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John Roush Wins Again! Takes the 1997 U. S. Amateur South Championship

This issue of the John Roush Quarterly is brought to you by..... John Roush had a remarkable Spring 1997 with wins in the Parkersburg Open, Lake Chaweva Open and the 1997 U. S. Amateur South. All this without losing a game. By the way, the tourney was a success with good attendance especially with some of the top WV players from Charleston and Huntington in tow. Robert Canary finished a perfect 5-0 to win the Reserve title giving WV a sweep. Here is the tourney recap:

Round 1: Only a few deviations from the expected occurred. Grant Perks and David Blair were knocked for upset losses by David Sullivan and Chad Robbins, respectively. Also, David Olson held expert Joseph McDougall to a draw.

Jon Karracker (B) - Robert Fischer (X), Round 1
Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation
1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Bd3 Bxd3 5. Qxd3 Qb6 6. f4 e6 7. Nf3 c5 8. c3 Nc6 9. f5 exf5 10. Qxf5 Nge7 11. dxc5 Qa6 12. Qg4 Ng6 13. e6 Bxc5 14. exf7+ Kd8 15. Ng5 Nce5 16. Ne6+ Ke7 17. Nxc5 Nxc4 18. Nxa6 bxa6 19. O-O Rhf8 20. Bg5+ Nf6 21. Bxf6+ gxf6 22. Nd2 Kxf7 23. Rae1 Rab8 24. b3 Rfc8 25. c4 dxc4 26. Nxc4 Rc5 27. Re2 Kg7 28. Rfe1 a5 29. Nb2 Rbc8 30. Rd2 Ne5 31. Nd3? Rd5 32. Re3 Rcd8 33. Rc2 Rxd3 34. Rxd3 Rxd3 35. Rc7+ Rd7 36. Rc5 Rd1+ 37. White resigns

Joseph McDougall (X) - David Olson, Round 1
Sicilian Defense
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. f3 e5 6. Bb5+ Bd7 7. Bxd7+ Qxd7 8. Nb3 d5 9. O-O dxe4 10. fxe4 Qxd1 11. Rxd1 Nc6 12. Nc3 Rd8 13. Bg5 Be7 14. Bxf6 Bxf6 15. Nd5 Bg5 16. Nc7+ Ke7 17. Nd5+ Ke8 18. c4 Kd7 19. Nc5+ Kc8 20. Nd3 Rhf8 21. b4 a6 22. a4

Ne7 23. b5 Nxd5 24. exd5 e4 25. Ne1 Kc7 26. Kf1 axb5 27. axb5 Ra8 28. Ke2 Kd6 29. Nc2 Rfc8 30. Rxa8 Rxa8 31. Nd4 Ra2+ 32. Kf1 g6 33. Nb3 Be3 34. Re1 Rf2+ 35. Kg1 Re2+ 36. Kf1 Rxe1+ 37. Kxe1 f5 38. Ke2 f4 39. Na5 Kc7 40. Nb3 g5 41. Nd2 Bxd2 42. Kxd2 Kd6 43. Drawn

Chad Robbins (D) - David Blair (A), Round 1
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 c5 4. O-O e6 5. c3 Bd6 6. d4 Nc6 7. Re1 Ne4 8. Nbd2 f5 9. e3 O-O 10. Qc2 Bd7 11. c4 11. c4 cxd4 12. exd4 Re8 13. a3 Nxd2 14. Bxd2 dxc4 15. Bc3 Qb6 16. Qd2 f4 17. d5 fxc3 18. dxc6 gxf2+ 19. Qxf2 Bxh2+ 20. Kf1 Qxc6 21. Re2 e5 22. Ke1 Bg4 23. Qh4 Bxf3 24. Qxh2 Qg6 25. Bxf3 Rxf3 26. Qg2 Rg3 27. Qd5+ Kh8 28. Rd1 Qg5 29. Rf2 Rg1+ 30. Ke2 Qg4+ 31. Qf3 Qxf3+ 32. Rxf3 Rxd1 33. Kxd1 h5 34. Bxe5 Rd8+ 35. Ke2 Re8 36. Re3 Kh7 37. Kf3 g5 38. Ke4 Kg6 39. Rf3 g4 40. Rf5 g3 41. Kf4 h4 and Black's flag fell.

Round 2: This round had lots of excitement. David Olson struck again, beating Grant Perks and Pat Kelly upended Mark Hathaway. Leonard Dickerson was down an exchange to two-time WV High School champ Michael Spencer, but was able to hold the game when Michael stumbled in time pressure. Board 1 had controversy, too. Both Robert Feldstein (the famed chess nomad) and top seeded Thomas Magar of Pittsburgh were in time pressure and lost track of the exact number of moves. After it was determined that they both made time control, Feldstein tried to reconstruct the game to have a complete scoresheet. TD Jim Meyer ruled that he could use another board to do so, but on his own time. The game eventually was adjourned to start round 3 on time. Magar was able to hold the draw, though down the exchange.

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Upcoming Events in West Virginia

August 2&3: MCCC Twin Tornados

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix; 2 separate tourneys, Sat. & Sun.
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, 100 Limestone,
Moundsville, WV 26041

August 9: Kanawha Valley Open

4-SS, G/80, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W
Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse,
5101 West Washington Ave., Cross Lanes, WV 25313
EF: \$20; \$10 (U18); \$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

August 16: 1997 Parkersburg Homecoming

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W
Site: Blennerhassett Hotel, 4th & Market St., Parkersburg, WV
2 Sections: Rated and Unrated
EF: \$15, or \$12 if received by 8/9 \$\$: b/entries
\$100 extra for 1st place, donated by *Eastern Electric*
Trophy to the Homecoming Champion
Reg: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Rounds: 10:00-12:15-3:00-5:15
Entries to: Ohio Chess Projects, Rev. John Kay,
P.O. Box 3, Barlow, OH 45712 Phone: (614) 678-2248
e-mail: 71524.102@compuserve.com or JKREV@aol.com
UNRATED TOURNAMENT: EF: \$7.00
4-SS, Registration and Rounds same as the RATED
Trophy to the Unrated Champion and Runner-up
Blennerhassett Hotel is donating Room for the Site.
Emerson Trophy Shop is donating the Trophies.
Kaylies Hot Dog Stands is also sponsoring the tournament.
Note: The Parkersburg Half Marathon is run the same day; there
will be traffic delays. Please plan plenty of extra time to get
downtown. Market St. will be closed during the race.

August 30-September 1: 1997 WV State Championship

6-SS, 50/2, G/1, WV Grand Prix, Novag Grand Prix, NS, W
Site: Days Inn, Wheeling area, Dallas Pike, I-70 Exit 11
HR: \$45 for 1-4, by 8/16, mention chess (304)547-0610
EF: \$30 by 8/20, site \$35; Juniors: \$20 if by 8/20, \$25 at site
WVCA membership required \$7/yr, OSA
\$\$: 175-125-100; Class A, B, C, D/E/Unr each 100-50
Trophies: Top in each class, Top Jr. High, Top HS, Top Female,
Top Grade School, WV Champ, WV Jr. Champ.
Reg: Sat 8:30-11am. Rounds: Sat. 1-7; Sun. 10-4; Mon. 9-3
Also to be contested: WV Quick Championship (10 minute),
WV Blitz Championship (5-minute) and WV Bughouse Champ.

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 100 Limestone,
Moundsville, WV 26041 (304) 845-6744

September 13: September Parkersburg Open

4-SS, G/75, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W
Site: Holiday Inn- Parkersburg, US 50 just past I-77.
EF: \$12 by 9/8, \$15 at site; Prizes: b/entries
Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30
For more info: Ohio Chess Projects, Rev. John Kay,
P.O. Box 3, Barlow, OH 45712 Phone: (614) 678-2248
e-mail: 71524.102@compuserve.com or JKREV@aol.com

October 4: Save Our Ribs

4-SS, G/60, NS, NC, W
Site: Damon's Restaurant, Marietta, OH; I-77, Exit 1 - Ohio 7
EF: \$12 by 2/26, \$15 at site; Prizes: b/entries, but the more
food eaten during the tourney the bigger the prize fund.
Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00-12:45-3:00-5:15
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November 15-16: Fall Parkersburg Open

5-SS, 50/2, 15/30; NS, NC, W
WV Grand Prix, Novag Grand Prix
Site: Comfort Suites, I-77 Exit 170, Mineral Wells, WV
EF: \$25 by 11/10, \$30 at site
\$\$: Guaranteed: 200-100.
Class Prizes(b/45): 100-50 A, B, C, D/E/Unr
Trophy: Champion, 1st U1700, 1st U1400
Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: Sat. 10-3-8, Sun. 10-3
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December 6: December Parkersburg Open

4-SS, G/75, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W
2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1600)
Tentative Site: Holiday Inn- Parkersburg, US 50 just past I-77.
EF: \$12 by 9/8, \$15 at site; Prizes: b/entries
Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30
For more info: Ohio Chess Projects, Rev. John Kay,
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Listings will be included on the WVCA Home Page:
<http://www.msys.net/tlabue/wvca.html>

Jim Walker remains the leader in the 96-97 Grand Prix

Jim Walker widened his 1996-97 WV Grand Prix lead with a 2nd place at the LCO and 1st place bonus points at the May Concord tourney. The bigger story is the backlog of crosstables that have not made their way to the Grand Prix Coordinator (me!). A total of 14 events have been contested without any evidence of the official results crossing my path. So expect the standing to look grossly different when they finally are caught up.

If you have any ideas or comments about how to improve the WV Grand Prix, please let me know or bring your concerns to the WVCA Business meeting to be held on Saturday, August 30 before the beginning of the State Championship. FYI, Tennessee runs a Grand Prix that includes a cash payout as prizes, such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, class prizes, etc. based on a percentage of money taken in. If you are interested, please take a look at the rules and setup which are located at the TN State Chess Association Home Page.

The events that have been included in the current standings are:

- 1-1996 West Virginia State Chess Championship
- 2-MCCC Fall Classic
- 3-2nd Northern WV Championships
- 4-Bartoli's Pizza Open
- 5-Parkersburg December Open
- 6-Cross Lanes Open
- 7-2nd Cleveland Browns Memorial
- 8-Concord College G/60 Open
- 9-Lake Chaweveva Open
- 10-Concord College G/60 Open (May)

These events have been contested and are awaiting crosstables:

- 1-3rd Chess In the Hills
- 2-MCCC Holiday Tornado
- 3-Winter Chess Festival
- 4-Sweatin' in the Snow
- 5-2nd Sherrard Invitational
- 6-Parkersburg Open
- 7-2nd Marshall Co. Championships
- 8-Parkersburg May Open
- 9-12th MCCC Summer Open
- 10-U. S. Amateur South (no bonus points)
- 11-Parkersburg June Open
- 12-11th Dolgovskij Open
- 13-Parkersburg July Open
- 14-MCCC Classic

Upcoming WVCA Grand Prix events:

- 1-MCCC Twin Tornado I
- 2-MCCC Twin Tornado II
- 3-Kanawha Valley Open
- 4-Parkersburg Homecoming

Current WVCA Grand Prix standings are current (7/22/97).

WVCA Grand Prix Standings

1. Jim Walker	47.50
2. Marc Abraham	27.50
3. Randy Bierce	27.25
4. Markle Butcher	23.00
5. Tom LaBue	18.25
6. Joe Barker	17.50
Andy Katz	17.50
8. Gary Morris	15.75
9. Jason Rihel	14.50
Donald Griffith	14.50
Joe Lococo	14.50
12. Jonette Mercer	14.25
13. John Roush	13.50
14. Jeff Hohn	13.00
15. Dennis Funkhouser	11.00
16. Grant Perks	9.25
Byron Funkhouser	9.25
18. Josh Sell	9.00
Mike Baker	9.00
20. David Hundley	8.50
21. Mike Taylor	8.25
22. Peter Mauk	8.00
Bill Salmon	8.00
24. Bob Shock	6.17
M. Statkiewicz	6.17
26. Joe Meadows	6.00
27. Alan Smith	5.17
28. Mike Conley	5.00
Scott Carmichael	5.00
Dave Money Penny	5.00
31. Greg Martin	4.50
Mike Price	4.50
33. Jerry Cannon	4.25
34. Scott Antes	4.17
Walter Rueckert	4.17
David Gargon	4.17
37. Bob Blackwell	4.00
Craig Sutphin	4.00
S. Statkiewicz	4.00
Bob McLear	4.00
41. David Olson	3.50
Michael Spenser	3.50
43. Allen Farley	3.00
Joe Ancrile	3.00
Ed Garner	3.00
46. Pat Kelly	2.50
Galen Miller	2.50
48. Bob Jordan	2.00
Alvin Vavrek	2.00
50. Burkhammer, J. Olson	1.50
52. 4 tied with	1.00

Roush Whitewashes the field at the 1997 Parkersburg Open

Tourney report by John Roush

John Everett Roush of Ripley, WV won the 1997 Parkersburg Open with a perfect score of 5-0. Donald Griffith (St. Albans) and David Saville (Charleston) tied for second at 4-1. Thirty-three players, including 6 experts, assembled at the Holiday Inn on April 12-13, 1997 to contest the event. John Kay of Ohio Chess Projects organized and directed the event.

Round 1: There were no surprises in the race for first place in this round. All six experts (Saville, Barker, Griffith, Roush, Funkhouser and Walker) slipped through unscathed.

Markle Butcher (B) - Nathan Gundlach (D), Round 1
King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O 5. Nf3 c5 6. d5 e5 7. Be2 d6 8. a3 Nbd7 9. b4 h6 10. bxc5 Nxc5 11. Qc2 b6 12. h3 Ba6 13. O-O Rc8 14. Nd2 Qc7 15. a4 Nb7 16. Nb5 Bxb5 17. axb5 Nc5 18. Ra3 Ra8 19. Bb2 h5 20. Kh1 Bh6 21. f4 Qe7 22. fxe5 dxe5 23. Raf3 Bxd2 24. Rxf6 Bf4 25. R6xf4 exf4 26. Qc3 f6 27. Rxf4 Na4 28. Qd4 Nxb2 29. Qxb2 Qe5 30. Qd2 g5 31. Rf5 Qxe4 32. Bd3 Qd4 33. Rxc5+ fxc5 34. Bh7+ Kxh7 35. Qxd4 Rac8 36. Qe4+ Kh8 37. Qe5+ Kh7 38. Qxc5 Rf1+ 39. Kh2 Rxc4 40. Qxh5+ Kg8 41. Qe8+ Rf8 42. Qe6+ Kg7 43. d6 Rcc8 44. d7 Rcd8 45. Qe5+ Kf7 46. Qc7 Ke7 47. Qxa7 Rf6 48. Qa3+ Rd6 49. Qe3+ Re6 50. Qg5+ Kxd7 51. Qg7+ Re7 52. Qd4+ Kc7 53. Qc4+ Kb8 54. Qc6 Rb7 55. h4 Rc8 56. Qd6+ Ka7 57. Kh3 Rc3+ 58. g3 Rbc7 59. Qd4 R7c4 60. Qd7+ Rc7 61. Qd5 Rg7 62. Qa2+ Kb8 63. Qf2 Kb7 64. Qf4 Re7 65. Qf6 Ree3 66. Qg7+ Kb8 67. h5 and White won in 83.

Walter Bernard (E) - Ray Spring (C), Round 1
Slav Defense
1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Bf5 3. Bf4 e6 4. Nbd2 Nf6 5. e3 Bd6 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. Ndf3 Nxe5 8. dxe5 Bxe5 9. Bxe5 O-O 10. Be2 Nd7 11. O-O Nc5 12. b3 c6 13. Bc3 a5 14. Qd4 Qf6 15. Qxf6 gxf6 16. Bxf6 Ne4 17. Bb2 Bg6 18. Nh4 b5 19. Nxc6 fxc6 20. Rad1 b4 21. Rd3 Nc5 22. Rd4 e5 23. Rh4 e4 24. Be5 Nd7 25. Bd6 Rf6 26. Be7 Re6 27. Bg5 Ra7 28. Bg4 Re5 29. Bxd7 Rxd7 30. Bf6 Re6 31. Bd4 Re8 32. f3 Rde7 33. Rf4 Re6 34. fxe4 dxe4 35. Rf7 R6e7 36. R7f6 Rc8 37. Rd6 c5 38. Bf6 Ra7 39. Rd8+ Rxd8 40. Bxd8 Rd7 41. Bxa5 and White converted the win in 68.

Round 2: Walker and Griffith dropped a half-point off the pace with draws with Mike Baker and Aaron

Richardson. Walker strove mightily to secure the full point in a very drawish position and ultimately acquired K and 2B's vs. K, B & P. However, he could make no further headway.

Aaron Richardson (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 2
London System
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bf4 Bg7 4. e3 d6 5. Be2 Nbd7 6. h3 O-O 7. O-O c5 8. c3 Qb6 9. Qb3 Re8 10. Ng5 Qxb3 11. axb3 e5 12. dxe5 dxe5 13. Bc4 Re7 14. Bh2 h6 15. Nf3 b6 16. Rd1 Bb7 17. Ba6 Bxa6 18. Rxa6 Nb8 19. Ra1 Nc6 20. Na3 e4 21. Nd2 Rd8 22. Kf1 Red7 23. Ke2 Na5 24. Nac4 Nxc4 25. Nxc4 Nd5 26. Ne5 Bxe5 27. Bxe5 f6 28. Bg3 Kf7 29. f3 exf3+ 30. gxf3 Drawn.

Arthur Poskocil (B) - David Saville (X), Round 2
Queen's Pawn
1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Bf5 3. Nf3 e6 4. Bg5 Nf6 5. e3 Bb4 6. a3 Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 c6 8. c4 Qa5+ 9. Qd2 Qxd2+ 10. Nxd2 Bxc2 11. Rc1 Bg6 12. Bxf6 gxf6 13. cxd5 exd5 14. h4 h5 15. g3 Nd7 16. Bg2 O-O 17. O-O Nb6 18. Rc3 Na4 19. Rb3 b5 20. Rc1 Rac8 21. Nb1 Nb6 22. Nd2 Rfe8 23. Rbc3 Nc4 24. Nb3 a5 25. Nc5 Re7 26. Bf3 Rb8 27. Be2 Ra7 28. Nd3 Kg7 29. Rb1 Kh6 30. Rbb3 b4 31. axb4 a4 32. Rb1 a3 33. Ra1 a2 34. Nc1 Rxb4 35. Rxa2 Rxa2 36. Nxa2 Ra4 37. Bxc4 dxc4 38. Nc1 Be4 39. Kf1 Bf3 40. Ke1 Kg6 41. Kd2 Kf5 42. Ke1 Ke4 43. Kf1 Kd5 44. Ke1 c5 45. dxc5 Kxc5 46. Nd3+ Kb5 47. Nc1 Kb4 48. Kd2 Be4 49. Ne2 Ra2+ 50. Kd1 Rxe2 51. Rxc4+ Kxc4 52. Kxe2 Bg6 53. Kf3 Kd5 54. Kf4 Ke6 55. e4 f5 56. exf5+ Bxf5 57. f3 Kf6 58. g4 Bg6 59. Kg3 Ke5 60. f4+ Ke4 61. f5 Bxf5 62. gxf5 Kxf5 63. Kf3 f6 64. Kg3 Ke4 65. Kg2 Ke3 66. Kg3 f5 67. Kg2 f4 68. Kf1 Kf3 69. White resigns.

Joe Barker (X) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 2
Sicilian Defense
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. c3 Nf6 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. Bc2 e6 6. O-O Be7 7. Re1 Qc7 8. d3 O-O 9. Nbd2 b5 10. Nf1 Ng4 11. d4 cxd4 12. cxd4 Bb7 13. h3 Nf6 14. Bg5 Rac8 15. Rc1 Qd7 16. Qd2 Rfe8 17. Ng3 a5 18. a3 b4 19. Ba4 d5 20. Ne5 Qd6 21. Nxc6 Bxc6 22. Bxc6 Rxc6 23. Rxc6 Qxc6 24. e5 Ne4 25. Nxe4 Bxc5 26. Nxc5 Qb7 27. axb4 Qxb4 28. Qxb4 axb4 29. Rc1 Ra8 30. Rc7 and White won.

John Bernard (D) - Peter Mauk (E), Round 2
Colle System

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Tourney report by John Roush

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d6 3. e3 g6 4. Bd3 Bg7 5. O-O O-O 6. e4 Bg4 7. Be3 Nc6 8. c3 e5 9. dxe5 Nxe5 10. Nbd2 Nxd3 11. Qc2 Ne5 12. Nxe5 dxe5 13. Nc4 Qe7 14. Qd2 Nxe4 15. Qd3 Nc5 16. Qd2 Rad8 17. Bg5 f6 18. Bh6 Rxd2 and Black went on to win.

Round 3: The pairing for this round generated a bit of controversy. Mike Taylor and Jerry Skeen had joined the four surviving experts at 2-0. These two occupied spots five and six in the score group. Funkhouser, as the lowest rated of the experts, was in position four. Normal Swiss pairings would have pitted Dennis against #1 David Saville, Taylor vs. Barker and Skeen vs. Roush. However, color allocation/rotation lead to the following pairings: Saville-Skeen, Barker-Funkhouser and Roush-Taylor.

Joe Barker protested the pairings contending that Saville should face Funkhouser. John Kay delayed the start of the round for the three top boards and reviewed the USCF pairing rules. After review, he concluded that the pairings were correct. Joe Barker forfeited his game against Funkhouser and withdrew from the tournament.

It's easy to sympathize with both parties. From Kay's perspective, the rules must be followed. Anyone who has not dealt with the complex set of factors governing pairings (color allocation, color alternation, ratings differences, transposition limitations) knows that a straight pairing of top vs bottom is not always correct. From Joe's perspective, he ended up with the "toughest row to hoe" (no disrespect to Taylor and Skeen intended) in round three and facing a gentleman with whom he has been a close friend for more than two and one-half decades.

It was an unfortunate situation, but both Kay and Barker acted out of principle. In any event, Dennis picked up the point, Roush and Saville defeated Taylor and Skeen respectively. Walker and Griffith won to stay a half-point off the leader's pace.

David Saville (X) - Jerry Skeen (A), Round 3

1. d4 g6 2. c4 e5 3. d5 Bg7 4. e4 b5 5. Nf3 bxc4 6. Bxc4 Ba6 7. Nbd2 Bxc4 8. Nxc4 d6 9. Bd2 Nf6 10. Bc3 O-O 11. Nfd2 Nbd7 12. O-O Ne8 13. Bxg7 Nxc7 14. f4 Nb6 15. Qf3 Nxc4 16. Nxc4 f5 17. e5 Ne8 18. Rad1 Qb8 19. Rf2 Qc7 20. Re2 Rd8 21. Qc3 Ng7 22. Na5 dxe5 23. fxe5 Rb8 24. Nc6 Rb5 25. a4 Rb7 26. Qxc5 Re8 27. b4 f4 28. Qc4 e6 29. d6 Qd7 30. b5 Qf7 31. Ne7+ Rbxe7 32. dxe7 Rxe7 33. Rd8+ Ne8 34. Qc8 Kg7 35. Red2

Kh6 36. R2d7 Ng7 37. Rf8 Rxd7 38. Rxf7 Rxf7 39. a5
Black resigns

Mike Taylor (A) - John Roush (X), Round 3
Modern Benoni Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 e6 4. Nc3 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7. Nf3 Bg7 8. Bb5+ Bd7 9. Bxd7+ Nbx7 10. O-O O-O 11. Bf4 Qb6 12. Qc2 Ng4 13. Na4 Qa6 14. Rab1 b5 15. Nc3 b4 16. Na4 Nge5 17. Nxe5 Nxe5 18. b3 Rfe8 19. Nb2 Rad8 20. Bxe5 Bxe5 21. Nc4 Bd4 22. Rfe1 Re7 23. Kf1 Rde8 24. g4 Qb5 25. Kg2 Qd7 26. f3 Bc3 27. Re2 f5 28. gxf5 gxf5 29. Kh1 fxe4 30. Rg2+ Kh8 31. fxe4 Rf8 32. h3 Rg7 33. Rxc7 Qxh3+ 34.
White resigns

Donald Griffith (X) - Mike Baker (B), Round 3
Petroff's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. c4 c6 9. Nc3 Nxc3 10. bxc3 Bg4 11. h3 Bxf3 12. Qxf3 Qd6 13. Re1 Re8 14. a4 Nd7 15. Ba3 c5 16. Qxd5 Qxd5 17. cxd5 c4 18. Bxc4 Bxa3 19. Rxe8+ Rxe8 20. Rxa3 Re1+ 21. Kh2 Nb6 22. d6 Kf8 23. Bb5 a6 24. Bd3 h6 25. Rb3 Nxa4 26. Rxb7 Nxc3 27. Bxa6 Rb1 28. Rc7 Black resigns

Aaron Richardson (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 3
London System

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bf4 d6 4. e3 Nd7 5. h3 e5 6. Bh2 Ne7 7. Be2 O-O 8. O-O h6 9. c4 Kh7 10. Nc3 Ng8 11. b4 a5 12. a3 axb4 13. axb4 Rxa1 14. Qxa1 exd4 15. exd4 Re8 16. Re1 Ne7 17. c5 dxc5 18. bxc5 Nxc5 19. dxc5 Nd5 20. Bxc7 Nxc7 21. Qa5 Bd7 22. Nb5 Nxb5 23. Qxd8 Rxd8 24. Rd1 Nc3 25. White resigns

Sefus Ellis (B) - Mark Huffman (C), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be2 Bg7 7. Be3 O-O 8. Qd2 Re8 9. O-O-O Nc6 10. f3 Nxd4 11. Bxd4 Kh8 12. g4 Bf8 13. h4 e5 14. Be3 Ng8 15. h5 Be6 16. hxg6 fxg6 17. Bb5 Bd7 18. Bc4 Be6 19. Bb5 Bd7 20. Qh2 Qe7 21. Nd5 Qf7 22. Bxd7 Qxd7 23. Bg5 Re6 24. Qh4 Qg7 25. Rd2 h6 26. Rdh2 Kh7 27. Be3 g5 28. Bxg5 Qf7 29. Qg3 Rg6 30. Rh5 Qg7 31. Bh4 Be7 32. Rg5 Bxg5+ 33. Bxg5 Rxc5 34. Qh4 Rg6 35. g5 Rf8 36. f4 exf4 *This game was ended Drawn.*

Bob Jordan (D) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 3
Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Bc5 3. Nf3 d6 4. h3 Nf6 5. d3 h6 6. Nc3

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Tourney report by John Roush

O-O 7. g4 Nh7 8. Rg1 Ng5 9. Bxg5 hxg5 10. Qd2 Be6
11. Bb3 Bxb3 12. axb3 f6 13. h4 e6 14. Na4 Na6 15. h5
d5 16. Nxc5 Nxc5 17. Qb4 dxe4 18. Qxc5 exf3 19.
Qc4+ Kh8 20. Qe4 Qe8 21. O-O-O a5 22. Rg3 a4 23.
bxa4 b5 24. Rxf3 Rxa4 25. Qg6 Qxg6 26. hxg6 Rxc4
27. Rh1+ Rh4 28. Rxh4+ gxh4 29. Rf5 Kg8 30. f3 h3
31. Rh5 f5 32. Rxh3 Rf6 33. Rg3 Kf8 34. b4 Ke7 35.
c4 Kd6 36. Kc2 c5 37. Kc3 bxc4 38. dxc4 cxb4+ 39.
Kxb4 Kc6 40. c5 Re6 41. Rg5 e4 42. Rxf5 exf3 43. Rf4
Rxc6 44. Rxf3 Rg4+ 45. Kc3 Kxc5 46. Rd3 g5 47.
Kd2 Kc4 48. Rd8 Rd4+ 49. Rxd4+ Kxd4 50. Ke2
Drawn.

Round 4: Saville and Roush squared off this round and Roush prevailed. The other perfect score (the Funkmeister) was held to a draw by Donald Griffith. This left Griff at 3-1 and virtually eliminated from contention for first. At 3½-½, Dennis was left in striking position and Jim Walker won to join him in that posture.

John Roush (X) - David Saville (X), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

Notes by John Roush

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6.
Be3 Bg7 7. f3 O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. O-O-O *My
experiences with the sharper 9. Bc4 have not been
pleasant. 9...d5 10. Qe1 e5 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. exd5
cxd5?! Theory advises 12...Nxd5. Saville was aware of
this but thought he could sac some pawns and secure a
strong attack against the White K. 13. Bg5 Qc7 13...Be6
is theory's suggestion. 14. Bxf6 Bxf6 15. Nxd5 Bg5+
16. Kb1 Qc5? 17. Qxe5 Bf5 18. Nf6+ The move that
Saville missed. 18...Bxf6 19. Qxc5 Rfc8 20. Qf2 Rab8
21. b3 Rc3 22. Bd3 Be6 23. Qxa7 Rcc8 23...Rbxb3+
24. axb3 Bxb3 25. Qb8+ and 26. Qxb3. 24. Qxb8 I
couldn't imagine Black giving checkmate with only one
R. After this 'sac', White is still up the exchange and
3(!) pawns. 24...Rxb8 25. e4 and White won.*

Dennis Funkhouser (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 4
English Opening

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. e4 Nb4 5. Nf3 Bg4
6. Qa4+ N8c6 7. Ne5 Bd7 8. Nxd7 Qxd7 9. Bb5 e6 10.
O-O Be7 11. Ne2 O-O 12. d4 a6 13. Bxc6 Qxc6 14.
Qxc6 Nxc6 15. Bf4 Bd6 16. Rfd1 e5 17. dxe5 Nxe5 18.
Rd5 Rfe8 19. Rad1 f6 20. f3 Rad8 21. Kf2 Nc4 22.
Bxd6 Rxd6 23. Rxd6 Nxd6 24. Nf4 Kf7 25. Nd5 Rc8
26. b3 Ke6 27. g4 c6 28. Nf4+ Ke7 29. Nh5 Ne8 30.

Ke3 c5 31. Nf4 Nc7 32. a4 b6 33. h4 Rd8 34. Rc1 a5
35. Rc3 Rd4 36. h5 Kd6 37. Rd3 Rxd3+ 38. Kxd3 b5
39. axb5 Nxb5 40. Ne2 Kc6 41. Kc4 Drawn

Jim Walker (X) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Declined, Exchange Variation

1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 e6 3. e4 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. Bxf6 Bxf6 6.
cxd5 exd5 7. Nc3 O-O 8. e3 Bg4 9. Qb3 c6 10. Qxb7
Qb6 11. Qxb6 axb6 12. Be2 Nd7 13. O-O Be6 14.
Rfd1 Ra5 15. Rac1 e5 16. Bb5 g6 17. Bxd7 Bxd7 18.
Nxd5 Bd8 19. dxc5 Rxa2 20. c6 Bxc6 21. Rxc6 Rxb2
22. g4 b5 23. Nd4 Bh4 24. Rc2 Rxc2 25. Nxc2 f5 26.
gxf5 Rxf5 27. f4 Kg7 28. Nd4 Rxd5 29. Ne6+ Kf6 30.
Rxd5 Kxe6 31. Rxb5 h6 32. e4 Be1 33. Kg2 Bd2 34.
Rb6+ Kf7 35. Kf3 g5 36. f5 Bc1 37. Kg4 Bf4 38. h3
Kg7 39. Rg6+ Kh7 40. Kh5 Black resigns

Jerry Skeen (A) - Robert Bolen (C), Round 4

English Opening

1. g3 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. Nc3 e6
6. Nxd5 exd5 7. Nf3 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. a3 Bf5 10. d3
Bf6 11. Nd2 Re8 12. Re1 Qd7 13. e4 dxe4 14. Nxe4
Bd4 15. Qc2 Qe7 16. Bd2 Bxe4 17. dxe4 Qf6 18. Bc3
Rad8 19. Rad1 Bxc3 20. Rxd8 Rxd8 21. bxc3 Qe7 22.
Qb3 Na5 23. Qa4 b6 24. Rd1 g6 25. Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.
Qb5 Qd1+ 27. Bf1 Qc2 28. Qe8+ Kg7 29. Qe5+ Kf8
30. Qxc7 Qxe4 31. Qxa7 Nc4 32. Bxc4 Qxc4 33. Qxb6
Qxc3 34. Qb4+ Qxb4 35. axb4 Ke7 36. Kg2 Kd6 37.
Kf3 Kd5 38. Kf4 Kc4 39. Ke5 Kxb4 40. Kf6 Kc3 41.
Kxf7 Kd3 42. Kg7 Ke4 43. f4 Kf5 44. Kxh7 g5 45.
fxg5 Kxg5 46. Kg7 Kg4 47. Kg6 Kh3 48. Kf5 Black
resigns

Michael Spencer (B) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 4

Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 Nd7 6. O-O
c5 7. Nc3 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bg6 9. Re1 a6 10. Bf4 Bc5 11.
Nb3 Ba7 12. Bd3 Bxd3 13. Qxd3 Ne7 14. Be3 Nxe5
15. Qd1 Bxe3 16. Rxe3 Nc4 17. Rg3 O-O 18. Nd4 Rc8
19. Qg4 Ng6 20. Nxe6 fxe6 21. Qxe6+ Kh8 22. Qxd5
Qxd5 23. Nxd5 Rcd8 24. Rg4 Rxd5 25. Rxc4 Rd2 26.
f3 Nf4 27. g3 Nh3+ 28. Kh1 h6 29. f4 Re8 30. Rc7
Ree2 31. White resigns

Ray Spring (C) - Galen Miller (D), Round 4

King's Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 exf4 4. e5 Ng8 5. Nf3 Nc6 6.
d4 d5 7. Bxf4 Bb4 8. a3 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 Nge7 10. Bd3
Bf5 11. O-O Bxd3 12. cxd3 O-O 13. Qd2 Ng6 14. Be3

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Tourney report by John Roush

f6 15. exf6 Rxf6 16. Bg5 Qd6 17. Bxf6 gxf6 18. Rf2 Rf8 19. c4 b6 20. Qb2 Nf4 21. Qd2 Ne6 22. Qb2 dxc4 23. dxc4 Nxd4 24. Kh1 Qc5 25. Qb4 Qc6 26. Nxd4 Nxd4 27. Rd1 a5 28. Qc3 Qe4 29. Qxd4 Qxd4 30. Rxd4 and White eventually won.

Round 5: The last round left Funkhouser at 3½ points seeking a win against Roush at 4 points.. Walker also had hopes for first and faced off against David Saville. Donald still had hopes for second and was paired with Jerry Skeen. After a wild game, Roush came out on top and secured first. Saville whipped Walker to tie for second at 4-1. Griffith defeated Skeen to join Saville in that position.

John Roush (X) - Dennis Funkhouser (X), Round 5
Sicilian Defense, Richter-Rauzer Attack

Notes by John Roush

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 *I had a momentary urge to-assay 6. Bc4 and head for the Velimirovic Attack. Prudence and my tournament position dictated the more solid text move. 6...Qa5!? This was new to me! I had expected to see 6...e6 or possible 6...Bd7. 7. Bxf6 gxf6 8. Nb3 Nunn and Gallagher suggest 8. Bb5 and 9. Nb3 keeping the Black Q from securing an outpost in the center or Kside. 8...Qg5 Extremely double-edged! One must remember that Dennis has to win this game. 9. Nd5!? Rb8 10. g3 e6 11. f4 Qg6 12. Nc3 b5 13. Qf3 a6 14. Bd3 Nb4 15. O-O-O Bb7 16. Qe3 Be7 17. Rhe1 Nxd3+ 18. Qxd3 O-O 19. f5 Qg5+ 20. Kb1 Rfe8 21. g4 Offering pawns for open lines against the Black K. 22...Bf8 22. h4 Qxh4 23. Rh1 Qg5 24. Rh5 Qg7 Seeking to centralize the Q with Qe5 is interesting. 25. Rdh1 Rbd8 26. Qe3 d5 27. g5 exf5 28. gxf6 Qxf6 29. Qg3+ Qg6!? Black misses White's 32nd move. On 29...Bg7 30. Rxh7 threatening 31. Rh8 mate. 30. Rg5 dxe4 31. Rxg6+ fxg6 32. Qc7! Threatening mate at h7 and the B at b7. 32...Bg7 33. Qxb7 e3 Black plays his trump cards right away. Even with only a R and 4 passed pawns for the Q and N, I'm not sure hasty and desperate measures are necessary. 34. Ne2 f4 35. Nxf4 e2 36. Nxe2 Rxe2 Black has recovered some material, but has given away most of his dynamic chances. 37. Ne1 Re6 38. Nd3 Red6 39. a3 Luft for the King. 39...R8d7 40. Qb8+ Rd8 41. Qc7 R8d7 42. Qc8+ Rd8 At about this point, Dennis offered a draw. Despite my slight material edge, I was sorely tempted. However, at this point Saville-Walker was still extremely double-edged. 43. Qc5 Bd4 44. Qg5 Bg7 45.*

Qf4 Re6? *This was an extremely unfortunate mistake. First, it allows White to scoop up the potentially dangerous h & g-pawns and drive the Black K into the open where it is exposed to the fury of Black's pieces. Second, by this point, Walker was clearly going down the tubes and a draw securing first would be much more tempting. 46. Qh4 Rd5 47. Qxh7+ Kf7 48. Rf1+ Rf6 49. Ne5+ Kf8 50. Nxc6+ Kf7 51. Ne5+ Kf8 52. Rxf6+ Black resigns*

Donald Griffith (X) - Jerry Skeen (A), Round 5
Owen's Defense

1. e4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. Nc3 e6 4. Bd3 d5 5. exd5 exd5 6. Nf3 Bb4 7. O-O Bxc3 8. bxc3 Ne7 9. Re1 O-O 10. Bxh7+ Kxh7 11. Ng5+ Kg8 12. Qh5 Re8 13. Qh7+ Kf8 14. Qh8+ Ng8 15. Nh7 mate

Mike Taylor (A) - Nathan Gundlach (D), Round 5
Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 c6 4. Nf3 d6 5. Be3 Nf6 6. e5 Ng4 7. Bf4 dxe5 8. dxe5 Qb6 9. Qd2 O-O 10. Rd1 Nd7 11. h3 Ngxe5 12. Nxe5 Nxe5 13. Qe3 Qxe3+ 14. Bxe3 Be6 15. Bd4 Rfd8 16. b3 Rxd4 17. Rxd4 Nf3+ 18. gxf3 Bxd4 19. Ne2 Bb6 20. Nf4 Bd5 21. Nxd5 cxd5 22. Bd3 e5 23. Ke2 f5 24. h4 a6 25. h5 e4 26. fxe4 fxe4 27. hxg6 exd3+ 28. cxd3 hxg6 29. f4 Re8+ 30. Kf3 Re3+ 31. Kg4 Rxd3 32. Re1 Kf7 33. Rh1 Kg7 34. Re1 Bf2 35. Re7+ Kf6 36. Rxb7 Rg3+ 37. Kh4 Rxb3+ 38. White resigns

Peter Mauk (E) - Bob McLearn (D), Round 5

1. d4 d6 2. Nf3 b6 3. e4 Bb7 4. d5 Nd7 5. Bb5 a6 6. Bd3 c5 7. a4 Ngf6 8. Nc3 Qc7 9. b3 g6 10. Bb2 O-O-O 11. O-O h6 12. Qe2 Nb8 13. Na2 Rg8 14. Rac1 e5 15. c3 Nh5 16. g3 Qd7 17. b4 Qxa4 18. Ra1 Qd7 19. bxc5 dxc5 0. Nxe5 Qe7 21. f4 f6 22. Nf3 Qc7 23. c4 Nxf4 24. gxf4 Qxf4 25. Nd2 Qc7 26. Bxf6 Re8 27. Rae1 Bd6 28. e5 Be7 29. Bxe7 Qxe7 30. e6 b5 31. Qe5 Qh4 32. Qf4 Qxf4 33. Rxf4 b4 34. Nb3 g5 35. Rf7 g4 36. Kg2 Kd8 37. Rxb7 and White won.

Even though I've played tournament chess in WV for twenty-three years, to the best of my knowledge, this is my first 5-0 in a two day Swiss. I attribute this result to two factors, both of which were out of my control. First, all my opponents bravely came out slugging. In seeking a knock-out, they made themselves available for the knock-out. Second, I received the White pieces in both my critical games last round games.

Mitchell, Abraham Share Parkersburg May title

West Virginia Middle school champ Marc Abraham knew it would be a short day. The Wheeling contingent led by Randy Bierce had to leave early, so they requested fourth round byes before the tourney began. Marc won the three games he played, including a thrilling time-control battle with Sefus Ellis in the third round. Sefus had just beaten Jim Walker in round 2.

Harold Mitchell held a draw with Mike Taylor in round three and quickly dispatched with Alvin Vavrek in round four to also accumulate 3½ points. This moved him into a first-place tie with Abraham. Mike Taylor held on for dear life as Jim Walker couldn't force mate quick enough and ran out of time; the game ended a draw giving Mike 3 points on the day.

Pat Kelly directed this event contested at the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg. Other class winners were B: Alvin Vavrek and Sefus Ellis; Class C: Scott Davis; Class D: Bill Salmon, who finished with an impressive 2½ points; and Class E: Ward Sheppard.

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

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Bd3 Bg6 5. Bxg6 hxg6 6. Nf3 e6 7. h3 Nd7 8. Nc3 c5 9. Be3 cxd4 10. Bxd4 g5 11. g4 Ne7 12. Qe2 Nc6 13. Rd1 Nxd4 14. Nxd4 Qb6 15. Qb5 Be5 16. Na4 Qxb5 17. Nxb5 O-O 18. Nxc5 Nxc5 19. O-O Nd7 20. Rfe1 Rac8 21. c3 Rc6 22. Rd3 Nc5 23. Rf3 Ne4 24. Re2 a6 25. Nd4 Rc4 26. Kg2 b5 27. Rfe3 b4 28. b3 Rxc3 29. Rxc3 Nxc3 30. Rc2 Rc8 31. Kf3 Kf8 32. Ne2 Ke7 33. Nxc3 Rxc3+ 34. Rxc3 bxc3 35. Ke2 d4 36. Kd3 f6 37. exf6+ gxf6 38. a4 Kd6 39. b4 Kc6 40. Kc2 e5 41. f3 Kd5 42. Kd3 c2 43. Kxc2 Kc4 44. b5 axb5 45. axb5 Kxb5 46. Kd3 Kc5 47. Ke2 Kc4 48. Kd2 d3 49. Kd1 Kc3 50. Kc1 d2+ 51. Kd1 Kd3 52. White resigns

Mike Taylor (A) - Gilbert Stone (C), Round 1
Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 b6 4. Bg5 e6 5. cxd5 exd5 6. e3 Be7 7. Nf3 Bb7 8. Bd3 O-O 9. O-O Ne4 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. Nd2 Nd7 12. Re1 Ndf6 13. f3 Nd6 14. Rc1 Qd7 15. Qc2 Rac8 16. e4 dxe4 17. fxe4 Nde8 18. Nf3 g6 19. Qf2 Ng4 20. Qh4 h5 21. h3 Ngf6 22. Qf4 Kg7 23. Kh1 c6 24. Rc2 Nc7 25. Rf2 Ne6 26. Qe5 Qc7 27. Qxc7 Rxc7 28. Ref1 Rd7 29. Ne5 Rxd4 30. Rxf6 Ng5 31. Bb1 Rd2 32. h4 Nh7 33. Rxf7+ Rxf7 34. Rxf7+ Kh6 35. Rxb7 and White wins

Alvin Vavrek (B) - Josh Sell (D), Round 1
Queen's Pawn

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Bg5 e6 6. e3 Be7 7. h3 Bh5 8. Be2 Bxf3 9. Bxf3 O-O 10. O-O e5 11. cxd5 exd4 12. dxc6 dxc3 13. cxb7 Rb8 14. bxc3 Re8 15. Qa4 Bc5 16. Rfd1 Qe7 17. Rd3 Qe5 18. Bf4 Qe7 19. Rad1 Ne4 20. Qc6 Bb6 21. Rd7 Qe6 22. Qxe6 Rxe6 23. Bxc7 Bxc7 24. Rxc7 Nd6 25. c4 g6 26. c5 Nxb7 27. Rxb7 Rc8 28. c6 Re5 29. Rxa7 Rc5 30. Rad7 Rf5 31. Bd5 Rxd5 32. R1xd5 32. R7xd5 Rxc6 33. Rd7 Rf6 34. a4 Kg7 35. a5 and White won

Frank Dzielski (B) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 2
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 h6 6. Bf4 c6 7. a3 Nh5 8. Bxb8 Rxb8 9. Ne5 Nf6 10. Nc3 Qb6 11. Na4 Qa5+ 12. b4 Qc7 13. c5 Nd7 14. Nf3 e5 15. Be2 e4 16. Nd2 Nf6 17. Nc3 O-O 18. O-O Be6 19. f3 exf3 20. Bxf3 Bf5 21. e4 dxe4 22. Ndx4 Nxe4 23. Nxe4 Bxe4 24. Bxe4 Bg5 25. Qg4 Be3+ 26. Kh1 Bxd4 27. Bh7+ Kxh7 28. Qxd4 Rbd8 29. Qe4+ Kg8 30. Ra2 Qd7 31. h3 Rfe8 32. Qc4 Qd5 33. Qxd5 Rxd5 34. Rf3 Re1+ 35. Kh2 Rdd1 36. Raf2 f6 37. g4 Rd4 38. Kg2 Rde4 39. Rd2 R1e2+ 40. Rxe2 Rxe2+ 41. Kg3 Kf7 42. Rd3 Ke7 43. Kf3 Re1 44. Kf2 Ra1 45. Re3+ Kf7 46. Rd3 Ke6 47. Re3+ Kd5 48. Kf3 b6 49. cxb6 axb6 50. h4 e5 51. bxc5 bxc5 52. Ke2 c4 53. Rc3 Kd4 54. Kd2 Ra2+ 55. Rc2 Rxa3 and Black was victorious.

Marc Abraham (C) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 2
English Opening, King's Indian Defense

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. O-O Bd7 7. d3 Nc6 8. Bd2 Re8 9. Rb1 Rb8 10. b4 a6 11. b5 axb5 12. Nxb5 e5 13. Qb3 e4 14. Nfd4 exd3 15. exd3 Nh5 16. Bc3 Ne5 17. Ba5 b6 18. Bd2 Qc8 19. Na7 Qa6 20. Nac6 Nxc6 21. Bxc6 Bxc6 22. Nxc6 Rbc8 23. Rfe1 Qb7? 24. Ne7+ Rxe7 25. Rxe7 and White soon won.

Ward Sheppard (E) - Jim Olson (D), Round 2

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 exd5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. Bc4 Be6 7. d3 Bb4 8. Bd2 c6 9. Qe2 O-O 10. Bxd5 cxd5 11. Nf3 Re8 12. O-O Bf5 13. Be3 Nc6 14. d4 Rc8 15. a3 Bxc3 16. bxc3 Na5 17. Qb2 Qb6 18. Qxb6 axb6 19. Nh4 Be4 20. f3 Bd3 21. Rfe1 Rxc3 22. Rac1 Rxc1 23. Rxc1 Nc4 24. Bf4 Nxa3 25. Rc3 Ba6 26. Rxa3 Rc8 27. Re3 Kf8 28. Bd6+ Kg8 29. Nf5 Kh8 30. Ne7 Rd8 31. Nxd5 Bb5 32. Bc7 Rxd5 33. Bxb6 f6 34. f4 Kg8 35. Kf2 Kf7 36. Kf3 Rd7 37. f5 Re7 38. Rxe7+ Kxe7 39.

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d5 Kd6 40. Ke4 Bf1 41. g3 Bh3 42. Kd4 Bxf5 43.
Be5+ Kd7 44. d6 g5 45. Kd5 Be6+ 46. Kd4 f5 47. Ke5
g4 48. Bb4 h5 49. Be5 Bb3 50. Kxf5 Kc6 51. Ba3 b5
52. Kg5 Bf7 53. Kh4 Be8 54. h3 gxh3 55. Kxh3 Kd5
56. Kh4 Drawn

Jim Walker (X) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 3

Benko Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6.
Nc3 g6 7. e4 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 d6 9. g4 Bg7 10. Kg2 O-O
11. g5 Nh5 12. Nge2 f6 13. Ng3 Qe8 14. Nxb5 gxh5 15.
h4 Qg6 16. f4 f5 17. exf5 Rxf5 18. Re1 Qf7 19. Re6
Nd7 20. Qe2 Re8 21. Nb5 Rxd5 22. Nc7 Ne5 23. fxe5
Bxe5 24. Nxd5 Qxe6 25. Nc7 Qf7 26. Nxe8 Qxe8 27.
Qc4+ and White wins easily.

Frank Dzielski (B) - Bill Salmon (D), Round 4

Torre Attack

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 Bg4 4. Ne5 Bh5 5. c4 h6 6.
Bxf6 gxf6 7. Nf3 e6 8. a3 Rg8 9. Nbd2 Nd7 10. Qc2 f5
11. cxd5 exd5 12. Qxf5 Bg6 13. Qxd5 c6 14. Qb3 Nb6
15. e3 Qc7 16. Ne5 Rg7 17. Ng4 O-O-O 18. g3 h5 19.
Ne5 Bf5 20. Rc1 Be6 21. Qd3 Bd5 22. e4 Be6 23. Bg2
Kb8 24. O-O c5 25. Nef3 c4 26. Qe2 Bg4 27. h3 Bxf3
28. Nxf3 Be7 29. d5 Bd6 30. Nd4 Be5 31. Nb5 Qc5 32.
Nc3 Rxg3 33. b4 Qd4 34. Rfd1 Rd3 35. Rxd3 cxd3 36.
Qe3 d2 37. Rd1 Nc4 38. Qxd4 Bxd4 39. Ne2 Bb2 40.
a4 Ba3 41. b5 Bb4 42. Kf1 Nb2 43. Rb1 d1=Q+ 44.
Rxd1 Nxd1 45. Bf3 h4 46. Nd4 Bc5 47. Nf5 Nxf2 48.
Nxb4 Nxb3 49. Ke2 Ng1+ 50. Kd3 Nxf3 51. Nxf3 and
Black was able to close out the victory. 0-1

Winners of West Virginia State Championship

1939 John Hurt, Jr.

1940 William Hartling

1941 Walt Crede

1942 H. Landis Marks

1943 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1944 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1945 Harold Leggett

1946 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1947 H. Landis Marks

1948 John Hurt, Jr., Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1949 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Edward Foy

1950 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1951 Allen DuVall, Edward Foy, John Hurt, Jr.,

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1952 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1953 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1954 Donald Burdick

1955 Donald Burdick, Allen DuVall, John Hurt, Jr.,

Charles Morgan, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1956 Donald Burdick, Charles Morgan

1957 Donald Burdick, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1958 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1959 Micajah Wren

1960 H. Landis Marks

1961 Dr. Alex Darbes

1962 Dr. Alex Darbes

1963 John Downes

1964 Ronald Kennedy, John Scherer

1965 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1966 William Payne

1967 William Payne

1968 Robert Bonwell, Dr. Cornelio Nolasco

1969 Marvin Barker, Jr., David Marples

1970 Robert Bonwell, David Marples, Jorge Ribeiro,

John Scherer

1971 Charles Szasz

1972 Dr. John Phythyon

1973 David Marples, John Molino

1974 John Molino

1975 Gary Cummings, Donald Griffith, Robert Smith

1976 Jeffrey Ashley

1977 Dennis Funkhouser, Paul Harless

1978 Gary Cummings, John Roush

1979 Donald Griffith, Paul Harless

1980 Dennis Funkhouser

1981 Dennis Funkhouser, Andrew Glancy,

David Marples, Ack Morgan

1982 Marvin Barker

1983 Donald Griffith, John Roush, Marvin Barker, Jr.

1984 Edward Garner, Alan Federl

1985 Marvin Barker, Jr.

1986 Edward Garner, Andrew Katz, Paul Lane,

Patrick Kelly

1987 Dennis Funkhouser

1988 John Roush

1989 Alex Chang, Donald Griffith, John Roush

1990 John Roush, Andrew Katz

1991 Donald Griffith

1992 Donald Griffith, Charles Schulien

1993 Donald Griffith, Charles Schulien

1994 Donald Griffith, James Gikas

1995 Andy Katz

1996 Marvin Barker, Jr

Roush Runs the Tables Again, Victorious at the Lake Chaweva Open

John Roush continued his recent hot streak, again finishing with a perfect score of 4-0 to win the Lake Chaweva Open. John defeated the three next highest rated players in the tourney, Robert Canary, Jim Walker, and David Saville. Walker and Saville tied for second with three points apiece. Tom Satterfield was the top U1600, scoring 2½. Sixteen players attended the event, contested at the Lake Chaweva Clubhouse located in Cross Lanes. Donald Griffith directed this event.

David Saville (X) - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 2

Queen's Gambit Declined, Semi-Slav Defense

1. d4 c6 2. c4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 O-O 7. Qc2 Nbd7 8. a3 g6 9. Be2 dxc4 10. Bxc4 Nb6 11. Ba2 Kg7 12. O-O a5 13. Rfd1 Nfd5 14. Bxe7 Qxe7 15. Rac1 Bd7 16. Ne4 Rfb8 17. Nc5 Be8 18. Qe4 Nd7 19. Nxd7 Bxd7 20. Rc5 Qf6 21. Ne5 Be8 22. Rdc1 Qf5 23. Bxd5 exd5 24. Qxf5 gxf5 25. Nd3 b6 26. R5c3 f6 27. Nf4 Bd7 28. h3 Rc8 29. b4 Ra7 30. Nxd5 cxd5 31. Rxc8 Bxc8 32. Rxc8 axb4 33. axb4 Ra1+ 34. Kh2 Rb1 35. Rd8 Rxb4 36. Rxd5 Rb2 37. Rxf5 b5 38. Kg3 b4 39. Rb5 b3 40. Rb4 Rb1 41. d5 b2 42. Kf3 Rd1 43. Rxb2 Rxd5 44. e4 Rc5 45. Kf4 Kg6 46. f3 h5 47. h4 Rc6 48. g4 hxg4 49. fxg4 Rc1 50. h5+ Kh6 51. Rb6 Rf1+ 52. Kg3 Rg1+ 53. Kf3 Kg5 54. Rb5+ Kh4 55. h6
Black resigns

Robert Canary (B) - John Roush (X), Round 2

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 c5 4. Bg5 Bg7 5. Nc3 cxd4 6. Qxd4 Nc6 7. Qd2 d6 8. Bh6 O-O 9. Bxg7 Kxg7 10. e4 Be6 11. Be2 Rc8 12. h4 h5 13. Ng5 Ne5 14. b3 Qb6 15. Nxe6+ fxe6 16. Nb5 Nxe4 17. Qd4 Qa5+ 18. White resigns

David Olson (B) - Jerry Skeen (A), Round 2

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Nf3 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. O-O c6 8. e4 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Nd7 10. d4 c5 11. Rb1 cxd4 12. cxd4 Nb6 13. Be3 Nc4 14. Qb3 Nxe3 15. fxe3 b6 16. Ng5 e6 17. e5 Rb8 18. Ne4 Bb7 19. Nd6 Bxg2 20. Kxg2 Qd7 21. Rf3 f6 22. exf6 Qxd6 23. fxg7 Rxf3 24. Kxf3 Kxg7 25. Rf1 Rf8+ 26. Kg2 Qc6+ 27. Kg1 Rxf1+ 28. Kxf1 Qh1+ 29. Ke2 Qxh2+ 30. Kd3 Qh3 31. Kd2 Kf6 32. Qb4 Qg2+ 33. Kd3 Qf1+ 34. Kd2 Qf2+ 35. Kd3 Qf5+ 36. Kd2 Kg5 37. Qe7+ Kg4 38. Qh4+ Kf3 39. Qxh7 Qa5+ 40. Kd1 Qa4+ 41. Kc1 Qxa2 42. Qh1+ Kxe3 43. Qe1+ Kxd4 and Black won.

Joe Meadows (E) - Duane Hosom (C), Round 2

King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 d6 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 e5 4. O-O Bg4 5. h3 Bc8 6. d3 Nbd7 7. Nc3 c6 8. e4 h6 9. d4 Be7 10. dxe5 dxe5 11. Be3 O-O 12. Qe2 Qc7 13. g4 Nc5 14. g5 Nfxe4 15. Nxe4 Nxe4 16. gxh6 g6 17. Bxa7 Rxa7 18. Qxe4 Bf6 19. Rfe1 Bf5 20. Qe3 Ra4 21. Nxe5 Re8 22. Qb3 Rh4 23. Qg3 Rxh6 24. Ng4 Rxe1+ 25. Rxe1 Qxg3 26. Nxb6+ Kg7 27. Nxf5+ Black resigns

Tom Satterfield (C) - Bill Salmon (D), Round 2

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Bc5 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. c3 Nf6 5. d3 h6 6. O-O d6 7. Be3 Bg4 8. h3 Bh5 9. b4 Bxe3 10. fxe3 O-O 11. Nbd2 Ne7 12. Qb3 c6 13. d4 b5 14. Bd3 Nh7 15. d5 Qb6 16. Rae1 c5 17. bxc5 dxc5 18. Bxb5 Ng6 19. Nc4 Qf6 20. Nfxe5 Qg5 21. Rf5 Qh4 22. Ref1 f6 23. Nxb6 Bxg6 24. R5f4 Qh5 25. Nd6 Ng5 26. Nf5 Kh7 27. Qc2 Bxf5 28. Rxf5 Kh8 29. d6 a6 30. Bc6 c4 31. e5 Rad8 32. d7 Qg6 33. Kh2 fxe5 34. Rxf8+ Kh7 35. Qxg6+ Kxg6 36. Rxd8 Nf7 37. Rf8 Black resigns

John Roush (X) - David Saville (X), Round 3

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7 6. dxc5 Bxc5 7. b4 Bf8 8. b5 Na5 9. Bd3 Rc8 10. O-O Ne7 11. Re1 Ng6 12. a4 Be7 13. Ra2 O-O 14. Be3 b6 15. Bd4 Qe8 16. h4 f6 17. g3 Nh8 18. Kg2 Nc4 19. Nbd2 fxe5 20. Nxe5 Nxe5 21. Bxe5 Bf6 22. Rc2 Bxe5 23. Rxe5 Qf7 24. Nf3 Qf6 25. Ng5 g6 26. f4 h6 27. Nf3 Nf7 28. Ree2 e5 29. Nxe5 Nxe5 30. Rxe5 Rc5 31. Rxd5 and White won.

Jerry Skeen (A) - Jim Walker (X), Round 3

1. g3 g6 2. Bg2 Bg7 3. Nf3 e5 4. O-O e4 5. Ne1 d5 6. d3 exd3 7. Nxd3 Nf6 8. Nc3 O-O 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Nxd5 Bg7 12. c3 c6 13. Ne3 Qc7 14. Qc2 Nd7 15. Rad1 Re8 16. Nf4 Ne5 17. Nd3 Nd7 18. b3 Nf6 19. Nc5 Qe5 20. Nd3 Qe7 21. Nf4 g5 22. Nd3 Ne4 23. e4 Nxf2 24. Rxf2 Qxe3 25. Rf1 Bg4 26. Nc1 Bd4 27. Kh1 Re7 28. h3 Qxg3 29. Rf3 Bxf3 30. Rxf3 Qe1+ 31. Rf1 Qh4 32. Qf5 Rae8 33. e4 Qg3 34. Ne2 Qe5 35. Qg4 Bb6 36. Ng3 Be7 37. Kh2 h5 38. Qxh5 Qxg3+ 39. Kg1 Qh2+ 40. Kf2 Bb6+ and Black won shortly.

Sefus Ellis (B) - Tom Satterfield (C), Round 3

King's Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. f4 Nc6 3. Nf3 d6 4. Bc4 Bg4 5. Bxf7+ Kxf7

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6. Ng5+ Qxg5 7. fxg5 Bxd1 8. O-O+ Ke8 9. Rxd1 Be7
 10. d3 Nd4 11. Na3 a6 12. Kf1 h6 13. c3 Ne6 14. g6
 Nf6 15. h3 Rf8 16. Kg1 Nh5 17. Nc4 Nhf4 18. d4 exd4
 19. Bxf4 Nxf4 20. cxd4 Nxc6 21. Rac1 f4 22. Re1 Kd7
 23. Rcd1 Raf8 24. Re2 Kc8 25. g3 Rf3 26. Kg2 Nh4+
 27. gxh4 Bxh4 28. Rdd2 b6 29. b3 Re8 30. Rc2 Rg3+
 31. Kh2 Kd7 32. d5 b5 33. Nd2 Rd3 34. Kg2 Rf8 35.
 e5 dxe5 36. Ne4 Be7 37. Rc6 Rxd5 38. Rxa6 Bd6 39.
 Nc3 Rc5 40. Ne4 Rd5 41. Drawn

Jim Walker (X) - John Roush (X), Round 4

1. Nf3 c5 2. g3 e6 3. b3 Nf6 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. Bb2 d5 6. d3
 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Nbd2 Qc7 9. e3 e5 10. h3 h6 11.
 Qe2 Be6 12. Nh2 Qd7 13. g4 Rae8 14. f4 exf4 15. exf4
 d4 16. Qf2 Bd5 17. Ne4 b6 18. Rael Nh7 19. Ng3 Bh4
 20. a3 Ne7 21. Nf3 Bxf3 22. Qxf3 f5 23. Kh2 fxg4 24.
 hxg4 Nf6 25. Bh3 Nfd5 26. Re4 Bxg3+ 27. Qxg3 Ne3
 28. Rf2 Qe6 Qd6 29. Bc1 N7d5 30. c4 Rxe4 31. dxe4
 Nxf4 32. Kh1 g5 33. Bxe3 dxe3 34. Qxe3 Qe5 and
 Black won eventually

David Saville (X) - David Olson (B), Round 4

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 d5 6.
 O-O Be7 7. Nc3 O-O 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Qc2 Nd7 10. e4
 Nxc3 11. bxc3 Nf6 12. Ng5 Ng4 13. Nh3 c5 14. Qe2
 Nf6 15. Bb2 Rc8 16. Rfel cxd4 17. cxd4 Qd7 18. Nf4
 Rc7 19. d5 exd5 20. exd5 Rd8 21. Be5 Bd6 22. Bxf6
 gxf6 23. Bh3 Qa4 24. Qg4+ Kf8 25. Ng6+ Black
 resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Jerry Skeen (A), Round 4

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. e4 c5 4. c3 cxd4 5. cxd4 Nc6 6.
 d5 Ne5 7. Nxe5 Bxe5 8. Qc2 e6 9. f4 Bg7 10. d6 Nf6
 11. e5 Nd5 12. Bc4 Qa5+ 13. Qd2 Qxd2+ 14. Bxd2

Nb6 15. Bb3 O-O 16. O-O f6 17. Bc3 fxe5 18. Bxe5
 Bxe5 19. fxe5 Rxf1+ 20. Kxf1 a5 21. a4 Ra7 22. Nc3
 Na8 23. Rc1 Ra6 24. Nb5 Rc6 25. Rxc6 bxc6 26. Nd4
 Ba6+ 27. Kf2 Nb6 28. Nxc6 dxc6 29. d7 Nxd7 30.
 Bxe6+ Kf8 31. Bxd7 c5 32. e6 Ke7 33. Ke3 Bc4 34.
 Ke4 Kd6 35. g3 Bb3 36. g4 Bc2+ 37. Kf4 h6 38. g5 h5
 39. Bb5 Kxe6 40. Bc4+ Kd6 41. b3 Bf5 42. Drawn

Sefus Ellis (B) - Michael Spenser (B), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6.
 Bg5 e6 7. Be2 Be7 8. Qd2 Nbd7 9. O-O-O O-O 10. f3
 b5 11. Nc6 Qe8 12. Nxe7+ Qxe7 13. Qxd6 Qxd6 14.
 Rxd6 Ne8 15. Rd2 f6 16. Be3 Nc7 17. Rhd1 Rf7 18.
 Rd6 Re7 19. f4 g6 20. Bf3 Ra7 21. Bxa7 b4 22. Na4
 Nb5 23. Rxd7 Rxd7 24. Rxd7 Bxd7 25. Be5 a5 26. b3
 Kf7 27. e5 g5 28. g3 Kg6 29. Nb6 Be8 30. exf6 Kxf6
 31. fxg5+ Kxg5 32. Be3+ Kf6 33. Nc4 a4 34. Be5 Nc3
 35. a3 bxa3 36. Nxa3 Nd5 37. Bxd5 exd5 38. bxa4
 Bxa4 39. c3 and White won in 49.

Justin Neace (F) - Paul Reeves (D), Round 4

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. Bb5 Bd7 6.
 Bxc6 Bxc6 7. dxc5 Bxc5 8. Bg5 Ne7 9. O-O O-O 10.
 Nd4 h6 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. Bxe7 Qxe7 13. Qh5 Qg5 14.
 Qxg5 hxg5 15. c3 f6 16. exf6 gxf6 17. Kh1 Kf7 18. f4
 Be3 19. f5 e5 20. Rf3 Bb6 21. Nd2 Rh8 22. a4 Bc7 23.
 Rh3 Rxh3 24. gxh3 Rh8 25. Kg2 Rh4 26. b3 Rf4 27.
 Rf1 Rxf1 28. Nxf1 Kg7 29. h4 Kh6 30. Kh3 e4 31.
 hxg5+ Kxg5 32. Ng3 Bxg3 33. Kxg3 Kxf5 34. Kf2
 Kg4 35. Kg2 e3 36. h3+ Kh4 37. Kf3 Kxh3 38. Kxe3
 Kg4 39. Kf2 Kf4 40. b4 f5 41. b5 cxb5 42. axb5 Ke4
 43. Ke2 f4 44. Kf2 Kd3 45. Kf3 Kxc3 46. Kxf4 d4 and
 Black wins

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2143*m4	2167*m4	W--7	W--4	W--2	W--3	4.0
2	David Saville	CA	2142*m4	2132*m4	W-15	W--6	L--3	W--8	3.0
3	Jim Walker	WV	2044*M5	2041*M5	W-12	W--9	W--5	L--1	3.0
4	Robert Canary	WV	1788*B2	1788*B2	W-14	L--1	W-12	D--5	2.5
5	Jerry Skeen	WV	1788*a7	1799*a7	W-10	W--8	L--3	D--4	2.5
6	Sefus Ellis	WV	1709*B6	1708*B6	W-11	L--2	D--7	W--9	2.5
7	Tom Satterfield	WV	1404*c5	1437*c5	L--1	W-14	D--6	W-12	2.5
8	David Olson	WV	1780*a4	1763*a4	W-16	L--5	W-10	L--2	2.0
9	Michael Spenser	WV	1610*c2	1598*c2	W-13	L--3	W-11	L--6	2.0
10	Paul Reeves	WV	1285*d9	1298*d9	L--5	W-16	L--8	W-13	2.0
11	Joe Meadows	WV	1082* 0	1113* 0	L--6	W-15	L--9	D-14	1.5
12	David Hundley	WV	1356*c0	1342*c0	L--3	W-13	L--4	L--7	1.0
13	Justin Neace	WV	964* 0	980* 0	L--9	L-12	W-14	L-10	1.0
14	Bill Salmon	WV	1221*D2	1190*D2	L--4	L--7	L-13	D-11	0.5
15	Duane Hosom	KY	1414*c2	1386*c2	L--2	L-11	U--	U--	0.0
16	William Widener	WV	1191* 0	1178* 0	L--8	L-10	U--	U--	0.0

Joe Viggiano, creator of Post-a-log dies in Florida

Joe Viggiano, the creator of the Post-a-Log chess board used by correspondence players, died May 21 in Florida.

Joe was born in Mannington in 1907. He served in the infantry during World War II. He returned to WV and graduated from Fairmont State University. Joe was employed as a teacher at Lumberport High School, instructing the students in English and Latin. He later coached the boys and girls basketball teams at Wyatt Junior High. He moved to Seaford, Delaware in 1960 where continued teaching until he retired in 1980.

Joe's best performance in WV was the 1958 State Tournament in Morgantown when he finished with a 4-2 mark, only a game behind the winner, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer. He continued playing chess in the Delaware area after he moved, but still found his way to WV for a few state tourney in the 70s and 80s. Presented below is one of Joe's biggest scalps, David Marples, 4-time WV State Champ including the previous year, 1981.

Joe Viggiano (1542) - David Marples (2024)
1982 West Virginia State Championship, Round 4
Queen's Gambit Declined
1. d4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. Nc3 c6 6. a3 Be7 7. e3 O-O 8. Bd3 Re8 9. O-O dxc4 10. Bxc4 Nd5 11. Bxe7 Qxe7 12. Ne4 N5f6 13. Ng3 g6 14. b4 e5

15. Ng5 Nd5 16. N5e4 N7f6 17. Ng5 Be6 18. dxe5 Nd7 19. Nxe6 fxe6 20. Ne4 Nxe5 21. Qd4 Nxc4 22. Qxc4 Rad8 23. Rad1 Rd7 24. Nc5 Rdd8 25. e4 b6 26. Nd3 Nf6 27. Ne5 Rc8 28. Nxc6 Qc7 29. b5 Kg7 30. Qb4 a5 31. Qc4 Qf4 32. f3 Rc7 33. Qd4 Rb7 34. Ne5 Ree7 35. g3 Qg5 36. f4 Qh5 37. Qe3 Ng4 38. Nxc4 Qxc4 39. Qd4+ Kg8 40. Rc1 Rb8 41. Qd6 Rbe8 42. Qxb6 Qe2 43. Qc6 Qe3+ 44. Kg2 Qxa3 45. b6 Rb8 46. Rb1 Qa2+ 47. Kh3 Reb7 48. Rb5 Qe2 49. Qxe6+ Kg7 50. Rfb1 and White soon won.

Concord College Chess

Jim Meyer continued the Concord College tourneys through the spring with a 3 round tourney in April and a 4 round tornado in May. April's event saw Harold Mitchell beat Jim Walker and Mike Turner in the final two rounds to complete a 3-0 outing. David Michael and VA's Philip Lester tied for second with Turner and Walker. In the May tourney, CA transplant David Saville upended Jim Walker and both players finished with a 3-1 score. Saville was beaten by Mike Turner in the second round. Robert Canary and David Michael each finished at 2½ to share third place. The attendance at the two events were disappointing, since prior events drew 15-20 players. Currently, there are no upcoming announced events at Concord College, but the probability of events this fall are good.

Concord College Tornado, April 20, 1997, Athens WV

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	Total
1	Harold Mitchell	WV	1855*A4	1893*A4	W-7	W-3	W-2	3.0
2	Jim Walker	WV	2114*M5	2097*M5	W-6	W-4	L-1	2.0
3	Michael Turner	WV	1771*B6	1760*B6	W-9	L-1	W-7	2.0
4	Philip Lester	VA	1746*b9	1754*b9	W-8	L-2	W-5	2.0
5	David Michael	WV	1647*B6	1648*B6	W-10	W-6	L-4	2.0
6	Ed Grych	WV	1553*c0	1543*c0	L-2	L-5	W-9	1.0
7	Joe Meadows	WV	1137* 0	1149* 0	L-1	W-8	L-3	1.0
8	Scott Wood	WV	968/02	1091/05	L-4	L-7	W-10	1.0
9	William Widener	WV	1138* 0	1131* 0	L-3	D-10	L-6	0.5
10	Chris Martin	WV	1085/03	1057/06	L-5	D-9	L-8	0.5

Concord College Tornado, May 11, 1997, Athens WV

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	David Saville	CA	2133*m4	2124*m4	W-4	L-5	W-6	W-2	3.0
2	Jim Walker	WV	2062*M5	2057*M5	W-6	W-9	W-5	L-1	3.0
3	Robert Canary	WV	1785*B0	1754*B0	D-7	L-4	W-9	W-8	2.5
4	David Michael	WV	1648*B6	1663*B6	L-1	W-3	W-8	D-7	2.5
5	Michael Turner	WV	1741*B6	1768*B6	W-8	W-1	L-2	U---	2.0
6	Scott Carmichael	WV	1651*b7	1653*b7	L-2	W-7	L-1	W-9	2.0
7	David Money Penny	WV	1400*D2	1416*D2	D-3	L-6	B---	D-4	2.0
8	David Hundley	WV	1366*c0	1354*c0	L-5	B---	L-4	L-3	1.0
9	Joe Meadows	WV	1084* 0	1082* 0	B---	L-2	L-3	L-6	1.0

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John Roush Wins Again! Takes the 1997 U. S. Amateur South Championship

Robert Feldstein (X) - Thomas Magar (X), Round 2

Orangutan Opening

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. b4 g6 3. Bb2 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Bc4 O-O 6. d3 c6 7. Bb3 a5 8. a3 axb4 9. axb4 Rxa1 10. Bxa1 Qb6 11. c3 Nbd7 12. O-O c5 13. bxc5 Nxc5 14. Bc2 Bd7 15. Nbd2 Ra8 16. d4 Ne6 17. e5 dxe5 18. Nxe5 Be8 19. Ndf3 Nd7 20. Nc4 Ng4 Nf4 21. g3 Nd5 22. Nd2 Qc7 23. Qf3 N7f6 24. Nxf6+ Nxf6 25. c4 Bc6 26. Qb3 Nh5 27. Bb2 e6 28. Ne4 Rc8 29. c5 Bd5 30. Qb5 e5 31. Nd6 exd4 32. Nxc8 Qxc8 33. Re1 Bc6 34. Qf1 Nf4 35. Be4 Nh3+ 36. Kh1 Bxe4+ 37. Rxe4 Qc6 38. f3 f5 39. Rh4 Ng5 40. Kg2 h5 41. Bxd4 Bxd4 42. Rxd4 Qxc5 43. Qc4+ Qxc4 44. Rxc4 Ne6 45. Rb4 Kg7 46. Rxb7+ Kf6 47. f4 Nc5 48. Rb5 Ne4 49. Rb6+ Kf7 50. Kf3 Kg7 51. Ke3 Kf7 52. Kd4 Nf2 53. Kd5 Ng4 54. Rb2 Nf6+ 55. Kd4 Nd7 56. Ra2 Ke6 57. Ra6+ Kf7 58. h3 Nf8 59. Kd5 Ke7 60. Ra7+ Kf6 61. Kd6 Ne6 62. Kd7 Kf7 63. Ra5 h4 64. Kd6 hxg3 65. Ke5 Ng7 66. Ra7+ Kf8 67. Kf6 Nh5+ 68. Kxg6 g2 69. Ra1 Nxf4+ 70. Kxf5 Nxh3 71. Kf6 Ke8 72. Ke6 Kf8 73. Kf6 Ke8 74. Re1+ Kd8 75. Rd1+ Kc7 76. Rc1+ Kd6 77. Rd1+ Kc5 78. Kf5 g1=Q 79. Rxc1 Nxc1 80. Draw

Robert Fischer (X) - Steve Charles (A), Round 2

Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. exd6 cxd6 6. Nf3 g6 7. Bd3 Bg7 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Nbd2 O-O 10. O-O Nb4 11. Bb1 Nc6 12. Bd3 e5 13. d5 Ne7 14. Rc1 f5 15. Be2 e4 16. Ne1 Bxb2 17. Rb1 Bg7 18. f3 exf3 19. Nxf3 Nd7 20. Qb3 Nc5 21. Qa3 b6 22. Nd4 Bd7 23. N2b3 Qe8 24. Rbel Kh8 25. Bf3 f4 26. Bd2 Qf7 27. Ne6 Nd3 28. Re2 Bb2 29. Qa6 Rfb8 30. Nc7 Be8 31. Qa4 Nf5 32. Qe8+ Qxe8 33. Rxe8+ Kg7 34. Nxa8 Rxa8 35. Be4 Kf7 36. Rxc8 Rxc8 37. Bxd3 Black resigns

Pat Kelly (A) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. Be3 Be6 9. O-O O-O 10. f3 Nbd7 11. a4 Nb6 12. a5 Nc4 13. Bxc4 Bxc4 14. Bb6 Qd7 15. Re1 Rac8 16. Nd2 Be6 17. Nf1 Qc6 18. Ne3 Bd8 19. Ncd5 Bxd5 20. exd5 Qd7 21. Bxd8 Qxd8 22. c4 Nh5 23. Qb3 Qc7 24. Qc3 Qc5 25. Kh1 g6 26. Qb3 Qc7 27. Qc3 f5 28. b3 Nf6 29. Qd2 f4 30. Nd1 g5 31. Nf2 Rf7 32. Ne4 Nxe4 33. Rxe4 Rg7 34. b4 g4 35. Rael gxf3 36. gxf3 Rg5 37. c5 Rd8 38. Rc1 Qf7 39. c6 bxc6 40. Rxc6 Qa7 41. Rb6 Rc8 42. Re1 Rg6 43. Rc1 Rxc1+ 44. Qxc1 Qf7 45. Qc8+ Qf8 46. Qc7 Rg7 47. Qxd6 Qxd6 48. Rxd6 Rb7 49. Rb6 Ra7 50. Re6 Rb7 51. Rb6 Ra7 52. Kg2 Kf7 53. Kh3 Rd7 54. Rxa6

Rxd5 55. Kg4 h5+ 56. Kf5 Rd3 57. Kxe5 Rxf3 58. Rf6+ Ke7 59. Rxf4 Rh3 60. Rf2 Black resigns

David Sullivan (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Wing Gambit

1. e4 e6 2. Nf3 c5 3. b4 cxb4 4. a3 d5 5. e5 Nc6 6. axb4 Bxb4 7. c3 Be7 8. d4 Bd7 9. Bd3 Rc8 10. Qe2 a6 11. Nbd2 Na5 12. Bb2 b5 13. O-O h6 14. Ne1 Rb8 15. f4 g6 16. g4 Nc4 17. Bc1 Rb6 18. f5 gxf5 19. gxf5 exf5 20. Qf3 f4 21. Qxf4 Be6 22. Ng2 Bg5 23. Qf2 Nxd2 24. Bxd2 Bxd2 25. Qxd2 Qg5 26. Qf2 Ne7 27. Kh1 Bh3 28. Rg1 Ng6 29. Bxg6 Qxg6 30. Nf4 Qe4+ 31. Ng2 Rg8 32. Rael Bxg2+ 33. Rxc2 Rxc2 34. Qxc2 Qxe1+ 35. Qg1 Qe4+ 36. Qg2 Rg6 37. Qxe4 dxe4 38. d5 e3 39. e6 fxe6 40. dxe6 e2 41. White resigns

David Olson (B) - Grant Perks (X), Round 2

Dutch Defense

1. e4 f5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 e5 6. O-O d6 7. d3 Be7 8. b3 O-O 9. Bb2 Nbd7 10. Nh4 Bxg2 11. Nxc2 Qe8 12. f4 Qh5 13. Ne3 d5 14. Ncxd5 Bc5 15. Kg2 c6 16. Nxf6+ Nxf6 17. fxe5 Ng4 18. Nxc4 fxg4 19. d4 Rxf1 20. Qxf1 Rf8 21. Qe1 Be7 22. e3 Qf5 23. Qe2 Bg5 24. e4 Qf3+ 25. Qxf3 Rxf3 26. Rf1 Re3 27. Bc1 Black resigns

Mike Baker (B) - Warren Lohr (A), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. Bg5 Bb4 8. Qf3 Qa5 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Bc4 Ke7 11. O-O-O Bxc3 12. Qxc3 Qxc3 13. bxc3 d6 14. Rd2 Be6 15. Bb3 Rhg8 16. g3 Bg4 17. Re1 a5 18. a4 Be6 19. f3 Rab8 20. c4 c5 21. Re3 Rb4 22. Rc3 Rgb8 23. Rdd3 Bd7 24. Kd2 Bxa4 25. Bxa4 Rxa4 26. Ra3 Rxa3 27. Rxa3 Ra8 28. g4 h5 29. h3 hxg4 30. hxg4 a4 31. Ke3 Kd7 32. Kd2 Kc7 33. Kc3 Kb6 34. Kb2 Ka5 35. Rd3 Kb4 36. Rxd6 Kxc4 37. Rxf6 a3+ 38. Ka2 Ra7 39. Rd6 Kb4 40. g5 c4 41. Rb6+ Kc5 42. Rf6 Kd4 43. Rd6+ Ke3 44. Rc6 Kxf3 45. Rxc4 Kf4 46. Rb4 Kxg5 47. c4 f5 48. exf5 Kxf5 49. c5 e4 50. c6 e3 51. Rb7 Ra6 52. Re7 Kf4 53. c7 Rc6 54. Kxa3 Kf3 55. Rf7+ Ke4 56. Re7+ Kd3 57. Kb4 e2 58. Rd7+ Kc2 59. Re7 Kd1 60. Rd7+ Kc1 61. Drawn

Round 3: The big boys were starting to square off. Saville, Griffith, Dickerson and Roush all were victorious in round 3 to go to 3-0. David Olson continued to play excellent chess by outlasting Magar. Olson stood at 2½, only a half point off the pace.

John Roush Wins Again! Takes the 1997 U. S. Amateur South Championship

Jim Walker (X) - David Saville (X), Round 3

Queen's Gambit Declined, Exchange Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nf6 6. Nc3 e5 7. Bg5 cxd4 8. Qxd4 Qxd4 9. Nxd4 Bb4 10. Bxf6 gxf6 11. Nb5 Na6 12. O-O-O Ke7 13. Bc4 Bd7 14. a3 Bc5 15. Rd2 Rhc8 16. Rhd1 Be8 17. Nd6 Bxd6 18. Bxa6 Rxc3+ 19. bxc3 Bxa3+ 20. Kb1 bxa6 21. Ka2 Bc5 22. c4 Bc6 23. f3 Rb8 24. Rb2 Rxb2+ 25. Kxb2 a5 26. Kc3 a4 27. Rb1 a3 28. Rb8 Ba4 29. Rb7+ Kd6 30. f4 Bd4+ 31. Kxd4 a2 32. e5+ Kc6 33. Rxa7 a1=Q+ 34. Ke3 Qa3+ 35. White resigns

Donald Griffith (X) - Gary Hardin (X), Round 3

Pirc Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. Qe2 e6 6. e5 dxe5 7. dxe5 Nd5 8. Bg5 f6 9. exf6 Bxf6 10. Bxd5 Bxg5 11. Bxe6 Kf8 12. Bxc8 Kg7 13. O-O Re8 14. Qb5 Nc6 15. Bxb7 Nd4 16. Nxd4 Qxd4 17. Bxa8 Re5 18. Qd3 Black resigns

Leonard Dickerson (X) - Robert Fischer (X), Round 3

Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bf4 e6 4. e3 Be7 5. h3 O-O 6. Nbd2 e5 7. c3 Qb6 8. Rb1 Bd7 9. a4 Nc6 10. Bd3 Rfc8 11. O-O h6 12. Qe2 Na5 13. dxc5 Qd8 14. Bc2 Rxc5 15. e4 dxe4 16. Nxe4 Rc4 17. b4 Nxe4 18. bxa5 Rxa4 19. Bxe4 f5 20. Bxb7 Rxf4 21. Bxa8 Qxa8 22. Qd2 Rxf3 23. Qxd7 Rxh3 24. Qxe6+ Kh8 25. gxh3 Black resigns

Thomas Magar (X) - David Olson (B), Round 3

Catalan Opening

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. Bg2 e5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. O-O Be7 8. Nc3 O-O 9. Nxd5 exd5 10. dxc5 Bxc5 11. Ng5 h6 12. Nf3 Bg4 13. h3 Bh5 14. a3 d4 15. b4 Bb6 16. Bb2 a6 17. Qd2 Qe7 18. Rfe1 Rad8 19. Rac1 Qd6 20. Nh4 Rfe8 21. Qd3 Ne5 22. Qf5 d3 23. Bxe5 Rxe5 24. Qxd3 Qf6 25. Qc3 Qxf2+ 26. Kh1 Re3 27. Qc4 Bxe2 28. Qc2 Rde8 29. Rf1 Qxg3 30. Nf5 Bd3 31. Nxc3 Bxc2 32. Rxc2 Rxc3 33. Bd5 Rxh3+ 34. Kg2 Ree3 35. Rxf7 Reg3+ 36. Kf1 Rg1+ 37. Ke2 Re3+ 38. Kd2 Kh7 39. Rxb7 Bd4 40. Rc4 Re1 41. Rxd4 Rd1+ 42. Kc3 Rg3+ 43. Kb2 Rxd4 44. Rd7 Rd2+ 45. Kc1 Rf2 46. Be4+ Kg8 47. Rd8+ Kf7 48. Rd7+ Kf6 49. Rd1 Rxa3 50. Bd3 Rc3+ 51. Kb1 Rb3+ 52. Kc1 Rxb4 53. Bxa6 g5 and Black won.

Pat Kelly (A) - John Roush (X), Round 3

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. e5 Qa5+ 6. Nc3 Qxe5+ 7. Be2 Nc6 8. Nf3 Qa5 9. O-O a6 10. Re1 Be7 11. Bc4 d5 12. Bb3 O-O 13. Ne2 e5 14. Bg5 Be6 15. Nc3

e4 16. Nd4 Rad8 17. Nce2 Bg4 18. f3 exf3 19. gxf3 Bc8 20. c3 h6 21. Bh4 Rfe8 22. Kh1 Qc7 23. Rg1 Nh5 24. Bf2 Nxd4 25. Nxd4 Qf4 26. Qd3 Bd6 27. Bg3 Nxc3+ 28. hxg3 Qg5 29. Bc2 Qh5+ 30. Kg2 Qh3+ 31. Kf2 Qh2+ 32. Rg2 Bxg3+ 33. Kf1 Qh1+ 34. White resigns

John Brewster (B) - Ralph Mikell (A), Round 3

Smith-Morra Gambit Declined

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 Nf6 4. e5 Nd5 5. cxd4 Nc6 6. Nf3 d6 7. Be2 e6 8. O-O Be7 9. a3 O-O 10. b4 a6 11. Bb2 Bd7 12. Qd2 Rc8 13. Nc3 Nxc3 14. Bxc3 dxe5 15. dxe5 Qc7 16. Rac1 Rfd8 17. Qe3 b5 18. Bd4 Qb7 19. Bb6 Re8 20. Rfd1 Nb8 21. h3 Bc6 22. Bc5 Bxc5 23. Rxc5 Nd7 24. Rc3 Nb6 25. Rcc1 Bd5 26. Rxc8 Rxc8 27. Rc1 Be4 28. Bxc4 Nxc4 29. Qd3 h6 30. Rd1 Qc7 31. Qc3 Rd8 32. Rxd8+ Qxd8 33. Kh2 Qd5 34. Kg1 Qe4 35. Kh2 Qe2 36. Kg1 Qa2 37. Qd4 Qxa3 38. Qd8+ Kh7 39. Qe7 Qa1+ 40. Kh2 Nxe5 41. Nxe5 Qxe5+ 42. Kg1 Qe1+ 43. Kh2 Qxf2 44. Qd6 Qf5 45. Kh1 e5 46. Qxa6 e4 47. Qb6 Qf1+ 48. Kh2 Qf4+ 49. Kg1 e3 50. Qxb5 Qf2+ 51. Kh2 e2 52. Qd3+ g6 53. White resigns

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

Gruenfeld Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Bb5+ Bd7 8. Be2 c5 9. Be3 Nc6 10. Qd2 cxd4 11. cxd4 O-O 12. Rb1 b6 13. Nf3 Rc8 14. O-O Bg4 15. d5 Bxf3 16. gxf3 Ne5 17. Rfc1 Qd7 18. f4 Ng4 19. Bb5 Rxc1+ 20. Qxc1 Qc8 21. e5 Nxe3 22. Qxe3 Qg4+ 23. Drawn

Nicholas Barber (A) - Seth Rokoski (B), Round 3

Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. f4 Nbd7 10. f5 e5 11. Nde2 Nc5 12. Ng3 Nxb3 13. axb3 Bd7 14. Nh5 Bc6 15. Nxf6+ Bxf6 16. Rf3 Rc8 17. Rh3 g6 18. Bh6 Bg7 19. Qd2 g5 20. Bxg5 f6 21. Bh6 Rf7 22. Rd1 Qb6+ 23. Be3 Qb4 24. Qxd6 Qxd6 25. Rxd6 Bf8 26. Rd1 Bb4 27. Bh6 Bxc3 28. Rxc3 Re8 29. Re3 Rfe7 30. Rd6 Rd7 31. Rg3+ Kh8 32. Rxd7 Bxd7 33. Bg7+ Kg8 34. Bxf6+ Kf8 35. Bg7+ Kf7 36. Bh6 Rg8 37. Rxg8 Kxg8 38. Kf2 Kf7 39. Bd2 Bc6 40. Kf3 Kf6 41. g4 b5 42. g5+ Kf7 43. Bc3 Black resigns

Round 4: Roush-Griffith and Saville-Dickerson were the top two boards. John beat Donald to achieve 4-0 status. However, the Saville-Dickerson affair was adjourned with Dickerson holding the edge of a few pawns. Olson lost to Feldstein, knocking him out of the running. We may need to wait for the adjourned game to declare a champion.

John Roush Wins Again! Takes the 1997 U. S. Amateur South Championship

John Roush (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. O-O-O Be6 10. Nxe6 fxe6 11. g3 Rc8 12. Bh3 Qd7 13. Nd5 Ne5 14. Nf4 Qb5 15. Bxe6+ Kh8 16. Qe2 Qa5 17. Bb3 Nfd7 18. Bd2 Qb6 19. Nd5 Qd8 20. f4 Nc6 21. Bc3 Nc5 22. Bxg7+ Kxg7 23. Qe3 a5 24. Kb1 b5 25. Nc3 a4 26. Bd5 Qb6 27. Bxc6 Rxc6 28. Qd4+ Kg8 29. Nd5 Qb7 30. Nxe7+ Qxe7 31. Qd5+ Kh8 32. Qxc6 Nxe4 33. Qd5 a3 34. Qd4+ Kg8 35. Qd5+ Kg7 36. Qd4+ Kg8 37. bxa3 Rc8 38. Rhe1 Re8 39. Rxe4 Qxe4 40. Qxe4 Rxe4 41. Rxd6 Re2 42. Rb6 Rxh2 43. Rxb5 Rg2 44. Rb3 Kf7 45. a4 Ke6 46. Rd3 Re2 47. a5 Re4 48. Ra3 Rb4+ 49. Kc1 h5 50. a6 Rb8 51. a7 Ra8 52. Kd2 Kd5 53. Ra6 Ke4 54. Ke2 h4 55. Ra4+ Kf5 56. gxh4 Kg4 57. Kf2 Kxh4 58. Kf3 Kh5 59. Kg3 Kh6 60. Kg4 Kg7 61. Kg5 Kf7 62. Ra6 Black resigns

Jerry Skeen (A) - Jim Walker (X), Round 4
1. Nf3 d6 2. g3 Bg4 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. O-O Qd7 5. Nc3 g6 6. d4 Bg7 7. Be3 Nh6 8. a3 Nf5 9. d5 Ne5 10. Nxe5 Bxe5 11. Qd3 Nxe3 12. Qxe3 O-O 13. f3 Bf5 14. Qd2 Bh3 15. e4 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 Rac8 17. Nd1 c6 18. c4 cxd5 19. cxd5 Rc7 20. Rc1 Rxc1 21. Qxc1 Rc8 22. Qd2 Qb5 23. Rf2 Qc5 24. Re2 Bg7 25. Nf2 Qb5 26. Nd3 a5 27. h4 h5 28. Nf2 b6 29. Kh3 Rc4 30. Nd1 a4 31. Qd3 Qb3 32. Re3 Qxd3 33. Rxd3 Rc2 34. b3 b5 35. bxa4 bxa4 36. f4 Rc1 37. Kg2 Rb1 38. Kf3 f5 39. Ke3 fxe4 40. Kxe4 Kf7 41. f5 Rb3 42. fxg6+ Kxg6 43. Rxb3 axb3 44. Kd3 Kf7 45. Nc3 Be5 46. Ne2 e6 47. dxe6+ Kxe6 48. a4 d5 49. a5 b2 50. Kc2 d4 51. Kxb2 d3+ 52. Kc1 dxe2 53. Kd2 Kf5 54. Kxe2 Kg4 55. Kf2 Kh3 56. Kg1 Bd4+ 57. Kh1 Bc5 58. a6 Ba7 59. g4 hxg4 60. White resigns

Round 5: The Board 1 show was former TN champ Dickerson against former WV champ Roush. A drawn result left Roush at 4½ and Dickerson with 3½ pending the outcome of the adjourned game. Unfortunately, David Saville was involved in long, L-O-N-G game with Feldstein. Dickerson waited patiently for the game to end, but it just kept going. John went home for a while knowing the final results were not close to being determined. After a seven hour struggle, Saville kept his chances alive by defeating Feldstein. At 10pm and with little time to rest, the adjourned game was restarted. If Saville could hold the draw, he would tie Roush for first, if not, Dickerson would have the honor. After only a few moves, Saville resigned. It appeared that he could have played on with stalemate and perpetual threats to aid his cause, but he was clearly exhausted from the previous game and the potential to be

playing all hours of the night down a few pawns did not excite him.

Leonard Dickerson (X) - John Roush (X), Round 5
London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bf4 c5 4. e3 Qb6 5. Nc3 cxd4 6. exd4 Bb4 7. Bd3 Nc6 8. a3 Be7 9. Na4 Qa5+ 10. c3 d5 11. O-O Bd7 12. Nc5 Bxc5 13. dxc5 O-O 14. Qc2 Ne7 15. Rfb1 Bc6 16. b4 Qd8 17. a4 Ng6 18. Bd6 Re8 19. a5 a6 20. Re1 Ne4 21. Bxe4 dxe4 22. Nd2 f5 23. f3 exf3 24. Nxf3 Qf6 25. Qf2 Rad8 26. Rad1 h6 27. c4 Be4 28. Nd2 Bc6 29. Nf3 Be4 30. Nd2 Bc6 31. Drawn

Donald Griffith (X) - Ralph Mikell (A), Round 5
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O 9. O-O-O d5 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. Bd4 e5 13. Be5 Be6 14. Ne4 Re8 15. h4 h6 16. Bc4 Qc7 17. h5 g5 18. Nxc6 hxc6 19. Qxc6 Qd8 20. Qg3 Kh8 21. h6 Bf6 22. Qe1 Bf5 23. g4 Bg6 24. Kb1 a5 25. Bd3 Bxd3 26. Rxd3 Qb8 27. Qe4 Qb5 28. Ba3 Ne7 29. c4 Qa4 30. Bd6 Ng6 31. Ra3 Qxa3 32. Bxa3 Re6 33. Rd1 Rd8 34. Rxd8+ Bxd8 35. Qd3 Bg5 36. Qd7 Rf6 37. Be7 Nxe7 38. Qxe7 Kh7 39. Qxe5 Kxh6 40. Qxa5 Rxf3 41. Qc5 Rf6 42. a4 Kg6 43. a5 Rf1+ 44. Kc2 Rc1+ 45. Kb3 Ra1 46. Qxc6+ f6 47. a6 Bf4 48. Qe4+ Kg5 49. Qf5+ Kh4 50. Qxf4 Rxa6 51. g5+ Black resigns

Pat Kelly (A) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 5
Pirc Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 d6 3. f4 Bg7 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 Nf6 6. Nc3 O-O 7. Be3 Re8 8. Qd2 b6 9. h3 Bc8 10. Bb5 c6 11. Bd3 Bb7 12. O-O-O Qc7 13. Rhf1 c5 14. e5 Nd5 15. Nxd5 Bxd5 16. Bb5 Bc6 17. Bxc6 Nxc6 18. dxc5 bxc5 19. exd6 Qb6 20. c3 exd6 21. Rfe1 Rad8 22. Bf2 Rxe1 23. Rxe1 a5 24. Bh4 Rb8 25. Re2 Qc7 26. Ng5 a4 27. Ne4 a3 28. b3 c4 29. Nf6+ Bxf6 30. Bxf6 cxb3 31. axb3 Na5 32. Qa2 Qb6 33. b4 Qg1+ 34. Kc2 Qf1 35. Kd3 Drawn

Nicholas Barber (A) - Steve Charles (A), Round 5
King's Indian Attack

1. e4 Nf6 2. d3 d6 3. Nd2 g6 4. Ngf3 Bg7 5. g3 O-O 6. Bg2 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. Re1 Bg4 9. h3 Bd7 10. Nc4 Re8 11. Ne3 Ne7 12. Nh2 Qc8 13. Nhg4 Nxg4 14. hxg4 Bh6 15. Bf3 Kg7 16. Kg2 Bxe3 17. Bxe3 h6 18. Rh1 Rh8 19. d4 g5 20. Rh5 Ng6 21. Qe2 exd4 22. Bxd4+ f6 23. Rahl Ne5 24. Bxe5 fxe5 25. Qd2 Kg6 26. Qd1 Bc6 27. Qd3 Qe6 28. c4 Kg7 29. Be2 a6 30. Rc1 b6 31. f3 Bb7 32. Bd1 a5 33. a3 Rhf8 34. Bb3 Qg6 35. Rhh1 Rad8 36. Rcd1 Bc6 37. Qc2 Qf6 38. Rdf1 Qg6 39. Ba4 Bb7 40. Qe2 Rf6 41. Bc2 Rdf8

Games from the Reserve Section, U.S. Amateur South

42. Bd3 Qe8 43. b3 Qc6 44. Qe3 Re8 45. Be2 Qd7 46. Rd1 Qf7 47. Qd3 Qd7 48. Qe3 Qe7 49. Rhf1 Qf7 50. Rh1 Qg6 51. Rd2 Qf7 52. Qd3 Drawn

David Olson (B) - Gary Hardin (X), Round 5

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 c5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. O-O O-O 7. d4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 a6 9. Bf4 Qb6 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. Na4 Qa5 12. Rb1 e5 13. Be3 Rb8 14. Bc5 Re8 15. b4 Qd8 16. Bd6 Ra8 17. b5 axb5 18. cxb5 Qa5 19. bxc6 Qxa4 20. cxd7 Bxd7 21. Bxa8 Qxa8 22. f3 e4 23. fxe4 Qxe4 24. Qd3 Qxe2 25. Qxe2 Rxe2 26. Rfe1 Rxe1+ 27. Rxe1 Ng4 28. Re4 f5 29. Rb4 Kf7 30. h3 Ne5 31. Bxe5 Bxe5 32. Kf2 Ke6 33. a4 Kd5 34. a5 Kc5 35. Rb7 Bd4+ 36. Ke2 Bb5+ 37. Kd2 h5 38. Rb6 Bc6 39. Rb8 Be5 40. Rg8 f4 41. gxf4 Bxf4+ 42. Ke2 g5 43. a6 Bb5+ 44. Kf3 Bxa6 45. Rh8 Bb7+ 46. Kf2 h4 47. Rg8 Bd5 48. Rg7 Kd4 49. Rg6 Ke4 50. Rg7 Bg3+ 51. Kg1 Kf4 52. Rg6 Be4 53. Rg7 Be1 54. Kh2 Bc3 55. Rg8 Be5 56. Rf8+ Ke3+ 57. Kg1 Bf4 58. Rc8 Kf3 59. Rc3+ Be3+ 60. Kf1 Bf5 61. Rc6 Bxh3+ 62. Ke1 Bg4 63. Kf1 Bf5 64. Rf6 Kg4 65. Kg2 Be4+ 66. Kh2 Bf4+ 67. Kg1 Kg3 68. Re6 Bf3 69. Re7 h3 70. Rh7 h2+ 71. White resigns

Richard Sheppard (B) - Warren Lohr (A), Round 5

Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Nd5 Be7 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Be2 O-O 12. O-O Bg5 13. c3 Ne7 14. Nc2 Nxd5 15. exd5 f5 16. Nb4 Bb7 17. Nc6 Qb6 18. a4 Bxc6 19. dxc6 Qxc6 20. axb5 axb5 21. Qb3+ Kh8 22. Bxb5 Rab8 23. c4 Qc5 24. Rfd1 Ra8 25. Qd3 e4 26. Rxa8 Rxa8 27. Qb1 Qb4 28. b3 Bf6 29. Ba4 Be5 30. Qc1 h6 31. Qd2 Qb6 32. Qd5 Rf8 33. c5 Qxc5 34. Qxc5 dxc5 35. Rd5 Bd4 36. Kf1 g6 37. Rd7 Ra8 38. Ke2 Kg8 39. h3 Ra6 40. Ke1 Kf8 41. Ke2 f4 42. f3 exf3+ 43. Kxf3 g5 44. Kg4 Rb6 45. Rc7 Rf6 46. Bc6 Be5 47. Rc8+ Kg7 48. Bd5 Bd4 49. Drawn

The prizes were as follows: John Roush (1st) on tiebreaks over Dickerson (2nd). Donald Griffith (3rd), Saville (4th), and Mark Hathaway (5th) rounded out the top 5. Top A player was TN's Nicholas Barber with DC's Ralph Mikell and OH's Steve Charles in 2nd and 3rd. Mike Baker took class B; Chad Robbins Class C and below.

Reserve Section: The Reserve section had 50+ players and looked to be very competitive. After three rounds, four players had attained perfect 3-0 marks. David Moneypenny and David Michael, both of Beckley and Robert Canary and Gary Morris, both from the Charleston area. Round 4

paired Morris-Canary and Moneypenny-Michael. In both contests Black won, setting up Michael and Canary in the finale. The top seeded Canary was victorious, giving him an unblemished 5-0 mark and the U.S. Amateur South Reserve Championship. The prizes were awarded to Canary (1st), Michael (2nd), Moneypenny (3rd), Eric Berthoud, of PA (4th) and Glenn Donihee (5th). The class winners were Chuck Waugh (C), Andy Nicol (D) and Peter Mauk (E).

David Gargon (C) - Peter Mauk (E), Round 1

Pirc Defense

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. e5 dxe5 6. Nxe5 O-O 7. Bc4 e6 8. Bg5 c6 9. Ne4 Qa5+ 10. Bd2 Qb6 11. Nxf6+ Bxf6 12. Bh6 Rd8 13. Qf3 Qb4+ 14. c3 Qe7 15. Ng4 Bg7 16. h4 f5 17. Bg5 fxg4 18. Bxe7 gxf3 19. Bxd8 fxg2 20. Rg1 Kf7 21. Rxc2 b5 22. Bd3 Nd7 23. h5 Nf8 24. hxg6+ Nxg6 25. Bxg6+ hxg6 26. Ke2 b4 27. Rag1 Ba6+ 28. Ke3 Rxd8 29. Rxc6 Rg8 30. Rxc7+ Rxc7 31. Rxc7+ Kxc7 32. cxb4 Kf6 33. a4 Bc4 34. Kd2 Bb3 35. Kc3 Bxa4 36. Kc4 Ke7 37. b3 Bb5+ 38. Kc5 Kd7 39. f4 Kc7 40. d5 exd5 41. f5 Kd7 42. Kd4 Ke7 43. Ke5 Bd3 44. f6+ Kf7 45. Kd4 Bb5 46. Ke5 Be2 47. Kd6 d4 48. White resigns

David Michael (B) - Andy Nicol (D), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 d6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bb5 a6 6. Bxc6+ bxc6 7. d3 g6 8. O-O Bg7 9. e5 Nd5 10. exd6 exd6 11. Re1+ Ne7 12. Qe2 Bg4 13. h3 Bxf3 14. Qxf3 O-O 15. Ne4 Nf5 16. c3 Re8 17. Bd2 Qb6 18. g4 Nh6 19. Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20. Rxe1 Rd8 21. Nc4 Qc7 22. Ne5 Rc8 23. Qe3 f6 24. Nc4 Qa7 25. Qe6+ Nf7 26. Qxc8+ Bf8 27. Re8 Kg7 28. Rxf8 Nh6 29. Rd8 Black resigns

Bob McLear (D)- Eric Berthoud (B), Round 2

Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. f4 dxe5 5. fxe5 Nc6 6. Bb5 Bd7 7. Nf3 h6 8. Bd2 e6 9. c4 Nb6 10. Nc3 a6 11. Bxc6 Bxc6 12. c5 Nd5 13. O-O Be7 14. Rf2 Qd7 15. a3 b6 16. cxb6 Nxb6 17. Be3 Nc4 18. Qe2 Nxe3 19. Qxe3 Rb8 20. Raf1 O-O 21. Ne4 Bxe4 22. Qxe4 c5 23. g4 Qb7 24. Qf4 cxd4 25. Nxd4 Bg5 26. Qg3 Qe4 27. h4 Be3 28. g5 Bxd4 29. gxh6 Qg6 30. Qg5 Qxg5+ 31. hxg5 Rxb2 32. Kg2 and Black won

Robert Canary (B) - Scott Davis (C), Round 3

Queen's Gambit Declined, Semi-Tarrasch Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e4 c5 4. Nc3 d5 5. Bg5 dxc4 6. e3 cxd4 7. Qxd4 Qxd4 8. Nxd4 Nd5 9. Bxc4 Nxc3 10. bxc3 Bd7 11. Rb1 b6 12. O-O Nc6 13. Rfd1 Be7 14. Bxe7 Kxe7 15. Ba6 e5 16. Nb5 Rad8 17. Bb7 Na5 18. Bd5 Bxb5 19.

Games from the Reserve Section, U.S. Amateur South

Rxb5 Rd6 20. e4 Rhd8 21. Rc1 Nb7 22. Rbb1 Nc5 23. f3 Nd3 24. Rc2 Nf4 25. c4 Rc8 26. c5 Rxc5 27. Rxc5 bxc5 28. Rb7+ Rd7 29. Rxd7+ Kxd7 30. Bxf7 Kc6 31. Bc4 Kb6 32. Kf2 Ka5 33. g3 Ng6 34. Ke3 Kb4 35. Bf7 Ne7 36. f4 exf4+ 37. gxf4 Kc3 38. f5 Nc6 39. h4 c4 40. h5 h6 41. Be6 Ne5 42. Bd5 a5 43. Be6 a4 44. Bd5 a3 45. Be6 Kb2 46. Kd4 Kxa2 47. Kxe5 Kb3 48. Kd4 Black resigns

Mike Holsinger (C) - David Michael (B), Round 3
French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Ne2 dxe4 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Nxc3 Nc6 7. Bb5 Ne7 8. Bg5 Bd7 9. Nxe4 h6 10. Be3 a6 11. Bd3 Nf5 12. Qe2 Nxd4 13. Bxd4 Nxd4 14. Qg4 O-O 15. Ng3 Bb5 16. O-O-O Qg5+ 17. Qxg5 hxg5 18. Be4 Nc6 19. Rd7 Rac8 20. Rhd1 f5 21. Bxc6 Bxc6 22. Re7 Rfe8 23. Rxe8+ Rxe8 24. f3 Kf7 25. Ne2 e5 26. c4 Re7 27. Nc3 Rd7 28. Rxd7+ Bxd7 29. Nd5 c6 30. Nb6 Be6 31. c5 f4 32. Kd2 g4 33. Ke2 gxf3+ 34. Kxf3 Bd5+ 35. Kf2 Be6 36. g3 g5 37. gxf4 gxf4 38. Na4 Kf6 39. Nc3 Kf5 40. White resigns

Eric Berthoud (B) - David Moneypenny (C), Round 3
Queens Gambit, Semi-Slav Variation

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Bf5 5. e3 e6 6. Nh4 Bg4 7. Be2 Bxe2 8. Qxe2 Bb4 9. Bd2 Bxc3 10. bxc3 Ne4 11. Nf3 Nd7 12. cxd5 cxd5 13. Qb5 Qb6 14. Rb1 Rc8 15. Qxb6 Nxb6 16. Rb3 Rc7 17. Ke2 Nc4 18. Rc1 O-O 19. Rc2 Rfc8 20. Be1 b5 21. Kd3 a6 22. Nd2 Nxd2 23. Bxd2 Nxf2+ 24. Ke2 Ne4 25. a3 g5 26. Be1 h5 27. Kd3 Kg7 28. h3 Kg6 29. g4 hxg4 30. hxg4 Rh8 31. Rg2 f5 32. gxf5+ exf5 33. Rbb2 Rh3 34. Rh2 Rxh2 35. Rxh2 Rh7 36. Ra2 Rh1 37. Re2 g4 38. Bf2 Rh2 39. Be1 Rxe2 40. Kxe2 Kg5 41. Kf1 Nd6 42. Bd2 Kf6 43. Kg2 Nc4 44. Bc1 Ke6 45. Kg3 Kd6 46. Kf4 Ke6 47. Kg3 Nb6 48. Bd2 Na4 49. Kf4 Nb6 50. Kg3 Nc4 51. Bc1 Kd7 52. Kf4 Kc6 53. Kg3 Kb6 54. e4 dxe4 55. d5 Kc5 56. d6 Kxd6 57. Bh6 Kd5 58. Bf8 e3 59. Kg2 Ke4 and Black won

Sam Rhodes (D) - Gary Morris (C), Round 3
Modern Defense

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. e4 d6 4. c4 c6 5. Be3 Bg4 6. Be2 Nd7 7. Nc3 Qa5 8. O-O Bxf3 9. Bxf3 Ngf6 10. Qd2 O-O 11. Bh6 Bxh6 12. Qxh6 Qb4 13. Qd2 Qxc4 14. Rac1 Qb4 15. Rfd1 Qa5 16. b3 Rad8 17. Ne2 Qxd2 18. Rxd2 e5 19. Rcd1 d5 20. dxe5 Nxe5 21. Nc3 Nxf3+ 22. gxf3 Rfe8 23. exd5 cxd5 24. Nxd5 Rxd5 25. Rxd5 Nxd5 26. Rxd5 Re7 27. b4 Kg7 28. a3 Kf6 29. Kg2 Ke6 30. Rc5 Kd6 31. h3 Rc7 32. Rxc7 Kxc7 33. Kg3 Kc6 34. Kf4 Kb5 35. Ke5 Ka4 36. Kd5 Kxa3 37. Kc5 Ka4 38. b5 Ka5 39. f4 f5 40. h4 h5 41. f3 b6+ 42. Kc4 Ka4 43. White resigns

Gary Morris (C) - Robert Canary (B), Round 4
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Nf3 d4 5. Nbd2 Nc6 6. a4 Nge7 7. Nc4 Nd5 8. Bg5 Qc7 9. Qe2 h6 10. Bh4 Na5 11. Nfd2 Nxc4 12. Nxc4 Nb6 13. Nd2 Nd5 14. Nc4 b6 15. Bg3 Bb7 16. Nd6+ Bxd6 17. exd6 Qd7 18. Qe5 f6 19. Qh5+ Kf8 20. Be2 e5 21. O-O Qxd6 22. Rae1 Qe7 23. f4 exf4 24. Bf3 Qf7 25. Qxf7+ Kxf7 26. Bxd5+ Bxd5 27. Bxf4 Rhe8 28. Kf2 g5 29. Bg3 a6 30. h4 b5 31. hxg5 hxg5 32. a5 Re3 33. Bd6 c4 34. dxc4 bxc4 35. Bc5 Rae8 36. Rxe3 dxe3+ 37. Bxe3 Bxg2 38. Rd1 Bc6 39. Rd6 Bb5 40. c3 Re6 41. Rd1 Kg6 42. Kf3 Bc6+ 43. Kf2 Kf5 44. Rd4 Bb5 45. Rd5+ Kg4 46. Rd4+ Kh5 47. Kf3 f5 48. Rd5 Bc6 49. Bxg5 Kxg5 50. White lost on time.

David Moneypenny (C) - David Michael (B), Round 4
French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. Bd3 Ne7 6. O-O Bg4 7. c3 c6 8. Re1 Nd7 9. Nbd2 Qc7 10. h3 Bh5 11. b4 Bg6 12. Nb3 Nf6 13. Qc2 Bxd3 14. Qxd3 Ne4 15. Ng5 f5 16. Ne6 Qd7 17. Nxe7+ Kf7 18. Nh5 Rag8 19. Bf4 Ng6 20. Bxd6 Qxd6 21. Ng3 Nh4 22. Kf1 Nxe3+ 23. fxe3 Rxe3 24. Re3 Qf4+ 25. Ke2 Rxe3+ 26. White resigns

David Michael (B) - Robert Canary (B), Round 5
French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Qd7 5. Nf3 b6 6. Bd3 Ba6 7. O-O Ne7 8. Qe2 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 c4 10. Qc2 Nbc6 11. Re1 h6 12. Nbd2 b5 13. Nf1 b4 14. Ne3 a5 15. Qa4 Nxe5 16. Qd1 Nxf3+ 17. Qxf3 Rc8 18. Ng4 Ng6 19. Ne3 Be7 20. g3 O-O 21. Qh5 Kh7 22. Ng4 Rh8 23. h4 Rc6 24. Re3 Rb6 25. Rf3 Qe8 26. Bg5 Kg8 27. Bf4 Kh7 28. Be5 Nxe5 29. Nxe5 f6 30. Qxe8 Rxe8 31. Ng4 Bd6 32. Rxf6 h5 33. Rh6+ gxh6 34. Nf6+ Kg6 35. Nxe8 Bb8 36. Re1 Kf7 37. Re3 Kxe8 38. f4 Kf7 39. Re2 Kf6 40. Kg2 bxc3 41. bxc3 a4 42. Kf2 a3 and Black eventually won.

The attendance for the event totaled 87 players which made all of us, especially John Kay ecstatic. There were no problems and people complimented the staff on how well the tourney was run. TD Jim Meyer handled everything like the pro he is, and was assisted by Mike Baker and John Kay. Last time I spoke with John, he was finishing the proposal for the 1998 U.S. Amateur South. With more time to prepare and publicize the event, a goal of 100 players might come true. The decision from USCF is due in the next few months. So perhaps, we will see you again in Charleston next Memorial Day weekend.

MI's LaForge Wins the 1997 U. S. Amateur Championship

Thomas LaForge, of Wyandotte, MI was the winner of the 1997 U. S. Amateur Championship contested on the Internet, hosted by the Internet Chess Club (ICC) on June 14. LaForge scored a win and two draws to claim the title. WV's John Roush made a good showing, tying for second with Michael Reading (Mesa, AZ) at 1½ points. East champ, 12 year old Matthew Traldi (Easton, PA) finished with one point.

Round 1:

Thomas LaForge (MI) - Michael Reading (AZ),
Pirc Defense, Classical System

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be2 O-O
6. O-O Na6 7. h3 c5 8. d5 Nc7 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bh4 g5
11. Bg3 b5 12. e5 dxe5 13. Bxe5 b4 14. Na4 Ncxd5 15.
Nxc5 Qb6 16. Na4 Qa5 17. c4 Bd7 18. cxd5 Bxa4 19.
Qe1 Nxd5 20. Bxg7 Kxg7 21. Be4 Nb6 22. Bd3 Rad8
23. Qe4 Rh8 24. Ne5 Qd5 25. Rfe1 Qxe4 26. Bxe4
Rd2 27. b3 Bb5 28. Bc6 Bxc6 29. Nxc6 e6 30. Nxb4
Rc8 31. Rac1 Rxc1 32. Rxc1 a5 33. Rc6 Nd7 34. Nc2
Ne5 35. Rc7 Nd3 36. Nd4 Rxa2 37. Nxe6+ Kf6 38.
Nd8 Kg6 39. Rxf7 Rb2 40. Ra7 Rxb3 41. Rxa5 Rb1+
42. Kh2 Nxf2 43. Ra6+ Kh7 44. Nf7 Kg7 45. Nxb6
Ne4 46. Nf5+ Kf7 47. Nd6+ Nxd6 48. Rxd6 Rb3 49.
Ra6 Kg7 50. Kg1 Rb2 51. Kh2 Rb3 52. Kg1 Rb2 53.
Kh2 Rb3 54. Drawn by repetition

John Roush (WV) - Matthew Traldi (PA),
Pirc Defense, Sveshnikov System

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 O-O 6.
Nge2 Nbd7 7. O-O c5 8. h3 Rb8 9. a4 b6 10. Be3 Bb7
11. Kh2 cxd4 12. Nxd4 Nc5 13. f3 Nfd7 14. Qe2 a6 15.
Rad1 e5 16. Nb3 Nxb3 17. cxb3 Qe7 18. Qd2 Rfd8
19. Qxd6 Qxd6 20. Rxd6 Bf8 21. Rd2 Nc5 22. Rfd1
Rxd2 23. Rxd2 Nxb3 24. Rd1 Bc5 25. Bxc5 bxc5 26.
Rd6 Nd4 27. Rb6 Nc6 28. Nd5 Kf8 29. Bf1 Ke8 30.
Be4 Kd7 31. b3 f5 32. Kg2 fxe4 33. fxe4 h6 34. Nf6+
Kc7 35. Nd5+ Kd7 36. h4 h5 37. g4 hxg4 38. Kg3 Bc8
39. Rxb8 Nxb8 40. Nb6+ Kc7 41. Nxc8 Kxc8 42. Kxg4
Kd8 43. Kg5 a5 44. Kxg6 Nc6 45. h5 Ke8 46. Bb5
Black resigns

Round 2:

Matthew Traldi (PA) - Thomas LaForge (MI),
French Defense, Tartakower Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e5 Ne4
6. Bxe7 Nxc3 7. Bxd8 Nxd1 8. Bxc7 Nxb2 9. Rb1 Nc4
10. Bxc4 dxc4 11. Rb4 Na6 12. Rxc4 b5 13. Rc3 b4 14.

Rc4 Bb7 15. Nf3 Rc8 16. Nd2 Rxc7 17. Rxc7 Nxc7 18.
Nc4 Ke7 19. O-O Ba6 20. White resigns

Michael Reading (AZ) - John Roush (WV)
Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6
6. f3 Be7 7. Be3 a6 8. Qd2 b5 9. g4 Bb7 10. g5 Nfd7
11. O-O-O Qc7 12. Kb1 Nc6 13. h4 O-O-O 14. Bxb5
Nde5 15. Nxc6 Nxc6 16. Be2 Qa5 17. Qe1 Kb8 18.
Qf2 Qc7 19. Bb6 Qc8 20. Bxd8 Rxd8 21. f4 Nb4 22.
Qb6 d5 23. exd5 exd5 24. a3 Nxc2 25. Kxc2 d4 26.
Bxa6 Rd7 27. Rxd4 Rxd4 28. Qxd4 Bxa6 29. Rd1
Qf5+ 30. Qe4 Black resigns

Round 3:

John Roush (WV) - Thomas LaForge (MI)
French Defense, Advance Euwe Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Bd7 5. Nf3 Nc6
6. dxc5 Qc7 7. b4 Nxe5 8. Nd4 Nf6 9. Be2 Be7 10. Be3
O-O 11. O-O b6 12. exb6 axb6 13. Re1 Rfc8 14. h3
Ne4 15. Bd2 Nc4 16. Bxc4 Qxc4 17. a3 Bf6 18. Nf3
Nxc3 19. Nxc3 Bxc3 20. Bxc3 Qxc3 21. Re3 Qc2 22.
Qd4 Qc7 23. Ne5 f6 24. Nxd7 Qxd7 25. Qxb6 e5 26.
Rg3 Rc6 27. Qe3 Kh8 28. Qb3 d4 29. b5 Rb6 30. Rb1
e4 31. Qb4 f5 32. a4 d3 33. Re3 Rab8 34. Rd1 Qd6 35.
Qxd6 Rxd6 36. f3 Rd4 37. g4 g6 38. gxf5 gxf5 39. fxe4
fxe4 40. Ra1 d2 41. Rd1 Rc8 42. Kf2 Rxa4 43. Rxd2
Rb4 44. Rde2 Rb8 45. Rxe4 Rxe4 46. Rxe4 Rxb5 47.
Kf3 Drawn

Michael Reading (AZ) - Matthew Traldi (PA)

Pirc Defense, Austrian Attack, Dragon Formation

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. f4 Bg7 5. Nf3 c5 6.
Bb5+ Bd7 7. e5 Ng4 8. e6 fxe6 9. Ng5 Bxb5 10. Nxe6
Bxd4 11. Nxb5 Qa5+ 12. c3 Bf2+ 13. Kd2 Be3+ 14.
Kc2 Qa4+ 15. Kb1 Qe4+ 16. Qc2 Qxc2+ 17. Kxc2
Kd7 18. Nec7 a6 19. Nxa8 axb5 20. a4 Bxc1 21. Kxc1
bxa4 22. Nb6+ Kc6 23. Nc4 b5 24. Nd2 Rf8 25. g3 c4
26. h3 Nf2 27. Rh2 Nd3+ 28. Kc2 Nd7 29. Rf1 Nb6 30.
Rhh1 Nd5 31. Rf3 Rf6 32. b3 axb3+ 33. Nxb3 e5 34.
Nd2 exf4 35. gxf4 Re6 36. Rh2 Ne1+ 37. Kb2 Nxf3 38.
Nxf3 Re3 39. Nd4+ Kc5 40. Ne2 Rd3 41. Kc2 b4 42.
cxb4+ Nxb4+ 43. Kc1 c3 44. f5 Rd2 45. Nxc3 Rxb2
46. f6 Rc2+ 47. Kd1 Rxc3 48. Ke2 Kd5 49. f7 Rc8 50.
Kf3 Rf8 51. Kg4 Rxf7 52. h4 Rf5 53. Kg3 h5 54. Kh3
Nd3 55. Kg3 Rf4 56. Kh3 Rg4 57. Kh2 Ke4 58. Kh3
Kf3 59. Kh2 Rg2+ 60. Kh3 Nf2+ mate

The Postcard by Tom LaBue

The team tourney has been ongoing for about a year now, and the WV entry, the Backward Pawn Blues, is holding its own. We have a good shot for second (out of four), but chances for first place in the section appears bleak. John Roush scored our first victory with this interesting game. White is in trouble early and never recovers.

John Chandler (Thommen's Four) - John Roush (BPB)

1996 Team Tourney, Division 2, Board 1

Polish Opening

Notes by John Roush

1. b4 e5 2. Bb2 Bxb4 Minev referred to this variation as the "Blitzkrieg". It's a "sort of gambit." Instead of material, Black sacs the possibility of White building a big pawn center for free development. 3. Bxe5 Nf6 4. c4 O-O 5. e3 d5 6. cxd5?! ECO recommends 6. Nf3 6...Nxd5 7. Qc1? This move puts White's development farther in arrears. ECO A recommends 7. Nf3 but judges the position -+ after 7...Re8 8. Bb2 Nf4 9. Qc2 Nc6 7...Nc6 8. Bb2 Re8 9. Nc3 Nf4 10. a3 10. Qc2 Nd4 11. Qb1 Bf5 -+ 10...Ba5 I rejected 10... Bf5 because of 11. g3! (11. axb4 Nxb4 12. Ra5 Nbd3+) 11...Nd3+ 12. Bxd3 Bxd3 13. axb4 Nxb4 14. Nge2 Nc2+ 15. Kf1 Nxa1 16. B or Qxa1 or simply 14. Ra5!? 11. Qb1 Nd4 12. Bc1? The threat was 12...Nb3 attacking the rook and the d2 pawn. 12...Bxc3! 13. Ra2 13. dxc3 Bf5 14. Qxb7? Nc2 mate. 13...Bf5 14. Qxb7 Rb8 15. Qxa7 Rb1 16. Kd1 Nb3 17. Ne2 Nxe2 18. Kxe2 18. Bxe2 Rxc1 mate. 18...Nxc1+ 19. Kf3 Be4+ 20. Kg4 h5+ 21. Kxh5 Re5+ 22. Kg4 Qg5+ 23. Kh3 Bf5+ 24. White resigns in view of 24. g4 Qxg4 mate. The swarm of Black pieces must have been a nightmare for my opponent. One can expect drastic consequences when one makes mistakes when one is already way behind in development. However, the king hunt that developed in this game looks like something from the 1850's!

Here is another game from the team tourney that has recently finished, however, not with as favorable a result.

Tom LaBue (PBP) - Len Thomas (Thomas' Four)

Dutch Defense, Leningrad Variation

Notes by Tom LaBue

1. d4 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nf3 d6 6. O-O O-O 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. d5 Ne5 9. Nxe5 dxe5 10. Qb3 e4 11. Be3!? I fretted for days over this move, thinking that I would need to lose tempo by moving this bishop to cover. Len told me later on that he thought that this was a good move and that White was better here. 11...Ng4 12. Bf4 e5 13. dxe6 Bxe6 14. Rad1 At this point, I felt better about my position. My biggest worry was not to let Black's kingside pawns batter my position. 14...Qe7 15. Rd2? Overlooking Black's 15th. Certainly 15. Bc1 followed by Rd2 and then doubling the rooks was better, even though there might be other moves playable. 15...g5! 16. Be3 Nxe3 17. fxe3 c6! At this point here, I was toast. My knight had no good squares in sight and the c-pawn was very weak. 18. Qa4 Qc5 19. Nd1 Qxc4 20. Qxc4 Bxc4 21. b3 Be6 22. Nf2 g4 23. Rfd1 Bh6 24. Rd6 Rae8 25. Kh1 Bxe3 26. Nxxg4 fxxg4 27. Bxe4 and White resigned.

Markle Butcher is currently 2-1, with a pair of forfeit wins against Jesse Murrell (Knight's Out) and a loss to Russ Haag (Thomas' Four). Byron Funkhouser is 0-1, losing to Jim Erskine (Thomas' Four). Len Thomas reported to me that Erskine is now 5-0 on board 4, with only a game ongoing against Byron. The results that I have gathered so far have Thomas' Four with 9 points (9 out of 9!), BPB 3, Thommen's Four 2 and Knight's Out with 0.

The 1997 WV Postal Championship has started with two sections. The Open Section consists of Scott Carmichael, currently the highest rated WV Postal player, John Roush, Jason Rihel, Markle Butcher, Guido Steuber (CO); all of whom are rated 2000+, myself and former WV expert, Carl Kiser, who now resides in Florida. Carl and Guido are ineligible to win the title of State Champ, but can win money if they finish first. The Reserve section also looks to be quite a battle. Eight participants including Byron Funkhouser, Sefus Ellis, Tim Goan, Mike Baker, Marc Abraham, Peter Mauk, Jim Flesher and Willian Widener.

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