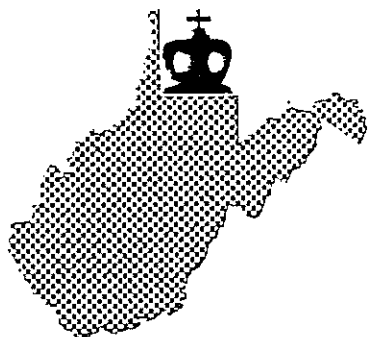




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"Of chess it has been said that life is not long enough for it.
But that is the fault of life, not chess." - Napier

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Joe Barker Wins 1996 West Virginia State Championship

The 58th West Virginia Chess Championship hinged on the outcome of one final round encounter between the current and a former state champion, Andy Katz and Joe Barker. Barker of Charleston, prevailed to gather his fifth State Championship title; he had won previously in 1969 (shared with David Marples), 1982, 1983 (tied with Donald Griffith and John Roush) and 1985. Andy finished in a second place tie with Dennis Funkhouser, both of Charleston, earned five points.

Actually, it was Dennis who precipitated Barker's participation in this year's event. Dennis has accepted a position in the Washington DC area and planned that this would be his last WV Championship. Joe decided to play at this year's event despite not playing in the WV Championship since Weston's 1991 tourney. Joe, however, proved that there was no rust; he thrashed opponents en route to the title. Showing no mercy to Markle Butcher, Raymond Bagley and Jason Rihel in the middle rounds. In fact, his only blemish was a draw against Jim Walker. Joe was a rook up, ready to finish off with mate, but Jim found a stalemate tactic to end the game drawn.

Andy had played well until the final game with Barker, dispatching with John Roush and Walker in rounds five and six. However, Andy found himself in an uncomfortable position early that he did not escape.

Other prize winners: Class A - Randy Bierce, Jim Gikas, Mark Mallabone, Greg "The Hammer" Martin, Mike Taylor and Jason Rihel, each with 4 points; Class B - Columbus, OH wonderkid Chaene Kingrey with 4.5; Class C - David Gargon, Walt Rueckert and Scott Antes; Class D - Another Ohio scholastic Boris Dvorkin with 4 points. Class E - again an Ohio scholastic Nathan Gundlach with 3.

In the other side events, Randy Bierce of Limestone and Ray Bagley of Martins Ferry, OH shared first in the Quick Chess event. Bagley continued his fine play the next evening by taking the Action tournament.

A total of 66 participants at this year's main event was the best attendance since the early 70s. The Holiday Inn of Parkersburg was the site of championship and Rev.

John Kay braved illness to direct this event. Mike Baker aided John to help make this year's event a success.

Here is the deciding game of the tourney between Barker and Katz.



Joe Barker with trophy after beating Andy Katz to clinch 1996 WV Championship.

Joe Barker (X) - Andy Katz (X), Round 6
Queen's Gambit Declined, Marshall Gambit
1. d4 d5 2. e4 e6 3. Nc3 e5
4. cxd5 exd5 5. e4 dxe4
6. Bc4 cxd4 7. Qb3 Qd7
8. Nxe4 Nc6 9. Bd2 a6
10. Nf3 b5 11. Bd5 Bb7
12. O-O Nf6 13. Nxf6+
gxf6 14. Re1+ Kd8
15. Bxf7 Bd6 16. Rac1 b4

17. Bh6 Ne5 18. Nxe5 fxe5 19. Bg7 Qg4 20. Qg3 Qf5
21. Bxe5 Qxf7 22. Bxd6 Rg8 23. Be7+ Ke8 24. Bf6+ Kf8
25. Qd6 Black resigns

Here is the draw between Barker and Walker.

Joe Barker (X) - Jim Walker (X), Round 4
French Defense, Winawer Variation
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 b6 5. Bd2 Qd7 6. Bb5 c6
7. Ba4 Ba6 8. Nce2 Bf8 9. Nf3 Bb5 10. Bb3 e5 11. c3 Nc6
12. Be3 Na5 13. Bc2 Nc4 14. Bc1 Rc8 15. O-O Be7
16. Re1 h5 17. Rb1 Na5 18. h4 Bxe2 19. Rxe2 c4 20. Bg5
Bxg5 21. hxcg5 g6 22. Nh4 Ne7 23. Qd2 Nf5 24. Bxf5 exf5
25. e6 fxe6 26. Rbe1 Rc6 27. Nxc6 Qg7 *As usual Jim is in some time trouble.* 28. Nxc8 Kd7 29. g6 Qxh8 30. Qg5
Qg7 31. Qxh5 Nb7 32. Qh7 Qxh7 33. gxh7 Rc8 34. Rxe6
Rh8 35. Re7+ Kc6 36. R1e6+ Nd6 37. Rg7 a5 38. R7g6
Rxc7 39. Rxd6+ Kb5 40. Rxb6+ Ka4 *After this move Joe congratulated Jim on making time control.* 41. Rgd6 f4
42. Rxd5 f3 43. R6b5 Rh1+!! *Kamikazee rook ploy!*
44. Drawn

Upcoming Events in the West Virginia Area

November 9 Sherrard Scholastics

Site: Sherrard Junior High School, Sherrard, WV

2 sections: Open and Scholastic

Awards for Elementary, JHS, HS, top 4 teams of 3, etc.

For more info: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone

Moundsville, WV 26041

November 16 3rd Chess In the Hills

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix

Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV

EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5

\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50

Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone

Moundsville, WV 26041

November 17 Concord College Tornado III

3-SS; 30/60, G/30;

Site: Concord College Student Center, Athens, WV

EF: \$5 \$\$: b/entries

Reg: 8:30-9:30am Rounds: 10:00-1:30-5:00

Entries to: Jim Meyer, Rt 3 Box 102-B

Princeton, WV 24740; (304) 384-9154

December 7 Parkersburg December Open

4-SS, G/75, 2 sections split at 1600!, WV Grand Prix

Site: Holiday Inn-Parkersburg, US 50,

EF: \$12 if by 12/2, \$15 at site. \$\$: b/entries

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

Entries to: Ohio Chess Projects,

PO Box 151, Barlow, Ohio 45712

E-mail: 71524,102@compuserve.com or JKREV@AOL.COM

December 14 Southern WV Scholastic Winter Swiss

Site: Parsley Bottom Baptist Church, Lenore, WV

1.5 miles off US 119 on Rt. 65 N. Church is on left.

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

Entry Fee: \$10; 4-SS, G/45

Prizes: Team (minimum of 4 players)

Individual: High School (12th grade and under)

Middle School (8th grade and under)

Elementary School (5th grade and under)

Trophies to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each section

Contact: Allen Farley, P.O. Box 180,

Sarah Ann, WV 25644

Phone: (304) 946-2602 or (304) 792-7028 ext. 226

December 28 MCCC Holiday Tornado

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix

Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV

EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5

\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50

Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone

Moundsville, WV 26041

January 11, 1997 Cross Lanes Open (Farewell To Funkhouser)

4-SS, G/80, WV Grand Prix

Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse,

5101 West Washington Ave., Cross Lanes, WV 25313

EF: \$20; \$10 (U1800); \$5 off for Charleston CC members

\$\$: b/entries

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

Entries to: Donald Griffith, 2718 Lakeview Drive

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

January 19, 1997 Winter Chess Festival

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix

Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV

EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5

\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50

Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone

Moundsville, WV 26041

February 15, 1997 Sweating in the Snow Open

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix

Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV

EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5

\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50

Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone

Moundsville, WV 26041

Send any questions, comments, tourney results or announcements to:

Tom LaBue, Rt 3, Box 372

Buckhannon, WV 26201

(304) 472-1682

To become a WVCA member, send \$7 for one year's membership to:

Tom Bergquist

4375 Bowman Hill Road

Huntington, WV 25701

Ray Bagley, Randy Bierce Share Quick Chess Title; Bagley Bests Field for Action Chess Victory; Griffith is WV Action Champ

Quick Chess Tournament - Saturday, August 31, 1996

Randy Bierce of Limestone



Randy Bierce with after winning Quick Chess Title.



WJ Prof. Raymond Bagley

and Ray Bagley of Martins Ferry, OH each scored 3.5 points, including a final round draw between these two combatants, to share first place in the West Virginia Quick Chess Championship. Bierce, as the top WV player, is named the WV Quick Chess Champ. Bagley, a professor at Wheeling Jesuit College, has just moved to the area from California and is working at organizing a chess club at WJ. He impressed all who came in contact with for his congeniality, stories, chess playing and his non-stop barrage of wry observations. He is a welcome addition to the WV chess scene. There was a tie for third between Byron Funkhouser, Mark Tipton, Chaene Kingrey and Jason Rihel. Jason suffered the through the ying-yang of chess again here as he was beaten by Chris Burkhammer in Round 1, but rebounded to win his last three, including Donald Griffith. Mike Baker directed the Quick Chess event.

Action Tournament - Sunday, September 1, 1996

Ray Bagley continued his winning ways, blitzing through the field of 12 en route to a 4-0 finish and first place at the West Virginia Action Chess Championship. Ray bested Donald Griffith in their decisive third round affair. Donald rebounded to beat Markle Butcher in Round 4 to claim the honor of top West Virginia resident. Bruce Goodwin, who made a special trip down from Columbus for the Action event, surprised Gary Morris and Fred Whitacre to capture the U1600 prize with a 3-1 mark. Tom LaBue directed the action event to give John Kay a breather from his hectic duties. He "rested" by playing three rounds in action tourney including a wild first round draw with Joseph

Montgomery of Clarksburg.

Ray Bagley (A) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. Nxc6 bxc6 6. c3 Bg7 7. Be3 Nf6 8. f3 d5 9. exd5 cxd5 10. Bb5+ Bd7 11. Bxd7+ Qxd7 12. O-O O-O 13. Nd2 e5 14. Re1 Rfd8 15. Nb3 Rac8 16. Qe2 Nh5 17. Rad1 f5 18. Qa6 Rc6 19. Qb5 Rd6 20. Qxd7 R8xd7 21. Rd2 d4 22. R1d1 d3 23. Ne5! Rc7 24. Rxd3 Rxd3 25. Rxd3 Kf7 26. Rd7+ Rxd7 27. Nxd7 Ke6 28. Ne5+ Kd5 29. Na6 Kc6 30. Nb4+ Kb7 31. Nd3 e4 32. fxe4 fxe4 33. Ne5+ Kc6 34. Nxd4 a5 35. Kf2 Kd5 36. Nd2 Nf6 37. h3 Nd7 38. Nf3 a4 39. Bd4 Bf8 40. b3 axb3 41. axb3 Ne5 42. Bxc5 Bxc5+ 43. Ke2 Ba3 44. Kd3 Be7 45. b4 g5 46. c4+ Ke6 47. c5 Black resigns

Golf Tournament - Friday, August 30, 1996

A lovely day to be outside, unfortunately the expected field was small. Family matters forced both Joe Ancrile and Rev. John Kay to miss the golf outing. That left just Chris Burkhammer of Weston and myself to test our hacking abilities (or at least so-called) against the Worthington Country Club course monsters. As it turned out, both of us were about even through the first nine holes, but Chris just couldn't get it going in the back nine. I finished with 59-52-111, which is actually pretty good for me. Chris has paid me an exorbitant sum to keep his score forever a secret, and so it shall. Hopefully, we can attract a larger group of duffers the next time we try this!

Andy Katz Simul - Friday, August 30, 1996

Twelve souls dared to test the abilities of the reigning West Virginia State Champion Andy Katz as he conducted his first simultaneous exhibition. The venue was in the center of the Grand Central Mall in Parkersburg, WV. A small, but interested crowd watched as Andy circled the tables against the likes of Randy Bierce, Bob Shock, Chris Burkhammer, Mike Price, Bob McLearn, Tom LaBue, and several members of the Malutich clan. Andy came away with a 10-1-1 record, an easy draw with Randy and a loss to Chris. Chris was down an exchange, but Andy didn't put him away. Chris created an unstoppable passed pawn and Andy resigned. For his efforts, Chris won a free year's renewal of his USCF membership. Hopefully, this simul will be the first of similar such events from WV's better players.

Jim Walker First at Huntington and Tug Valley

Jim Walker, Charlie Morrison Share Top At Huntington Y Open

Jim Walker (Cross Lanes) endured serious time trouble and emerged victorious sharing the top prize at the Huntington "Y" Open with Ohio's Charlie Morrison. Jim was taken to the limit by both Jerry Skeen in Round 3 and John Brewster in the final round, each time outlasting his opponent. Charlie upset Craig Walrath and Jerry Dingess to complete the day unbeaten as well. Roy Runyon, a class D player, scored two major upsets. Roy upended expert Gary Hardin in the first round, and Class B Gary Morris on route to winning the U1600 prize. Gary recovered to win his other games to tie for third with Runyon, Walrath, Brewster and Joshua Spitz.

Jeff Jackson directed this event for the Huntington Chess Club. Thirty players from five states participated in this West Virginia Grand Prix Event.

Jim Walker Takes Tug Valley Open Title

Jim Walker won his second tourney in as many days by scoring three wins and a draw at the Tug Valley Open. With the round three battle with Kentucky expert Frank Vaughn ended drawn, Jim defeated Jerry Skeen as Vaughn lost to Dave Blanton. Blanton and Allen Farley each finished with three points in a second place tie.

A key game was Blanton-Walker in round 2. With both players in time difficulty, Dave had a pawn advantage and looked like he would be able to queen. However, Jim held tough and kept picking off pawns; eventually broke through to score the win.

Tim Goan directed this event, held at the Belfry Branch Library in Belfry, Ky. A small turnout of eleven, but the nice weather may have been a contributing factor.

This was probably the final Tug Valley Open as Tim Goan leaves the area in November for sunny California. Look for some chess activity in the Logan area to pick up some of the slack.

Huntington "Y" Open, June 22, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2109*M5	2117*M5	W-14	W-12	W-8	W-5	4.0
2	Charles Morrison	OH	1600*B0	1650*B5	W-25	W-27	W-4	W-9	4.0
3	Gary Hardin	WV	2013*X7	2000*X7	L-6	W-21	W-14	W-13	3.0
4	Craig Walrath	OH	1907*A2	1900*A2	W-15	W-18	L-2	W-12	3.0
5	John Brewster	WV	1815*A2	1820*A2	W-7	W-10	W-6	L-1	3.0
6	Roy Runyon	KY	1302*D0	1372*C5	W-3	W-23	L-5	W-15	3.0
7	Joshua Spitz	OH	Unrated	1435/04	L-5	W-25	W-11	W-17	3.0
8	Jerry Skeen	WV	1774*a7	1765*a7	W-30	W-13	L-1	D-10	2.5
9	Jerry Dingess	OH	1731*a2	1704*a2	W-21	D-11	W-18	L-2	2.5
10	Tom LaBue	WV	1535*b5	1540*b5	W-17	L-5	W-20	D-8	2.5
11	Greg Kuhn	WV	943/05	1159/09	W-24	D-9	L-7	W-26	2.5
12	Guy Wheatley	UT	1545*b7	1542*b7	W-16	L-1	W-27	L-4	2.0
13	Gilbert Stone	WV	1427*c4	1423*c4	W-20	L-8	W-26	L-3	2.0
14	John Downing	OH	1325/11	1373/15	L-1	W-29	L-3	W-27	2.0
15	Mike Dey	OH	1226*D5	1248*D5	L-4	W-16	W-24	L-6	2.0
16	Joaquin Lopez	WV	993/11	1059/14	L-12	L-15	B---	W-24	2.0
17	Jimmy Caudill	KY	848/07	941/10	L-10	W-28	X---	L-7	2.0
18	John Sefton	KY	1467*b2	1444*b2	W-26	L-4	L-9	D-20	1.5
19	Jack Nuckols	OH	1135/06	1065/10	L-27	L-24	W-30	D-28	1.5
20	Brendan Maher	OH	814* 0	846* 0	L-13	W-30	L-10	D-18	1.5
21	Tim Roberts	WV	Unrated	1336/04	L-9	L-3	D-25	W-29	1.5
22	Dan O'Hanlon	WV	1774*a6	1774*a6	W-28	U---	U---	U---	1.0
23	Gary Morris	WV	1666*B5	1638*B5	W-29	L-6	F---	U---	1.0
24	Forriest Daulton	KY	1541*C0	1500*C0	L-11	W-19	L-15	L-16	1.0
25	Manual Lopez	WV	994/09	1023/13	L-2	L-7	D-21	D-30	1.0
26	Kyle Jones	OH	695* 0	692* 0	L-18	B---	L-13	L-11	1.0
27	Tim Dresvyanniko	OH	679/09	836/13	W-19	L-2	L-12	L-14	1.0
28	Don Jones	OH	Unrated	985/04	L-22	L-17	D-29	D-19	1.0
29	Jonathan Greene	OH	977* 0	969* 0	L-23	L-14	D-28	L-21	0.5
30	Anthony Justice	VA	Unrated	865/04	L-8	L-20	L-19	D-25	0.5

Tug Valley Open, June 23, 1996, G/60

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2117*M5	2124*M5	W--9	W--2	D--4	W--6	3.5
2	Dave Blanton	KY	1827*a4	1856*a6	W--10	L--1	W--7	W--4	3.0
3	Allen Farley	WV	1516*C7	1539*C7	L--4	W--10	W--8	W--7	3.0
4	Frank Vaughn	KY	2109*X2	2091*X2	W--3	W--6	D--1	L--2	2.5
5	Gary Morris	WV	1638*B5	1634*B5	H--	L--7	W--10	W--9	2.5
6	Jerry Skeen	WV	1765*a7	1765*a7	W--8	L--4	W--9	L--1	2.0
7	Tim Goan	WV	1604*b6	1597*b6	W--11	W--5	L--2	L--3	2.0
8	Greg Miller	WV	960/04	1115/07	L--6	B--	L--3	W--11	2.0
9	Tom LaBue	WV	1540*b5	1523*b5	L--1	W--11	L--6	L--5	1.0
10	Andy Skeen	WV	1058* 0	1054* 0	L--2	L--3	L--5	B--	1.0
11	Jonathan Clark	KY	Unrated	1112/04	L--7	L--9	B--	L--8	1.0

Note: Jonathan Clark played a non-tournament rated game with Dave Blanton to make up for his bye round.

Election of the 1996-97 WVCA Officers

At the WVCA business meeting on Saturday, August 30, 1996, the new officers for the WVCA were elected:

President: Mike Baker, 1552 Fairmont Ave,
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Vice President: Allen Farley, P.O. Box 180
Sarah Ann, WV 25644

Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Bergquist, 4375 Bowman Hill
Huntington, WV 25701

USCF Delegate: Jim Meyer, Rt 3 Box 102-B
Princeton, WV 24740

Voting Member: Walter Rueckert, Rt. 2, Box 263-4
Elkins, WV 26241

Postal Director: Jason Rihel, 2120 Eldersville Rd.,
Follansbee, WV 26037

Bulletin Editor: Tom LaBue, Rt. 3, Box 372,
Buckhannon, WV 26201

West Virginia Chess Clubs

If there are any additions to this list, please let me know!

Bluefield - Bluefield Chess Club

Site: Hardees, Rt. 460 Time: Monday 5:00pm
Contact: William Widener, (304) 325-8080

Buckhannon & Weston - Ctr. West Virginia Chess Club

Site: irregular meetings
Contacts: Tom LaBue, Rt 3 Box 372
Buckhannon, WV 26201 (304) 472-1682
e-mail: tlabue@msys.net

Clarksburg

Site: Clarksburg Senior Center
Time: Every third Sunday afternoon
Contact: Mike Baker, 1552 Fairmont Avenue
Clarksburg, WV 25311

Charleston - Charleston Chess Club

Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse
5101 W. Washington Road, Cross Lanes, WV 25312
Note: Tell the gate guard you are going to the Chess Club
meeting. The first building on the right past the
guardhouse.
Time: Tuesday 7:00pm
Contact: Donald Griffith, 2718 Lakeview Drive
St. Albans, WV 25177

Huntington - Huntington Chess Club

Site: Huntington YMCA, 935 10th Ave., Huntington, WV
Time: Saturdays 1:30pm - ?
Contact: John Brewster, (304) 525-3824

Logan - Southern ChessNuts:

Site: During the School year - Southern Community
College, Logan Campus
School not in session - Wendy's next to the high school
Time: Tuesday 6:00pm
Contact: Allen Farley, Box 180, Sarah Ann, WV
25644-0180 or e-mail cc3@swvcc.wvnet.edu

Morgantown - West Virginia University Chess Club

Meetings during school year
Site: MountainLair
Time: Tuesdays 7:00pm. Check club postings for room
Contact: Jason Rihel

Parkersburg - Parkersburg Chess Club:

Site: Vienna Public Library Time: Wednesday 7pm
Contact: Mike Price, Rt 2, Box 312A
Washington, WV 26181

Wheeling area - Marshall Co. Chess Club:

Site: Sherrard Junior High School Time: ?
Contact: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone
Moundsville, WV 26041 (304) 845-6744

Marshall County Chess Club Activity This Summer *by Randy Bierce*

Gikas, Taylor Share Dolgovskij Commemorative Crown

It was one of those games where Black moved and offered a draw; White turned it down, moved, and offered a draw. After a couple of moves like that, Mike Taylor and Jim Gikas agreed on a draw. They finished tied for first at 3.5 points. Taylor defeated Joe Lococo while Gikas downed Randy Bierce in Round 3 action to set up their final round match. Bierce was clear third at 3-1. Josh Sell was the Junior High School Champ.

nationally in fifth grade (Columbus, OH), beat Randall Wissler with a knight fork to secure the Grade School Championship.

Grant Perks, Randy Bierce Sweep Through MCCC Classic Field

Grant invaded Sherrard. Grant Perks, that is. Perks went 4-0 to share first with Randy Bierce at the MCCC Classic. Perks fought back in Round 4 to upset Andy Katz, while Bierce was beating Jim Gikas. The third place logjam at three points included Katz, Jason Rihel, Marc Abraham, Joe Lococo and Jonette Mercer. Josh Sell again was the Junior High school champ. Andy Nicol, ranked tenth

Twin Tornadoes Report

Day 1, Saturday August 3

The mathematical possibilities were mind-numbing; that's to anyone who tried predicting who was going to win Day #1 of the MCCC Twin Tornadoes. In Round 3, Jim Walker-Randy Bierce and Andy Katz-Jim Gikas drew while Mike Taylor outlasted Jason Rihel.

That set up Round 4: Walker won over Gikas; Bierce won revenge over Gary Morris; and Katz scrambled out of a lost endgame to beat Taylor. Katz, Bierce and Walker finished first with 3.5 points. Taylor, Thomas Diehl and Randall Wissler were at 3 points. Josh Sell was crowned Junior High Champ on tie-breaks over Zach Degarmeaux. January Bierce was the Grade School Champ.

Day 2, Sunday August 4

On Sunday, John Roush got up, drove two hours north and

Konnie Dolgovskij Commemorative, June 15, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Gikas	WV	1857*A7	1877*A7	W--4	W--5	W--3	D--2	3.5
2	Mike Taylor	OH	1811*a5	1816*a5	W--7	W--11	W--9	D--1	3.5
3	Randy Bierce	WV	1947*x4	1930*x4	W--6	W--9	L--1	W--5	3.0
4	Bob Blackwell	OH	1242*E4	1254*E4	L--1	W--8	W--10	D--9	2.5
5	Josh Sell	WV	1256/08	1323/12	W--10	L--1	W--7	L--3	2.0
6	Timothy Gibb	WV	1225/04	1210/08	L--3	L--7	W--11	W--10	2.0
7	Augie Delbert	WV	1113/08	1167/11	L--2	W--6	L--5	B---	2.0
8	Zach Degarmeaux	WV	916/12	933/15	L--9	L--4	B---	W--11	2.0
9	Joe Lococo	WV	1353*c7	1348*c7	W--8	L--3	L--2	D--4	1.5
10	Meredith Hellstern	WV	846/07	849/10	L--5	B---	L--4	L--6	1.0
11	Kara Jarrett	WV	725/04	801/07	B---	L--2	L--6	L--8	1.0

MCCC Summer Classic, July 13, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Raymond Bagley	OH	1886*A6	1940*x2	W--7	W--4	W--2	W--5	4.0
2	Donald Griffith	WV	2123*X7	2112*X7	W--5	W--10	L--1	W--6	3.0
3	Bruce Goodwin	OH	1277*d5	1355*C5	L--6	W--12	W--9	W--4	3.0
4	Fred Whitacre	OH	1900*A9	1900*A9	W--12	L--1	W--8	L--3	2.0
5	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1760*a9	1765*a9	L--2	W--9	W--10	L--1	2.0
6	Markle Butcher	WV	1700*B6	1686*B6	W--3	L--8	W--7	L--2	2.0
7	Marc Abraham	WV	1449*D7	1479*c4	L--1	W--11	L--6	W--10	2.0
8	John Kay	OH	1602*b2	1608*b2	D--9	W--6	L--4	U---	1.5
9	Joseph Montgomery	WV	Unrated	1401/04	D--8	L--5	L--3	W--11	1.5
10	Rick Shellenberger	OH	1755*A5	1711*A5	W--11	L--2	L--5	L--7	1.0
11	Joe Lococo	WV	1364*c7	1338*c7	L--10	L--7	W--13	L--9	1.0
12	Gary Morris	WV	1690*B7	1654*B7	L--4	L--3	U---	U---	0.0
13	Joe Meadows	WV	1047/12	1040/13	U---	U---	L--11	U---	0.0

MCCC Summer Action (cont.)

went 4-0. Meanwhile, Mike Taylor got up, drove 30 minutes south and went 4-0. So, Roush and Taylor won Day #2 of the MCCC Twin Tornadoes. Roush plowed through Gary Morris, Jim Gikas and Randy Bierce while Taylor victimized two Jims—Walker and Gikas. Tied at three points were Walker, Bierce, Morris,

Jason Rihel and David Klink. Klink, who was the national second grade runner-up (Columbus, OH), scared Walker in Round 1 then won three straight to win the Grade School prize. Josh Sell finished first in the Junior High division.

Summer Tornado #1, August 3, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2101*M5	W-13	W-9	D-3	W-7	3.5
2	Andy Katz	WV	2073*m5	2076*m5	W-12	W-8	D-7	W-4	3.5
3	Randy Bierce	WV	1919*x4	1935*x4	W-17	W-10	D-1	W-9	3.5
4	Mike Taylor	OH	1844*a5	1853*a5	W-17	W-10	W-8	L-2	3.0
5	Thomas Diehl	PA	1432*c7	1429*c7	W-21	L-12	W-14	W-10	3.0
6	Randall Wissler	OH	1398*C5	1417*C5	W-19	L-7	W-17	W-11	3.0
7	Jim Gikas	WV	1841*A7	1847*A7	W-16	W-6	D-2	L-1	2.5
8	Jason Rihel	WV	1813*a4	1794*a4	W-15	L-2	L-4	W-16	2.0
9	Gary Morris	WV	1667*B7	1661*B7	W-20	L-1	W-13	L-3	2.0
10	Marc Abraham	WV	1467*D2	1455*D2	W-22	L-3	W-12	L-5	2.0
11	Joe Lococo	WV	1367*c7	1362*c7	W-18	L-4	W-16	L-6	2.0
12	Bob Blackwell	OH	1257*E4	1278*E6	L-2	W-5	L-10	W-19	2.0
13	Josh Sell	WV	1239*E2	1244*E2	L-1	W-20	L-9	W-15	2.0
14	Zach Degarmeaux	WV	959*0	994*0	L-4	W-18	L-5	W-17	2.0
15	January Bierce	WV	799/08	929/12	L-8	W-21	W-20	L-13	2.0
16	Peter Jessie	WV	1185*0	1183*0	L-7	W-19	L-11	L-8	1.0
17	Timothy Gibb	WV	1100/12	1093/16	L-3	W-22	L-6	L-14	1.0
18	Daniel Sell	WV	1061/04	951/08	L-11	L-14	L-19	W-21	1.0
19	Gabe Degarmeaux	WV	973/04	987/08	L-6	L-16	W-18	L-12	1.0
20	Meredith Hellstern	WV	843/14	870/18	L-9	L-13	L-15	W-22	1.0
21	Barry Milbert	WV	946/04	841/08	L-5	L-15	D-22	L-18	0.5
22	Kara Jarrett	WV	822/11	807/15	L-10	L-17	D-21	L-20	0.5

Summer Tornado #2, August 4, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2135*m4	2146*m4	W-12	W-6	W-8	W-4	4.0
2	Mike Taylor	OH	1853*a5	1895*A4	W-21	W-15	W-3	W-8	4.0
3	Jim Walker	WV	2101*M5	2100*M5	W-7	W-10	L-2	W-11	3.0
4	Randy Bierce	WV	1935*x4	1939*x4	W-19	W-9	W-5	L-1	3.0
5	Jason Rihel	WV	1794*a4	1788*a4	W-22	W-13	L-4	W-14	3.0
6	Gary Morris	WV	1661*B7	1667*B7	W-18	L-1	W-12	W-13	3.0
7	David Klink	OH	1185*D2	1245*D7	L-3	W-16	W-9	W-10	3.0
8	Jim Gikas	WV	1847*A7	1828*A7	W-20	W-11	L-1	L-2	2.0
9	Marc Abraham	WV	1455*D2	1427*D2	W-23	L-4	L-7	W-18	2.0
10	Randall Wissler	OH	1417*C5	1399*C5	W-16	L-3	W-19	L-7	2.0
11	Joe Lococo	WV	1362*c7	1364*c7	W-17	L-8	W-20	L-3	2.0
12	Andy Nicol	OH	1324*D2	1332*D2	L-1	W-14	L-6	W-23	2.0
13	Boris Dvorkin	OH	1305*D4	1307*D4	W-24	L-5	W-15	L-6	2.0
14	Josh Sell	WV	1244*E2	1233*E2	W-26	L-12	W-22	L-5	2.0
15	Timothy Gibb	WV	1093*0	1090*0	W-25	L-2	L-13	W-22	2.0
16	Gabe Degarmeaux	WV	987/08	1033/12	L-10	L-7	W-21	W-19	2.0
17	Daniel Sell	WV	951/08	934/12	L-11	L-20	W-24	W-25	2.0
18	Evan Perks	OH	555*0	597*0	L-6	W-24	W-25	L-9	2.0
19	Jason Schrimp	WV	1133/03	1103/07	L-4	W-23	L-10	L-16	1.0
20	Meredith Hellstern	WV	870*0	864*0	L-8	W-17	L-11	L-24	1.0
21	Kara Jarrett	WV	807/15	802/18	L-2	L-25	L-16	B---	1.0
22	Dieter Hackmann	OH	643*0	658*0	L-5	W-26	L-14	L-15	1.0
23	Alexandra Perks	OH	456*0	480*0	L-9	L-19	W-26	L-12	1.0
24	Trent Schumbach	WV	Unrated	716/04	L-13	L-18	L-17	W-20	1.0
25	Michael Abraham	WV	Unrated	646/04	L-15	W-21	L-18	L-17	1.0
26	Barry Milbert	WV	841/08	716/11	L-14	L-22	L-23	H---	0.5

Andy Katz Returns with 4-0 Run at the Stars and Stipes Open

Andy Katz playing for the first time since October, went undefeated taking first place at the Stars and Stripes Open. Andy defeated Jerry Skeen and Mike Taylor en route to victory; Ohioans Mark Geist and Grant Perks drew in their final round encounter and ended in a tie for second. Mark, who earlier in the day defeated PA expert Ed Borden, is among the top 20 in his age group. Jim Walker suffered a setback in the third round against Mike Taylor. Jim had a won game (rook and two connected passed pawns vs. rook), but misstepped in severe time pressure, allowing Mike to take the game.

Other prizes winners were: Class B - Joe Ancrile, Mike Taylor, Jerry Skeen, Doug Mazeffa, and Brett Rush; Class C- Tom LaBue; Class D- Bob Shock, ; Class E- Peter Mauk. Pat Kelly directed this event for the Parkersburg Chess Club.

Bob Shock (D) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 1
Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. d4 e6 5. Nc3 Nd7 6. h3 c5 7. Bb5 a6 8. Bxd7+ Qxd7 9. Be3 cxd4 10. Nxd4 Bg6 11. f4 Rc8 12. a3 Ne7 13. g4 Nc6 14. Nce2 Bxc2 15. Ndx2 Na5 16. Ned4 Nc4 17. Rb1 Bc5 18. b4 Bb6 19. f5 O-O 20. f6 Nxe5 21. fxg7 Kxg7 22. Nf5+ exf5 23. Bxb3 Qc6 24. Bd4 f6 25. Ne3 Rfe8 26. Nxf5+ Kh8 27. O-O Qe6 28. Rb2 Rc4 29. Re2 Qc6 30. g5 Qe6 31. Kg2 Rg8 32. h4 fxg5 33. Bxe5+ Qxe5 34. Rxe5 gxh4+ 35. Kh3 Rc3+ 36. Rf3 Rc4 37. Qe1 Rc2 38. Re8
Black resigns

Jerry Skeen (B) - Bill Salmon (D), Round 1
King's Indian Attack

1. g3 Nf6 2. Bg2 c6 3. Nf3 g6 4. O-O Bg7 5. d3 d5 6. Nbd2 O-O 7. e4 dxe4 8. Nxe4 Bg4 9. Nxf6+ Bxf6 10. h3 Bxf3 11. Qxf3 Bg7 12. c3 Qc7 13. d4 Nd7 14. Rfe1 e6 15. Bf4 Qb6 16. b3 Rac8 17. h4 h5 18. Qe3 Nf6 19. Rad1 Rfe8 20. Bf3 Kh7 21. Be5 Nd5 22. Bxd5 cxd5 23. Bxg7 Kxg7 24. Qd2 Qd6 25. Re3 Re7 26. Rc1 b5 27. b4 a6 28. Rf3 Rf8 29. Qg5 f5 30. Qe3 Re7 31. Re1 Rf6 32. Qd2 Re8 33. Re5 Qc6 34. Re3 Qd7 35. Kg2 Qd8 36. Qe2 Qc8 37. f3 Qc6 38. g4 f4 39. Rd3 Rh8 40. g5 Rf7 41. Rxe6 Qc4 42. Qe5+ Kh7 43. Rd2 Qxc3 44. Re2 Qxb4 45. Qxd5 Rhf8 46. Qe4 Rf5 47. Qb7+ R8f7 48. Qxa6 Rg7 49. Re4 Qb1 50. Qc8 R5f7 51. Re8 Black resigns

Peter Mauk (E) - Gary Morris (B), Round 1
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 d6 2. Nf3 g6 3. e3 Bg7 4. Bd3 Nf6 5. O-O O-O

6. c4 Nbd7 7. Nc3 Re8 8. Re1 e5 9. e4 exd4 10. Nxd4 Nc5 11. Bg5 c6 12. Nf3 Qb6 13. e5 dxe5 14. Nxe5 Nfd7 15. Nxb6 Rxe1+ 16. Qxe1 Nxd3 17. Qe8+ Nf8 18. Ne7+ Kh8 19. Rf1 a5 20. Bf6 Qc7 21. Qxf8+ mate

Ed Borden (A) - Don Millican (C), Round 1
Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. Nf3 Nd7 8. Bd3 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 Qc7 10. Ne4 e6 11. g3 Ngf6 12. Bf4 Qa5+ 13. Bd2 Qc7 14. O-O-O Nxe4 15. Qxe4 Be6 16. Bc3 Nf6 17. Qe2 Nd5 18. Bd2 O-O-O 19. Kb1 Rhe8 20. c4 Nf6 21. Bc3 Ng4 22. h5 e5 23. Nh4 exd4 24. Qxg4+ Qd7 25. Nf5 Bc5 26. Bxd4 Bxd4 27. Rxd4 Qe6 28. Rxd8+ Rxd8 29. Ne7+ Kd8 30. Qxe6+ Kxe6 31. f4 Kxe7 32. Kc2 Rd4 33. Drawn

David Hundley (C) - Andy Katz (X) , Round 1
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. Be2 O-O 9. g4 Be6 10. g5 Ne8 11. h4 Nd7 12. Qd2 b5 13. Nd5 Nc7 14. Nxe7+ Qxe7 15. O-O-O d5 16. h5 d4 17. Nxd4 exd4 18. Qxd4 f6 19. Rdg1 Rad8 20. f4 Ne5 21. Qc3 b4 22. Qe1 Nc4 23. Bxc4 Bxc4 24. gxf6 Rxf6 25. e5 Rf5 26. b3 Bd5 27. Rh3 Ne6 28. Qf2 Be4 29. Rhg3 Rc8 30. c4 bxc3 e.p. 31. h6 g6 32. Rxg6+ hxg6 33. Rxg6+ Kh7 34. Qg3 Rd8 35. Rxe6 Qa3+ mate

Grant Perks (X) - Tim Goan (C), Round 2
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 e5 7. Nge2 Nc6 8. Qd2 a5 9. d5 Nce7 10. g4 Ne8 11. Ng3 f5 12. gxf5 gxf5 13. Bg5 f4 14. Nh5 h6 15. Nxb7 Nxb7 16. Bxb6 Kh7 17. Bg5 Qe8 18. h4 Nh5 19. O-O-O Bd7 20. Bh3 Ng6 21. Bg4 Nh8 22. Ne2 Rg8 23. Rdg1 a4 24. Rg2 Qf7 25. Qd3 Raf8 26. Rhg1 Bxg4 27. fxg4 Nf6 28. Nxf4 Ng6 29. Ne6 Re8 30. Rf1 Black resigns.

Mike Taylor (B) - David Gargon (C), Round 2
Queen's Gambit Accepted

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Nc3 g6 4. e4 e5 5. d5 Bb4 6. Qa4+ Nc6 7. dxc6 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 b6 9. Nf3 Bg4 10. Be2 Bxf3 11. Bxf3 Qf6 12. O-O Ne7 13. Qxc4 Nxc6 14. Ba3 O-O-O 15. Rfd1 Na5 16. Qe2 Qc6 17. Bb4 Nc4 18. Rd5 a5 19. Be7 Rd7 20. Rxd7 Kxd7 21. Bh4 f6 22. Rd1+ Ke6 23. Bg4+ f5 24. exf5 gxf5 25. Bh3 Nd6 26. Qh5 Rg8 27. Qxh7 Re8 and White won

Randall Wissler (C) - Nathan Gundlach (E), Round 2,
Sicilian Defense, Taimanov Var.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4
6. Be2 Nxe4 7. Bd2 Bxc3 8. Bxc3 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Qa5
10. Nb5 O-O 11. O-O d5 12. Bd3 a6 13. Nd4 Qxc3
14. Nf3 Nc6 15. Ng5 g6 16. h4 Nb4 17. h5 Nxd3
18. cxd3 Qe5 19. Qg4 f6 20. d4 Qxg5 21. Qxg5 fxg5
and Black won.

Don Millican (C) - Pete Jessic (E), Round 2
Sicilian Defense, Neo-Sveshnikov

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d6
6. Be4 a6 7. Na3 Nf6 8. Qd3 b5 9. Bb3 Nd4 10. Be3
Nxb3 11. axb3 Bb7 12. f3 Be7 13. Nd2 O-O 14. O-O
Qd7 15. Rad1 d5 16. b4 d4 17. Bf2 Bxb4 18. Bg3 Qe6
19. c3 dxc3 20. Nb3 Qxb3 21. White resigns.

Jerry Skeen (B) - Andy Katz (X), Round 3

1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 c5 3. c4 e6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nf3 Nc6
6. O-O Nf6 7. d4 Be7 8. dxc5 Bxc5 9. Nc3 d4 10. Na4
Be7 11. b3 O-O 12. Nb2 Bf5 13. Nd3 Ne4 14. Bb2 Bf6
15. Ba3 Re1 16. Nb4 Nc3 17. Nxc6 bxc6 18. Qd2 Nxe7+
19. Kh1 d3 20. Bb2 Bxb2 21. Qxb2 Be4 22. Rad1 Qd5
23. Nh4 Qd8 24. Rfe1 Bxg2+ 25. Nxc2 d7 26. Rf1 Qd3
27. h3 Nc3 28. Qa1 Qf3 29. Kh2 Nxd1 30. Qxd1 Qxd1
31. Rxd1 Re5 32. Ne3 Ra5 33. Ra1 Rc5 34. Rd1 Rc1
35. Kg2 Re8 36. Black resigns

David Michael (B) - Grant Perks (X), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 d5 4. Bb5+ Bd7 5. Bxd7+ Qxd7
6. e5 Nc6 7. Nf3 Be7 8. O-O Nh6 9. d3 Nf5 10. Qe1 h5
11. Qf2 O-O-O 12. a4 f6 13. a5 Rdg8 14. Bd2 Nb4
15. Rfc1 Kb8 16. Na4 d4 17. Bxb4 cxd4 18. b3 g5
19. exf6 Bxf6 20. Ne5 Qc7 21. Nc5 BxN 22. Nxe6 Qd6
23. Nxc5 Bxf4 24. Nf7 Be3 25. Nxe5 Bxf2+ 26. Kxf2
Nxd6 and Black won.

Jim Gikas (A) - Byron Funkhouser (B), Round 3
Torre Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 d5 5. e3 b6
6. b4 Nbd7 7. b5 O-O 8. Be2 Bb7 9. O-O Ne4 10. Nxe4
dxe4 11. Nd2 h6 12. Bh4 g5 13. Bg3 e5 14. c3 f5
15. Qb3+ Kh8 16. f3 f4 17. Bf2 exd4 18. cxd4 Nc5
19. Qc2 fxe3 20. Bxe3 Bxd4 21. Bxd4+ Qxd4+ 22. Kh1
Nd3 23. Bxd3 Qxd3 24. Qxc7 Qxd2 25. Qxb7 e3
26. Rfd1 Qb2 27. Qc6 Qf6 28. Qxf6+ Rxf6 29. Rd3 Re6
30. Re1 Rc8 31. h4 Rc5 32. Rdxe3 Rxe3 33. Rxe3 Rxb5
34. Re8+ Kg7 35. Re7+ Kf6 36. Rxa7 gxh4 37. a4 Rb4
38. Ra6 Kg5 39. Kh2 b5 40. a5 Ra4 41. Ra8 b4 42. a6
b3 43. a7 b2 44. Rg8+ Kh5 45. Rb8 Rxa7 46. Rxb2 Ra4

47. Kh3 Kg5 48. Rb5+ Kg6 49. Re5 Rf4 50. Re4 Rxe4
51. fxe4 Kg5 52. e5 Kf5 53. Kxh4 Kxe5 54. Kh5 Kf4
55. g4 Kg3! 56. Kxh3 Drawn

Ed Borden (A) - Mark Geist (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. Be2 Nb4 9. Ba4 Rac8 10. Bxd7+
Kxd7 11. Nc3 Qa6 12. Qe2 Qxe2+ 13. Kxe2 Nc2
14. Rb1 Rc4 15. Rd1 Nb4 16. a3 Na6 17. Rd3 Nb8
18. b3 Rc8 19. a4 Bb4 20. Bb2 Ne7 21. Rc1 Nf5 22. Na2
Rxc1 23. Bxc1 Be7 24. Rc3 Rc8 25. Rxc8 Kxc8 26. g4
Nh6 27. h3 Nc6 28. Kd3 Ng8 29. Ng1 f6 30. f4 Kd7
31. Nf3 fxe5 32. Nxe5+ Nxe5 33. dxe5 g6 34. Be3 a6
35. b4 Kc6 36. Bf2 b5 37. a5 Nh6 38. Bb6 Nf7 39. Kd4
Bh4 40. Ke3 g5 41. f5 exf5 42. e6 f4+ 43. Ke2 Ne5
44. Bc5 f3+ 45. Ke3 f2 46. Ke2 Nf3 47. Nc3 d4 48. Ne4
d3+ 49. Kf1 Nh2+ 50. White resigns.

Tim Goan (B) - Bob Shock (D), Round 3
Bird's Opening

1. f4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. e3 g6 4. Be2 Be7 5. O-O Bd7 6. d3
Bc6 7. Qe1 Nd7 8. c4 e5 9. Nc3 Ne7 10. fxe5 Nxe5
11. Nxe5 Bxe5 12. Bf3 Qc7 13. Qf2 Nf5 14. Nd5 Bxd5
15. Bxd5 O-O 16. Rb1 a5 17. b3 Rab8 18. Bb2 Qe7
19. Qf3 Bxb2 20. Rxb2 Qxe3 21. Rbf2 b6 22. g4 Qxf3
23. Rxf3 Nd4 24. Rxf7 Rxf7 25. Rxf7 Kh8 26. Rd7 Ne2
27. Kf2 Nc1 28. Ke3 Nxa2 29. Rxd6 Nc1 30. h4 Nxb3
31. h5 g5 32. Rd7 Rf8 33. Ra7 Rf1 34. h6 Rf8 35. Ra6
Rb8 36. Ke4 Nd4 37. Ke5 Ne2 38. Kf5 Nf4 39. Kxg5
Nxd5 40. cxd5 Rd8 41. d6 Kg8 42. Rxb6 Kf7 43. Ra6
Ke6 44. Rxa5 Rg8 45. Kf4 Kxd6 46. Ra7 Rh8 47. Kf5
Rf8 48. Kg5 Rg8 49. Rg7 Re8 50. Rxh7 Re5 51. Kf4
Re8 52. Rg7 Rh8 53. h7 Ke6 54. g5 Black resigns.

David Hundley (C) - Brett Rush (B), Round 3

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. dxe6 Bxe6 5. d4 Bb4+
6. Nc3 Ne4 7. Qa4+ Nc6 8. d5 Qf6 9. Nf3 Nxc3 10. bxc3
Bxc3+ 11. Bd2 Bxd2+ 12. Nxd2 Qe5+ 13. Be2 Qxa1+
14. Qd1 Qxd1+ 15. Bxd1 Bxd5 16. cxd5 Nb4 17. Ba4+
c6 18. dxc6 Nxc6 19. Nc4 O-O-O 20. O-O Rd4 21. Bb3
Re8 22. h3 Ne5 23. Re1 Nf3+ 24. gxf3 Rxe1+ 25. Kg2
Kd8 26. Ne3 Rd7 27. f4 Ke7 28. Ng4 Rc7 29. Ne5 Kf6
30. Ng4+ Kf5 31. Ne5 Rxe5 32. fxe5 Kxe5 33. Kg3
Rc3+ 34. Kg4 f5+ 35. Kg5 Rxh3 and Black won.

Sam Rhodes (D) - Mike Price (E), Round 3

1. d4 e5 2. c4 Nc6 3. dxe5 Nxe5 4. e3 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4
6. Bd2 O-O 7. Qc2 d5 8. cxd5 Bxc3 9. Bxc3 Qxd5
10. Rd1 Qe6 11. Be2 b6 12. Bxe5 Qxe5 13. Nf3 Qe7

Stars and Stripes open (cont.)

14. O-O Bb7 15. h3 Rad8 16. Nd4 c5 17. Nf5 Qe6
18. Bc4 Bd5 19. Bxd5 Rxd5 20. Rxd5 Nxd5 21. Rd1 g6
22. Rxd5! gxf5 23. Rxf5 Qxa2 24. Rg5+ Kh8 25. Rh5
Kg7 26. Rxf7+ Kf6 27. Rh6+ Ke7 28. Qe4+ Kd7
29. Qb7+ Ke8 30. Qc6+ Ke7 31. Qc7+ Ke8 32. Qe5+
Kd8 33. Rd6+ Kc8 34. Qf5+ Kb8 35. Qe5 Rc8
36. Rd7+ Ka8 37. Qe4+ Kb8 38. Qb7+ mate

Randy Bierce (A) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 4

English Opening

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. g3 Bg7
6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O c6 8. d4 Bg4 9. h3 Bxf3 10. Bxf3
Qd7 11. Bg2 Nb6 12. e3 Na6 13. Na4 e5 14. Nxb6 axb6
15. Qb3 Qc7 16. Bd2 exd4 17. exd4 Bxd4 18. Bf4 Be5
19. Bxe5 Qxe5 20. Qxb6 Qc7 21. Qd4 Rad8 22. Qh4
Rfe8 23. Rfe1 Qa5 24. Re7 Rxe7 25. Qxe7 Qc7 26. Re1

Rd7 27. Qf6 Qd8 28. Qxd8+ Rxd8 29. Re7 Rd1+
30. Bf1 Nc5 31. Kg2 Rd7 32. Re3 Rd2 33. b4 Ne6
34. a3 Kf8 35. Bc4 Ke7 36. b5 Kf6 37. *This game ended
up Drawn*

Gary Morris (B) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 4

1. Nf3 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. e4 c5 4. d5 d6 5. Be3 Bxb2
6. Nbd2 Bxa1 7. Qxa1 Nf6 8. Bh6 Rg8 9. Bc4 Bd7
10. O-O b5 11. Bd3 Ng4 12. Bf4 f6 13. Bg3 Ne5
14. Nxe5 dxe5 15. f4 Qa5 16. Nb3 Qb6 17. fxe5 c4+
18. Bf2 Qc7 19. exf6 exf6 20. Bg3 Qd8 21. e5 cxd3
22. exf6 Kf7 23. Re1 Re8 24. Be5 Na6 25. Qd4 dxc2
26. Qh4 h5 27. Qf4 Rc8 28. Qh6 Qb6+ 29. Kh1 Qxf6!
30. Qh7+ Kf8 31. Bd6+ Qxd6 32. Qh8+ Kf7 33. Qh7+
Kf6 34. Rf1+ Bf5 35. Nd4 c8/Q 36. White lost on time

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Andy Katz	WV	2069*m5	2084*m5	W-22	W-8	W-7	W-6	4.0
2	Grant Perks	OH	2006*X6	2005*X6	W-21	W-18	W-16	D-3	3.5
3	Mark Geist	OH	1759*a4	1808*a6	W-33	W-26	W-12	D-2	3.5
4	Jim Walker	WV	2124*M5	2108*M5	W-27	W-10	L-6	W-14	3.0
5	Jim Gikas	WV	1877*A7	1881*A7	W-24	W-9	D-14	D-13	3.0
6	Mike Taylor	OH	1816*a5	1844*a5	W-32	W-19	W-4	L-1	3.0
7	Jerry Skeen	WV	1765*a7	1776*a7	W-34	W-20	L-1	W-17	3.0
8	Brett Rush	OH	1735*a5	1741*a5	W-36	L-1	W-22	W-20	3.0
9	Joe Ancrile	WV	1667*B4	1680*B4	W-37	L-5	W-32	W-16	3.0
10	Doug Mazeffa	OH	1653*b9	1672*b9	W-35	L-4	W-21	W-19	3.0
11	Tom LaBue	WV	1523*b5	1539*b5	W-42	L-14	W-35	W-18	3.0
12	Ed Borden	PA	1978*x6	1945*x6	D-28	W-15	L-3	W-26	2.5
13	Randy Bierce	WV	1930*x4	1900*x4	L-23	W-41	W-30	D-5	2.5
14	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1700*a7	1715*a7	W-29	W-11	D-5	L-4	2.5
15	Tom Diehl	PA	1419*c7	1432*c7	H-	L-12	W-41	W-30	2.5
16	David Michael	WV	1672*B4	1659*B4	W-41	W-23	L-2	L-9	2.0
17	Gary Morris	WV	1634*B5	1620*B5	L-26	W-33	W-24	L-7	2.0
18	Tim Goan	WV	1597*b6	1585*b6	W-25	L-2	W-23	L-11	2.0
19	David Gargon	WV	1538* 0	1526*c2	W-40	L-6	W-34	L-10	2.0
20	Marc Abraham	WV	1460* 0	1459*D2	W-39	L-7	W-29	L-8	2.0
21	J. Scott Davis	WV	1452*c7	1458*c7	L-2	W-25	L-10	W-33	2.0
22	David Hundley	WV	1400*c0	1411*c0	L-1	W-36	L-8	W-34	2.0
23	Bob Shock	WV	1373*D4	1399*D6	W-13	L-16	L-18	W-36	2.0
24	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1352/06	1378/10	L-5	W-38	L-17	W-35	2.0
25	Jodie Hare	WV	1220*E9	1233*E9	L-18	L-21	W-42	W-32	2.0
26	Peter Mauk	WV	1126*e2	1183*D5	W-17	L-3	W-28	L-12	2.0
27	Randall Wissler	OH	1445*C5	1415*C5	L-4	L-35	W-38	D-29	1.5
28	Don Millican	VA	1400*c6	1400*c6	D-12	L-30	L-26	W-40	1.5
29	Dale Halterman	WV	1296* 0	1293* 0	L-14	W-42	L-10	D-27	1.5
30	Peter Jessic	WV	1167* 0	1185* 0	H-	W-28	L-13	L-15	1.5
31	John Kay	OH	1602*b2	1602*b2	W-38	U-	U-	U-	1.0
32	Dewey Chaney	WV	1292*d8	1277*d8	L-6	W-37	L-9	L-25	1.0
33	Sam Rhodes	NC	1288*b5	1282*b5	L-3	L-17	W-37	L-21	1.0
34	Bill Salmon	WV	1238*d9	1223*d9	L-7	W-40	L-19	L-22	1.0
35	Nathan Gundlach	OH	1181/13	1209/17	L-10	W-27	L-11	L-24	1.0
36	Glenn Haynes	WV	1177*D5	1161*D5	L-8	L-22	W-39	L-23	1.0
37	Mike Price	WV	1126*E5	1113*E5	L-9	L-32	L-33	W-42	1.0
38	David Comer	WV	902/10	942/13	L-31	L-24	L-27	B-	1.0
39	Alexandra Perks	OH	423* 0	453* 0	L-20	U-	L-36	W-41	1.0
40	Evan Perks	OH	500* 0	500* 0	L-19	L-34	H-	L-28	0.5
41	Josh Sell	WV	1323/12	1233/16	L-16	L-13	L-15	L-39	0.0
42	Brain Watkins	WV	Unrated	891/04	L-11	L-29	L-25	L-37	0.0

Roush Edges Bierce to Win Third Straight Grand Prix Title

John Roush held off Randy Bierce by a hair to claim his third consecutive West Virginia Grand Prix title. Randy made a strong move to close the gap with all the Wheeling area tournaments this summer. A key game turned out to be John holding a draw with Jim Walker in the final round of the Kanawha Valley Open; this moved John into a tie for the third place bonus points. The next week at the Parkersburg Homecoming, Randy dropped his final round encounter with Grant Perks. A draw would have tied Randy for first place bonus points. As it was, he fell into a multi-player scramble for second.

Mike Taylor also finished strongly, taking third in a hotly contested battle over Jason Rihel and Andy Katz. Only about a point separated those three. Rounding out the top ten are 1994 WV State Champ Jim Gikas, WVCA Bulletin Editor Tom LaBue, Byron Funkhouser of Weston, Mike Price and Bob McLear. McLear held off a fast charging Markle Butcher to retain the last trophy slot. Of note, Jim Walker probably would have ran away with the title, but did not rejoin WVCA until mid-July. At any rate, Jim finished 13th.

The events that have been included in the standings are:

- 1-West Virginia State Chess Championship
- 2-Parkersburg October Open
- 3-Parkersburg November Open
- 4-Parkersburg December Open
- 5-Cross Lanes Open
- 6-Cleveland Browns Memorial
- 7-Atlantic Class Championships
- 8-Luck of The Irish
- 9-1996 Parkersburg Open
- 10-Parkersburg May Open
- 11-Marshall Co. Summer Tornado
- 12-Charleston Open
- 13-Huntington "Y" June Tornado
- 14-Konnie Dolgovskij Commemorative
- 15-Stars and Stripes Open
- 16-MCCC Summer Classic
- 17-Fairmont Summer Open
- 18-Twin Tornadoes
- 19-Kanawha Valley Open
- 20-Parkersburg Homecoming

Final 1995-96 WVCA Grand Prix Standings

1. John Roush	63.30
2. Randy Bierce	62.08
3. Mike Taylor	54.95
4. Jason Rihel	54.38
5. Andy Katz	53.80
6. Jim Gikas	46.75
7. Tom LaBue	42.67
8. Byron Funkhouser	31.67
9. Mike Price	30.70
10. Bob McLear	28.00
11. Markle Butcher	27.17
12. Bill Salmon	25.03
13. Jim Walker	23.50
14. Pat Kelly	23.05
15. Joe Ancrile	22.75
16. Tim Goan	21.00
17. Dave Olson	19.00
18. Dave Moneypenny	17.83
19. Gary Hardin	16.30
20. Joe Lococo	16.13
21. Charles Haid	16.00
22. Bob Shock	15.58
23. Mike Baker	14.50
Donald Griffith	14.50
25. Aaron Richardson	13.70
26. David Hundley	12.83
27. Marc Abraham	12.80
28. Michael Spenser	11.17
29. Bob Blackwell	11.00
30. Dennis Funkhouser	10.00
31. Peter Mauk	9.75
32. Ed Garner	9.30
33. Walt Reuckert	8.67
34. Alan Smith	8.25
35. Walter Bagnall	8.17
36. Duane Hosom	8.00
37. John Dailey	7.75
38. Allen Farley	7.50
39. Mike Richardson	7.00
40. Jonette Mercer	6.80

Previous Winners of the West Virginia Grand Prix:

1992-93	Chuck Schulien	Parkersburg, WV
1993-94	John Roush	Charleston, WV
1994-95	John Roush	Ripley, WV
1995-96	John Roush	Ripley, WV

Baker and Rihel Draw in Fourth Round, Share Fairmont Summer Open Title

Mike Baker held strong a pawn down against Jason Rihel in their final round encounter to earn a draw. This resulted in Jason and Mike sharing first place honors at the Fairmont Summer Open. Jason's day was highlighted with neat mating combos over Michael Spenser and Walt Rueckert.

The other games that drew a crowd were Jim Walker's first and third round contests. Both games featured Jim Walker in difficult time trouble; Jim was not able to beat the clock vs. Mike Price, an upset of nearly 1000 points! However, Jim rebounded to score a third round victory against Joe Ancrile that looked to be in Joe's favor.

Twenty eight players participated included four first time tournament entrants. Also, a representative from the previously unknown (to us at least) Clarkburg Chess Club attended to promote the club. Hopefully, this bodes well for the North Central WV area.

Jim Walker(X) - Mike Price(E), Round 1

Englund Gambit

1. d4 e5 2. d5 Bc5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e4 c6 5. Qf3 d6 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. O-O-O Qa5 8. Kb1 h5 9. Bc4 b5 10. Bb3 Bb7 11. Nge2 O-O-O 12. Rd3 Qb6 13. Rhd1 Rdf8 14. h3 a5 15. dxc6 Bxc6 16. Bd5 b4 17. Bxc6 Qxc6 18. Nd5 Nxd5 19. Rxd5 Kc7 20. Be7 g6 21. Qd3 Nb6 22. Bxd6+ Bxd6 23. Rxd6 Qa8 24. Rd7+ Nxd7 25. Qxd7+ Kb8 26. Rd5 Qxd5 27. exd5 Rhg8 28. d6 Rd8 29. Qc7+ Ka8 30. Qxa5+ Kb7 31. Qxb4+ Kc6 *At this point in the game, Jim is dangerously low on time and is trying to find a quick mate.* 32. Qc4+ Kd7 33. Qc7+ Ke6 34. Nc3 Rxd6 35. b3 Re8 36. g3 Re7 37. Qc4+ Kd7 38. Ne4 Rd4 39. Nf6+ Kd8 40. Qc5 R4d7 41. Nxd7 Kxd7 42. a4 Re8 43. a5 Kc8 44. Qd5 Kc7 45. a6 Kb6 46. Qb7+ Kc5 47. Qxc8+ Kd5 48. Qc4+ Kd6 49. a7 Ke7 50. a8/R Kf6 51. Qc6+ Kf5 52. g4+ hxg4 53. hxg4+ Kxg4 54. Qf6 Kh3 55. Rh8+ Kg2 56. f4 Kf2 57. Qxe5 Kc3 58. Rh3+ Kf2 59. Qe3+ Kf1 60. *With the win within grasp, Jim's flag finally falters.* Black wins on time.

Michael Statkiewicz (Unr) - A.T. Turner (D), Round 1

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Nf3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Bc5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Bb5 Bd7 8. Bxc6 bxc6 9. O-O Ne7 10. Bg5 O-O 11. Nd2 h6 12. Bh4 Bxd4 13. cxd4 Bc8 14. Qg4 g5 15. Bg3 Ba6 16. Rfe1 Qb6 17. Rab1 Bd3 18. Rbc1 Qxb2 19. Nf3 Qxa2 20. Rc3 Be4 21. h4 Bxf3 22. Rxf3 Rb8 23. Rf6 Nf5 24. hxg5 hxg5 25. Qxg5+ Ng7 26. Rh6 Rb1 27. Rxb1 Qxb1+ 28. Kh2 a5 29. Qh4 f5 30. Rh8+ Kf7 31. Qf6+ Ke8 32. Qxf8+ Kd7 33. Qxg7+ mate

J. Scott Davis (C) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 2

Queen's Indian Defense

1. c4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6 5. g3 d6 6. Bg2 Nbd7 7. b4 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Qd3 h6 10. Bb2 c5 11. a3 Qc8 12. Rac1 cxd4 13. Nxd4 Bxg2 14. Kxg2 Ne5 15. Qc2 Qxc4 16. Ne4 Qxc2 17. Nxf6+ Bxf6 18. Rxc2 d5 19. Nc6 Nxc6 20. Bxf6 gxf6 21. Rxc6 Rfc8 22. Rfc1 Rxc6 23. Rxc6 Kf8 24. f4 Ke8 25. Rc7 f5 26. Kf3 h5 27. Ke3 Kf8 28. Kd4 Kg7 29. Ke5 a5 30. b5 h4 31. Rb7 hxg3 32. hxg3 Rc8 33. Rxb6 Rc3 34. Rb8 Rxa3 35. b6 Rb3 36. b7 Rb6 37. Kd4 a4 38. Kc5 Rb3 39. Kc6 a3 40. Ra8 Rc3+ 41. Kd7 and White won

Joe Ancrile (B) - Peter Mauk (E), Round 2

King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack

1. d4 d6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. e4 Bg7 5. f3 O-O 6. Bg5 c5 7. d5 e5 8. Qd2 a6 9. Nge2 Bd7 10. Ng3 Qe8 11. a4 a5 12. Nb5 Qe7 13. Be2 Na6 14. O-O Nb4 15. b3 Bxb 16. cxb5 b6 17. f4 h6 18. fxe5 Qxe5 19. Bxf6 Bxf6 20. Qxh6 Bg5 21. Qh3 Nc2 22. Rb1 Rad8 23. Bf3 Kg7 24. Ne2 Rh8 25. Qg3 Be3+ 26. Kh1 Qg5 27. Qxg5 Bxg5 28. Ng3 Bf4 29. Kg1 Rh4 30. Kf2 Rxh2 31. Rh1 Rdh8 32. Rxh2 Rxh2 33. Ne2 Be3+ 34. Kg3 Rh8 35. Bg4 Kf6 36. Rf1+ Kg7 37. Kg3 Drawn

Eric O'Brien (E) - Steven Statkiewicz (D), Round 2

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 d6 4. d3 Bg4 5. O-O Nd4 6. c3 Nxf6+ 7. gxf3 Bh3 8. Re1 Qf6 9. f4 Qg6+ mate

Walt Rueckert (C) - Jason Rihel (A), Round 3

Bird's Opening

1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. e3 Nf6 4. d4 Bf5 5. Bd3 e6 6. O-O Bd6 7. a3 O-O 8. Ne5 Ne7 9. h3 c5 10. c3 cxd4 11. exd4 Bxd3 12. Qxd3 Ne4 13. Nd2 Nxd2 14. Bxd2 f6 15. Ng4 Qc7 16. Rae1 h5 17. Nh2 e5 18. dxe5 fxe5 19. fxe5 Bxe5 20. Nf3 Bg3 21. Re6 Rad8 22. Be3 Nf5 23. Ng5 Bh2+ 24. Kh1 Ng3+ 25. Kxh2 Nxf1+ 26. Kg1 Qh2+ mate

Tom LaBue (C) - Byron Funkhouser (B), Round 3

King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 e5 7. d5 Nh5 8. Qd2 Qh4+ 9. g3 Nxg3 10. Qf2 Nxf1 11. Qxh4 Nxe3 12. Ke2 Nxc4 13. Rc1 Na6 14. Nd1 Nb6 15. Ne3 Bd7 16. Nh3 Bb5+ 17. Ke1 Nc5 18. Rc2 c6 19. dxc6 bxc6 20. Nf2 Rae8 21. Rg1 f5 22. exf5 gxf5 23. Qg5 Ne6 24. Qh5 Nd4 25. Rd2 Kh8 26. Nh3 Bf6 27. Rdg2 e4 28. f4 Nf3+ 29. Kd1 Nxg1 30. Rxg1 Bxb2? *Byron has good position and should start king hunting with my king in the middle of the board with no protection in sight. The pawn grab gives me the tempo I need.* 31. Nxf5! Bf6 32. Nxg5 Bxg5 33. Qxg5 Rf7 34. Nxd6 Black resigns

Baker and Rihel Draw in Fourth Round, Share Fairmont Summer Open Title

Jim Walker (X) - Joe Ancrile (B), Round 3

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 cxd4 4. e3 Bg4 5. Bxc4 e6 6. O-O Nbd7 7. Nc3 Bd6 8. e4 e5 9. d5 O-O 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bh4 g5 12. Bg3 Kg7 13. h3 Bh5 14. Qe2 a6 15. Rac1 Qe7 16. Rfe1 Rh8 17. Bd3 Rag8 18. Nd1 Bg6 19. Kh1 Nh5 20. Ne3 Nf4 21. Bxf4 gxf4 22. Nf5+ Bxf5 23. exf5 Kf8 24. Be4 Rg7 25. Rc4 Rhg8 26. Nh2 Nf6 27. Bf3 h5 28. Qc2 Qd7 29. Rec1 Ne8 30. Rg1 Rh8 *Again, Jim had time pressure, about 1 minute or so left, Joe with twenty minutes.* 31. Qe2 Nf6 32. Qc2 Qe7 33. Rc1 Ne8 34. Rg1 Qf6 35. Nf1 Rg5 36. Be4 Rhg8 37. Nd2 R5g7 38. Nf3 h4 39. Nd2 Qe7 40. b4 Bxb4 41. f6 Nxf6 42. Rxc7 Qd6 43. Rc8+ Ne8 44. Nc4 Qe7 45. d6 Bxd6 46. Nxd6 Qxd6 47. Rd1 Qe7 48. R1d8 *Jim gained a material advantage and Joe's flag eventually fell!* White won on time.

Steven Statkiewicz (D) - Travis Martin (D), Round 3

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. O-O Bc5 5. Nc3 O-O 6. d3 d6 7. Bg5 Be6 8. Bxe6 fxe6 9. Na4 Nd4 10. Nh4 h6 11. Bxf6 Qxf6 12. Nxc5 dxc5 13. c3 Qxh4 14. cxd4 exd4 15. Rc1 b6 16. Qa4 Qd8 17. Qc6 Qd6 18. Qa4 Rf4 19. b4 Rh4 20. h3 Rh5 21. f4 a5 22. Qb3 axb4 23. Kh2 Rf8 24. e5 Qc6 25. Qd1 Rhf5 26. Qg4 Qd7 27. Qg3 Qe7 28. Ra1 Qf7 29. Kg1 Rxf4 30. Rfe1 Qf5 31. Kh2 h5 32. h4 Qg4 33. Qxg4 Rxg4 34. Kh3 R8f4 35. Re4 Rxe4 36. dxe4 Rxe4

37. a3 b3 38. a4 Re3+ 39. g3 b2 40. Rb1 Rb3 41. Kg2 c4 42. White resigns

Jason Rihel (A) - Mike Baker (B), Round 4

Four Knight's Defense, Rubenstein Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bb5 Nd4 5. Ba4 Nxf3+ 6. Qxf3 c6 7. d3 Bb4 8. O-O O-O 9. Qg3 Re8 10. Bg5 Be7 11. Qxe5 d6 12. Qf4 Nh5 13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. Qf3 Qg5 15. Bb3 Be6 16. Bxe6 Rxe6 17. Qf5 Qxf5 18. exf5 Re5 19. g4 Nf4 20. Ne4 d5 21. Nd6 b6 22. Rfe1 Rxe1+ 23. Rxe1 Kf8 24. f6 Ne6 25. fxe7+ Nxe7 26. Kg2 Rd8 27. Nf5 Nxf5 28. gxf5 f6 29. Re6 c5 30. Rxf6+ Kg7 31. Re6 Kf7 32. Kf3 Rd7 33. Kf4 d4 34. Kg5?! 34. *Ke5 is better, as it does not allow Black's move* 35. 34...Kf8 35. f6 Rd5+ 36. Rf4 Rh5 37. Re7 Rxh2 *After a time scramble for both Mike and Jason, this game ended as a dead draw.* Drawn.

Michael Spenser (B) - John White (Unr), Round 4

Center Counter

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qd8 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 Bxf3 6. Bxf3 e5 7. Bxb7 Nd7 8. Bxa8 Qxa8 9. O-O Bb4 10. Re1 Bxc3 11. bxc3 Ngf6 12. d4 e4 13. Ba3 Qd5 14. f3 Qa5 15. Bb4 Qd5 16. Qe2 a5 17. fxe4 Qh5 18. Qxh5 Nxh5 19. Bxa5 c5 20. Rb1 O-O 21. dxc5 Nxc5 22. Bb4 Rc8 23. Bxc5 Rxc5 24. Rb8+ and White wins.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jason Rihel	WV	1807*a4	1813*a4	W-15	W-6	W-7	D-2	3.5
2	Mike Baker	WV	1600*B4	1621*B4	W-23	W-14	W-9	D-1	3.5
3	Jim Walker	WV	2108*M5	2100*M5	L-14	W-20	W-10	W-8	3.0
4	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1715*a7	1700*a7	W-16	W-13	L-8	W-12	3.0
5	Markle Butcher	WV	1715*B6	1693*B6	W-12	L-9	W-11	W-13	3.0
6	Michael Spenser	WV	1606/13	1607/17	W-27	L-1	W-15	W-18	3.0
7	Walt Rueckert	WV	1572*C0	1576*C0	W-24	W-18	L-1	W-16	3.0
8	Tom LaBue	WV	1539*b5	1565*b5	W-25	W-17	W-4	L-3	3.0
9	J. Scott Davis	WV	1458*c7	1481*c7	W-19	W-5	L-2	W-17	3.0
10	Joe Ancrile	WV	1680*B4	1667*B4	W-20	D-11	L-3	W-21	2.5
11	Peter Mauk	WV	1126*e2	1158*e7	W-26	D-10	L-5	W-22	2.5
12	Travis Martin	WV	1204*0	1226*E2	L-5	W-19	W-21	L-4	2.0
13	John Iorio	WV	1148*e2	1157*e2	W-28	L-4	W-23	L-5	2.0
14	Mike Price	WV	1113*E5	1150*E7	W-3	L-2	L-18	W-23	2.0
15	Toby Heaney	WV	1092*d2	1105*d2	L-1	W-27	L-6	W-24	2.0
16	Joel Corum	WV	1047*0	1065*0	L-4	W-28	W-22	L-7	2.0
17	Michael Statkiewicz	WV	Unrated	1182/04	W-22	L-8	W-27	L-9	2.0
18	John White	WV	Unrated	1400/04	W-21	L-7	W-14	L-6	2.0
19	Brian Watkins	WV	891/04	916/08	L-9	L-12	D-20	W-27	1.5
20	Nathan Fortney	WV	883*0	891*0	L-10	L-3	D-19	W-25	1.5
21	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1378/10	1309/14	L-18	W-24	L-12	L-10	1.0
22	A. T. Turner	WV	1273/06	1110/10	L-17	W-25	L-16	L-11	1.0
23	Scott Guinn	WV	1056/12	1037/16	L-2	W-26	L-13	L-14	1.0
24	Eric O'Brien	WV	1046/09	1034/13	L-7	L-21	W-26	L-15	1.0
25	Troy Heaney	WV	647/15	684/19	L-8	L-22	W-28	L-20	1.0
26	Andrew Brock	WV	Unrated	751/04	L-11	L-23	L-24	W-28	1.0
27	Robert Blaney	WV	531/08	623/12	L-6	L-15	L-17	L-19	0.0
28	Lawrence Wolfe	WV	Unrated	536/04	L-13	L-16	L-25	L-26	0.0

Griffith Outlasts Field at Kanawha Valley Open

Playing for the first time since the Charleston Club Championship, Donald Griffith was solid in winning the 1996 Kanawha Valley Open. Donald beat Robert Canary, David Michael and Kentucky expert Bill Woodward en route to a 4.5 score and first place. Jim Walker scored the only blemish against Donald by holding a draw in Round three. Jim had a chance to tie for first, but could only draw against John Roush. Walker and Woodward tied for second with four points.

1995 WV State Champ Andy Katz had a rough outing, losing to Jeremy Hummer and Canary before withdrawing. Other prize winners: Top B - Jerry Skeen and Sefus Ellis; Top C- Tom LaBue; Top D- Jeremy Hummer; Top Unrated- Stephen Smith. John Roush directed this tournament held at the Lake Chaweva Clubhouse in Cross Lanes.

Chris Bush (X) - Bill Salmon (D), Round 1

Philador's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 h6 4. d4 Bg4 5. dxe5 Nc6 6. Bf4 Qe7 7. Bb5 Rd8 8. e6 Qxe6 9. O-O Nge7 10. Re1 Ng6 11. Bg3 Be7 12. Qd5 O-O 13. Bxc6 bxc6 14. Qxc6 Bxf3 15. gxf3 Ne5 16. Bxe5 Qxe5 17. Qc3 Qg5+ 18. Kh1 Bf6 19. Qa3 Be5 20. f4 Qxf4 21. Kg1 Qxh2+ 22. Kf1 Bd4 23. Ke2 Qxf2+ 24. Kd1 Bc5 25. Qd3 Rfe8 26. Nd2 d5 27. e5 Qf4 28. Qc3 Bf2 29. Re2 Qh2 30. Nf3 Qh1+ 31. Ne1 d4 32. Qxc7 Be3 33. e6! fxe6 34. Rh2! Qg1 35. Rg2 Qxg2 36. Nxe2 Bg5 37. Ne1 e5 38. a4 Rf8 39. Ra3 Rc8 40. Qd7 Rfd8 41. Qe6+ Kh8 42. Rf3 Bf4 43. Nd3 Re8 44. Qg6 Rf8 45. Nxf4 Rxf4 46. Rxf4 exf4 47. Qf5 and White won.

Jerry Skeen (B) - Scott Guinn (E), Round 1

1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nf3 Be6 6. O-O Be7 7. Ng5 Bf5 8. Qb3 b6 9. Nc3 c6 10. d3 O-O 11. e4 Be6 12. Nxe6 fxe6 13. exd5 exd5 14. Bd2 Nbd7 15. d4 Bd6 16. Rac1 Rc8 17. Bg5 Kh8 18. Rfe1 Re8 19. Rxe8+ Qxe8 20. Qa4 b5 21. Qc2 a6 22. Bh3 Rc7 23. Qd2 h3 24. Bf4 Bxf4 25. Qxf4 Rc8 26. Kf1 Qf7 27. Re1 Re8 28. Rxe8+ Qxe8 29. Qd6 Nf8 30. f3 Kg8 31. Kf2 Qh5 32. Be6+ Nxe6 33. Qxe6+ Kh7 34. h3 Qe8 35. Qf5+ Qg6 36. Qc8 Qc2+ 37. Ne2 Qxb2 38. Qxa6 Qc2 39. Qa3 Qc4 40. Qb2 Nd7 41. Qb1+ g6 42. h4 Nb6 43. h5 Na4 44. Qxg6+ Kh8 45. Qxh6+ Kg8 46. Qg6+ Kf8 47. h6 and White won.

John Roush (X) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 2

Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. g4 Bg6 6. Nge2 Bh4 7. h4 Be4 8. Rh3 h5 9. gxh5 Rxh5 10. Bg5 f6 11. Ng3

Rh7 12. exf6 Nxf6 13. Bd3 Qa5 14. Bxf6 Bxc3+ 15. bxc3 Qxc3+ 16. Kf1 Bxd3+ 17. cxd3 gxf6 18. Ne2 Qa5 19. Nf4 Kd7 20. Qg4 Re7 21. Nxe6 Na6 22. Nc5+ Kc7 23. Qf4+ Kb6 24. Rb1+ Na4 25. Qd2 Kc7 26. Qxb4 Qxb4 27. Rxb4 b6 28. Na4 Rh8 29. Rb2 Reh7 30. Rc2 Rxh4 31. Rxh4 Rxh4 32. Nc3 Kd6 33. Ne2 c5 34. Ng3 Kc6 35. dxc5 bxc5 36. Nf5 Rf4 37. Ne3 Ra4 38. Ke2 Kd6 39. Nd1 Ra3 40. Nc3 Ra5 41. Rb2 Ke5 42. Rb5 Ra3 43. Rxc5 Ke6 44. d4 f5 45. Kd2 f4 46. Rc6+ Kf5 47. f3 a6 48. Rc5 Ke6 49. Kc2 Black resigns

David Michael (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 2

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6! *Both Walker and Roush looked over when Donald pushed this pawn. Donald usually answers 1. e4 with c5, heading towards a Dragon.* 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7 6. Bd3 Rc8 7. O-O cxd4 8. cxd4 Nb4 9. a3 Nxd3 10. Qxd3 Ne7 11. Bg5 Qb6 12. Qd2 Nc6 13. Nc3 Na5 14. Qe2 Nb3 15. Rad1 Bxa3 16. Rfe1 Bb4 17. Qe3 Na5 18. Nd2 Nc4 19. Nxc4 Rxc4 20. f4 Be7 21. Bxe7 Kxe7 22. f5 Qxb2 23. Qg5+ Ke8 24. Qxg7 Rf8 25. Ne2 Qb6 26. f6 Ba4 27. Rd3 Bc2 28. Rh3 a5 29. Nf4 Qxd4+ 30. White resigns

Jim Walker (X) - Joe Ancrile (C), Round 2,

London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bf4 c5 4. e3 Qb6 5. Qc1 Nc6 6. c3 Be7 7. h3 d5 8. Nbd2 O-O 9. Be2 a6 10. Qc2 Rd8 11. O-O h6 12. Bh2 Bd6 13. Bxd6 Rxd6 14. Rac1 Qa7 15. Kh1 Rd8 16. Ne5 Bd7 17. f4 b6 18. Bf3 Rac8 19. Qd1 cxd4 20. exd4 b5 21. a3 Rc7 22. Qe2 Rdc8 23. Rce1 Nxd4 24. cxd4 Qxd4 25. Nxd7 Nxd7 26. b4 Rc2 27. Rd1 Qc3 28. Qe1 Qxa3 29. f5 e5 30. Bxe5 Qxb4 31. Ne4 Qxe1 32. Rfxe1 R2c7 33. Nd6 Rf8 34. Rc1 Rxc1 35. Rxc1 Nb6 36. Ba2 e4 37. Kg1 e3 38. Kf1 Kh7 39. Bxf7 b4 40. Ke2 a5 41. Rc6 Na4 42. Kxe3 Nc3 43. Kd3 Rb8 44. Bg6+ Kg8 45. Kc2 a4 46. Rc8+ Rxc8 47. Nxc8 Kf8 48. Na7 a4 49. Nc6 a2 50. Kb2 b3 51. Nd4 Na4+ 52. Ka1 Black resigns

David Huebel (E) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. Bd2 O-O 8. Bd3 d6 9. Qe2 Bg4 10. h3 Be6 11. O-O Ne7 12. g4 Ng6 13. Kh2 Qd7 14. Rg1 Bxc3 15. bxc3 Rac8 16. Rg3 Nf4 17. Bxf4 exf4 18. Rg2 Rxc3 19. Qd2 Rfc8 20. Qxf4 Qe7 21. Nd4 Bc4 22. Nf5 Qe6 23. Qxd6 Qxd6 24. Nxd6 Bxd3 25. Nxc8 Bxe4 26. Ne7+ Kf8 27. Nf5 Bxg2 28. Kxg2 g6 29. Nd6 Rxc2 30. Nxb7 Ne4 31. Rf1 Rxa2 32. Nd8 a5 33. Nc6 a4 34. Na5 Rc2

35. Kg1 a3 36. f3 Nc3 37. Rf2 Rb2! 38. Rf1 Ne2 39. Kg2 a2 40. Kf2 Nc1+ 41. Kg1 a1/Q 42. White resigns

Chris Bush (X) - John Roush (X), Round 3

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Qc7 7. Qg4 f5 8. Qh5+ g6 9. Qh4 cxd4 10. Qxd4 Nc6 11. Bb5 Nge7 12. Nf3 Bd7 13. Qe3 O-O-O 14. O-O h6 15. Re1 g5 16. Qc5 g4 17. Nd4 Nxd4 18. Bxd7+ Rxd7 19. Qxd4 Nc6 20. Qf4 Na5 21. Qb4 Nc4 22. Bxh6 a5 23. Bf4 axb4 and Black won easily.

Donald Griffith (X) - Jim Walker (X), Round 3

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. d3 Nc6 4. g3 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Bg2 f6 7. O-O Bc5 8. Nbd2 Be6 9. Nb3 Bb6 10. Re1 Nde7 11. c3 Qd7 12. Be3 Rd8 13. Bxb6 axb6 14. d4 Bg4 15. Qc2 O-O 16. dxe5 Bxf3 17. Bxf3 Nxe5 18. Bg2 N7c6 19. Rad1 Qg4 20. h3 Nf3+ 21. Bxf3 Qxf3 22. Nd4 Nxd4 23. Rxd4 Rxd4 24. cxd4 Qc6 25. Qxc6 bxc6 26. Rc1 Rd8 27. Rxc6 Rxd4 28. Rxc7 Rd2 29. b3 Rxa2 30. Rb7 h6 31. Rxb6 Kf7 32. Kg2 h5 33. b4 Kg6 34. b5 Rb2 35. Rb8 Kf5 36. b6 g5 37. Kf3 Rb3+ 38. Ke2 Ke4 39. f3+ Kf5 40. b7 Rb2+ 41. Ke3 Rb3+ 42. Kd4 h4 43. Kc4 Rb2 44. gxh4 gxh4 45. Rh8 Rxb7 46. Rxh4 Ra7 47. Kd3 Ra3+ 48. Ke2 Ra2+ 49. Ke3 Rh2 50. Rh8 Kg5 51. f4+ Kf5 52. Kf3 Rh1 53. Rh5 + Kg6 54. Rh8 Drawn

Bill Woodward (X) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 3

King's Indian Defense, Four Pawns Attack

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. e4 Nf6 5. f4 O-O 6. Nf3 c5 7. d5 e6 8. Be2 exd5 9. cxd5 Re8 10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 Nfd7 12. e6 fxe6 13. dxe6 Nb6 14. Qxd8 Rxd8 15. Bg5 Re8 16. Nb5 Na3 17. e7 h6 18. Nd6 hxg5 19. Nxe8 Bxb2 20. Rd1 Bc3+ 21. Kf2 Bd7 22. Bxa6 bxa6 23. Ng7! Rc8 24. Rxd7 Nxd7 25. e8/Q+ Rxe8 26. Nxe8 and White won.

Andy Katz (X) - Robert Canary (B), Round 3

French Defense, Guimard Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nc6 4. c3 Nf6 5. e5 Nd7 6. Bd3 f5 7. exf6 e.p. Nxf6 8. Ngf3 Bd6 9. O-O Bd7 10. Re1 Qe7 11. Ne5 O-O-O 12. Ndf3 Bxe5 13. dxe5 Ng4 14. Bg5 Qc5 15. Bxd8 Nxf2 16. b4 Nh3+ 17. White resigns

Randy Bierce (A) - Charles Haid (C), Round 3

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 c5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. O-O O-O 7. d3 e6 8. Bf4 d5 9. cxd5 Nxd5 10. Bd2 a6 11. Qc1 b6 12. Bh6 Bb7 13. h3 Re8 14. Nh2 Bh8 15. Ng4 Nd4 16. Re1 Qc7 17. Nxd5 Bxd5 18. Bf4 Qb7 19. Nh6+ Kf8 20. Bd6+ Kg7 21. Ng4 Kg8 22. e4 Bc6 23. Nh6+ Kg7 24. g4 e5 25. Nf5+ Kg8 26. Qg5 Nxf5 27. gxf5 Qd7

28. fxd6 hxg6 29. Bxc5 bxc5 30. Rac1 Qd6 31. h4 Bg7 32. h5 gxh5 33. Qxh5 Re6 34. Qd1 Rb8 35. b3 Rd8 36. Rc3 Rg6 37. Qc2 Bf8 38. Re3 Re8 39. Qe2 R8e6 40. Kf1 Rg5 41. Rh3 Reg6 42. Rh2 Qd7 43. Qf3 Qg4 44. Qxg4 Rxd4 45. Bf3 R4g5 46. Ke2 a5 47. Rh1 Bd7 48. Rc4 Bb5 49. Rc3 a4 50. Bh5 Rh6 51. bxa4 Bxa4 52. Ra3 Bd7 53. Bf3 Rxh1 54. Bxh1 c4 55. Ra7 cxd3+ 56. Kxd3 Bb5+ 57. Kc3 Rg6 58. a4 Bf1 59. a5 Ra6 60. Rxa6 Bxa6 61. Bf3 Bc5 62. Bd1 Bxf2 63. Kb4 Be1+ 64. Kc5 Bxa5 and Black won

David Hundley (C) - David Michael (B), Round 3

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd3 dxe4 5. Bxe4 c5 6. Nge2 Nf6 7. Bg5 Nbd7 8. O-O cxd4 9. Nb5 Qb6 10. Bd3 e5 11. a3 Be7 12. Nexd4 exd4 13. Bf4 Nd5 14. Bg3 a6 15. c4 dxc3 e.p. 16. Nxc3 Nxc3 17. bxc3 O-O 18. Qc2 Nf6 19. Rfe1 Be6 20. Rab1 Qa7 21. Bh4 g6 22. Bg5 Nd5 23. Bh6 Rfc8 24. Rb3 Nf6 25. Rxe6 fxe6 26. Bxg6 Bf8 27. Bxh7+ Kh8 28. Be3 Bc5 29. Be4 Nxe4 30. Qxe4 Bxe6 31. Qe5+ Kh7 32. Qe4+ Kh6 33. Qxe6+ Kg7 34. Qe7+ Kg8 35. Qe6+ Kf8 36. Qd6 Kf7 37. Qd5+ Kf6 38. Qd6+ Kf5 39. Qd5+ Drawn

Chuck Waugh (C) - Bill Salmon (D), Round 3

English Opening

1. c4 c5 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. e3 Nc6 5. Ne2 d6 6. Nc3 e6 7. O-O Nge7 8. a3 Bd7 9. d4 cxd4 10. exd4 Rc8 11. b3 O-O 12. Rb1 Nf5 13. d5 Ncd4 14. dxe6 Bxe6 15. Bxb7 Rc7 16. Bg2 Nxe2+ 17. Nxe2 Rd7 18. Nf4 Qb6 19. Re1 Nd4 20. Be3 Bf5 21. Nd5 Qc5 22. Rc1 a5 23. Nc3 Re7 24. Nb5 Rfe8 25. h3 Be4 26. Bxe4 Rxe4 27. Qd3 Nf3+ 28. Kf1 Qh5 29. Kg2 Nxe1+ 30. Rxe1 Rd8 31. Qxe4 f5 32. Qe6+ Kh8 33. Nxd6 Rf8 34. Bc5 f4 35. Nf7+ Rxf7 36. Qxf7 f3+ 37. Kh2 Qxc5 38. Re8+ Black resigns

John Roush (X) - Bill Woodward (X), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Richter-Rauzer Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 a6 8. O-O-O Nxd4 9. Qxd4 Be7 10. e5 dxe5 11. Qxe5 Bd7 12. Kb1 Rc8 13. Bd3 Rc5 14. Bxf6 Rxe5 15. Bxe5 f6 16. Bd4 Qc7 17. g3 Bc6 18. Be4 O-O 19. Rhe1 e5 20. Nd5 Bxd5 21. Bxd5+ Kh8 22. Be3 Bc5 23. Bb3 b5 24. f3 Bxe3 25. Rxe3 g6 26. Red3 Qc5 27. a3 Qf2 28. R1d2 Qf1+ 29. Ka2 a5 30. Rd1 Qf2 31. R1d2 Qc5 32. Rd5 Qc6 33. R5d3 a4 34. Bd5 Qc5 35. Rc3 Qb6 36. Rcd3 Rb8 37. b4 axb3+ e.p. 38. Rxb3 Qa5 39. Rb4 Rc8 40. Kb2 Qc7 41. c4 bxc4 42. Bxc4 Qa5 43. Rc2 Ra8 44. Rc3 Qa7 45. Bd5 Rd8 46. Be4 f5 47. Bc2 Qf2 48. Rb6 Qd4 49. Rb4 Qa7 50. Rbc4 Rd7 51. h4 Qf2 52. Rc8+ Kg7 53. h5 gxh5 54. R8c7 Qb6+ 55. White resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 4

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 b6 3. g3 Bb7 4. Bg2 e6 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bf4 d6 7. c4 Nbd7 8. Qa4 Be7 9. Nc3 O-O 10. O-O c5 11. Nb5 Qb8 12. Be3 a6 13. Nc3 Qc7 14. Rad1 Rac8 15. d5 exd5 16. Nxd5 Nxd5 17. cxd5 b5 18. Qc2 Bf6 19. Bf4 c4 20. Nd4 Ne5 21. Qf5 Qe7 22. Bc1 Rc7 23. Be4 Ng6 24. Ne6 Bc8 25. h4 Re8 26. h5 Nf8 27. Qf3 fxe6 28. dxe6 Bxe6 29. Bd5+ Bxd5 30. Qxd5+ Qe6 31. Qxd6 Qxd6 32. Rxd6 Re6 33. R1d1 Rc6 34. Rxc6 Rxc6 35. e4 Ne6 36. f4 Nc5 37. e5 Be7 38. Bd2 Nd3 39. Bc1 Kf7 40. Kg2 b4 41. Kf3 Ke6 42. g4 Bc5 43. b3 Nxc1 44. Rxc1 c3 45. Ke4 Rc8 46. f5+ Ke7 47. Rd1 c2 48. Rc1 Bf2 49. g5 hxg5 50. f6+ gxf6 51. h6 Kf7 52. e6+ Kg6 53. Kf3 Bd4 54. e7 Kxh6 55. Rxc2 Bc3 56. Kg4 Re8 57. Re2 Kg6 58. Re6 Kf7 59. Rxa6 Rxe7 60. a3 Re4+ 61. Kf3 Rf4+ 62. Kg2 bxa3 63. Rxa3 Kg6 64. Ra8 Kh5 65. Kg3 Be1+ 66. Kh3 Rf3+ 67. Kg2 Rxb3 and Black won

Jim Walker (X) - Gary Morris (B), Round 4

London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bf4 Bg7 4. e3 O-O 5. h3 d6 6. Nbd2 Nbd7 7. Be2 c5 8. c3 b6 9. O-O Bb7 10. Bh2 Ne4 11. Nxe4 Bxe4 12. Nd2 Bb7 13. Re1 Nf6 14. Bf3 Bxf3 15. Qxf3 Rc8 16. Rad1 Qc7 17. Nb3 Qc6 18. Qxc6 Rxc6 19. d5 Rc7 20. e4 Nd7 21. f4 f6 22. Re2 g5 23. f5 Ne5 24. Bxe5 fxe5 25. Nd2 h5 26. Nf3 Bf6 27. g4 h4 28. Kf2 Kg7 29. Ke3 Kf7 30. Rg2 Rg8 31. c4 Ke8 32. Kd3 Kd8 33. Rc2 Kd7 34. Nd2 Rge8 35. a3 Kd8 36. Rb1 Kd7 37. b4 Kd8 38. Rcb2 Kd7 39. bxc5 Rxc5 40. Rb5 Rxb5 41. Rxb5 Rc5 42. Rb4 Ra5 43. a4 Rc5 44. Nb3 Rc7 45. a5 Rb7 46. c5 Rb8 47. axb6 axb6 48. cxb6 Kc8 49. Kc4 Kb7 50. Kb5 Rc8 51. Na5+ Kb8 52. Nc6+ Kb7 53. Ra4 Ra8 54. Rxa8 Kxa8 55. Ka6 Black resigns

Tom LaBue (C) - Joe Ancrile (B), Round 4

Gruenfeld Defense, Exchange Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 c5 7. Rb1 Bg7 8. Nf3 O-O 9. Be2 Nc6 10. d5 Ne5 11. O-O Nxf3+ 12. Bxf3 Bxc3 13. Rb3 Bg7 14. Qc2 b6 15. Bf4 Bd7 16. Ra3 Qc8 17. Be2 a6 18. Re1 Bd4 19. Bf3 b5 20. e5 Bg4 21. Be4 Bf5 22. Bxf5 Qxf5 23. Qxf5 gxf5 24. Bh6 Kh8 25. Bxf8 Rxf8 26. Rxa6 c4 27. d6 exd6 28. exd6 Rd8 29. Rd1 Bb2 30. d7 Kg7 31. Rc6 c3 32. Rc8 b4 33. Rxd8 c2 34. Rc1 Bxc1 35. Rc8 b3 36. axb3 Bg5 37. Rxc2 Black resigns

Charles Haid (C) - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 4

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. Be2 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Kh1 Qc7 10. f4 b5 11. Bd3 b4 12. Nce2 Bb7 13. Bxf6 Bxf6 14. Qe1 Nc6

15. Nxc6 Qxc6 16. Qxb4 d5 17. e5 d4 18. Rf2 Bh4 19. Ng3 Bxg3 20. hxg3 Rfd8 21. Qd2 a5 22. Qe2 Ba6 23. Qe4 Qxe4 24. Bxe4 Rab8 25. b3 Rbc8 26. Rad1 g6 27. Rfd2 Rc3 28. Kh2 d3 29. cxd3 Rd4 30. Kg1 a4 31. bxa4 Rxa4 32. Rb1 R4a3 33. Rbd1 Bb5 34. Kf2 Ba4 35. Ra1 Kg7 36. d4 Re3 37. Bf3 Rad3 38. g4 Rxf3+ 39. gxf3 Rxd2+ 40. Ke3 Rd1 41. Rxd1 Bxd1 42. Ke4 f5+ 43. exf6+ e.p. Kxf6 44. g5+ Ke7 45. a3 Kd6 46. Kd3 Bxf3 47. Kc4 Be2+ 48. Kc3 Kd5 49. Kd2 Bb5 50. Ke3 Ba4 51. Kd3 Bc6 52. Ke3 Bb5 53. Kf3 Kxe4 54. Kf2 Ke4 55. Kg3 Ba4 56. Kg4 Bd1+ 57. Kg3 Ba4 58. Kg4 Ke3 59. Kg3 Bd1 60. Kh4 Kxf4 and Black won.

David Michaels (B) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. f4 Nc6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bc4 e6 6. d3 Nge7 7. O-O O-O 8. f5 d5 9. Bb3 dxe4 10. Nxe4 Nxf5 11. Kh1 b6 12. Bg5 Qc7 13. Nf6+ Kh8 14. Nh4 Nxh4 15. Bxh4 Ne5 16. Bg3 c4 17. Bxc4 Qc5 18. Bb3 Nd7 19. Ne4 Qc6 20. Bd6 Bb7 21. Bxf8 Rxf8 22. Qf3 Bxb2 23. Rb1 Bg7 24. Rbe1 Qc7 25. Qh3 Nc5 26. Nxc5 Qxc5 27. Qg3 h6 28. Rf2 Kh7 29. Ref1 Be5 30. Rxf7+ Rxf7 31. Rxf7+ Kh8 32. Qxg6 Qb4 33. Qh7+ mate

Bill Woodward (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 5

Queen's Gambit Declined, Slav Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 e6 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. e4 b5 6. e5 Bb4 7. a4 Bb7 8. Ng5 c5 9. Bd2 Bxc3 10. bxc3 cxd4 11. Qg4 Nh6 12. Qh5 O-O 13. Be2 Nc6 14. Ne4 Nf5 15. g4 Qh4 16. Qxh4 Nxh4 17. Nd6 Rab8 18. axb5 Nxe5 19. Nxb7 Rxb7 20. cxd4 Nh3+ 21. Kf1 Nxd2+ 22. Kg2 Ng6 and Black won easily.

John Roush (X) - Jim Walker (X), Round 5

Nimzowitsch Defense

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 Bg4 5. c3 e6 6. Bb5 Qd7 7. h3 Bxf3 8. Qxf3 Be7 9. d4 d5 10. e5 Ng8 11. a4 Bf8 12. Nd2 a6 13. Bd3 a5 14. Bb5 Nge7 15. Nf1 Nc8 16. Ne3 N8a7 17. Bd3 h6 18. Qe2 Be7 19. g3 O-O-O 20. Bd2 Kb8 21. O-O h5 22. Nc3 Rde8 23. b4 f5 24. Bb5 g5 25. bxa5 Ref8 26. a6 f4 27. axb7 f3 28. Qd3 g4 29. Nb4 Bxb4 30. cxb4 h4 31. hxg4 hxg3 32. fxg3 Rh3 33. Bf4 Rxf4 34. gxf4 f2+ 35. Kxf2 Rxd3 36. Bxd3 Kxb7 37. Ke3 Qg7 38. g5 Qf8 39. b5 Na5 40. Rfb1 Nc8 41. g6 Ne7 42. Rg1 Nf5+ 43. Bxf5 Nc4 44. Kf3 Qxf5 45. g7 Qh3+ 46. Kf2 Qh2+ 47. Rg2 Qxf4+ 48. Kg1 Qxd4+ 49. Kh2 Qh4+ 50. Kg1 Qd4+ 51. Kh2 Qh4+ 52. Kg1 Drawn by repetition

Sefus Ellis (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 5

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. a3 d5 4. e3 Be7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. Nf3

Nbd7 7. cxd5 exd5 8. Bd3 c6 9. O-O Re8 10. e4 dxe4
 11. Nxe4 Nxe4 12. Bxe4 Nf6 13. Bb1 Bg4 14. Qd3 Bxf3
 15. gxf3 g6 16. f4 Qd6 17. h3 Rad8 18. Be3 Nh5 19. f5
 Nf4 20. Bxf4 Qxf4 21. fxg6 hxg6 22. Rd1 Bf6 23. Ba2
 Qg5+?! 24. Kf1 Rxd4 25. Qb3 Qb5+ 26. Qxb5 cxb5
 27. Rxd4 Bxd4 28. Rd1 Rd8 29. b3 Bf6 30. Rxd8+ Bxd8
 31. Ke2 Bf6 32. Kd3 Bb2 33. a4 bxa4 34. bxa4 Kf8
 35. Bd5 b6 36. Ke4 Ke7 37. Bc6 Ke6 38. Be8 f5+ 39. Kd3
 g5 40. f3 f4? 40...Kd5 was needed for any chance for the
 win 41. Kc4 a5 42. Bc6 Kd6 43. Be4 Drawn

Jerry Skeen (B) - David Michael (B), Round 5

1. g3 Nf6 2. Bg2 c5 3. c4 d6 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. b3 Bf5 6. Bb2
 Qc8 7. e4 Bg5 8. f3 Bd7 9. Nge2 Ne5 10. d4 cxd4
 11. Nxd4 a6 12. O-O g6 13. Nd5 Nxd5 14. cxd5 Bh3
 15. Rc1 Qd7 16. Bxh3 Qxh3 17. Rc7 Rb8 18. Qc2 Bg7
 19. Nf5 O-O 20. Nxc7 Kxc7 21. f4 Rbc8 22. fxe5 Rxc7
 23. exd6+ Kg8 24. dxc7 Rc8 25. Qc3 f6 26. d6 e5
 27. Rxf6 Qh5 28. Qc4+ Kh8 29. Qf1 Qg5 30. Bc1 and
 White won.

Gary Morris (B) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 5

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 c5 3. Bg7 Nc6 4. O-O g6 5. d3 Bg7 6. e4
 d6 7. Nbd2 O-O 8. c3 Rb8 9. a4 Ne5 10. Nxe5 dxe5
 11. Nc4 Qc7 12. f4 Be6 13. Nxe5 Rbd8 14. Qe1 Bb3
 15. Qf2 Nd7 16. Nxd7 Rxd7 17. Ra3 Be6 18. f5 gxf5
 19. exf5 Bd5 20. Bf4 Qb6 21. Bh3 R7d8 22. Be3 Bf6
 23. Bxc5 Qa6 24. Qe3 Bc6 25. d4 Bd5 26. Bg2 Bxg2
 27. Kxg2 Qc6+ 28. Kg1 Qc7 29. a5 b6 30. axb6 axb6
 31. Bb4 Rd5 32. g4 Kh8 33. Rfa1 Rfd8 34. Ra7 Qc6
 35. Bxe7 Bxd4 36. cxd4 Rxd4 37. Qc3 Qxc3 38. bxc3

Rxg4+ 39. Kh1 Rc8 40. Bf6+ Kg8 41. Ra8 Rgc4 42. Be7
 Rxc3 43. Rg1+ Black resigns

Chuck Waugh (C) - Steven Smith (Unr), Round 5
 Center Counter Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. Nf3 e5 5. Be2 c6
 6. O-O Bd6 7. d3 Nf6 8. Bd2 Qc7 9. Ne4 Nbd7 10. a3
 O-O 11. b4 Nxe4 12. dxe4 f5 13. Bd3 Nf6 14. Re1 fxe4
 15. Bxe4 Nxe4 16. Rxe4 Bf5 17. Re1 e4 18. Ng5 Bxh2+
 19. Kf1 Bf4 20. Nxe4 Bxd2 21. Qxd2 Qh2 22. Ng3 Bxc2
 23. Qxc2 Qxg3 24. Re3 Qxe3 25. Black resigns

Jeremy Hummer (D) - David Hundley (C), Round 5
 Scotch Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 Bb4+ 5. c3 dxc3
 6. bxc3 Bc5 7. Bf4 Qe7 8. O-O Nf6 9. N1d2 O-O 10. Re1
 h6 11. Nb3 Bb6 12. Qd3 Ng4 13. Re2 d6 14. h3 Nxf2
 15. Rxf2 Be6 16. Bxe6 fxe6 17. Be3 Na5 18. Bxb6 axb6
 19. Nxa5 Rxa5 20. Re2 Ra3 21. e5 d5 22. Rb1 Qc5+
 23. Re3 Rxa2 24. Rb5 Qa3 25. Qg6 Qc1+ 26. Re1 Qxc3
 27. Qxe6+ Kh7 28. Qxd5 c6 29. Qe4+ g6 30. Rxb6 Qc5+
 31. Qe3 Qe7 32. Qb3 Ra7 33. Qd3 Rfa8 34. Qd6 Qe8
 35. e6 h5 36. Qd7+ Kh6 37. Qxe8 Rxe8 38. Rb4 Kg7
 39. Rf4 Re7 40. Nd4 Ra4 41. g3 41. Nf5+ wins 41...c5
 42. Nb3 Rxf4 43. gxf4 c4 44. Na5 c3 45. Nxb7 c2 46. Nc5
 Kf6 47. Kf2 Rc7 48. Nd3 Re7 49. Nb4 Kf5 50. Nc6 Re8
 51. e7 Kxf4 52. Rc1 h4 53. Rxc2 Ke4 54. Rd2 Rc8
 55. Rd8 Rxc6 56. e8/Q+ and White wins.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Donald Griffith	WV	2110*X7	2123*X7	W-10	W-13	D-2	W-12	W-3	4.5
2	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2106*M5	W-21	W-16	D-1	W-9	D-4	4.0
3	Billy Woodward	KY	2000*X4	2022*X4	W-19	W-7	W-6	W-4	L-1	4.0
4	John Roush	WV	2146*m4	2144*m4	W-8	W-15	W-5	L-3	D-2	3.5
5	Chris Bush	VA	2059*m7	2055*m7	W-18	W-9	L-4	H---	W-12	3.5
6	Jerry Skeen	WV	1776*a7	1784*a7	W-25	H---	L-3	W-21	W-13	3.5
7	Sefus Ellis	WV	1652*B4	1662*B4	W-11	L-3	W-22	W-10	D-8	3.5
8	Tom LaBue	WV	1565*b5	1605*b7	L-4	W-17	W-11	W-16	D-7	3.5
9	Gary Morris	WV	1667*B7	1689*B7	W-22	L-5	W-25	L-2	W-15	3.0
10	Charles Haid	WV	1450*c9	1482*C2	L-1	W-26	W-15	L-7	W-17	3.0
11	Steven Smith	WV	Unrated	1475/05	L-7	W-19	L-8	W-26	W-20	3.0
12	Robert Canary	WV	1746*B0	1768*B0	H---	W-14	W-23	L-1	L-5	2.5
13	David Michael	WV	1659*B4	1650*B4	W-26	L-1	D-21	W-20	L-6	2.5
14	Jeremy Hummer	VA	1365*c4	1406*c6	W-23	L-12	L-16	H---	W-21	2.5
15	Randy Bierce	WV	1939*x4	1900*x4	W-17	L-4	L-10	W-25	L-9	2.0
16	Joe Ancrile	WV	1667*B4	1652*B4	W-24	L-2	W-14	L-8	U---	2.0
17	David Huebel	TX	1290*d7	1297*d7	L-15	L-8	W-24	W-22	L-10	2.0
18	Bill Salmon	WV	1223*d9	1207*d9	L-5	L-22	L-20	B---	W-25	2.0
19	Bill Rulison	VA	1206*E4	1224*E4	L-3	L-11	W-26	W-24	U---	2.0
20	Chuck Waugh	WV	1585*C9	1553*C9	H---	L-23	W-18	L-13	L-11	1.5
21	David Hundley	WV	1411*c0	1407*c0	L-2	W-24	D-13	L-6	L-14	1.5
22	Gary Steinberg	OH	1044/04	1130/09	L-9	W-18	L-7	L-17	D-26	1.5
23	Andy Katz	WV	2076*m5	2019*m5	L-14	W-20	L-12	U---	U---	1.0
24	Dan Booth	WV	1328/13	1249/17	L-16	L-21	L-17	L-19	B---	1.0
25	Scott Guinn	WV	1037* 0	1027* 0	L-6	B---	L-9	L-15	L-18	1.0
26	Brian Watkins	WV	916/08	972/13	L-13	L-10	L-19	L-11	D-22	0.5

1996 Limestone Invitational Results
STEADY WALKER RISES IN LAST THREE ROUNDS
TO WIN HIS 3RD CHAMPIONSHIP *by Randy Bierce*

LIMESTONE, WV--It was Limestone Time once again. The "chess boys" were back in town; the ASF Chessodrome was extensively refurbished; and, the Limestone media were waiting for press passes.

Questions to be answered: Would the next WV Champion come from the field, making it 5 of the last 7 years? Would the runner-up at Limestone win the States, as had Jim Gikas and Andy Katz the last two years? What would the effects of 14 rounds over 3 days on the nervous systems of the partially-crazed crew of chess soldiers? How much coffee, cigarettes, cigars, colas, chocolate and caffeine would be consumed by the energy-starved players? How much wood can a woodchuck chuck?

Jim Walker pulled away from the field over the last three rounds to win his third LI title (his first since '92). With Walker at 7.5 and Bierce at 7, Walker won a crucial 11th round mutual time scramble between the two. Round 12 settled matters as Walker beat Borden and Bierce was ambushed by Gary Morris' "3-Queen Attack".

The melee for second place was then fought over the last two rounds: Bierce and Borden at 7, Taylor, Gikas and Rihel at 6.5. Taylor beat Borden in Round 14 to finish with 8, while Gikas-Bierce drew. Bierce pursued the win against Gikas to the edge of losing, but couldn't shake the Human Draw Machine (7 in the tourney). Jim had stated before the tournament that whoever was the steadiest would win. He was right: Walker proved to be the most steady with 8 wins and 6 draws.

Cancellations: 3-time WV Champion Andy Katz had a Charleston wedding he'd committed to; 5-time WV Champ John Roush was stricken with Sudden Flu Syndrome. Roush, from his sickbed, literally had tears in his eyes as he made his anguished decision to forego the "Battle of Limestone '96". Perhaps it was because he forfeited the opportunity to become the first player to win the LI three years in a row; however, it may have been the onion and jalapeno sandwich he was eating at the time.

Still, even without Roush and Katz, the players who manned the chessic gauntlet were no pushovers. Start with 2-time LI Champ Jim Walker, fresh off a string of recent tournament victories. Add 2-time WV Junior Champ Jason Rihel, who has added 300+ points to his rating in little over a year (and had been proclaimed the "dark horse" to win the 1996 WV title). A dash of 1994 WV Champ Jim Gikas who had become a "chess hermit" booking up for the LI. Sprinkle in Mike Taylor, on a rampage through WV Grand Prix tournaments all spring; former expert Ed Borden, eager

to make up for his '90 LI result; and Gary Morris, who had the opportunity to jump-start his rating. Mix in Marc Abraham, undoubtedly WV's top-rated Jr. High player; finally, a drop of Randy Bierce, a lunatic just looking for the chance to use his psychotic chess war experiences as an excuse to torch his board.

The players were cheered by a star-studded audience: Cathy Ireland, Dolly Parton, Tim Allen, Elvira and her twin sister, Marlon Brando, Steve Martin and other lifelike cardboard cutouts filled the playing site. This crowd was treated to close standings until the fateful 11th and 12th rounds. After Friday night's three rounds, Borden had 2.5, Walker and Bierce were at 2. All three were at 3.5 after 5 rounds. Walker grabbed the lead at the halfway mark with 5.5, Borden at 4.5, Taylor and Bierce at 4. After Saturday's six games, Walker had 7, Bierce and Borden were at 6, and a 4.5 logjam developed involving Taylor, Rihel and Gikas.

NOTES: TERRIBLE TIME TO SLUMP: Limestone '96--14 rounds, 8 players, Game/75, almost 40 hours of hard chess over 3 days, no time to recover, little sleep...Walker won the entire prize fund of \$1, which was graciously donated by Abraham. Jim was happy he didn't have to split it...Entry fee was \$2 to cover rating fees...The Saturday night Pizza and Beer fest saw a Walker-Rihel-Morris STRATEGO death duel...New LI record for Tomato consumption: Morris with 50+...Katz/Roush's cancellations lowered the average rating by 130+ points...Over the last 10 years, many of WV's finest have flocked up US Route 250 to play the LI. 13 different WV Championships have been won by participants...The ASF Chessodrome installed spotlight lighting on one board for maximum Gikas chess fun...Success almost smiled on Gary Morris: he nearly got a date with Cathy Ireland...CONTEMPLATED IRONMAN AWARD: Originally, Katz was to drive from Charleston to Limestone on Friday, play three games, get up play two more, drive to Charleston for the wedding, drive back to Limestone, play 5 games on Sunday, then drive back to Charleston and make up his two delayed games at the State Tournament. After careful consideration, the 12 hours of travel time involved reluctantly caused Andy to rethink the plan. He'll be back next year...MAN IS AN ANIMAL inspired by myriad phenomena: Jim Gikas' inspiration: a new set and new lighting... Jim Walker was inspired by his earlier near-death experience on the sidewalks of Moundsville...Gary Morris was spurred to new chessic heights by a bumper sticker he purchased at Limestone's

own Palace of Gold...Rihel and Borden were inspired (some say haunted) by their earlier tough Limestone debuts.... Borden was also inspired by a card sent by his baby boy which read, "Crush 'em, Daddy. We love you." Kids say the cutest things...Abraham was inspired to surpass his 1.38 Win expectancy...Bierce was inspired by the bump on his head he received while doing an underwater flip in the pool...WV's own Mr. Haney, Jim Gikas unveiled his new \$160 chess set. However, by the tourney's end, Gikas had traded it for a USCF club set, 2 future trips to the Ponderosa steak House buffet, and 3 colorful Steelers' stickers...Walker almost finished the first day without a win; Walker won a lost third round game when Gikas' flag fell ten seconds before Walker's...A HELPING HAND?: In the 14th round, Borden and Taylor were battling for second place, when Taylor left the board for a smoke. Borden moved and hit the clock, while intently studying the position. A few moments later, Gikas sat down at the board and placed Taylor's queen *en prise*. Borden, still not looking up, wrote down the move on his scoresheet and happily started to snag the queen, before being startled by Gikas' maniacal laughter...Taylor and Borden were trying to become the first out of state players to win at Limestone...Abraham was informed of his invitation late Thursday night; plenty of time to prepare...Decisive rounds were 5, 8 and 11: no draws...Gikas, Abraham and Gikas were this year's only commuters: the rest of the field resided, swam and lounged at Club Bierce...VIKING CHESS PREVAILS: Vicious, barbarian chess was played despite late round feelings of languor, lassitude, and listlessness. 66% of the games ended decisively. Most of the draws were endgame affairs, the players clubbing each other to the last pawn...Abraham was the first scholastic player to play at Limestone. He worked out on Rihel, winning their first game, while Jason drew a pawn down R+P ending in the second. This result prevented Jason from taking clear second...Taylor, who was lost in his 5th round endgame remarked, "It's the fifth round and I still haven't won a game. That doesn't happen very often." He recovered, posting his first win over Abraham...JIM GIKAS, B/C BASHER: Although the two lowest rated members of the field were quite below the others, only Gikas managed a perfect 4-0 against them. THEY WERE SMOKIN': Limestone is the last of the "smoking tournaments" left in the USA. Countless cigarettes were consumed by Walker, Taylor, and Morris; Bierce and Walker almost polished off a box of 50 cigars. Excellent ventilation and air movement contributed to the non-smokers' comfort...THE RETURN OF MR. HAPPY? Konnie Dolgovskij may be poised to make his return to WV chess. It almost happened at the '96 LI. Predictions place the congenial Konnie back in chess before the '97 State Tournament...FUTURE

PARTICIPANTS? Another lost WV soul, Terry Auvil is rumored back in the MountaineerLand. He could wind up at Limestone in '97...An invitation for the '97 LI will be extended to WV's Chess Man of the 90s, Donald Griffith. Donald has 7 WV titles including a run of four in a row: 1991-94...NEW DATE?: The '97 LI may be moved to the last weekend in July. This would avoid the mass of tournaments that have sprung up in August before the States (KVO, Twin Tornadoes, Parkersburg Homecoming).

Here are some games from the 1996 Limestone Invitational:

Gary Morris (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 1
King's Indian Attack

Notes by Randy Bierce

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 e6 6. O-O Nge7 7. Nbd2 Rb8 8. Re1 Qc7 9. a4 a6 10. Nf1 d6 11. c3 b5 12. axb5 Rxb5!? 13. Ne3 h6 14. Qe2 Na5 15. Nd2 O-O 16. Nec4 Nec6 17. f4 *Gary gives this move a "?", but as David Gundlach would say, "It's thematic!"* 17...Nxc4 18. Nxc4 Na5 19. Nxa5 Rxa5 20. Rxa5 Qxa5 21. Be3 Bb7 22. Qd2 Kh7 23. g4 Rd8 24. f5 exf5 25. exf5 Qb6 26. fxc6+ fxc6 27. Bxh6+! Rd7 28. Bxg7 Kxg7 29. Bxb7 Rxb7 30. Re2 Rf7 31. Qe1 Qb7 32. g5 Qf3 33. Re3 Qf4 34. h4 a5 35. Kg2 d5 36. Kh1 a4 37. Kg2 d4 38. cxd4 Qxd4 39. Qc3 Qxc3 40. bxc3 a3 41. Re2 Rb7 42. Kf3 Kf7 43. Ra2 Rb3 44. Ke4 Rxc3 45. Rf2+ Ke7 46. Kd5 *Drawn A good game for Gary, who played the last part of this game in time trouble. Of course, Walker was in time trouble, also.*

Mike Taylor (A) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2
Dutch Defense

Notes by Jim Walker

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. a3 d6 5. Nc3 Be7 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. e3 e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. Be2 c6 10. O-O O-O 11. b4 Qe8 12. c5 Kh8 13. Be4 a5 14. Qd2? Ne4 15. Nxe4 fxe4 16. Bxe7 Qxe7 17. Ne1 axb4 18. Qxb4 Qxc5 19. Nc2 Qxb4 20. axb4 Rxa1 21. Rxa1 Nb6 22. Bb3 Rd8 23. Ne1 g6 24. h3 Kg7 25. Kf1 Rd2 26. Ra2 Rxa2 27. Bxa2 Kf6 28. Bg8 Bg6! 29. Bxe6 Kxe6 30. Ke2 Kd5 31. f4 exf3+ e.p. 32. Nxf3 Nd7 *Black should win from here.* 33. Ng5 h5 33...*Thought should be given to 33...Nf8.* 34. Kd3 c5 35. e4+ Kc6 36. bxc5 Nxc5+ 37. Kc4 b5+ 38. Kb4 Nd3+ 39. Kc3 Nf4 40. Nf7 Nxc2 41. Nxe5 Kc5 42. Nxc6 b4+ 43. Kb3 Ne3 44. e5 Nc4 45. e6 Na5+ 46. Kb2 Kd6 47. e7 Kd7 48. h4 Ke8 49. Nf4 *Drawn*

Marc Abraham (C) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 5

English Opening

Notes by Randy Bierce

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c5 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 e6 5. d3 d5 6. cxd5
Nxd5 7. Nf3 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Rb1 Rb8 10. a3 b6
11. Bd2 Bb7 12. Ne1 Bf6 13. Nxd5 exd5 14. b4 Qd6
15. Bf4 Be5 16. Bxe5 Qxe5 17. bxc5 bxc5 18. Qc2 Qd6
19. Nf3 Ba6 20. Rfd1 h6 21. Qa4 Ne7 22. Bf1 Rb6
23. Ne5 Rfb8 24. Rxb6 Qxb6!? 25. Nd7 Qb5 26. Nxc5
Qxa4 27. Nxa4 Rb3 28. Nc5 Rxa3 29. Nxa6 Rxa6 30. d4
Ra2 31. e3 a5 32. Bb5 a4 33. Kg2 a3 34. Ba4 Rb2
35. Ra1 a2 36. Kf3 g6 37. e4 dxe4+ 38. Kxe4 Rxf2
39. Bh3 Rxh2 40. Rxa2 Rxa2 41. Bxa2 Kg7 42. d5 Kf6
43. d6 Nc6 44. g4 Nd8 45. Kf4 Nb7 46. d7 Ke7 47. Ke5
f6+ 48. Kf4 Kxd7 49. Bf7 g5+ 50. Kf5 Ke7 51. Bh5 Nd6+
52. Kg6 Nf7 53. Kf5? Kg7! and White draws easily.
53. Kg7 Nd6 54. Kxh6 f5 55. gxf5 Nxf5+ 56. Kxg5 53...Ne5
54. Bg6?? Nxg6 55. Kxg6 Ke6 56. Kxh6 Ke5 57. Kg6
Kf4 58. Kxf6 Kxg4 59. Ke5 Kf3 60. Kf5 g4 61. White
resigns

Gary Morris (B) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 11

Dutch Defense

Notes by Randy Bierce

1. Nf3 f5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 e6 4. O-O d5 5. d4 Bd6 6. Bg5
Nbd7 7. Nbd2 h6 8. Bxf6 Qxf6 9. e3 c6 10. c4 O-O
11. c5? *Locking up the center transfers White's Queenside
attack point to b7. This delays any possible counterplay
too far into the future.* 11...Bc7 12. Ne1 Qe7 13. Nd3 e5
14. b4 e4 15. Nf4 Kh7 16. Qh5 Qf6 17. Bh1 g6 18. Qe2
Qf7 19. Rac1 Nf6 20. h3 g5! *Black's pieces are poised for
Maximum Kill once the kingside pawns break off.* 21. Ng2
f4 22. exf4 gxf4 23. Nxf4 Bxf4 24. gxf4 Bxh3 25. Bg2 Qg6

26. f3 Rg8 27. White resigns

Ed Borden (A) - Jim Walker (X), Round 12

1. e4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d3 dxe4 4. dxe4 Qxd1+ 5. Nxd1 Bc5
6. Bf4 Bb6 7. a4 a5 8. Nf3 Nf6 9. Nc3 O-O 10. Bd3 Na6
11. Nb5 Bd7 12. e5 Nd5 13. Bd2 Nc5 14. Bc4 Ne4
15. Nbd4 Nxd2 16. Kxd2 Nf4 17. g3 Ng6 18. Ke3 Bc6
19. Rhd1 Rad8 20. Ke2 Bxd4 21. Nxd4 Nxe5 22. Bh3
Bd5 23. f4 Bxb3 24. Nxb3 Nc6 25. Nc5 Nd4+ 26. Kf2 b6
27. Nd3 Rd6 28. Rac1 f6 29. Ne1 Rfd8 30. Rd3 Kf7
31. Rc3 Rc6 32. Rd3 Ke7 33. Re3 Nf5 34. Re2 Rcd6
35. Nd3 c5 36. b3 Nd4 37. Rd2 Nxb3 38. cxb3 Rxd3 and
Black won.

Gary Morris (B) - Ed Borden (A), Round 13

King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 d6 3. Bg2 e5 4. d3 Be7 5. O-O O-O
6. Nbd2 h6 7. e4 Nc6 8. c3 Bd7 9. h3 Qc8 10. Kh2 Nh7
11. g4 Bf6 12. Rg1 Re8 13. Nf1 Nf8 14. Ne3 Ne6 15. Nd5
Qd8 16. Bh1 g5 17. Ne1 Nf4 18. Ng2 Bg7 19. Nge3 Ne7
20. Nxe7+ Qxe7 21. Nf5 Qf6 22. Be3 c5 23. Qd2 Bc6
24. Bxf4 exf4 25. Bf3 Rad8 26. Rae1 Drawn

WVCA on the Internet

Also, remember to visit the WVCA Home Page on the
World Wide Web, <http://www.msys.net/tlabue/wvca.html>
In the past few months, links to other regional chess sites,
scholastic chess events, and WV Chess History have been
added. An summary of each state championship in
underway (I am missing a few bulletins with the results of
'63, '79 and a few others), next comes some short bios of
WV legends and also complete lists of winners of the WV's
landmark annual tourneys. (i.e. Char. Club Champ).

1996 Limestone Invitational

Player	City	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
1 Jim Walker	Cross Lanes, WV	2109	D7	D3	W5	D2	W4	W8	W6	W7	D3	D5	W2	W4	W8	D6	11.0
2 Randy Bierce	Moundsville, WV	1930	D3	W8	D4	D1	W7	L6	D5	W3	W8	W4	L1	L7	D6	D5	8.0
3 Mike Taylor	Mingo Jct., OH	1816	D2	D1	L7	D6	W8	D5	W4	L2	D1	W7	L6	W8	D5	W4	8.0
4 Ed Borden	Canonsburg, PA	1980	W6	W5	D2	W8	L1	W7	L3	W6	D5	L2	W8	L1	D7	L3	7.5
5 Jim Gikas	Wheeling, WV	1887	W8	L4	L1	W7	L6	D3	D2	W8	D4	D1	W7	D6	D3	D2	7.5
6 Jason Rihel	Follansbee, WV	1813	L4	W7	L8	D3	W5	W2	L1	L4	W7	D8	W3	D5	D2	D1	7.5
7 Gary Morris	Charleston, WV	1668	D1	L6	W3	L5	L2	L4	W8	L1	L6	L3	L5	W2	D4	D8	4.5
8 Marc Abraham	Glen Dale, WV	1460	L5	L2	W6	L4	L3	L1	L7	L5	L2	D6	L4	L3	L1	D7	2.0

Past Winners of the Limestone Invitational

Year	Player	Rating	Hometown	Record	Ave. Rating	Players
1987	Andy Katz	2030	Wheeling, WV	3-1-2	1955	4
1990	Randy Bierce	1981	Moundsville, WV	4-2-2	1934	5
	Jim Gikas	1948	Wheeling, WV	3-1-4		
1991	Jim Walker	2173	Charleston, WV	9-0-0	1919	6
1992	Jim Walker	2125	Charleston, WV	7-3-1	2011	4
1993	Chuck Schulien	2450	Parkersburg, WV	9-0-1	2061	6
1994	John Roush	2181	Charleston, WV	6-2-3	1991	4
1995	John Roush	2178	Ripley, WV	7-0-3	1982	6
1996	Jim Walker	2104	Cross Lanes, WV	8-0-6	1841	8

1996 West Virginia State Championship Games

There were two upsets in Round 1: Joe Lococo upending Randy Bierce and newcomer Craig Sutphin drawing his game with Jeff Hohn.

Dave Gargon (C) - John Roush (X), Round 1

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7 6. Be2 f6 7. O-O cxd4 8. cxd4 fxe5 9. dxe5 Bc5 10. a3 a5 11. Nc3 Nge7 12. Be3 Bxe3 13. fxe3 O-O 14. Bb5 Qb6 15. Qd3 Ng6 16. Bxc6 bxc6 17. Na4 Qb8 18. Nc5 Ra7 19. Qd4 Bc8 20. Ng5 Rxf1+ 21. Rxf1 Qxe5 22. Qxe5 Nxe5 23. Ncxe6 Bxe6 24. Nxe6 Rf7 25. Rxf7 Kxf7 26. Nd4 a4 27. b4 Ke7 28. Nf5+ Kd7 29. Nd4 Nc4 30. Nc2 Kd6 31. Kf2 Ke5 32. Kg3 Ke4 33. Kf2 Kd3 34. Nd4 Nxa3 35. Nxc6 Nb5 36. Nd4 Nxd4 37. dxe4 Kxe4 38. Ke2 a3 39. White's flag fell.

Dennis Funkhouser (X) - Tom LaBue (B), Round 1

Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4 4. Nc3 O-O 5. Qc2 c5 6. e3 cxd5 7. exd5 Nc6 8. Bd3 Ne7 9. O-O Ng6 10. Bg5 Be7 11. Rac1 d6 12. Rfd1 Bd7 13. b4 Rc8 14. Qe2 Be6 15. b5 Bxf3 16. Qxf3 b6 17. g3 d5 18. Bxf6 Bxf6 19. cxd5 exd5 20. Nxd5 Rxc1 21. Rxc1 Bxd4 22. Rc7 Ne5? *Premature, first play 22...h6 before Ne5.* 23. Bxh7+! Kh8 24. Qh5 Qg5 25. Qxg5 Nf3+ 26. Kg2 Nxg5 27. Be2 g6 Rxa7 28. Rd8 Bb3 29. Bb3 Ne4 30. Rxf7 Nd2 31. Ne7 Nxb3 32. axb3 Be5 33. Nxg6+ *White rammed the three connected passed pawns home for the win. White wins.*

Allen Farley (C) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 1

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Nd7 6. Be3 Rc8 7. Be2 Qb6 8. Qb3 Qxb3 9. axb3 cxd4 10. Bxd4 Nxd4 11. Nxd4 Bc5 12. O-O Ne7 13. Nd2 Nc6 14. N2f3 O-O 15. Rfd1 a6 16. Bxa6 bxa6 17. Rxa6 Bxd4 18. Nxd4 Nxe5 19. Rda1 Nc6 20. b4 Nxd4 21. cxd4 Rc4 22. White resigns.

Craig Sutphin (Unr) - Jeff Hohn (A), Round 1

Center Counter Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. d4 Nf6 5. Bd2 c6 6. Ne4 Qf5 7. Nxf6+ Qxf6 8. Bc3 Bf5 9. Bd3 Qe6+ 10. Qe2 Qxe2+ 11. Nxe2 Bxd3 12. cxd3 e6 13. f4 Bd6 14. g3 O-O 15. Rf1 Nd7 16. f5 exf5 17. Rxf5 Nb6 18. O-O-O Nd5 19. Bd2 Rae8 20. Nf4 Ne3 21. Bxe3 Rxe3 22. Nh5 Rfe8 23. Rg5 Bf8 24. Nf6+ Kh8 25. Nxe8 Rxe8 26. Re5 Rd8 27. Rde1 Rd7 28. Re8 Kg8 29. h4 f6 30. g4 Rxd4 31. g5 Rxh4 32. gxf6 gxf6 33. R1e7 Rg4 34. Rxb7 Rg7 35. Rxg7+ Kxg7 36. Ra8 Bc5 37. Rc8 Bd4 38. b3 h5 and Black was able to hold a draw.

Here is a matchup of two young stars to be from Ohio, Columbus' Kingrey and Nathan Gundlach, David's son.

Chaene Kingrey (B) - Nathan Gundlach (E), Round 1
Benko Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 e6 5. dxe6 fxe6 6. Nc3 d5 7. e3 e5 8. Bd2 d4 9. exd4 cxd4 10. Nb1 Bc5 11. b4 Bb6 12. Bc4 Bb7 13. Nf3 Rf8 14. O-O Ne4 15. Na3 Nxd2 16. Nxd2 Qg5 17. g3 Qf5 18. f3 g5 19. Ne4 Bxe4 20. fxe4 d3+ 21. Kg2 Qxe4+ 22. Kh3 g4+ 23. Qxg4 Qxg4+ 24. Kxg4 Nd7 25. Rxf8+ Kxf8 26. Bxd3 Rc8 27. Rf1+ Kg7 28. Bf5 Rf8 29. Nc4 Nf6+ 30. Kf3 Nh5 31. Ke4 Nf6+ 32. Kxe5 Ng4+ 33. Kf4 Nh6 34. Ke4 Re8+ 35. Kd3 Rd8+ 36. Kc2 Rf8 37. Bd3 Rxf1 38. Bxf1 Bg1 39. h3 Nf5 40. g4 Nd4+ 41. Kd3 Nxb5 42. a4 Nc7 43. b5 Kf6 44. Ke4 Ne6+ 45. Kd5 Nf4+ 46. Kc6 Kg5 47. b6 axb6 48. Nxb6 Kh4 49. a5 h5 50. gxh5 Kxh5 51. a6 Nd5 52. Nxd5 Ba7 53. Kb7 Black resigns.

Round 2-A few more upsets here as play becomes more intense. Upset Wins: Joe Ancrile - Ed Garner, Sefus Ellis-Fred Whitacre. Upset Draws: Rihel-Griffith, Baker-Mallabone, Rueckert-Martin.

A surprisingly early match-up of former state champions.

John Roush (X) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 2

Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. g4 Bg6 6. Nge2 Nd7 7. h4 f6 8. h5 Bf7 9. f4 Qc7 10. Be3 Bb4 11. a3 Bxc3+ 12. bxc3 Ne7 13. Ng3 fxe5 14. dxe5 Nxe5 15. fxe5 Qxe5 16. Kf2 Qxc3 17. Bd4 Qa5 18. Bd3 O-O 19. Kg2 c5 20. Be5 Nc6 21. Qe1 Qd8 22. Qe3 Nxe5 23. Qxe5 Qf6 24. Rae1 Qxe5 25. Rxe5 c4 26. Be2 b5 27. Bf3 Rab8 28. Rb1 Rb6 29. Ne2 a5 30. Nd4 b4 31. c3 Rfb8 32. axb4 axb4 33. cxb4 Rxb4 34. Rc1 Rb2+ 35. Kg3 Rd2 36. Nxe6 Bxe6 37. Rxe6 Rd3 38. Kf2 Rf8 39. Re3 Rd2+ 40. Ke1 Rh2 41. Bxd5+ Kh8 42. Rxc4 g6 43. hxg6 hxg6 44. Re2 Rxe2+ 45. Kxe2 Kg7 46. Ke3 Kh6 47. Bf3 Kg5 48. Rc5 Kh6 49. Kf2 g5 50. Ke3 Re8+ 51. Be4 Re6 52. Rc7 Black resigns.

Dick Shellenberger (B) - Dennis Funkhouser (X), Round 2

English Opening, Symmetrical Four Knights Variation

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c5 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 O-O 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. O-O e5 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bd2 d6 10. Qc1 Kh7 11. a3 Bg4 12. h3 Bxf3 13. Bxf3 Nd4 14. Qd1 Nxf3+ 15. exf3 Qd7 16. Kg2 Rfe8 17. Rb1 d5 18. cxd5 Nxd5 19. Re1 Rad8 20. Qa4 Nxc3 21. Qxd7 Rxd7 22. Bxc3 Rxd3 23. Re2 f6 24. Rbe1 Red8 25. f4 exf4 26. gxf4 R8d7 27. Re6 Rf7 28. Re7 Rd7 29. Re8 f5 30. Bxg7 Kxg7 31. R1e2 b6 32. Kg3 Rf8 33. R8e6 Rf6 34. Re8 Rfd6 35. Re7+ Kf6 36. Re8 c4 37. Rf8+ Rf7 38. Rfe8 b5 39. h4

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a6 40. h5 gxh5 41. Kh4 Kg6 42. f3 Rd3 43. Rg8+ Kh7
44. Rg3 Rg7 45. Rh3 Rd4 46. Rg3 Rxf4+ 47. Kh3 h4
48. Rxb2 and Black soon won.

Jason Rihel (A) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 2

Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. O-O f6 6. d4
exd4 7. Nxd4 c5 8. Nb3 Qxd1 9. Rxd1 Bg4 10. f3 Be6
11. Nc3 Bd6 12. Be3 b6 13. a4 O-O-O 14. a5 Kb7
15. axb6 cxb6 16. Na4 Bxb3 17. cxb3 Ne7 18. b4 cxb4
19. Bxb6 Be7 20. Bxc7 Rxd1+ 21. Rxd1 Kxc7 22. Ne5
Kb6 23. Ne6 g6 24. Rd6+ Nc6 25. Nd4 Kc5 26. Rxc6+
Kxd4 27. Kf2 Rf8 28. Ke2 f5 29. Rxa6 fxe4 30. fxe4 Re8
31. Kf3 Rf8+ 32. Ke2 Re8 33. Rd6+ Kxe4 34. Rb6 Kd4+
35. Kd2 Kc4 36. Rb7 h5 37. h4 Re6 38. Rf7 Kb3 39. Rb7
Rf6 40. Ke3 Rc6 41. Kd3 Rf6 42. Ke3 Rc6 43. Drawn

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2

Van't Kruijs Opening

1. e3 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nbd2 O-O 5. b3 d6 6. Bb2
Bf5 7. Nh4 Bg4 8. f3 Bd7 9. g4 e5 10. Ng2 exd4 11. exd4
Re8+ 12. Kf2 c5 13. Nc4 Qc7 14. dxc5 Qxc5+ 15. Bd4
Nxb3 16. fxb3 Bxd4+ 17. Nge3 Bxe3+ 18. Kg3 Bf2+
19. Kh3 Bc6 20. Bg2 Re3+ 21. Nxe3 Qxe3+ 22. Bf3 Bxf3
23. Qc1 Bxb3+ 24. Kg2 Qf3+ 25. Kf1 Bh3+ mate

Joe Barker (X) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 2

Four Knights Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bb5 d6 5. d4 exd4
6. Bxc6+ bxc6 7. Nxd4 Bb7 8. Bg5 Be7 9. Qd3 c5
10. Qb5+ Kf8 11. Nf5 Rb8 12. Qd3 h6 13. Bh4 g6
14. Nxe7 Qxe7 15. f3 Kg7 16. O-O-O Rhd8 17. Rhe1 g5
18. Bf2 Nd7 19. h4 Ne5 20. Qe2 f6 21. g3 Qe6 22. hxg5
fxg5 23. f4 Ng4 24. f5 Nxf2 25. fxe6 Nxd1 26. Rxd1 and
White won.

Pat Kelly (A) - Chaene Kingrey (B), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6
6. Be2 e6 7. Be3 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Qd2 a6 10. a4 Qc7
11. f4 Rd8 12. Bf3 e5 13. Nb3 Be6 14. Qf2 Qc8 15. Bb6
Re8 16. f5 Bxb3 17. cxb3 Nd7 18. Nd5 Bd8 19. a5 Nxb6
20. axb6 f6 21. Kh1 Qd7 22. Be2 Kh8 23. Bc4 Rc8
24. Rac1 Nd4 25. Rc3 Rc6 26. Rfc1 Bxb6 27. Nxb6 Rxb6
28. Bd5 Qd8 29. Rc7 Nxb3 30. Qg3 Rg8 31. Bxb3 Rxb3
32. Qxb3 b5 33. Qxg8+ Kxg8 34. Rc8 and White won.

Mike Conley (B) - Grant Perks (X), Round 2

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 c5 3. e4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. c3
Be7 7. O-O e5 8. Nxc6 bxc6 9. Bg5 O-O 10. Nd2 d5

11. Qc2 h6 12. Bh4 Nh5 13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. exd5 cxd5
15. Bf5 Bb7 16. g3 e4 17. Bh3 f5 18. f4 Qc5+ 19. Rf2 e3
20. Re2 exd2+ 21. Kf1 Ba6 22. c4 Qxc4 23. Qxd2 Rae8
and Black won.

Mike Taylor (A) - Ray Spring (B), Round 2

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Bf5 3. Nc3 e6 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. a3 Nf6 6. Bg5
Be7 7. e3 Ne4 8. Bxe7 Qxe7 9. cxd5 Nxc3 10. bxc3 exd5
11. Bd3 Qf6 12. Bxf5 Qxf5 13. Qb1 Qxb1+ 14. Rxb1 Rb8
15. Ke2 Ne7 16. Ne5 f6 17. Nd3 b6 18. Rhc1 O-O 19. c4
Rfc8 20. Nf4 c6 21. Rc2 Kf7 22. Rbc1 dxc4 23. Rxc4 g5
24. Nd3 Rb7 25. e4 Rbc7 26. d5 c5 27. d6 Rd7 28. dxe7
Rxe7 29. f3 Rce8 30. Rd1 f5 31. Nf2 h5 32. Rd5 Kg6
33. Rc3 fxe4 34. fxe4 g4 35. Rcd3 h4 36. Rd6+ Kf7
37. Rd7 Kf8 38. Rxe7 Rxe7 39. Ke3 g3 40. hxg3 hxg3
41. Nh1 c4 42. Rd8+ Kf7 43. Rc8 b5 44. Nxb3 Rd7 45. a4
Rd3+ 46. Kf2 a6 47. Rc7+ Ke6 48. axb5 axb5 49. Rc5
Rb3 50. Ne2 Kd6 51. Rh5 c3 52. Nd4 Rb2+ 53. Ke1 c2
54. Kd2 b4 55. Kc1 Ra2 56. e5+ Kd5 57. Nxc2 Kc4
58. Rh4+ Kc3 59. Rh3+ Kc4 60. Nxb4 Kxb4 and White
won.

Jeff Hohn (A) - Scott Antes (C), Round 2

Bishop's Opening

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d4 d6 4. dxe5 dxe5 5. Bxf7+ Ke7
6. Qxd8+ Kxd8 7. Bg5 Be7 8. Nc3 Nbd7 9. Nf3 h6 10. Bh4
g5 11. Bg3 Bd6 12. O-O-O Ke7 13. Bg6 b6 14. Nd2 Bb7
15. f3 Rhd8 16. Nc4 b5 17. Nxb5 Ba6 18. Nbx6 cxd6
19. Nxd6 Nf8 20. Nf5+ Ke6 21. Ng7+ Ke7 22. Bh5 Nxb5
23. Nxb5 Ng6 24. Ng7 Nf4 25. Bxf4 gxf4 26. Nf5+ Ke6
27. Nxb6 Rac8 28. Rxd8 Rxd8 29. Rd1 Rc8 30. Nf5 Bb5
31. Rd6+ Kf7 32. Rd5 Bf1 33. Nd6+ Black resigns

Nathan Gundlach (E) - Allen Farley (C), Round 2

Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. c4 Nf6 2. d4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. a3
Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 b6 8. Bd3 Bb7 9. O-O O-O 10. Qc2 d5
11. Ng5 g6 12. e4 cxd4 13. exd5 exd5 14. Nf3 dxc5
15. Bxc4 Qd6 16. cxd4 Nxd4 17. Nxd4 Qxd4 18. Bb2 Qe4
19. Qxe4 Nxe4 20. Rad1 Rad8 21. f3 Nd2 22. Bf6 Nxf1
23. Rxd8 Rxd8 24. Bxd8 Ne3 25. Bb3 Bd5 26. Ba4 Nc4
27. Bb3 Ne3 28. Ba4 Bc4 29. Bc6 Kf8 30. Kf2 Bd5
31. Bb5 Ne2 32. a4 Nd4 33. Bd7 Bc6 34. Bxc6 Nxc6
35. Bc7 Ke8 36. Bf4 a6 37. Kg3 b5 38. axb5 axb5 39. Kf2
b4 40. Ke2 Kd7 41. Kd3 Ke6 42. Kc4 Ne5+ 43. Bxe5
Kxe5 44. Kxb4 Kd4 45. Kb5 f5 46. Kc6 Ke3 47. Kd7 Kf2
48. Ke7 Kxg2 49. Kf7 Kxh2 50. White resigns

Mike Price (E) - Marc Abraham (C), Round 2

Caro-Kann Defense, Main Line

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1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Bd3 e6 6. Nf3 Nd7 7. Ng3 Bxd3 8. Qxd3 Ngf6 9. c3 Be7 10. Bg5 Qc7 11. O-O-O O-O-O 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Ne4 Ne5 14. Nxf6 Nxd3+ 15. Rxd3 Qf4+ 16. White resigns

David Hundley (C) - Alan Smith (E), Round 2

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Ne7 5. Nf3 Nec6 6. Be3 Nd7 7. Nbd2 b6 8. Bb5 Bb7 9. Qa4 Qc7 10. O-O Be7 11. Rfe1 h6 12. Qc2 O-O-O 13. Rac1 g5 14. h3 Rdg8 15. Nh2 h5 16. f3 f5 17. Bf1 g4 18. fxg4 hxg4 19. hxg4 fxg4 20. g3 Bh4 21. gxh4 Rxh4 22. Bg2 Nf6 23. Bf4 g3 24. Nhf3 Rxf4 25. Bh3 Ng4 26. Nf1 Rxf3 27. Qg2 Nf2 28. Bxe6+ Kd8 29. Bxg8 Rd3 30. Nxb3 Ne4 31. Nxe4 dxe4 32. Qg5+ Ne7 33. Bh7 Bc8 34. Rxe4 Rh3 35. Rh4 Rf3 36. Rf1 Qc6 37. Be4 and White won.

Joe Meadows (E) - Bob Shock (C), Round 2

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be4 e6 5. d3 a6 6. O-O Nc6 7. Bg5 Nf6 8. a3 Bg7 9. d4 b5 10. Ba2 c4 11. e5 dxe5 12. dxe5 Qxd1+ 13. Raxd1 Ng4 14. a4 Nxe5 15. Nxe5 Nxe5 16. Rd8+ mate

After the first day of play, there are still 11 players sporting perfect 2-0 records: Barker, D. Funkhouser, Katz, Walker, Perks, Taylor, Roush, Kelly, Bagley, Ellis and Ancrile. At 1.5, Griffith, Mallabone, Martin, Rihel, Baker, Hohn, Sutphin, and Rueckert.

Round 3 - The top boards begin to square off with strong Perks-Roush matchup on Board 1. D. Funkhouser and Pat Kelly draw to diminish the upbeats.

Grant Perks (X) - John Roush (X), Round 3

French Defense

1. c4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. cxd5 Nf6 5. Bb5+ Nbd7 6. Nc3 Be7 7. Nf3 O-O 8. O-O Nb6 9. d4 Nbd5 10. h3 h6 11. Rfe1 Be6 12. Bd2 c6 13. Nxd5 Bxd5 14. Bd3 Bd6 15. Ne5 Re8 16. b4 Qc7 17. Bc3 Re7 18. Qd2 Rae8 19. b5 Nd7 20. Nxd7 Qxd7 21. a4 f5 22. bxc6 Bxc6 23. Bc4+ Kh8 24. Rxe7 Rxe7 25. Qc2 Be4 26. Qb3 f4 27. Bb4 Bxb4 28. Qxb4 Bf5 29. Rac1 f3 30. Bb5 Qe6 31. d5 Qg6 32. Qxd7?? Qxg2+ mate

Jim Walker (X) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 3

London System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. Bf4 Bg4 4. e3 Nf6 5. h3 Bh5 6. Nbd2 e6 7. Bd3 Bd6 8. O-O Bxf4 9. exf4 Nbd7 10. g4 Nxb4 11. hxg4 Bxg4 12. Qe1 Qf6 13. Qe3 O-O-O 14. Ne5 h5 15. Rae1 Bf5 16. Qg3 Bxd3 17. cxd3 Rdg8 18. Nxd7

Kxd7 19. Nf3 Kc8 20. Qg5 Rh6 21. Ne5 h4 22. Re3 Rgh8 23. Kh2 R8h7 24. Ng4 Qxg5 25. fxg5 Rg6 26. f4 e5 27. Nxe5 Re6 28. f5 Re7 29. Rfe1 f6 30. gxf6 gxf6 31. Ng4 Re7 32. Kh3 Kd7 33. Re6 Rh8 34. R1e3 Kc7 35. Re7+ Rxe7 36. Rxe7+ Kb6 37. Nxf6 Rd8 38. Ng4 c5 39. dxc5+ Kxc5 40. f6 Kd4 41. Re3 Rh8 42. f7 Rf8 43. Rf3 b5 44. Kxh4 a5 45. Kg5 Rxf7 46. Rxf7 and White won.

Craig Sutphin (Unr) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 3

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Ne7 5. a3 Bxc3 6. bxc3 c5 7. Nf3 Nbc6 8. Bb5 Bd7 9. Bxc6 Bxc6 10. O-O Qc7 11. Qe2 Rc8 12. c4 dxc4 13. Qxc4 Bxf3 14. gxf3 cxd4 15. Qxc7 Rxc7 16. Ra2 O-O 17. Rd1 Nf5 18. Rb2 Rfc8 19. Rd2 b6 20. Kg2 Rc3 21. Kf1 Rxf3 22. Ke1 Rxa3 23. Rd3 Rxd3 24. cxd3 Rxc1+ and Black went on to win.

Raymond Bagley (A) - Joe Barker (X), Round 3

1. e4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. f3 e6 4. Be3 d5 5. exd5 Qxd5 6. c3 Nf6 7. Bd3 Nc6 8. Ne2 O-O-O 9. Nd2 e5 10. Qb3 exd4 11. Nxd4 Ne5 12. Be2 Qxb3 13. N4xb3 Nd3+ 14. Bxd3 Rxd3 15. Bd4 c5 16. Nc1 Rxd2 17. Bxc5 Rxg2 18. Bf2 Bxf3 19. Nd3 Rxf2 20. Nxf2 Bxh1 21. Nxb1 Bd6 22. Ng3 Bxg3 23. hxg3 Re8+ and Black prevailed in 39.

Jason Rihel (A) - Jeff Hohn (A), Round 3

Center Counter Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. d4 Nf6 5. Nf3 Bf5 6. Bd2 c6 7. Be4 e6 8. Qe2 Bb4 9. Bb3 Nbd7 10. O-O h6 11. a3 Bxc3 12. Bxc3 Qc7 13. Nd2 Nd5 14. Ne4 N7f6 15. f3 O-O-O 16. Be1 g5 17. Nxf6 Nxf6 18. Bg3 Qe7 19. Qe5 Kd7 20. Rfe1 Nh5 21. d5 cxd5 22. Ba4+ Black resigns

Dennis Funkhouser (X) - Pat Kelly (A), Round 3

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be2 O-O 7. O-O Nbd7 8. Be3 c5 9. h3 Bxf3 10. Bxf3 e5 11. dxc5 dxc5 12. Qe2 Qa5 13. Rfd1 Nb8 14. Nd5 Nc6 15. a3 Nd4 16. Bxd4 exd4 17. Rab1 Nxd5 18. exd5 Rfe8 19. Qd3 Rac8 20. b4 Qc7 21. bxc5 Qxc5 22. Rxb7 Qxc4 23. Qxc4 Rxc4 24. Rxa7 Be5 25. d6 Bxd6 26. Bd5 Rc7 27. Rxc7 Bxc7 28. Kf1 Ba5 29. Bc4 Bc3 30. a4 Rc8 31. Bb5 f5 32. Ke2 Kf7 33. Rc1 Ke6 34. Kd3 Kd5 35. Rc2 Rc7 36. Re2 Bb4 37. Rc2 Rc3+ 38. Rxc3 dxc3 39. Bc4+ Ke5 40. Bb3 Ba5 41. Kc4 Bb6 42. Kxc3 Bxf2 43. Kd3 Be1 44. Ke2 Ba5 45. Kf3 g5 46. Bg8 h6 47. Bh7 Bb4 48. Bg6 Drawn

Games from Round 4 at the 1996 WV States

Greg Martin (A) - Mike Baker (B), Round 3

1. d4 g6 2. g3 Bg7 3. Bg2 c6 4. e4 d5 5. Ne2 e5 6. dxe5
Ne7 7. exd5 Bxe5 8. O-O O-O 9. dxc6 Nbxc8 10. Qxd8
Rxd8 11. Nbc3 Bf5 12. Be4 Nd4 13. Nxd4 Bxd4 14. Bxf5
Nxf5 15. Ne2 Rd7 16. Nxd4 Nxd4 17. c3 Ne2+ 18. Kg2
Nxc1 19. Raxc1 Rd2 20. Rfd1 Rxb2 21. Rb1 Rxa2
22. Rxb7 Re8 23. R1d7 R8e2 24. Rxf7 a5 25. Rg7+ Kh8
26. Rxh7+ Kg8 27. Rhg7+ Kf8 28. Rgc7 Rxf2+ 29. Kh3
Rxh2+ 30. Kg4 Rhe2 31. Rf7+ Kg8 32. Rg7+ Kf8
33. Rxf6 Ra4+ 34. Kh3 Re7 35. Rb8+ Kf7 36. R8b6 Rc4
37. Rgf6+ Kg7 38. Rg6+ Kh7 39. Rg4 Rxc3 40. Rb5 Re6
41. Rh4+ Kg7 42. Rxa5 R3c6 43. Rg4+ Rg6 44. Rag5
Rce6 45. Rxg6+ Rxg6 46. Rxg6+ Kxg6 47. Kg4! Kg7
48. Kg5 Kg8 49. Kg6 Kh8 50. g4 Kg8 51. g5 Black
resigns

Allen Farley (C) - Ed Garner (X), Round 3

King's Indian Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d3 Nc6 4. g3 Qc7 5. Bg2 a6 6. O-O b5
7. Re1 Bb7 8. Nbd2 Nge7 9. Nb3 Ng6 10. Be3 d6 11. c3
Be7 12. Rc1 O-O 13. d4 c4 14. Na1 Rac8 15. h4 b4 16. h5
Nh8 17. Qd2 Qa5 18. Nc2 bxc3 19. bxc3 Qxh5 20. e5
dxe5 21. Nxe5 Nxe5 22. Bxb7 Rcd8 23. Qe2 Qxe2
24. Rxe2 Nd3 25. Rb1 Rb8 26. Rd2 Rfd8 27. Bf4 Nxf4
28. gxf4 Rd7 29. R2d1 Rdxh7 30. Rbc1 Ng6 31. a3 Nxf4
32. Kf1 Nd3 33. Ra1 Rb2 34. Nb4 Rxf2+ 35. Kg1 Rf6
36. Nxc3 dxc3 37. Rxd3 Rb5 38. Kg2 Bd6 39. Rf3 Rb2+
40. White resigns

Markle Butcher (B) - David Hundley (C), Round 3

Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. O-O Bg4
6. Nc3 Bd6 7. h3 Bh5 8. d3 Ne7 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bh4 g5
11. Bg3 f5 12. exf5 Nxf5 13. Ne4 Nd4 14. Re1 Rf8
15. Ned2 Rf5 16. c3 Nxf3+ 17. Nxf3 Qf6 18. d4 O-O-O
19. dxe5 Bxe5 20. Qe2 Re8 21. Qd3 Bxg3 22. Rxe8+ Bxe8
23. fxg3 Rd5 24. Qe3 Bd7 25. Rf1 Qd6 26. Qf2 c5 27. c4
Rf5 28. g4 Rf4 29. Qe2 b5 30. Rd1 Qe6 31. Ne5 Bc6
32. Rd3 bxc4 33. Re3 Qf6 34. b3 cxb3 35. Qxa6+ Bb7
36. Qxf6 Rxf6 37. axb3 Ba6 38. Nf3 Kb7 39. Re5 Kb6
40. Kf2 Kb5 41. Re4 Kc6 42. Ke3 Bf1 43. Kf2 Bd3
44. Re3 Bc2 45. Rc3 Bg6 46. b4 Kb5 47. Rxc5 Kxb4
48. Rxc7 Be4 49. Ke3 Bc6 50. Re7 Kc5 51. Re5+ Kd6
52. Ra5 Rf4 53. Ra7 Rf6 54. Ra6 Re6+ 55. Kd3 Kc5
56. Ra5+ Kd6 57. Nd4 Be4+ 58. Kc4 Re5 59. Ra6+ Kd7
60. Rxh6 Bxg2 61. Rh7+ Re7 62. Rh5 Re4 63. Rxg5 Bxh3
64. Rg7+ Ke8 65. g5 Re7 66. Rg6 Kf7 67. Rf6+ Kg8
68. Kd5 Rg7 69. g6 Rd7+ 70. Ke5 Kg7 71. Ne6+ Bxe6
72. Rxe6 Ra7 73. Kf4 Ra5 and this ended a Draw

Michael Malutich (E) - Ellen Marburger (Unr), Round 3

Center Counter Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. g3 Nf6 5. Bg2 e6
6. Nge2 e5 7. O-O c6 8. d3 Be6 9. Bd2 Nbd7 10. Ne4 Qc7
11. f4 Bc5+ 12. Kh1 O-O 13. Nxc5 Nxc5 14. fxe5 Qxe5
15. Bf4 Qh5 16. Bd6 Nfd7 17. Bxf8 Rxf8 18. Nf4 g5
19. Qxh5 and White won.

Dewey Chaney (D) - Grant Burrier (E), Round 3

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. O-O Nf6 5. d3 O-O
6. Nc3 Ng4 7. Nd5 Bxf2+ 8. Rxf2 Nxf2 9. Kxf2 Nd4
10. Nxe5 d6 11. Nf3 Nxf3 12. Qxf3 Be6 13. Qg3 g6
14. Bh6 Re8 15. Bg5 Qd7 16. Nf6+ and White wins.

Micah Cartwright (E) - Jonette Mercer (D), Round 3

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Nc3 e6 4. a3 Be7 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. e4
O-O 7. Bxc4 b6 8. O-O Bb7 9. Re1 Qd7 10. e5 Nd5
11. Bxd5 Bxd5 12. Nxd5 Qxd5 13. Bg5 Bxg5 14. Ncg5
Nc6 15. Qc2 g6 16. Rad1 Rac8 17. Qe4 Ne7 18. Qh4 h5
19. Qe4 Kg7 20. Qxd5 Nxd5 21. h3 Rcd8 22. Rc1 Rd7
23. f3 Rfd8 24. Re4 Ne7 25. g4 Rh8 26. Rf4 Nd5 27. Re4
Kh6 28. h4 Kg7 29. Kg2 hxg4 30. Kg3 gxf3 31. Nxf3 Ne7
32. Kg4 Nf5 33. d5 exd5 34. Re2 c5 35. e6 fxe6 36. Rxe6
d4 37. Ne5 Rd6 38. Rxd6 Nxd6 39. Nc4 Nxc4 40. Rxc4
Kf6 41. Rc1 Re8 42. Rf1+ Kg7 43. h5 Re4+ 44. Kf3 Re5
45. hxg6 Kxg6 46. Kf4 Rf5+ 47. Ke4 Rxf1 and Black
wins.

Now after Round 3, the undefeated group now at four:

Barker, Katz, Walker, and Roush.

Six are only a half point back at 2.5: D. Funkhouser, Griffith, Martin, Rihel, Ancrile and Kelly.

Round 4 - An outbreak of draws among the top boards coupled with the Katz victory over Roush leaves Andy in sole possession of first after day 2, similar to last year. Jason Rihel jumps into the group a half point behind by defeating Pat Kelly. Also, into the contending pack is Chaene Kingrey at 3 after upsetting Fred Whitacre.

Joe Ancrile (B) - Dennis Funkhouser (X), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Four Knights Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6
6. Be2 Bb4 7. Bf3 Qa5 8. O-O Bxc3 9. bxc3 Qxc3 10. Be3
a6 11. Nxc6 dxc6 12. Qd6 Bd7 13. Bb6 Rc8 14. Bc5 Kd8
15. Qe7+ Kc7 16. Qd6+ Drawn

Donald Griffith (X) - Greg Martin (A), Round 4

Caro-Kann Defense, Main Line

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Nxf6+ exf6

Games from Round 4 at the 1996 WV States

6. Bf4 Bd6 7. Qe2+ Qe7 8. Qxe7+? *How about 8. Bxd6 winning the bishop?* 8...Kxe7 9. Bd2 Be6 10. Bd3 Nd7 11. c4 Rhe8 12. Ne2 Rad8 13. O-O-O Nf8 14. Nc3 Ng6 15. g3 Kf8 16. f3 Bc7 17. Ne2 Kg8 18. Bc3 Ne7 19. Rd2 Bf5 20. Re1 Bxd3 21. Rxd3 Nf5 22. Kd2 b5 23. b3 a5 24. Nc1 Rxe1 25. Kxe1 a4 26. Kf2 h5 27. Ne2 axb3 28. axb3 h4 29. cxb5 cxb5 30. Bb4 hxg3+ 31. hxg3 Bb6 32. Bc3 Ne7 33. Bb4 Nc6 34. Bc3 Ne7 35. Bb4 Nc6 36. Drawn

Ed Garner (X) - Byron Funkhouser (B), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Nb3 Bb4 7. Bd3 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Bd2 O-O 11. O-O Be6 12. Nc5 Qe7 13. Nxe6 Qxe6 14. Re1 Qd6 15. Qh5 Nf6 16. Qe2 Rac8 17. Rad1 Qc5 18. Bg5 e4 19. Bxf6 exd3 20. Qg4 g6 21. Rxd3 Rfe8 22. R1e3 h5 23. Qf4 Qf8 24. g4 Ne7 25. Qg5 Rc7 26. Qe5 Rc6 27. Bxe7 Qg7 28. Qxg7+ Kxg7 29. Bf6+ Kxf6 30. Rxe8 Black resigns

Pat Kelly (A) - Jason Rihel (A), Round 4
Ruy Lopez, Worrall Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Qe2 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. c3 d6 9. h3 Bb7 10. Bc2 Re8 11. Rd1 Bf8 12. d3 g6 13. Nbd2 Bg7 14. Nf1 Qe7 15. Bg5 h6 16. Bh4 Qd7 17. Ne3 Ne7 18. Qd2 Kh7 19. Bb3 Nc8 20. a4 c6 21. Bxf6 Bxf6 22. Ng4 Bg7 23. Nh4 h5 24. Nh2 d5 25. Qe2 Nd6 26. Re1 Qe7 27. N4f3 dxe4 28. dxe4 c5 29. Bd5 Red8 30. axb5 axb5 31. Rxa8 Rxa8 32. Rd1 c4 33. Nf1 Rd8 34. Ne3 Nxd4 35. Bxb7 Rxd1+ 36. Qxd1 Qxb7 37. Qd5 Qxd5 38. Nxd5 Nd6 39. White's flag fell.

Walter Rueckert (C) - Raymond Bagley (A), Round 4
Bird's Opening

1. f4 c5 2. Nf3 d5 3. e6 Nf6 4. c3 Nc6 5. d4 e6 6. Bd3 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Nbd2 b6 9. Ne5 Bb7 10. g4 c4 11. Bc2 b5 12. g5 Nd7 13. Rf3 f5 14. gxf6 e.p. Bxf6 15. Bxh7+ Kxh7 16. Rh3+ Kg8 17. Qh5 Bxe5 18. Qh7+ Kf7 19. fxe5 Qg5+ 20. Kh1 Rh8 21. Rf3+ Ke7 22. Qc2 Raf8 23. Rg3 Qxg3 24. White resigns

Mike Conley (B) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 4

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 c5 4. e3 cxd4 5. exd4 Bg7 6. Nc3 O-O 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bf4 d5 9. Qd2 Kh7 10. Bd3 dxc4 11. Bxc4 Nbd7 12. O-O Nb6 13. Bb3 Nbd5 14. Ne5 Nxf4 15. Qxf4 e6 16. Rac1 a6 17. Rfd1 Qd6 18. Nxe6 Qxf4 19. Nxf4 Bd7 20. d5 exd5 21. Nfxd5 Bg4 22. f3 Bf5 23. Bc2 Bxc2 24. Nxf6+ Bxf6 25. Rxc2 Rac8 26. Rd3 b5 27. Rcd2 Rfe8 28. Ne4 Rc1+ 29. Kf2 Draw

Mike Taylor (A) - Scott Antes (C), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Declined, Orthodox Variation

1. d4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 O-O 6. Nf3 c6 7. exd5 exd5 8. Bd3 Bg4 9. h3 Bxf3 10. Qxf3 Re8 11. O-O Nbd7 12. a3 a5 13. Rac1 Nb6 14. Qf5 g6 15. Qf3 Nc4 16. Bxc4 dxc4 17. Rfd1 Nd5 18. Bh6 Bg5 19. Bxg5 Qxg5 20. e4 Nxc3 21. Rxc3 b5 22. Re3 Rad8 23. Kf1 Re6 24. Qg4 Qxg4 25. hxg4 h6 26. Ke2 Red6 27. Rc3 Rxd4 28. Rxd4 Rxd4 29. Ke3 Rd6 30. e5 Re6 31. Kd4 f6 32. exf6 Rxf6 33. f3 Kf7 34. Kc5 a4 35. Rc2 Ke7 36. Rd2 Re6 37. f4 Rf6 38. g3 Re6 39. f5 gxf5 40. gxf5 Re5+ 41. Kxc6 Rxf5 42. Rd7+ Kf6 43. Rd4 Kg5 44. Kb6 Draw

Dick Shellenberger (B) - Ray Spring (B), Round 4
Vienna Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Bc5 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 d6 5. Na4 Bb6 6. Nxb6 axb6 7. f4 exf4 8. Bxf4 O-O 9. Nf3 Be6 10. Bxe6 fxe6 11. Bg5 e5 12. O-O Nbd7 13. a3 Qe8 14. Qe1 Qh5 15. Qg3 Ng4 16. Bd2 Rf6 17. Nh4 Raf8 18. h3 Nh6 19. Rxf6 Rxf6 20. Qg5 Qf7 21. Qg3 d5 22. Bg5 Rc6 23. Rf1 Qh5 24. c3 dxe4 25. dxe4 Nf7 26. Be3 Nc5 27. Nf5 g6 28. Ne7+ Kg7 29. Nxc6 Nxe4 30. Qf3 Qxf3 31. gxf3 Ng3 32. Nb4 Nxf1 33. Kxf1 Nd6 34. Nd5 Nf5 35. Bc1 c6 36. Nb4 Kf7 37. Ke2 Ke6 38. Kd3 Nd6 39. a4 Nf5 40. Be3 Nh4 41. Ke4 c5 42. Nd3 Ng2 43. Bd2 Nh4 44. Nxe5 Nf5 45. Ne4 Ng3+ 46. Kf4 Nh5+ 47. Kg5 Kd5 48. Nxb6+ Kc6 49. Nc4 Kd5 50. b3 Ke6 51. a5 Kd5 52. Be3 Kc6 53. Ne5+ Kd5 54. Nd7 Black resigns

Jeff Hohn (A) - David Gargon (C), Round 4
Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Bc5 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. d3 Nf6 5. c3 O-O 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 g5 8. Bg3 d6 9. h3 Nh5 10. Nxe5 Nxe3 11. Nxf7 Bxf2+ 12. Kxf2 Nxe3 13. Kg1 Rxf7 14. Kxh8 Qf6 15. Qb3 Ne5 16. Nd2 Nxc4 17. Qxc4 Be6 18. Qa4 g4 19. Rf1 Qh4 20. e5 Rxf1+ 21. Nxf1 Rf8 22. Qd1 Qf2 23. Nd2 gxf3 24. gxf3 Bxh3 25. Qg1+ Kh8 26. exd6 Qxg1+ 27. Kxg1 exd6 and Black won.

Mike Baker (B) - Craig Sutphin (Unr), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Nf3 Bg7 7. e5 Ng4 8. exd6 Qb6 9. Bb5+ Bd7 10. Bxd7+ Nxd7 11. O-O Qxd6 12. Qxd6 exd6 13. Nb5 O-O 14. Nxd6 b6 15. c3 Nge5 16. Nxe5 Bxe5 17. Ne4 Rfe8 18. Nd2 Nc5 19. Nf3 Nd3 20. Nxe5 Rxd5 21. b3 Re1 22. Be3 Rxa1 23. Rxa1 f5 24. Rd1 Ne5 25. Bf4 Nc6 26. Rd7 Rd8 27. Rxd8+ Nxd8 28. Bb8 Nc6 29. Be7 Kf7 30. f3 Ke6 31. Kf2 Kd5 32. Ke3 Kc5 33. a3 b5 34. Kd3 a5 35. Bg3 b4 36. Bf2+ Kb5 37. a4+ Ka6 38. cxb4 Nxb4+ 39. Kc4

Games from Round 5 at the 1996 WV States

Nc2 40. g3 Nb4 41. Bc5 Nc6 42. f4 h5 43. b4 axb4
44. Bxb4 Nd8 45. Kd5 g5 46. fxc5 Nf7 48. g6 Nh6 49. g7
h4 50. Bd2 Ng8 51. Ke6 hxc3 52. hxc3 Kb6 53. Kf7 Black
resigns

David Hundley (C) - Tom LaBue (B), Round 4
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 e6 4. e5 Nge7 5. d3 a6 6. Bf4 g6
7. Nc3 Bg7 8. Qe2 b5 9. Bb3 Bb7 10. Rd1 O-O 11. a3 Nf5
12. Ne4 Ncd4 13. Nxd4 Nxd4 14. Qe3 Nxb3 15. cxb3 Bxe4
16. Qxe4 Qc7 17. O-O Rfd8 18. b4 cxb4 19. axb4 Bf8
20. Rcl Qb6 21. Be3 Qb8 22. Bd2 d5 23. Qd4 Bg7 24. f4
Bf8 25. Rf3 Qa7 26. Qxa7 Rxa7 27. d4 R7a8 28. g4 Rdc8
29. Rfc3 Rxc3 30. bxc3 a5 31. Ra1 a4 32. Kf1 f6 33. Ke2
fxe5 34. fxe5 h6 35. h3 g5 36. Kd1 Be7 37. Kc2 Rf8
38. Kb2 Rf2 39. Rd1 Rh2 40. Ka3 Rxh3 41. Rg1 Rf3
42. Rg2 Rf1 43. Ka2 Kg7 44. Kb2 Kg6 45. Ka2 h5
46. gxh5 Kxh5 47. Ka3 g4 48. c4 dxc4 49. Kb2 Rf3
50. Rh2+ Kg6 51. Rh6+ Kf5 52. Rh7 Rb3+ 53. Ka2 Bxb4
and Black won.

Bill Salmon (D) - Bob Shock (C), Round 4
King's Indian Attack

1. e4 *Bill showing off his renewed commitment to e4!* 1...c5
2. Nf3 d6 3. d3 Nc6 4. Nc3 a6 5. g3 e6 6. Bg2 Be7 7. O-O
Nf6 8. a3 O-O 9. Ng5 h6 10. Nh3 e5 11. Be3 Be6 12. f4
Ng4 13. Qe2 Nxe3 14. Qxe3 Nd4 15. Qd2 f5 16. Nd5 fxe4
17. dxe4 Bxd5 18. exd5 Qb6 19. c4 Nb3 20. Qc2 Nxa1
21. Rxa1 exf4 22. Nxf4 Bf6 23. Rb1 Rae8 24. Ne6 Rf7
25. Be4 Bd4+ 26. Kh1 Rf2 27. Bh7+ Kh8 28. Qg6 Qb3
29. Qxg7+ *At this point, Bill yelled aloud, "Aha!
Checkmate!" Bob quieted him with the following* 29...Bxg7
30. White resigns

Galen Miller (D) - Boris Dvorkin (D), Round 4
English Opening

1. g3 e5 2. Bg2 d5 3. d3 Bc5 4. Nd2 Bg4 5. c4 c6 6. Ngf3
Nf6 7. Nxe5 Qb6 8. O-O O-O 9. Qe1 Re8 10. Ndf3 Bxf3
11. Nxf3 Nbd7 12. cxd5 Nxd5 13. e4 Nb4 14. Qd2 Qb5
15. Ne1 Rad8 16. a3 Na6 17. Kh1 Ne5 18. b4 Bd4 19. Ra2
c5 20. f4 Ng4 21. Bb2 Ne3 22. Rf3 Nxc2 23. Kxc2 cxb4
24. Bxd4 Rxd4 25. Nc2 Rd6 26. Nxb4 Nxb4 27. axb4 a6
28. e5 Rd4 29. Rb2 Red8 30. Qc3 h6 31. Qc5 Qa4
32. Qb6 Rxd3 33. Rxd3 Rxd3 34. e6 Qe8 35. Re2 fxe6
36. Rxe6 Rd2+ 37. Kg1 Qh5 38. Re2? Qxe2 39. White
resigns

Joe Meadows (E) - Michael Statkiewicz (E), Round 4
Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. Bxc6+ bxc6 5. Nc3 Nf6

6. O-O Be7 7. d3 O-O 8. Bg5 Ba6 9. Re1 d5 10. Nxe5 Bc8
11. Nxc6 Qd6 12. exd5 Re8 13. Bxf6 gxf6 14. Nb5 Qd7
15. Qf3 a6 16. Qg3+ Kh8 17. Nxc7 Rg8 18. Rxe7 Qxe7
19. Nxe7 Rxc3 20. hxc3 Ra7 21. Nxc8 Rxc7 22. Nd6 Kg8
23. c3 Rd7 24. Nf5 Kf8 25. c4 a5 26. Re1 a4 27. a3 Rb7
28. b4 axb4 e.p. 29. Nd6 Rb8 30. c5 b2 31. Rb1 Rb3
32. c6 Rxd3 33. Rxb2 Rxd5 34. c7 Rxd6 35. c8/Q+ and
White wins.

Mike Price (E) - Evan Perks (E), Round 4

1. e4 e5 2. d4 Nc6 3. d5 Nd4 4. Be3 Bc5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Bxc5
Na5 7. b4 b6 8. Be3 Nb7 9. Nf3 d6 10. Bb5+ Bd7
11. Bxd7+ Qxd7 12. O-O Nf6 13. Nbd2 O-O 14. Bg5 Qc8
15. Bxf6 Qg4 16. Bg5 Rae8 17. h3 Qh5 18. Be3 a5
19. Nh2 Qxd1 20. Raxd1 and White won

4 points: Andy Katz

3.5: Walker, Barker, and Rihel

3 points: D. Funkhouser, Griffith, Kingrey, Perks, Martin,
Roush, Bagley, Ancrile, Gargon, and Shellenberger.

Round 5 - Serious chess matchups in round 5 set up the
finale, Katz handles Walker and Barker spans Rihel leaving
only these two to fight it out for the championship trophy.
Other games of note Kingrey defeated Garner and Greg
Martin stuns John Roush.

Andy Katz (X) - Jim Walker (X), Round 5

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bg4 5. Be3 a6 6. Be2
d5 7. e5 Nf8 8. O-O e6 9. a3 Nge7 10. Qd2 Na5 11. b3 b6
12. h3 Bh5 13. g4 Bg6 14. Nh4 Nec6 15. Nxc6 hxc6
16. Kg2 Be7 17. f4 Qd7 18. Rf3 Nb7 19. b4 a5 20. b5 Na7
21. Qd3 O-O-O 22. Na4 Kb8 23. c4 dxc4 24. Qxc4 Nc8
25. Bd3 Nc5 26. Nxc5 bxc5 27. Be4 Nb6 28. Qc2 Nd5
29. Bf2 cxd4 30. Bxd4 Nxf4+ 31. Rxf4 Qxd4 32. Qc6 Qa7
33. b6 cxb6 34. Rb1 Bc5 35. Qxc5 Rd2+ 36. Rf2 Rxf2+
37. Kxf2 Qc7 38. Rxb6+ Kc8 39. Rc6 Qxc6 40. Qxc6+
Kd8 41. Qa8+ Kd7 42. Bc6+ Black resigns.

Jason Rihel (A) - Joe Barker (X), Round 5

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. c4 c6 6. Nc3
Ne7 7. cxd5 cxd5 8. Bd3 Nbc6 9. h3 Be6 10. O-O h6
11. Re1 O-O 12. a3 Qc8 13. Bd2 Ng6 14. Qc1 Bxh3
15. Bxh6 Bxg2 16. Kxc2 Qg4+ 17. Kf1 Qxf3 18. Be3
Nxd4 19. Kg1 Qg4+ 20. White resigns.

Dennis Funkhouser (X) - Ray Bagley (A), Round 5

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 c6 5. e3 Be7 6. Nf3

Games from Round 5 at the 1996 WV States

Nbd7 7. Qc2 h6 8. Bh4 O-O 9. Rd1 Re8 10. Be2 dxc4
11. Bxc4 Nd5 12. Bxe7 Qxe7 13. O-O Nxc3 14. Qxc3 Kf8
15. h3 e5 16. dxe5 Nxe5 17. Nxe5 Qxe5 18. Qxe5 Rxe5
19. Rd8+ Re8 20. Rfd1 Be6 21. Rxa8 Rxa8 22. Bxe6 fxe6
23. Rd7 c5 24. Rxb7 c4 25. Kf1 a5 26. Ke2 a4 27. a3 Rd8
28. Rb4 Ke7 29. Rxc4 Rb8 30. Rb4 Rc8 31. Kd2 Rd8+
32. Rd4 Rb8 33. Kc3 Rc8+ 34. Rc4 Ra8 35. f4 Ra7 36. b4
axb4 e.p. 37. Kxb3 Kd6 38. a4 Rb7+ 39. Rb4 Ra7 40. e4
Kc5 41. Kc3 Rd7 42. Rb5+ Kc6 43. Re5 Kd6 44. a5 Rf7
45. a6 Rxf4 46. a7 Rf8 47. Rb5 Ra8 48. Rb7 g5 49. Kd4
Kc6 50. Rh7 Kd6 51. e5+ Kc6 52. Rxh6 Rd8+ 53. Ke4
Kd7 54. Rh7+ Kc6 55. Re7 Rf8 56. Rxe6 and White wins
in 65.

Greg Martin (A) - John Roush (X), Round 5

Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Bg5 c5 4. Nf3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nc6
6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. Nc3 Be7 8. Qc2 d5 9. e3 O-O 10. Be2 Qa5
11. cxd5 cxd5 12. O-O Bb7 13. Qa4 Qxa4 14. Nxa4 Rfc8
15. Rac1 h6 16. Bh4 g5 17. Bg3 Ne4 18. Rfe1 Bf6 19. b3
Kf8 20. Bc7 Ke7 21. Ba5 Rxc1 22. Rxc1 Rc8 23. Bb4+
Kd7 24. Rxc8 Kxc8 25. f3 a5 26. Bxa5 Black resigns

Dick Shellenberger (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 5

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. e3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Nf3 Nbd7 6. Bd2
Bd6 7. cxd5 exd5 8. Bd3 O-O 9. O-O Re8 10. Qc2 Nf8
11. h3 Ng6 12. Rfe1 Be6 13. Na4 Ne4 14. Nc5 Bxc5
15. dxc5 f5 16. b4 Rf8 17. Nd4 Qe7 18. Re2 Rae8
19. Bxe4 fxe4 20. Bc3 Qg5 21. Nxe6 Rxe6 22. Kh2 Ne5
23. Rf1 Rg6 24. f4 exf4 e.p. 25. Ref2 Qg3+ 26. Kg1 Nc4
27. Qe2 Qxg2+ 28. Rxg2 Rxg2+ 29. Qxg2 fxg2 30. Rxf8+
Kxf8 31. Bd4 Kf7 32. Kxg2 g5 33. Kf3 Kg6 34. e4 Nd2+
35. Ke3 Nxe4 36. a4 Kf5 37. b5 h5 38. Kf3 g4+ 39. hxg4
hxg4+ 40. Kg2 Kf4 41. Bg1 Nf6 42. Bh2+ Ke4 43. Bb8 a6
44. bxc6 bxc6 45. Bg3 d4 46. Kf2 Kd5 47. Bd6 Ne4+
48. White resigns.

Marc Abraham (C) - Gary Morris (B), Round 5

English Opening

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Nf3 d6
6. O-O e5 7. d3 c6 8. Rb1 a5 9. a3 Qc7 10. Bd2 Nbd7
11. Qc1 Re8 12. b4 axb4 13. axb4 b6 14. b5 Bb7 15. bxc6
Qxc6 16. Qb2 Rab8 17. Be3 Ba8 18. Nh4 e4 19. Qb4 Bf8
20. Nxe4 Nxe4 21. Bxe4 Rxe4 22. dxe4 Qxe4 23. Rd1
Qh1+ mate

David Gargon (C) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 5

Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. c4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. f3 exf3 6. Nxf3
Bg4 7. h3 Bh5 8. Qd3 e6 9. Ne5 Nbd7 10. g4 Bg6

11. Nxc6 hxg6 12. Bf4 Nxc4 13. Rg1 Nh6 14. Bg5 Be7
15. h4 Nf5 16. O-O-O Bxg5+ 17. hxg5 Rh2 18. Rg2 Rxg2
19. Bxg2 Qxg5+ 20. Qd2 Qxd2+ 21. Kxd2 Nxd4 22. Ne4
Ke7 23. c5 Nf5 24. b4 Rd8 25. Ke2 Ne5 26. Rxd8 Kxd8
27. Bh3 b6 28. Bxf5 gxf5 29. Nd6 g5 30. a4 f4 31. cxb6
axb6 32. a5 bxa5 33. bxa5 Kc7 34. Ne4 g4 35. a6 Kb6
36. Nc5 g3 37. Kf1 f3 38. Ne4 g2+ 39. Kf2 Kxa6 and
Black soon won.

Mark Mallabone (A) - Mike Conley (B), Round 5

Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 dxc4
6. Bxc4 e6 7. Nf3 a6 8. O-O b5 9. Bd3 Bb7 10. Bg5 Nbd7
11. Rfe1 Be7 12. Ne5 Qb6 13. Nxd7 Nxd7 14. Bxe7 Kxe7
15. d5 Nf6 16. dxe5 fxe5 17. Bf5 Rad8 18. Qe2 Rd6
19. Ne4 Bxe4 20. Bxe4 Nxe4 21. Qxe4 Rd4 22. Qe3 Rhd8
23. Rac1 Qd6 24. Qg3 Qxg3 25. hxg3 Draw

Markle Butcher (B) - Scott Antes (C), Round 5

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 b5 5. Bb3 Be7 6. c3
d6 7. h3 Na5 8. Bc2 Bf6 9. b4 Nc6 10. Bb2 Nge7 11. a4
Bb7 12. O-O O-O 13. d3 d5 14. Nbd2 d4 15. Nb3 dxc3
16. Bxc3 Nd4 17. Nbx4 exd4 18. Bd2 Nc6 19. Re1 Re8
20. Qb1 Qd6 21. Bb3 Ne5 22. Nxe5 Rxe5 23. f4 Rh5
24. e5 Qc6 25. Re2 Bxe5 26. fxe5 Rxe5 27. Qf1 Rxe2
28. Qxe2 Re8 29. Qf2 Qf6 30. Qxf6 gxf6 31. Kf2 Bxg2
32. Rg1 Kf8 33. Rxg2 Re5 34. Bh6+ Ke7 35. Rg7 Rh5
36. Rxf7+ Kd6 37. Bf4+ Kc6 38. Rxc7+ Black resigns

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Joe Lococo (D), Round 5

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 d6 2. c4 c6 3. e4 Nf6 4. Nc3 g6 5. Nf3 Bg7 6. Be2
O-O 7. O-O Re8 8. Bg5 Bg4 9. Qd2 Nbd7 10. h3 Bxf3
11. Bxf3 e5 12. d5 c5 13. g3 Nb6 14. b3 a5 15. a4 Qd7
16. Kg2 h5 17. Rh1 Nh7 18. Bh6 f5 19. Rag1 Rf8 20. Kf1
Rf6 21. exf5 Rf5 22. Be4 Rf6 23. g4 h4 24. g5 Bxh6
25. gxh6 Kh8 26. Rxg6 Rxg6 27. Bxg6 Qe7 28. Rg1 Rg8
29. Bxh7 Rxg1+ 30. Kxg1 Qxh7 31. Qg5 Qg8 32. Ne4
Nc8 33. Kg2 Ne7 34. Qxg8+ Nxc8 35. Nxd6 Nxc6 36.
Nxb7 Nf5 37. d6 Nxd6 38. Nxd6 and White soon won.

Stephen Statkiewicz (D) - Walter Reuckert (C), Round 5

1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Qe2 Bg4 4. d4 e6 5. e5 Qc7 6. h3 Bf5
7. Nh4 Be4 8. Nc3 Bb4 9. Bd2 Nd7 10. Nxe4 Bxd2
11. Nxd2 Ne7 12. Qg4 g6 13. Bd3 c5 14. c3 a6 15. O-O c4
16. Bc2 O-O-O 17. Nhf3 h5 18. Qh4 Nf5 19. Bxf5 gxf5
20. Ng5 Nf8 21. Rac1 Ng6 22. Qg3 Rdg8 23. Qe3 Qe7
24. f4 Nxf4 25. Qxf4 Rxg5 26. Nf3 Rg7 27. Qh4 Qe8
28. b3 cxb3 29. axb3 Qb5 30. e4 dxc4 31. Rxc4+ Kb8
32. Qe7 Qxb3 33. Rb4 Qe3+ 34. Kh1 Qe4 35. Qd6+ Ka8

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36. Ra1 Ka7 37. Qc5+ Ka8 38. Rxa6+ bxa6 39. Qb6 f6
40. Qxa6+ Ra7 41. Qxe6 Ra1+ 42. Ng1 Rxg1+ 43. Kxg1
Qe1+ 44. Kh2 Qxb4 45. Qxf6 Rf8 46. Qc6+ Kb8 47. d5
Rg8 48. d6 Qb7 49. Qc2 f4 50. d7 Rd8 51. e6 Rg8 52. e7
Qxd7 53. Qb3+ Ka7 54. Qxg8 Qxe7 55. Qa2+ Kb7
56. Qb3+ Ka7. Drawn

Allen Farley (C) - Boris Dworkin (D), Round 5

French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Nd7 4. Nf3 Ne7 5. c3 b6 6. Bd3 c5
7. Be3 c4 8. Bc2 f6 9. O-O Nc6 10. Ba4 Bb7 11. Na3 Bxa3
12. bxa3 O-O 13. Bxc6 Bxc6 14. Bf4 Rb8 15. Re1 f5
16. Qd2 Kh8 17. Ng5 Qe7 18. Re3 Rg8 19. Rh3 Nf8
20. Nxb7 Nxb7 21. Bg5 Qf7 22. Qf4 Rf8 23. Qh4 Qg6
24. Re1 Kg8 25. Be7 Rfe8 26. R1e3 f4 27. Re1 Rb7
28. Bd6 Ng5 29. Kh1 Nxb3 30. Qxb3 Rf7 31. Qf3 Ba4
32. Rc1 Bc2 33. Qe2 Be4 34. f3 Bd3 35. Qf2 Qh6 36. Qb2
Rf5 37. Qb5 Rd8 38. Be7 Rh5 39. h4 Rb8 40. Kg1 Qg6
41. Qd7 Rh6 42. Bg5 Rh5 43. Qxa7 Rf8 44. Qxb6 Rf5
45. Qd8+ Kh7 46. Rd1 Rhxg5 47. hxxg5 Rxxg5 48. Rd2
Rh5 49. Qe7 Qg3 50. Rd1 Be2 51. Rc1 Bxf3 52. White
resigns.

Chris Burkhammer (E) - David Hundley (C), Round 5

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 Bc5 5. Nxf7 Bxf2+
6. Kxf2 Nxe4+ 7. Kg1 Qh4 8. g3 Nxxg3 9. hxxg3 Qxxg3+
10. Kf1 Rf8 11. d3 d5 12. Qe2 Rxd7+ 13. White resigns

Craig Sutphin (Unr) - Nathan Gundlach (E), Round 5

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 Nc6 4. Nc3 a6 5. d4 cxd4 6. Nxd4
Bb4 7. Nxc6 bxc6 8. Qd4 Qf6 9. e5 Qd8 10. Bd2 Bxc3
11. Bxc3 Ne7 12. Bd3 Nf5 13. Bxf5 exd5 14. e6 Qg5
15. exd7+ Bxd7 16. Qe5+ Kf8 17. Qd6+ Qe7 18. Qxe7+
Kxe7 19. O-O f6 20. Rad1 Be6 21. Bb4+ Kf7 22. Rd6
Bxc4 23. Ra1 Rab8 24. Bc3 Ke7 25. Rxc6 Rxc8 26. Bb4+
Kf7 27. Rxc8 Drawn

John Malutich (Unr) - Pete Mauk (D), Round 5

1. e4 d6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. d4 Bg7 5. e5 dxe5 6. Nxe5
Nbd7 7. f4 O-O 8. Be3 b6 9. Qf3 Rb8 10. O-O-O Bb7
11. Qf2 Qe8 12. Be2 Nxe5 13. fxe5 Ne4 14. Nxe4 Bxe4
15. Bf3 Bf5 16. g4 Bd7 17. h4 f6 18. h5 h6 19. hxxg6 Qxxg6
20. Qh4 Kf7 21. Qg3 Rbc8 22. Bf4 f5 23. g5 hxxg5 24. Bh5
Black resigns

Alan Smith (E) - Galen Miller (D), Round 5

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 bxc6 5. Nxe5 Qe7
6. Nf3 Qxe4+ 7. Qe2 Qxe2+ 8. Kxe2 d5 9. Re1 Bd6
10. Kf1+ Ne7 11. Kg1 O-O 12. Nc3 Bd7 13. d3 Rfe8
14. Be3 Nf5 15. Bd2 h6 16. Ne2 g5 17. Nfd4 Nh4 18. Ng3

c5 19. Nde2 Re7 20. Nh5 Re6 21. b4 Rae8 22. Neg3 cxb4
23. c3 bxc3 24. Bxc3 Rxe1+ 25. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 26. Bxe1 Be5
27. Ne2 Bb5 28. f4 Bxd3 29. fxe5 Bxe2 30. Nf6+ Kf8
31. Bb4+ Kg7 32. Nxd5 c6 33. Ne7 Bb5 34. h3 Ng6
35. Nf5+ Kg8 36. Nxb6+ Kg7 37. Nf5+ Kg8 38. Nh6+
Drawn

At 5-0: Andy Katz

4.5: Joe Barker

4.0: D. Funkhouser, Griffith, Perks, Martin, and Kingrey.

Round 6 - Dennis Funkhouser overcomes an early positional problem to defeat Grant Perks. Coupled with the Walker-Martin draw, Dennis ties for second with Andy. Kingrey completes an excellent tourney drawing a pawn down with Griffith.

Grant Perks (X) - Dennis Funkhouser (X), Round 6

King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Variation

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 e5
7. Nge2 Nc6 8. Qd2 Ne8 9. d5 Ne7 10. g4 f5 11. gxf5 gxf5
12. Bh6 Ng6 13. O-O f4 14. Bxxg7 Nxxg7 15. Kb1 Nh4
16. Qd3 Bd7 17. Ne1 Kh8 18. Nb3 b6 19. Qe2 Rg8
20. Qf2 a6 21. Rg1 Qe7 22. c5 bxc5 23. Bc4 Ng6 24. Qf1
a5 25. Nb5 Ne8 26. Rd2 a4 27. Na1 Qh4 28. Nc2 Bh3
29. Qd1 Ne7 30. Rxxg8+ Kxxg8 31. Ne1 Nc8 32. Nd3 Nb6
33. Na3 Nxc4 34. Nxc4 Qe7 35. Nf2 Bd7 36. Ng4 Bxxg4
37. Rg2 Nf6 38. h3 h5 39. Nd2 Kf7 40. hxxg4 hxxg4 41. fxxg4
Qd7 42. g5 Rg8 43. Qh1 Ne8 44. Qh7+ Ng7 45. Nf3 Kf8
46. g6 Qb5 47. Qh4 Qd3+ 48. Kc1 Qf1+ 49. Ne1 Ne8
50. Kd1 Qc4 51. Qh7 Rg7 52. Qh8+ Ke7 53. Qh3 Qxe4
54. Qe6+ Kd8 55. Rg5 f3 56. Nc2 Qe2+ and Black won

Donald Griffith (X) - Chaene Kingrey (B), Round 6

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nge2 Nf6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 d6
6. Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 Be7 8. O-O-O O-O 9. f4 a6 10. Be2 Qc7
11. Rhe1 b5 12. Nxc6 Qxc6 13. e5 b4 14. Nb1 Nd5
15. Bxe7 Nxe7 16. Qxd6 Qxd6 17. Rxd6 Nf5 18. Rd3 Bb7
19. g4 Nh4 20. Nd2 Bd5 21. Bf3 Nxf3 22. Nxf3 a5 23. Kb1
a4 24. a3 b3 25. Nd4 bxc2 26. Nxc2 Rfc8 27. Nb4 Bb3
28. Rc1 Rxc1 29. Kxc1 Rc8+ 30. Kd2 g6 31. Rd6 Rc4
32. Ke3 Rc1 33. g5 Re1+ 34. Kf2 Rb1 35. Kg2 Re1
36. Rd2 Kg7 37. Nc2 Bxc2 38. Rxc2 h6 39. h4 h5 40. Rc4
Re2+ 41. Kf3 Rxb2 42. Rxa4 Rb3+ and this game ended
Drawn.

Randy Bierce (A) - Jason Rihel (A), Round 6

1. e4 e6 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 d5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. d4 Be7 6. e3
Bf5 7. Qb3 b6 8. Be2 O-O 9. O-O c6 10. Bd2 Ne4
11. Nxe4 Bxe4 12. Rac1 c5 13. dxc5 Bxc5 14. Bb4 Nd7

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15. Nd4 Bxb4 16. Qxb4 Qg5 17. Nf3 Qg6 18. Qd4 Qf6
19. Qd1 Ne5 20. g3 Nd3 21. Nh4 Nxb2 22. Qd4 Qf6
23. Qxf6 gxf6 24. Nf3 Rac8 25. Nd4 Drawn

Markle Butcher (B) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 6
Gruenfeld Defense, Exchange Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. e4 Nxc3
6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Nf3 c5 8. Be2 Nc6 9. Be3 Qa5 10. Bd2 Qd8
11. Be3 O-O 12. h3 b6 13. O-O Bb7 14. Qa4 cxd4
15. cxd4 Na5 16. e5 e6 17. Rfd1 Bc6 18. Qb4 Qd7 19. a4
Rfc8 20. Bd2 Qd5 21. Ne1 Bf8 22. Qb2 Qb3 23. Rdb1
Qxb2 24. Rxb2 Bd5 25. Bxa5 bxa5 26. Bf3 Bxf3 27. Nxf3
Bb4 28. Rab1 Rc4 29. Kh2 Kf8 30. Kg3 h6 31. Rd1 Rc1
32. Rdb3 Rxd1 34. Rxd1 Ke7 35. d5 exd5 36. Rxd5 Ke6
37. Rb5 Rc3 38. Rb7 Bc5 39. Rc7 Bxf2 40. Kxf2 Bxf2
41. Ke3 Rc3+ 42. Ke4 Rc4+ 43. Nd4 Rxd4+ 44. Kxd4
Kd7 45. Kd5 g5 46. g4 Kc7 47. Kc5 a6 48. Kd5 Kd7
49. Kc5 Ke6 50. Kd4 *This game ended Drawn.*

Gary Morris (B) - Mark Mallabone (A), Round 6
Dutch Defense

1. Nf3 f5 2. d4 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Bg5 O-O 6. Qc2
h6 7. Bd2 d6 8. e3 Bxc3 9. Bxc3 Ne4 10. Be3 Nxc3
11. Qxc3 Nd7 12. Nd2 e5 13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. h3 Nxd3+
15. Qxd3 Qf6 16. O-O-O a5 17. Qd4 Bd7 18. Qxf6 Rxf6
19. f3 Bc6 20. Rhe1 Rd8 21. Re2 Re6 22. Rde1 d5 23. Nb3
cxb4 24. Nxa5 Ra8 25. Nxc6 Rxc6 26. a3 c3 27. Rc2
cxb2+ 28. Kxb2 Rxc2+ 29. Kxc2 Rxa3 30. Kb2 Rd3
31. Kc2 Rd7 32. Rb1 b6 33. Rb4 Rd6 34. Rd4 Rxd4
35. exd4 Kf7 36. Kc3 Ke6 37. f4 h5 38. h4 c6 39. g3 Kd5
40. Kd3 b5 and Black won

Fred Whitacre (A) - Mike Conley (B), Round 6
Caro Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. c3 e6 5. Nd2 c5 6. Ndf3 Nc6
7. Bd3 Bxd3 8. Qxd3 cxd4 9. cxd4 Rc8 10. a3 Qa5+
11. Bd2 Bb4 12. Ne2 Bxd2+ 13. Nxd2 Nb4 14. Qb1 Nc2+
15. Kd1 Nxa1 16. Qxa1 Ne7 17. b4 Qa4+ 18. Ke1 Nc6
19. Qb2 O-O 20. Nb3 Nxb4 21. axb4 Qxb4+ 22. Kd1 b5
23. Qb1 Rc7 24. Nd2 Qa4+ 25. Ke1 Rfc8 26. h4 Rc2
27. Rh3 a5 28. Nb3 Qb4+ 29. Kd1 a4 30. Qxc2 Rxc2
31. Kxc2 axb3+ 32. Rxb3 Qc4+ 33. Nc3 b4 34. Kb2
bxc3+ 35. Rxc3 Qxd4 36. Kb3 g6 37. White resigns

Mike Taylor (A) - Tom LaBue (B), Round 6
Bogo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Bd2 c5 5. e3 b6 6. Be2
Bb7 7. O-O O-O 8. Bxb4 cxb4 9. Nbd2 Nc6 10. e4 d6
11. d5 Ne7 12. Bd3 Ng6 13. Qe2 e5 14. g3 Be8 15. Rfe1
Nd7 16. Qe3 Ne5 17. Bf1 a5 18. Nb3 Bd7 19. Nxc5 bxc5

20. Qg5 Qxg5 21. Nxg5 h6 22. Nf3 Ra7 23. h4 Ne7
24. Kh2 f5 25. Nd2 f4 26. Kg2 Kh7 27. Be2 Ng8 28. a3
fxg3 29. fxg3 a4? 30. Rf1 Nf6 31. Rf2 b3 32. Raf1 Kg8
33. Bh5 R7a8 34. Bg6 Bg4 35. Nb1 Bh5 36. Bxh5 Nxb5
37. Rxf8+ Rxf8 38. Rxf8+ Kxf8 39. Nc3 Nf6 40. Kf3 g5
41. hxg5 hxg5 42. g4 Nd7 43. Nxa4 Ke7 44. Nc3 Nb6
45. a4 Nxc4 46. Nd1 Kd7 47. Ke2 Kc7 48. Kd3 Na5
49. Nf2 c4+ 50. Kc3 Kb6 51. Nh3 Nb7 52. Kb4 Nc5
53. Nxg5 Ka6 54. Kxc4 Nxa4 55. Kxb3 Nc5+ 56. Kc4
Kb6 57. b4 Nd7 58. Nf7 Nf6 59. g5 Nxe4 60. g6 Nf6
61. Nxd6 e4 62. g7 e3 63. Kd3 Kc7 64. Ne8+ Black
resigns

Byron Funkhouser (B) - David Gargon (C), Round 6
Budapest Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4 4. Nf3 Bc5 5. e3 Nc6 6. b3
Ngxe5 7. Nxe5 Nxe5 8. Bb2 Bb4+ 9. Nd2 Qf6 10. a3 Bf8
11. Qc2 Qg6 12. Qxg6 Nxg6 13. Nf3 d6 14. Be2 Be6
15. O-O f6 16. Rfd1 c5 17. Rd2 Be7 18. Rad1 O-O-O
19. b4 b6 20. b5 Ne5 21. Bxe5 dxe5 22. Rxd8+ Rxd8
23. Rxd8+ Kxd8 24. Nd2 f5 25. e4 f4 26. Nb1 g6 27. Nc3
h5 28. h3 g5 29. Nd5 g4 30. hxg4 hxg4 31. Nc3 Bh4
32. Nd1 g3 33. fxg3 Bxg3 34. Nf2 Bxf2+ 35. Kxf2 Kd7
36. g3 fxg3+ 37. Kxg3 Ke7 38. Kf2 Kf6 39. Ke3 Kg5
40. a4 Drawn

Mike Baker (B) - Ray Spring (B), Round 6
Scotch Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 Nxd4 4. Nxd4 exd4 5. Qxd4 d6
6. Nc3 Ne7 7. e5 Nc6 8. Bb5 Bd7 9. Bxc6 Bxc6 10. O-O
dxe5 11. Qxe5+ Qe7 12. Re1 Qxe5 13. Rxe5+ Kd7 14. Bf4
Bd6 15. Rd1 Rae8 16. f3 f6 17. Rxe8 Rxe8 18. b4 a6
19. a4 b6 20. Kf2 Re6 21. b5 axb5 22. axb5 Bb7 23. Nd5
Bxd5 24. Rxd5 Ke7 25. Bxd6+ Rxd6 26. Rh5 h6 27. Ke3
Re6+ 28. Kd3 Re5 29. Rxe5+ fxe5 30. Ke4 Ke6 31. h4 h5
32. g4 g6 33. gxh5 gxh5 34. f4 exf4 35. Kxf4 Kf6 36. c3
Kg6 37. Ke5 Kg7 38. Ke6 Kg6 39. Kd7 Kf5 40. Kxc7 Kg4
41. Kxb6 Kxh4 42. Ka7 Kg4 43. b6 h4 44. b7 Black
resigns

Scott Antes (C) - Steven Statkiewicz (D), Round 6

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bg5 Bf5 4. e3 Nb4 5. Bd3 Bxd3
6. cxd3 Qd6 7. O-O Nf6 8. Qa4+ Nc6 9. Nc3 Qb4 10. Qc2
e6 11. Bxf6 gxf6 12. a3 Qe7 13. Rfe1 Bg7 14. e4 dxe4
15. dxe4 O-O-O 16. Rad1 e5 17. d5 Nb8 18. Nh4 Qc5
19. Nf5 Bf8 20. Rc1 c6 21. b4 Qc4 22. Ne3 Qa6 23. Qb3
b5 24. dxc6 Nxc6 25. Qxf7 Be7 26. Ncd5 Kb8 27. Nxe7
Rd7 28. Qxf6 Rxe7 29. Qxh8+ Qc8 30. Qxc8+ Kxc8
31. Rxc6+ and White wins.

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PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Joe Barker	WV	2100*X0	2122*X2	W--33	W--14	W--18	D--5	W--13	W--3	5.5
2	Dennis Funkhouser	WV	2110*X0	2114*X0	W--30	W--28	D--37	D--21	W--18	W--7	5.0
3	Andy Katz	WV	2000*m5	2040*m5	W--39	W--29	W--20	W--17	W--5	L--1	5.0
4	Donald Griffith	WV	2112*X7	2100*X7	W--32	D--13	W--36	D--9	W--28	D--6	4.5
5	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2100*M5	W--47	W--19	W--11	D--1	L--3	W--9	4.5
6	Chaene Kingrey	OH	1722*b7	1785*a5	W--35	L--37	W--40	W--27	W--26	D--4	4.5
7	Grant Perks	OH	2005*X6	2000*X6	W--40	W--15	L--17	W--29	W--21	L--2	4.0
8	Mark Mallabone	OH	1917*a9	1881*a9	W--46	D--22	D--23	D--20	D--15	W--29	4.0
9	Greg Martin	WV	1900*A0	1921*A0	W--63	D--23	W--22	D--4	W--17	L--5	4.0
10	Randy Bierce	WV	1900*x4	1900*x4	L--34	W--54	W--30	D--15	W--24	D--13	4.0
11	Mike Taylor	OH	1870*A4	1857*A4	W--66	W--31	L--5	D--25	D--20	W--30	4.0
12	Jim Gikas	WV	1851*A7	1850*A7	W--48	L--17	W--47	H---	W--22	D--14	4.0
13	Jason Rihel	WV	1825*a4	1879*a9	W--41	D--4	W--53	W--37	L--1	D--10	4.0
14	Markle Butcher	WV	1686*B6	1691*B6	W--54	L--1	D--39	W--43	W--25	D--12	4.0
15	Mike Conley	WV	1652*b0	1699*b5	W--45	L--7	W--16	D--10	D--8	W--27	4.0
16	Boris Dvorkin	OH	1365*D6	1426*c5	H---	H---	L--15	W--40	W--32	W--28	4.0
17	John Roush	WV	2144*m4	2110*m4	W--24	W--12	W--7	L--3	L--9	D--21	3.5
18	Raymond Bagley	OH	1940*A6	1919*A6	W--65	W--34	L--1	W--23	L--2	D--20	3.5
19	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1765*a9	1751*a9	W--55	L--5	W--44	L--26	W--34	D--24	3.5
20	Sefus Ellis	WV	1668*B4	1717*B6	W--51	W--27	L--3	D--8	D--11	D--18	3.5
21	Joe Ancrile	WV	1652*B4	1706*B9	W--50	W--26	H---	D--2	L--7	D--17	3.5
22	Mike Baker	WV	1621*B4	1645*B4	W--64	D--8	L--9	W--36	L--12	W--31	3.5
23	Walter Rueckert	WV	1576*C0	1591*C0	W--52	D--9	D--8	L--18	D--42	W--46	3.5
24	David Gargon	WV	1526*c2	1570*C5	L--17	W--41	W--50	W--53	L--10	D--19	3.5
25	Scott Antes	WV	1499* 0	1516*c2	W--61	L--53	W--46	D--11	L--14	W--42	3.5
26	Ed Garner	WV	2047*x0	2000*x0	W--38	L--21	W--32	W--19	L--6	U---	3.0
27	Fred Whitacre	OH	1900*A9	1900*A9	W--44	L--20	W--33	L--6	W--47	L--15	3.0
28	Rick Shellenberger	OH	1711*A5	1700*A5	W--60	L--2	W--42	W--31	L--4	W--16	3.0
29	Gary Morris	WV	1654*B7	1654*B7	W--56	L--3	W--48	L--7	W--33	L--8	3.0
30	Tom LaBue	WV	1605*b7	1606*b7	L--2	W--60	L--10	W--39	W--50	L--11	3.0
31	Ray Spring	OH	1600*b0	1600*b0	W--57	L--11	W--34	L--28	W--38	L--22	3.0
32	Allen Farley	WV	1539*C7	1534*C7	L--4	W--35	L--26	W--41	L--16	W--39	3.0
33	Marc Abraham	WV	1479*D7	1482*D7	L--1	W--49	L--27	W--60	L--29	W--50	3.0
34	Joe Lococo	WV	1338*c7	1379*c9	W--10	L--18	L--31	W--45	L--19	W--48	3.0
35	Nathan Gundlach	OH	1209* 0	1246*E5	L--6	L--32	H---	W--52	D--36	W--47	3.0
36	Craig Sutphin	WV	Unrated	1501/06	D--53	W--43	L--4	L--22	D--35	W--51	2.5
37	Pat Kelly	OH	1991*A4	1980*A4	W--42	W--6	D--2	L--13	U---	U---	2.5
38	Bob Shock	WV	1460*C5	1424*C5	L--26	L--50	W--49	W--54	L--31	D--44	2.5
39	David Hundley	WV	1400*c0	1405*c0	L--3	W--56	D--14	L--30	W--55	L--32	2.5
40	Galen Miller	WV	1365*D2	1345*D2	L--7	W--45	L--6	L--16	D--36	W--52	2.5
41	Jonette Mercer	WV	1315*c4	1300*c4	L--13	L--24	W--57	L--32	D--45	W--56	2.5
42	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1300* 0	1302*d2	L--37	W--51	L--28	W--62	D--23	L--25	2.5
43	Peter Mauk	WV	1185*e7	1183*e7	H---	L--36	W--62	L--14	L--46	W--55	2.5
44	Michael Statkiewicz	WV	1159/08	1229/14	L--27	W--64	L--19	L--50	W--49	D--38	2.5
45	Michael Malutich	WV	919/06	1050/12	L--15	L--40	W--63	L--34	D--41	W--60	2.5
46	John R. Malutich	WV	Unrated	1291/06	L--8	W--57	L--25	D--55	W--43	L--23	2.5
47	Bob McLear	WV	1410*C9	1400*C9	L--5	W--55	L--12	W--48	L--27	L--35	2.0
48	Andy Nicol	OH	1302*D2	1288*D2	L--12	W--52	L--29	L--47	W--54	L--34	2.0
49	Mike Price	WV	1164*E7	1140*E7	L--58	L--33	L--38	W--61	L--44	W--62	2.0
50	Joe Meadows	WV	1040/13	1140/19	L--21	W--38	L--24	W--44	L--30	L--33	2.0
51	Grant Burrier	OH	912* 0	909* 0	L--20	L--42	L--60	W--63	W--62	L--36	2.0
52	John W. Malutich	WV	776/04	1018/10	L--23	L--48	W--56	L--35	W--60	L--40	2.0
53	Jeff Hohn	WV	1965*a9	1902*a9	D--36	W--25	L--13	L--24	U---	U---	1.5
54	Bill Salmon	WV	1212*d9	1200*d9	L--14	L--10	W--61	L--38	L--48	D--57	1.5
55	Chris Burkhammer	WV	1189*E2	1168*E2	L--19	L--47	W--64	D--46	L--39	L--43	1.5
56	Alan Smith	WV	1170*e5	1140*e5	L--29	L--39	L--52	W--57	D--40	L--41	1.5
57	Micah Cartwright	OH	782*0	818*0	L--31	L--46	L--41	L--56	W--59	D--54	1.5
58	John Kay	OH	1608*b2	1610*b2	W--49	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	1.0
59	Joseph Montgomery	WV	1401/04	1231/06	U---	U---	U---	U---	L--57	W--61	1.0
60	Dewey Chaney	WV	1256*d8	1200*D8	L--28	L--30	W--51	L--33	L--52	L--45	1.0
61	Evan Perks	OH	585* 0	597* 0	L--25	U---	L--54	L--49	W--63	L--59	1.0
62	Alexandra Perks	OH	448* 0	466* 0	U---	W--63	L--43	L--42	L--51	L--49	1.0
63	Ellen Marburger	OH	Unrated	579/05	L--9	L--62	L--45	L--51	L--61	B---	1.0
64	Stephen Malutich	WV	899/04	919/07	L--22	L--44	L--55	U---	U---	U---	0.0
65	Toby Buel	WV	Unrated	1540/01	L--18	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
66	Sean Buel	WV	Unrated	1470/01	L--11	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Roaming Around the Mountain State

1996 Charleston Chess Club Championship

by John Roush

Here are some early results from the Charleston Chess Club Championship:

Round 1- September 25, 1996

Richard O'Neil - Scott Carmichael postponed

John Roush 1, Chuck Waugh 0

Jim Walker 1, Dave Michael 0

Don Griffith 1, Gary Morris 0; Bill Salmon Bye

The big story of the round was Griffith-Morris. Gary started the hilarity by annotating his game while it was still in progress. I looked over on his scoresheet mid-game and noticed that he had appended the following note to one of his moves, "Bad move. Bullsh--" (I nearly choked to keep from laughing. Bullsh-- is one of Gary's trademark remarks.) As the game progressed Gary won/lost the exchange for two pawns. His position looked shaky although Don said he could possibly draw. Unfortunately, Gary walked his K up to blockade the pawns and got mated. He wadded up his scoresheet and threw it in the trash can. He then went into the bathroom and slugged the door. (Big Boom!) Later, when he recovered his composure he verified that he hadn't seen the mate coming.

Round 2- October 1, 1996

Carmichael - Roush (postponed)

Waugh 1, Salmon 0; Michael 1, Griffith 0;

Walker 1, O'Neil 0; Morris- Bye

Carmichael and Morris played their round 5 game early with the result, Carmichael ½, Morris ½.

The story here was Donald's tribulations with the beeper. He got a beep on it and had to call his office in the middle of his game with Michael. So he made his move and left to find a telephone. However, he forgot to punch his clock! He returned ten minutes later and proceeded to blunder a piece to Dave. He then got another beep. In a manly show of restraint Don did not curse or hurl the beeper against the wall! (I would hope that I would show similar restraint, but I'm not sure I would.)

Round 3- October 8, 1996

Walker 1, Carmichael 0

Morris - Waugh postponed

Griffith 1F, O'Neil 0F; Roush 1, Salmon 0

Michael- Bye

Morris and Michael played their game scheduled for Round 7 early with the result Morris 1, Michael 0.

Only comic incident here involved my game with Bill Salmon. I mated him on the 17th move and stopped the clock which led to the following snippet of conversation:

Bill: Why'd you stop my clock, John ?

John: Because that's checkmate, Bill.

All: Laughter.

West Virginia Chess Reunion and Banquet

by Joe Ancrile

Ten old timers met for dinner and a lot of reminiscing for a reunion at the Char House in Parkersburg on October 26. These "elder statesmen" of West Virginia chess were Bob Bukovac, Donald Griffith, Tom Bergquist, David Gundlach, Darrel Ballard, Jim Carez, Bill Marteney, Mike Richardson, Pat Kelly, and Joe Ancrile. Though the numbers were small, everyone seemed to share the opinion that the 3½ hour evening was a most enjoyable experience.

Following some opening remarks by Ancrile and an invocation by David Gundlach, the group chatted and dined together in the restaurant's banquet room. Two former state champions (Griffith and Kelly) and three tournament directors (Griffith, Kelly, and Ancrile) were recognized for their achievements. Bergquist was also given a warm round of applause for unique dedication to chess in the Mountain State by his 36 consecutive years of service as secretary-treasurer of the WVCA.

After dinner, the men were treated to talks by Marteney, who told a number of humorous and "tall, but true" chess tales about tournaments from the 1970's and Gundlach, who kept the audience spellbound with his speech "Savoring the Full Richness of the Royal Game". During his remarks, David suggested that chess is a game that can be enjoyed in many different ways. In addition to playing in tournaments, which can cause us to overemphasize ratings and results, we can really find a lot of enjoyment in casual club games, postal chess, analysis with friends, and so on.

Door prizes were won by Ballard (a camera), Bukovac (a hot sandwich maker), and Richardson (a planner). All participants will be receiving a complimentary 4"x 5" group photograph. Much of the cost for the event, organized by Kelly and Ancrile, was financed by SASP funds from the U. S. Chess Federation.

The Postcard by Tom LaBue

The 1995-96 West Virginia Correspondence championship continues with Follansbee's Jerry Gogol now in the lead with a stellar 6-0 start. Recent wins over Markle Butcher and Gilbert Stone have moved him into the lead past Terry Riley. Martinsburg's Riley started 5-0, but completed a loss with Byron Funkhouser and is now 5-1. Jason Rihel, a WVU student, also from Follansbee stands at 4-1 in his first postal effort. His provisional rating is over 2000 at this time. Jason's loss was to Terry. John Roush from Ripley also remains in the running for the lead with a 2½ of 3 score, drawing with Markle Butcher. The coming months will tell who win with the Riley-Roush, Gogol-Roush, Gogol-Riley, Roush-Rihel games still underway.

I have no new games to share from the Postal Championship (Hint, hint!), but here is a recent game of mine from a Class A event with Allentown, PA's David Kushner (now a WVCA member). Kushner took both games from me and finished 5½ - ½ and took first place in the section. David plays attacking chess and didn't give me a chance after losing the initiative.

Tom LaBue - David Kushner

Queen's Gambit Declined, Tarrasch Variation

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. e3 Nf6 7. Bb5 Bd6 8. O-O O-O 9. h3 Bf5 10. dxc5 Bxc5 11. b3 Rc8 12. Na4?! Bd6 13. Bb2 Nb4 14. Nd4 Bg6 15. Nc3 Ne4 16. Nxe4 dxe4 17. Qd2?! Rc2 18. Qxc2 Nxc2 19. Nxc2 Qg5 20. Nd5 a6 21. Be2 Qe5 22. g3 Bh5 23. Bxh5 Qxh5 24. Kg2 Bc5 25. Rac1 Bxd4! 26. Bxd4 Qf3+ 27. Kg1 h5 28. h4 g5 29. Be5 f6 30. Bd6 Rd8 31. Rfd1 Rd7 32. Rd2 gxh4 33. gxh4 Rg7+ 34. White resigns

If you have any postal games or news, please send them in. I'm looking to get a representative sample of all of

WV's postal players. I have heard that Peter Mauk (Glenville) and Mike Baker (Clarksburg) have started some postal games recently.

In other non-postal news, Jim Meyer is again organizing tournaments at Concord College. Monthly three-round swiss events are planned at least through November. This fills in a void in the extreme southern region of West Virginia for chess activity. Go out and support these events. Here is a game from the September tourney sent on by Princeton's William Widener:

David Hundley (C) - William Widener (E), Rd 2
Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. c4 e6 5. Nc3 Ne7 6. Be3 b6 7. Be2 O-O 8. Qd2 c5 9. d5 e5 10. Bh6 f5 11. O-O f4 12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13. Ng5 h6 14. Ne6+ Bxe6 15. dxe6 a6 16. Nd5 Nbc6 17. a3 a5 18. Rac1 Nd4 19. Rc3 a4 20. Rh3 Rh8 21. Rc1 Nb3 22. Qd1 Nxc1 23. Qxc1 Nc6 24. Qd1 Nd4 25. g3 Qg5 26. Rh4 h5 27. Nxb6 Rab8 28. Nxa4 Rcf8 29. f3 fxg3 30. Rg4 gxh2+ 31. Kh1 hxg4 32. Nc3 gxf3 33. Bf1?? Qg1++

Thanks to all who sent in articles including John Roush, Randy Bierce, Joe Ancrile, John Kay, and William Widener.

If you have any ideas for the WVCA Home Page or any articles for the WVCA Bulletin, please send them in. This is your Bulletin, and should be representative of the whole state, not just the sector that shouts the most. I try to leave submissions intact, but may edit for space concerns.

1995-96 West Virginia Correspondence Championship Crosstable

	NAME	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	Markle Butcher	2046	*	D		W			L	W			2.5
2	John Roush	2091	D	*		W		W					2.5
3	Terry Riley	1917			*	L	W	W		W	W	W	5.0
4	Byron Funkhouser	1899	L	L	W	*	W	L	L	W	L	L	3.0
5	Randy Harper	1890			L	L	*		L		L	L	0.0
6	Tom LaBue	1901		L	L	W		*	L			L	1.0
7	Jerry Gogol	1730	W			W	W	W	*	W	W		6.0
8	Tim Goan	1739	L		L	L			L	*		L	0.0
9	Gilbert Stone	1702			L	W	W		L		*		1.0
10	Jason Rihel	Unrated			L	W	W	W		W		*	4.0

The seeds were based on the ratings at the beginning of the tournament.