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“Of chess it has been said that life is not long enough for it-
But that is the fault of life, not chess.” - Napier

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Andy Katz Claws His Way to the 1995 WV State Title

Andy Katz plowed through the entire field to finish 6-0 and capture the 1995 West Virginia State Championship. Not since 1976, when Jeff Ashley won the crown has a state champion run the table. A crowd of five players tied for second at 4½: John Roush, Gary Hardin, Randy Bierce, Ed Garner and Pat Kelly. Last year's co-champs Donald Griffith and Jim Gikas each finished with four points. Fifty two players entered this year's championship held at the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, WV. However there were a few noticeable absences: Dennis Funkhouser, Jim Walker, and Konnie Dolgovskij all were absent this year. John Kay directed all three championship tournaments (Quick Chess and Action). Here are some of key games won by Andy on the second day to give him sole possession of first place; a third round win over Mark Hathaway and the huge fourth round encounter against the only other unbeaten Pat Kelly.

Andy Katz (X) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 3
French Defense

Notes by Andy Katz.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5 exd5 5. Bb5+ Bd7
6. Bxd7+ Qxd7 Based on the Informants that I was reading to prepare for this tournament, 6...Nxd7 is more common for Black. The idea seems to be to answer White's dxc5 with Nxc5, followed by Ne4 at some point.
7. Ngf3 Nc6 8. O-O Bd6 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. Nb3 Bd6
11. Nbd4 Nge7 12. c3 O-O 13. Qd3 I put my queen on this square because it pressures d5, keeps his knight out of f5, and maybe can attack h7 or hop over to b5 if the position allows. This sounds good, but I'm not sure where she should go. 13...Qg4 14. Bg5 f6! White moved the bishop to g5 because it indirectly pressures the pawn on d5 by threatening, at the appropriate time, to take the knight on e7. By playing f6, Black blocks this idea. At the time I thought this was a mistake though because it puts a pawn of the same color as the bishop and it also seems to create a weakness on the e6 square that I can occupy with my knight. However, neither of these "weaknesses" to this move matter at all. In retrospect, this move was very good because it reinforces the e5 square, which will be occupied

by Black's knight. 15. Bh4 Ng6 16. Bg3 Bxg3 17. hxxg3 Nge5 18. Qf5 Rfe8 Black could have eliminated his weak d-pawn by playing 18...Qxf5 19. Nxf5 Nxf3+ 20. gxf3 g6 21. Ne3 d4 with an even game. I think Black did not go into this line because he was playing for a win. 19. Qxxg4 Nxxg4 20. Rfe1 Nce5 21. Rad1 Rad8 22. Rd2 Nxf3+ 23. Nxf3 Rxe1+ 24. Nxe1 Ne5 25. Nf3 Nc4 26. Re2 Kf7 27. Kf1 Nd6 Up until now, I think Black has played very well. Now he starts to drift. He wants to play Ne4, but the knight is better on c4. With Black's knight on c4, White will eventually have to play b3 in order to activate his rook, which is tied to defending his b-pawn. After White plays b3, White's c-pawn is as weak as Black's d-pawn and the game is even. 28. Rd2 Ne4 29. Rd1 b5 Black played this to prevent White from playing c4. However, the pawn at b5 becomes a target. I think better was simply 29...Ke7. 30. Nd4 a6 31. Nc6 Rd6 32. Nb4 Ke6 33. Nd3 Ng5 Black correctly saw that playing d4 to eliminate his weak d-pawn is impossible because of 33...d4? 34. Re1 wins the knight after either 34...Kd5 35. Nf4+(or 35. Nb4+) or 34...Kf5 35. g4+ Kg5 36. Rxe4 dxc3 37. Re3 c2 (threatening Rxd3) 38. Nc1 Rd1+ 39. Re1. However, the knight is misplaced on the side of the board. Additionally, White's rook will be able to gain the 7th rank. I think Black should have played 33...g5 to prevent White's knight from going to f4. 34. Nf4+ Ke5 35. Re1+ Kf5 36. Re7 g6 37. Ne2 h5 38. f3 Hoping for a cheap checkmate by Nd4. However, these cheap tricks rarely work for anyone other than Konnie Dolgovskij, from whom I learned them. Konnie's presence was missed over the tournament weekend, especially by John Dailey, who usually beats Konnie like a raw egg (just kidding Konnie, you really were missed). The move actually serves a purpose besides the cheap trick: it denies the e4 square to Black's knight. Notice how over the next ten moves, all of the good squares will be taken from Black's knight and how neither of Black's pieces have any mobility at all. 38...Ne6 39. Ra7 g5 40. Rh7 Kg6 41. Ra7 Nc5 42. b3 Nd7 43. Nd4 Ne5 44. Ke1 I did not play 44. Ke2 because I

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Upcoming Events in the West Virginia

December 2 Parkersburg December Open:

4-SS, G/80, NS, NC, W

Site: Stables Motor Lodge, Parkersburg, WV

Near the intersection of Rt 50 and I-77 (Exit 176)

Rounds: 9-12-3-6: Reg: 8:00-8:45am

EF: \$12 by 11/29, \$15 at site, \$\$ b/entries,

Upset prize each round;

Entries to: Joe Ancrile, P.O. Box 271

Elizabeth, WV 26143 (304) 275-3689

February 9-11 Atlantic Class Championships:

5-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2 day option, rd 1 G/60)

Site: Cliffside Inn, Rt 340, Harpers Ferry, WV

Sections: Master-Expert, Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D/E, Unrated

Rounds: Fri 8pm, Sat 1 & 7:15 Sun 10 & 4:15

2-day: Sat 10am, then join 3-day sched.

For more details, see future issues of Chess Life

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Harold Mitchell Heads the Crowd at KVO

Harold Mitchell keyed by his third round victory over John Roush, earned the title of Kanawha Valley open Champion. Harold drew with his closest competitor Robert Canary in Round 4 to finish with three and one-half points. Harold has played well this year; he tied with John at the Cross Lanes Open on June. A group of four were huddled with three points: John Roush, Robert Canary,

Michael Richardson, and Chuck Waugh.

In round three, Aaron Richardson stunned Jim Walker to knock Jim out of the running. Aaron had drawn with Jim earlier this year at Parkersburg. Dennis Funkhouser scored two wins in the two opening rounds before he withdrew. Dennis brought along his son D.J., who played in his first Open tournament.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Harold Mitchell	WV	1853*A4	1884*A4	W-13	W-7	W-2	D-3	U—	3.5
2	John Roush	WV	2178*m4	2161*m4	W-11	W-10	L-1	W-8	U—	3.0
3	Robert Canary	WV	1752*B0	1772*B0	D-12	W-16	W-15	D-1	U—	3.0
4	Mike Richardson	WV	1743*A5	1750*B0	W-17	L-9	W-13	W-12	U—	3.0
5	Chuck Waugh	WV	1543*C4	1586*c9	L-9	W-21	W-10	W-11	U—	3.0
6	Jim Walker	WV	2107*M5	2100*M5	W-18	D-15	L-8	W-16	U—	2.5
7	Tim Goan	WV	1589*b4	1553*b4	W-21	L-1	L-12	D-17	W-22	2.5
8	Aaron Richardson	WV	1541*C5	1568*C7	W-20	D-12	W-6	L-2	U—	2.5
9	Dennis Funkhouser	WV	2100*X0	2103*X0	W-5	W-4	U—	U—	U—	2.0
10	Jerry Skeen	WV	1768*a5	1757*a5	W-14	L-2	L-5	W-15	U—	2.0
11	Scott Carmichael	WV	1515*c0	1514*c0	L-2	W-17	W-14	L-5	U—	2.0
12	Charles Haid	WV	1427*c7	1461*c9	D-3	D-8	W-7	L-4	U—	2.0
13	Matt Ellison	WV	1398*D7	1403*D7	L-1	W-20	L-4	W-19	U—	2.0
14	Dewey Chaney	WV	1294*B9	1308*B9	L-10	W-22	L-11	W-18	U—	2.0
15	David Michael	WV	1740*B4	1723*B4	W-19	D-6	L-3	L-10	U—	1.5
16	Gary Morris	WV	1659*b2	1646*b2	H—	L-3	W-19	L-6	U—	1.5
17	David Olson	WV	1304*B9	1313*B9	L-4	L-11	W-20	D-7	U—	1.5
18	David Hundley	WV	1445*c0	1401*c0	L-6	L-19	W-21	L-14	U—	1.0
19	Chauncy Cartar	WV	1143*e5	1161*e5	L-15	W-18	L-16	L-13	U—	1.0
20	Hubert Clark	WV	1126*d5	1128*d5	L-8	L-13	L-17	W-21	U—	1.0
21	Bill Salmon	WV	1213*d0	1179*d0	L-7	L-5	L-18	L-20	U—	0.0
22	D. J. Funkhouser	WV	735 /09	790 /11	L-7	L-14	U—	U—	U—	0.0

Note: The game marked as a fifth round for Tim Goan was an extra game he played against D. J. Funkhouser. This game did not count in the KVO standings for Tim, but it counted as the first round for D. J.

Highlighted Game: Katz - Griffith, Round 6, 1995 WV States

Andy Katz (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 6

West Virginia State Championship

Sicilian Defense, Yugoslav Attack

Notes by Andy Katz

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6
6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 This is played to prevent Black's Ng4, which was impossible on the previous move because of Bb5+. The system White is playing is called the "Yugoslav Attack" (An interesting name; considering there no longer a "Yugoslavia", perhaps this should be called the "Serbian Attack" - a name sure to strike fear into the hearts of any chess-playing Bosnian. Anyway, I digress.). My willingness to go into this wild line even though I only needed a draw to win the tournament should nit be taken for bravery. Quite frankly, I have no clue how to play for a draw. My thinking has always been to play the best I can and hope it's good enough to prevent a loss. This is especially true when playing someone as good as Donald. For future reference, however, anyone who would like to share a good drawing line for White, please feel free to write me at 1424 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25301.
7...O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. Bc4 Bd7 10. O-O-O Rc8 11. Bb3 Ne5 12. h4 Fischer once described White's plan when playing the Yugoslav Attack as "pry open the [h] file, sac, sac, mate." Unfortunately, he never really said what White should be doing when Black is sacrificing on the c-file and playing for mate, too. 12...Nc4 13. Bxc4 Rxc4 14. h5 Nxh5 15. g4 Nf6 16. Kb1? This is way too slow. Realizing that I only needed a draw, I am trying to play this very aggressive line "solidly". Wrong idea. Once I decided to play this line, I became committed to putting caution aside. I am lucky I wasn't mated. Much better is an immediate 16. Bh6. 16...Qc7 Usually Black plays 16...Qa5. Donald has a new idea here. Luckily for me, it wasn't a good one (see the note to Black's move 20). 17. Bh6 Bxh6 Planning the wrong sacrifice of the exchange. After the game we looked at 17...Nxe4!, followed by 18...Bxd4. Bob Bukovac who knows this line very well, said that this is normally the "book" idea when White has not wasted a tempo as I have by playing Kb1. This is a very complicated position with many possible variables, however, considering White's waste of time, Black is probably better. 18.Qxh6 Rxc3 19. bxc3 Rc8 At the time, I thought Black's sacrifice was a little premature, but this is probably a matter of style. Also, I am not sure why Donald did not play 19...Qxc3. My next move was to protect the pawn at c3 in hopes that it would shield the more vital pawn at c2. 20. Rd3 a5 This is Donald's idea that I was referring to in the note after

Black's 16th move. Donald's idea is well grounded in the positional factors of the game: White's weakened queenside makes a3 devastating if Black has the time to get the a-pawn that far. Luckily for me, he does not. His idea is much too slow. Much better is 20...Qa5. However, after 21. Ne2, with the idea of playing g5 and Nf4, White is probably better. One line I have analyzed is cool: (after 21. Ne2) 21...Bb5 22. Rd5 e6 (Obviously not 22...Nxd5, because 23. Qxh7+ mates the next move.) 23. g5! Nh5 (if 23...Nxd5 24. Qxh7+ Kf8 25. exd5 Bxe2 26. dxe6! and now (a) 26...Qb5+ 27. Kc1 Qe8 28. Qh8+ Ke7 29. Qf6 mate; (b) 26...Q(or R)c7 27. Qh8+ Ke7 28. Qf6+ Ke8 29. Rh8 mate; (c) 26...fxe6 27. Qh8+ Ke7 28. Rh7 mate.) 24. Nf4! Nxf4! (if 24...exd5 25. Nxd5 looks crushing. The only way to stop the threat of 26. Rxh5 and 27. Nf6 is for Black to play 25...f5, but after 26. gxf6 e.p. Rc7 [again the threat is Rxh5 and now Qg7 mate.] 27. Ne7+ Rxe7 28. fxe7 is winning). 25. Qh7+ Kf8 26. Qh8+ Ke7 27. Qf6+ Kd7 28. Qxf7+ Kc6 29. Qxf4 exd5 30. dxe5+ Kc7 31. Rh7+ Kb8 32. Qxd6+ Ka8 33. Qe7 Ba6 34. d6 Qxc3 35. Qe4! After all of this stuff, is White winning? I think so, but who knows. At any rate, I give these variations, which are so full of holes I'm sure, only to show some of the wild tactics that can develop in these type of positions. 21. g5 Nh5 22. f4 Qd8 23. Rxh5 gxh5 24. Nf5 Again, not the best. My idea is to create a mating net with pawn's around the Black king, but I wasn't sufficiently paying attention to what Black can do. The knight needed to help defend the queenside. Much better is 25. f5! with the idea of playing the rook to the g-file and playing g6. 24...Bxf5 25. exf5 Qf8 Much better is Qb6+, looking for counterplay on the queenside. If Black had done this, the game would probably end in a perpetual check. 26. Qxh5 Qg7 27. f6 exf6 It probably is slightly better to keep the g-file closed and play 27...Qg6, but White should be winning here anyway. 28. gxf6 Qg6 Of course not 28...Qxf6 because 29. Qg4+. The variation I was hoping for over the board was 28...Qg1+ 29. Rd1 Qc5 30. f5 Kh8 (or 30...Kf8 31. Re1 is also a win.) 31. Qh6 Rg8 21. Qxh7+!! Stiffer resistance than in the game would have been offered by 28...Qg1+ 29. Rd1 Qg6 30. Qh3 Re8 (if 30...Rd8 31. Rxd6!) but 31. Qd7 is still winning for White. 29. Qh3 Now there is a forced win for White. The immediate threats are Qxc8 and Rg3. 29...Qg1+ 30. Kb2 Qb6+ 31. Kc1 Qg1+ 32. Rd1 Qc5 33. Re1! Cutting off Black's escape route. 33...Kh8 34. Rh1 A prettier win was 34. Qg4 Rg8 35. Re8! 34...h5 35. f5 Qa3+ 36. Kb1 Black resigns 1-0

John Roush wins 1995 Tug Valley Open

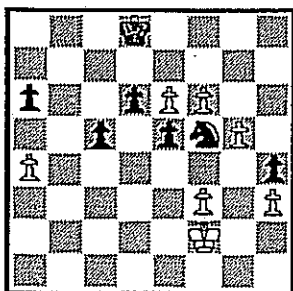
As mentioned in last issue, John Roush scored four wins on his way to winning the 5th Tug Valley Open. His wins against Jerry Skeen and Byron Funkhouser enabled him to finish a point ahead of Byron, Tim Goan, Dave Blanton, and Allen Farley. Seventeen players participated in this event directed by Tim Goan and held in Varney, WV.

Tom LaBue (C) - Dave Blanton (A), Round 1
Grunfeld Defense, Exchange Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3
6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Nf3 O-O 8. Rb1 c5 9. Be2 Nc6 10. d5
Bxc3+ 11. Bd2 Bxd2+ 12. Qxd2 Nb8?! 13. O-O a6
14. Rfc1 Nd7 15. a4 b6 16. Bc4 Qc7 17. Qh6 Ne5
18. Ng5 Nf3+ 19. Nxf3? *Obviously, gxf3!* 19...e6 20. Ng5
f6 21. d6 Qg7 22. Qxg7+ Kxg7 23. Nxe6+ Bxe6
24. Bxe6 Rfe8 25. Bd5 Rab8 26. a5 f5 27. f3 Red8
28. Rxb6 Black resigns 1-0

Chuck Waugh (C) - Byron Funkhouser (A), Round 2
Kings Indian Defense

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. d4 d6
6. Nf3 c6 7. O-O Qa5 8. h3 Nbd7 9. Bd2 Qb4 10. b3
Qb6 11. e4 e5 12. d5 c5 13. Qc2 a6 14. a3 Nh5 15. g4
Nf4 16. Rab1 Nxc2 17. Kxc2 Nf6 18. Nh2 Qd8 19. Bg5
h6 20. Bh4 g5 21. Bg3 h5 22. f3 h4 23. Bf2 Bd7 24. Qd2
Ne8 25. Rfe1 b5 26. Nf1 f6 27. Ne3 Rf7 28. Nf5 Bf8
29. Nd1 Bxf5 30. exf5 bxc4 31. bxc4 Rb8 32. Nc3 Rfb7
33. Qc2 Qa5 34. a4 Be7 35. Rxb7 Rxb7 36. Rb1 Rxb1
37. Nxb1 Qb4 38. Be3 Qe1 39. Bf2 Qb4 40. Be3 Bd8
41. Bd2 Qb7 42. Bc3 Kf7 43. Nd2 Ke7 44. Ne4 Nc7
45. Bd2 Na8 46. Nxc5 fxc5 47. Bxc5+ Ke8 48. Bxd8
Kxd8 49. f6 Qf7 50. g5 Nb6 51. Qf5 Nxc4 52. Qe6
Qxe6 53. dxe6 Ne3+ 54. Kf2 Nf5



After 54... Nf5

55. g6 Ke8 56. Ke2 Kf8 57. Kd3 d5 58. a5 Nd6 59. Kc3
e4 60. f4 Nf5 61. Kd2 e3+ 62. Ke2 Nd4+ 63. Kd3 Nxe6
64. Kxe3 Nd4 65. Kd3 Ne6 66. f5 Nf4+ 67. Ke3 Nxb3
68. f7 d4+ 69. White loses on time 0-1

Howard Wilkinson (C) - David Olson (D), Round 2
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. c4 Nc6 4. h3 Nf6 5. d3 g6 6. Be2
Bg7 7. a3 a5 8. Ra2 O-O 9. Bf4 Rb8 10. b3 b5 11. e5
dxe5 12. Nxe5 Nxe5 13. Bxe5 Rb7 14. Nd2 bxc4
15. bxc4 Bf5 16. Qc2 Rd7 17. Ne4 Nxe4 18. dxe4 Bxe4
19. Qxe4 Bxe5 20. Qxe5 Qc7 21. Qe3 Rd6 22. O-O
Rfd8 23. R2a1 Re6 24. Qf3 Rd2 25. Rfe1 Rf6 26. Qc3
Qf4 27. Qe3 Qd4 28. Rad1 Qxe3 29. fxe3 Ra2 30. Rd3
Rc2 31. e4 Rf4 32. Re3 e6 33. Rf1 Rh4 34. Rf2 Rc1+
35. Bf1 Rh5 36. Ref3 f5 37. exf5 exf5 38. g4 fxg4
39. hxg4 Re5 40. Kg2 Re4 41. Rf4 Re3 42. g5 Re8
43. Be2 Rc2 44. Bf3 Rc3 45. Bd5+ Black resigns 1-0

Jerry Skeen (A) - John Roush, Round 3
Reti Opening

1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. b3 Nc6
6. Bb2 Bf5 7. Nf3 h6 8. O-O e6 9. Nd4 Nxd4 10. Bxd4
Bd6 11. d3 O-O 12. Nd2 e5 13. Bb2 Qe7 14. Rc1 Rfd8
15. e4 dxe4 16. dxe4 Bb4 17. Bc3 Bxe4 18. Re1 Bxc3
19. Rxc3 Bxc2 20. Kxc2 Qd6 21. Re2 Qd5+ 22. f3 e4
23. Qc2 exf3+ 24. Nxf3 Re8 25. Rd2 Qe4 26. Rc7 Rad8
27. Qxe4 Rxd2+ 28. Nxd2 Nxe4 29. Nxe4 Rxe4
30. Rxb7 Re2+ 31. Kf3 Rxa2 32. h4 g6 33. Kg4 h5+
34. Kg5 Kg7 35. Kf4 a5 36. Ra7 Rf2+ 37. Ke4 Rg2
38. Kf3 Ra2 39. b4 Ra3+ 40. Kf4 axb4 41. Rb7 Rb3
42. g4 hxg4 43. Kxc4 Rb1 44. Rb5 b3 45. h5 gxh5+
46. Kxh5 b2 47. Rg5+ Kf6 48. White resigns 0-1

Tim Goan (C) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Neo-Sveshnikov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d6
6. N1c3 a6 7. Na3 b5 8. Nd5 Be7 9. c3 Nf6 10. Bd3 O-O
11. O-O Be6 12. Bb1 Rb8 13. Re1 b4 14. Nc2 bxc3
15. Nxc3 Nd7 16. Ne3 Nd4 17. Ned5 Bg5 18. Ne2 Bxc1
19. Qxc1 Nc6 20. Qd2 20. *Qxc6!* +- 20...a5 21. Bc2
Rxb2 22. Qc3 Nb4 22...Rb8 23. *Qxc6* 23. Qxb2 Nxd5
24. exd5 Bxd5 25. Red1 Nb6 26. Bb3 Bxb3 27. Qxb3
d5 28. Rd2 Nc4 29. Rc2 e4 30. Rd1 Re8 31. Rxc4 e3
32. f3 Qg5 33. Rg4 Qe5 34. Rxd5 Qa1+ 35. Rd1 Qf6
36. Qc3 Qxc3 37. Nxc3 e2 38. Re1 f5 39. Ra4 g6
40. Rxe2 Rc8 41. Nd5 Kg7 42. Rxa5 Kh6 43. a4 g5

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44. Ra6+ Kh5 45. Nf6+ Kh4 46. Nxb7 Rc1+ 47. Kf2
Kh5 48. Nf6+ Kh4 49. Ng8 g4 50. g3+ Kg5 51. fxg4
Rc5 52. h4+ Kxg4 53. Rg6+ Kh5 54. Rg5+ mate

Allen Farley (C) - Charles Waugh (C), Round 3
Sicilian/Kings Indian Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 d6 6. O-O
Nf6 7. Nbd2 O-O 8. c3 Bd7 9. Re1 Ng4 10. Nc4 b5
11. Ne3 Nge5 12. Nd5 e6 13. Nf4 Nxf3+ 14. Qxf3 b4
15. Bd2 bxc3 16. Bxc3 Nd4 17. Qd1 Rb8 18. Rb1 Qc7
19. Ne2 Nxe2+ 20. Qxe2 Bxc3 21. bxc3 Qa5 22. Qd2
Rb6 23. Rb3 Rfb8 24. Reb1 e5 25. h4 Be6 26. Rxb6
Rxb6 27. Rxb6 axb6 28. Qb2 Bxa2 29. c4 Qe1+ 30. Bf1
Qb1 31. Qxb1 Bxb1 32. Be2 f5 33. exf5 gxf5 34. f3 Kf7
35. Kf2 Bc2 36. e3 Ba4 37. f4 Kf6 38. g4 fxg4 39. Bxg4
b5 40. Bd7 h6 41. cxb5 exf4+ 42. Kxf4 d5 43. b6 Bxd7
44. b7 Black resigns 1-0

John Everett Roush (X) - Byron Funkhouser (A), Round 4
English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. e4 d6
6. Nge2 c6 7. O-O Qa5 8. d3 Qh5 9. f3 Nbd7 10. Be3
Qa5 11. Rb1 c5 12. h3 Ne5 13. f4 Nc6 14. g4 Nd7
15. d4 cxd4 16. Nxd4 Nxd4 17. Bxd4 Bxd4+ 18. Qxd4
Qb6 19. Qxb6 Nxb6 20. b3 Bd7 21. a4 Rab8 22. Rfd1
a6 23. e5 Nc8 24. exd6 exd6 25. Ne4 b5 26. Nf6+
Black resigns 1-0

Tim Goan (C) - Jerry Skeen (A), Round 4
Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 c5 4. c3 cxd4 5. cxd4 Nc6
6. Be2 Nf6 7. Nc3 d5 8. e5 Ne4 9. O-O Bg4 10. h3 Bxf3
11. Bxf3 Nxc3 12. bxc3 e6 13. Be2 O-O 14. Ba3 Re8
15. Rb1 Qa5 16. Qb3 Rab8 17. Bd6 Qd8 18. Bxb8
Nxb8 19. Qxb7 Qa5 20. Qb3 Bh6 21. Qc2 Rc8 22. Rb3
Nd7 23. Rfb1 Nb6 24. Bf1 Bg5 25. Bd3 Kg7 26. g3
Bd8 27. Rc1 f6 28. Qe2 f5 29. Rb5 Qa3 30. Rb3 Qa5
31. g4 Bg5 32. Rc2 Rf8 33. gxf5 exf5 34. e6 Re8
35. Qe5+ Bf6 36. Qc7+ Re7 37. Qc6 Bg5 38. Qd6 Kf6
39. Qe5+ mate

Chuck Hubbard (C) - Allen Farley (C), Round 4
Petrov's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bc4 Bb4 5. O-O O-O
6. d3 d6 7. Bd2 Re8 8. Nd5 Nxd5 9. Bxd5 Bxd2
10. Qxd2 Be6 11. Bxe6 Rxe6 12. c3 d5 13. exd5 Qxd5
14. Rfe1 Rd8 15. Rad1 h6 16. b3 b5 17. c4 bxc4
18. dxc4 Qxd2 19. Rxd2 Rxd2 20. Nxd2 Rd6
21. Nb1 f6 22. h3 Nb4 23. Nc3 c6 24. Re2 Rd3 25. Ne4
Rd1+ 26. Kh2 Ra1 27. Nc3 Rc1 28. Na4 Nc2 29. Rd2
Nd4 30. Nc5 Rc2 31. Rxc2 Nxc2 32. Kg3 Kf7 33. f4
exf4+ 34. Kxf4 g6 35. g4 Nd4 36. Ke4 Ne6 37. Nxe6
Kxe6 38. a4 a5 39. Kf4 f5 40. gxf5+ gxf5 41. h4 Kf6
42. c5 h5 43. Kf3 Ke5 44. Ke3 f4+ 45. Kf3 Kf5 46. Kf2
Kg4 47. Kg2 Kxh4 48. Kf3 Kg5 49. Kg2 Kg4 50. Kf2
h4 51. Kg2 h3+ 52. Kf2 f3 53. Kg1 Kg3 54. Kh1 f2
55. White resigns 0-1

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2171*m4	2178*m4	W-10	W-4	W-7	W-3	4.0
2	Dave Blanton	KY	1895*a4	1871*a4	L-11	W-12	W-10	W-6	3.0
3	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1850*a7	1857*a7	W-5	W-9	W-8	L-1	3.0
4	Tim Goan	WV	1530*b2	1570*b4	W-15	L-1	W-11	W-7	3.0
5	Allen Farley	WV	1409*c0	1455*c2	L-3	W-15	W-9	W-8	3.0
6	Brian Varney	WV	Unrated	1458/03	H-	W-16	W-13	L-2	2.5
7	Jerry Skeen	WV	1803*a5	1778*a5	W-12	W-11	L-1	L-4	2.0
8	Charles Hubbard	WV	1558*0	1537*c2	W-14	W-17	L-3	L-5	2.0
9	Chuck Waugh	WV	1517*C4	1500*C4	W-16	L-3	L-5	W-13	2.0
10	Howard Wilkinson	WV	1461*C5	1467*C5	L-1	W-14	L-2	W-17	2.0
11	Tom LaBue	WV	1422*C2	1446*C2	W-2	L-7	L-4	W-14	2.0
12	Dewey Chaney	WV	1299*E4	1308*E9	L-7	L-2	W-17	W-16	2.0
13	Jeremy Justice	WV	942/04	990/06	H-	B-	L-6	L-9	1.5
14	David Olson	WV	1259*E4	1249*E4	L-8	L-10	W-15	L-11	1.0
15	Hubert Clark	WV	1159*d5	1138*d5	L-4	L-5	L-14	B-	1.0
16	Paul Reeves	WV	1117/08	1091/11	L-9	L-6	B-	L-12	1.0
17	Chris Vernatter	WV	899/04	960/07	B-	L-8	L-12	L-10	1.0

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A quick draw in the final round with Jim Gikas wrapped up first place for Ohio expert Eliot Jacobson. Eliot posted wins over Daniel Foley and Markle Butcher on route to the title. The crowd in second included: Jim Gikas, Daniel Foley, Craig Rabatin, Alvin Vavrek and Markle Butcher, all with three points. Alvin Vavrek of Caldwell, Ohio had an outstanding tourney beating Randy Bierce and Craig Rabatin before withdrawing to get an early start home. Alvin has been playing super for most of this year. Other prize winners were: Tom LaBue - 1st Place 'C', Jim Jordan - 2nd Place 'C', Glenn Haynes - 1st Place 'D/E/Unr' and Mike Price - 2nd Place 'D/E/Unr'.

Pat Kelly directed this event, which was held at the Stables Motor Lodge. Pat thanked sponsors Eastern Electric for an extra \$100 on top of the usual prize fund for the winner and the Parkersburg Homecoming Festival for providing T-shirts for the 2nd Place 'C' and 'D' prizes.

Eliot Jacobson (X) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 2
Bird's Opening

1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 c5 3. e3 Nf6 4. b3 Nc6 5. Bb2 Ne4 6. Be2 Bf5 7. O-O e6 8. d3 Nf6 9. Ne5 Be7 10. Nd2 Nxe5 11. fxe5 Nd7 12. Rxf5 exf5 13. e6 Nf6 14. exf7+ Kxf7 15. Qf1 g6 16. Nf3 Qb6 17. Ne5+ Ke8 18. g4 Rg8 19. Qh3 Qe6 20. g5 Nd7 21. Nxd7 Kxd7 22. e4 d4 23. c3 Bxg5 24. cxd4 cxd4 25. Bxd4 Qd6 26. Bf2 Qe5 27. Rd1 Rae8 28. d4 Qxe4 29. Bb5+ Kd6 30. Bxe8 Rxe8 31. Re1 Qc6? *Markle thought about the correct continuation but missed move 32 following: 31...Qg4+ 32. Qxg4 Rxe1+! 33. Bxe1 fvg4. Black should be able to pick up White's stray d-pawn and win the game.* 32. Rxe8 Qxe8 33. Qg3+ Kd7 34. Qxg5 Qe4 35. Qg2 Qb1+ 36. Qf1 Qe4 37. Qb5+ Kd8 38. d5 Qg4+ 39. Kf1 Qd1+ 40. Be1 Qf3+ 41. Kg1 and White soon won 1-0

Bob McLear (C) - Bob Blackwell (D), Round 3
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. e4 Bg4 6. Be3 Nbd7 7. h3 Bxf3 8. Qxf3 O-O 9. Bd3 c5 10. dxc5 Ne5 11. Qe2 Nxd3 12. Qxd3 dxc5 13. Qxd8 Rfxd8 14. Bxc5 Rd7 15. O-O Rc8 16. Bxa7 Rxc4 17. Rfd1 Rxd1+ 18. Rxd1 h6 19. Bd4 Nxe4 20. Bxg7 Kxg7 21. Nxe4 Rxe4 22. Rd7 b5 23. Rb7 Re5 24. f4 Re4 25. Rxb5 Rxf4 26. b4 f5 27. a4 e5 28. a5 e4 29. a6 e3 30. Re5 Rxb4 31. Rxe3 Ra4 32. Re6 Kf7 33. Rc6 h5 34. g3 Kg7 35. Rc7+ Kf6 36. a7 Kg5 37. Rg7 Kf6 38. Rb7 Kg5 39. h4+ Kg4 40. Rb4+! Rxb4 41. a8/Q Rb1+ 42. Kf2 Rb2+ 43. Ke1 Rg2?? 44. Qxg2 Black resigns 1-0

Daniel Foley (A) - Eliot Jacobson (X), Round 3
Bird's Opening

1. b3 d6 2. Bb2 c5 3. e3 Nf6 4. f4 g6 5. Bxf6 exf6 6. c4 f5 7. Nc3 Bg7 8. Qc2 Nc6 9. a3 O-O 10. Be2 Bxc3 11. Qxc3 d5 12. cxd5 Qxd5 13. Bf3 Qd6 14. Bxc6 Qxc6 15. Nf3 Be6 16. O-O Rfd8 17. d4 Rac8 18. Rac1 Qd5 19. dxc5 Qxb3 20. Qxb3 Bxb3 21. Nd4 Bd5 22. Rfd1 Be4 23. Rc3 b6 24. R1c1 bxc5 25. Rxc5 Rxc5 26. Rxc5 Rb8 27. Rb5 Rxb5 28. Nxb5 a6 29. Nd4 Kf8 30. Kf2 Ke7 31. g3 Kd6 32. Ke2 Kc5 33. Kd2 Kc4 34. Ne2 Kb3 35. Nc3 Kxa3 36. Nd1 Kb3 37. Kc1 a5 38. White resigns 0-1

Markle Butcher (B) - Joe Ancrile (B), Round 3
Giuoco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Na5 6. Bb5+ c6 7. dxc6 bxc6 8. Ba4 h6 9. Nh3 Be5 10. d3 Bxh3 11. gxh3 Bxf2+ 12. Kxf2 Qd4+ 13. Be3 Qxa4 14. Nc3 Qh4+ 15. Kg2 O-O 16. Qf3 Kh8 17. Rhf1 Rab8 18. Rab1 a6 19. Qg3 Qxg3+ 20. hxg3 Nb7 21. Bxh6 Nd7 22. Be3 f5 23. Ne2 c5 24. a3 a5 25. b4 g6 26. bxc5 Nbx5 27. Nc3 Ne6 28. Nd5 Nd4 29. Bxd4 exd4 30. Ne7 Kg7 31. Nc6 Rbc8 32. Nxd4 Nf6 33. Ne6+ Black resigns 1-0

Bob Shock (C) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 4
Giuoco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d3 h6 6. Be3 Bxe3 7. fxe3 O-O 8. O-O Ng4 9. Nd5 d6 10. h3 Nf6 11. Nxf6 Qxf6 12. Rf2 Qg6 13. Nh4 Qg5 14. Nf5 g6 15. h4 Qd8 16. Nxb6+ Kh7 17. Nxf7 Qxh4 18. Ng5+ Qxg5 19. Rxf8 Bh3 20. Rf7+ Kh6 21. Qf3 Bg4 22. Qg3 Nb4 23. c3 Nc2 24. Qh2+ Bh5 25. Rf2? Nxa1 26. Be6 Nc2 27. Rxc2 Qxe3+ 28. Kf1 Rf8+ 29. Bf5 gxf5 30. g3 fxe4+ 31. Rf2 Qxd3+ 32. Kg2 Rxf2+ 33. Kxf2 e3+ 34. Kg1 Qb1+ 35. Kg2 e2 36. g4 e1/Q?! 37. Qxh5+ Kg7 38. Qg5 Qg6 39. Qe7+ Kh6 40. Qf8+ Qg7 41. g5+ Kg6 42. Qe8+ Qf7 43. Qb5 Qd2+ and Black soon won 0-1

Cecil Davis (E) - Mike Dey (D), Round 4

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d3 dxe4 4. dxe4 Qxd1+ 5. Nxd1 Nxe4 6. f3 Nd6 7. Ne2 e5 8. Ndc3 Bf5 9. Nd5 Na6 10. Ng3 O-O-O 11. Bxa6 bxa6 12. Nxf5 Nxf5 13. Nb4? Bxb4+ 14. c3 Bc5 15. Ke2 f6 16. g4 Ne7 17. b4 Bb6 18. c4 Bd4 19. Rb1 Kd7 20. Rd1 Ke6 21. b5 Rb8 22. f4 Nc6 23. f5+ Kf7 24. Rb3 axb5 25. cxb5 Ne7 26. Bb2 Rfe8 27. Bxd4 exd4 28. Kd3 Rfd8 29. Kc4 Nd5 30. Kc5 Nb6 31. Rxd4 Rxd4 32. Kxd4 Rd8+ 33. Ke4 h6 34. Kf3 Rd2 35. Rc3 Nd5 36. Ra3 Rb2 37. Ke4 Rxb5 38. Rb3

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Rxb3 39. axb3 Nb4 40. Kf3 Nc6 41. Kf4 Ne5 42. h3 g5+
43. Ke4 h5 44. gxh5 Kg7 45. Kd5 Kh6 46. Ke6 Kxh5
47. Kxf6 Nf3 48. Kg7 Kh4 49. f6 Ne5 50. Kh6 c5
51. White resigns 0-1

Brett Rush (B) - Daniel Foley (A), Round 4
Philidor's Defense, Lombardy Variation
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Qf6 4. Nc3 c6 5. h3 Nd7 6. b4
Ne7 7. Bb2 Ng6 8. Bb3 Be7 9. Nh2 h5 10. a4 Nf4
11. Qf3 Nf8 12. O-O-O N8e6 13. Ne2 Nxe2+ 14. Qxe2
Nd4 15. Qe3 Nxb3+ 16. Qxb3 Be6 17. Qe3 a5 18. b5
cxb5 19. d4 O-O 20. Nf3 bxa4 21. dxe5 dxe5 22. Nxe5
a3 23. Bd4 a2 24. Kb2 Bc5 25. Bxc5 Qxe5+ 26. Bd4
Qb5+ 27. Ka1 Rac8 28. Qg3 f6 29. c3 a4 30. Qd6 Rc6
31. Qf4 a3 32. Rd2 Qb3 33. Rc1 R8c8 34. Qg3 Kf7
35. Qe3 b5 36. f4 b4 37. Rdc2 bxc3 38. Bxc3 Rxc3
39. Qa7+ Kg8 40. White resigns 0-1

John Dailey (B) - Craig Rabatin (A), Round 4
Sicilian Defense
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6
6. Be3 Bb4 7. Nde2 Nxe4 8. Qd3 Nxc3 9. Nxc3 O-O
10. O-O-O d5 11. Bd2 a5 12. h4 a4 13. Qg3 a3 14. b3
d4 15. Bg5 f6 16. Bh6 Rf7 17. Ne4 Kh8 18. Bd2 e5
19. Bd3 Bxd2+ 20. Rxd2 Nb4 21. c3 dxc3 22. Nxc3 Qc7
23. Bc4 Re7 24. Qf3 Be6 25. Bxe6 Rxe6 26. Kb1 Rc6
27. Nd5 Nxd5 28. Qxd5 Rc8 29. R2d1 Rc2 30. Qd7
Rb2+ 31. Ka1 h6 32. Qxc7 Rxc7 33. Rd8+ Kh7 34. Ra8
Rxf2 35. Rg1 e4 36. Rxa3 e3 37. b4 e2
38. White resigns 0-1

Mike Price (E) - Jim Jordan (C), Round 4
1. c3 e5 2. e4 Nf6 3. f4 Nc6 4. fxe5 Nxe5 5. d4 Nc6 6. e5
Qe7 7. Nf3 d6 8. Bb5 Bd7 9. O-O Nd5 10. Re1 O-O-O
11. Bg5 Qe8 12. Bxd8 Qxd8 13. Nbd2 a6 14. Ba4 Nce7
15. Bxd7 Qxd7 16. exd6 Qxd6 17. Ne4 Qg6 18. Qb3
Nf4 19. g3 Nf5 20. Kf2 Nd3+ 21. Kg2 Nxe1 22. Rxe1
Bd6 23. Nxd6 Nxd6 24. Re7 h5 25. c4 h4 26. c5 hxg3
27. hxg3 Nf5 28. Ne5 Nh5+ 29. Kf2 Qf6+ 30. Ke3 Nf5+
31. Ke4 Nxe7 32. Nxf7 Rf8 and Black soon won 0-1

Here is the first of two games Joe and I played in a two week period. Prior to this we had never met in a rated contest.

Joe Ancrile (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 4
English Opening, Symmetrical Variation
1. Nf3 c5 2. c4 Nf6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. O-O Nc6
6. Nc3 d6 7. d3 O-O 8. Bd2 Rb8 9. Rb1 a6 10. a3 Nd7
11. Qc8 Nde5 12. Bh6 Nxf3+ 13. Bxf3 Ne5 14. Bg2 b5
15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. cxb5 axb5 17. b3?! *I think 17. b4 would have stronger. The b-pawn is now stuck and becomes a target. 17...b4 18. Ne4 gxh3 19. Qxh3 Be6 20. Nd2 Qd7 21. Nc4 Nc6 22. Ra1 Nd4 23. Rfb1?! Joe needed to protect the e-pawn. With the pawn taken, the knight posted on d4 is strong. 23...Nxe2+ 24. Kf1 Nd4 25. Qa2 f6 26. Nd2 Rb4 27. Rb2 Rfb8 28. Rab1 Bf5 I saw that most of his pieces were tied to the defense of the b-pawn, and decided to attack another piece. 29. Ne4 Qe6 30. Re1 Bh3! 31. f4 The other moves did not look great either: 31. Bxh3 Qxh3+ 32. Ke1 Qxh2 or 31. Nxc5 Bxg2+ Kxg2 Qxel 31...Bxg2+ 32. Rxc2 Qxb3 33. Qxb3 Rxb3 34. Rd2 Nf3+ 35. White resigns 0-1*

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1	Eliot Jacobson	OH	2138*x9	2138*x9	W-15	W-6	W-3	D-4	3.5
2	Craig Rabatin	WV	1941*a7	1930*a7	W-8	W-9	L-5	W-10	3.0
3	Daniel Foley	OH	1932*a7	1939*a7	W-11	W-7	L-1	W-9	3.0
4	Jim Gikas	WV	1824*A7	1851*A7	W-12	W-10	D-14	D-1	3.0
5	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1708*C0	1757*C0	W-20	W-14	W-2	U---	3.0
6	Markle Butcher	WV	1668*B6	1668*B6	W-19	L-1	W-15	W-12	3.0
7	Mark Tipton	WV	1708*b0	1715*b0	W-13	L-3	D-8	W-14	2.5
8	Tom LaBue	WV	1422*C2	1463*C2	L-2	W-17	D-7	W-15	2.5
9	Brett Rush	OH	1699*a5	1694*a5	W-17	L-2	W-11	L-3	2.0
10	John Dailey	WV	1690*B4	1680*B4	W-18	L-4	W-16	L-2	2.0
11	Jim Jordan	WV	1427*b5	1428*b5	L-3	W-13	L-9	W-18	2.0
12	Bob McLear	WV	1400*c7	1403*c7	L-4	W-18	W-19	L-6	2.0
13	Glenn Haynes	WV	1169*e7	1196*E4	L-7	L-11	W-20	W-16	2.0
14	Randy Bierce	WV	1900*x4	1900*x4	W-16	L-5	D-4	L-7	1.5
15	Joe Ancrile	WV	1639*b7	1601*b7	L-1	W-19	L-6	L-8	1.0
16	Bob Shock	WV	1411*D2	1381*D2	L-14	W-20	L-10	L-13	1.0
17	Mike Dey	OH	1231*D5	1202*D5	L-9	L-8	L-18	W-20	1.0
18	Mike Price	WV	985*e2	1004*e2	L-10	L-12	W-17	L-11	1.0
19	Bob Blackwell	OH	1247*E2	1231*E2	L-6	L-15	L-12	U---	0.0
20	Cecil Davis	WV	1017 /13	1008 /17	L-5	L-16	L-13	L-17	0.0

Byron Funkhouser Takes First at the Buckhannon Summer Open

With wins over Dave Olson, Tom LaBue, and Rick Holsberry and a quick draw against Chuck Waugh in the final round, Byron Funkhouser earned his first Grand Prix victory of the year. Rick, Dave, and Chuck tied for second, each scoring three points. Only twelve players withstood the scorching temperatures at the Holy Rosary Church Hall in Buckhannon this day. Tom LaBue and Markle Butcher directed this tournament, which we believe was the first contested in Buckhannon in many years.

Dave Olson (D) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 3
English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 c6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nf3 O-O
6. e4 d6 7. d4 Re8 8. e5 dxe5 9. Nxe5 Nh5 10. Nf3 Na6
11. O-O Nc7 12. Re1 Bg4 13. Re4 f5?! 14. Re1 Bxf3
15. Bxf3 Nf6 16. Be3 Qd7 17. Qd2 Rad8 18. Rad1 b5
19. d5 cxd5 20. Nxd5 Nfxd5 21. cxd5 a6 22. Bf4 Na8

23. d6 e5 24. Bxa8 Rxa8 25. Qd5+ Kf8 26. Bxe5 Bxe5
27. Rxe5 Rad8 28. Re7 Rxe7 29. Rxe7 Kxe7 30. Qe5+
Qe6 31. Qxe6+ Kxe6 32. Rxd8 and White soon won 1-0

Jim Walker Escapes Bill Salmon's Revenge With a First Place Effort

Jim Walker defeated Jerry Dingess in the final round to corral first, a half point ahead of Gary Hardin at Bill Salmon's Revenge held in Huntington. Jim was undefeated on the day, finishing 4-0. Gary played catch-up the entire day after drawing with Dave Olson in the round one. There was a three-way tie for show with Jerry Dingess, Charles Morrison and Joe Keating each with three points at day's end. Eighteen players withstood the challenge, including tourney namesake Bill Salmon who scored two wins, in this event directed by Jerry Dingess.

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PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1857*a7	1857*a7	W-4	W-6	W-2	D-3	3.5
2	Rick Holsberry	WV	1687*b5	1683*b5	W-8	W-10	L-1	W-7	3.0
3	Chuck Waugh	WV	1500*C4	1543*C4	H---	W-7	W-5	D-1	3.0
4	David Olson	WV	1299*E4	1326*E9	L-1	W-9	W-6	W-8	3.0
5	Markle Butcher	WV	1720*B6	1668*B6	L-7	W-11	L-3	W-10	2.0
6	Tom LaBue	WV	1446*C2	1422*C2	W-9	L-1	L-4	W-12	2.0
7	Jeremy Scott Davis	WV	1239*d4	1273*d6	W-5	L-3	W-10	L-2	2.0
8	Jodie Hare	WV	985* 0	1009* 0	L-2	W-12	W-11	L-4	2.0
9	Nathan Fortney	WV	776* 0	785* 0	L-6	L-4	W-12	B---	2.0
10	Peter Mauk	WV	1175/09	1169/13	W-12	L-2	L-7	L-5	1.0
11	Jim Flesher	WV	1217*d4	1190*d4	H---	L-5	L-8	U---	0.5
12	Chris Walker	WV	Unrated	694/04	L-10	L-8	L-9	L-6	0.0

Bill Salmon's Revenge July 22, 1995

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2107*M5	W-5	W-4	W-7	W-3	4.0
2	Gary Hardin	WV	2002*X5	2002*X5	D-13	W-10	W-6	W-7	3.5
3	Jerry Dingess	OH	1718*a2	1726*a2	W-14	W-15	W-8	L-1	3.0
4	Charles Morrison	OH	1600*B0	1610*B0	W-18	L-1	W-14	W-9	3.0
5	Joe Keating, Jr	OH	1300*d7	1345*D5	L-1	W-13	W-17	W-8	3.0
6	John Brewster	WV	1827*A2	1794*A2	W-11	L-8	L-2	W-14	2.0
7	Jerry Skeen	WV	1778*a5	1768*a5	W-12	W-17	L-1	L-2	2.0
8	Scott Carmichael	WV	1520*c0	1515*c0	W-16	W-6	L-3	L-5	2.0
9	John Downing	OH	1324/09	1325/11	H---	H---	W-15	L-4	2.0
10	Mike Dey	OH	1222*D5	1231*D5	L-17	L-2	W-13	W-15	2.0
11	Bill Salmon	WV	1208*d0	1213*d0	L-6	W-18	W-16	L-12	2.0
12	Paul Reeves	WV	1091/11	1157/15	L-7	L-14	W-18	W-11	2.0
13	David Olson	WV	1326*E9	1304*E9	D-2	L-5	L-10	B---	1.5
14	Stephen Sutherland	WV	1170/03	1287/07	L-3	W-12	L-4	L-6	1.0
15	Andy Skeen	WV	1057* 0	1041* 0	B---	L-3	L-9	L-10	1.0
16	Jack Nuckols	OH	899/03	943/05	W-10	L-7	L-11	U---	1.0
17	Greg Kuhn	WV	1001/03	1135/06	L-8	B---	L-5	U---	1.0
18	Tony Miralles	PA	1163/09	1103/12	L-4	L-11	L-12	U---	0.0

John Roush passes Jim Walker at KVO to retain the WVCA Grand Prix Title

John Roush earned seven points to Jim Walker's two at the Kanawha Valley Open to edge Jim for the 1994-1995 WVCA Grand Prix Crown. This is the second straight Grand Prix Championship for John. John received a point for each of his wins and four bonus points as he tied with Chuck Waugh and Mike Richardson for the first position among WVCA members at the KVO. Jim was leading by three points heading into the event.

There were eighteen events classified as Grand Prix events this year, by far the most since this title chase started three years ago. These included tournaments held in Wheeling, Tug Valley, Cross Lanes, Buckhannon, Huntington and Parkerburg. The Atlantic Class Championship in Harpers Ferry also was counted. This in a year when a few of the usual tourneys did not occur, such as the Mountaineer Open and the Limestone Open.

Others in the top 10 included Jim Gikas and Donald Griffith, last years co-champs at the States, Byron Funkhouser, Jerry Skeen, Pat Kelly, Tom LaBue, and two high-schoolers: Aaron Richardson and John Dailey.

For an tournament to be classified a WVCA Grand Prix Event, it must satisfy the following:

- 1-A tournament open to all entrants.
- 2-Have at least four rounds
- 3-Be no faster than G/60.
- 4-Official USCF Crosstable must be sent to Grand prix Coordinator, currently Tom LaBue.
- 5-Must be contested in West Virginia.

For an individual to be eligible to earn Grand prix points:

- 1-Must be a WVCA member in good standing.

Points Totals:	Win , Forced Bye, Forfeit Win	- 1
(Participation)	Draw	- ½
	Loss, Forfeit Loss, Bye	- 0

(Bonus Points)

<i>Open</i>	<i>Split Sections</i>	
First - 6	(i.e., Open & U1700)	
Second - 4	Open	U1700
Third - 2	First - 6	First - 2
Class - 1 each	Second - 4	No other bonus
(A, B, C, D/E/Unr)	Third - 2	points are given.
	Class - 1 (A, B)	

State Championship - All bonus points are doubled for this event.

National Class Tournaments (i.e., Harpers Ferry):

No bonus points are awarded, only participation points

Final West Virginia Grand Prix Standings

1. John Roush	69.00
2. Jim Walker	67.50
3. Jim Gikas	46.50
4. Byron Funkhouser	40.33
5. Jerry Skeen	34.50
6. Donald Griffith	33.50
7. Pat Kelly	32.83
Tom LaBue	32.83
9. Aaron Richardson	29.00
10. John Dailey	28.50
11. Mike Taylor	25.00
12. Mike Richardson	24.33
13. Markle Butcher	24.00
14. Konnie Dolgovskij	22.50
Chuck Waugh	22.50
Jim Jordan	22.50
David Olson	22.50
18. Jason Rihel	21.00
19. Joe Ancrile	19.33
20. Randy Bierce	16.83
21. Bob McLear	15.17
22. Dennis Funkhouser	13.50
23. Alvin Vavrek	13.00
24. Glenn Haynes	11.50
25. Rich Sheppard	11.00
Duane Hosom	11.00
27. Tim Goan	10.50
28. Allen Farley	10.00
Mike Price	10.00
30. Prashant Chandra	9.50
John Sefton	9.50
32. Mike Baker	9.00
33. Walter Bagnall	8.83
34. Joe Lococo	7.00
David Michael	7.00
36. Jeff Crook	6.50
Jonette Mercer	6.50
38. Greg Arnold	6.17
39. Andy Katz	6.00
Bob Blackwell	6.00

WVCA Grand Prix Winners

1992-3 Chuck Schulien

1993-4 John Roush

1994-5 John Roush

1995 Limestone Invitational Results

CHESS WARRIOR ROUSH REPEATS AS REST OF FIELD CELEBRATES PEACE

by Randy Bierce

LIMESTONE, WV --Limestone. The very word fires the imagination of chess players. The participants were eager to answer the questions buzzing in the air. Would the next WV Champion come from the field, making it 4 of the last 6 years? Would the runner-up at Limestone win the States, as surprising Jim (Gikas won the States?) Gikas in 1994? Who knew anything except that the natives were delightfully giddy that "the chess boys" were once more among them.

The hamlet, the "Hastings of West Virginia", celebrated "Limestone Invitational Weekend" with a 6-for-a-dollar sale on Reese Cups at Hartley's General Store. The downtown area was festive and decorations festooned the ASF Chessodrome, site of the last six Limestone tourneys. Even the mayor was dressed in his best velvet bib overalls.

History does repeat itself. For the second straight year, John Roush scored 4.5 from his 5 second-day games to run away from the field and pocket the championship of the 7th Limestone Invitational. Last year, Roush had to come from behind on Day #2 to catch Jim Gikas; this year he grabbed the lead in the third round and never looked back. Gikas summed it up: "Surely he is more than mere man; can no one stop him?"

An incredible outbreak of draws (12 of 28 games) bogged down the other players' chances of closing down Roush-O-Rama. It wasn't that the draws were lifeless (a few were): most resulted from that brand of barbarian chess that the Limestone is famous for. In most cases, the draws came after the opponents had bludgeoned each other during three hours of struggle. Very few games finished in less than 2½ hours. Time control was G/90.

Gikas played his tournament as a symbol of living protest against the West Virginia Chess Bulletin not naming him to repeat as WV Champion. Jim Walker was so moved by Gikas' abject symbolism, that he said he was boycotting the WV Championship until Gikas was proclaimed the favorite. Roush, miffed at being labeled the prohibitive favorite by the Bulletin article, startled Gikas by agreeing to a draw in Round #4 as an act of chess brotherhood. Clasp hands and rising from the board, they shouted, "As brothers, we are one!" You would've had trouble finding a dry eye after this scene.. *

Players contended with 15+ hours of playing on Saturday; 14 hours on Sunday. Almost 30 hours of chess and then a drive back to Charleston for Katz and Walker, Roush and Rihel debarked for Morgantown; Gikas left for

Panama City, FL, for reserve training. Only Bierce had no long drive; he stayed behind and contemplated the glorious wonders of chess and those that play it. He attributed his poor play to the fact that Gikas beat him to the punch on calling "Shotgun" on a ride to the store for the first time in memory.

An amazing variety of chess was played besides the barbarian/Viking style usually employed. Bierce was victimized by some Monkey Chess; Walker inflicted some "bag-biting chess"; Gikas pulled NeoAntiStoic Chess from his bland bag-o-tricks; and, Roush played as if to tune to another universe, serene in the knowledge that the All-Knowing One rewards those who pile it on.

Haunted by ghosts of LI's past, the games themselves were a frenzy of activity. Some players' games resembled the Scarecrow after the flying monkeys got finished with him: they had to hurry and collect all of the parts before the next round started.

Six players, 10 rounds, what a lineup!: 5-time WV Champion Roush (back to defend his title); 2-time WV Champ Andy Katz making a reappearance to help shore up fellow barrister Roush; 1994 WV Co-Champion Jim Gikas (Wheeling); 1994 WV Jr. Champ Jason Rihel; 2-time Limestone champion Jim Walker; and, the '95 Poobah of Putz, Randy Bierce (Moundsville). Average rating: 1941.

NOTES: Konnie Dolgovskij missed the tournament for the first time ever, he's currently in living in the state of Love and couldn't make it in. His caring attitude and all-round cheeriness were missed. It was kinda like losing a den mother....Only Bierce has played in all 7 tournaments now....Jason "He's for" Rihel posted Jeckle-and-Hyde results: 0-5 on Saturday, but recovered to star in "Jason's Revenge" on Sunday. Rihel scored 2 of 3 against Walker, Katz and Bierce, lost only to Roush...Players once more took advantage of Club Bierce between rounds: they swam and lounged by the pool; got stung by wasps (three attacks before the wasps were routed by Raid); read, studied and looked at chess books; or, discussed their chances of slowing down the Roushmobile...A New Record: 17 pots of coffee sustained the players during the weekend...Jim Walker was in time trouble in 9 of 9 games. Looking at the clock during Round #10 and seeing Bierce was ahead on time 45 minutes to 8 minutes, he remarked, "My old friend is back"... The traditional Saturday night pizza-and-beer feast was held on Saturday night (?)...Gikas left before

playing his second-day games against Walker and Rihel; he cited growing apprehension to a plane flight the next morning and increasing admiration to NeoAntiStoicism. Play finished up Saturday night at 1:10am--also a new record for late night enjoyment...Roush and Bierce went swimming between almost every round. Bierce was hoping the similarities would extend to the chessboard, but was disappointed...Players were cooled during play by an engine from a WWI bi-plane...Entry Fees were waived this year and no cash prize was given. Players battled for pride and to get their name engraved on the Limestone Invitational trophy, known affectionately as "Old Enots-Emil"...This year's event proved successful even though only Bierce, Katz and Gikas were the only firm

commitments by Thursday afternoon. This caused Gikas to bemoan fate in general and chessplayers in particular. As in years past, it seems to be a last second thing that ends up well...FOUR participants were 'dislocated': Andy Katz, practices law in Charleston, despite the fact that his heart will forever be from Wheeling; Jason Rihel, from Follansbee, is exiled to Morgantown while attending WVU; and Jim Walker, formerly from Charleston, now calls Cross Lanes (home of country music star Kathy Mattea) home; and John Roush is now breathing pristine Ripley air instead of Charleston's exhaust...

* - Events may not have happened as depicted due to hazy memory/gleeful spite.

1995 Limestone Invitation Results

PLR #	NAME	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Day #1	6	7	8	9	10	Day #2	Record	Total
1	John Roush	2178	D4	W3	W2	D5	W6	4.0	W4	D3	W5	W6	W2	4.5	7-0-3	8.5
2	Andy Katz	2037	D5	W6	L1	W3	D4	3.0	D5	D6	D3	D4	L1	2.0	2-2-6	5.0
3	Jim Walker	2100	W6	L1	W4	L2	W5	3.0	L6	D1	D2	U	D4	1.5	3-3-3	4.5
4	Randy Bierce	1900	D1	D5	L3	W6	D2	2.5	L1	D5	D6	D2	D3	2.0	1-2-7	4.5
5	Jim Gikas	1800	D2	D4	W6	D1	L3	2.5	D2	D4	L1	U	U	1.0	1-2-5	3.5
6	Jason Rihel	1583	L3	L2	L5	L4	L1	0.0	W3	D2	D4	L1	U	2.0	1-6-2	2.0

PAST LIMESTONE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Year	Player	Rating	City	Record	Score/Games	Ave Rating	Players
1987	Andy Katz	2030	Wheeling	3-1-2	4/6	1955	4
1990	Randy Bierce	1981	Moundsville	4-2-2	5/8	1934	5
	Jim Gikas	1948	Wheeling	3-1-4	5/8	1934	5
1991	Jim Walker	2173	Charleston	9-0-0	9/9	1919	6
1992	Jim Walker	2125	Charleston	7-3-1	7.5/11	2011	4
1993	Chuck Schulien	2450	Parkersburg	9-0-1	9.5/10	2061	6
1994	John Roush	2181	Charleston	6-2-3	7.5/11	1991	4
1995	John Roush	2178	Ripley	7-0-3	8.5/10	1941	6

LIMESTONE INVITATIONAL PARTICIPANTS 1987-1995

NAME	Record	Total Games	Points	Win %	Invitationals Played In
Randy Bierce	18-28-20	66	28.0	.424	[7] 87, 90-95
Jim Walker	25-8-6	39	28.0	.718	[4] 91-93, 95
Konnie Dolgovskij	20-22-11	53	25.5	.481	[6] 87, 90-94
Jim Gikas	17-21-16	54	25.0	.463	[6] 87, 90-92, 94-95
Andy Katz	11-11-12	34	17.0	.500	[4] 87, 90, 93, 95
John Roush	13-2-6	21	16.0	.762	[2] 94-95
Chuck Schulien	9-0-1	10	9.5	.950	[1] 93
Jeff Hohn	4-3-3	10	5.5	.550	[1] 91
Ed Borden	1-4-3	8	2.5	.313	[1] 90
Rick Holsberry	1-6-2	9	2.0	.222	[1] 91
Jason Rihel	1-6-2	9	2.0	.222	[1] 95
Al Mullins	1-7-2	10	2.0	.200	[1] 93

would not be able to answer 44...Nc6 with 45. Rxa6, because Nxd4 is check with the king on e2. 44...Rb6 45. Kd2 Rd6 46. f4 gxf4 47. gxf4 Nd7 48. Rc7 h4 This makes the win easier for White because it will lead to the loss of the h-pawn. He should probably hold tight with Nb6, Nd7, etc, waiting for White to create a winning plan. I think it is dangerous for White to exchange rooks immediately under this scenario because Black's king has access to White's kingside through moves like h4 (a good move without rooks the board), Kh5 and Kg4. The only way I have found for White to improve his position is to play, at the appropriate times: Ke3, Rc8, f5+ and Kf4. with the improved position of White's king, he can then think about exchanging rooks at either c6 or e6. I have read somewhere that knight and pawn endings should be played like king and pawn endgames. Since I believe everything I read, I thought during the game that king position would be crucial before exchanging rooks. 49. Rc8 Nb6 50. Rh8 Rd7 51. Rxh4 Nc8 52. Rg4+ Kh5 53. Rg8 Nd6 54. Kd3 Kh6 55. g4 Ne4 56. Nf5+! I knew that I would lose the g-pawn, but this move forces the exchange of rooks in a very favorable position. Compare the position of the opposing kings. 56...Kh7 57. Re8 Nf2+ 58. Kd4 Nxc4 59. Re7+ Rxe7 60. Nxe7 Nf2 61. Nxd5 Kg6 62. Kc5 Nd3+ 63. Kb6 Nc1 64. Kxa6 Nxa2 65. Kxb5 Kh5 66. Kc6 Kg4 67. b4 Nxc3 68. Nxc3 Kxf4 69. Nd5+ Black resigns 1-0

Pat Kelly (A) - Andy Katz (X), Round 4
Sicilian Defense,

Notes by Andy Katz

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. a4 Be6 9. Be3 Nbd7 10. O-O-O 11. f3 White has several different possible plans in this position, most of which were developed by Karpov: a) a quick Nd5 and after Black takes on d5, White takes with the e-pawn and tries to use his four on three queenside majority; b) maneuver the knight on b3 to c1, a2, b4 and d5 in order to maintain piece control over the d5 square; c) play f4 and (i) if Black takes, attempt to pressure the d-pawn and (ii) if Black does not take, play f5 and attempt to keep piece control of d5. Against all these plans, Black tries to: a) open the b-file with b5 or b6 and pressure White's b- and c-pawns and b) either play d5 if this proves possible, or, if not, put pressure on White's e-pawn.

The system Pat is using was played by Smyslov and Geller (among others) in the 1950's. From watching his games, I think Pat likes to play this by putting his Q on f2, playing a5 and maintaining a bind on the dark squares on Black's queenside. He gets a lot of good games that way. 11...Qc7 12. a5 I think White should have played 12. Nd5 with play like in a) in the notes after White's 11th move. After this move, Black gets the initiative on the queenside. 12...Rfc8 13. Qd2 Bc4 Of course, not the immediate

13...b5 because 14. axb6 e.p. Nxb6 15. Bxa6 wins the a-pawn. 14. Rfc1 b5 In these type of positions, Black sometimes plays b6 instead of b5 in order to try to force White to play axb6, opening up the b-file. However, here it is a bad mistake because after 14...b6, White can play 15. Bxc4! and he wins the b-pawn. Note that Pat's next move is probably a mistake because it gives Black what he wants-an open b-file. 15. axb6 e.p. Nxb6 16. Na5 Bxe2 17. Qxe2 d5 18. exd5 Nbx6 19. Nxd5 Nxd5 20. Bd2? Black was threatening Nxe3 followed by Bc5, so White was right to move the bishop, but he should have played 20. Bf2. I think Black is slightly better after 20...Bb4 21. Nb3 a5 with good chances for growing pressure on the queenside, but White is still doing OK. 20...Qb6+ 21. Kh1 Qxb2 22. Nc4 Qb5 23. Ra5! Qxc4 24. Qxc4 Rxc4 25. Rxd5 f6 Black emerges a clear pawn up, which should win. Another move I could have made besides f6 is 25...Bf6, with the idea of playing e4 after either Ra1, or more likely c3 at a point when White's inevitable Ra1 allows me to exchange the e-pawn for White's c-pawn. My plan was to push the a-pawn down the board, which would tie up one of White's rooks to keep the pawn from queening. 26. c3 a5 27. Rb1 a4 28. Rd7 Bf8 I saw that I could play 28...a3 29. Rxe7 a2 30. Ra1 Rb8! 31. Rxe8 (forced) Rxe8 32. Rxa2, but I thought this ending would be harder to win than the one I had. Note also that White can refrain from taking the bishop and play 29. Rdb7 with play as in the game. 29. g4 a3 30. Rdb7! Rd8 31. Be1 Ra4 32. Kg2 a2? A terrible move, TERRIBLE TERRIBLE TERRIBLE. My only 'excuse' is that I had less than three minutes for my last eight moves, but the time pressure is really never an excuse. Time management is part of the game. The idea that I had in the game was good: to win White's c-pawn by playing Rd3 and then Re3, which forces White's bishop to give up its protection of the c-pawn because of the threat of Rxe1, as in the game. Once, Black has won the c-pawn, he can put his bishop on the d4-a1 diagonal and force White to give up material to stop the a-pawn from queening. A possible variation showing a correct execution of Black's idea may be 32...Rd3 33. Kf2 Bc5+ 34. Kg2 (34. Ke2 Re3+ is strong) Re3 (threatening a2, followed by Rxe1) 35. Bg3 Rxc3. White can try to stop this plan by playing 33. Rc7 instead of 33. Kf2 above and answering 33...Re3 with 34. Kf2. In this scenario, I think Black still wins by playing 33...Bd6 34. Rd7 Ra6! followed by the above-discussed plan or 34. Rc8+ Kf7 and walking the king over to the queenside to help out. 33. Ra1 Rd3 34. Rb2 Re3 35. h4? Pat will see this combination 99 times out of 100. I am just lucky this was game 100. After 35. Bf2 (I think this is safer than 35. Bd2 Re2+, which is irritating for White), Black wins the c-pawn, but there is no real winning chance for Black. 35...Rxe1 36. Rxe1 a1/Q 37. Rxa1 Rxa1 38. Rc2 Ra6 39. Kf2 Rc6 40. c4 Kf7 41. Ke3 g6 42. Ke4 Ke6 43. Kd3 Bc5 44. Ra2 Rd6+

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45. Kc3 f5 46. g5 e4 47. fxe4 fxe4 48. Ra5 e3 49. Ra8 Rd7
50. Ra6+ Kf5 51. White resigns 0-1

Saturday, September 2

Fifty-two players arrived to partake in this years State Tournament. The first day was unusually quiet chess wise. Only one upset win and two upset draws on the first day. Mike Taylor was able to hold a draw against John Roush in Round 2. John now would have to try to catch the leaders.

Markle Butcher (B) - Matt Ellison (C), Round 1

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. Bd3
Bd7 7. O-O?! *Markle chastised himself after the game for playing this move which loses a pawn 7...cxd4 8. cxd4*
Nxd4 9. Nxd4 Qxd4 10. Qe2 Qb6 11. Nc3 a6 12. Kh1
Ne7 13. Bg5 Ng6 14. Rab1 Rc8 15. a3 Qc7 16. Rfe1 Bxa3
17. bxa3 Qxc3 18. Rxb7 h6 19. Bd2 Qxa3 20. Bxa6 Bc6
21. Rb6 Rc7 22. Bb4 Qb3 23. Rxc6 Rxc6 24. Bb5 Qxb4
25. Bxc6+ Ke7 26. Ra1 Rb8 27. Ra7+ Kf8 28. h3 Kg8
29. Qe3 Qb6 30. Qxb6 Rxb6 31. Be8 Nxe5 32. f4 Ng6
33. Bxf7+ Kh7 34. f5 exf5 35. Bxd5 Rf6 36. Ra8 Ne7
37. Bc4 f4 38. Re8 Ng6 39. Bg8+ Kh8 40. Bf7+ Kh7
41. Bg8+ Drawn ½ - ½

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

English Opening

1. d4 e6 2. c4 c5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Bg5 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nc6
6. a3 a6 7. Nc3 Qb6 8. Nxc6 bxc6 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. b4 d5
11. c5 Qc7 12. e3 f5 13. f4 Bg7 14. Rc1 Bb7 15. g3 Ke7
16. Be2 Rad8 17. Qb3 h5 18. h4 Bf6 19. Kd2 d4 20. exd4
Bxd4 21. Bd3 Bf2 22. Ne2 Bxg3 23. Ke3 e5 24. Nxc3
exf4+ 25. Kf3 fxg3 26. Rhe1+ Kf8 27. Bxf5 Bc8 28. Bxc8
Qxc8 29. Qe3 Qf5+ 30. Kg2 Rd3 31. Qe7+ Kg7 32. Qe2
Re8 33. Qb2+ f6 34. Rxe8 Qd5+ 35. Kg1 Rd2 36. Re7+
Kf8 37. Re8+ Kf7 38. Rf8+ Kxf8 39. Qxf6+ Kg8
40. Qg6+ Kh8 41. Qh6+ Kg8 42. Qg6+ Kh8 43. Qh6+
Kg8 44. Drawn ½ - ½

Mark Hathaway (X) - Mike Richardson (B), Round 2

Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6
6. Nf3 Nd7 7. h4 h6 8. Bd3 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 Qc7 10. Bd2 e6
11. Ne4 Ngf6 12. c4 Nxe4 13. Qxe4 Nf6 14. Qe2 O-O-O
15. O-O-O Bd6 16. g3 c5 17. Kb1 Qc6 18. Rhe1 Qb6
19. Bc3 cxd4 20. Nxd4 Bc5 21. Nb3 Bxf2 22. c5 Rxd1+
23. Rxd1 Bxc5 24. Bxf6 gxf6 25. Nxc5 Rd8 26. Rxd8
Qxd8 27. Qd3 Qc7 28. Ne4 Black resigns 1-0

Donald Griffith (X) - Ray Spring (B), Round 2

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. c3 Bg7 5. d4 Nge7 6. Bg5

f6 7. Be3 O-O 8. Qd2 a6 9. Bc4+ Kh8 10. h4 Na5 11. Bd3
h5 12. Bh6 d6 13. Na3 b5 14. O-O-O Bg4 15. Rdg1 Qd7
16. Nh2 Be6 17. d5 Bf7 18. g4 Ng8 19. Bxg7+ Kxg7
20. gxh5 Nh6 21. hxg6 Be8 22. h5 Rh8 23. Be2 Nb7
24. Ng4 Nd8 25. Nxf6 Kxf6 26. g7 Qxg7 27. Rxg7 Kxg7
28. Rg1+ and White won 1-0

Matt Ellison (C) - Charles Haid (C), Round 2

Gruenfeld Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bg5 O-O
6. Bxf6 Bxf6 7. Nxd5 Bg7 8. Nc3 Bg4 9. e3 c6 10. Be2
Qa5 11. Qb3 Qc7 12. O-O Nd7 13. h3 Bxf3 14. Bxf3
Rad8 15. Rad1 Rfe8 16. Rfe1 Nb6 17. Ne4 Nd7 18. Ng5
h6 19. Ne4 Rb8 20. Nc3 Qa5 21. Qa4 Qxa4 22. Nxa4
Rec8 23. b3 b5 24. cxb5 cxb5 25. Nb2 Rc2 26. Re2 Rbc8
27. R1d2 Rc1+ 28. Rd1 a5 29. Red2 e6 30. Kf1 Bf8
31. Nd3 R1c2 32. Ke2 Nb6 33. Rxc2 Rxc2+ 34. Rd2 Rc3
35. Nb2 a4 36. bxa4 bxa4 37. Rd3 Rc2+ 38. Rd2 Rxd2+
39. Kxd2 Bb4+ 40. Kc2 Kf8 41. Bc6 a3 42. Nd3 Bd6
43. Kb3 Ke7 44. Nb4 f5 45. Kxa3 Nc4+ 46. Ka4 Nb2+
47. Kb3 Nd1 48. Nd3 Bc7 49. Kc2 Kd6 50. Bb5 Nxf2
51. Nxf2 and White soon won 1-0

Jimi Kimble (D) - Aaron Richardson (C), Round 2

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. g3 Nge7
7. b3 Nf5 8. Be3 cxd4 9. cxd4 Bb4+ 10. Ke2 Bd7 11. a3
Be7 12. Bh3 Na5 13. b4 Bb5+ 14. Ke1 Nxe3 15. fxe3 Nc4
16. Kf2 O-O 17. Nd2 Rac8 18. Bf1 f6 19. Nxc4 dxc4
20. a4 Bc6 21. b5 Bd5 22. Bg2 fxe5 23. Ke2 c3 24. Qd3?
Bc4 25. Qxc4 Rxc4 26. Nxe5 Qc7 27. Bxb7 Qxb7
28. Nxc4 Qg2+ 29. Kd3 Rf2 30. Rhg1 Qf3 31. Kxc3 Qe2
32. Rac1 Rxh2 33. Rhe1 Qg2 34. a5 Qxg3 35. b6 axb6
36. axb6 Qb8 37. Rb1 Ra2 38. Kd3 Bd8 39. b7 Ra7
40. Rf1 Rxb7 41. Rbc1 Rb3+ and Black soon won 1-0

Tim Cross (E) - Bob Shock (D), Round 2

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 c5 3. c3 Nc6 4. e4 cxd4 5. cxd4 Nf6 6. Bd3
d5 7. e5 Nd7 8. O-O Nb4 9. Ng5 Nxd3 10. Qxd3 h6
11. Nf3 a6 12. Bd2 b5 13. Nc3 Be7 14. Ne2 Bb7 15. Nf4
Bg5 16. Ng6 Bxd2 17. Nxb8 Ba5 18. Qh7 Nf8 19. Qxg7
Qe7 20. Nh4 O-O-O 21. Nxf7 Rd7 22. Nd6+ Qxd6
23. Rac1+ Kb8 24. Qxh6 Qb4 25. Rfe1 Rh7 26. Qg5
Qxd4 27. Qg8 Bxe1 28. Qxf8+ Ka7 29. Rxe1 Qxh4
30. h3 Qg5 31. Re3 d4 32. Rg3 Qxe5 33. Rg8 d3
34. Qf3? Bxf3 35. White resigns 0-1

Bill Salmon (E) - Nathan Gundlach (UNR), Round 2

Pirc Defense

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Bg5 Bg7 5. Qf3 O-O
6. Rd1?! Bg4 7. Qf4 Bxd1 8. Nxd1 Nbd7 9. Nf3 Re8
10. Bc4 e5 11. dxe5 Nxe5 12. O-O? Nxc4 13. Nc3 Qe7

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14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. exd5 Qe4 16. Qg3 Qxd5 17. c3 Nxb2
 18. Qh3 Bxc3 19. Be3 Qd3 20. Ng5 h5 21. Qd7 Qd5
 22. Qxc7 Rac8 23. Qd7 Rcd8 24. Qh3 Rxe3 25. Qxe3
 Qe5 26. Ne4 Bd4 27. Qe2 d5 28. Qb5 Qxe4 and Black
 won shortly 0-1

Sunday September 3

Round 3: This is the day that the front runners will separate from the pack. On the top boards, the matchups: Hardin - Lane, Katz - Hathaway, Jacobson - Kelly, Rutherford - Griffith, Garner - Bierce, and Gikas - Roush. All ended up as draws except that Andy and Pat each won their games to become the only two at 3-0. For the Katz-Hathaway game, please turn to page 1.

Gary Hardin (X) - Doug Lane (X), Round 3

Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6
 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 Nbd7 8. O-O Nc5 9. f4 b5 10. e5 dxe5
 11. fxe5 Nxb3 12. axb3 Bc5 13. Be3 Nd5 14. Qf3 O-O
 15. Bf2 Bb7 16. Nce2 Qc7 17. Qh5 Be7 18. Bg3 Ne3
 19. Rf2 g6 20. Qh3 Be4 21. Bf4 Nf5 22. c3 Nxd4
 23. Nxd4 Bf5 24. g4 Be4 25. Qe3 Bb7 26. Bh6 Bh4
 27. Rf4 Qe7 28. Nf3 Bxf3 29. Rxf3 Rfd8 30. Raf1 Rd7
 31. Rxf7 Qxf7 32. Rxf7 Rxf7 33. Qh3 g5 34. Qd3 Bf2+
 35. Kg2 Bb6 36. Bxg5 Rg7 37. h4 h6 38. Qd6 hxg5
 39. Qxe6+ Kh8 40. Qxb6 gxh4 41. Qh6+ Rh7
 42. Draw agreed ½ - ½

Dave Rutherford (A) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 3

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. f4 Bb7 10. Bf3 Rc8
 11. b3 d6 12. Rc1 a6 13. O-O e6 14. Qd2 Qe7 15. Nxc6
 Bxc6 16. Bxb6 Qb7 17. Ba5 Nxe4 18. Nxe4 Bxe4
 19. Qxd6 Rc6 20. Qd2 Qa7+ 21. Kh1 Bxf3 22. Rxf3
 R6c8 23. Rd3 Bf6 24. Rd1 Qa8 25. Qe3 h5 26. Rd7 Kg7
 27. Bc3 Bxc3 28. Qxc3+ Kg8 29. Qd4 Qc6 30. Rd3 Rc7
 31. Rd6 Qb7 32. Rh3 Qb4 33. Qd2 Qb7 34. Qd4 Qb4
 35. Qd2 Qb7 36. Qd4 Drawn ½ - ½

Ed Garner (X) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 3

Caro - Kann Defense, Panov-Botvinnik Attack

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. a3
 g6 7. c5 Bg7 8. Be3 Ng4 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O Nxe3
 11. fxe3 Bg4 12. h3 Bxf3 13. Bxf3 e5 14. dxe5 Nxe5
 15. Bxe5 Qg5 16. Qe2 Rac8 17. Nc3 Nc6 18. Rad1 Bxc3
 19. bxc3 Ne5 20. Bxb7 Rxc5 21. Rf4 Rxc3 22. Qd2 Rxa3
 23. Qd6 Rxe3 24. Rdf1 Rxh3 25. Bd5 Rg3 26. Qc7 a6
 27. Rxf7 Rxg2+ 28. Bxg2 Nxf7 29. Qc4 Qe3+ 30. Kh1
 Qh6+ 33. Kg1 Qe3+ 32. Kh1 Drawn ½ - ½

Eliot Jacobson (X) - Pat Kelly (A), Round 3

Trompovsky's Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 Ne4 3. Bf4 d5 4. f3 Nf6 5. e4 dxe4 6. Nc3
 e6 7. fxe4 Bb4 8. Bd3 c5 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. Qf3 Nc6
 11. Nge2 Qa5 12. Be3 Ne5 13. Qg3 Bxe3 14. Qxe3 Bd7
 15. O-O Neg4 16. Qg3 Qc5+ 17. Kh1 h5 18. b4 Qg5
 19. Rf3 h4 20. Qf4 Qxf4 21. Rxf4 h3 22. g3 a6 23. Kg1
 Rc8 24. b5 axb5 25. Nxb5 Ke7 26. a4 Ne5 27. Raf1 Nfg4
 28. Ned4 g5 29. Rxg4 Nxd4 30. Rb1 Ra8 31. Rb4 Ne5
 32. Be2 Rhc8 33. c3 Nc6 34. Rc4 Nxd4 35. Rxd4 Bxb5
 36. Bxb5 Rxc3 37. Rd7+ Kd6 38. Rxb7 Rc2 39. e5+
 Kxe5 40. Rxf7 Rd8 41. Bf1 Rd1 42. Rf2 Rc8 43. a5 Ra8
 44. a6 Kd4 45. g4 e5 46. Rf6 Ke3 47. Rf5 e4 48. Rf7
 Rxa6 49. Rg7 Rxf1+ 50. White resigns 0-1

Markle Butcher (B) - Mike Taylor (B), Round 3

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. Bd3
 cxd4 7. cxd4 Bd7 8. O-O Nxd4 9. Nxd4 Qxd4 10. Qe2
 Ne7 11. Na3 a6 12. Nc2 Qb6 13. b3 Nc6 14. Kh1 Bc5
 15. Rb1 Nd4 16. Nxd4 Bxd4 17. Ba3 Bc5 18. Bxc5 Qxc5
 19. Rbc1 Qb6 20. Rc3 Rc8 21. Rfc1 Rxc3 22. Rxc3 g6
 23. Qc2 O-O 24. Rc5 Bc6 25. Qc3 Rd8 26. Qd4 Qc7
 27. f4 Rc8 28. b4 Qd8 29. a3 Bd7 30. Qc3 Rxc5 31. Qxc5
 Qc8 32. Qxc8 Bxc8 33. b5 a5 34. a4 b6 35. Kg1 Bb7
 36. Kf2 Kf8 37. Ke3 d4+ 38. Kxd4 Bxg2 39. h4 Bf3
 40. Bc2 Ke7 41. Ke3 Bd5 42. Kd4 f6 43. Bd1 fxe5
 44. Kxe5 and the game was drawn ½ - ½

Aaron Richardson (C) - Dick Shellenberger (B), Round 3

London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 b6 3. Bf4 Bb2 4. e3 e6 5. h3 c5 6. c3 cxd4
 7. exd4 Nc6 8. Bd3 Rc8 9. Nbd2 d5 10. O-O h6 11. Re1
 Bd6 12. Ne5 Qc7 13. Qe2 Bxe5 14. dxe5 Nd7 15. Nf3 Nc5
 16. Bc2 Ba6 17. Qd2 Na5 18. Qc1 Bd3 19. b4 Bxc2
 20. Qxc2 Ne4 21. bxa5 g5 22. axb6 axb6 23. Qa4+ Kf1
 24. Qb4+ Kg7 25. Be3 Rb8 26. Bd4 Rhc8 27. Rec1 Qa7
 28. c4 Nc5 29. Ne1 Qb7 30. Rab1 dxc4 31. Rxc4 Qd5
 32. Bxc5 bxc5 33. Qxc5 Rxc5 34. Rxc5 Qxc5 35. Rxb8
 Qxe5 36. Rb1 Qe4 37. Rc1 Qa4 38. Rc2 Kf6 39. Re2 Qc4
 40. Rc2 Qe4 41. Kf1 e5 42. f3 Qd5 43. Ke2 Ke6 44. Ke3
 Qd4+ 45. Ke2 Qd5 46. Ke3 f5 47. Rd2 Qc5+ 48. Ke2 f4
 49. Nc2 Qc4+ 50. Kf2 h5 51. Re2 Kf5 52. Kf1 Kf6
 53. Ne1 Ke6 54. Nc2 Kd6 55. a3 Ke6 56. Ke1 Kf5
 57. Kf2 Qc5+ 58. Kf1 g4 59. Rf2 g6 60. Draw ½ - ½

Allen Farley (C) - Jerry Gogol (B), Round 3

King's Indian Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 d6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. O-O
 f5 7. Ng5 h6 8. Nh3 Nf6 9. Nd2 Qc7 10. Re1 e5 11. c3 g5
 12. Kh1 f4 13. Nb3 Bg4 14. Qd2 f3 15. Bf1 Qd7 16. Ng1
 Bh5 17. d4 O-O-O 18. d5 Ne7 19. c4 g4 20. Qc3 Bg6

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21. Nd2 h5 22. h4 Bh6 23. Ngxf3 gxf3 24. Qxf3 Rdf8
25. Qe2 Qg4 26. Bg2 Qxe2 27. Rxe2 Kc7 28. f3 Be8
29. a3 Bd7 30. Nf1 Bxc1 31. Rxc1 Rhg8 32. f4 exf4
33. gxf4 Rg4 34. e5 Rxh4+ 35. Kg1 Nfg8 36. e6 Ba4
37. b4 Rxf4 38. Ne3 Bb3 39. Rf2 Rxf2 40. Kxf2
Black lost on time 0-1

Tom LaBue (C) - Ron McGuire (B), Round 3

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e4 b5 4. a4 Bd7 5. axb5 Bxb5
6. Nc3 c6 7. Nf3 e6 8. g3 Nf6 9. Bg2 Bb4 10. O-O c5?
11. Nxb5 Nxe4 12. dxc5 Qxd1 13. Rxd1 Bxc5 14. Be3
Bxe3 15. fxe3 a6 16. Nfd4 Black resigns 1-0

Richard Sheppard (C) - Bob McLearn (C), Round 3

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. O-O Bg4 5. c3 Nf6
6. Re1 Bd7 7. d4 a6 8. Ba4 b5 9. Bb3 h6 10. Nbd2 Be7
11. Nf1 O-O 12. Ng3 Bg4 13. Be3 Nh5 14. h3 Nxc3
15. fxc3 Bh5 16. Rf1 Na5 17. Qd2 Nxb3 18. axb3 Kh7
19. g4 Bg6 20. dxe5 Bxe4 21. exd6 Qxd6 22. b4 Qxd2
23. Bxd2 Rfd8 24. Nd4 Kg6 25. Rfe1 Bxg2 26. Kxg2 Bf6
27. Be3 h5 28. gxh5+ Kxh5 29. Bf2 g6 30. Re4 Bg5
31. Re5 f6 32. Re7 Bf4 33. Rh7+ Kg5 34. Bh4 mate

Scott Antes (C) - Steve Statkiewicz (UNR)

English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 Bc5 4. d3 Nf6 5. g3 Ng4 6. Ne4
Qe7 7. Nxc5 Qxc5 8. e3 d6 9. d4 exd4 10. exd4 Qf5
11. Qe2+ Qe6 12. d5 Qxe2+ 13. Bxe2 Nb4 14. Nd4 O-O
15. O-O Ne5 16. Bd2 Nbd3 17. f4 Bh3 18. Rfb1 Nxc4
19. Bxd3 Nxd2 20. Rd1 Nf3+ 21. Nxf3 Bg4 22. Rf1 Rae8
23. Nd4 a6 24. Kf2 Rc8 25. Bf5 Bxf5 26. Nxf5 Rfe8
27. Rfe1 Rb8 28. Rxe8+ Rxe8 29. Re1 Rb8 30. Rc1 c6
31. dxc6 bxc6 32. b3 Rd8 33. Rxc6 d5 34. Rxa6 h6
35. Ra4 Kh7 36. Rd4 Ra8 37. a4 Rc8 38. Ke2 Rc2+
39. Rd2 Rc3 40. Rb2 g6 41. Nd4 Rc1 42. a5 Ra1 43. b4
Rc1 44. a6 Rc4 45. Kd3 Rc1 46. b5 Rd1+ 47. Rd2 Ra1
48. Rb2 Kg7 49. b6 Ra3+ 50. Rb3 Rxa6 51. b7
Black resigns 1-0

Peter Mauk (E) - Jimi Kimble (D), Round 3

Colle System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 c5 4. c3 Bd6 5. Bd3 c4 6. Bc2 b5
7. Nbd2 b4 8. O-O Nf6 9. e4 dxe4 10. Nxe4 Bb7 11. Nxd6
Qxd6 12. Re1 Ng4 13. Ne5 Nxe2 14. Kxe2 f6 15. Kg1
fxe5 16. Rxe5 Nd7 17. Re3 Nf6 18. Bf5 Kf7 19. Qe2 Bd5
20. Bh3 h5 21. f3 Rae8 22. Re5 Rhg8 23. Bf4 Re7
24. Re1 Rge8 25. Qd2 bxc3 26. bxc3 Qc6 27. R5e3 Nh7
28. Be5 g5 29. Qc2 Nf6 30. Bxf6 Kxf6 31. Re5 Rg8
32. Qd2 Rg6 33. f4 g4 34. Rf1 gxh3 35. Rf2 Rxc2+
36. Rxc2 hxg2 37. Rxh5 Be4 38. Qf2 Rh7 39. Qh4+ Kg7

40. Qe7+ Black resigns 1-0

Round 4

Pat Kelly played Andy Katz for first place, with the rest of the contenders fighting to stay close behind. However, Randy decided he wanted to relax in the pool and Jim Gikas played the Steelers Gambit. It cost them as Andy defeated Pat for sole possession of first. Other key pairings were: Griffith - Hardin (Draw), Roush (Win) - Rutherford, Lane - Garner (Win). Also, the Attack of the Killer C's continued. Tim Goan and Jason Rihel each won in Round 4 to go 3-1. Allen Farley, Scott Antes, Aaron Richardson and Tom LaBue were at 2.5.

Donald Griffith (X) - Gary Hardin (X), Round 4

Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. Qe2 O-O 6. e5
dxe5 7. dxe5 Nd5 8. O-O c6 9. Rd1 Qa5 10. Bd2 Qb6
11. Bb3 Na6 12. Nc3 Nxc3 13. Bxc3 Nc5 14. Bd4 Qa5
15. c3 Nxb3 16. axb3 Qc7 17. Qe3 Bg4 18. Rxa7 Rxa7
19. Bxa7 Bxf3 20. Bb6 Qxe5 21. gxf3 Qh5 22. Drawn

John Roush (X) - Dave Rutherford (A), Round 4

English Opening, Symmetrical Variation

1. c4 g6 2. g3 c5 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. e4 e5 6. Nge2
d6 7. O-O Nge7 8. d3 O-O 9. Nd5 Rb8 10. a4 b6 11. f4
a6 12. fxe5 Nxd5 13. cxd5 Nxe5 14. h3 Bd7 15. d4 cxd4
16. Nxd4 b5 17. axb5 Qb6 18. Rxa6 Qc5 19. Kh1 Bxb5
20. Nxb5 Rxb5 21. b4 Qc3 22. Bf4 Qxb4 23. Qc2 Rb6
24. Rxb6 Qxb6 25. Rb1 Qa7 26. Rc1 Rf8 27. h4 h5
28. Bg5 Ng4 29. Bf3 Ne5 30. Qe2 Qa3 31. Rf1 Rb8
32. Bf4 Rb3 33. Bc1 and White eventually won 1-0

Mark Hathaway (X) - Richard Sheppard (C), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation, Keres Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. g4
Nc6 7. g5 Nd7 8. Be3 Nc5 9. Rg1 Bd7 10. Qe2 Nxd4
11. Bxd4 Qc7 12. O-O-O O-O-O 13. h4 h6 14. gxh6
Rxh6 15. Bxg7 Bxg7 16. Rxc7 Rxh4 17. Rxf7 Qb6
18. Qf3 Bc6 19. Qg3 Rh1 20. Bd3 Rxd1+ 21. Kxd1 Qxb2
22. Bc4 Bxe4 23. Nxe4 Qd4+ 24. Nd2 Ne4 25. Bxe6+
Kb8 26. Qe3 Qa1+ 27. Ke2 Nc3+ 28. Kd3 Nd1 29. Qd4
Nb2+ 30. Ke4 Qh1+ 31. Nf3 d5+ 32. Bxd5 Re8+ 33. Kf5
Qh5+ 34. Ng5 Qh2 35. Rxb7+ Black resigns 1-0

Scott Antes (C) - Mike Richardson (B), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Declined, Orthodox Variation

1. c4 e6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Bg5 Be7 4. Nc3 d5 5. e3 O-O 6. Bd3
c6 7. Nf3 Nbd7 8. O-O dxc4 9. Bxc4 Nd5 10. Bxe7 Qxe7
11. Rc1 Nxc3 12. Rxc3 e5 13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. Nxe5 Qxe5
15. f4 Qf6 16. e4 Be6 17. Bxe6 Qxe6 18. Qb3 Qxe4
19. Qxb7 Qd4+ 20. Kh1 Rb8 21. Qxc6 Rxb2 22. Ra3

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Rd8 23. Qf3 Draw ½ - ½

Mike Taylor (B) - Tim Goan (C), Round 4

King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Ne3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 Nbd7 8. Bg5 h6 9. Be3 Nb6 10. h3 Bd7 11. Qd2 Kh7 12. c5 Nc8 13. O-O a6 14. Qc2 Ne7 15. b4 Ne8 16. Nh2 f5 17. f3 f4 18. Bf2 h5 19. Rfd1 Ng8 20. a4 Nef6 21. Bh4 Qc8 22. Bf1 Bh6 23. b5 g5 24. Bf2 g4 25. fxd4 hxd4 26. hxd4 Nxd4 27. Nxd4 Bxd4 28. Be2 f3 29. Bxf3 Rxf3! 30. gxf3 Bxf3 31. Bg3 Be3+ 32. Kh2 Qg4 33. Be1 Bf4+ 34. White resigns 0-1

Markle Butcher (B) - Jason Rihel (C), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. e3 O-O 6. Qc2 Nbd7 7. Bd3 dxc4 8. Bxc4 b6 9. O-O Bb7 10. Be2 Bxc3 11. bxc3 c5 12. Ba3 Qc7 13. h3 Rfd8 14. Rac1 Rac8 15. Bb2 cxd4 16. exd4 Nd5 17. Rfe1 Nf4 18. Qd2 Nf6 19. Qe3 N6d5 20. Qe5 Qxe5 21. Nxe5 Nf6 22. Bf3 Bxf3 23. Nxf3 Nd3 24. Ba1 Nxe1 25. Rxe1 Nd5 26. Rc1 Rc7 27. Nd2 Nf4 28. Kf1 Rxd4 29. Nf3 Rd8 30. c4 Rcd7 31. Bc3 Rd1+ 32. Rxd1 Rxd1+ 33. Ne1 Rc1 34. Bd2 Rxc4 35. f3 Nd5 36. Ke2 Ra4 37. Nd3 Rxa2 38. Ne5 b5 39. g3 b4 40. Nc4 b3 41. Kd3 Nb6 42. Nxb6 axb6 43. Kc3 b2 44. Kc2 b1/Q+ 45. Kxb1 Rxd2 46. White resigns 0-1

Ray Spring (B) - Allen Farley (C), Round 4

Two Knights Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. O-O d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Re1 Bg4 7. d4 f6 8. Bb5 Qd6 9. Qd3 O-O-O 10. Bxc6 Qxc6 11. c3 Bxf3 12. Qxf3 exd4 13. Qg4+ Kb8 14. Qxd4 Bc5 15. Qg4 g6 16. Re6 Rhe8 17. Rxe8 Rxe8 18. Kf1 Qe6 19. Qxe6 Rxe6 20. Nd2 Nf4 21. Nc4 Nd3 22. Be3 Bxe3 23. fxe3 b5 24. Nd2 Rxe3 25. b3 Nf4 26. g3 Nd5 27. c4 bxc4 28. Nxc4 Rd3 29. Re1 f5 30. Re2 g5 31. Kf2 Nf6 32. Ne5 Ng4+ 33. Nxd4 fxd4 34. Ke1 Rd8 35. Re4 h5 36. Re5 Rg8 37. b4 h4 38. a4 hxd3 39. hxd3 Rd8 40. Re4 Rd5 41. Ke2 Kb7 42. Rxd4 Kb6 43. Re5 a5 44. b5 Rc5 45. Re6+ c6 46. Rxc6+ Rxc6 47. bxc6 Kxc6 48. Kf3 Kc5 49. Kg4 Kb4 50. Kxg5 Kxa4 51. Kh5 Kb4 52. g4 a4 53. g5 a3 54. g6 a2 55. g7 a1/Q 56. g8/Q Qh1+ 57. Kg6! Qg2+ 58. Kf7 Qxg8+ 59. Kxg8 Draw ½ - ½

Dick Shellenberger (B) - Charles Haid (C), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. f4 d6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 g6 5. Nf3 Bg7 6. O-O Nc6 7. a3 O-O 8. c3 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Qe2 a6 11. Ng5 b5 12. Ba2 h6 13. Ne4 b4 14. Nxc5 bxc3 15. Bxd5 Qxd5 16. Ne4 cxb2 17. Bxb2 Bxb2 18. Qxb2 Qxd3 19. N1c3 Qd4+ 20. Kh1 Rb8 21. Qe2 Be6 22. Rfd1 Qa7 23. Rd2

Nd4 24. Qf2 Nc6 25. Qxa7 Nxa7 26. Nc5 Bc8 27. Nd5 Nc6 28. Re1 e6 29. Nc3 Rd8 30. Rc2 Ne7 31. N5e4 Bb7 32. Kg1 Rbc8 33. Rb2 Ba8 34. Nf6+ Kg7 35. Nce4 Nd5 36. Nxd5 Rxd5 37. Rb6 Rc6 38. Rb8 Ra5 39. Rxa8 Rxa3 40. Re2 Rc1+ 41. Kf2 R3a1 42. Ke3 Rh1 43. h3 Ra3+ 44. Kf2 R3a1 45. Ra7 h5 46. Nc5 a5 47. Nxe6+ Kf6 48. Ng5 Rhf1+ 49. Ke3 Ra3+ 50. Kd2 Rxf4 51. Ne4+ Kg7 52. Nc5 Rd4+ 53. Ke1 Ra1+ 54. Kf2 Rf4+ 55. Ke3 Rc4 56. Ne6+ Kf6 57. Nd8 Ra3+ 58. Kf2 Rf4+ 59. Kg1 Kg7 60. Ne6+ Kf6 61. Nxf4 and White won quickly 1-0

John Dailey (B) - Nathan Gundlach (UNR), Round 4

Pirc Defense

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be3 O-O 6. Bc4 c6 7. Qd2 b5 8. Bb3 Nbd7 9. e5 dxe5 10. dxe5 Ng4 11. e6 Nde5 12. exf7+ Nxf7 13. Ng5 Qxd2 14. Bxd2 e6 15. O-O Nxd5 16. Bxg5 Bd4 17. Nd1 Rf5 18. c3 Bb6 19. Bh4 Bd7 20. h3 Rh5 21. Bg3 Nh6 22. Ne3 Kf8 23. Bd6+ Kg7 24. Bd1 Rh4 25. Bg3 Re4 26. Bc2 Rxe3 27. fxe3 Bxe3+ 28. Bf2 Nf5 29. g4 Bxf2+ 30. Rxf2 Ne3 31. Be4 Nc4 32. Rd1 Rd8 33. Bxc6 Ne5 34. Bxb5 Black resigns 1-0

Matt Ellison (C) - Joe Ancrile (B), Round 4

Budapest Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. Bg5 Bb4+ 4. Nc3 h6 5. Bxf6 Qxf6 6. e3 exd4 7. exd4 Nc6 8. Nf3 O-O 9. Be2 d6 10. O-O Bxc3 11. bxc3 Bf5 12. Re1 Rfe8 13. Qb3 Rab8 14. c5 dxc5 15. Bb5 Rxe1+ 16. Rxe1 cxd4 17. Bxc6 Qxc6 18. Nxd4 Re8 19. Rxe8+ Qxe8 20. h3 Qe1+ 21. Kh2 Qxf2 22. Qxb7 Qf4+ 23. Kh1 Be4 24. Qc8+ Kh7 25. Qg4 Qxg4 26. hxd4 c5 27. Nb5 a6 28. Nd6 Bd5 29. a3 c4 30. Kh2 Kg6 31. Nf5 Kf6 32. Kg3 Be6 33. Kf4 Bd5 34. Ne3 Ke6 35. Nxd5 Kxd5 36. Kf5 a5 37. a4 g5 38. g3 f6 39. Kxf6 Ke4 40. Kg6 Kd3 41. Kxh6 Kxc3 42. Kxg5 Kb2 43. Kh5 c3 44. g5 c2 45. g4 c1/Q 46. g6 Qh1+ 47. Kg5 Qh8 and Black won shortly 0-1

Jerry Gogol (B) - Galen Miller (D), Round 4

1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 Nf6 3. d4 e6 4. Nc3 b6 5. e4 Bb7 6. e5 Nfd7 7. Nge2 c5 8. f4 Nc6 9. Be3 cxd4 10. Nxd4 Nxd4 11. Bxd4 Bc5 12. Nb5 a6 13. Bxc5 axb5 14. Bb4 Nc5 15. Qd4 O-O 16. Bxb5 bxb5 17. Qxd5 Rc8 18. Qf2 Qa5+ 19. Qd2 Qb6 20. O-O-O Ra8 21. a3 Qc5 22. Qd4 Qc6 23. Rd3 Ra4 24. Qc3 Rc4 25. Qb3 Qc5 26. c3 Rc8 27. Kb1 Ba6 28. Bf1 Re4 29. Rd1 Qe3 30. Bd3 Ra4 31. Bxb5 Bxb5 32. Qxb5 Qa7 33. Qe2 Rb8 34. Ka2 Qb7 35. Qc2 Qa6 36. Qc1 Qc4+ 37. Ka1 Qb3 38. Rd2 Rba8 39. Game was drawn ½ - ½

Ronald McGuire (B) - David Olson (D), Round 4

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. b3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Bb5 a6

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6. Bxc6+ bxc6 7. Bb2 g6 8. e5 Nh5 9. exd6 exd6 10. Ne2 Bg7 11. Bxg7 Nxc7 12. O-O O-O 13. d3 Qf6 14. h3 Nf5 15. Qd2 Nh4 16. Nxc4 Qxc4 17. Rfe1 Re8 18. Ng3 Bd7 19. Re4 Qf6 20. Rae1 d5 21. Rxe8+ Rxe8 22. Rxe8+ Bxe8 23. Qe3 Bd7 24. c4 dxc4 25. bxc4 Qa1+ 26. Kh2 Qxa2 27. Ne4 Bf5 28. Nxc5 h5 29. Kg3 a5 30. Qe8+ Kg7 31. Qxc6 a4 32. Kf3 a3 33. g4 hxg4+ 34. hxg4 Bxg4+ 35. Kxg4 Qe2+ 36. f3 Qg2+ 37. Kf4 Qd2+ 38. Ke4 Qe1+ 39. Kd4 a2 40. Nb3 a1/Q+ 41. Nxa1 Qxa1+ 42. Kd5 Qa5+ 43. c5 Qd8+ 44. Kc4 Qg5 45. d4 Qc1+ 46. Kd5 Qg5+ 47. Kd6 Qf4+ 48. Kd7 Qxd4+ 49. Qd6 Qa4+ 50. c6 Qa7+ 51. c7 and White won 1-0

Bob McLear (C) - Bill Salmon (E), Round 4

1. d4 b6 2. e4 Bb7 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. d5 d6 5. Bg5 g6 6. Bxf6 exf6 7. Bd3 Bg7 8. Qe2 O-O 9. Nf3 a6 10. O-O b5 11. Rab1 c5 12. dxc6 e.p. Nxc6 13. a3 Qb6 14. Nd5 Qc5 15. b4 Qa7 16. c3 Bc8 17. h3 Re8 18. Qe3 Qb7 19. Qd2 f5 20. exf5 Ne5 21. Be4 Nc4 22. Qf4 Nxa3 23. Nf6+ Bxf6 24. Bxb7 and White won 1-0

Tim Cross (E) - Steve Statkiewicz (UNR), Round 4

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bf4 a6 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. e3 Bf5 6. a3 e6 7. Bd3 Nh5 8. Be5 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 f6 10. Bg3 Nxc3 11. hxg3 Na5 12. Rxh7 Rxh7 13. Qxh7 Nc4 14. O-O-O Qd6 15. Qg6+ Kd7 16. Na4 b6 17. Qf7+ Be7 18. Qxg7 Nxa3 19. Rh1 Nc4 20. Rh6 Qb4 21. b3 Qa3+ 22. Kb1 Rf8 23. Rh7 Ke8 24. bxc4 Qb4+ 25. Kc1 Qa3+ 26. Kd1 dxc4 27. Nh4 Qd6 28. Ng6 Kd8 29. Nxe7 Re8 30. Ng6 b5 31. Nc5 Kc8 32. Nxa6 Rd8 33. Nxc7 Rd7 34. Qxd7+ Qxd7 35. Rxd7 Kxd7 36. Nxb5 and White won 1-0

Round 5

Pat Kelly (A) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 5

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. a4 g6 7. Be2 Bg7 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Qd2 O-O 10. f4 e6 11. Bf3 Qc7 12. Rd1 Na5 13. b3 Bd7 14. Nde2 Ne8 15. e5 Bc6 16. exd6 Qd8 17. Ne4 b6 18. Bd4 Ra7 19. Bxg7 Nxc7 20. Qc3 Bxe4 21. Bxe4 Rd7 22. Qd3 Qc8 23. Qd4 Qd8 24. b4 Nb7 25. Bxb7 Rxb7 26. c4 Qd7 27. Nc3 Nf5 28. Qe4 Rd8 29. c5 bxc5 30. bxc5 Rc8 31. Qe5 Rb3 32. O-O f6 33. Qxf6 Rxc5 34. Ne4 Rc4 35. Qe5 Qa7+ 36. Kh1 Rb8 37. Qxe6+ Qf7 38. Ng5 Qxe6 39. Nxe6 Kf7 40. Ng5+ Kg8 41. d7 Nd4 42. Rfe1 Rf8 43. Re8 Nc6 44. Ne6 Black resigns 1-0

Randy Bierce (A) - John Roush (X), Round 5

English Opening

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 e5 4. Bg2 d6 5. Nf3 f5 6. d3 Nf6 7. O-O O-O 8. Rb1 a5 9. a3 Nh5 10. Ng5 c6 11. Bd2 h6 12. Nf3 Be6 13. b4 axb4 14. axb4 Qd7 15. b5 d5 16. bxc6

bxc6 17. Na4 Qf7 18. Nc5 Ra7 19. Nxe6 Qxe6 20. cxd5 cxd5 21. Qb3 Nf6 22. Rfc1 Nbd7 23. Be3 Ra6 24. Rc7 Ne8 25. Ng5 hxg5 26. Bxd5 Nxc7 27. Bxe6+ Nxe6 28. Qd5 Rb8 29. Rxb8+ Nxb8 30. Qb7 Ra1+ 31. Kg2 Na6 32. Qd7 Nf8 33. Qd5+ Kh7 34. Bxg5 Nc7 35. Qf7 Nce6 36. Bf6 Ra8 37. Bxe5 Rd8 38. Qe7 Rd7 39. Qh4+ Kg8 40. Bxg7+ Kxg7 41. Qc4 Rd4 42. Qa6 f4 43. Drawn

Andy Katz (X) - Ed Garner (X), Round 5

Sicilian Defense, Taimanov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nb5 d6 6. c4 a6 7. N5a3 Nf6 8. Nc3 Be7 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O Qc7 11. Nc2 b6 12. b3 Bb7 13. Bb2 Rfd8 14. Ne3 Rd7 15. Qd2 Rad8 16. Rac1 Ne5 17. Qc2 Nc6 18. Rfd1 Nb4 19. Qb1 d5 20. cxd5 Qf4 21. a3 exd5 22. axb4 d4 23. Ncd5 Nxd5 24. Nxd5 Bxd5 25. exd5 Rxd5 26. Qd3 Bd6 27. g3 Qh6 28. Bf3 Rg5 29. Rc6 Rg6 30. Bc1 Qh3 31. Bg2 Qd7 32. Qxd4 h5 33. Bf4 Bxf4 34. Qxd7 Rxd7 35. Rxd7 Black resigns 1-0

Donald Griffith (X) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 5

Sicilian Defense, Rossolimo Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 e6 4. O-O Nge7 5. c3 a6 6. Bxc6 Nxc6 7. d4 cxd4 8. cxd4 d5 9. e5 Be7 10. Nc3 O-O 11. Be3 f6 12. Rc1 Bd7 13. Re1 fxe5 14. Nxe5 Nxe5 15. dxe5 Bb4 16. Qd4 Bxc3 17. Rxc3 Bc6 18. Qg4 Rf5 19. Bc5 Qg5 20. Qxg5 Rxc5 21. f4 Rf5 22. Rf1 Rc8 23. g4 Rf7 24. f5 Bd7 25. f6 gxf6 26. exf6 e5 27. g5 Bb5 28. R1c1 Rd7 29. h4 d4 30. Bxd4 Rxc3 31. Bxc3 e4 32. Re1 Bd3 33. Kf2 Rd5 34. Ke3 Rf5 35. Rg1 Rf3+ 36. Kd4 Rh3 37. Be1 Kf7 38. Bg3 Ke6 39. Ke3 h6 40. gxh6 Kxf6 41. Kf2 d3+ 42. Kg2 Bf5 43. Rf1 e2 44. Rxf5+ Kxf5 45. Kxh3 Black resigns 1-0

Gary Hardin (X) - Tim Goan (C), Round 5

Ruy Lopez, Marshall Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. c3 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Nxe5 Nxe5 11. Rxe5 c6 12. d4 Bd6 13. Re1 Qh4 14. g3 Qh3 15. Be3 Bg4 16. Qd3 Bf3 17. Qf1 Qh5 18. Nd2 Bg4 19. f3 Bh3 20. Qf2 f5 21. f4 Rae8 22. Nf3 Bg4 23. Ne5 Rc8 24. Nxc6 Bf3 25. Ne5-Be4 26. Nd7 Rf7 27. Bxd5 Bxd5 28. Nb6 Bb7 29. Nxc8 Bxc8 30. Bd2 Bd7 31. Re3 Bc6 32. Rae1 Rf6 33. Qe2 Qg6 34. Re6 Bd7 35. Re8+ Bxe8 36. Qxe8+ Qxe8 37. Rxe8 Kf7 38. Re2 Re6 39. Kf2 a5 40. Rxe6 Kxe6 41. Ke3 a4 42. Kd3 Kd5 43. b3 axb3 44. axb3 Bc7 45. c4+ bxc4 46. bxc4+ Kc6 47. Bb4 Bb6 48. d5+ Kd7 49. c5 and White won 1-0

Jason Rihel (C) - Dick Shellenberger (B), Round 5

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. c3

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Qe7+ 7. Be3 Ng4 8. Qe2 Nxe3 9. fxe3 a6 10. Nbd7 Bg4
11. O-O-O Qe6 12. Rde1 Be7 13. e4 O-O 14. exd5 Qxd5
15. Be4 Qxa2 16. Bxc6 bxc6 17. Qxe7 Rab8 18. Qa3
Qd5 19. Re5 Qd7 20. Qe7 Qc8 21. Rhe1 Be6 22. Ng5
Re8 23. Qa3 Qd7 24. Nxe6 Rxe6 25. Rxe6 fxe6 26. Qa2
Re8 27. Nf3 Qd6 28. Re5 h6 29. Qa3 Kf7 30. Qxd6 cxd6
31. Ra5 Ra8 32. b4 Ke7 33. Kd2 Kd7 34. h4 Kc7 35. Ke3
Kb6 36. g4 Rf8 37. Ra1 Kb5 38. Rf1 a5 39. bxa5 Kxa5
40. Nd2 Re8 41. Nc4+ Ka6 42. Ra1+ Black resigns 1-0

Aaron Richardson (C) - John Dailey (B), Round 5
London System

1. d4 f5 2. Bf4 Nf6 3. e3 e6 4. Nf3 d5 5. h3 Be7 6. Nbd2
O-O 7. c4 c6 8. Be2 Nbd7 9. O-O Ne4 10. Ne5 Nxe5
11. Bxe5 Bd6 12. Nf3 Bd7 13. Bd3 Bxe5 14. Nxe5 Nd6
15. Rc1 Qe7 16. a3 f4 17. Bxh7+ Kxh7 18. Qh5+ Kg8
19. Ng6 Qf6 20. Qh8+ Kf7 21. Nxf8 Rxf8 22. Qh5+ Kg8
23. b3 Be8 24. Qe2 f3 25. Qxf3 Qxf3 26. gxf3 Rxf3
27. Kg2 Bh5 28. Rg1 Ne4 29. Rc2 Kf7 30. cxd5 exd5
31. b4 Ke6 32. a4 a6 33. Kh2 g6 34. Kg2 Ng5 35. Rh1
Rf6 36. Kf1 Bf3 37. Rh2 Be4 38. White resigns 0-1

Joe Ancrile (B) - Ray Spring (B), Round 5
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. e4 d5 2. d4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 e5 5. Be3 exd4 6. Bxd4
Bb4 7. fxe4 O-O 8. Bxf6 Qxf6 9. Qf3 Bxc3+ 10. bxc3 Qxf3
11. Nxf3 Nd7 12. O-O-O Nc5 13. Rd4 Be6 14. Bc4 Bxc4
15. Rxc4 Ne6 16. Nd4 c6 17. Re1 Rfe8 18. Nxe6 Rxe6
19. Rd4 Rae8 20. Rd7 R6e7 21. R1d1 f6 22. R1d4 Kf7
23. Kd2 Rxd7 24. Drawn ½ - ½

Allen Farley (C) - Scott Antes (C), Round 5
King's Indian Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d3 Bg4 4. Nbd2 Nc6 5. g3 Nf6 6. Bg2
g6 7. O-O Bg7 8. Nc4 Qd7 9. Bf4 e5 10. Bxe5 Bxf3
11. Nxd6+ Kf8 12. Bxf3 Nxe5 13. Nc4 Nxf3+ 14. Qxf3 Qh3
15. Qg2 Qxg2+ 16. Kxg2 Nd7 17. c3 Re8 18. Rad1 Be5
19. f4 Bc7 20. Rfe1 Kg7 21. d4 f6 22. e5 Nb6 23. Nxb6
Bxb6 24. dxc5 Bxc5 25. b4 Bf8 26. exf6+ Kf7 27. Rd7+
Kxf6 28. Rxe8 Bg7 29. Rxh8 Bxh8 30. Rxb7 Ke6 31. c4
and White won quickly 1-0

Mike Taylor (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 5
Bogo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4 4. Bd2 c5 5. Bxb4 cxb4
6. Nbd2 O-O 7. g3 b6 8. Bg2 Bb7 9. O-O d5 10. Ne5 Nbd7
11. Nd3 a5 12. e3 Rc8 13. Rc1 Rc7 14. cxd5 Bxd5 15. Bxd5
Nxd5 16. e4 N4f6 17. f3 Qc8 18. Kf2 Rd8 19. Ke3 Nb8
20. Rxc7 Qxc7 21. Qc1 Qd6 22. Qc4 Nc6 23. e5 Nd5+
24. Kf2 Qd7 25. Ne4 Nce7 26. Nd6 Nf5 27. Nxf5 exf5
28. Rc1 g6 29. Qc6 Ne7 30. Qxd7 Rxd7 31. Ke3 Nd5+
32. Ke2 Kg7 33. Rc6 a4 34. Rd6 Rxd6 35. exd6 Kf8

36. Ne5 Ke8 37. Kd3 b5 38. g4 fxd4 39. fxd4 f6 40. Ke4
Nb6 41. Nc6 Kd7 42. Nxb4 Kxd6 43. Nd3 Nd5 44. a3 Ne7
45. Nb4 f5+ 46. gxf5 Nxf5 47. Nd5 h6 48. Nc3 Kc6 49. Ke5
Ne3 50. d5+ Kd7 51. Kd4 Nc4 52. Nxb5 Nxb2 53. Nc3 g5
54. h3 Kc7 55. Nxa4?! Nxa4 56. Ke5 Kd7 57. Kf6 Nc6
58. Kg6 Nxd5 59. Kxh3 Nf4 60. Drawn ½ - ½

Bob Shock (D) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 5
Karo-Cann Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Bd3 Bxd3 6. Qxd3
Nd7 7. Nc3 c5 8. Be3 cxd4 9. Bxd4 a6 10. Ne2 Rc8 11. O-O
Nc5 12. Bxc5 Bxc5 13. Ned4 Qb6 14. Rab1 Ne7 15. a3 Ng6
16. c3 O-O 17. g3 Rc7 18. h4 h6 19. Kg2 Bxd4 20. cxd4
Rfc8 21. Rfh1 Rc2 22. h5 Nf8 23. Rh4 Rxb2 24. Rxb2 Qxb2
25. Qe3 Rc3 26. Qf4 Qxa3 27. Rg4 Qc1 28. Qf6 Ng6
29. hxg6 gxf6 30. exf3 Qd1 31. Ne5 Qxg4 32. gxf7 Kf8
33. Nxc4 Kxf7 34. Kh3 a5 35. Kh4 Rf3 36. Ne5+ Kxf6
37. Nxf3 a4 38. Nd2 Kg6 39. g4 b5 40. Nb1 b4 41. Nd2 a3
42. Nb3 a2 43. f4 Kf6 44. Kh5 Kg7 45. g5 hxg5 46. Kxg5
Kf7 47. Na1 Ke7 48. Nb3 Kf7 49. Na1 Draw ½ - ½

Richard Sheppard (C) - Don Dorward (C), Round 5
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nxd4 5. Qxd4 e6
6. c4 Ne7 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. Qd1 Bc5 9. Be2 Bxf2+ 10. Kxf2
O-O 11. Be3 f5 12. Bf3 Ne5 13. b3 f4 14. Bd4 Nxf3 15. gxf3
b6 16. Qg1 g5 17. h4 Kf7 18. hxg5 Rg8 19. Rxh7+ Ke8
20. Bf6 Qc7 21. Re7+ Kf8 22. g6 Qc5+ 23. Ke2 Qe3+
24. Qxe3 fxe3 25. Rg1 d6 26. g7+ Rxg7 27. R1xg7 Ba6
28. Ref7+ Ke8 29. Rh7 Black resigns 1-0

Bob McLear (C) - Brock Snyder (C), Round 5
Slav Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 d5 4. c5 b6 5. b4 a5 6. Na4 Nbd7
7. a3 b5 8. Nb2 axb4 9. a4 e5 10. Bg5 exd4 11. Qxd4 Bxc5
12. Qd1 bxa4 13. Rxa4 Rxa4 14. Nxa4 Qa5 15. Qb3 Bxf2+
16. Kxf2 Ne4+ 17. Ke1 Nxc5 18. Nf3 Ne6 19. e3 Ba6
20. Nd4 Nxd4 21. exd4 Bxf1 22. Qe3+ Kf1 23. Rxf1 Qxa4
24. Qf4 Qa1+ 25. Qf2 Qb2+ 26. Kg3 Qc3+ 27. Rf3 Qe1+
28. Kh3 Qe6+ 29. g4 h5 30. Kg2 Qxg4+ and Black won 0-1

Matt Ellison (C) - Joe Meadows (UNR), Round 5
Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Bg5 h6 5. Bh4 g5 6. Bg3
dxc4 7. e3 Be6 8. Nf3 Nbd7 9. Nd2 Nb6 10. Be2 h5 11. Be5
Bg7 12. Ne4 Bd5 13. Nxf6+ exf6 14. e4 fxe5 15. exd5 Qxd5
16. Bf3 Qxd4 17. Qc2 Rd8 18. Rd1 Qf4 19. O-O O-O
20. Ne4 Rxd1 21. Bxd1 Na4 22. g3 Qf5 23. Qxa4 Qxe4
24. Bxh5 b5 25. Qxa7 b4 26. Rd1 Qh7 27. Bf3 e4 28. Bg2
Bxb2 29. Qe3 b3 30. Qxg5+ Qg7 31. Qc5 Ra8 32. Bxe4
Rxa2 33. Rd8+ Qf8 34. Qg5+ Kh8 35. Qh6+ Kg8
36. Qh7++ 1-0

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Galen Miller (D) - Charles Haid (C), Round 5

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 Nbd7 4. Bg5 e6 5. e3 c5 6. Be2 Qa5 7. O-O c4 8. a3 Bd6 9. Bf4 Bxf4 10. exf4 Qc7 11. Ne5 O-O 12. Re1 Ne8 13. Bg4 Ndf6 14. Re3 Nd6 15. b3 Nxc4 16. Qxc4 Nf5 17. Rh3 f6 18. Qh5 fxe5 19. Qxh7+ Kf7 20. Qh5+ Ke7 21. Qg5+ Kd7 22. fxe5 Qd8 23. Qd2 Qb6 24. Ne2 Ke8 25. b4 Bd7 26. g4 Nh6 27. Qg5 Rf7 28. c3 Qd8 29. Qg6 Qe7 30. f4 Kd8 31. Rf1 Kc7 32. g5 Nf5 33. Qh5 Rg8 34. Ng3 Nxc3 35. Rxc3 R7f8 36. h4 Rh8 37. Qg4 Be8 38. Qe2 Rxh4 39. Qf2 Rfh8 40. Kg2 Rh2+ 41. Kf3 Rxf2+ 42. Rxf2 Bg6 43. Ke3 Qf7 and Black won 0-1

Bill Salmon (E) - Jimi Kimble (D), Round 5

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d3 a5 4. Nf3 c6 5. Nxe5 b5 6. Nxf7 Qe7 7. Nxe8 bxc4 8. O-O Ba6 9. Qf3 d5 10. Nc3 cxd3 11. cxd3 d4 12. Re1 dxc3 13. bxc3 Nbd7 14. Bg5 Ne5 15. Qf5 g6+ 16. Qf4 Bg7 17. Re3 O-O-O 18. Rb1 Bxh8 19. d4 Nd3 20. Qb8+ Kd7 21. Qh7+ Ke6 22. Qxa6 Kf7 23. Rb7 Rd7 24. Rxd7 Qxd7 25. Qxd3 Qg4 26. h4 Bg7 27. Rf3 Kg8 28. Bxf6 Bxf6 29. Rxf6 and White soon won

Matt Hill (D) - Tim Cross (E), Round 5

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bg5 e6 4. e4 Be7 5. Bxf6 Bxf6 6. e5 Be7 7. Nf3 Nc6 8. h4 Bb4 9. Qd2 h6 10. Bd3 Bd7 11. g4 f6 12. Bg6+ Kf8 13. g5 hxg5 14. h5 Ne7 15. O-O-O Nxc6 16. hxg6 Rh6 17. Qd3 Be8 18. Rxh6 gxf6 19. g7+ Kxg7 20. Rg1 Bg6 21. Qb5 Bxc3 22. bxc3 b6 23. exf6+ Qxf6 24. Qd7+ Qf7 25. Qc6 Rc8 26. Ne5 Qxf2 27. Qd7+ Kf6 28. Ng4+ and White won quickly 1-0

Round 6

Ed Garner (X) - Jason Rihel (C), Round 6

Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. O-O Bd6 6. b3 Bg4 7. h3 Bh5 8. Bb2 Nf6 9. d4 Bxf3 10. Qxf3 exd4 11. e5 Bxe5 12. Re1 Qd6 13. Qf5 Nd7 14. f4 f6 15. fxe5 fxe5 16. Nd2 g6 17. Qg5 h6 18. Qg4 b5 19. Bxd4 O-O-O 20. Bxe5 Qxd2 21. Bxh8 Rxh8 22. Rad1 h5 23. Qe6 Qxc2 24. Qxd7+ Kb7 25. Rc1 Black resigns 1-0

John Roush (X) - Mike Richardson (B), Round 6

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. d4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. Bd3 cxd4 7. cxd4 Bb4+ 8. Nc3 Bd7 9. Be3 Rc8 10. O-O f5 11. exf6 e.p. Nxf6 12. Ne2 Bd6 13. Ne5 Qc7 14. f4 O-O 15. Ng3 Be8 16. a3 g6 17. Rc1 Bxe5 18. fxe5 Nd7 19. Qg4 Rxf1+ 20. Rxf1 Nd8 21. Nh5 h6 22. Nf4 Bf7 23. Rf3 Nxe5 24. dxe5 Black resigns 1-0

Jim Gikas (A) - Richard Sheppard (C), Round 6

Torre Attack

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 e6 4. Nbd7 c5 5. e3 Nc6 6. c3 a6

7. Bd3 Bd7 8. O-O cxd4 9. exd4 Be7 10. Ne5 O-O 11. f4 h6 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Rf3 Bxe5 14. fxe5 b5 15. Rg3 Ne7 16. Qg4 g6 17. Nb3 Nf5 18. Bxf5 exf5 19. Qe2 Be6 20. Nc5 Kg7 21. Rf3 Qb6 22. R3f1 b4 23. Qc2 bxc3 24. Qxc3 Rfc8 25. b4 a5 26. bxa5 Rxa5 27. Rfb1 Qc7 28. Rb7 Qxb7 29. Qxa5 Qb2 30. Rd1 Qe2 31. Qd2 Qxd2 32. Rxd2 Ra8 33. Rb2 Bc8 34. a4 Ba6 35. Rb4 Bc4 36. Rb7 Kg8 37. Kf2 Ba6 38. Rb2 Ra7 39. h4 Kg7 40. Kf3 Bc8 41. Kf4 Bd7 42. Ra2 Bc6 43. a5 Bb5 44. a6 Kg8 45. Rb2 Bc6 46. Rb6 Ba8 47. e6 fxe6 48. Rxe6 Kf7 49. Ke5 Re7 50. Rxe7 Kxe7 51. Nd3 Kf7 52. Nf4 Bc6 53. Nxd5 g5 54. hxg5 hxg5 55. Nb4 Ba8 56. Kxf5 Ke7 57. Kxg5 Kd6 58. d5 Kc5 and White won 1-0

Tim Goan (C) - Ray Spring (B), Round 6

Center Counter

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Nf3 e6 4. Bb5+ Bd7 5. Bxd7+ Qxd7 6. O-O Nxd5 7. d4 Nc6 8. c4 Nf6 9. Nc3 O-O-O 10. Be3 a6 11. a3 Ng4 12. h3 Nxe3 13. fxe3 Bd6 14. Ne4 f6 15. Nxd6 Qxd6 16. Qc2 g6 17. b4 Ne7 18. e4 e5 19. d5 f5 20. c5 Qf6 21. a4 Kd7 22. Rad1 Ke8 23. h4 Kf7 24. Ng5+ Kg7 25. Ne6+ Kf7 26. Nxd8+ Rxd8 27. g3 Qg7 28. d6 cxd6 29. cxd6 Rc8 30. Qb3+ Kf8 31. dxe7+ Qxe7 32. exf5 Black resigns 1-0

Brock Snyder (C) - Mike Taylor (B), Round 6

1. b4 d5 2. Bb2 a6 3. e3 Nc6 4. a3 e5 5. b5 axb5 6. Bxb5 e4 7. Nc3 Nf6 8. Nge2 Bd7 9. h3 Bd6 10. O-O Ne7 11. Bxd7+ Qxd7 12. Nf4 c6 13. f3 exf3 14. Qxf3 O-O 15. Nce2 Ng6 16. Bxf6 gxf6 17. Nh5 Be7 18. Qxf6! Bxf6 19. Nxf6+ Kg7 20. Nxd7 Rfe8 21. Nf6 Re6 22. Nh5+ Kg8 23. Nef4 Nxf4 24. Nxf4 Re4 25. Ra2 Rea4 26. Rfa1 b5 27. c3 Kf8 28. Ne2 c5 29. Nf4 b4 30. cxb4 cxb4 31. Rb2 bxa3 32. Rba2 R4a5 33. d4 Ke7 34. Kf2 Kf6 35. Kf3 R8a6 36. Rb1 Rc6 37. Rb3 Rca6 38. Rc3 h6 39. Rc5 Rxc5 40. dxc5 Ke5 41. c6 Rxc6 42. Rxa3 Rf6 43. Ra5 Kd6 44. Ra6+ Ke5 45. Rxf6 Kxf6 46. Nxd5 and White won 1-0

Joe Ancrile (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 6

Smith-Morra Gambit

Notes by Joe Ancrile and Chuck Schullien

1. e4 c5 2. d4 JA: Based on his comments at a previous tournament (Homecoming), I was fairly certain that Tom was ready for the Smith-Morra Gambit and even looking forward to it. Okay with me. 2...cxd4 3. c3 dxc3 4. Nxc3 Nc6 5. Nf3 d6 6. Bc4 a6 7. O-O Nf6 8. Qe2?! JA: Correct is 8. Bg5, which would prompt Black to play 8...e6 and shut in the c8 Bishop. 8...e6?! Pinning the knight by 8...Bg4 is stronger for Black 9. Rd1 Be7 10. Bg5 CS: 10. e5 is a threat, and Black failed to address that threat/ I suspect that you would have considered it if Tom had been playing at a slower pace. 10...h6 11. Bxf6 JA: So as not to lose a tempo, but 11. Bf4

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is probably a better move. CS: Correct, and now Black's control over the dark squares, including e5, is troublesome. White soon reaches good development yet few prospects!

11...Bxf6 12. Rac1 O-O JA: Tom played his opening moves with confidence, which was a little unnerving. Now I had to come up with a plan. 13. Qd2 JA: Questionable. It may have been more prudent to play 13. Bb3 in anticipation of ...b5 by Black and wait to see what happens. CS: What happens is that once Black plays ...b5, Bb7, and Rac8, the game is decided. 13...Ne5 JA: An unexpected, but nice move. 14. Nxe5 Bxe5 15. Bb3 JA: I'm still a pawn down without much to show for it. 15...b5 16. a3 JA: Wished I could have thought of something better. I was afraid that 16. f4 would be loosening. CS: 16. f4 deserves consideration, as played later in the game. Why not now? 16. f4 Qb6+ 17. Kh1 Bxc3 18. Rxc3 Rd8 19. Rd3 Bb7 20. e5 d5 21. Rg3 with ideas of f5 and Bc2/Qd3. 16...Qb6 JA: Tom continues to play well. It was at this point I thought things were becoming critical. If I didn't come up with something quickly, I could kiss it goodbye. Then I got an idea. 17. Kh1 JA: I noted it might be possible to swing my pieces over to the kingside quicker than Tom could defend. I wanted to prepare f4 to get a nice pawn duo on the fourth rank. 17...Rd8 JA: Hmmm. Tom just removed another piece from the vicinity of his king.

CS: Right, 17...Bb7 is stronger. 18. f4 JA: I was beginning to like my position. 18...Bf6 CS: 18...Bxc3?! saves time: 19:Rxc3 Bb7 20. Bc2 Rac8 and Black is better; 20. f5!? is interesting. 19. Rf1 JA: With an eye on the eventual pawn push to f5. 19...Bb7 JA: Threatens to win the pawn push after Bxc3. What to do about it? I decided to defend with the Queen, but what square? I had trouble making this decision and was conscious of the clock ticking away the minutes.

20. Qe2 JA: Removing the queen off the same file of Black's rook with the idea of going eventually to g4 of h5. 20...Qd4 JA: Tom had touched his queen, intending to move her to c6, when he suddenly realized that White would be left with the discovered attack on Black's misplaced queen. He thought thing over for a while before finally playing the text move.

21. f5 CS: It's already difficult for Black! 20...Rac8 21. f5 and White has chances; for example: 21...Bg5 22. fxe6!? Bxc1 23. e7?! or 23. exf7+ with unclear play. Even 22. Rcd1 leaves White with compensation for the pawn. 21...e5

22. Bd5 Bxd5 23. Nxd5 JA: The eternal knight. 23...Bg5 24. Rcd1 Qa7 25. Qg4 Rac8 26. h4 Be3 27. Rf3 Bc5 28. f6 JA: This combination jumped out at me. 28...g6 29. Ne7+ Kh7 30. Nxc8 Rxc8 31. Qxc8 Black resigns 1-0

Scott Antes (C) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 6

King's Indian Defense, Fianchetto Variation

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Ne3 c5 6. d4 d6 7. O-O Nc6 8. dxc5 dxc5 9. Qxd8 Rxd8 10. Rd1 Rxd1+ 11. Nxd1 Na5 12. Ne3 Be6 13. b3 Ng4 14. Rb1 Rd8 15. Bd2

Nc6 16. Nxc6 Bxc6 17. Be3 b6 18. Kf1 Bf5 19. Re1 Nb4 20. Bf4 Nc2 21. Bc7 Rd7 22. Be5 Nxe1 23. Kxe1 Be4 24. Bh3 e6 25. Bb8 Bb1 26. a3 Bc2 27. b4 Rd1++ 0-1

Dick Shellenberger (B) - Bob Shock (D), Round 6

Benoni Defense

1. d4 e6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 e5 4. a3 b6 5. Nc3 g6 6. g3 Bb7 7. e4 Bg7 8. Nb5 d6 9. Qa4+ Nbd7 10. Nxd6+ Kf8 11. Nxb7 Qc7 12. Qc6 Qxc6 13. dxc6 Ndf6 14. Bg2 Ne7 15. Nd6 Nxc6 16. Bg5 Nd4 17. Rc1 h6 18. Bxf6 Bxf6 19. Nb5 Nb3 20. Rd1 Kg7 21. Nc3 Bg5 22. Nd5 Rhd8 23. h4 Bc1 24. Nf3 Bxb2 25. Rb1 Nc1 26. Nxe5 Rac8 27. Rxb2 f6 28. O-O fxe5 29. Rxc1 and White soon won

Mike Baker (B) - Nathan Gundlach (UNR), Round 6

Pirc Defense

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be3 Bg7 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 c6 7. O-O Nbd7 8. Re1 Ng4 9. Qd2 Nxe3 10. Qxe3 e5 11. Rad1 Nb6 12. dxe5 f5 13. Rxd6 Qe7 14. Qc5 fxe4 15. Nxe4 Nd7 16. Nf6+ Bxf6 17. exf6 Rxf6 18. Bc4+ Kf8 19. Rxf6+ Black resigns 1-0

Charles Haid (C) - Steve Statkiewicz (UNR), Round 6

Giouco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. c3 Nh6 5. d4 Bd6 6. O-O Na4 7. Bxh6 Nxc4 8. Bxg7 Rg8 9. Bxe5 Nxe5 10. dxe5 Bxe5 11. Nbd2 d6 12. Nc4 Qf6 13. Ne3 Bg4 14. Nxc4 Rxc4 15. Nxe5 Rxe4 16. Nf3 O-O-O 17. Re1 Rg4 18. Qd3 Rg7 19. Nd4 Qg5 20. Qf5+ Kb1 21. Qxf5 Rxf5 22. Re2 a6 23. Rae8 Kc8 24. Re8 h5 25. R1e7 Rxe8 26. Rxe8+ Kd7 27. Re4 f5 28. Rf4 h4 29. Rxf5 Rg4 30. g3 h3 31. Kf1 c5 32. Ne2 Kc6 33. f4 Rg7 34. Kf2 and White went on to win

Don Dorward (C) - Bill Salmon (E), Round 6

1. h3 b6 2. d3 Bb7 3. Nc3 e5 4. e4 Bc5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Be3 d6 7. d4 exd4 8. Bxd4 Nf6 9. Bb5 O-O 10. Bxc6 Bxc6 11. Bxc5 bxc5 12. Qd3 Re8 13. e5 dxe5 14. Rd1 Nd5 15. Qc4 Qf6 16. Nxd5 Qf5 17. Nxc7 Bxf3 18. gxf3 Qxf3 19. Kd2 Red1+ 20. Kc1 Rac8 21. Rxd8+ Rxd8 22. Rf1 h6 23. Qc3 Qg2 24. Rd1 Qg5+ 25. Rd2 Rd4 26. Qe3 Qg1+ White resigns

Dave Olson (D) - Mike Price (E), Round 6

English Opening

1. c4 f5 2. Nc3 e5 3. e4 Nf6 4. Qc2 fxe4 5. Nxe4 c6 6. Nf3 Nxe4 7. Qxe4 d6 8. d4 Nd7 9. Bf4 Nf6 10. Qe3 e4 11. O-O-O Be7 12. Ng5 d5 13. cxd5 cxd5 14. f3 h6 15. Nh3 Bxh3 16. gxh3 exf3 17. Bb5+ Kf7 18. Qxf3 Rc8+ 19. Kb1 Bd6 20. Be5 Qb6 21. Bxf6 Qxb5 22. Be5+ Ke7 23. Rde1 Bxe5 24. Rxe5+ Kd6 25. Qa3+ Kc7 26. Qe7+ Kb8 27. Qd6+ Rc7 28. Re7 Rbc8 29. Rc1 Qb6 30. Rexc7 Rxc7 31. Qd8+ Black resigns 1-0

Doug Lane Wins the Inaugural Action Chess Championship; Gary Hardin Sweeps the Quick Chess Title

Two other championships were decided over the weekend. On Saturday, the Quick Chess Championship was contested among 24 entries. Gary Hardin finished 4-0 and alone in first with final round victory against Markle Butcher for the G/10 Title. Gary came from an exchange down to earn the win. Doug Lane finished second with 3½. Donald Griffith, the 1994 QC Champ lost in the third round to Markle and ended up tied for third with Robert Canary and Markle.

Upsets abounded in the early rounds: Ed Garner losing to Tom LaBue and Jason Rihel; Jim Walker escaping with a draw against Jason in a lost position; John Dailey nicking Doug Lane for a draw.

On Sunday, the first Action Chess Championship with 24 entries was paired. Doug Lane and Mike Taylor played an exciting final round draw and tied for first. Doug Lane, a West Virginian who is serving in the military was awarded the trophy. The tie for third included Donald Griffith, Alvin Vavrek, Rick Shellenberger and Dave Olson. Again upsets were plentiful, for the travails of Jason "The Real Deal" Rihel please see the following story. In round 1, Gary Hardin was upset by unrated Jeff Cornett. Jeff ended the day with two points and a 1750 provisional rating. Dave Olson had a overwhelming game against Markle Butcher, but walked into mate. However, Dave recovered quickly, posting three consecutive wins. This included a pasting of John Dailey and upset over Jerry Skeen. The other key upset occurred in round 3, when Mike Taylor swept past Donald Griffith to earned the right to play Doug Lane for first. John Kay directed both these championship events.

Mike Taylor (B) - Doug Lane (X), Round 4, Action Tmry.
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Bg5 O-O 5. e3 d6
6. Nf3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 c6 8. O-O e5 9. Ne4 Qd7 10. Qc2
h6 11. Bh4 g5 12. Nfxg5 hxg5 13. Bxg5 d5 14. cxd5
cxd5 15. Nxf6+ Bxf6 16. Bh6 Bg7 17. Bh7+ Kh8
18. Bxg7+ Kxg7 19. dxe5 Qxe5 20. Qf5 Qxf5 21. Bxf5
Nf6 22. Bxc1 Raxc1 23. Rac1 Kg6 24. f3 Kf5 25. Kf7
Rc4 26. Rxc4 dxc4 27. Rd1 b5 28. g4+ Ke6 29. h4 b4
30. h5 Rc8 31. h6 c3 32. bxc3 bxc3 33. Ke2 Nd5 34. h7
c2 35. Rc1 Nf6 36. h8/Q Rxh8 37. Rxc2 Rh2+ 38. Kd3
Rxc2 39. Kxc2 Nd5 40. Kd2 Ke5 41. a3 Nb6 42. Kd3
Kd5 43. f4 Nd7 44. e4+Ke6 45. Kd4 Nf6 46. f5+ Ke7
47. g5 Nh7 48. g6 fxg6 49. fxg6 Nf6 50. g7 Ng8 51. Kc4
Kd7 52. Kb5 Kc7 53. Ka6 Kc6 54. Kxa7 Drawn

Dave Olson (D) - John Dailey (B), Round 3 Action Chess
English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 f5 3. e4 d6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Qc2 f4 6. d4

Nc6 7. dxe5 dxe5 8. Bd2 Nc5 9. O-O-O Qe7 10. Nd5
Nb4 11. Bxb4 Nxd5 12. Rxd5 Bd6 13. Bxd6 cxd6 14. c5
dxc5 15. Rxe5 Be6 16. Bc4 Black resigns

Which is the Real Rihel?

An Example of the Ying and Yang of Chess

By Jason Rihel

The most remarkable story of the 1995 WV State Chess Championships is not Andy Katz's 6-0 sweep over the field after a hiatus from the game or even the number of players vying for second place in the last round. To me, the most remarkable story was my own experience in the 1995 Wv Action Championships, held Sunday night. For those who have not yet heard, I beat John Roush (2178) in the first round and lost to Mike Price (982) in the third round. Here are the games:

Jason Rihel (C) - John Roush (X)

1995 WV Action Championships, Round 1
French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 *Ahh, the Exchange variation of the French Defense. I have had great success with this variation recently, including wins against Walker and roush, all within a week's time.*
4. Nf3 Bd6 5. Bd3 Bg4 6. Be3 Nf6 7. c3 Nbd7 8. Nbd2
c6 9. Qc2 h6 10. O-O-O Qc7 11. Rde1 O-O-O 12. h3
Bxf3 13. Nxf3 b5 14. b4 Nb6 15. Bf5+ Kb7 16. Ne5 Nc4
17. Nxc4 dxc4 18. Be4 Rhe8 19. Bf3 a5 20. a3 axb4
21. axb4 Ra8 22. Kb2 Qd7 23. Ra1 Qe7 24. Qf5 g6??
25. Qxb5+!! *and Black resigns in light of 26. Qxc6 followed by Rxa1 mate.*

Mike Price (E) - Jason Rihel (C)

1995 WV Action Chess Championships, Round 3
1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bg5 e6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Qd2 Ne4
6. Bxe7 Qxe7 7. Qd3 Nxc3 8. Qxc3 Nc6 9. e3 Qb4
10. Qxb4 Nxb4 11. Bd3 Bd7 12. a3 Nxd3 13. cxd3 Bb5
14. Rd1 Rc8 15. O-O O-O 16. Rfe1 c5 17. dxc5 Rxc5
18. d4 Rfc8????? *This deserves at least a trillion question marks, since the threat is obvious. After the text, I just had to pray that Mike assumed there was a very complicated trap involved of tha Randy Bierce's loud voice would detract Mike long enough for me to take the move back. 18. dxc5! No such luck. The game was soon won by White.*

So, which Rihel is real? Hopefully, I have finally grasped the complicated theme of pawn attacks against a major piece and will never repeat game number two.

Playing Thematic Chess by David Gundlach

This is a particularly instructive game because of the specific lessons that appear in it. Please note: 1) the detrimental effect of playing "automatic" and "reasonable moves, 2) the importance of playing thematically and avoiding dissipating one's forces through unthematic sorties, 3) the resilience that is inherent in a reasonably sound position, 4) the simple truth that the logic of chess can be unforgiving, and 5) the essential fact that opportunities missed rarely return, so it is crucial to seize them as soon as they appear.

Doug Lane (M) - Ed Garner (X)

1995 West Virginia Chess Championship, Round 4

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3

This is the Paulsen Variation of the Sicilian. White often aims at a kingside attack and seeks a long-term initiative by avoiding direct and immediate confrontation that could result in the exchange of pieces and a consequent reduction in the potency of the attack.

5...Nc6 6. Nb3 Nf6 7. Nc3 Qc7 Although this a standard move in this position, serious consideration should also be given to pushing the pawn to d5. Since White has chosen to disengage in the center in order to retain long-term kingside options, engagement in the center by Black is a logical response. While a player who must win at all costs might avoid immediate central engagement in order to enhance the imbalance of the position, this may risk defeat unnecessarily in a situation in which a draw could be considered an acceptable result.

8. Qe2 Be7 This is an entirely reasonable response. Yet, we have to ask if it takes the fullest advantage of every opportunity in the position. Perhaps, 8..Bb4 would set more problems for White. White's proposed strategy would then be in jeopardy as Black would participate more actively in deciding the strategic course of the game. If allowed, Black would seize the opportunity to initiate central action with an early d5 that would tend to squelch White's hope for : 1) central restriction and 2) kingside action.

9. Be3 O-O 10. f4 d6 Since White has launched his assault before castling, Black still has the chance to counter strongly in the center. A more active alternative to the text move that is certainly worthy of attention is 10...d5 (or a combination of Bb4 and d5). After 11. exd5 exd5, the center has opened so that White's kingside effort stalls while the action shifts to the center. Yes, it is true that Black will have an isolated queen pawn. However, before the endgame, God has placed the middlegame. The stymieing of White's initiative toward the kingside and the generation of active piece play for Black should offer a

favorable alternative to the more passive and personally dangerous continuation Black chose in the actual game.

If White would elect to try to retain greater chances for attacking the Black monarch by playing 11. e5, this would likely work to Black's advantage after 11...Nd7. His defensive resources appear fully adequate, and his counterattacking possibilities are at least as dangerous as White's offensive potential. This is all Black could ask from the opening, and it should cause him to weigh 10...d5 very seriously.

11. g4 b5 12. g5 Ne8 While this move enables the knight to participate in the direct defense of Black's king. I prefer 12...Nd7 by a wide margin. It would permit much more active counterplay and would allow the king rook to move if the Black monarch should turn out to need an escape route.

13. a3 The game is rapidly reaching the critical phase in which a single tempo could spell the difference between victory and defeat. Consequently, this move--which fails to offer any real restraint, fails to get White's king to safety or to connect his rooks, and fails to advance White's attack--must be elevated as an unnecessary loss of time. More to the point would be 13. Rg1.

13...Bb7 14. Rg1 g6 Although Black's desire to restrain White's advancing assault on his king is understandable, Black needs desperately to open the position and trade off as many of White's pieces as possible that might easily participate in any effort to overrun the Black king. If he can endanger the position of White's king in the process, that would offer an additional incentive. Since the text meets none of these goals, it cannot be the best in the position if any option that does not meet these criteria is available. Therefore, a move like 14...b4 commends itself to one's attention. After 15. axb4 Nxb4, the process of accomplishing these goals would have begun. A try like 15. Na4 would decentralize White's knight and allow 15...bxa3 under conditions favorable to Black.

After 14...b4, White might look to direct, sacrificial attack as his best hope, as in the following lines. Yet, the final variation seems to refute that decisively as a viable option. One example of the attack might be: 15. Qh5 bxc3 16. Rg3 cxb2 17. Rb1 g6 18. Qh6 Ng7 19. Rh3 Nh5 20. Rxb2 g5 21. e5 f5 22. gxf6 e.p. Bxf6 23. exf6 Rf7 24. Ke2 Raf8 (much better is 24...Kh8) 25. Rg1+ Kh8 26. Bxh7 and White wins handily. A variant of this line that fares no better is: 17...f5 18. exf5 Nd1 19. f6 Rxf6 20. Qxh7+ Kf8 21. Qh8+ Kf7 22. g6+ Rxg6 23. Bxg6+ Kf6 24. Qh4 mate (or, in this line, 19...Nxf6 20. gxf6 Qc3+ 21. Bd2 Qxf6 22. Bxf7+ Kh8 23. Bg6+ Kg8 24. Qh7 mate). However, Black appears to have fully

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adequate defensive resources and a won game after 15...f6
16. e5 f5 (not 16...g6 17. Bxg6 winning) 17. Bc4 Nd8
18. Rg3 g6 19. Qh6 Qxc4 20. Rh3 Rf7 21. exd6 Bxd6
22. Bd4 (threatening Qxg6+ and Rh8 mate) 22...e5
23. fxe5 Bf8 24. Qh4 bxc3 25. Rxc3 Qe6 and White's
attack has stalled in a hopeless position.

Finally, if Black prefers to try to maintain the balance as much as possible by responding directly to the threats around his king, 14...f6 appears to be another acceptable approach (although it, too, leads to sharply two-edged play).

15. f5 To be able to properly evaluate this move, we must begin by assessing the thematic elements of the position. Black has dark square weaknesses around his king that are not protected by his dark-squared bishop. White exercises considerable restriction throughout the center and kingside. He also has excellent prospects down the king rook file. Overall, his position is favorable--although not as overwhelming as it might appear at first glance. Black's position is resilient, and White remains uncastled in a situation where the center is still fluid. He cannot afford to do anything that compromises his central influence unless it leads to an immediate net gain. The text is clearly too committal in light of these considerations. It reduces the restrictive influence of White's central pawns and minor pieces and allows Black's knight to occupy far too important a square. This would only offer a viable option if the net gain were greater than the loss. It clearly is not.

Three better avenues for maintaining the initiative begin with the moves h4, Rg3, or Nd4. The point of 15. h4 is clearly to play h5 and pry open the king rook file. White would only exchange at g6 after doubling his queen and rook on the h-file so Black would have no time to defend with Rf7. White would have options to play his rook to the center or down the king rook file in the line beginning with 15. Rg3. The third variation, 15. Nd4, would be aimed at eliminating Black's knight at c6 so that White could exercise control of the dark squares around Black's king with his dark-squared bishop. It would also prevent Black from occupying e5 with his knight when the pawn push to f5 becomes appropriate because of the impetus it lends to White's kingside assault.

15...exf5 16. Nd5 Qd8 17. O-O-O Ne5 18. Bb6 Since White's hope lie on the kingside, this dissipation to the queenside cannot ultimately serve him well unless he can gain a tangible advantage from it. There is a military principle that one's forces should be concentrated to maximize their effectiveness and increase the chance for success. This is equally true in chess. Scattering the

pieces by forays to insignificant sectors of the board is just a step down the slippery slope to a loss.

18...Qd7 19. Rdf1 This is a serious error. He is trying to prevent the penetration of Black's light-squared bishop to f3 after White exchanges his knight for Black's dark-squared bishop and captures the pawn at f5. However, having overextended his forces previously, it is now time for White to try to consolidate and enter a position in which he should be able to preserve some drawing chances. The line could involve retreating his bishop to d4 and maintaining an active central control in partial compensation for the pawn.

For White to "go for broke" at this point is to make Black's game far easier than it has to be. This is the type of situation in which attitude can play a greater role than the actual position on the board.

19...Bxd5 20. exd5 Qb7 21. Bd4 It's too late now. It is instructive how unforgiving the cold logic of chess can be. The opportunity missed rarely returns. The game that was close a scant half dozen moves ago is now fully lost.

21...Qxd5 22. Bxf5 White would rather use what resources remain to him in the hope of a swindle than lie down passively for the *coup de gras*. This is undoubtedly the proper choice in circumstances this critical--although reaching this point was only accomplished by improper choices earlier. Black's play through the rest of the game provides a clear demonstration of the fundamental unsoundness of White's final effort (despite the pitfalls White offers for Black along the way).

22...gxf5 23. Rxf5 Ng7 24. Rf6 Ng6 25. Rxc6 fxc6 26. Qxe7 Nf5 27. Qe2 Nxd4 28. Nxd4 Qxd4 29. Qe6+ Rf7 30. Rd1 Qe5 31. Qh3 Re8 32. Kb1 Qxg5 33. Rxd6 Qf5 34. Qc3 Qf1+ The remaining moves (if there were any) were not recorded on the score sheet to which I had access, but the game resulted in a Black victory. Even the errors in this game contained instructive lessons. Black's passive play in the early stages led him to the brink of defeat, but his stubborn and resourceful defense enables him to capitalize on the situation when White dissipated his advantage. White was unable to muster the tenacity that Black displayed in difficult positions. The final result was as least as much a matter of psychology as chess-playing skill. This game is also notable for missed opportunities. Remember (as I stated in the chess workshop in Parkersburg this past summer): *It is crucial to evaluate what the theme of any position is and play according to its requirements. We must play the position before us. Preconceptions contain the seeds of defeat.*

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PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Andy Katz	WV	2037*x0	2107*m5	W-34	W-17	W-7	W-5	W-3	W-8	6.0
2	John Roush	WV	2138*m4	2123*m4	W-12	D-30	D-9	W-29	D-6	W-15	4.5
3	Ed Garner	WV	2070*x0	2072*x0	W-13	W-45	D-6	W-28	L-1	W-12	4.5
4	Gary Hardin	WV	2000*X5	2016*X5	W-39	W-10	D-28	D-8	W-11	D-5	4.5
5	Pat Kelly	OH	1922*A0	1968*A2	W-46	W-23	W-36	L-1	W-7	D-4	4.5
6	Randy Bierce	WV	1901*x4	1928*x4	W-35	W-31	D-3	H---	D-2	W-18	4.5
7	Mark Hathaway	WV	2148*X5	2118*X5	W-19	W-15	L-1	W-23	L-5	W-20	4.0
8	Don Griffith	WV	2100*X7	2100*X7	W-24	W-22	D-29	D-4	W-9	L-1	4.0
9	Jim Gikas	WV	1851*A7	1864*A7	W-52	W-44	D-2	H---	L-8	W-23	4.0
10	Joe Ancrile	WV	1602*b7	1620*b7	W-50	L-4	H---	W-32	D-22	W-24	4.0
11	Tim Goan	WV	1560*b4	1616*b6	L-28	W-52	W-33	W-30	L-4	W-22	4.0
12	Jason Rihel	WV	1555*C7	1608*b7	L-2	W-25	W-43	W-16	W-14	L-3	4.0
13	Brock Snyder	OH	1454*D7	1497*c7	L-3	W-50	L-22	W-26	W-38	W-30	4.0
14	Rick Shellenberger	OH	1750*A5	1728*A5	W-25	L-36	D-19	W-21	L-12	W-34	3.5
15	Mike Richardson	WV	1750*A5	1754*A5	W-47	L-7	W-32	D-31	W-17	L-2	3.5
16	Markle Butcher	WV	1719*B6	1684*B6	D-32	W-43	D-30	L-12	D-34	W-31	3.5
17	Mike Baker	WV	1667*B4	1655*B4	W-27	L-1	W-39	D-24	L-15	W-35	3.5
18	John Dailey	WV	1641*B4	1655*B4	W-26	L-28	H---	W-35	W-19	L-6	3.5
19	Aaron Richardson	WV	1568*C7	1579*C7	L-7	W-47	D-14	W-41	L-18	W-32	3.5
20	Allen Farley	WV	1475*c2	1529*c7	L-36	W-48	W-45	D-22	W-31	L-7	3.5
21	Charles Haid	WV	1461*c9	1465*c9	H---	L-32	W-46	L-14	W-33	W-44	3.5
22	Ray Spring	OH	1656*b0	1633*b0	W-49	L-8	W-13	D-20	D-10	L-11	3.0
23	Richard Sheppard	WV	1584*C2	1589*C2	W-41	L-5	W-38	L-7	W-39	L-9	3.0
24	Tom LaBue	WV	1463*C2	1499*C2	L-8	W-26	W-37	D-17	D-30	L-10	3.0
25	Dave Olson	WV	1386*E9	1379*E9	L-14	L-12	W-49	L-37	W-43	W-41	3.0
26	Matt Hill	OH	1220*d5	1233*d5	L-18	L-24	W-40	L-13	W-49	W-42	3.0
27	Bill Salmon	WV	1179*d0	1225*d2	L-17	L-35	W-48	L-38	W-47	W-39	3.0
28	Doug Lane	AZ	2191*M4	2171*M4	W-11	W-18	D-4	L-3	U---	U---	2.5
29	Dave Rutherford	OH	1924*A7	1930*A7	W-38	W-37	D-8	L-2	U---	U---	2.5
30	Mike Taylor	OH	1777*B2	1727*B2	W-33	D-2	D-16	L-11	D-24	L-13	2.5
31	Scott Antes	WV	1577 / 08	1542 / 14	W-42	L-6	W-44	D-15	L-20	L-16	2.5
32	Matt Ellison	WV	1402*D7	1415*D7	D-16	W-21	L-15	L-10	W-46	L-19	2.5
33	Galen Miller	WV	1373*D2	1367*D2	L-30	X---	L-11	D-45	L-21	W-46	2.5
34	Bob Shock	WV	1352*D2	1368*D2	L-1	W-49	H---	H---	D-16	L-14	2.5
35	Nathan Gundlach	OH	Unrated	1378 / 05	L-6	W-27	H---	L-18	W-42	L-17	2.5
36	Eliot Jacobson	OH	2138*x9	2123*x9	W-20	W-14	L-5	U---	U---	U---	2.0
37	Ron McGuire	OH	1603*C0	1585*C0	W-40	L-29	L-24	W-25	U---	U---	2.0
38	Bob McLearn	WV	1403*c7	1400*c7	L-29	W-40	L-23	W-27	L-13	U---	2.0
39	Don Dorward	OH	1402 / 11	1363 / 17	L-4	W-42	L-17	W-50	L-23	L-27	2.0
40	Shawn Stokes	OH	1070 / 07	1092 / 13	L-37	L-38	L-26	L-42	W-48	W-49	2.0
41	Mike Price	WV	1048*e2	1044*e2	L-23	D-46	X---	L-19	H---	L-25	2.0
42	Grant Burrier	OH	900* 0	914* 0	L-31	L-39	B---	W-40	L-35	L-26	2.0
43	Micah Cartwright	OH	761* 0	783* 0	B---	L-16	L-12	L-46	L-25	W-50	2.0
44	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	Unrated	1352 / 06	W-51	L-9	L-31	L-49	W-50	L-21	2.0
45	Jerry Gogol	WV	1663*b0	1628*b0	W-48	L-3	L-20	D-33	U---	U---	1.5
46	Joe Meadows	WV	Unrated	1128 / 06	L-5	D-41	L-21	W-43	L-32	L-33	1.5
47	Jimi Kimble	WV	1337*d2	1291*d2	L-15	L-19	L-50	W-48	L-27	U---	1.0
48	Chris Burkhammer	WV	1212*E0	1155*E0	L-45	L-20	L-27	L-47	L-40	B---	1.0
49	Tim Cross	WV	1180*e2	1151*e2	L-22	L-13	W-47	L-39	L-44	L-43	1.0
50	Pete Mauk	WV	1112* 0	1090* 0	L-10	L-13	W-47	L-39	L-44	L-43	1.0
51	Edward Shade	WV	1764*b0	1735*b0	L-44	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
52	James Schultz	OH	1341 / 09	1334 / 11	L-9	L-11	F---	U---	U---	U---	0.0