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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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## John Roush Wins the 1996 Charleston Club Championship

John Roush finished an eye-popping 10½ -½ to capture the 1996 Charleston Chess Club Championship. Wins over Jim Walker and David Michael and a draw with the 1995 Champ Donald Griffith propelled John to the title. Donald finished second with 10 points. Scott Carmichael ended up with third place.

John annotates three of the more interesting games he contested during this event.

John Roush (X) - Donald Griffith (X)  
Sicilian Defense, Yugoslav Dragon

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6  
6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O 9. Bc4 *Of course adopting this line against a Dragon fanatic is akin to madness. Nevertheless, I was interested in giving it a try.* 9...Bd7 10. O-O-O Rc8 11. Bb3 Ne5 12. h4 Nc4 *Griffith usually plays the Soltis Variation (12...h5), but this older move did not really come as a surprise.* 13. Bxc4 Rxc4 14. h5 Nxh5 15. g4 Nf6 16. Kb1 Re8 17. Nb3 *Sapi & Schneider give 17. Nd5 as better in "Sicilian Dragon Yugoslav 9.Bc4" [1989]. However, seven years is an eternity in Dragon theory. Heaven only knows what theory has to say about this mess now.* 17...a5 18. e5 Nxg4 18...dxe5? 19. g5 Nh5 20. Qxd7± 19. fxe4 Bxg4 20. Rdg1 h5 *This game finally leaves theory [circa 1989]. Sapi & Schneider give 20...a4 21. Nd4 dxe5 22. Rxe4 exd4 23. Qh2 h5 with a big advantage to Black. This looks right to me.* 24. Bxd4 Rxd4! (24...Bxd4 25. Qxh5 isn't as clear.) and 24. Bh6 dxc3! 25. Rxc4 Bxh6 both favor Black greatly. However, Griffith's move also leads to a Black advantage! In fact, this whole line seems to favor Black. White needs to go back to move 16 and look at the alternatives if this particular subvariant is to stay alive. 21. Nd5 *The idea of this move was to play Bb6 and Bxa5 or Nxa5 at some point in the near future. With this pawn gone, I should be able to protect my king with my minor pieces. Then, all I would need to*

*worry about would be how to stop the wave of kingside pawns in the ending! 21...Bxe5 22. Bb6 Qd7 23. Rc1 In anticipation of Rec8 and Bf5. 23...Rec8 24. Nxa5 Re4 25. Nb3 Re2 26. Qg5 My first threat to Black's kingside since move 15 or so! Don't be fooled, Black still has a tremendous advantage. 26...Bg7 27. Rhe1 This is an attempt against the threat of 27...Re5 winning the knight at d5. I missed Black's next move, but 27. Rhe1 may be the best I have anyway. The alternatives also favor Black: 27. Bd4 Bxd4 28. Nxd4 Re5 and 27. Be3 Bf5! 28. Nb6 Rxc2! 29. Nxd7? Rxb2+ 30. Ka1 Rxa2+ 31. Kb1 Reb2 mate. 27...R8xc2! 28. Rxe2 Rxe2 With four pawns for the piece, a raging attack against the White king, and an extremely safe and snug Black king, it can be safely said that Black enjoys a won game at this point. 29. Nc3 Bf6 30. Qf4 Qf5+ 31. Qxf5 Bxf5+ 32. Ka1 Rg2 33. Nd4 Bd7 It is hard to quarrel with this move, but I would be tempted to press forward with 33...h4 34. Nxf5 gxf5 35. Rh1 Kg7 with the idea of Kg6-g5 followed by pushing the f-pawn and Bxc3 at the appropriate moment. 34. Nd5 Bxd4 35. Bxd4 Rd2? Now, Griffith begins to fumble away his advantage. 35...Kf8 36. Kc7 Bc6 is a winner. If White opts to play Rc7, then Bc6 and a judicious advance of his pawns should win easily for Black. 36. Nxe7+ Kf8 37. Bf6 Rf2 38. Bh4 Rd2 39. b3 Kg7 40. Rc7 Be6 41. Rxb7 d5 42. Nc6 d4 43. Nd8 Re2 44. Nxe6+ Rxe6 45. Rd7 One of the problems with sudden death time limits is that often the last 20 or 30 moves are not recorded because both players are down to less than five minutes for the game. Such is the case in this game. My scoresheet stops here and I believe Donald got only a few more moves written down before he also went into blitz mode. With the d-pawn doomed (if 45...Re4 46. Bf2), the question is can Black push his kingside pawns fast and far enough to make up for his material deficit. My intuition indicates the answer is no, but I'm not a good judge of such things.*

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## *Upcoming Events in the West Virginia Area*

### **May 4, 1996 Parkersburg May Open**

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W

Site: Stables Motor Lodge, US 50 Parkersburg, WV

EF: \$12 by 4/30/96, \$15 at site

Prizes: b/entries

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

Entries to: Pat Kelly, 104 Iroquois St.,

Marietta, OH 45750 (614) 374-0538

### **May 18, 1996 Charleston Open**

4-SS, G/80, WV Grand Prix

Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse

5101 West Washington St., Cross Lanes, WV 25313

EF: \$18, \$9 for U18, \$3 off for Charleston CC members.

Prizes: b/entries

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

Entries to: Donald Griffith, 2718 Lakeview Drive

St. Albans, WV 25177 (304) 727-5009

### **May 18, 1996 Marshall Co. Summer Tornado**

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, NC, W

Site: Sherrard Jr High School

Rt. 88, Sherrard, WV

EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at site, \$5 Jr High Entry.

Prizes: b/35, \$100-\$50, A,B,C,D/E/Unr \$50

Reg: 8:30 - 9:45am Rounds: 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone

Moundsville, WV 26041 (304) 845-6744

### **June 1, 1996 Summer Quads**

3-RR, G/80, NS, NC, W

Site: Stables Motor Lodge, US 50 Parkersburg, WV

EF: \$12 by 5/30/96, \$15 at site

Prizes: b/entries

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

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

Elizabeth, WV (304) 275-3689

### **June 23, 1996 Tug Valley Chess Club Open**

4-SS, G/60, NS, NC, W

Site: Belfry Branch Library, US Rt. 119 Belfry, Ky

EF: \$17 by 6/14/96, \$20 at site, \$17 TVCC members

Prizes: b/20 \$310, \$120-\$70-\$40, U1600, U1400 \$40

Reg: 9:00-9:45am Rounds: 10:00-

Entries to: Tim Goan, 841 Moore Street

Williamson, WV 25661 (304) 235-2995

### **July 6, 1996 Parkersburg July Open**

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix

Site: Stables Motor Lodge, US 50 Parkersburg, WV

EF: \$12 by 7/2/96, \$15 at site

Prizes: b/entries

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

Entries to: Pat Kelly, 104 Iroquois St.,

Marietta, OH 45750 (614) 374-0538

### **July 20, 1996 Fairmont Summer Open**

4-SS, G/80, WV Grand Prix, W, NS, NC

Site: Middletown Mall

I-79 and US250, Exit 132, Fairmont, WV 26554

EF: \$15 WVCA, OSA, U18; \$20, otherwise

Prizes: b/entries

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

Entries to: Tom LaBue, Rt. 3, Box 372

Buckhannon, WV 26201 (304) 472-1682

### **August 17, 1996 Parkersburg Homecoming**

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, W, NS, NC

Site: Stables Motor Lodge, US 50 Parkersburg, WV

Separate Unrated Tournament

EF: \$12 by 8/13/96, \$15 at site

Prizes: b/entries

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

Entries to: Pat Kelly, 104 Iroquois St.,

Marietta, OH 45750 (614) 374-0538

### **August 31-September 2 1996 West Virginia State**

**Championship: 6-SS, 30/90, SD/60, WV Grand Prix**

Site: Holiday Inn - Parkersburg, I-77(Exit 176) and US 50

For more info: Ohio Chess Projects, P.O. Box 151,

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## Thematic Chess by David Gundlach

Ray Spring (B) - Bob McLear (C)

Parkersburg Club Championship

Notes by David Gundlach

**1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nc6** Since White's last move did not place direct pressure on the Black position, a more active attempt to wrest initiative from White would have been **2...Nf6**. Black's sound, but passive, approach allows White much greater latitude in his options. **3. Nf3** This move returns the game to the more common types of King pawn openings. Alternatives along the lines of **3. f4** would have been entirely appropriate after Black's preceding move. **3...d6** The development of a piece by **3...Nf6** or **3...Bc5** involves a more active approach to the position and retains more options. **4. O-O h6** Too many pawn moves! Better would be **4...Bg4** to restrict the White forces. After **5. h3 Bh5**, White's advantage in development becomes less critical. **5. Nc3 Nf6 5...Bg4** would still work better to restrict White and disrupt his efforts at easy development. **6. h3 Na5** This move violates two major principles: it moves a piece twice in the opening, and it places a knight on the rim. **7. Be2 Be6 8. d3** With Black unable to castle for at least two moves, with White ahead in development, and with the Black pieces largely uncoordinated, White must have a distinct advantage. The question, then, is how to exploit this advantage since it is of a temporary nature. With time the essential element in this advantage, White must strike immediately to open the position, or the advantage will be lost. Therefore, **8. d4** had to be the correct move in this position. It threatens to win the king pawn; it expands the center; it makes White's remaining pieces available for development; and it makes Black's lack of development all the more critical. **8...Qd7** A better alternative would be **8...c5** to slow any central expansion by White. **9. Bd2** Creating a veiled threat against Black's knight at a5. Yet, this cannot be right because you should never force your opponent to make a good move. Further, d2 is not where White's dark-squared bishop belongs. Even now, pushing the pawn to d4 would have been superior. **9...Nc6 10. Be3 Nh5** Missing both tactical and strategic points. Since White threatens to gain excellent prospects through playing his pawn to d4, it appears that Black's best chance lies in **10...d5**. This would open the position before Black is fully prepared to do so, but it threatens clarifications that would relieve him of some of his defensive burden. **11. Nh2** An oversight. Of course, **11. Nxe5** would have won a pawn and exchanged temporary advantage in time for a permanent advantage in material. **11...Nf6** It is essential

for Black to play **11...Bf4**. The text is simply a loss of time. **12. Nf3** Failing to take advantage of Black's error. More to the point would have been **12. f4**, pressing the issue and gaining an effective initiative. **12...g5** Although it is true that the central break with **12...d5** is theoretically much more accurate, this response has the merit of requiring sharp, thematic play by White if the deficiencies of Black's 12th turn are to be demonstrated. If White vacillates, he will find his hesitation to be a luxury he cannot afford in a position becoming critical so rapidly. **13. Nh2** Wing attacks normally require a central reply. This uncertain move is exactly the kind of response for which Black hoped. With **13. d4**, the lack of preparation of Black's wing attack would have been demonstrated, and White would have been in the driver's seat. **13...d5** Good! With White wasting time on the flank, Black gains space in the center and clarifies the situation before concentrating on the wing. **14. exd5 Nxd5 15. Ne4** White is oblivious to the fact that Black is rapidly gaining the upper hand. White's cause would be better served by trading a set of pieces to reduce the threat of Black's impending attack on his king and then carefully creating counterplay against Black's prospective king placement in the lines most dangerous to White. A variation like **15. Nxd5 Bxd5 16. c3 O-O-O 17. Qa4** would offer White much better prospects than in the actual game continuation. **15...O-O-O** After this thematic rejoinder, White is probably fully lost. **16. Bd2 f5 17. Ng3 Bf4** Bringing the final pieces into the attack by **17...Bc5** or **Bd6** seems to precipitate even more certain catastrophe for White on the kingside. **18. Bxf4 exf4 19. Nh1 19. Nh5** may impede the attack more effectively and would offer greater hope. **19...Rg8** Since this piece is already on the kingside, it looks unlikely that this is the piece that needs to be moved to enhance its effectiveness and strengthen the attack. **19...Nd4** (before White prevents it by c3) seems a more appropriate candidate. This would enable a piece from the queenside to exert influence through the center and kingside. The threat to create a sweeping bishop pair against a cramped set of knights also looks highly favorable. **20. Bf3** For better or worse, White had to try **20. c3. 20...Bd5** Although the text worked out perfectly in the game, I prefer **20...Nd4**. **21. Bxd5 21. Re1** looks better than centralizing Black's queen. **21...Qxd5 22. Qf3 22. Re1** still makes a better impression. **23...Nd4 24. Qxd5** We all make mistakes.. Black is won in any case. **24...Ne2** mate.

## Dennis Funkhouser Outlasts All at 1996 Cross Lanes Open

Dennis Funkhouser's final round victory over brother Byron coupled with the draw between the other 3-0 competitors, Jim Walker and Tim Jenkins, enabled Dennis to take the 1996 Cross Lanes Open title. This tournament was filled with upsets, as five of the top nine on the wallchart had been upset by the end of Round two, including John Roush, Jerry Skeen and Gary Morris. Kevis Nestor, a class E player, scored two of the upsets; he knocked off Tim Goan in the first round and Gary Morris in round two.

Thirty-six entries, almost double last year's twenty, took part in the Cross Lanes Open. Donald Griffith directed this event, hosted by the Charleston Chess Club.

Steve Sutherland (D) - Byron Funkhouser (A), Round 1  
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. g3 Ngf6  
6. Nc3 b6 7. Bg2 Bb7 8. O-O c5 9. d3 h6 10. Be3 a6  
11. a3 e5 12. Qe2 Be7 13. Nh4 Bxg2 14. Nxc2 O-O  
15. f4 Qc7 16. Bd2 Bd6 17. Ne4 Nxe4 18. Qxe4 exf4  
19. Nxf4 Rae8 20. Qf3 Ne5 21. Qg2 Qc6 22. Nd5 b5  
23. Bf4 Qa8 24. c3 Re6 25. d4 cxd4 26. cxd4 Ng6  
27. Bd2 Ne7 28. Nxe7+ Bxe7 29. Qxa8 Rxa8 30. Rad1  
Rd8 31. Bc3 Bf6 32. Rd3 Red6 33. Rfd1 Rd5 34. b4  
Rc8 35. Bb2 Rc2 36. Bc3 Ra2 37. Ba1 Rf5 38. R3d2  
Rxa3 39. Rf2 Rxf2 40. Kxf2 Rxa1 41. White resigns

Kevin Nestor (E) - Tim Goan (B), Round 1  
King's Indian Defense

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. b3 Bg7 4. Bb2 d6 5. e4 Nxe4  
6. Qc2 Nf6 7. O-O-O O-O 8. d4 Bh6+ 9. Kb1 Bf5  
10. Bd3 Bxd3 11. Rxd3 Nc6 12. Ba3 Rb8 13. d5 Ne5  
14. Rh3 Bg7 15. f4 Neg4 16. Nf3 a6 17. Nd4 Nh5  
18. Qe2 Bxd4 19. Qxg4 Nf6 20. Qg3 b5 21. cxb5 axb5  
22. Ne2 Ne4?? 23. Qh4 h5 24. Nxd4 b4 25. Bb2 c5  
26. Nc6 Qb6 27. Nxb8 Rxb8 28. Qxe7 Nc3+ 29. Rxc3  
bxc3 30. Bxc3 Qd8 31. Rhe1 Qxe7 32. Rxe7 Kf8  
33. Ra7 c4 34. b4 Rb5 35. Rc7 Rxd5 36. Rxc4 Ke7  
37. Rd4 Rc5 and Black promptly resigned

John Roush (X) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 2  
English Opening, Keres Defense

1. c4 e5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c6 4. d4 e4 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Bg5  
d5 7. cxd5 cxd5 8. d3 Be6 9. Nbd2 O-O 10. O-O Nc6  
11. f3 Be7 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. fxe5 Ne7 14. e5 Bg5  
15. Nf4 Nf5 16. Qd3 Ne7 17. Rf2 Qd7 18. Raf1 Rad8  
19. Rc1 a6 20. Qd1 Rc8 21. e4 dxe4 22. Bxe4 Rc4  
23. Rd2 Bg4 24. e6 Bxd1 25. exd7 Bg4 26. Bxb7 Bxd7  
27. Bxa6 Rb4 28. a3 Rb6 29. Be2 Ng6 30. Ncd5 Rd6

31. h4 Bh6 32. Nxc6 hxc6 33. Nf4 g5 34. hxc5 Bxc5  
35. Rc5 Bf6 36. d5 Rb8 37. b4 Ra8 38. Ra5 Rxa5  
39. bxa5 Bc3 40. Rd1 Bxa5 41. Bf3 g6 42. Kg2 Bb6  
43. Nd3 f6 44. Nf2 f5 45. Nd3 Kg7 46. Ne5 Bc5 47. Rc1  
Bd4 48. Nc4 Ra3 49. Rb1 Kf6 50. Rb7 Ra7 51. Rxa7  
Bxa7 52. Bd1 Bc5 53. a4 g5 54. Bb3 g4 55. fxc4 fxc4  
*The game score ended here. White was in serious time  
trouble and Black had about ten minutes left. In fact,  
White had already offered a draw, which was refused.  
Black was able to walk his king up to his passed pawn,  
and force White's king to the back row with some bishop  
checks. Even though White traded his a-pawn for  
Black's dark squared bishop, Black queened the f-pawn  
and won soon after.*

Christopher Phillips (UNR) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 2  
Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Be3 e6 5. c4 Nge7  
6. Nc3 d5 7. e5 Nf5 8. Bd3 Nxe3 9. fxe3 dxc4 10. Bxc4  
Ne7 11. O-O Nd5 12. Bxd5 exd5 13. Qb3 c6 14. e4 O-O  
15. Rac1 dxe4 16. Nxe4 Bf5 17. Nd6 Bg4 18. Rc3 Bxf3  
19. Rxcxf3 h5 20. Rxf7 Rxf7 21. Rxf7 Kh7 22. Qxb7 Qg8  
23. Rxc7+ Qxc7 24. Qxa8 Kh6 25. Qxc6 Qf8 26. Qc1+  
g5 27. Qf1 Qb8 28. Qf6+ Kh7 29. Qf7+ Kh8 30. Ne8  
Black resigns

David Hundley (C) - Walter Rueckert (B), Round 2  
Caro-Kann Defense, Two Knights Variation

1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Nc3 Bg4 4. h3 Bxf3 5. Qxf3 e6  
6. e5 Nd7 7. d4 Bb4 8. Bd2 Ne7 9. a3 Bxc3 10. Qxc3  
Qb6 11. Be2 Nf5 12. Be3 Nxe3 13. fxe3 c5 14. O-O  
cxd4 15. exd4 Nxe5 16. Bxb5+ Nc6 17. a4 Qc7 18. Qc5  
a6 19. Bd3 g6 20. Rf6 Rc8 21. Raf1 Rf8 22. Rxe6+ Ne7  
23. Rxe7+ Qxe7 24. Qxc8+ Qd8 25. Re1++ mate

Gary Morris (B) - Kevin Nestor (E), Round 2  
Dutch Defense

1. d4 f5 2. c4 e6 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 c5 5. d5 e5 6. Nc3 d6  
7. Bg5 Nbd7 8. Qc2 Nb6 9. b3 h6 10. Bxf6 Qxf6 11. e3  
Be7 12. Nge2 Bd7 13. a4 a5 14. Nb5 Bxb5 15. axb5  
Nd7 16. O-O b6 17. Bh3 g6 18. Kh1 h5 19. Ra2 Bf8  
20. Qd2 h4 21. g4 fxg4 22. Bxg4 h3 23. f4 O-O-O  
24. R2a1 Qh4 25. Bxd7 Rxd7 26. Qe1 Qg4 27. Qg3  
Qxe2 28. fxe5 dxe5 29. Qxg6 Bh6 30. Qc6+ Kb8  
31. Rg1 Qf3+ 32. White resigns

Steve Sutherland (D) - Aaron Richardson (B), Round 3  
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. exd5 exd5 5. d4 Nc6  
6. g3 Bf5 7. Bg2 Nb4 8. O-O Nxc2 9. Nh4 Nxa1

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10. Nxf5 Qd7 11. Re1+ Kd8 12. Ne3 c6 13. Bd2 Bd6  
14. Qxa1 Kc7 15. Qc1 a6 16. Ncxd5+ Nxd5 17. Nxd5+  
Kb8 18. Nb6 Qg4 19. Re4 Qg6 20. Nxa8 Kxa8 21. Bf4  
h5 22. h4 f5 23. Re2 Black resigns

Walter Rueckert (B) - David Olson (C), Round 3  
Bird's Opening

1. f4 d5 2. b3 e6 3. Nf3 Bd6 4. e3 Nf6 5. Bb2 Nbd7  
6. Be2 c6 7. O-O Qc7 8. c4 e5 9. fxe5 Nxe5 10. Nxe5  
Bxe5 11. Bxe5 Qxe5 12. Nc3 d4 13. exd4 Qxd4+  
14. Kh1 Ng4 15. Bxg4 Bxg4 16. Qe1+ Be6 17. Ne2 Qe5  
18. d4 Qd6 19. Nf4 O-O 20. Rd1 Rfc8 21. c5 Qc7  
22. Qe5 Qxe5 23. dxe5 Bg4 24. Rde1 Rad8 25. h3 Bc8  
26. Re3 Rd2 27. a3 Rc2 28. b4 Be6 29. Rd1 Bc4  
30. Rde1 Rd8 31. e6 fxe6 32. Nxe6 Bxe6 33. Rxe6 R8d2  
34. Re8+ Kf7 35. R8e7+ Kf6 36. R7e6+ Kf5 37. R6e5+  
Kf6 38. Re6+ Kf5 39. R6e5+ Drawn

David Hundley (C) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 3  
Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 c5 4. Nc3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nc6

6. Be3 a6 7. Nce2 Nf6 8. Ng3 O-O 9. e3 d6 10. h3 Nxd4  
11. Bxd4 d5 12. e5 Ne4 13. Nxe4 dxe4 14. Bc4 b5  
15. Be2 Bb7 16. O-O Qc7 17. f4 exf3 e.p. 18. Bxf3 Bxf3  
19. Qxf3 Bxe5 20. Rad1 Bxd4 21. Rxd4 e5 22. Rd5  
Rae8 23. Qf6 Re6 24. Qf2 e4 25. Qe3 f5 26. Qd4 Qb6  
27. Rc5 Rd8 28. Rd1 Rxd4 29. Rc8+ Rd8+ 30. Rd4  
Qxd4+ 31. Kh2 Rxc8 32. cxd4 Rc7 33. Kg3 e3 34. d5  
Re4 35. d6 e2 36. d7 e1/Q+ 37. Kh2 Rxg2+ 38. Kxg2  
Re2+ 39. Kf3 Qf2++ mate

Jim Walker (X) - Tim Jenkins (A), Round 4  
Gruenfeld Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. g3 d5 5. cxd5 Nxd5  
6. Bg2 Nxc3 7. bxc3 O-O 8. Nf3 c5 9. O-O cxd4  
10. cxd4 Nc6 11. e3 Bg4 12. Rb1 b6 13. Ba3 Re8  
14. Rc1 Rc8 15. h3 Bf5 16. d5 Na5 17. Nd4 Rxc1  
18. Bxc1 Qc8 19. Nxf5 Qxf5 20. g4 Qd7 21. Qd3 Rc8  
22. Bd2 Nb7 23. Qa3 Nc5 24. Rc1 a5 25. Bxa5 Ra8  
26. Rxc5 bxc5 *After a time scramble, this game was  
drawn. Each side had a queen and three pawns  
remaining on the board. Drawn*

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Dennis Funkhouser	WV	2103*X0	2110*X0	W-13	W-32	W-12	W-5	4.0
2	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2100*M5	W-27	W-14	W-7	D-3	3.5
3	Tim Jenkins	KY	1819*B4	1838*B4	W-18	W-8	W-16	D-2	3.5
4	John Roush	WV	2117*m4	2100*m4	W-15	L-7	W-17	W-14	3.0
5	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1812*a7	1811*a7	W-19	W-26	W-21	L-1	3.0
6	Jerry Skeen	WV	1738*a5	1722*a5	W-20	L-12	W-15	W-16	3.0
7	Tom LaBue	WV	1503*C2	1542*b5	W-22	W-4	L-2	W-18	3.0
8	Duane Hosom	KY	1496*0	1505*c2	W-34	L-3	W-28	W-19	3.0
9	Gary Morris	WV	1642*b2	1614*b2	H-	L-21	W-23	W-24	2.5
10	Tim Goan	WV	1612*b6	1584*b6	L-21	W-24	W-27	D-12	2.5
11	Walter Rueckert	WV	1611*C0	1583*C0	W-28	L-16	D-13	W-21	2.5
12	Christopher Phillips	WV	1474*D0	1506*D5	W-23	W-6	L-1	D-10	2.5
13	David Olson	WV	1441*b5	1453*b5	L-1	W-33	D-11	W-25	2.5
14	Charles Haid	WV	1463*c9	1469*c9	W-30	L-2	W-20	L-4	2.0
15	George Mullins	WV	1401*c7	1406*c7	L-4	W-25	L-6	W-28	2.0
16	David Hundley	WV	1401*c0	1420*c0	W-31	W-11	L-3	L-6	2.0
17	Gilbert Stone	WV	1342*D7	1347*D7	H-	H-	L-4	W-29	2.0
18	Dewey Chaney	WV	1291*E9	1301*E9	L-3	W-34	W-26	L-7	2.0
19	Steve Sutherland	WV	1287/07	1351/11	L-5	W-22	W-32	L-8	2.0
20	Bill Salmon	WV	1226*d2	1239*d2	L-6	W-30	L-14	W-26	2.0
21	Kevin Nestor	WV	1127*e0	1184*D5	W-10	W-9	L-5	L-11	2.0
22	Travis Martin	WV	899/04	1031/08	L-7	L-19	W-30	W-33	2.0
23	Joel Corum	WV	754/04	979/08	L-12	W-35	L-9	W-27	2.0
24	Alan Smith	WV	1125/13	1142/17	D-25	L-10	W-34	L-9	1.5
25	Mike Price	WV	1046*E5	1057*E5	D-24	L-15	W-33	L-13	1.5
26	Randall Kirk	WV	1433/04	1294/08	W-29	L-5	L-18	L-20	1.0
27	Jason Mullins	WV	1347*D5	1318*D5	L-2	W-29	L-10	L-23	1.0
28	Michael Kirk	NC	1155/04	1160/08	L-11	W-31	L-8	L-15	1.0
29	Dylan Rhett	WV	1108/08	1083/12	L-26	L-27	W-31	L-17	1.0
30	Jimmy Caudill	KY	850/04	848/07	L-14	L-20	L-22	B-	1.0
31	Senan Mashat	WV	Unrated	938/04	L-16	L-28	L-29	W-34	1.0
32	Aaron Richardson	WV	1650*b4	1622*b4	W-33	L-1	L-19	U-	1.0
33	Joe Meadows	WV	1128/06	1020/10	L-32	L-13	L-25	L-22	0.0
34	Crystal Eskew	WV	934/08	896/12	L-8	L-18	L-24	L-31	0.0
35	Isa Ralston-Fore	WV	Unrated	579/01	F-	L-23	U-	U-	0.0

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*I can't reconstruct the ensuing moves, but I can tell you that Black misplayed the ending (serious time pressure) and allowed White to win the d-pawn, win one of the other kingside pawns, and trade the bishop for the other two. This led to a position that should have been an easy White win. However, White misplayed it from that point allowing Griffith to win the a-pawn, trade rooks and reach a drawn King and b-pawn vs. King ending. Drawn*

David Olson (C) - John Roush (X)  
English Opening

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 d6 4. Bg2 e5 5. Nf3 f5 6. d3 Nf6 7. O-O O-O 8. Qc2?! Nh5?! The players trade inaccuracies! The White queen doesn't really belong at c2 where it can be hit by ...Nd4 at some point. 8. Bd2 or 8. Rb1 with Bd2 to follow is better. Given 8. Qc2, Black should have played 8...Nc6 to threaten ...Nd4 if the White knight at f3 moves. After 8...Nc6 9. Rb1 a5 10. a3 Nh5, we have a typical English position with Black in a little better position than usual because of the misplaced queen. Another point worthy of consideration is that the presence of the queen at c2 inhibits the maneuver Nf3-e1-c2, which is common in these positions. 8...Nh5?! is premature because of White's next move. 9. Bg5! Bf6 10. Bxf6 10. Bh6 would have been awkward for me as I was definitely playing to win. If 10...Bg7 11. Bg5! poses the same question proposed at move 9. If 11...Nf6 12. Nd5 Nbd7 13. Nxf6+ Nxf6 14. Bxf6 Bxf6 15. Rb1 with a slight edge to White. 10...Rxf6!? 11. d4 11. Nd5 looks good too. 11...e4 12. Nd2 c6 13. d5! Nbd7 14. Ndx4! Not necessary, but certainly exciting! 14...fxe4 15. Nxe4 Ne5 15...Rf8 16. dxc6 bxc6 17. Nxd6 looks close to winning for White. 16. Nxf6+ Qxf6 17. dxc6 bxc6 18. f4 Ng4 19. Bxc6 Qd4+ 19...Be6 20. Qc3 virtually forces the trade of queens, which I viewed as favorable for White even if his c-pawns were doubled in the process. Black is definitely attempting to fish in troubled waters at this point. 20. Kh1 Rb8 21. Qc3! Qf6 If the queen trade must happen, I preferred to bring my knight at h5 into play rather than double the c-pawns. 22. Qxf6 Nhx6 23. b3 Ne3 24. Rf3 Nc2 25. Rd1 Bg4 Black continues to create as much havoc as possible. 26. Rc3 Nb4 27. Rxd6 Nxa2 28. Rcd3 Kf7 29. e4 Nb4 30. Rd2 Nxc6 Trading pieces is always a difficult decision when your position is teetering on the edge of a loss. Here, however 30...Nxc6 wins the e-pawn, unveils an attack on the b-pawn and creates cheapo potential on the h1-a8 diagonal.

31. Rxc6 Nxe4 32. Rc7+ Kf6 33. Ra2 Bf3+ Black has somehow found enough counterplay to hold his game together. I didn't see a clear win for White during the game or after. I felt and still feel that there must be one. Any ideas from the peanut gallery? 34. Kg1 Rxb3 35. Ra6+ Kf5 36. Ra5+ After 36. Rf7+ Kg4 37. Ra1 Rb2 38. Rxb7 (not necessarily to win the h-pawn, but to protect h2), Black can force a draw with 38...Rg2+ 39. Kf1 (39. Kh1? Rxc3 mate) 39...Rf2+ 40. Kg1 (40. Ke1? Re2+ 41. Kd1 [41. Kf1 Nd2+ 42. Kg1 Rg2+ 43. Kh1 Rxc3 mate] 41...Rh2+ 42. Kc1 Rxb7-+), but can he win? It appears he can after 40...Rg2+ 41. Kf1 Nd2+ 42. Ke1 Re2+ 43. Kd1 Rxb7+ 44. Kc2 Rxb7 45. Kxd2 Kxc3 46. Rg1+?! Bg2 or 46. Ra6 Be4 47. Ke3 Bf5 48. Kd4 Kxf4. Of course, I didn't see all this over the board, but it was the kind of things I was looking for! 36...Kg4 37. Rb4 Ra3 38. Rb1 Ra2 39. Rxb7 During the game, I thought this was a mistake. However, it's probably best. If instead 39. Rcb7 Rg2+ 40. Kf1 Rxb7 threatens mate and forces 41. Rxb7 anyway! Of course, 41. Rxb7 threatens an unstoppable mate at h1. 39...Rg2+ 40. White resigns Originally, I thought White's resignation may have been premature. Although after 40. Kf1 Nd2+ 41. Ke1 Nxb1, he's down two pieces for two pawns, he has some hopes of a draw based on the following factors: 1-Black's getting dangerously low on pawns, which always makes winning the ending difficult. 2- If he can trade his rook and four pawns for Black's rook and two pawns, Black will have to mate with bishop and knight in sudden death time control (I think I had ten minutes).

Unfortunately, the noose around White's king has his hopes down. For example, 42. Rxa2 allows 42...Re2+ 43. Kd1 (43. Kf1 Nd2+ 44. Kg1 Rg2+ 45. Kh1 Rxc3 mate) 43...Ra2+ and 44. Rxa7+ with an easy win. There are only two moves that prevent this possibility. The first is 42. Re7. However, after 42. Rxb2 Black threatens 43...Kxc3 and 44...Rh1 mate. If 43. Re6 Kxc3 44. Rxc6+ Bg4 45. Kg1 Rc2 wins.

The second try for White is 42. Rh4+ Kf5 43. h3! (1- A rook move allows 43...Re2+ etc., 2- 43. Kf1 Nd2+ 44. Ke1 Re2+ 45. Kd1 Rxb7+ 46. K any Rxb7 47. gxf4 Nxc4 wins and 3- 43. c5 Re2+ 44. Kd1 Rxb7+ 45. Kc1 Rxb7 46. gxf4 Nc3 with an easy win.) 43...Ke4! 44. Rh7! (44. f5+ Ke3 45. Kf1 Nd2+ 46. Ke1 Rg1 mate) 44...Ke3 45. Re7+ Be4 46. Kf1 Nd2+ 47. Ke1 Rg1 mate) Perhaps White's resignation wasn't premature after all? However, I think he should have put me to the test on

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some of the lines given above. What did he have to lose?

Jim Walker (X) - John Roush (X)

Modern Defense

1. d4 g6 2. e4 d6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Be3 Bg7 5. Qd2 Nd7 6. f3 b5 This move earned me some weird looks but it's the 'book' move and is perfectly logical to boot. White's 6. f3 signals his intentions to castle queenside and storm the kingside with his pawns. Black reasons why give this pawn storm targets with ...Nf6 or ...O-O? Why not get the queenside counterplay started instead? 7. Nh3 Smith & Hall in "The Modern Defense" (1994) give 7. h4 h5 8. O-O-O Qa5 9. Kb1 Nb6! 10. Nce2 Qxd2 11. Rxd2 f5 and 7. Nge2 Nb6 8. Ng3 h5!? with a good game for Black in both cases. 7...Qc7!? I believe I intended ...b4 and ...c5. Nevertheless, 7...Qa5 is better. 8. a4!? This move precludes queenside castling. White would do better to keep his options open with 8. Bd3. If 8...b4 9. Ne2 c5 10. c3 with a slight edge to White. 8...b4 9. Nd1 Rab8 10. Nhf2 e5 11. dxe5 Nxe5 I wanted to keep the a1-h8 diagonal open, thus I chose this move rather than 11...dxe5. 12. f4 Ng4 13. Nxb4 Bxb4 14. Bc4 Ne7?! After 14...Be6 15. Bxe6 fxe6, the position is unclear, but Black has as much hope of finding an advantage in the murky depths as White does. If 16. e5!? d5!? 17. Bc5 Bf8 or 17. O-O c5. If 16. O-O Nf6 17. e5 dxe5 18. fxe5 Qxe5!? 19. Bf4 Qc5+ 20. Kh1 (20. Be3 Qd5!? 21. Qxd5 exd5 22. Bxa7 Rb7 23. Bc5 Ne4 24. Be3 Rf7 25. Rxf7 Kxf7 26. a5 Ra8 is unclear or even a slight to Black) 20...Rd8 unclear. 15. Bd4 O-O 16. Bxg7 Kxg7 17. f5! f6?! I thought 17...Bxd1 was lost after 18. f6+ Kxf6 19. Qd4+ Kg5 20. Rxd1. In retrospect, Black might survive after 20...f6 21. Qxd6 Qxd6 22. Rxd6 Rbd8 23. Rxd8 Rxd8 24. Ke2 Rd4 25. Bd3 c5 26. b3 Nc6 and ...Ne5. Of course, White can try to continue with the attack rather than recapture on d1, 20. Qg7!? for example. Extremely wild!! 18. Ne3! gxf5 19. Be6 d5 20. exf5 Bxf5? My

position is wretched after either 20...Qe5?! 21. O-O! or 20. Bh5, but the text loses immediately. I thought that after a double capture on f5 I would win back the piece with ...Qe5+. 21. Bxf5 Nxf5 22. O-O? Walker was under the same illusion as I was! I suffered terribly after playing 21...Nxf5 when I noticed that 22. Nxf5 was with check! After 22...king moves 23. O-O Black can resign. 22...Nxe3 23. Qxe3 Rbe8 24. Qd3 Re5 25. Rf3 Rg5 26. Raf1 Qd6 27. b3 Rf7 28. Qd4 c5 29. Qf4 It's only fair to mention that Walker was in extreme time pressure at this point. 29...Qxf4 30. Rxf4 Re5 31. g3 Kg6 32. R1f2 h5 33. h4 f5 34. Kg2 Rc7 35. R4f3 c4 36. Rd2 a5 37. Kf2 Kf6 38. White's flag fell. Frankly, I hadn't formulated a winning plan yet. I just kept improving my position and making slow progress while watching Jim's flag teeter! Had the game gone any longer, I intended Ke6 (to allow Rf7 if White doubles on f-file.), Re4, and Ke5. I figured at that point I could decide among the many plans open to me, i.e. 1- cxb3 and Rc3 or c1; 2- c3, d4 with Rg7 and f4 or Re3 to follow; 3- Rg7 threatening f4. Black is winning but there's still a lot of fight left if White had the time to find the best defense.

Jerry Skeen (B) - Donald Griffith (X)

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Notes by Donald Griffith

White makes a queen sac and 1 move later the game is over, but it is Black that wins. Remember sacrifices can be declined. 1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 e5 3. c4 d4 4. d3 Nf6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. O-O Be7 Correct is 6...a5 because now White can play 7. b4 without first 7. a3. For example, 6...Be7 7. b4 Bxb4 8. Nxe5 Nxe5 9. Qa4 Nc6 10. Bxc6. 7. a3 a5 8. Nbd2 O-O 9. Ne1 Re8 10. Ne4 Nxe4 11. Bxe4 Be6 12. f4 Bh3 13. Bg2 Qd7 14. fxe5 Nxe5 15. Bf4 Bd6 16. Bxh3 Qxh3 17. Nf3 Ng4 18. Qd2 Bxf4 19. Qxf4 Rxe2 20. Qxf7+ Kh8 If 20...Kxf7, then 21. Ng5 21. White resigns

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	NAME	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
1	John Roush	2100*m4	2125*m4	*	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	10.5
2	Donald Griffith	2100*X7	2110*X7	D	*	W	D	W	W	W	W	X	W	W	W	10.0
3	Scott Carmichael	1582*C5	1654*b7	L	L	*	W	L	W	W	W	X	D	W	W	7.5
4	Jim Walker	2100*M5	2100*M5	L	D	L	*	L	W	D	W	X	W	W	W	7.0
5	David Olson	1453*b5	1547*b7	L	L	W	W	*	L	W	L	X	W	W	W	7.0
6	Jerry Skeen	1722*a5	1700*a5	L	L	L	L	W	*	L	D	X	W	W	W	5.5
7	David Michael	1708*B4	1680*B4	L	L	L	D	L	W	*	W	D	W	L	W	5.0
8	Chuck Waugh	1586*C9	1585*C9	L	L	L	L	W	D	L	*	L	W	W	W	4.5
9	Robert Canary	1772*B0	1775*B0	L	F	F	F	F	F	D	W	*	F	W	W	3.5
10	Gary Morris	1614*b2	1600*b2	L	L	D	L	L	L	L	L	X	*	W	W	3.5
11	Bill Salmon	1239*d2	1253*d4	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	*	W	2.0
12	Andy Skeen	1066 * 0	1046 * 0	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	*	0.0

## John Roush and Chuck Schulien Escape the Cleveland Browns' Memorial

In an event where the top seeds were falling like snow in a blizzard, the top two, John Roush and Chuck Schulien righted their boats and sailed to a first place tie with 3½ points. Chuck survived a opening round scare from Aaron Richardson. Chuck offered a draw to Aaron, which he accepted, not noticing the mate-in-four opportunity! John was nicked in the third round by Gary Morris for a draw. The final round found Chuck against Gary Morris and John and Mike Richardson paired; John and Chuck earned victories and a shared first place.

In the Under 1600 Event, unrated Randall Wissler and WV regular Bob McLearn each finished an immaculate 4-0. Bob knocked off #1 Philip Yin and #2 Duane Hosom, Randall defeated Bill Salmon and Larry Tumblin to help earn the share of first prize.

There were 37 players accounted for at this event, contested at the Holiday Inn - Parkersburg. John Kay directed both events.

Aaron Richardson (B) - Chuck Schulien (SM), Round 1

London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bf4 Bg7 4. e3 d6 5. h3 O-O  
6. Be2 Nbd7 7. O-O Qe8 8. c4 e5 9. Bh2 Ne4 10. Nbd2  
Nxd2 11. Qxd2 Qe7 12. Rfd1 e4 13. Ne1 f5 14. Rac1  
Nf6 15. Qa5 b6 16. Qa3 Be6 17. c5 dxc5 18. dxc5 Rfd8  
19. b4 Nd5 20. Nc2 Nc3 21. Rxd8+ Qxd8 22. Ba6 b5  
23. Kh1 Qd2 24. Nd4 Nxa2 25. Rg1 Bf7 26. Nxb5 Nxb4  
27. Nxc7 Rd8 28. Bd6 Nc2 29. Qa4 Qxf2 30. Bc4 Bxc4  
31. Qxc4+ Kh8 32. Qf7 Rg8 33. Ne6 Bc3 34. Ng5 Bg7  
35. Drawn?! *Aaron missed this mate-in-four  
opportunity: 35. Be5!, followed by 36. Bxg7+ Rxg7  
37. Qf8+ Rg8 38. Nf7 mate.*

Gary Morris (B) - Fred Whitacre (A), Round 1

Gruenfeld Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. e3 O-O  
6. Qb3 c6 7. Bd2 b6 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Nxd5 cxd5 10. Be2  
e6 11. O-O Nd7 12. Rac1 Bb7 13. Bb4 Re8 14. Bd6 Rc8  
15. Rc2 Rxc2 16. Qxc2 a6 17. Rc1 Qa8 18. Qa4 b5  
19. Qa5 Rc8 20. Rc7 Rxc7 21. Qxc7 Qc8 22. Qxc8  
Bxc8 23. Nd2 Bf8 24. Bxf8 Kxf8 25. Nb3 Ke7 26. Kf1  
Kd6 27. Ke1 f6 28. Kd2 e5 29. Kc3 f5 30. Kb4 f4  
31. Nc5 fxe3 32. fxe3 Nf6 33. Ka5 Bg4 34. Bf1 exd4  
35. exd4 Ne4 36. Nxa6 Ng5 37. Kxb5 Ne6 38. Nb4  
Nxd4 39. Kb6 Be2 40. Bxe2 Nxe2 41. a4 Nf4 42. g3 Ne6  
43. a5 d4 44. a6 Nc7 45. a7 h5 46. Na6 Na8+ 47. Kb5  
Kd5 48. Nb4 Ke4 49. Kc4 g5 50. Nd3 Nb6+ 51. Kb5  
Na8 52. Nc1 h4 53. gxh4 gxh4 54. Ka6 d3 55. Nxd3

Kxd3 56. Kb7 and White won

Alvin Vavrek (B) - Doug Hammell (B), Round 1

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. e3 O-O  
6. Bd3 Nbd7 7. O-O c5 8. cxd4 exd4 9. dxc5 Nxc5  
10. Be2 Be6 11. Nd4 Rc8 12. Nxe6 fxe6 13. Qd4 Qb6  
14. Na4 Nxa4 15. Qxa4 Ne4 16. Qb5 Qxb5 17. Bxb5  
Rc2 18. f3 Nd6 19. Bd3 Rc6 20. Bd2 Bf6 21. Rab1 Rfc8  
22. Kf2 a6 23. Ke2 b5 24. b3 g6 25. Rfc1 Rxc1 26. Rxc1  
Rxc1 27. Bxc1 Bc3 28. e4 dxe4 29. fxe4 Kf7 30. Kf3  
Kf6 31. Kg4 Nf7 32. Be2 Be5 33. h3 Bc3 34. a4 bxa4  
35. bxa4 a5 36. Bb5 Ke5 37. Bc6 Kf6 38. Bb5 Nd6  
39. Bd3 Nf7 40. Bc2 Ke5 41. Kf3 Kd4 42. Be3+ Ke5  
43. g4 g5 44. Bf2 h6 45. Bb3 Kd6 46. Bg3+ Ne5+  
47. Ke3 Ke7 48. Bd1 Kd6 49. h4 gxh4 50. Bxh4 Kd7  
51. Bg3 Drawn

Mike Richardson (B) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 2

Queen's Gambit, Slav Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 c6 4. Bd3 Bg4 5. O-O Nbd7  
6. Nbd2 e6 7. c4 Qc7 8. Qc2 Rc8 9. b3 e5 10. dxe5 Nxe5  
11. Nxe5 Qxe5 12. Bb2 Qd6 13. Bf5 Bxf5 14. Qxf5 Rd8  
15. e4 Nxe4 16. Nxe4 dxe4 17. Qxe4+ Qe7 18. Qg4 h5  
19. Qf5 Rh6 20. Rfe1 Re6 21. Rxe6 Qxe6 22. Qxh5 Rd2  
23. Bc3 Re2 24. Qxe2 Qxe2 25. Re1 Qxe1+ 26. Bxe1  
Bc5 27. Bc3 g6 28. Kf1 Ke7 29. Ke2 Ke6 30. f3 Bg1  
31. h4 Kf5 32. Bd2 Bd4 33. Be3 c5 34. Bxd4 cxd4  
35. g3 g5 36. hxg5 Kxg5 37. Kd3 Kf5 38. Kxd4 and  
White won

Jim Jordan (C) - Alvin Vavrek (B), Round 2

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 e6 4. Nc3 Na5 5. Be2 a6 6. a4  
d6 7. d4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 g6 9. Nf3 Bg7 10. b4? Nc6?  
*10...Bxc3 would exploit Jim's last move, and give Alvin a  
material advantage.* 11. Bb2 Nxb4 12. Rb1 Ne7 13. Qd2  
O-O 14. Ba3 Bxc3 15. Qxc3 Nc6 16. Rd1 d5 17. Qf6  
Qa5+ 18. Kf1 dxe4 19. Bb2 e5 20. Nxe5 Nd5 21. Rxd5!  
Qxd5 22. Nxc6 Qxc6 23. Qg7 mate

Doug Mazeffa (B) - David Olson (C), Round 2

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f3  
e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. Be3 Be6 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O d5  
11. exd5 Nxd5 12. Nxd5 Bxd5 13. Qd3 Be6 14. Rad1  
Qc7 15. c3 Nc6 16. Qc2 Na5 17. Rd2 Nc4 18. Bxc4  
Bxc4 19. Rfd1 Rad8 20. Qe4 Be2 21. Rxd8+ Rxd8



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22. Rxd8+ Qxd8 23. Bd2 Qb6+ 24. Be3 Qd8 25. Bd2 Qb6+ 26. Qe3 Qxe3+ 27. Bxe3 Bc4 28. Kf2 Kf8 29. Bb6 Ke8 30. Be3 Bd6 31. g3 Ke7 32. Nc1 Ke6 33. b3 Bd5 34. Ne2 f5 35. h4 g6 36. Bg5 Bc5+ 37. Be3 Bd6 38. Bg5 b5 39. Bd2 a5 40. f4 a4 41. fxe5 Bxe5 42. bxa4 bxa4 43. a3 Bd6 44. Nd4+ Kd7 45. Bc1 Bc7 46. Bb2 Ba5 47. Ke3 Kd6 48. Kd3 Kc5 49. Bc1 Be4+ 50. Kd2 Kc4 51. Bb2 Bc7 52. Ne2 Be5 53. Bc1 Bd3 54. Ke1 Bxe2 55. Kxe2 Bxg3 56. Bb5 Kxc3 57. Be7 Kb3 and Black won

John Roush (X) - Gary Morris (B), Round 3

Sicilian Defense, Kan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3 Qc7 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. Nxc6 dxc6 8. Be3 e5 9. O-O Nf6 10. Qe2 Bd6 11. a4 O-O 12. a5 Be6 13. Rfd1 Ng4 14. Bb6 Qe7 15. h3 Nf6 16. Be3 Bc5 17. Na4 Bxe3 18. Qxe3 Nd7 19. b4 Rac8 20. Nc5 Nxc5 21. bxc5 Rc7 22. Rdb1 Bc8 23. Rb2 Rd8 24. Rf1 Qd7 25. Rb4 Kf8 26. f4 Qe7 27. f5 f6 28. Kh2 Rcd7 29. Re1 Rd4 30. Rb3 Qc7 31. Ra3 Qe7 32. Rb3 Qc7 33. Qd2 Qe7 34. Qc3 Qc7 35. Ra1 Qe7 36. Rb4 Qd7 37. R1a4 Qc7 38. g3 Rxb4 39. Qxb4 Rd4 40. Qb3 Rxa4 41. Qxa4 Qd7 42. g4 g6 43. Qb4 gxf5 44. gxf5 Kg7 45. Qe1 Kh8 46. Qg1 Qc7 47. Bc4 Qg7 48. Qg3 Qxg3+ 49. Kxg3 Kg7 50. Kg4 Bd7 51. h4 h6 52. h5 Kf8 53. Kb3 Ke6 54. Drawn

Byron Funkhouser (A) - David Olson (C), Round 3

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 Nbd7 8. f4 Nc5 9. f5 Be7 10. Qf3 O-O 11. Be3 e5 12. Nde2 Nxb3 13. axb3 b5 14. Nxb5 Bxf5 15. Nxd6 Bg4 16. Nxf7 Rxf7 17. Qg3 Bh5 18. Qxe5 Ng4 19. Qd4 Nxe3 20. Qxe3 Bg5 21. Qc3 Rc8 22. Rd1 Qe8 23. Qd3 Rd8 24. Qc4 Rxd1+ 25. Kxd1 Qd8+ 26. Qd5 Qf6 27. h4 Bxe2+ 28. Kxe2 Qf2+ 29. Kd1 Bxh4 30. e5 Be7 31. e6 Rf8 32. Kc1 Qf6 33. Qd3 h6 34. Qxa6 Qg5+ 35. Kb1 Qxg2 36. Re1 Ra8 37. Qc4 Qd2 38. Rf1 Qa5 39. Qa4 Qxa4 40. bxa4 Rxa4 41. Rf7 Ra7 42. b4 Rc7 43. c4 Bd6 44. c5 Rxf7 45. cxd6 Rf1+ 46. Kc2 Kf8 47. b5 Rf5 48. Kd3 Rxb5 49. Kc4 Rb1 50. Kd5 Ke8 51. d7+ Ke7 52. Ke5 Re1+ 53. Kf5 Rf1+ 54. Kg6 Rf6 55. Kxg7 Rxe6 56. White resigns

Chuck Schulien (SM) - Gary Morris (B), Round 4

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 c6 4. e4 Qc7 5. Be2 e5 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. Be3 Nbd7 8. O-O g6 9. d5 Bg7 10. Nd2 Bxe2 11. Qxe2 O-O 12. b4 a6 13. Rac1 Rac8 14. Nb3 Qb8

15. Rfd1 cxd5 16. cxd5 b5 17. Na5 Rfe8 18. a4 bxa4 19. Qxa6 Qxb4 20. Nc6 Qb2 21. Ne7+ Rxe7 22. Qxc8+ Re8 23. Qc4 Ng4 24. Nxa4 Nxe3 25. Nxb2 Nxc4 26. Rxc4 Nc5 27. Nd3 Nxd3 28. Rxd3 Ra8 29. Rdc3 Ra1+ 30. Rc1 Rxc1+ 31. Rxc1 Kf8 32. Rc8+ Ke7 33. Kf1 h6 34. Rc7+ Kf6 35. Rd7 Bf8 36. Ke2 Be7 37. Kd3 Bf8 38. Kc4 Be7 39. Kb5 Bf8 40. Kc6 Kg7 41. Rxd6 Bxd6 42. Kxd6 f6 43. Ke7 Black resigns

Mike Richardson (B) - John Roush (X), Round 4

Dutch Defense

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 f5 3. Bf4 Nf6 4. e3 b6 5. Nbd2 Bb7 6. h3 Be7 7. Bd3 O-O 8. Qe2 Ne4 9. O-O-O d5 10. Ne5 Nd7 11. f3 Nd6 12. g4 c5 13. c3 c4 14. Bc2 b5 15. Nxd7 Qxd7 16. Be5 Nf7 17. Bh2 b4 18. Nb1 a5 19. e4 fxe4 20. fxe4 Bg5+ 21. Nd2 bxc3 22. bxc3 Nd6 23. exd5 Bxd5 24. Qe5 Bxd2+ 25. Kxd2 Bxh1 26. Rxh1 Rf2+ 27. Kd1 Rd8 28. Qxa5 Rdf8 29. Qe5 Qf7 30. Qxd6 Qf3+ 31. White resigns

Fred Whitacre (A) - Mike Taylor (B), Round 4

1. e4 e6 2. f4 d5 3. e5 a6 4. Nf3 c5 5. d4 Nc6 6. c3 Bd7 7. Bd3 Qb6 8. Bc2 cxd4 9. cxd4 Bb4+ 10. Nc3 Nge7 11. a3 Bxc3+ 12. bxc3 Rc8 13. O-O h6 14. Nh4 Na5 15. Bd2 Nc5 16. Kh1 Qc6 17. Rf3 O-O 18. Be1 b6 19. Rg3 f6 20. Qg4 g5 21. fxc5 fxc5 22. Qe2 Nf5 23. Nxf5 exf5 24. Rf3 Rf7 25. h4 Rcf8 26. Rf1 Qe6 27. Bd3 Kg7 28. Bxc4 dxc4 29. Qd2 f4 30. Kg1 Bc6 31. hxg5 hxg5 32. Rd1 Bd5 33. Bf2 Rh8 34. Rb1 Qh6 35. Bh4 Qxh4 36. Rxb6 Qh1+ 37. Kf2 Qxg2+ 38. Ke1 Qxd2+ 39. Kxd2 Rh2+ 40. Kc1 Rh1 41. Rxh1 Bxh1 42. e6 Re7 43. Rd6 f3 44. Kd2 g4 45. Ke3 Kf6 46. d5 g3 47. Rd8 f2 48. Ke2 Bxd5 49. Kf1 Rxe6 50. White resigns

Dave Olson (C) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 4

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 c6 5. d4 O-O 6. Nf3 d6 7. O-O Bg4 8. h3 Bxf3 9. Bxf3 Nbd7 10. Qc2 Qc7 11. Bg2 a6 12. b3 e5 13. dxe5 dxe5 14. Ba3 Rfe8 15. Rad1 Rad8 16. Bd6 Qb6 17. Na4 Qa7 18. c5 Bf8 19. Bc7 Rc8 20. Bb6 Nxb6 21. cxb6 Qb8 22. Nc5 Rcd8 23. Nxb7 Qxb7 24. Bxc6 Qc8 25. Bxe8 Qxc2 26. Rxd8 Nxe8 27. b7 Nc7 28. b8/Q Ne6 29. Rc8 Qxe2 30. Rfc1 Kg7 31. R8c2 Qe4 32. Qa7 Ba3 33. R2c4 Qe2 34. R1c2 Qd1+ 35. Kg2 Qd5+ 36. Kh2 Ng5 37. Qe3 Nf3+ 38. Kh1 Ne1+ 39. Kg1 Qg2 mate

## John Roush and Chuck Schulien Escape the Cleveland Browns' Memorial

Philip Yin (C) - Bob McLear (C), Round 3, U1600

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. d4 Bd7 5. O-O Nf6  
6. Re1 a6 7. Bxc6 Bxc6 8. dxe5 Nxe4 9. exd6 Bxd6  
10. Qd4 O-O 11. Rxe4 Bxe4 12. Qxe4 Re8 13. Qc4 b5  
14. Qd3 Qe7 15. Be3 Rad8 16. Qf1 Qe4 17. c3 Re6  
18. Ng5 Qe5 19. Nf3 Qh5 20. Nbd2 f5 21. h3 Rg6  
22. Kh1 f4 23. Bd4 c5 24. Bxc5 Bxc5 25. Ne4 Qf5  
26. Re1 Qd5 27. Rd1 Qxd1 28. White resigns

Nh5 15. Qg4 Nf6 16. Qg3 d5 17. Nf5 Nh5 18. Qg4 Qg5  
19. Qxg5 hxg5 20. exd5 cxd5 21. Nxd5 Rad8 22. Nc3  
Nf6 23. Ng3 g4 24. hxg4 Nxd4 25. Nge4 Bb6 26. Na4  
Bc7 27. a3 Re6 28. Nac5 Rb6 29. b4 Rh6 30. Nxb7 Rd4  
31. Nbc5 Nf6 32. Rfd1 Nxe4 33. Nxe4 f5 34. c3 Rd7  
35. Ng3 Rf7 36. c4 f4 37. Ne4 f3 38. Ng5 Rf5 39. Nxf3  
g5 40. c5 g4 41. Nd2 e4 42. Nxe4 Bh2+ 43. Kf1 g3  
44. f3 Rg6 45. Ke2 Kh7 46. d4 Re6 47. Ke3 Re7 48. d5  
Kg6 49. d6 Rxf3+ 50. Kxf3 Rf7+ 51. Ke3 Kf4 52. Rf1+  
Black resigns

Randall Wissler (C) - Larry Tumblin (E), Round 4, U1600

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. O-O d6  
6. h3 O-O 7. d3 Nd4 8. Bg5 Be6 9. Bd5 c6 10. Bxe6  
Nxe6 11. Qd2 Nxd5 12. Qxg5 h6 13. Qg3 Re8 14. Nh4

### Cleveland Browns' Memorial Open Section

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Chuck Schulien	OH	2403*M8	2394*M8	D-6	W-15	W-14	W-7	3.5
2	John Roush	WV	2125*m4	2120*m4	W-12	W-3	D-7	W-4	3.5
3	Mike Taylor	OH	1718*a5	1751*a5	W-9	L-2	W-15	W-8	3.0
4	Mike Richardson	WV	1742*A5	1757*A5	D-18	W-5	W-6	L-2	2.5
5	Markle Butcher	WV	1712*B6	1707*B6	D-14	L-4	W-17	W-9	2.5
6	Aaron Richardson	WV	1622*b4	1649*b4	D-1	W-17	L-4	W-14	2.5
7	Gary Morris	WV	1600*b2	1666*B5	W-8	W-10	D-2	L-1	2.5
8	Fred Whitacre	OH	1900*A5	1900*A5	L-7	W-18	W-13	L-3	2.0
9	Dave Olson	WV	1547*b7	1574*b7	L-3	W-12	W-10	L-5	2.0
10	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1811*a7	1759*a7	W-16	L-7	L-9	D-13	1.5
11	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1721*C5	1700*C5	D-17	L-14	W-18	U-	1.5
12	Doug Mazeffa	OH	1635*b4	1616*b4	L-2	L-9	W-16	D-15	1.5
13	Mark Geist	OH	1619*a4	1609*a4	L-15	W-16	L-8	D-10	1.5
14	Jim Jordan	WV	1418*b5	1448*b5	D-5	W-11	L-1	L-6	1.5
15	Jeremy Scott Davis	WV	1346*D0	1379*D0	W-13	L-1	L-3	D-12	1.5
16	Jeff Cornett	OH	1617/08	1567/12	L-10	L-13	L-12	W-17	1.0
17	Doug Hammell	WV	1602*c2	1563*c2	D-11	L-6	L-5	L-16	0.5
18	Eric Berthoud	PA	1601*b0	1600*b0	D-4	L-8	L-11	U-	0.5

### Cleveland Browns' Memorial Reserve Section (U1600)

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Bob McLear	WV	1413*c7	1459*C4	W-9	W-15	W-3	W-7	4.0
2	Randall Wissler	OH	Unrated	1460/04	W-8	W-16	W-11	W-6	4.0
3	Philip Yin	WV	1540*c0	1529*c0	W-13	W-5	L-1	W-8	3.0
4	Peter Jessie	WV	1114/14	1135/18	L-7	W-19	W-17	W-16	3.0
5	Jodie Hare	WV	1080*e2	1122*e7	W-12	L-3	W-16	W-11	3.0
6	Larry Tumblin	OH	937/04	1205/08	W-19	W-7	W-12	L-2	3.0
7	Duane Hosom	KY	1505*c2	1464*c2	W-4	L-6	W-9	L-1	2.0
8	Bill Salmon	WV	1253*d4	1249*d4	L-2	W-10	W-14	L-3	2.0
9	Mike Price	WV	1062*E5	1069*E5	L-1	W-18	L-7	W-19	2.0
10	Jim Bodkin	WV	928*0	931*0	L-11	L-8	B-	W-13	2.0
11	Jason Thompson	OH	747/04	900/08	W-10	W-17	L-2	L-5	2.0
12	Thomas Diehl	PA	1443*c5	1394*c5	L-5	W-13	L-6	U-	1.0
13	Tim Cross	WV	1140*e2	1112*e2	L-3	L-12	W-18	L-10	1.0
14	Sammy Magner	WV	936*0	891*0	L-16	B-	L-8	L-18	1.0
15	Kevin Berthoud	PA	880*0	875*0	W-18	L-1	L-19	U-	1.0
16	Chris Primm	OH	860/08	881/12	W-14	L-2	L-5	L-4	1.0
17	Kyle Berthoud	PA	853*E2	834*E2	B-	L-11	L-4	U-	1.0
18	David Hickman	WV	Unrated	805/04	L-15	L-9	L-13	W-14	1.0
19	Jack White	WV	Unrated	870/04	L-6	L-4	W-15	L-9	1.0

## Roaming Around West Virginia

Glenn Haynes Wins Parkersburg Club Championship  
Wins over Ray Spring and Alan Smith propelled Glenn Haynes to the first annual Parkersburg Chess Club Championship. The format for this event was a four-round event with five participants, directed by Mike Price.

Glenn Haynes (D) - Ray Spring (B)  
Giocco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. d3 d6 5. h3 Be6  
6. Bxc6 fxe6 7. Ng5 Qf6 8. Qe2 O-O-O 9. c3 h6 10. Nf3  
Nge7 11. Be3 Bxe3 12. fxe3 g5 13. d4 Ng6 14. Nbd2  
exd4 15. cxd4 e5 16. d5 Nce7 17. Rf1 Qg7 18. Rc1 Kb8  
19. Nc4 b6 20. Na3 Kb7 21. Qc4 Nc8 22. Rf2 Rh7  
23. Rfc2 Rd7 24. Qc6+ Kb8 25. Nc4 Nf8 26. Na5 bxa5  
27. Rc3 Nb6 28. Ra3 Qe7 29. Nd2 Qd8 30. Rxa5 Qc8  
31. Rc3 Qb7 32. Qb5 Nc8 33. Qxb7+ Kxb7 34. Rb3+  
Nc6 35. Nc4 Ka8 36. Nd2 Ng6 37. Rca3 c5 38. dxc6 e.p.  
Rc7 39. Rc3 Ne7 40. Ra6 Nxc6 41. Rb3 Nc8 42. Nc4  
Nb8 43. Nxd6 Nxd6 44. Rxd6 Nd7 45. Rd5 Nc5  
46. Rd8+ Black resigns

Mike Price (E) - Glenn Haynes (D)  
Versov Attack

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bg5 e6 4. Qd2 Be7 5. O-O-O  
O-O 6. f3 Na6 7. e4 c6 8. Bxa6 bxa6 9. g4 Rb8 10. Bxf6  
Bxf6 11. e5 Be7 12. f4 Bd7 13. Nf3 Qb6 14. Na4 Qb7  
15. b3 c5 16. Nb2 c4 17. h4 Ba3 18. h5 Bxb2+ 19. Kxb2  
cxb3 20. cxb3 Ba4 21. Qe3 Rfc8 22. Rc1 Bc6 23. g5 a5  
24. g6 h6 25. gxf7 Qxf7 26. Rxc5 a4 27. Qc3 Rb6  
28. Qd2 axb3 29. axb3 Qb7 30. Qc3 Rb8 31. Nd2 Ba4  
32. Rh3 Rc6 33. Rxc6 Bxc6 34. Qc2 a5 35. Kc1 Rc8  
36. Rc3 Bd7 37. Rxb8+ Bxb8 38. Qc5 Drawn

Rebecca Funkhouser Ties for 1st in Scholastics Event  
Byron Funkhouser sent me some information on a tourney that his niece Rebecca, Dennis' daughter, contested during February. Rebecca tied for first with Derrick O'Dell. Her rating entering the event was 746, which will rise surely from her outstanding performance. Her performance rating here was 1311. Below is an example of her fine play at this event.

Justin Cantley (1066) - Rebecca Funkhouser (746)  
1. b3 f6 2. Bb2 e5 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 Bc5 5. Na3 d6  
6. Nh3 Bf5 7. Nb1 Nge7 8. Nc3 O-O 9. Nd5 Qe8  
10. Nxc7 Qc8 11. Nxa8 Qxa8 12. Ng1 Nb4 13. Nf3  
Nxc2+ 14. Kf1 Nxa1 15. Qxa1 b6 16. Nh4 Be4 17. Rg1  
Bxg2+ 18. Nxb2 Qd5 19. Qc1 Nc6 20. Ne3 Qf7 21. Ba3

Nb4 22. Qc4 Qxc4 23. Nxc4 Nxa2 24. Bxc5 dxc5  
25. Nd6 Rd8 26. Nb7 Rxd2 27. Ke1 Rd7 28. Nxc5 bxc5  
29. Kf1 Rd1+ 30. Kg2 Rxb1+ 31. Kxb1 Nb4 32. Kg2 g5  
and Black won.

We wish some West Virginia chess players well as they leave the area. Chuck Schulien, former WV State Champ is headed for the Pacific Northwest, Washington in particular. We wish him and his wife well.

Al Mullins, son of George Mullins of Ripley, is now a resident of Oklahoma. He recently played in Parkersburg's Luck of the Irish event.

Neil Jarrett, rated 1811 has also moved. He now resides in Arkansas. Best wishes to these three from the WVCA.

Freres Funkhouser Meet in Cross Lanes for Title  
Byron and Dennis Funkhouser were matched up to play in Round 4 at the Cross Lanes Open. Both were sporting 3-0 records in the tourney. Byron noted it has been about 15 years since they have played a rated game between them, let alone for first place in a tournament. Dennis prevailed in a kill-or-be-killed game.

Byron Funkhouser (A) - Dennis Funkhouser (X), Round 4  
Sicilian Defense, Sozin Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6  
6. Bc4 g6 7. Nxc6 bxc6 8. e5 Ng4 9. Bf4 *MCO lists this position as better for White.* 9...Bg7 10. exd6 e5 11. Bg3  
O-O 12. h3 Nh6 13. Qd2 Nf5 14. Ne4 Qb6 15. c3 Ba6  
16. Bxa6 Qxa6 17. Qe2 Qa5 18. b4 Qa3 19. O-O a5  
20. Rfb1 axb4 21. cxb4 Rfd8 22. Rb3 Qxb3 23. axb3  
Rxa1+ 24. Kh2 Nd4 25. Qc4 h6 26. f4 exf4 27. Bxf4  
Ra2 28. Qd3 g5 29. Bg3 f5 30. Nc5 f4 31. Be1 Rxd6  
32. Bc3 f3 33. Bd2 Be5+ 34. g3 Nf5 35. Qxf5 R6d2+  
36. White resigns

### Atlantic Class Championship Results

Denis Strenzwilk of MD and Stanislav Ritvin of PA each finished with 3.5 points to tie for first in the Open Section. Only seven players entered this section. Other winners were: Expert: Andrei Blokin, Clarence Lehman 3.5; Class A: Johnson Chua and Charles Smith 4.0; Class B: Peter Noterman 4.5; Class C: Augustin Litvak, Louis Chamberlain, Andrew Miller and Lindy Ergino 4.0; Class D: Gary Coulter, from WV took first with 4.5, Former Wheeling resident Brett Bolen was second. Chris Burkhammer (Weston) tied for third.

## Whitacre, Davis Find Pot of Gold at Parkersburg's Luck of the Irish

Fred Whitacre and Jeremy Scott Davis each finished 4-0 to tie for first place at the Luck of the Irish Tourney. This event featured a different pairing system than normal, pairing against the closet rating in the score group. Fred was victorious over Randy Bierce, John Russett, Gary Morris and George Mullins, Sr. Elkins' Davis earned a tie with Fred by beating Randall Wissler (February's U1600 co-winner) and schoolmate Jodie Hare.

Thirty-six people were willing to try the new pairing system, including Jeff Hohn who played for the first time in several years. Jeff scored two wins and two draws, raising his rating back over 1900. Also, fairing well were Williamson's Tim Goan, Ripley's George Mullins, Sr., Elkins' Jodie Hare, Mike Price and Randall Wissler, all tied with three points. Joe Ancrile directed this madness at the Stables Motor Lodge in Parkersburg.

David Hundley (C) - Bob McLear (C), Round 1

Two Knights Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 exd4 5. e5 Qe7  
6. O-O Ng8 7. Bg5 Qc5 8. Qd3 g6 9. Nbd2 Nge7  
10. Bf6 Rg8 11. Ne4 Qb6 12. Neg5 Nd8 13. Nxf7 Ne6  
14. Nfg5 Qc6 15. Nxf8 Rxf8 16. Bxe6 dxe6 17. Qxd4 b6  
18. Bxe7 Kxe7 19. Qb4+ Qc5 20. Qe4 Qd5 21. Rad1  
Qxe4 22. Nxe4 Bb7 23. Nf6 Rfd8 24. f4 Bd5 25. b3 b5  
26. Rd4 c5 27. Rd2 Rac8 28. Rfd1 Bc6 29. Kf2 Rxd2  
30. Rxd2 Rd8 31. Rxd8 Kxd8 32. g3 a5 33. h4 Ke7  
34. Ke3 a4 35. g4 axb3 36. axb3 c4 37. bxc4 bxc4  
38. Kd4 Ba4 39. c3 Bb3 40. Kc5 Kf8 41. Kd6 Bc2  
42. Kd7 Kg7 43. Ke8 Ba4+ 44. Ke7 Bc2 45. g5 Bd1  
46. Ne8+ Kg8 47. Kf6 Be2 48. Nd6 Bd3 49. Nxf7 Bf5  
50. Nd6+ Kf8 51. Nxf5 exf5 52. e6 Black resigns

Dave Blanton (A) - Jeff Hohn (A), Round 2

Pirc Defense, Classical System

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be2 O-O  
6. O-O Bg4 7. h3 Bxf3 8. Bxf3 Nc6 9. Be3 e5 10. d5  
Nb8 11. Nb5 a6 12. Na3 Nbd7 13. b4 b5 14. c4 bxc4  
15. Nxc4 Nb6 16. Na5 Nfd7 17. Nc6 Qe8 18. Qd3 f5  
19. a4 fxe4 20. Bxe4 Nf6 21. f3 Nh5 22. a5 Nd7 23. b5  
Nf4 24. Bxf4 exf4 25. Rab1 Nc5 26. Qc4 axb5 27. Rxb5  
Nd7 28. Rb7 Ne5 29. Nxe5 Qxe5 30. a6 Qd4+ 31. Qxd4  
Bxd4+ 32. Kh1 Bb6 33. Ra1 Rfb8 34. Rxb8+ Rxb8  
35. Bd3 Kf7 36. Ra4 Be3 37. Rc4 Rc8 38. Rb4 h6  
39. Rb7 Bb6 40. Bb5 Ra8 41. Kh2 Kf6 42. g3 Ke5  
43. Drawn

Randall Wissler (C) - Tim Goan (C), Round 2

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. Bb5 Qb6 6. Nc3  
Bd7 7. Be3 Nxd4 8. Bxd7+ Kxd7 9. Nxd4 cxd4  
10. Bxd4 Bc5 11. Bxc5 Qxc5 12. O-O Ne7 13. Ne4 Qc7  
14. Re1 Ng6 15. Rc1 Nxe5 16. b3 Ke7 17. Ng3 Rad8  
18. Qd4 f6 19. f4 Nd7 20. Qxd5 Nc5 21. Qc4 Qb6  
22. Kh1 Rd5? 23. Qxd5! Rd8 24. Qc4 and White won.

George Mullins Sr. (C) - David Hundley (C), Round 2

King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 d6 2. d3 c5 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 g6 5. O-O Bg7  
6. Re1 Qb6 7. c3 d5 8. Na3 a6 9. e4 dxe4 10. Rxe4 e5  
11. Nc4 Qc7 12. Qe1 f6 13. d4 Bf5 14. Rf4 O-O-O  
15. dxe5 fxe5 16. Rxf5 gxf5 17. Bg5 Bf6 18. Bxf6 Nxf6  
19. Ng5 Rhe8 20. Bxc6 bxc6 21. Qe2 h6 22. Nf3 f4  
23. Ncxe5 f3 24. Qxa6+ Qb7 25. Qxb7+ Kxb7  
26. hxg3 h5 27. Kg2 Ng4 28. Re1 Nxe5 29. Rxe5 Rxe5  
30. Nxe5 Rd2 31. Nc4 Re2 32. Kf3 Re8? 33. Nd6+ Kb6  
34. Nxe8 White won in 60.

Jim Gikas (A) - Al Mullins (A), Round 2

Benko Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. a4 bxc4 5. Nc3 g6 6. e4 d6  
7. Bxc4 Bg7 8. Nf3 Nbd7 9. O-O a6 10. a5 O-O 11. Qe2  
Ng4 12. Bf4 Nge5 13. Nxe5 Nxe5 14. Bxe5 Bxe5 15. f4  
Bd4+ 16. Kh1 Qc7 17. Rfe1 e5 18. Rf1 f6 19. f5 Kg7  
20. Qg4 Bxc3 21. bxc3 Rb8 22. Qe2 Qa7 23. f3 g6 h3  
24. Rfb1 Rxb1+ 25. Rxb1 Rf7 26. Rb6 Rb7 27. Qb2  
Rxb6 28. Qxb6 Qxb6 29. axb6 f5 30. exf5 gxf5 31. Bb3  
a5 32. Ba4 e4 33. Kg1 f4 34. Bc6 Kf6 35. b7 Bxb7  
36. Bxb7 a4 37. Ba6 Ke5 38. Bc4 e3 39. Kf1 Kf5  
40. Ke2 Black resigns

Mike Taylor (B) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 2

King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Bg5 d6 5. Nf3 O-O  
6. e3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 b6 8. O-O Bb7 9. Re1 Re8 10. e4 e5  
11. d5 Nc5 12. b4 Nxd3 13. Qxd3 Bc8 14. h3 h6 15. Be3  
Nh5 16. Rac1 f5 17. Kf1 f4 18. Bd2 g5 19. Ke2 g4  
20. hxg4 Bxg4 21. Kd1 a5 22. b5 Qe7 23. Kc2 Nf6  
24. Nh2 Bd7 25. f3 Nh5 26. Rg1 Ng3 27. Be1 h5 28. Nf1  
h4 29. Nfg3 hxg3 30. Rh1 Kf7 31. Bd2 Rh8 32. a4 Rh4  
33. Rcg1 Rah8 34. Qf1 Rh2 35. Rxh2 Rxh2 36. Rh1  
Qh4 37. Rxh2 Qxh2 38. Nd1 Bh3 39. Kd3 Bxg2  
40. Qe2 Qh1 41. Qe1 Bxf3 42. Qxh1 Bxh1 43. Be1 Kf6  
44. Nc3 Bf8 45. Ne2 Bf3 46. Nfg3 f3 47. Bxg3 Bd1  
48. Bh4+ Kf7 49. Bd8 Ke8 50. Bxc7 Be7 51. Bxb6 Bd8

## Whitacre, Davis Find Pot of Gold at Parkersburg's Luck of the Irish

52. Be3 Bxa4 53. b6 Kd7 54. b7 Bc7 55. Ba7 Bd1  
56. b8/Q Bxb8 57. Bxb8 a4 58. c5 dxc5 59. Bxe5 Bf3  
60. Drawn

John Kay (B) - Charles Haid (C), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. f4 d6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Bc4 g6 5. O-O Bg7 6. Nc3  
Nf6 7. d3 O-O 8. f5 a6 9. a4 Bd7 10. Ne2 Na5 11. Nh4  
Nxc4 12. dxc4 Nxe4 13. Qd3 Bc6 14. c3 d5 15. Be3 b6  
16. Rfd1 e6 17. cxd5 exd5 18. Nf3 Qd7 19. fxe6 fxe6  
20. b3 Bb7 21. Rac1 Rad8 22. Ng5 h6 23. Nxe4 Qg4  
24. N4g3 h4 25. h3 Qe6 26. Nf4 Qd6 27. Nxe6 Rd7  
28. Nxf8 d4 29. Qe2 Bxf8 30. cxd4 Rg7 31. d5 Qg6  
32. Nxe5 Rh7 33. Qg4 Qxg4 34. Nf6+ Kf7 35. Nxe4  
Bd6 36. Rf1+ Kg7 37. Rcd1 Bc8 38. Bh6+ Kh8 39. Bf4  
Bxf4 40. Rxf4 and White won

Jeremy Scott Davis (D) - Randall Wissler (C), Round 3

English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 Bc5 4. Nc3 O-O 5. Nf3 Ng4  
6. O-O Nc6 7. a3 d6 8. d3 h6 9. b4 Bd4 10. Bb2 Be6  
11. Nxd4 exd4 12. Ne4 Qd7 13. Nd2 Nge5 14. Nb3 Bh3  
15. Nxd4 Rfe8 16. Nxc6 Nxc6 17. Re1 Rab8 18. Qc2  
Ne5 19. Qc3 Bxg2 20. Kxg2 Qf5 21. f4 f6 22. fxe5 fxe5  
23. e4 Qg4 24. Rf1 Rf8 25. Qd2 h5 26. h3 Qg6 27. Qe3  
a6 28. Rxf8+ Rxf8 29. Raf1 h4 30. Rxf8+ Kxf8  
31. Qf3+ Ke7 32. Bc1 Qxg3+ 33. Qxg3 hxg3 34. Kxg3  
Kf6 35. Kg4 c5 36. Bd2 b5 37. bxc5 dxc5 38. cxb5 axb5  
39. Ba5 c4 40. dxc4 bxc4 41. a4 and White won in 54.

Jodie Hare (E) - Mike Price (E), Round 3

Petrov's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Nxe4 4. Nxe5 d5 5. Nxf7 Kxf7  
6. Qh5+ Ke7 7. Bxd5 Nf6 8. Qe5+ Black resigns

Randy Bierce (A) - Dave Blanton (A), Round 3

English Opening

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 e5 5. d3 d6 6. Nf3  
Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Rb1 h6 9. a3 Bd7 10. b4 cxb4  
11. axb4 a6 12. b5 Nd4 13. Nxd4 exd4 14. Nd5 Nxd5  
15. Bxd5 Rb8 16. Bf4 Be6 17. Bg2 g5 18. Bd2 f5  
19. Qa4 Qd7 20. Qa1 Bf6 21. bxa6 axb6 22. Qxa6 Be5  
23. Rb6 Rxb6 24. Qxb6 f4 25. Ra1 fxe3 26. hxe3 Qf7  
27. Rf1 Qh5 28. Be4 Qxe2 29. Qc7 Rf7 30. Qd8+ Kg7  
31. Bxg5 Qg4 32. Bh4 Bxc4 33. f3 Qh3 34. Rf2 Bxg3  
35. Bxg3 Qxg3 36. Kf1 Be6 37. Rg2 Qxg2+ 38. Kxg2  
and White won

Alvin Vavrek (B) - Tim Goan (C), Round 3

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Bd3 O-O  
6. Nge2 e5 7. d5 Nbd7 8. O-O Nc5 9. Bc2 Ne8 10. f3 f5  
11. exf5 Bxf5 12. Ne4 Nxe4 13. fxe4 Bd7 14. Ng3 c6  
15. Be3 Nf6 16. Bg5 Qb6+ 17. Kh1 Ng4 18. Qe2 Rf2  
19. Rxf2 Nxf2+ 20. Kg1 Nh3+ 21. Kh1 Nxe5 22. b3 Rf8  
23. Rf1 Rxf1 24. Qxf1 cxd5 25. exd5 Qe3 26. a3 Bg4  
27. Qb1 Nh3 28. Nf1 Qg1 mate

Alan Smith (E) - Tim Cross (E), Round 3

King's Pawn

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 h6 4. c3 Nf6 5. d4 exd4  
6. cxd4 Nxe4 7. Qe2 Qe7 8. O-O d6 9. Re1 Be6  
10. Bxe6 Qxe6 11. Qxe4 Qxe4 12. Rxe4+ Be7 13. Nc3  
O-O-O 14. Nb5 Kb8 15. Bd2 Bf6 16. Rc1 d5 17. Re3 a6  
18. Na3 Nxd4 19. Nxd4 Bxd4 20. Re7 c6 21. Ba5 Rde8  
22. Rce1 Rxe7 23. Rxe7 Bxb2 24. Nc2 f5 25. Bc7+ Ka8  
26. a4 d4 27. Be5 c5 28. Kf1 Rg8 29. Ke2 g6 30. Kd3  
Rd8 31. Kc4 d3 32. Bxb2 f4 33. Re1 d2 34. Rd1 b6  
35. Bc3 Kb7 36. Rxd2 Rxd2 37. Bxd2 and White went  
on to win.

Dave Moneypenny (Unr) - Glenn Haynes (D), Round 4

Ruy Lopez, Accelerated Counterthrust Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 b5 5. Bb3 Na5  
6. O-O Qf6 7. d4 Bd6 8. Re1 exd4 9. e5 Bxe5 10. Nxe5  
Ne7 11. Qf3 O-O 12. Qxf6 gxf6 13. Nxf7 Rxf7 14. Rxe7  
Nc4 15. Rxf7 Kxf7 16. Bf4 d6 17. a4 Be6 18. Bxc4 Bxc4  
19. Nd2 Re8 20. Nxc4 bxc4 21. Kf1 Kg6 22. Re1 Rb8  
23. Rb1 c3 24. b3 Kf5 25. Bh6 Ke4 26. Re1+ Kd5  
27. Rd1 c5 28. Rd3 c4 29. bxc4 Kxc4 30. Rd1 Rb2  
31. Rc1 d3 32. cxd3 Kxd3 33. Rd1+ Kc2 34. Rxd6  
Rb1+ 35. Ke2 Rb2 36. Rxa6 Kb3 37. Kf3 Ka2 38. Rxf6  
Rb3 39. Rc6 c2+ 40. Kg4 Kb1 41. a5 Ra3 42. a6 Ra4+  
43. Kf5 Ra5+ 44. Ke6 Ra4 45. Kd7 Rd4+ 46. Kc7 Ra4  
47. Kb7 Rb4+ 48. Rb6 c1/Q 49. Bxc1 Rxb6+ 50. Kxb6  
Kxc1 51. a7 and White won.

Mike Price (E) - Alan Smith (E), Round 4

Larson's Opening

1. b3 Nf6 2. Bb2 g6 3. Bxf6 exf6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Na3 O-O  
6. e3 d5 7. c4 dxc4 8. Nxc4 Nc6 9. d4 Re8 10. Be2 Nb4  
11. Qd2 Nd5 12. O-O b6 13. Qc2 Bb7 14. Nfd2 Nb4  
15. Qc3 a5 16. Bf3 Nd5 17. Qd3 f5 18. Rac1 Rab8  
19. Rfe1 Nb4 20. Qb1 c5 21. dxc5 Nd3 22. Nxb6 Nxf2  
23. Re2 Nh3+ 24. Kf1 Bxf3 25. Nxf3 Ng5 26. Nxe5  
Qxg5 27. Nc4 f4 28. exf4 Rxe2 29. fxe5 Rhe8 30. Re1

## Whitacre, Davis Find Pot of Gold at Parkersburg's Luck of the Irish

Rxe1+ 31. Qxe1 Rxe1+ 32. Kxe1 Bc3+ 33. Ke2 Bb4  
 34. Kd3 Bxc5 35. Nxa5 Kf8 36. Kc4 Be7 37. b4 Ke8  
 38. Kd5 Bxb4 39. Nc6 Be1 40. a4 f6 41. gxf6 Bh4  
 42. Kd6 Bxf6 43. a5 Be7+ 44. Nxe7 Black resigns

Peter Mauk (E) - Seth DiStefano (D), Round 4  
 Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 Bf5 4. c4 c6 5. Qb3 Qc7 6. Nc3  
 e6 7. cxd5 cxd5 8. Bd2 Bd6 9. g3 a6 10. Rc1 Nc6 11. a3  
 Ne4 12. Nxe4 Bxe4 13. Bg2 O-O 14. O-O b5 15. Ng5  
 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 Qb6 17. Qd3 g6 18. Rc2 e5 19. Rfc1  
 Ne7 20. dxe5 Bxe5 21. Nf3 Bg7 22. Bc3 Bxc3 23. Rxc3  
 Rfd8 24. Rc7 Ra7 25. Qd4 Qxc7 26. Rxc7 Rxc7  
 27. Qb6 R8d7 28. Qxa6 Rc5 29. b4 R5c7 30. Qxb5 Nc6  
 31. Nd2 Ne5 32. Nf3 Nc4 33. a4 Na3 34. Qd3 Nc2  
 35. Qd2 Rd6 36. b5 Na3 37. Qb4 Nc4 38. Ne5 d4  
 39. Nxc4 d3 40. Qxd6 Rxc4 41. Qxd4 and White won

Tim Cross (E) - Bill Salmon (D), Round 4  
 Sicilian Defense, Closed Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 b6 4. Bc4 e6 5. d3 Nf6 6. Bf4  
 d6 7. O-O e5 8. Ng5 Bg4 9. Nxf7 Bxd1 10. Nxd8 Rxd8  
 11. Rfxd1 exf4 12. Nd5 Nd4 13. c3 Ne2+ 14. Kf1 f3  
 15. gxf3 Nd4 16. cxd4 Nh5 17. Nc7+ Kd7 18. Nb5 a6  
 19. Nc3 cxd4 20. Nd5 b5 21. Bb3 g5 22. Rdc1 Bg7  
 23. Nc7 Nf4 24. Nxa6 d5 25. Rc7+ Kd6 26. Rxc7 Nxd3  
 27. Rxc7 Rhg8 28. Rxd5+ Kc6 29. Rxd8 Rxd8 30. a3  
 h5 31. Nb4+ Nxb4 32. axb4 Kb6 33. Rd1 h4 34. Bd5 h3  
 35. Rxd4 Rf8 36. e5 Black resigns

### Luck of the Irish - Parkersburg, WV March 2, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Fred Whitacre	OH	1900*A5	1942*A7	W-10	W-13	W-14	W-6	4.0
2	Jeremy Scott Davis	WV	1379*D0	1432*c5	W-29	W-30	W-5	W-7	4.0
3	Jeff Hohn	WV	1874*a2	1909*a4	W-25	D-11	W-13	D-10	3.0
4	Tim Goan	WV	1584*b6	1624*b6	W-27	L-5	W-26	W-14	3.0
5	Randall Wissler	OH	1460 / 04	1562 / 08	W-28	W-4	L-2	W-17	3.0
6	George Mullins, Sr	WV	1406*c7	1447*c9	W-16	W-17	W-18	L-1	3.0
7	Jodie Hare	WV	1122*c7	1144*e9	W-36	W-32	W-8	L-2	3.0
8	Mike Price	WV	1069*E5	1109*E5	W-19	W-23	L-7	W-21	3.0
9	Dave Money Penny	WV	Unrated	1197 / 04	L-23	W-36	W-32	W-18	3.0
10	Randy Bierce	WV	1916*x4	1929*x4	L-1	W-33	W-11	D-3	2.5
11	Dave Blanton	KY	1846*a4	1860*a4	W-34	D-3	L-10	W-24	2.5
12	Mike Taylor	OH	1771*a5	1769*a5	L-26	D-24	W-34	W-20	2.5
13	John Russett	OH	1939*A4	1925*A4	W-33	L-1	L-3	W-27	2.0
14	Gary Morris	WV	1666*B5	1674*B5	W-24	W-26	L-1	L-4	2.0
15	Bob McLear	WV	1459*C4	1449*C4	L-17	W-31	L-16	W-28	2.0
16	Jim Jordan	WV	1448*b5	1456*b5	L-6	W-29	W-15	U-	2.0
17	David Hundley	WV	1420*c0	1434*c0	W-15	L-6	W-27	L-5	2.0
18	Glenn Haynes	WV	1248*D5	1242*D5	W-22	W-20	L-6	L-9	2.0
19	Mark Abraham	IL	1216 / 07	1137 / 11	L-8	L-21	W-35	W-32	2.0
20	Chauncy Carter	WV	1144*e5	1167*e7	W-21	L-18	W-30	L-12	2.0
21	Alan Smith	WV	1122* 0	1121* 0	L-20	W-19	W-22	L-8	2.0
22	Tim Cross	WV	1112*e2	1112*e2	L-18	W-35	L-21	W-31	2.0
23	Peter Mauk	WV	1090* 0	1115*e2	W-9	L-8	L-24	W-30	2.0
24	Markle Butcher	WV	1707*B6	1683*B6	L-14	D-12	W-23	L-11	1.5
25	Jim Gikas	WV	1859*A7	1859*A7	L-3	W-34	U-	U-	1.0
26	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1700*C5	1681*C5	W-12	L-14	L-4	U-	1.0
27	John Kay	OH	1600*b2	1600*b2	L-4	W-28	L-17	L-13	1.0
28	Charles Haid	WV	1469*c9	1440*c9	L-5	L-27	W-29	L-15	1.0
29	Jason Mullins	WV	1318*D5	1286*D5	L-2	L-16	L-28	W-35	1.0
30	Seth DiStefano	WV	1257*d4	1219*d4	W-31	L-2	L-20	L-23	1.0
31	Bill Salmon	WV	1249*d4	1204*d4	L-30	L-15	X-	L-22	1.0
32	Jean Parker	WV	990* 0	968* 0	W-35	L-7	L-9	L-19	1.0
33	Pat Kelly	WV	1987*A2	1950*A2	L-13	L-10	U-	U-	0.0
34	Al Mullins	OK	1839*B7	1789*B7	L-11	L-25	L-12	U-	0.0
35	Nathan Yoke	WV	Unrated	739 / 04	L-32	L-22	L-19	L-29	0.0
36	James Vaughn	WV	Unrated	802 / 02	L-7	L-9	F-	U-	0.0

## Top 25 West Virginia Chess ratings (as of April 1996 Ratings supplement)

<i>Regular (Over-the-Board)</i>	<i>Quick Chess (10 &amp; 15 minute)</i>	<i>Correspondence</i>
1. Omar Cartegena 2318 / 5	1. Omar Cartegena 2406/10	1. Mike McAlister 2273 R
2. Bob Bukovac 2284 X6	2. Bob Bukovac 2271 m5	2. John Roush 2091 Q
3. Terry Auvil 2138 X4	3. John Roush 2215 X2	3. William Flowers 2088
4. Andy Katz 2125 m5	4. Don Griffith 2197 X9	4. Jeff Hohn 2087
5. John Roush 2120 m4	5. Mark Hathaway 2158 x2	5. Dennis Starkey 2048 Q
6. Mark Hathaway 2118 X5	6. Andy Katz 2152 m5	6. Markle Butcher 2046 /21
7. Don Griffith 2110 X7	7. Jim Walker 2100 m2	7. Jeffrey Jackson 2035 Q
8. Dennis Funkhouser 2110 X0	8. Dennis Funkhouser 2080 x7	8. Charles R. Hubbard. 1976 /18
9. Jim Walker 2100 M5	9. Marvin Barker 2054/14	9. Terry Riley 1917 O
10. Marvin Barker 2100 X0	10. Randy Bierce 2041 A9	10. Tom LaBue 1901 /24
11. Ed Garner 2072 x0	11. Mike McAlister 2039 x5	11. Byron Funkhouser 1899 P
12. Neil Markovits 2055 A2	12. Terry Auvil 2037/16	12. Randy Harper 1890
13. Gary Hardin 2029 X7	13. Konnie Dolgovskij 1958 A2	13. Dan O'Hanlon 1861 /24
14. Bernard Kiernan 2015 x2	14. Gary Hardin 1938 A7	14. John Thommen 1841 /13
15. Mike McAlister 1989 a8	15. Jim Gikas 1929 x4	15. Johan Tran 1810 N
16. Craig Rabatin 1930 a7	16. Ed Garner 1925/12	16. Jean Parker 1803 /6
17. Randy Bierce 1916 x4	17. Gary Cummings 1877/19	17. Tim Goan 1739 M
18. Konnie Dolgovskij 1906 x9	18. Robert Canary 1875 B7	18. Scott Antes 1739 /10
19. Harold Mitchell 1884 A4	19. Dan O'Hanlon 1871 a9	19. Jerry Gogol 1730 O
20. Jim Gikas 1859 A7	20. Byron Funkhouser 1813 x4	20. David M. Hill 1721 P
21. Peter Dessaulles 1852 B0	21. Jerry Skeen 1810 a7	21. Gilbert Stone 1702 M
22. Gary Cummings 1849 a0	22. Markle Butcher 1809 a7	22. Ingrid Fasching 1661 /8
23. George Mullins, Jr 1839 B7	23. John Brewster 1800 a2	23. Daniel Shorts 1646 L
24. John Brewster 1790 A2	24. Peter Dessaulles 1778/13	24. Richard Sheppard 1610 /6
25. Robert Canary 1775 B0	25. George Mullins, Jr 1762 b7	25. Michael Turner 1596

### John Roush Assumes First Place in 1996 Grand Prix Chase

John Roush has overtaken Andy Katz in the 1996 West Virginia Chess Association Grand Prix Championship. John posted strong performances at Cross Lanes in January and Parkersburg in February. Mike Taylor is currently in third.

Mike Price, with a split of the win-place-show bonus points for the Luck of the Irish event, and Bob McLear, with a 4-0 first place finish in February U1600 section in Parkersburg, round out the top 5.

These standings take into account all WVCA Grand Prix events held before 3/31/96. The Parkersburg Open held 4/13-14 is

not included.

The third through fifteenth slots are very tight at the moment; they change drastically after each event. Currently, there are seven Grand Prix events scheduled until the end of the season. Check Events on page two for more info.

#### 1996 WV Grand Prix Standings as of March 31, 1996

1. John Roush	31.30
2. Andy Katz	27.50
3. Mike Taylor	21.87
4. Mike Price	19.20
5. Bob McLear	19.00
6. Pat Kelly	18.30

7. Markle Butcher	15.75
8. Jim Gikas	14.75
9. Tim Goan	14.50
10. Dave Olson	14.25
11. Bill Salmon	14.20
12. Randy Bierce	14.00
13. Aaron Richardson	13.70
14. Tom LaBue	13.00
15. Jason Rihel	12.75
16. Dennis Funkhouser	10.00
17. Barney Bagnall	8.17
18. Duane Hosom	8.00
Charles Haid	8.00
20. Gary Hardin	7.30
Ed Garner	7.30
22. Dave Moneypenny	7.00
Mike Richardson	7.00
24. Byron Funkhouser	6.50
25. Jim Jordan	5.83

## The Postcard by Tom LaBue

The first final results of the 1995-1996 West Virginia Correspondence Championship are starting to trickle in. John Roush has won two games, beating Byron Funkhouser and Tom LaBue. Also, former WV Postal Champ Terry Riley has started 2-0, with wins over Jason Rihel and Tom LaBue (alas!). Byron Funkhouser has wins over Tim Goan and Randy Harper and stans at 2-1.

Byron Funkhouser (1950) - John Roush (2082)

French Defense, Exchange Variation

Notes by John Roush

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Bg4 *An attempt to break the symmetry and enliven the game.* 5. h3 Bh5 6. Qe2+ Ne7?! "Theory" suggests 6...Qe7, but I wasn't interested in an early queen exchange. This view is probably unjustified as Black is fine after 6...Qe7 7. Qxe7+ Bxe7. In fact, theory says White should eschew the exchange with 7. Be3. 7. g4 7. Qb5+!? Nbc6 8. Qxb7 Rb8 9. Qa6 Bxf6 10. gxf6 Nxd4 is good for Black. White should insert 8. g4 which also leads to interesting play after 8...Bg6 9. Qxb7 Rb8 10. Qa6 Bxc2!? Jason Rihel tried 8. Nbd2 against me in a game still in progress. 7...Bg6 8. Ne5 8. Qb5+ transposes to a line given above. 8...c6 After 8...Nd7, 9. Qb5 virtually forces 9...b6 or 9...Rb8. Since, I planned to castle queenside eventually, I wanted to avoid this possibility. 9. Nc3 Nd7 10. f4 f6 11. Nxc6 hxc6 12. Qe6?! With this move, Byron tries to take advantage of my White square weaknesses. I believe this effort misguided as White lags behind in development and his king remains insecure in the center. Better is 12. Bd2, intending O-O-O, Qf3, Bd3 and Rde1. 12...Qb6 13. Bd3 O-O-O White has good compensation for the pawn after 13...Qxd4 14. Be3 Qb4 15. O-O-O. If 15...d4? 16. Bxd4 Qxd4 17. Bxg6+ and 18. Rxd4. 14. Ne2 Kb8 15. Qf7?! Again, with his development lagging and his king stuck on e1, it's a mistake to go after Black's poor doubled g-pawn. 15...c5 16. dxc5?! Surely, it's better to try and maintain a foothold in the center with 16. c3 cxd4 17. Nxd4. 16... Nxc5 17. Bxg6 Consistant,

but horrible. 17...Nxc6 18. Qxc6 Ne4 White now has his lousy pawn, but will this be of any comfort to his beleaguered king? 19. Rf1 19. Rh2 Rxh3 20. Rxh3 Qf2+ 21. Kd1 Qf1 mate. 19...Rxh3 20. f5 Preventing 20...Rh2 because of 21. Bf4+ winning the exchange. 20...Bd6 21. a3 Preparing Nf4. If 21. Nf4 immediately, 21...Qb4+ 22. c3 Nxc3 23. bxc3 [23. Bd2 Qxb2] 23...Qxc3+ 24. Kd1 Qc2+ 25. Ke1 Bb4+ 26. Bd2 Qxd2 mate. 21...Rh2 22. Nf4 This move fails even with the inclusion of a3. However, it is difficult to suggest an improvement because of Black's multiple threats, i.e. Qb5, Rf2, Bg3+ or Ng3. 22...Ng3 23. White resigns The rook at f1 cannot move as 23. Rf3 is refuted by 23...Qg1+ 24. Rf1 Qxf1 mate. It appears White's best is 23. Nd3 Nxf1 24. Kxf1 Rxc2. It is hard to believe, though, that White can hold out for long as he is down the exchange plus a pawn and his king is still under ferocious attack.

Terry Riley (1917) - Tom LaBue (1823)

Catalan Opening, Open System

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. Bg2 dxc4 5. Nf3 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. Qc2 a6 8. a4 c5 9. dxc5 Nc6 10. Nbd2 Bxc5 11. Nxc4 Qe7 12. Nfe5 Nd4 13. Qd1 Rd8 14. e3 Nc6 15. Nxc6 bxc6 16. Bd2 Bb7 17. Qc2 Rac8 18. Ba5 Rf8 19. Rac1 Nd5 20. Rfe1 Bb4 21. Bxb4 Nxb4 22. Qb3 c5? 23. Bxb7 Qxb7 24. Nd6! Qe7 25. Nxc8 Rxc8 26. Qxb4! Black resigns

Tim Goan (1739) - Jason Rihel (Unr)

Bird's Opening

1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. e3 Bf5 4. Bb5 e6 5. h3 h5 6. b3 Ne7 7. Bb2 a6 8. Bxc6+ Nxc6 9. O-O Qd7 10. Ne5 Nxe5 11. fxe5 O-O-O 12. d4 g5 13. Nc3 Be7 14. e4 dxe4 15. Na4 g4 16. Kh2 Rhg8 17. c4 Rg7 18. Nc5 Bxc5 19. dxc5 Qc6 20. Qe2 gxh3 21. gxh3 e3 22. Rg1 Rxc1 23. Kxg1 Rd2 24. Qf1 Bd3 25. Black resigns

	NAME	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	Markle Butcher	2046	*										0.0
2	John Roush	2091		*		W		W					2.0
3	Terry Riley	1917			*							W	2.0
4	Byron Funkhouser	1899		L		*	W			W			2.0
5	Randy Harper	1890				L	*						0.0
6	Tom LaBue	1901		L	L			*				L	0.0
7	Jerry Gogol	1730							*				0.0
8	Tim Goan	1739				L				*		L	0.0
9	Gilbert Stone	1702									*		0.0
10	Jason Rihel	Unrated			L			W		W		*	2.0