. Nd3 Bh6 49. Ne5 f4 50. gxf4 Bxf4 51. Nxc6 Bg3 52. Ne5 Bxh4 53. Kd2 Bf2 54. Nd3 Bxd4 55. Nf4+ Kd7 56. Nxd4 h4

Games from Parkersburg Open

57. Ke2 h3 58. gxh3 gxh3 59. Kf1 h2 60. Kg2 Bg1
61. Nf4 Kc6 62. Nd3 Kd5 63. Nf4 Kc6 64. Nd3 Kd5
65. Ne1 Bxc5 66. bxc5 Kxc5 67. Kxh2 Kb4 68. Kg2
Kxa5 69. Kf2 Ka4 70. Ke2 b4 71. Kd2 Kb3 72. Nc2 a5
73. Kc1 Ka2 74. Nd4 a4 75. Nb5 b3 76. Nc3+ Ka3
77. Drawn 1/2 -1/2

John Roush (X) -Don Griffith (X), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Accelerated Dragon

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. c4 Bg7
6. Be3 Nf6 7. Nc3 O-O 8. Be2 b6 9. Rc1 Bb7 10. f3 Rc8
11. Qd2 e6 12. O-O d5 13. cxd5 exd5 14. Nxc6 Bxc6
15. e5 Nd7 16. Bg5 Qe8 17. f4 h6 18. Bh4 g5 19. fxg5
hxg5 20. Bxg5 Qxe5 21. Bg4 f5 22. Bf3 d4 23. Bxc6
Rxc6 24. Ne2 Rxc1 25. Rxc1 Nc5 26. Bf4 Qf6 27. Rd1
Ne4 28. Qd3 Rd8 29. Be3 Nc5 30. Qc4+ Qe6 31. Qxe6+
Nxe6 32. Bd2 Kf7 33. Nf4 Nxf4 34. Bxf4 Ke6 35. b3
Kd5 36. Kf2 Rc8 37. Ke2 Ke4 38. g3 Rc2+ 39. Rd2 d3+
40. Kd1 Rc6 41. h4 Bd4 42. h5 Be3 43. Bxe3 Kxe3
44. Rh2 Rh6 45. Rh4 Rc6 46. Rh2 Rh6 47. Rh4 b5
48. Rh2 Kf3 49. Rd2 Ke3 50. Rh2 a6 51. Rh4 a5
52. Rh1 a4 53. b4 Rc6 54. Draw agreed 1/2 -1/2

Craig Rabatin (A) - Steve Charles (X), Round 4

English Defense

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. e3 e6
6. Nge2 Nge7 7. O-O d5 8. cxd5 exd5 9. d4 c5 10. Nf4
Be6 11. Qf3 Nb4 12. Bd2 g5 13. Nxe6 fxe6 14. Bh3 Rf8
15. Qh5+ Kd7 16. Qxh7 Bf6 17. Qh5 Rh8 18. Qg4 Qg8
19. Ne4 dxe4 20. Bxb4 Nf4 21. d5 Qh7 22. dxe6+ Kxe6
23. Qxe4+ Kf7 24. Qd5+ Ke8 25. Qe6+ Be7 26. Qxf5
Bxb4 27. Qxh7 Rxh7 28. Bf5 Rh6 29. Rad1 Bd6
30. Rd5 a6 31. Rfd1 Ke7 32. e4 b6 33. e5 Bc5 34. Rd7+
Ke8 35. Rg7 Rd8 36. Rg8+ Black resigns 1-0

Jason Rihel (C) - Byron Funkhouser (A), Round 4

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. Bd3 Ne7
6. O-O Nc6 7. c3 Bg4 8. Re1 Qd7 9. Nbd2 O-O 10. Qc2
Bf5 11. Nh4 Bxd3 12. Qxd3 Rae8 13. Ndf3 Ng6 14. Bd2
Nce7 15. Re2 Nxe4 16. Nxe4 Ng6 17. Rxe8 Rxe8
18. Nxe6 hxg6 19. b3 c6 20. a4 Qf5 21. Qxf5 gxf5
22. Re1 Rxe1 23. Bxe1 g5 24. f3 f4 25. h4 f6 26. Kf1
Kg7 27. hxg5 fxg5 28. Ke2 Kg6 29. Kd3 Kf5 30. c4 g4
31. Bh4 gxf3 32. gxf3 Kg6 33. c5 Bf8 34. b4 Kh5
35. Bf6 Bh6 36. Ke2 Bg5 37. Be5 Kh4 38. b5 Kg3
39. bxc6 bxc6 40. Bg7 Kh4 41. Be5 Kg3
42. Draw agreed 1/2 - 1/2

Don Griffith (X) - Pat Kelly (A), Round 5

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. Nge2 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nf6
6. Bg5 Qa5 7. Bxf6 gxf6 8. Bc4 Bd7 9. Nb3 Qg5 10. g3
Ne5 11. f4 Qh6 12. fxe5 fxe5 13. Qf3 e6 14. O-O Qg6
15. Rad1 a6 16. a4 Bc6 17. Rd2 Bh6 18. Rxd6 O-O
19. Nc5 Qg5 20. Nd3 Qe7 21. Rxc6 bxc6 22. Qf6 Qa7+
23. Kg2 Bg7 24. Qf3 Qd4 25. Bb3 Rab8 26. Nf2 Qa7
27. Ng4 Qe7 28. Qe3 Rbd8 29. h4 h5 30. Nh2 Kh7
31. Qe2 Kg6 32. Qxa6 Rd2+ 33. Ne2 Qc5 34. Nf3 Rd7
35. Qc4 Qe3 36. Nc1 Rfd8 37. Nd3 Kh7 38. Re1 Qb6
39. Nfxe5 Bxe5 40. Nxe5 Rd2+ 41. Re2 Qe6 42. Kf1
Rd8+ 43. Kg2 Rg1+ 44. White resigns 0-1

Craig Rabatin (A) -John Roush (X), Round 5

English Defense

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 e5 4. Bg2 f5 5. e3 Nf6 6. d4
exd4 7. exd4 O-O 8. Nge2 d6 9. O-O c6 10. d5 c5
11. Re1 Ng4 12. Rb1 Re8 13. h3 Bxc3 14. Nxc3 Rxe1+
15. Qxe1 Ne5 16. Qe2 Nbd7 17. Nb5 Nf7 18. Bf4 Nf6
19. Re1 a6 20. Nc3 Bd7 21. Qe7 Qxe7 22. Rxe7 Kf8
23. Rxf7+ Kxf7 24. Bxd6 Rc8 25. Bf4 b5 26. b3 b4
27. Ne2 a5 28. Nc1 Ne4 29. Bxe4 fxe4 30. Kg2 a4 31. g4
Kf6 32. Kg3 g5 33. Be3 h6 34. f3 exf3 35. Kxf3 Ke5
36. Nd3+ Kd6 37. Bf2 axb3 38. axb3 Be8 39. Bg3+ Ke7
40. Bf2 Kd6 41. Draw agreed 1/2 -1/2

John Dailey (B) -Mike Taylor (B), Round 5

1. e4 e6 2. d3 c5 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. g3 b6 5. Bg2 Bb7 6. O-O
h6 7. b3 Be7 8. Bb2 Bf6 9. e5 Bg5 10. Nc3 Be7 11. Re1
Qc7 12. Qd2 Bd8 13. Ne4 Be7 14. Qe3 Nb4 15. Qd2 f6
16. a3 Nc6 17. Qf4 fxe5 18. Nxe5 Nf6 19. Ng6 Qxf4
20. Nxf4 Nxe4 21. Bxe4 O-O 22. Ng6 Rf7 23. Nxe7
Rxe7 24. Rad1 d5 25. Bg2 Rf8 26. c4 d4 27. Re2 Nd8
28. Rde1 Bxg2 29. Kxg2 Ref7 30. Rf1 Rf3 31. Rd1 e5
32. b4 a6 33. R1d2 cxb4 35. axb4 Nc6 36. b5 R8f7
37. Re4 Kf8 38. Rg4 Ke7 39. Rxc7 Rxf2+ 40. Rxf2
Rxc7 41. Rf1 Rf7 42. Rxf7+ Kxf7 43. Kf3 a5 44. bxa5
b4 45. Bc1 Nxa5 46. Bxh6 b3 47. Bc1 Nc6 48. Ke4 Ke6
49. h4 Nb4 50. h5 Na2 51. Bb2 Nc3+ 52. Kf3 Nd5
53. g4 Nf6 54. h6 Nh7 55. Bc1 Kd5 56. Ba3 Ke6 57. c6
Ng5+ 58. Kg3 Nh7 59. Kf2 b2 60. Bxb2 Kd6 61. Bc1
Kxc6 62. g5 Nf8 63. Kf3 Kd5 64. Ba3 Ng6 65. Kg4 Ke6
66. Bc1 Nf8 67. Bd2 Ng6 68. Kh5 Kf5 69. Bc1 Nh8
70. h7 Ke6 71. g6 Kf6 72. Bg5+ Kg7 73. Bh6+ Kf6
74. g7 Black resigns 1-0

Atlantic Class Championships - Harpers Ferry, WV

The Chessplayer's Diary #1:

Embarrassed at Harpers Ferry by Jason Rihel

After Having a decent tournament at the March Parkersburg Open, I confidently went to the Atlantic Class Championships at Harpers Ferry. After sitting in traffic for about an hour, I scrambled to register before the first round started. Without supper, I sat down at 8:00pm and played my first game.

I lost my first game at about 12:30am after a simple mistake; I dropped the exchange.

Round 2: I was pumped; I was excited; I was ready to send my pieces crashing down on my opponent's head as I marched forward to victory. Tom LaBue (who was my ride to the tournament) said, "Oh, you're paired with the guy who sat next to me in the first round. He got crushed in about twenty moves!" Stepping up to the board, I knew I would crush him. After fending off a premature attack, I sacked a knight in order to expose his uncastled king (later I get the piece back). I could see him shaking; the whole table was rocking. Then as I pressed the attack, I dropped a rook and it was all over.

Round 3: Dejected and uninspired, I played out a tough draw. After two days of playing, I had amassed half a point.

Round 4: I needed a win here very badly, or my chess confidence would never recover. If I lost all of my games, I would quit tournament chess and play the pool players in the Mountain Lair who occasionally tire of pool and play chess (often with the board sideways and the king on the wrong square). So I went to this game with a renewed vigor (desperation mostly). Here it is, my game with George Mullins, Sr, one of the few other West Virginia players at the tournament.

George Mullins, Sr (C) - Jason Rihel (C)

Atlantic Class Championships, Round 4: C Class

1. Nf3 d5 2. d3 Nc6 3. c3 e5 4. g3 Bg4 5. Bg2 Qd7
6. O-O O-O-O *At this point, I was excited. I had just finished reading the chapter in Art of the Middlegame about attack on opposite castled kings and was ready to use my knowledge. Immediately, I start my pawn storm on the king's position.* 7. b3 h5 8. Ba3 Bxa3 9. Nxa3 Bxf3 10. exf3 g5 11. g4 hxg4 12. fxg4 f5 13. f3 Qh7 14. h3 *His wall of pawns is tricky to break, but his light squared bishop doesn't seem too happy.* 14...f4 15. Qe2 Nf6 16. Rad1 Qh4 17. Nb1? *Necessary is* 17. Qf2 *and my advantage is slight.* 17...Qg3 18. Qf2 Rxh3 19. Qxg3 Rxg3 *I must now be careful of my trapped rook.* 20. Kf2 e4 21. dxe4 dxe4 22. Rxd8+ Kxd8 23. Re1 Ne5

24. Re3?? Nfxg4+! 25. White resigns 0-1

Not a perfect game, but enough to give me back some hope for an OK tournament.

Round 5: My opponent and I both really wanted a win here in order to come away with an even 2.5 score, but we ended up playing the French Exchange, notorious for its draws. Instead of drawing, however, I lost. Trying to make a slight positional advantage work (I was not content with a draw!), I made yet another careless blunder and dropped the exchange yet again!

That was probably my worst chess tournament ever, but I did learn something very important. I always tell the elementary school kids whom I have been coaching, "Before you make your move, always check to make sure they can't fork your piece, pin it or take it." I better start taking my own advice.

Harpers Ferry Summary by Tom LaBue

The Open Section of the Atlantic Class Championships was won by GM Alex Yermolinsky. After winning his first four rounds and also a point ahead of the field, he drew quickly with IM Ed Formanek. Tied for second with a score of four were Mark Eidemiller of Pittsburgh and FM Sunil Weeramantry.

In Class A section, there was a tie for first with PA's John Allman and VA's Robert Collins each with four and a half points. Also playing in the section was the number one rated eight year old, Asuka Nakamura checking in at 1846. He finished strong with two wins, two draws and a loss.

In Class B, Robert Kramer of Virginia claimed first by himself toting a score of four and a half. Also included in this section were Charleston's Jerry Skeen and Martinburg's John Thommen both with three points. Michael Conley of Ridgely finished with one.

Class C, Ira Benzion of Maryland streaked out to a 4-0 start to take first. Other West Virginians in this section included: Tom LaBue with 2.5, Jason Rihel - 1.5 and George Mullins, Sr with 0.5.

In Class D/E, Lindy Ergino was victorious in round 5 to propel him to first in this section. WV's Jason Mullins and PA's Lisa Hipchen tied for second at four. Jason was the only WV player to win money. Other WV players: Tim Butts and Gary Coulter each with three, Bill Salmon and Andy Skeen with two.

Annotated Games from James McAlister, West Virginia Correspondence Master

I was pleasantly surprised that when I entered a new section of 1995 Golden Knights Correspondence Tourney, that a fellow West Virginian was also included. Not just any Mountaineer, but the number one rated postal player in the state, James McAlister, a.k.a. Mike. Mike and I were conversing back and forth about other postal players in the state and other items (NCAA basketball), he gladly agreed to send up some of his better postal contests. Mike, a fine OTB player as well, tied for first recently at the French City Open in Gallipolis, Ohio with Jim Walker scoring three wins and a draw. His latest postal rating is 2237, puts him in the title of WV's only correspondence master.

All notes by Mike McAlister

Mike McAlister (2180) - Michael Wierzbicki (2260)

1991 Golden Knights Semifinal (1992)

Benoni Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Nc3 g6 7. e4 Bg7 8. h3 O-O 9. Bd3 b5 10. Nxb5 10. Bxb5 Nxe4 11. Nxe4 Qa5+ 12. Nfd2 Qxb5 13. Nxd6 Qa6 14. N2c4 Nd7 15. O-O ±. 10...Re8 10...Nxe4 11. Bxe4 Re8 12. Ng5! ±. 11. Nd2 Nxd5 12. Nc4 Ba6 13. Nbx d6 Nb4 14. Be2 Re6 15. a3 15. Bf4 Nd7 16. O-O Ne5 17. Bxe5 Bxe5 18. a3 Bxb2 19. Rb1 Na2 20. Rxb2 Nc3 21. Qb3 Nxe2+ 22. Rxe2 Rb8 23. Qa2 Rxd6 24. Nxd6 Qxd6 ± Sapis-Morchat, corr 1992. 15...N4c6 16. Qd5 Bf8 17. Bf4 Qf6 18. Bg5 Qd4 19. Be3 Bxc4 20. Nxc4 Qxe4 21. Bf3 Qxd5 22. Bxd5 Re8 23. Na5 Nxa5 23...Rc8 24. Rc1 ±. 24. Bxa8 Nc4 25. O-O Nxb2 26. Rab1 Nc4 27. Bd5 Nb6 28. Rfd1 Rc8 29. a4 Nxd5 30. Rxd5 c4 31. Bxa7 Na6 32. Rb6 Nb4 33. Rd7 Nc6 34. Rbb7 Ne5 35. Rdc7 Rd8 36. f4 Rd1+ 37. Kh2 Nd3 38. Rxc4 Bd6 39. Bb8 Bc5 40. Rd7 Bg1+ 41. Kg3 Bf2+ 42. Kf3 Bb6 43. Rc8+ Kg7 44. Bd6 Ne1+ 45. Ke2 Rb1 46. Be5+ Kh6 47. Rxf7 Nxc2 48. Rxh7+
Black resigns 1-0

Mike McAlister (2185) - Mark Morss(2310)

1993 Rating Tournament (1993)

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Bf5 3. Nf3 e6 4. Qb3 Nc6 5. c5 5. Qxb7 Nb4 6. Na3? [6. Kd1 Rb8 7. Qxa7 Ra8 8. Qb7 Rb8 =] 6...Rb8 7. Qxa7 Ra8 8. Qb7 Rxa3 -. 5...Rb8 6. Nc3 Be7 7. e3 Bf6 8. h3 g5!? 9. Bb5 Nge7 10. Bd2 a6 11. Be2 O-O 12. Na4 Ng6 13. Bd3 Bxd3 14. Qxd3 Qd7 15. Qb3 e5 16. Nc3 Rfd8 17. e4 dxe4!? 17...Nxd4 18. Nxd4 exd4 Nxd5 =. 18. Nxe4 Bg7 19. Bxg5 Nxd4 20. Nxd4 Qxd4 21. f3 Nf4 21...Rd5 22. Ke2 Rxc5 23. Nxc5 Qxc5 ±. 22. g3 Nd3+ 23. Ke2 Nxc5 24. Nxc5 Qxc5 25. Bxd8

Rxd8 26. Rhd1 ±. I was surprised by my opponents resignation. Although I think that White should win with correct play, Black can maintain a fight for several more moves. 26... Black resigns 1-0

Richard Allen (1830) - Mike McAlister (2140)

1991 Golden Knights (1991)

Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Nd5 Bg7 11. Qh5 Ne7 12. Ne3 f5 13. exf5 e4 14. O-O-O O-O 15. g4 d5 16. Bg2 Qa5 17. Qg5 f6 18. Qf4 Rd8 19. f3 Bb7 20. fxe4 d4 21. Nf1 b4 22. Nb1 Qxa2 23. Rd3 Rac8 24. Nfd2 Nc6 25. Nf3 Na5 26. Nfd2 Qa4 27. b3 Qa2 28. Kd1 Qxc2+ 29. Ke2 Bc6 30. Rg3 d3+ 31. Kf2 h6 32. h4 Nxb3 33. g5 fxg5 34. hxg5 Bd4+ 35. Kf3 Bc3 36. f6 Nxd2+ 37. Nxd2 Qxd2 38. Qxd2 Bxd2 39. Rxh6 Rd4 40. Kf2 Be1+ 41. White resigns 0-1

William Howell (2005) - Mike McAlister (2175)

1991 Golden Knights Semifinal (1992)

Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Nd5 Bg7 11. c3 f5 12. exf5 Bxf5 13. Qf3 Be6 14. Bd3 O-O 15. g4 Ne7 16. Nf6+ Bxf6 17. Qxf6 Ng6 18. Qf3 Qg5 19. h3 d5 20. Bc2 Nh4 21. Qg3 f5 22. Rd1 f4 23. Qd3 e4 24. Qe2 Ng2+ 25. Kf1 Ne3+ 26. fxe3 fxe3+ 27. Kg1 Rf2 28. White resigns 0-1

Stephen Kowalski (2335) - Mike McAlister (2175)

1991 Rating Tournament (1991)

Gruenfeld Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. e3 O-O 6. Qb3 e6 7. Be2 b6 8. cxd5 exd5 9. O-O Bb7 10. Bd2 Nbd7 11. Rfd1 Re8 12. Rac1 c6 13. Rc2 Qe7 14. Bf1 Qe6 15. Na4 Ne4 16. Be1 Bf8 17. Rdc1 Rab8 18. Qd3 Bd6 19. b4 f5 20. Nb2 f4 21. exf4 Bxf4 22. Rd1 Nd6 23. a4 b5 24. axb5 cxb5 25. Qb3 Nc4 26. Nd3 Bc7 27. Bc3 a6 28. Re1 Qf7 29. Nfe5 Ndx e5 30. Nxe5 Nxe5 31. dxe5 Bb6 32. Qb2 Rbc8 33. Rd2 Re6 34. Bd4 Bxd4 35. Qxd4 Re7 36. g3 Rec7 37. f4 Rc1 38. e6 Qe7 39. Re5 R8c4 40. Qb2 d4 41. Rxd4 R4c2 42. Qxc2 Rxc2 43. Rd7 Kf8 44. f5 Bc6 45. Rxe7 Kxe7 46. fxg6 hxg6 47. h4 Rb2 48. Rc5 Be4 49. Bh3 Rxb4
Draw by adjudication 1/2 -1/2

What's up with Gikas? (QC)

The background for the name of this quick chess tourney follows: Jim Gikas approached Mike Baker at the Parkersburg December Open, about having an all day quick chess event in Weston. Mike arranged the room and called Jim Walker in Charleston, Byron and me from our club, the Morgantown contingent and John Sefton living over the border in Kentucky. After playing the first four rounds on the Sunday afternoon, he decided he was leaving so he could go home and watch the Steelers - Browns game. However, we had a TV set in the room that carried the game. We thought it was funny that Jim was the initiator of this tourney and then lost interest, hence the name. Two sections with Byron Funkhouser winning the early round and Jim Walker dominating the second.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1870*A5	1904*x4	*	W	D	U	W	W	W	W	W	6.5
2	Jim Walker	WV	2114*X9	2104*X9	L	*	D	U	W	W	W	W	W	5.5
3	Prashant Chandra	WV	1802/15	1826*B5	D	D	*	U	D	W	W	W	W	5.5
4	Markle Butcher	WV	1765*a5	1775*a5	U	U	U	*	U	W	W	U	W	3.0
5	Tom LaBue	WV	1457*c5	1473*c7	L	L	D	U	*	L	W	L	W	2.5
6	Mike Baker	WV	1583*c4	1569*c4	L	L	L	L	W	*	L	U	W	2.0
7	Jeerayut Wetweeraong	WV	1451/10	1489/17	L	L	L	L	L	W	*	U	W	2.0
8	Jim Gikas	WV	1971*x4	1941*x4	L	L	L	U	W	U	U	*	U	1.0
9	John Sefton	KY	1418*0	1390*0	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	U	*	0.0

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2104*X9	2104*X9	*	W	D	W	W	W	W	U	5.5
2	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1904*x4	1878*x4	L	*	W	D	D	W	L	W	4.0
3	Prashant Chandra	WV	1826*B5	1816*B5	D	L	*	W	L	W	W	U	3.5
4	Mike Baker	WV	1569*c4	1581*c9	L	D	L	*	D	W	W	U	3.0
5	Jeerayut Wetweeraong	WV	1489/17	1512*c5	L	D	W	D	*	L	W	U	3.0
6	Tom LaBue	WV	1473*c7	1471*c7	L	L	L	L	W	*	L	W	2.0
7	John Sefton	KY	1390*0	1406*D2	L	W	L	L	L	W	*	U	2.0
8	Greg Arnold	WV	1505/18	1493*0	U	L	U	U	U	L	U	*	0.0

Ed Foy Commemorative - Parkersburg - 2/12/95

A Friday night snowstorm didn't prevent ten hardy souls from entering the Ed Foy Commemorative on February 12 at Comfort Suites in Parkersburg, but the bad weather did contribute to a change in format. After deliberation by the players, it was decided to hold a G/15 Round Robin in lieu of the G/60 Swiss which was originally planned. For many of the players, "Quick Chess" was a new experience. Two relative newcomers included John T. Scott of Charleston and Duane Hosom of Lovely, Ky. Pat Kelly directed.

- Joe Ancrile

Here are the results of the nine round tournament:

Pat Kelly	8.0	Jim Jordan	3.5
Jim Walker	8.0	Bob McLearn	3.5
Joe Ancrile	6.5	Charles Haid	3.0
John Scott	5.0	Duane Hosom	2.0
Bob Shock	4.0	Glenn Haynes	1.5

Calgon, Take Me Away, Please

During the winter months, the four of us at the Central West Virginia Chess Club don't travel to many tournaments because of the weather, and we weren't in the mood for another G/75 Round Robin. Lo and behold, in February our troop increased to five with the addition of Peter Mauk, who resides in Glenville. Since we were all planning to attend the Parkersburg Open in March, we decided to get in shape. We also wanted Peter to gain some game experience (even though it was QC) before the upcoming event. Markle Butcher directed this Double Round Robin and won beating Mike Baker in the final and decisive game.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	Markle Butcher	WV	1775*a5	1799*a7	W5	U	W3	L2	W4	W5	U	W3	W2	W4	7.0
2	Mike Baker	WV	1581*c9	1635*b5	W4	W5	U	W1	W3	U	D3	W4	L1	W5	6.5
3	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1878*x4	1808*x4	U	W4	L1	W5	L2	D4	D2	L1	L5	U	3.0
4	Tom LaBue	WV	1471*c7	1472*c7	L2	L3	W5	U	L1	D3	W5	L2	U	L1	2.5
5	Peter Mauk	WV	UNR	1376/08	L1	L2	L4	L3	U	L1	L4	U	W3	L2	1.0

Huntington Club Quick Chess (G/15) - Feb 25, 1995

Mike McAlister sent me the results of the Huntington Chess Club's February QC event. Mike finished six for six and took first place outright over runner-up Gary Hardin.

PLR #	NAME	PreRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	Mike McAlister	2022	*	W	W	W	W	W	X	6.0
2	Gary Hardin	1914	L	*	W	W	W	W	X	5.0
3	Jerry Dingess	1664	L	L	*	D	W	W	X	3.5
4	John Brewster	1844	L	L	D	*	W	W	L	2.5
5	John Downing	UNR	L	L	L	L	*	W	W	2.0
6	Charles Morrison	1544	L	L	L	L	L	*	W	1.0
7	Jeff Jackson	1481	F	F	F	W	L	L	*	1.0

Notes from the Editor

First of all, I would like to congratulate Mike Baker and his bride Cindy. They were married April 24 in Virginia. We wish them good luck and a long life together. Next, I would like to thank everyone who contributed material to this edition of the WVCA Chess Bulletin: Joe Ancrile, Markle Butcher, Byron Funkhouser, John Homer, Pat Kelly, Mike McAlister, Dan O'Hanlon, Jason Rihel and John Roush. It helps to make the Bulletin better with help from all, receiving notes and games from all over West Virginia. Also, if you have any questions, comments, rantings or whatever feel free to send what you have to me. The next issue is due in Mid-August. It will include recaps of all tournaments from April to June, a preview of the 1995 WV State tournament, updates on trying to stage a WV Postal Championship and more. If you are not a WVCA member, and would like to join the state chess organization, please send \$7 for one year's membership to: **Tom Bergquist, 4375 Bowman Hill Road, Huntington, WV 25701.** It includes discounts on some tournaments, a year's subscription to the WVCA Chess Bulletin, and may keep you from buying another state's membership card, if you play out of state. We are trying to gather some chess stories from the past years, recent or not, for an article on WV Chess lore. So, if you have a favorite story you wish to share, please send it along.

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The Postcard by Byron Funkhouser

At the next business meeting, I will propose the sanctioning of a State Correspondence Championship to be held every other year, starting this fall. It must be sanctioned by the WVCA to be rated and approved by the USCF. Also, I've learned that the team-tournaments I mentioned last time accept entries every other year, and this is the off year, so we will have to wait for this. Thomas LaBue made inquiries, and obtained a listing of all West Virginia players who are active USCF members and have a correspondence rating. There are 50 names on this list! Naturally, we will be inviting them to play in the Championship. This column is dedicated to Rebecca Funkhouser and Dennis Funkhouser, Jr on the occasion of their entering the world of tournament chess. They are numbers five and six of the Chess playing Funkhousers, not counting Eric Lee Funkhouser, no relation, of Bowling Green, KY!

Kennedy (1750) - Dan O'Hanlon (1800)

CCLA Team Championship 1993-1995

Notes by Dan O'Hanlon

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. f3 c5 4. e4 dxe4 5. d5 exf3
6. Nxf3 g6 7. Bf4 a6 8. a4 Bg7 9. Bc4 Nbd7 10. O-O
Nb6 11. Ba2 O-O 12. a5 Nbd7 13. Bc4 b5 14. axb6
Nxb6 15. Qe2 Nfxd5 16. Nxd5 Nxd5 17. Rad1?! Nxf4!
18. Qe4 Qc7 19. Ng5 *If 19. Qxa8 Bb7 20. Qxf8+
(20. Qa7 Ra8 21. Qxa8+ Bxa8 -+) 20...Kxf8 -+*
19...Bf5!? 20. Qxf4 Qxf4 21. Rxf4 Bd4+ 22. Kh1 Be3
23. Rxf5 gxf5 24. Nf3 Rfd8 25. Re1 Be2 26. Rf1 Bd4
27. b3 Bf6 28. g3 e6 29. Kg2 a5 30. Bb5 Rab8 31. c4
Rd3 32. Ba4 Rdx3! 33. Bxb3 Rxb3 34. Rd1 a4
35. White resigns 0-1

Markle Butcher (2143) - David Mote (2072)

Class Tournament 1994

Notes by Markle Butcher

Sicilian Defense, Sozin Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6
6. Bc4 *This was the favorite move of Bobby Fischer,
which he used to destroy several very strong
grandmasters. 6...e6 7. Bb3 Nc6 8. Be3 Na5 9. f4 b5
10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 Nxb3 Black wants to rid himself of
the bishop on b3. 12. axb3 Nd5 13. Qf3 Nxe3?! I think
Black needs to try 13...Bc5, with the idea of 14...Qh4
hitting the knight. Now, the game ends quickly and
painfully. 14. Qxa8 Nxc2+ 15. Kf1!! Not 15. Qxc2?
Qxd4 and it is the White King that is in trouble.
15...Ne3+ 16. Ke2 Ng4 17. Nc6 Qc7 18. Rhd1 Be7
19. Rxa6 Black resigns 1-0 Black doesn't have a*

*single move that doesn't cost material. Trust me, I
checked all of this when I played 15. Kf1.*

Byron Funkhouser (1926) - Faneuil Adams, Jr (1982)

Class Tournament 1993

Notes by Byron Funkhouser

Ruy Lopez, Open Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Nxe4
6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. dxe5 Be6 9. Qe2 *The most
popular and almost automatic response is 9. c3. 9...Be7
10. Rd1 O-O 11. c4 bxc4 12. Bxc4 Bc5 13. Be3 Bxe3
14. Qxe3 Qb8 15. Bb3 Qb6 This move took me out of
the book. BCO2 says this variation is good for White. I
think Black is clearly better. 16. Qxb6 cxb6 Taking the
pawn with 17. Bxd5 is bad for White because of
17...Rad8 17. Nc3!? White must hurry. 17...Nxc3
18. bxc3 Ne7 19. Nd4 Rfc8 20. Rac1 Rc5 21. f4!? Again
there is no time for defense. Any attempt to save the
c-pawn immediately gives Black the initiative, and thus,
the game. Ultimately, weak squares cannot be defended.
21...Rac8 22. f5! Nxf5 23. Nxf5 Bxf5 24. Rxd5 Rxd5
25. Bxd5 Rc5 26. Rd1! Again, not defending the pawn!
There is no defense against the slow, but sure
exploitation of White's weak pawns. White's only chance
is to strike out at Black's weaknesses, namely a weak
Black rank. 26...Rxc3 27. Bb7! Draw?! Black still has
a great advantage. White's two isolated pawns will be
impossible to defend. With White fighting desperately
for a draw, I must find an alternative to 16. Qxb6!*

Info on 1995 WV Correspondence Championship

Also, the CWVCC (Weston, Buckhannon club) is planning to hold the 1995 West Virginia Correspondence Championship. We are trying to gauge interest and figure on the format: either a one round robin section or multiple sections with the winners moving to the final round. This tournament will be USCF Correspondence rated and would be held every other year. We would like to start playing by September. Entry fee still to be determined, but USCF charges \$1 a game fee. The rest of the money will come back as prizes. If you are interested, please contact either:

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by July 15. We will send out the finalized details on the format and fee after this, and will need to get everyone's signature on a USCF form.