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Pat Kelly Triumphant at the WV State Championship Tourney Jim Walker, David Saville, David Olson, Sefus Ellis and Mike Turner share state title

After the maelstrom that followed last year's West Virginia State Championship, we were all hoping that this tourney would be remembered for something positive. Pat Kelly will surely remember this year's event as he finished with five wins (beating David Saville and Donald Griffith) and one draw (with Jim Walker) to finish outright in first place. As Pat no longer lives in WV, the 1986 Champion had to be content with his first place payout and his outstanding play. With the state title still up for grabs, a wild scramble ensued in the final round. A five way tie among the state residents, led by experts Jim Walker (his second consecutive) and David Saville. B class players Sefus Ellis, Mike Turner and David Olson also played well; each scoring 4½ to get their name on the new championship trophy.

This is only the second time that five have tied for the State Championship. The lone occurrence took place in 1955 where the Big 5 battered each other: Dr. Seigfried Werthammer, Donald Burdick, John Hurt, Jr., Allen DuVall and Charles Morgan.

Back to the present... Pat took the lead with victories in the third and fourth rounds over Tom LaBue and Saville. The Saville game was especially interesting. Pat walked away with 4-0 mark and alone in first place. After the Walker draw in round five, a Griffith-Kelly matchup was set for the final round. Pat was able to pick off a piece in a wild Sicilian and won quickly.

With Donald Griffith finishing at four, the Saville-Walker and Turner-Markovitz games would have great bearing in determining the winner(s). Mike and Neil drew leaving Mike in the clubhouse with 4½. Dave Olson finished off Robert Canary and Sefus Ellis held on to defeat Markle Butcher. Now Dave and Sefus were

also sitting with 4½. A winner in the Saville-Walker match could still finish at five and take the title outright. David Saville appeared to have an advantage throughout the game, but Jim fought gamely and was able to obtain a draw.

The tourney was ably directed by National TD John Kay. John has directed many events in West Virginia over the last few years. Unfortunately, this event was one of John's last for the time being. I don't think John could have written a better scenario than for his good friend and fellow Parkersburg organizer Pat Kelly, to win the event.

Other prize winners were:

A class: 1st - Mike Richardson (Spencer) with 4
2nd - Jim Gikas (Wheeling) at 3½

B class: 1st - Mike Turner (Hinton)
2nd - Sefus Ellis (Charleston)

C class: 1st - Chuck Waugh (St. Albans) and
Tim Goan (Williamson) with 4

D class: 1st - John W. Malutich (Wolf Summit) and
Nathan Gundlach (Ohio) at 3½

E/Unrated: 1st - Joe Meadows (MacArthur) with 3½
2nd - Nathan Stark (Palestine, WV) at 2½

WV Junior Champion - David Olson (Charleston)

WV Scholastic Champion - Marc Abraham (Glen Dale)

Upset prize: Nathan Gundlach

The winner of the WV Quick Chess Championship was David Saville who breezed through with a spotless 4-0 mark. David Olson finished second with 3. The WBCA-rated Blitz Championship was taken by Jim Walker, who was miles ahead of the field. The Bughouse tourney winners were Marc Abraham and Joe Meadows as they bested the Dave Olson-LaBue and Kay-Butcher teams handily.

Upcoming Events in West Virginia

December 19, 1998: Beckley Christmas Open

4-SS, G/75, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W

Site: Country Inn & Suites Hotel,

2120 Harper Road, Beckley, WV;

Exit 44, Intersection of I-77 and I-64

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

EF: \$25 \$\$: Prizes b/entries, 75% EF returned

Info: Michael Turner, New River Valley Chess Club

P. O. Box 162, Hinton, WV 25951

Phone: 304-466-7110

Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:30-1:45-3:00 (if needed)

EF: \$8 if received by December 7, \$10 at the door

Prizes: Trophies to: top 2 per section, top 3 players per grade,

top 2 teams per section (4-8 members per team,

only top 4 scores count)

Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,

Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771

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Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

January 30, 1999: Taylor Books Winter Grand Prix

4-SS, G/80, (G/75-5 sec delay), NS, NC, W

Novag Grand Prix - 6 GPP, WV Grand Prix

Site: Taylor Books, 226 Capitol Street,

Charleston, WV 25301

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

EF: \$20, U18 \$10, \$5 discount to Charleston CC members.

\$\$: Guaranteed - 200-100, U1600: 75-50

(larger and additional prizes based on entry)

Info: Jim Olson Phone: 304-776-4274

E-mail: olson@zoomnet.net

January 9, 1999: January Harrison County Scholastic Site:

Nutter Fort Elementary School,

1302 Buckhannon Pike, Clarksburg, WV 26301

4 or 5 round Swiss event (b/players), G/30

Sections: K-2, Grades 2-4, Grades 3-6, Grades 5-12

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am, Opening Comments: 9:45am

Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:30-1:45-3:00 (if needed)

EF: \$8 if received by January 4, \$10 at the door

Prizes: Trophies to: top 2 per section, top 3 players per grade,

top 2 teams per section (4-8 members per team,

only top 4 scores count)

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Other Upcoming Events

March - WVCA State Action Champ. - Charleston

April 24-25 - Taylor Books Charleston Grand Prix

Scholastic Chess Events

November 14, 1998: Nov. Harrison County Scholastic

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School

1302 Buckhannon Pike, Clarksburg, WV 26301

4 or 5 round Swiss event (b/players), G/30

Sections: K-2, Grades 2-4, Grades 3-6, Grades 5-12

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am, Opening Comments: 9:45am

Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:30-1:45-3:00 (if needed)

EF: \$8 if received by November 9, \$10 at the door

Prizes: Trophies to: top 2 per section, top 3 players per grade,

top 2 teams per section (4-8 members per team,

only top 4 scores count)

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February 13, 1999: Feb. Harrison County Scholastic

Nutter Fort Elementary School,

1302 Buckhannon Pike, Clarksburg, WV 26301

4 or 5 round Swiss event (b/players), G/30

Sections: K-2, Grades 2-4, Grades 3-6, Grades 5-12

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am, Opening Comments: 9:45am

Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:30-1:45-3:00 (if needed)

EF: \$8 if received by February 8, \$10 at the door

Prizes: Trophies to: top 2 per section, top 3 players per grade,

top 2 teams per section (4-8 members per team,

only top 4 scores count)

Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,

Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771

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Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

March 13, 1999: March Harrison County Scholastic

May 8, 1999: May Harrison County Scholastic

Same info as above.

December 12, 1998: December Harrison County Scholastic

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School

1302 Buckhannon Pike, Clarksburg, WV 26301

4 or 5 round Swiss event (b/players), G/30

Sections: K-2, Grades 2-4, Grades 3-6, Grades 5-12

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am, Opening Comments: 9:45am

Send all tourney announcements, results, and comments:

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The Champs speak for themselves (or at least the ones who wanted to talk)

I usually try to get the state tourney winners to give some thoughts or insights on their run through the field. This year with Pat Kelly victorious, we get to have multiple champions this year. It is interesting to note that of the five who tied for the championship, all are first time winners with the exception of Jim Walker.

First, some thoughts from tourney winner Pat Kelly. It's a shame that Pat lives just over the border and could not be awarded the state title. He played very well and very composed in some difficult positions, especially the Saville and Walker games.

I am very happy to have achieved this result. I have been near many times and achieved a tie for the Championship in 1986 (while still living in West Virginia). The competition with such great players as - Don Griffith who not only has been Champion for 9 times I believe, but who has beaten me on many occasions, - Walker, who has to be the best player in WV under time pressure and in trouble at pulling victory from almost any situation, and David Saville whose rating speaks for itself...but who remains calm and focused in stressful positions. It is unfortunate that I did not achieve the result while still in WV. As any player in WV can tell you, though, Winning this tournament is something that we all dream about...

The main thing that helped me was the ability to "see" the board more than I have in the past. My games were not perfect, anything but However, I was able to see the position and the possibilities much better than usual which really helped at times. I also prayed each day that I would continue to be able to see the board. Many players have experienced this feeling. Unfortunately, you never know when it is going to end. I believe my prayers were answered.

The other aspect of this tournament which should especially be considered for the young players is that it is an opportunity at least once a year to see friends you have made in this great game over the years. There are a lot of memories over years of playing.

I want to thank John for another great tournament. I always enjoy playing in tournaments directed by John Kay. He and Joe Ancrile have done a great deal for chess in this area and they deserve special recognition for their efforts. I hope that providence will bring John back to this area in the future. Also, I want to

recognize Tom LaBue's contribution as editor of the WVCA Bulletin which is no easy task. (I did this one year as co-editor with Joe Ancrile) However he has also provided the WVCA with a website and compiled a lot of history of WV Chess on the site. And the rock of WV Chess is Tom Bergquist who I really respect for his continuing devotion to the WVCA for all these years.

I have always wanted the opportunity to have this last paragraph printed and I now have the chance to have it done, since sharing ones thoughts is one of the nice benefits of winning this tournament.

Here are two of Pat's better games from this year's State tourney:

This was one of the better games of the tourney, it was certainly John Kay's favorite. Unfortunately, with both players in time trouble, the moves from the end of the game were not recorded.

David Saville (X) - Pat Kelly (A), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Declined

Comments by Pat Kelly

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e3 h6 6. Bf4 O-O 7. Nf3 c5 8. dxc5 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 Qa5 10. Qb3 Qxc5 11. Bxb8 Rxb8 12. Qb4 Qc7 13. Bd3 e5 14. Nd2 Be6 15. O-O Rfc8 16. Be2 dxc4 17. a4 Nd5 18. Qa3 Nf6 19. Rfb1 Bf5 20. Rb4 Bd3 21. Bf3 e4 22. Bd1 a6 23. a5 Qe5 24. Rc1 Qg5 25. Nf1 Rc5 26. Ra1 Bxf1 27. Kxf1 Nd5 28. Bc2 Nxb4 29. Qxb4 Re8 30. Rc1 Qd5 31. Rd1 Qc6 32. Ba4 What I think actually occurred was that I had to give back the exchange and that the Q's came off the board and I was able to achieve two connected passed pawns which was the decisive factor. Black held on to win after surviving the time scramble.

Pat Kelly (A) - Jim Walker (X), Round 5

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Qd7 5. Bd2 b6 6. Nf3 Ba6 7. Be2 Bxe2 8. Qxe2 Nc6 9. a3 Bf8 10. b4 Nge7 11. Nd1 Nf5 12. c3 h6 13. Ne3 Nfe7 14. O-O Rd8 15. Ne1 g6 16. Nd3 Rc8 17. Rad1 Ng8 18. Qf3 h5 19. h4 Nh6 20. Nf4 Ne7 21. g3 c6 22. Nh3 Nef5 23. Nxf5 Nxf5 24. Bg5 Be7 25. Kg2 Rc7 26. Qf4 Qd8 27. Bxe7 Qxe7 28. Ng5 Kd7 29. Rfe1 Kc8 30. Re2 Kb8 31. Rde1 Rhc8 32. a4 Ka8 33. f3 c5 34. bxc5 bxc5 35. Rb1 cxd4 36. cxd4 Rc2 37. Rb2 Rxe2+ 38. Rxe2 Rc4 39.

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Rd2 Rxa4 40. g4 hxg4 41. fxg4 Nh6 42. Nf3 Ng8 43.
Rc2 Rc4 44. Rf2 Rc7 45. Kh3 Rc3 46. Kg2 Rc7 47.
Kh3 a5 48. Ra2 Ra7 49. Qc1 Qe8 50. Drawn

Next on the podium is Dave Olson. Dave is a junior at Case Western in Cleveland where he is majoring in physics. He was last year's WV Junior champion, which he successfully defended this year.

Dave Olson (B) - Robert Canary (B), Round 6

Notes by Dave Olson

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d6 3. g3 c6 4. Bg2 e5 5. d4 Be7 6. e4 O-O 7. f4 Bg4 8. Nf3 Qc7 9. O-O Nbd7 10. h3 Bxf3 11. Bxf3 Qb6 *This loses at least a pawn. To prevent this, Black should play 11...c5, leaving White with some difficult choices to make about the center.* 12. c5 dxc5 *This loses a piece. I think the best Black can do is 12...Qb4* 13. cxd6 Bxd6 14. dxe5 Bc5+ 15. Kh2 Ne8, *which only loses a pawn.* 13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. fxe5 Ne8 15. Qe2 Nc7 16. Bg4 Qb4 17. Be3 c4 18. a3 Qa5 19. Qxc4 h5 20. Bxh5 Qxe5 21. Bxf7+ Black resigns

David Olson (B) - Neil Markovitz (X), Round 5

English Opening

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 e5 6. d3 Nge7 7. e4 d6 8. Be3 Nd4 9. Bxd4 exd4 10. Nd5 Bg4 11. h3 Bd7 12. O-O O-O 13. Rb1 a5 14. a4 Nc6 15. b3 Be6 16. Qd2 Re8 17. Ne1 Bxd5 18. exd5 Nb4 19. Nf3 Qd7 20. Rfe1 Qf5 21. Rxe8+ Rxe8 22. Re1 Rxe1+ 23. Nxe1 h5 24. Kh2 h4 25. Be4 hxg3+ 26. fxg3 Qf1 27. Bg2 Qf5 28. Be4 Qh5 29. Bf3 Qf5 30. Be4 Qh5 31. Bf3 Bh6 32. Qxb4 axb4 33. Bxh5 gxh5 34. Nf3 Kg7 35. g4 Bf4+ 36. Kg2 hxg4 37. hxg4 f5 38. Drawn

Here are some games from three of the winners: David Saville, Jim Walker, and Mike Turner:

Jim Walker (X) - David Saville (X), Round 6

English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. e4 Nge7 6. Nge2 O-O 7. O-O d6 8. d3 Be6 9. h3 Qd7 10. Kh2 Nd4 11. Nxd4 exd4 12. Ne2 c6 13. f4 f5 14. Qa4 a6 15. Bd2 b5 16. cxb5 axb5 17. Qc2 Rab8 18. Rae1 Rfc8 19. e5 c5 20. exd6 Qxd6 21. a3 Bd5 22. Ng1 Bxg2 23. Kxg2 Nd5 24. Nf3 Qc6 25. Kh2 Re8 26. Ne5 Bxe5 27. fxe5 Re6 28. Re2 Rc8 29. Bg5 Rce8 30. Bf4 Ne3 31. Bxe3 Rxe5 32. Rfe1 Rxe3 33. Rxe3 Rxe3 34. Rxe3 dxe3 35.

Qe2 Qe6 36. Kg2 g5 37. b3 Kf8 38. a4 bxa4 39. bxa4 Ke7 40. Kf3 g4+ 41. hxg4 fxg4+ 42. Kf4 Kf6 43. Qb2+ Kg6 44. Qe2 h5 45. a5 Qd6+ 46. Kxe3 Qxg3+ 47. Kd2 Qf4+ 48. Qe3 Qb4+ 49. Ke2 Qxa5 50. Qe6+ Kg5 51. Qe7+ Kf5 52. Qf7+ Ke5 53. Qxh5+ Kd4 54. Qxg4+ Kc3 55. Qc4+ Kb2 56. d4 Drawn

Mike Taylor (A) - David Saville (X), Round 3

Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd2 c5 5. a3 cxd4 6. Nb5 Bxd2+ 7. Qxd2 d5 8. c5 Ne4 9. Qxd4 Qa5+ 10. Qb4 Qd8 11. Nd6+ Nxd6 12. cxd6 Na6 13. Qc3 O-O 14. e3 Qxd6 15. Nf3 Bd7 16. Bd3 Rac8 17. Qe5 Qxe5 18. Nxe5 Nc5 19. Nxd7 Nxd3+ 20. Kd2 Nxf2 21. Nxf8 Nxb1 22. Nxe6 fxe6 23. Rxh1 Kf7 24. Rf1+ Ke7 25. Rf3 Rf8 26. Rg3 g6 27. Rh3 h5 28. Rg3 Kf6 29. Kd3 e5 30. e4 d4 31. Kc4 Rc8+ 32. Kd5 Rd8+ 33. Kc4 b5+ 34. Kd3 h4 35. Rf3+ Ke6 36. g3 Rh8 37. gxh4 Rxh4 38. h3 g5 39. Rg3 Kf6 40. Rf3+ Rf4 41. Rg3 Kg6 42. Rg4 Rf3+ 43. Kd2 Rxh3 and Black won.

Jim Walker (X) - Mike Turner (B), Round 2

Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 b6 6. Bd3 Bb7 7. f3 d5 8. Ne2 O-O 9. O-O Nbd7 10. Ng3 c5 11. cxd5 exd5 12. Rb1 Re8 13. Rb2 Qc7 14. Rbf2 Nf8 15. Kh1 Ng6 16. Re2 Rad8 17. Nf5 Re6 18. g4 Rde8 19. Rg1 c4 20. Bb1 Nf4 21. Rb2 Nh3 22. Rg3 Nf4 23. h4 g6 24. Rh2 Nd3 25. Bxd3 cxd3 26. Rg1 Kh8 27. Qxd3 gxf5 28. gxf5 Rc6 29. Bd2 Rg8 30. Rg5 Qe7 31. Rhg2 Rcc8 32. Qf1 Rxg5 33. hxg5 Nd7 34. Qf2 Rg8 35. Drawn

Mike Turner (B) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 5

King's Indian Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 d6 4. Bg2 g6 5. Nge2 Bg7 6. d3 e6 7. Be3 Nge7 8. Qd2 O-O 9. Bh6 e5 10. h4 Nd4 11. Bxg7 Kxg7 12. h5 Rh8 13. O-O-O Bg4 14. hxg6 Nxe2+ 15. Nxe2 fxg6 16. Rdf1 Kf7 17. f4 Ke6 18. fxe5 dxe5 19. Nc3 Kd6 20. Qg5 Be6 21. Nb5+ Kd7 22. Qxe5 Qb6 23. Rf6 Raf8 24. Rxe6 Qxe6 25. Bh3 Nf5 26. Qc7+ Ke8 27. exf5 Qe3+ 28. Kb1 Rxf5 29. Bxf5 Qf3 30. Nd6+ Black resigns

Neil Markovitz (X) - Mike Turner (B), Round 6

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 e6 3. Bg2 d5 4. Nf3 Nbd7 5. cxd5 exd5

Games from this year's State Championship

6. O-O Bd6 7. Nc3 O-O 8. d3 h6 9. Qc2 c6 10. b3 Ne5
11. Bb2 Nxf3+ 12. Bxf3 Bh3 13. Rfe1 Qc7 14. Rac1 h5
15. Nb5 Qe7 16. Bxf6 Qxf6 17. Nxd6 Qxd6 18. Bxh5
Qh6 19. Bf3 f5 20. e4 fxe4 21. Drawn

Finally, some games from Sefus Ellis. Sefus made his mark on the second day with a nice win over expert Neil Markovitz and an excellent game against Donald Griffith. This Ellis-Griffith game featured the most talked about position of the tourney.

Neil Markovitz (X) - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 3

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 c6 5. e4 d6 6. d4
Nbd7 7. Nge2 O-O 8. O-O e5 9. d5 c5 10. Bg5 h6 11.
Bd2 Kh7 12. a3 a6 13. b4 h5 14. Na4 b5 15. Nb2 Bh6
16. Bc3 Qb6 17. Nc1 Bb7 18. Nb3 Rfc8 19. Na5 cxb4
20. axb4 Rc7 21. Qf3 Rac8 22. Bh3 Kg7 23. Bxd7
Nxd7 24. c5 dxc5 25. Rfd1 Re8 26. d6 Rcc8 27. bxc5
Rxc5 28. Bb4 Rc2 29. Nd3 f5 30. Nxb7 Qxb7 31. Ne1
fxe4 32. Qa3 Rc6 33. Qb3 Rc4 34. Qa3 Rc6 35. Ng2
Rf8 36. Ne3 Rf3 37. Rdc1 Bxe3 38. fxe3 Qb6 39. Rxc6
Qxc6 40. Rc1 Qd5 41. Qxa6 Rf7 42. Qa3 Nb6 43. Rf1
Rxf1+ 44. Kxf1 Qd3+ 45. Kf2 Qxa3 46. Bxa3 Kf7 47.
Bc5 Nd7 48. Bb4 Ke6 49. g4 Nb6 50. gxh5 gxh5 51.
Kg3 Nd5 52. Bc5 b4 53. Kh4 b3 54. Ba3 Nxe3 55. Kg5
Nc4 56. White resigns

Sefus Ellis (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. c4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Bd3 dxc4 6.
Bxc4 b5 7. Bd3 Nbd7 8. Nf3 Bb7 9. O-O a6 10. b3 c5
11. Bb2 Be7 12. Rc1 O-O 13. Ne5 b4 14. Na4 cxd4 15.
Bxd4 Nxe5 16. Bxe5 Qd5 17. Qf3 Qxf3 18. gxf3 Rfd8
19. Nb6 Ra7 20. Rc7 Bf8 21. Bxf6 gxf6 22. Be4 Bxe4
23. Rxa7 Bxf3 24. Rd7 Rb8 25. Nc4 Rb5 26. h4 Rh5
27. Kh2 Rxh4+ 28. Kg3 Be2 29. Kxh4 Bxf1 30. f4 Kg7
31. Kg3 h5 32. Kf2 Bh3 33. Nd6 Kg6 34. e4 Bh6 35.
f5+ exf5 36. exf5+ Bxf5 37. Nxf5 Kxf5 38. Rxf7 Bd2
39. Ra7 Ke4 40. Rxa6 f5 41. Ke2 Bc3 42. Rh6 f4 43.
Rxb5 f3+ 44. Kf1 Kd3 45. Kf2 Kc2 46. Kxf3 Kb1 47.
Ra5 Bb2 48. a4? *Everyone was analyzing this, and after
much discussion 48. Ke2! proved to be the winning
move. Such a line follows 48. Ke2 Ba3 49. Kd3 Kxa2 50.
Kc4! Kb2 51. Ra4. Once the black b-pawn is gone, it
should be an easy road to travel for White. Sefus
admitted he hadn't seen this line, but he had a long day
of chess on Sunday. 48...bxa3 49. b4 a2 50. Ke4 Bc3 51.
Rxa2 Kxa2 52. b5 Ba5 53. Drawn*

Games from the 1998 WV State Championship

Here are selected games from the rest of the State Championship. Enjoy.

Round 1:

Usually there are a handful of upsets in the first round. This year was no exception with one upset win and three draws. The oddity of the win was that eventual co-champ, David Olson lost and had to fight his way back throughout the tourney.

Dave Olson (B) - James Fuller (B), Round 1

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c5 3. Nf3 d6 4. g3 Nc6 5. Bg2 g6 6. d4
cxd4 7. Nxd4 Bd7 8. O-O Bg7 9. b3 O-O 10. Bb2
Nxd4 11. Qxd4 Bc6 12. Nd5 e5 13. Qd2 Bxd5 14.
Bxd5 Qc7 15. Rfd1 Rad8 16. Qb4 b6 17. Rd2 Kh8 18.
Rad1 Nd7 19. Qb5 Nc5 20. Qc6 Qe7 21. Bg2 e4 22.
Bxg7+ Kxg7 23. e3 f5 24. Rxd6 Nd3 25. Rxd8 Rxd8
26. Bf1 Ne5 27. White resigns

Joe Meadows (E) - Tim Goan (C), Round 1

Scotch Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4
6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. Bd3 O-O 8. O-O Bxc3 9. bxc3 a5 10.
Bg5 d6 11. Qd2 Qe7 12. Rfe1 Qe5 13. f4 Qe7 14. e5
dxe5 15. Rxe5 Qd6 16. Rd1 Nd5 17. c4 f6 18. Re1
fxg5 19. cxd5 gxf4 20. dxc6 Qxc6 21. Be4 Qc5+ 22.
Kh1 Bg4 23. Bxa8 Bxd1 24. Bd5+ Kh8 25. Rxd1 Rd8
26. Qxf4 Rxd5 27. Rxd5 Qxd5 28. Qf8+ Qg8 29.
Qxg8+ Kxg8 30. Kg1 Kf7 31. Kf2 Kf6 32. Kf3 Kf5 33.
h4 h5 34. a4 c5 35. c3 c4 36. g3 g6 37. Ke3 g5 38. Kf3
g4+ 39. Kf2 Ke4 40. Ke2 Kd5 41. Kd2 Drawn

Stephen Statkiewicz (D) - Mike Richardson (B), Rd. 1

Dutch Defense

1. Nf3 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 e6 4. d4 Be7 5. Bf4 d6 6. h3
O-O 7. e3 Qe8 8. Bd3 a5 9. O-O Na6 10. a3 Bd7 11.
Re1 Qh5 12. Be2 Qg6 13. Bg5 Rae8 14. Bh4 Ne4 15.
Bxe7 Rxe7 16. d5 Nxc3 17. bxc3 e5 18. Qb1 Nc5 19.
Nh2 e4 20. Nf1 f4 21. exf4 Bxh3 22. Ng3 Bg4 23. Bxg4
Qxg4 24. Nxe4 Qxf4 25. f3 Nxe4 26. Rxe4 Rxe4 27.
Qxe4 Qxe4 28. fxe4 Re8 29. Re1 Kf7 30. Kf2 Kf6 31.
Ke3 Re5 32. Rf1+ Ke7 33. Kd4 b6 34. Rb1 h5 35. Ke3
g5 36. Rh1 h4 37. Kf3 Kf6 38. g4 Re7 39. Rf1 Rf7 40.
Ke3+ Ke7 41. Rf5 Rxf5 42. exf5 Drawn

Richard Shellenburger (B) - Mike Price (D), Round 1

Queen's Indian Defense

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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. a3 b6 4. Nc3 Bb7 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 O-O 7. Nf3 h6 8. Bh4 c5 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. h3 Be7 11. Bg3 d5 12. Nb5 Nbd7 13. Bd3 Nc5 14. O-O Nxd3 15. Qxd3 dxc4 16. Qxd8 Rfxd8 17. Ne5 a6 18. Nd4 Rac8 19. a4 Bd6 20. Rac1 Bd5 21. f3 Nd7 22. Nxd7 Rxd7 23. Bf2 e5 24. Ne2 b5 25. axb5 axb5 26. Nc3 Bc6 27. e4 Rb8 28. Rfd1 Be7 29. Rxd7 Bxd7 30. Nd5 Bd6 31. Rd1 Be6 32. Nc3 Bc7 33. Kf1 b4 34. Nb1 Ra8 35. Bc5 Rb8 36. Ke2 f6 37. Bd6 Rb7 38. Bc5 Rb8 39. Bd6 Rb7 40. Bc5 Drawn by repetition

Round 2:

Round two took its toll as there were only eight players who had attained a 2-0 score. The largest shot fired this round was by Sefus Ellis, who upended reigning State Champion John Roush. As it turned out, this was the first sign the Sefus was someone to be reckoned with.

Donald Griffith (X) - Allen Mullins (B), Round 2
Scandinavian Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. d4 Qxd5 4. Nc3 Qa5 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. h3 Bh5 7. g4 Bg6 8. Ne5 Nd5 9. Bd2 Nxc3 10. Bxc3 Qd5 11. f3 Nd7 12. Bc4 Qd6 13. Qe2 e6 14. O-O-O Nb6 15. d5 Nxc4 16. Qxc4 O-O-O 17. dxe6 Qxe6 18. Rxd8+ Kxd8 19. Qd4+ Bd6 20. Nxc6 hxg6 21. Qxg7 Bf4+ 22. Kb1 Re8 23. Qd4+ Qd6 24. Qxa7 Qd5 25. Qa8+ Kd7 26. Qa4+ Black resigns

Mike Conley (B) - Neil Markovitz (X), Round 2
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 c5 3. e3 g6 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. dxc5 Qa5 6. Bd2 Qxc5 7. Bd3 O-O 8. Rb1 d5 9. b4 Qd6 10. Nb5 Qd8 11. h3 Re8 12. Bc3 a6 13. Na3 Qc7 14. Be5 Qd8 15. O-O b5 16. Re1 Bb7 17. c3 Nbd7 18. Nc2 Nxe5 19. Nxe5 Ne4 20. Bxe4 Bxe5 21. Bf3 Bxc3 22. Re2 e5 23. g3 Rc8 24. Rb3 Qd7 25. Bg2 d4 26. Bxb7 Qxb7 27. exd4 exd4 28. Rxe8+ Rxe8 29. Nxd4 Bxd4 30. White resigns

Mark Abraham (B) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 2
Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 b6 4. Nf3 Bb7 5. e3 d5 6. Bd2 Be7 7. Bd3 Ne4 8. cxd5 Nxd2 9. Qxd2 exd5 10. O-O Nd7 11. Rac1 O-O 12. a3 c5 13. Bb1 Nf6 14. Ne5 Re8 15. Rfd1 cxd4 16. exd4 Rc8 17. Bf5 Rc7 18. Nb5 Rxc1 19. Rxc1 a6 20. Na7 Bd6 21. Nac6 Qa8 22. f3 g6 23. Qg5 Kg7 24. Nd7 Nxd7 25. Bxd7 Re2 26. Drawn

James Fuller (B) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 2
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 d5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Bg5 c6 7. e3 Bg4 8. Be2 Nbd7 9. Qb3 Qb6 10. Bxf6 Nxf6 11. O-O Bd6 12. Qxb6 axb6 13. a3 O-O 14. b4 b5 15. Nd2 Bxe2 16. Nxe2 Ra7 17. Rfb1 Rfa8 18. Rb3 Kf8 19. f3 Re8 20. Re1 Raa8 21. Ng3 Bxg3 22. hxg3 Rad8 23. Kf2 Re7 24. Rd3 Rde8 25. g4 g5 26. Rh1 Kg7 27. Nf1 Ng8 28. Ng3 Kg6 29. Nf5 Re6 30. g3 h6 31. f4 f6 32. Rh5 Rf8 33. Nh4+ Kf7 34. f5 Re4 35. Ng6 Rfe8 36. Kf3 Kg7 37. Rh1 Ne7 38. Nxe7 R4xe7 39. Ra1 Ra8 40. Rd2 Rae8 41. Rd3 Ra8 42. Ke2 Re4 43. Kf3 Ra4 44. Rc3 Re8 45. Re1 Rea8 46. e4 Rxa3 47. Ree3 Rxc3 48. Rxc3 dxe4+ 49. Kxe4 Ra4 50. Rb3 Kf7 51. d5 c5 52. Kf3 Rxb4 53. Re3 Rd4 54. Re6 Rxd5 55. Rb6 Rd7 56. Rxb5 Rc7 57. Ke3 Ke7 58. Kd3 Kd7 59. Rb6 Ke7 60. Kc4 Kf7 61. Rb1 Kf8 62. Rb5 Ke8 63. Kd5 c4 64. Kd6 c3 65. Ra5 Rc6+ 66. Kd5 c2 67. Ra8+ Kd7 68. Ra1 c1=Q 69. Rxc1 Rxc1 and Black soon won

Greg Martin (A) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 2
Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. a3 b6 4. Nc3 Bb7 5. Bg5 Be7 6. Nf3 O-O 7. e3 d6 8. Bd3 Nbd7 9. O-O a6 10. b4 d5 11. c5 h6 12. Bf4 Ne4 13. Qc2 f5 14. Ne2 Ndf6 15. Ne5 Nh5 16. Rac1 b5 17. Ng6 Nxf4 18. Nxf4 Rf6 19. h4 Kh7 20. Ne5 g5 21. Nh5 Rf8 22. f3 Qe8 23. fxe4 Qxh5 24. exf5 exf5 25. Bxf5+ Kg7 26. Bg6 Qxh4 27. Rf7+ Rxf7 28. Bxf7 Qe4 29. Qxe4 dxe4 30. c6 Bc8 31. Rf1 Bd6 32. Nd7 Bxd7 33. cxd7 Rd8 34. Be6 Kg6 35. Bf7+ Kg7 36. Be8 Kg8 37. Rc1 Kf8 38. Rc6 h5 39. Rxa6 h4 40. Rc6 g4 41. Rc1 h3 42. Rf1+ Ke7 43. gxh3 gxh3 44. Rf7+ Ke6 45. Rh7 h2+ 46. Kg2 Kd5 47. Rh5+ Kc4 48. Rd5 Kd3 49. Rxb5 Kxe3 50. Rh5 Kd2 51. Rh7 e3 52. Bh5 e2 53. Bxe2 Kxe2 54. a4 Rg8+ 55. White resigns

Mike Richardson (A) - Nathan Stark (E), Round 2
Dutch Defense

1. d4 f5 2. e4 e6 3. exf5 exf5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bd3 g6 6. O-O d5 7. Re1+ Ne4 8. Ne5 Be7 9. f3 Nf6 10. Qe2 Nbd7 11. Bh6 Nxe5 12. dxe5 Bc5+ 13. Be3 Bxe3+ 14. Qxe3 Ng8 15. Nd2 Be6 16. f4 Ne7 17. Nf3 O-O 18. Ng5 Qd7 19. Qh3 Nc6 20. c3 Rae8 21. b3 Qe7 22. Nxe6 Qxe6 23. c4 d4 24. c5 Qe7 25. Rac1 Rd8 26. a3 a5 27. Bb5 Qe8 28. b4 axb4 29. axb4 Kg7 30. Qf3 Qe6 31. Bxc6 Qxc6 32. Qxc6 bxc6 33. Red1 Rd7 34. Kf2 Ra8 35. Rd2 Ra4 36. Rc4 Kf7 37. Ke2 d3+ 38. Ke3

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Ra3 39. Rd4 Rxd4 40. Kxd4 Ke6 41. Rxd3 Rxd3+ 42. Kxd3 Kd5 43. Ke3 Kc4 44. e6 Kxb4 45. e7 Kxc5 46. e8=Q and White soon won.

Tim Goan (C) - Mike Price (D), Round 2
Two Knights Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bc4 Be7 5. O-O O-O 6. d3 d6 7. h3 Na5 8. Bd5 c6 9. Bb3 Nxb3 10. axb3 Be6 11. Be3 a6 12. Qe2 Qc7 13. Na4 d5 14. Bb6 Qb8 15. exd5 Nxd5 16. Nxe5 Nxb6 17. Nxb6 Ra7 18. Ned7 Qc7 19. Nxf8 Qxb6 20. Nxe6 fxe6 21. Qxe6+ Black resigns

Stephen Statkiewicz (D) - Dick Shellenberger (B), Rd. 2
English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 b6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. e4 Bb7 5. d3 Nf6 6. Be2 Be7 7. O-O d6 8. a3 h6 9. Re1 Qd7 10. Nh4 g6 11. Nf3 O-O-O 12. h3 Nh5 13. Nh2 Nf4 14. Bg4 f5 15. exf5 gxf5 16. Bf3 Bg5 17. Bxf4 Bxf4 18. Nd5 Bg5 19. Nf1 Nd4 20. Bh5 Qe6 21. Nfe3 Kb8 22. a4 Rhg8 23. a5 Bxe3 24. Rxe3 Bxd5 25. cxd5 Qxd5 26. f3 Rg5 27. f4 exf4 28. Bf3 Qc5 29. Re7 Nc6+ 30. d4 Qxd4+ 31. Qxd4 Nxd4 32. axb6 Nxf3+ 33. Kf2 axb6 34. Kxf3 Rg3+ 35. Kxf4 Rxg2 36. Rc1 Rc8 37. b3 Rf2+ 38. Kg3 Rd2 39. Rc3 Rd5 40. Rh7 h5 41. Kf4 h4 42. Kg5 Rg8+ 43. Kf6 Rc5 44. Rf3 Rg3 45. Rf1 Rxh3 46. Rh8+ Kb7 47. b4 Rc4 48. b5 f4 49. Re1 Re3 50. Ra1 f3 51. Rg8 Rf4+ 52. Kg5 and White resigns

Stephen Malutich (D) - Steve Sutherland (E), Round 2
Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 b5 5. cxb5 cxb5 6. Nxb5 Qa5+ 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. Bd2 Qb6 9. e3 e6 10. Be2 Bd6 11. O-O e5 12. dxe5 Nxe5 13. Nxe5 Bxe5 14. Bb5+ Nd7 15. Bxd7+ Bxd7 16. Nxd5 Qg6 17. Qf3 O-O 18. Ne7+ Kh8 19. Nxc6+ and White won.

Bob McLear (D) - Jon Mullins (E), Round 2
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. f4 Nc6 5. Nf3 h6 6. a3 a6 7. c4 Nb6 8. Bd2 dxe5 9. fxe5 Bg4 10. Be3 e6 11. Be2 Bxf3 12. gxf3 Be7 13. Qd3 Bh4+ 14. Kd2 Bg5 15. Nc3 Bxe3+ 16. Kxe3 f5 17. f4 g6 18. Rag1 Rg8 19. Bh5 Ne7 20. Bf3 c6 21. Rg3 Qd7 22. a4 c5 23. d5 exd5 24. Nxd5 Nexd5+ 25. Bxd5 Nxd5+ 26. Qxd5 O-O-O 27. Rd1 Qxa4 28. Qxc5+ Qc6 29. Qxc6+ bxc6 30. Rxd8+ Kxd8 31. Kd4 Kd7 32. Kc5 g5 33. e6+ Kxe6 34. fxc5 hxg5 35. Kxc6 g4 36. Re3+ Kf6 37. c5 f4 38. Rd3 f3 39. Rd4 Kg5 40. Kd7 f2 41. Rd1 Rf8 42. Rf1

Kh4 43. c6 g3 44. hxg3+ Kxg3 45. c7 Kg2 46. Rxf2+ Kxf2 47. c8=Q Rxc8 48. Kxc8 Ke3 49. Kb7 a5 50. Kb6 Kd3 51. Kxa5 Black resigns

Alan Smith (D) - John R. Malutich (D), Round 2
French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Bd3 Bd6 5. Ne2 Nc6 6. c3 Be6 7. Qb3 b6 8. Bf4 Nge7 9. Nd2 O-O 10. Qc2 Ng6 11. Bxd6 Qxd6 12. O-O-O a5 13. h4 f5 14. h5 Nf4 15. Nxf4 Qxf4 16. Rde1 Rf6 17. g4 Qxg4 18. Rxe6 Rxe6 19. Bxf5 Re1+ 20. Rxe1 Qxh5 21. Bd7 Qh6 22. Re6 Qh1+ 23. Qd1 Qxd1+ 24. Kxd1 Nd8 25. Re8+ Kf7 26. Rh8 h6 27. Nf3 Ke7 28. Ne5 Ra7 29. Re8+ Kf6 30. Rxd8 c6 31. Bxc6 Re7 and Black resigns

Jim Olson (D) - Nathan Gundlach (D), Round 2
Torre Attack

Notes by Jim Olson

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 h6 3. Bh4 e6 4. Nd2 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Ngf3 *I planned to play 7. e4 but... 6...d5 7. e3 Be7 8. Bd3 O-O 9. O-O a6 Starting on the Queenside... 10. Re1 cxd4 11. exd4 b5 12. Ne5 Ne5 followed by f4 is a typical Torre Attack plan. 12...Nxe5 13. dxe5 Nd7 14. Bxe7 Qxe7 This leaves a useful pawn wedge for a Kingside attack. 15. Qg4 Nc5 16. Bc2 Bd7 17. Re3 Rfc8 Still building up on the Queenside... 18. Rg3 Qf8 19. Qh5 Kh8 20. Nf3 Bringing in a 4th piece to attack 20...Be8 21. Qh4 Na4 22. Ng5 22. Rb1 is probably better since there is no decisive move on the Kingside. 22...Nxb2 23. Nh7 Qg8 24. Nf6 Qf8 25. Rb1 25. Nh7 would draw by repetition since the Black Queen cannot abandon the g6 square. (for example, 25. Nh7 Qc5 26. Qg4 g6 27. Nf6 Nc4 28. Rh3 Kg7 29. Qh4 h5 30. Nxb5+ Kf8 31. Nf4 Bc6 32. Nxe6+ fxe6 33. Qh8+ [Calculated by fritz5]) 25...Nc4 26. Re1 a5 27. Nh5 g6 28. Qf6+ Kg8 29. Bxg6 A questionable sacrifice... 29...fxg6 30. Qxe6+ Kh8 30...Bf7 should fare better. 31. Rf3 Qg8 32. Qf6+ Kh7 33. Qe7+ Kh8 34. Rf8 gxf5 35. Qf6+ Kh7 36. e6 This is a losing move. I should have played 36. Rxg8+ which leaves an unbalanced position: Black has a material advantage but White has a passed e-pawn and a Queen in the vicinity of Black's loose King. 36...Qg7 37. Qf3 Bc6 I had about 20 seconds to make three moves to the time control when Black (who had about 40 minutes) blitzed out this Bishop move. Instead, 37...Ne4 should win for Black. However... 38. Qf5+ Qg6 39. Rf7+ Kh8 40. Qxg6 Black resigns*

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David Saville is winner of Dan Lowder Memorial

by Steve Shomo and Tom LaBue

Sixteen players anteed up to partake in the Dan Lowder Memorial, hosted by the Charleston Chess Club. After the dust cleared, David Saville was solely in first with 3½ points. Harold Mitchel, finished with 3, bolstered by his third round win over Yuri Kolkin and final round draw with the champ.

The highlight of the day was the third round match between Saville vs Walker, it was wild.....Saville pushed a pawn to the 8th rank, grabbed his Queen and hit the clock before placing it on the board. Walker paused the clocks call the director, but the moved was allowed without penalty. Both men scrambled in time trouble. David flag fell first as he completed his move....Jim had only second left on his. David's last move.....was MATE.

The big upset of the day occured in the first round. Gary Morris, playing the black side of the Sicilan, stunned Donald Griffith. Also, KY's Chad Robbins beat Jerry Skeen and Dave Olson managed a fourth round draw from Jim Walker.

Donald Griffith (X) - Gary Morris (C), Round 1
Sicilian Defense, Kan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3 Qc7 6. O-O b5 7. Be3 Bb7 8. Nd2 Nc6 9. f4 Bc5 10. N2f3 Nf6 11. Kh1 Nxd4 12. Nxd4 Bxe4 13. Bxe4 Nxe4 14. Qg4 O-O 15. Rf3 f5 16. Qh5 Rf6 17. Qh4 Rh6 18. Qe1 g5 19. c3 g4 20. Rf1 Rf8 21. a4 Rff6 22. axb5 e5 23. fxe5 Qxe5 24. Bf4 Qe8 25. Bxh6 Rxh6 26. Rxf5 Bd6 27. Rxa6 Ng3+ 28. Qxg3 Bxg3 29. Rg5+ Kh8 30. Ne6 dxe6 31. b6 Qd8 32. White resigns

Dave Olson (B) - David Saville (X), Round 1
English Opening

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 e5 4. Bg2 d6 5. Nf3 c5 6. O-O Nc6 7. d3 Nge7 8. Ne1 O-O 9. f4 Be6 10. h3 Qd7 11. Kh2 d5 12. e4 dxc4 13. Nd5 Nxd5 14. exd5 Bxd5 15. dxc4 Be6 16. Qb3 Rad8 17. Be3 exf4 18. Bxf4 Nd4 19. Qxb7 Bxh3 20. Qxd7 Bxd7 21. Bd6 Rfe8 22. Bxc5 Bc6 23. Rf2 Bxg2 24. Kxg2 Nc6 25. Rb1 Re4 26. Rc2 Ne5 27. b3 Rd7 28. Nf3 Ng4 29. Bg1 Ne3+ 30. Bxe3 Rxe3 31. c5 Rdd3 32. c6 Rxf3 33. c7 Rxc3+ 34. Kf1 Rdf3+ 35. Ke1 Rg1+ 36. Kd2 Rg2+ 37. White resigns

Harold Mitchell (A) - Steve Shomo (C), Round 1
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. a3 c5 4. dxc5 Bxc5 5. b4 Bd6 6. Bb2 Nf6 7. e3 Nbd7 8. c4 O-O 9. cxd5 Nxd5 10. e4

Nxb4 11. axb4 Bxb4+ 12. Nbd2 Nc5 13. Qc2 Qb6 14. Be2 Rd8 15. O-O Bxd2 16. Nxd2 Rxd2 17. Qxd2 Nb3 18. Qc3 Black resigns

Jim Walker (X) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 2

English Opening, Nimzovich-Larsen attack

1. b3 c5 2. Bb2 Nc6 3. c4 e5 4. g3 d6 5. Bg2 Qc7 6. Nc3 Nge7 7. e3 a6 8. Nge2 b6 9. d4 exd4 10. exd4 Bb7 11. O-O Rd8 12. Re1 cxd4 13. Nxd4 Nxd4 14. Bxb7 Qxb7 15. Qxd4 Rd7 16. Re3 Kd8 17. Rae1 f6 18. a4 Qc6 19. Nd5 Nxd5 20. cxd5 Qc5 21. Re8+ Kc7 22. Rc1 Re7 23. Ra8 Kb7 24. Qd3 Kxa8 25. Qxa6+ Ra7 26. Qc8+ Black resigns

Jim Olson (D) - Steve Shomo (C), Round 2

Torre Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 O-O 5. e4 d6 6. Bd3 Nbd7 7. O-O e5 8. d5 Qe8 9. c4 h6 10. Be3 b6 11. h3 Qe7 12. Bc2 Rb8 13. Kh2 Nc5 14. Bxc5 bxc5 15. b3 Bd7 16. Nh4 Nxe4 17. Nxe4 Qxh4 18. Rb1 Qe7 19. Qe2 f5 20. Ng3 h5 21. f4 e4 22. Rbe1 Bc3 23. Rd1 Rbe8 24. Qe3 Bd4 25. Qc1 Qg7 26. Qa3 Ra8 27. Qa5 Rfc8 28. e2 Bf6 29. Rb1 Bd8 30. Qd2 Qf6 31. g3 c6 32. Qc3 cxd5 33. cxd5 Bb5 34. Qxf6 Bxf6 35. Bd1 Bd3 36. Rc1 Bb2 37. Rc4 Bxc4 38. bxc4 Rab8 39. Ba4 Rb4 40. Bb3 a5 41. Rb1 Bf6 42. a3 Rb6 43. a4 Rcb8 44. Nc1 e3 45. Kg2 Bc3 46. Kf3 Bd2 47. Ne2 Rxb3 48. Rg1 Rb1 49. Rg2 Rh1 50. h4 Rf1+ 51. White resigns

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

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 b6 4. g3 Ba6 5. Qa4 c5 6. Bg2 Bb7 7. dxc5 bxc5 8. O-O Be7 9. Nc3 O-O 10. Bf4 d5 11. Rfd1 Qb6 12. Ne5 d4 13. Bxb7 Qxb7 14. Qb5 Qc8 15. Na4 h6 16. Nd3 Nbd7 17. Qa5 Bd8 18. Qe1 Qc6 19. b3 Re8 20. Bc1 e5 21. Ba3 Be7 22. Qa5 Rec8 23. Rac1 e4 24. Nf4 Nb6 25. Nd5 Nbx5 26. cxd5 Qxd5 27. Bxc5 Bxc5 28. Nxc5 Ng4 29. h3 Ne5 30. Nb7 Qxb7 31. Qxe5 Rxc1 32. Rxc1 Rd8 33. Rc7 and White won

Scott Carmichael (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 3

Torre Attack, Tartakower variation

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 Nbd7 4. Nbd2 e6 5. c4 Be7 6. Qc2 h6 7. Bh4 O-O 8. e3 b6 9. Bxf6 Nxf6 10. g3 Bb7 11. Bg2 c5 12. O-O Rc8 13. Rac1 dxc4 14. Qxc4 cxd4 15. Qxd4 Be5 16. Qxd8 Rfxd8 17. Rfd1 Nd5 18. a3 Nxe3 19. fxe3 Bxe3+ 20. Kh1 Rxc1 21. Rxc1 Bxd2 22. Rd1 Bg5 23. Rxd8+ Bxd8 24. Nd2 Bxg2+ 25. Kxg2 Kf8 26. b3 Ke7 27. Kf3 Kd6 28. Ke4 f5+ 29. Kd3 e5 30. Nc4+ Ke6 31. h3 b5 32. Nb2 Bb6 33. a4 Bd4 34.

Nd1 bxa4 35. bxa4 Kd5 36. White resigns

David Olson (B) - Steve Shomo (C), Round 3

Queen's Gambit, Slav Defense

1. c4 c6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 Nf6 4. b3 Bg4 5. g3 Nbd7 6. Bg2 e6 7. Nf3 h6 8. O-O Be7 9. Qc2 Bf5 10. Qd1 O-O 11. Nd2 Bb4 12. Bb2 Re8 13. a3 Ba5 14. e4 dxe4 15. Nxe4 Qe7 16. d5 cxd5 17. cxd5 Nxe4 18. Nxe4 Bc7 19. d6 Bxd6 20. Nxd6 Red8 21. Nxb7 Rf8 22. Nd6 Rab8 23. Nxf5 exf5 24. Re1 Qd8 25. Qd4 Nf6 26. Qxd8 Rfxd8 27. Bxf6 gxf6 28. Re7 Rxb3 29. Rxa7 Rdb8 30. a4 Rf8 31. a5 Black resigns

Harold Mitchell (A) - David Saville (X), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Accepted, Mannheim variation

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 dxc4 4. Qa4+ Nbd7 5. Qxc4 Nb6 6. Qc2 g6 7. e3 Bf5 8. Bd3 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 Bg7 10. O-O O-O 11. Qc2 c6 12. Nbd2 Qc7 13. Nb3 Rac8 14. Bd2 Nfd7 15. Rac1 e5 16. Rfe1 exd4 17. exd4 Nd5 18. Nc5 Nxc5 19. dxc5 Rfe8 20. b3 Qd7 21. Qc4 Rxe1+ 22. Rxe1 Re8 23. Rc1 Qf5 24. h3 Bf6 25. Qa4 a6 26. Qc4 Re4 27. Qc2 Kg7 28. Kf1 h5 29. Re1 Rxe1+ 30. Nxe1 Qxc2 31. Nxc2 Be5 32. Ke2 Kf6 33. Ne3 Ke6 34. Nc4 Bd4 35. Na5 Bxc5 36. Nxb7 Bb6 37. a4 f6 38. g4 hxg4 39. hxg4 f5 40. gxf5+ gxf5 41. f3 Nc7 42. Na5 Bxa5 43. Bxa5 Nd5 44. Drawn

Jim Walker (X) - David Olson (B), Round 4

Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 d6 5. Ne2 Ne4 6. Qc2 f5 7. a3 Bxc3+ 8. Nxc3 Nf6 9. Bd3 O-O 10. O-O Nc6 11. b4 Ne7 12. e4 Nh5 13. exf5 Nxf5 14. Ne2 Nf6 15. Bxf5 exf5 16. Bg5 h6 17. Bxf6 Qxf6 18. f4 Bd7 19. Rael Rab8 20. Qd2 Be6 21. d5 Bf7 22. Qd4 Qxd4+ 23. Nxd4 Bh5 24. Re7 a6 25. Rfe1 c5 26. bxc5 dxc5 27. Ne6 Rf7 28. Rxf7 Bxf7 29. d6 Bxe6 30. Rxe6 Rd8 31. a4 Kf7 32. Re7+ Drawn

Steve Shomo (C) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 4

Reti opening

1. Nf3 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. d4 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. Nc3 O-O 7. O-O Ne4 8. Qd3 Nxc3 9. Qxc3 c5 10. e3 cxd4 11. exd4 Qc7 12. b3 Nc6 13. Bb2 d6 14. Qd2 Rad8 15. Rac1 e6 16. Rfe1 Ne7 17. Qd3 e5 18. Qf1 Bxf3 19. Bxf3 exd4 20. Qd3 Nf5 21. Bg4 Nh6 22. Bh3 Rfe8 23. Bxd4 Rxe1+ 24. Rxe1 Bxd4 25. Qxd4 Qc5 26. Qd3 d5 27. Re5 Qa3 28. Qd2 Kg7 29. Bg2 d4 30. Re4 Qc5 31. g4 f5 32. gxf5 Nxf5 33. Re2 a5 34. Bd5 Qd6 35. Re6 Qc7 36. Rc6 Qa7 37. Qg5 Rd7 38. Be4 Rf7 39. Bd5 Re7 40. Qf6+ Kh6 41. Be6 Rxe6 42. Rxe6 Kh5 43. Re5 Qc7 44. Rd5 Qf4 45. Qe5 Qc1+ 46. Kg2 Kh6 47. Qe2 Qf4 48. Kg1 Nh4 49. Kf1 Nf3 50. Rxd4 Nxd4 51. Qe3 Kg5 52. Qg3+ Qxg3 53. fxc3 Kg4 54. Kg2 h5 55. h3+ Kf5 56. Kf2 g5 57. Ke3 Nc6 58. a3 g4 59. h4 Ke5 60. Kd3 Ne7 61. White resigns

Donald Griffith (X) - Yuri Kolkin (A), Round 4

Alekhine's Defense

Notes by Donald Griffith

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. a4 a5 *Out of the book early.* 5. d4 d6 6. exd6 cxd6 7. Nc3 g6 8. Be3 Bg7 9. Nf3 Bg4 10. h3 Bxf3 11. Qxf3 Nc6 12. Rd1 O-O 13. Be2 Nd7 14. O-O Nf6 15. Rfe1 Rc8 16. Nd5 Nxd5 17. Qxd5 Nb4 18. Qxb7 Nc2 19. Rf1 Nxe3 20. fxe3 Rb8 21. Qd5 Rxb2 22. Rf2 e6 23. Qc6 Qg5 24. Qe4 Rb3 25. Rd3 Rb4 26. Ra3 Rfb8 27. Bd3 e5 28. Qd5 Qxe3 29. Bxg6 Rb1+ 29... *Qa3* 30. Rf7 Kh8 31. Rg7 30. Bxb1 Rxb1+ 31. Kh2 Qxf2 32. Qa8+ Bf8 33. Rg3+ Qxg3+ 34. Kxg3 exd4 35. Qxa5 h6 *No respect. Black prevents Qg5 with a draw.* 36. Qf5 Rb3+ 37. Kf2 d3 38. Ke3 Be7 39. Kd4 d2 40. Qc2 Bf6+ 41. Kd5 Rb2 42. Qd1 Bg5 43. g3 Rb8 44. h4 Be3 45. Ke4 Re8+ 46. Kd3 Re5 47. a5 h5 48. a6 Kg7 49. a7 Bxa7 50. Qxd2 d5 51. Qf4 f6 52. cxd5 Rxd5+ 53. Ke4 Re5+ 54. Kf3 Bb8 55. Qb4 Bc7 56. Drawn

Dan Lowder Memorial, Charleston, WV, May 9, 1998

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	David Saville	WV	2176	2182	W--6	W--8	W--4	D--2	3.5
2	Harold Mitchell	WV	1854	1966	W--13	D--12	W--5	D--1	3.0
3	Donald Griffith	WV	2112	2081	L--11	W--14	W--12	D--5	2.5
4	Jim Walker	WV	2066	2050	W--7	W--9	L--1	D--6	2.5
5	Yuri Kolkin	WV	1989	1980	W--14	W--11	L--2	D--3	2.5
6	Dave Olson	WV	1742	1758	L--1	W--10	W--13	D--4	2.5
7	Chad Robbins	KY	1447	1482	L--4	W--16	W--9	D--11	2.5
8	Robert Canary	WV	1793	1798	W--10	L--1	W--11	U--	2.0
9	Jerry Skeen	WV	1786	1758	W--15	L--4	L--7	W--13	2.0
10	David Hundley	WV	1307	1328	L--8	L--6	W--16	W--14	2.0
11	Gary Morris	WV	1561	1577	W--3	L--5	L--8	D--7	1.5
12	Scott Carmichael	WV	1725	1733	W--16	D--2	L--3	U--	1.5
13	Steve Shomo	WV	1434	1430	L--2	W--15	L--6	L--9	1.0
14	Gilbert Stone	WV	1374	1363	L--5	L--3	W--15	L--10	1.0
15	Jim Olson	WV	1204	1199	L--9	L--13	L--14	W--16	1.0
16	Bill Salmon	WV	1088	1058	L--12	L--7	L--10	L--15	0.0

Eidemiller, Walker and Saville Share 6th Parkersburg Homecoming Crown

The sixth annual Parkersburg Homecoming was played at the Parkersburg Municipal Building, a new site for this event. From here you could see the musical stage and hear the sounds of the Dixie Chicks during the final round. A three way tie for the championship ensued when David Saville and Jim Walker ended their time-frenzied free-for-all match in a draw. Jim was down to scant seconds and had claimed a draw. As TD Pat Kelly, assistant Tom LaBue and Mark Eidemiller were conversing about the position, David agreed to a draw. This left Jim, David and Pittsburgh master Eidemiller in a three-way tie for first. With the \$200 extra first place prize from Eastern Electric, each winner took home over \$100. Jim Walker won the trophy on tie-breaks.

Other standout performances to be noted: Mike Taylor drew with Eidemiller in the third round. David Earley went 3-1, defeating perennials C's LaBue and Gary Morris. The Earley-Morris game went down to the final seconds before David mated Gary. Unrated Roger Jestel finished 3-1 including a win over Ohio's David Johansson in the last round. He earned a 1750 provisional rating. Roger and David shared the E/Unrated Prize. A/B class was shared by four: Jason Rihel, Sefus Ellis, Allen Mullins and Mike Taylor. C/D was a mess: Gary Morris, David Kennedy, Gary Kearns, David Hickman and two of the young Malutich's, Stephen and Michael all shared the class prize. Thanks to Pat Kelly for the great job organizing and directing.

Mike Taylor (A) - Dave Hickman (D), Round 1
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. dxe5 dxe5 8. Qxd8 Rxd8 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Nd5 Rxd5 12. cxd5 c6 13. Bc4 b5 14. Bb3 c5 15. a4 c4 16. Bc2 b4 17. O-O a5 18. h3 Ba6 19. Rfe1 Nd7 20. Nh2 Kh7 21. Bd1 Nc5 22. Nf3 Nd3 23. Bc2 Nxb2 24. Rab1 c3 25. Rxb2 cxb2 26. Rb1 Rc8 27. Rxb2 Be2 28. Bb3 Bxf3 29. gxf3 Rc3 30. Kg2 Be7 31. Bd1 g5 32. Rd2 Bd6 33. Kf1 Kg6 34. Kg2 f6 35. Kf1 f5 36. Kg2 Kf6 37. Rb2 Black's flag fell

Dave Johansson (C) - David Saville (X), Round 2
Sicilian Defense, Closed Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 e5 4. d3 g6 5. Be2 Bg7 6. O-O Nge7 7. Be3 b6 8. a3 O-O 9. Qd2 Nd4 10. Bg5 f6 11. Bh6 Bxh6 12. Qxh6 Nxc2 13. Rac1 Nd4 14. Bd1 Bb7 15. Nxd4 cxd4 16. Bb3+ d5 17. Ne2 Kh8 18. Ng3 Ng8 19. Qh3 dxe4 20. Nxe4 f5 21. Nd2 Qe7 22. f4 e4 23. dxe4 fxe4 24. f5 Rxf5 25. Rxf5 gxf5 26. Qxf5 Rf8

27. Qe6 Qg5 28. Rf1 Rxf1+ 29. Kxf1 Qf6+ 30. Qxf6+ Nxf6 31. g3 b5 32. h3 e3 33. Nb1 Ne4 34. g4 Ng3+ 35. Ke1 Bf3 36. a4 b4 37. Bc4 Kg7 38. a5 Kf6 39. Bd3 h5 40. gxh5 Bxh5 41. a6 Bg6 42. Bxg6 Kxg6 43. White resigns

William West (D) - Bruce Goodwin (D), Round 2
King's Indian Defense

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 d6 5. g3 O-O 6. Bg2 Re8 7. O-O c6 8. Bg5 Bf5 9. Nh4 Bd7 10. f4 Ng4 11. f5 h6 12. Bc1 g5 13. Nf3 Bxf5 14. Nxd5 Bg6 15. Nf3 Nf6 16. Nh4 e6 17. Nxd5 fxd5 18. Qc2 Kh7 19. Ne4 Rf8 20. Nxf6+ Rxf6 21. Rxf6 Qxf6 22. e3 Nd7 23. Qf2 Rf8 24. Qxf6 Rxf6 25. Bd2 d5 26. cxd5 exd5 27. Rf1 Rxf1+ 28. Kxf1 Kg8 29. Ke2 Kf7 30. Kd3 Ke6 31. e4 dxe4+ 32. Bxe4 g5 33. Bc3 Nf6 34. h3 Nd5 35. Kc4 Nxc3 36. Kxc3 Kd6 37. Kc4 b6 38. a4 b5+ 39. axb5 cxb5+ 40. Kxb5 Bxd4 41. Drawn

Mike Taylor (A) - Mark Eidemiller (M), Round 3
Gruenfeld Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Bc4 c5 8. Ne2 Nc6 9. Be3 O-O 10. O-O Qc7 11. Qc1 Na5 12. Bb3 b6 13. Bh6 Ba6 14. Bxg7 Kxg7 15. Re1 cxd4 16. cxd4 Rac8 17. Ng3 Qxc1 18. Raxc1 Rfd8 19. d5 Nxb3 20. axb3 Bd3 21. f3 a5 22. Kf2 Bc2 23. Re3 e6 24. Ne2 e5 25. Ke1 a4 26. bxa4 Bxa4 27. Rec3 Bd7 28. Rxc8 Rxc8 29. Rxc8 Bxc8 30. Ng3 Kf8 31. Kd2 Ke7 32. Kc3 Ba6 33. h4 h5 34. Kd2 Kd6 35. Ne2 Kc5 36. g4 hxg4 37. fxd4 Kd6 38. Nc3 Better is 38. h5! Drawn

David Saville (X) - Allen Mullins (B), Round 3
Benko Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. b6 Qxb6 6. Nc3 g6 7. Nf3 Bg7 8. e4 d6 9. Be2 Nbd7 10. a4 Ng4 11. a5 Qb4 12. O-O Nge5 13. Nd2 g5 14. Ra4 Qb7 15. g3 h6 16. f4 Ng6 17. Nc4 Qc7 18. Bh5 Rb8 19. Bxg6 fxd6 20. fxd6 h5 21. Qc2 Ne5 22. Nxe5 Bxe5 23. Ne2 Bh3 24. Rf2 Kd7 25. Nf4 Bxf4 26. gxf4 Rhf8 27. Ra3 Black resigns

Sefus Ellis (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 3

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nf3 e6 4. Bg5 cxd4 5. a3 e5 6. g3 Be7 7. Bg2 O-O 8. O-O Nc6 9. b4 d6 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Nfd2 Be6 12. Bd5 Bg4 13. Ne4 Be7 14. Qd3 Kh8 15. f3 Bf5 16. Nbd2 Bg6 17. Qb3 Rc8 18. Rad1 f5 19. Nf2 Bg5 20. Kg2 Qe7 21. Nh3 Be3 22. Rfe1 Qf6 23. Nf1 Bh6 24. e4 fxe4 25. fxe4 Bh5 26. Rd3 Bg4 27. Qc2 Be3 28. Ng1 Bf3+ 29. Nxf3 Qxf3+ 30. Kh3 Rf6 31. White

Eidemiller, Walker and Saville Share 6th Parkersburg Homecoming Crown

resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Jason Rihel (A), Round 3

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 d6 5. g3 O-O 6. Bg2 Nbd7 7. e4 e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. O-O c6 10. Bg5 Qe7 11. Qd2 Nb6 12. b3 Rd8 13. Qc2 Bg4 14. Rad1 h6 15. Be3 Ne8 16. h3 Bxf3 17. Bxf3 f5 18. Qc1 Kh7 19. Bg2 Qf6 20. Ne2 Nc7 21. f4 Ne6 22. fxe5 Qxe5 23. exf5 gxf5 24. Nf4 Nxf4 25. Bxf4 Qe2 26. Qb1 Kh8 27. Rde1 Qd3 28. Re8+ Kh7 29. Qxd3 Rxd3 30. Re7 Rd7 31. Rxd7 Nxd7 32. Bd6 Kg6 33. Re1 Drawn

Stephen Malutich (E) - George Mullins (D), Round 3

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. dxc5 Qa5+ 4. Nc3 Qxc5 5. e4 g6 6. Be3 Qe5 7. f4 Qa5 8. a3 Nxe4 9. Bd2 Nxd2 10. Qxd2 Bg7 11. b4 Qd8 12. Rc1 O-O 13. Bd3 d6 14. Nge2 Nc6 15. O-O Nd4 16. Nxd4 Bxd4+ 17. Kh1 Bxc3 18. Qxc3 b6 19. f5 Bb7 20. Rf2 Qc7 21. Rcf1 a6 22. fxe6 hxe6 23. Qd2 Kg7 24. Rf4 e5 25. Rh4 Rh8 26. Qf2 Rxh4 27. Qxh4 Rh8 28. Qf6+ Kg8 29. Bxg6

Bxg2+ 30. Kxg2 Rh7 31. Bxh7+ Kxh7 32. Qxf7+ Qxf7 33. Rxf7+ Black resigns

Glenn Haynes (E) - David Kennedy (D), Round 3

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. h3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Bc4 Be7 6. d3 Be6 7. Bxe6 fxe6 8. Ng5 Qd7 9. Qf3 h6 10. Qg3 hxe5 11. Qxe5 Bf8 12. h4 Nd4 13. Kd2 Qf7 14. b3 O-O-O 15. Kd1 Qh5+ 16. Qxh5 Nxe5 17. Be3 d5 18. exd5 exd5 19. Bxd4 exd4 20. Rb1 dxc3 and Black won.

David Johansson (C) - Roger Jestel (Unr), Round 4
Scandinavian Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nxd5 4. Nxd5 Qxd5 5. Nf3 Bf5 6. b3 Qe4+ 7. Be2 Qxc2 8. Qxc2 Bxc2 9. Bb2 Nc6 10. Bc4 e6 11. O-O O-O-O 12. Ne5 Nxe5 13. Bxe5 Rxd2 14. Rac1 Bb4 15. Bf4 Rd4 16. g3 Bf5 17. Be5 Rg4 18. Rfd1 Ba5 19. h3 Re4 20. Bxg7 Rg8 21. Bh6 Bxh3 22. Bf4 Rxf4 23. White resigns

6th Annual Homecoming Open, Municipal Building, Parkersburg, WV, August 23, 1998

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Mark Eidemiller	PA	2276	2268	W--31	W--11	D--5	W--10	3.5
2	David Saville	WV	2131	2133	W--25	W--12	W--6	D--3	3.5
3	Jim Walker	WV	2066	2075	W--21	W--13	W--7	D--2	3.5
4	Jason Rihel	WV	1848	1852	W--15	W--14	D--10	D--5	3.0
5	Mike Taylor	WV	1837	1857	W--18	W--24	D--1	D--4	3.0
6	Al Mullins	WV	1789	1792	W--28	W--30	L--2	W--14	3.0
7	Sefus Ellis	WV	1752	1770	W--26	W--9	L--3	W--16	3.0
8	David Earley	WV	1158	1236	L--12	W--17	W--24	W--13	3.0
9	Roger Jestel	WV	Unrated	1750/04	W--16	L--7	W--25	W--12	3.0
10	Robert Canary	WV	1797	1798	W--19	W--20	D--4	L--1	2.5
11	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1644	1649	W--32	L--1	W--18	U--	2.0
12	David Johansson	OH	1619/08	1620/12	W--8	L--2	W--15	L--9	2.0
13	Gary Morris	WV	1574	1551	W--22	L--3	W--28	L--8	2.0
14	Walter Bagnall	OH	1536	1529	W--29	L--4	W--30	L--6	2.0
15	Michael Malutich	WV	1400	1402	L--4	W--29	L--12	W--22	2.0
16	Gary Kerns	VA	1387/04	1424/08	L--9	W--26	W--20	L--7	2.0
17	David Kennedy	WV	1297/08	1324/12	L--23	L--8	W--33	W--21	2.0
18	David Hickman	WV	1296	1306	L--5	W--33	L--11	W--29	2.0
19	Stephen Malutich	WV	1190	1212	L--10	L--25	W--27	W--30	2.0
20	Brian Watkins	WV	993	1017	B--	L--10	L--16	W--28	2.0
21	John R. Malutich	WV	1337	1323	L--3	D--22	W--32	L--17	1.5
22	Mike Price	WV	1159	1181	L--13	D--21	W--31	L--15	1.5
23	Grant Perks	OH	1945	1945	W--17	U--	U--	U--	1.0
24	Tom LaBue	WV	1582	1548	W--33	L--5	L--8	U--	1.0
25	Bob McLear	WV	1403	1405	L--2	W--19	L--9	U--	1.0
26	John W. Malutich	WV	1358	1321	L--7	L--16	L--29	W--33	1.0
27	George Mullins	WV	1349	1296	L--30	L--28	L--19	W--31	1.0
28	Michael Brady	OH	1285	1270	L--6	W--27	L--13	L--20	1.0
29	Bill Salmon	WV	1125	1133	L--14	L--15	W--26	L--18	1.0
30	Nathan Stark	WV	1009	1026	W--27	L--6	L--14	L--19	1.0
31	Bruce Goodwin	OH	1361	1313	L--1	D--32	L--22	L--27	0.5
32	William West	WV	1188	1183	L--11	D--31	L--21	U--	0.5
33	Glenn Haynes	WV	1067	1047	L--24	L--18	L--17	L--26	0.0

The Charleston Checkmates by Dennis Funkhouser

In the spring of 1980 the National Chess League was formed in an attempt to raise chess closer to the major sports. Teams were organized in various cities across the country and played via telephone with six man teams. It all lasted just one season, but for me it was a blast while it lasted. Charleston joined the new league as the 'Charleston Checkmates'. The matches were held at the state capitol complex and our first match was with the 'Westchester Squares'.

Mark Hathaway on board three won his game very handily against a higher rated opponent for our first win. We were ahead one to nothing. Then the next three results came in, we lost on all three lower boards within a few minutes of each other. Only Donald Griffith and myself were still playing. My game was even and I expected a draw.

Donald's game was one of those games that would be won or lost but never drawn. They each had connected passed pawns on opposite wings and proceeded to bludgeon each other with them. Although he looked worse for much of the game Donald managed to come out on top. Now we had two wins and three loses with my game still going. All of a sudden we needed a win on board one to at least tie the match. And all Westchester needed was a draw. This was the situation about move 35.

National Chess League 1980, Round #1

WESTCHESTER SQUARES 3 CHARLESTON CHECKMATES 3

Board 1

White: Dennis Funkhouser (Charleston, 2107)

Black: Kwartler (Westchester, 2142)

Caro-Kann Defense, Main Line

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Nxf6+ gxf6 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. Be2 e6 8. Bf4 Bd6 9. Qd2 Qc7 10. Bg3 Nd7 11. O-O-O O-O-O 12. Rhe1 Bxf3 13. Bxf3 h5 14. Bxd6 Qxd6 15. g3 h4 16. Qa5 Kb8 17. Re3 Nb6 18. Ra3 Nc8 19. c4 hxg3 20. hxg3 Qc7 21. Qc5 Qb6 22. Qxb6 axb6 23. d5 c5 24. dxe6 fxe6 25. Rad3 Rxd3 26. Rxd3 Kc7 27. Kd2 Nd6 28. b3 Rh2 29. Ke2 Nf5 30. Kf1 Nd4 31. Kg1 Rh8 32. Kg2 f5 33. g4 Rg8 34. Bd1 fxg4 35. Kg3 Nf5+ 36. Kf4 Ne7 37. Bxg4 Ng6+ 38. Ke4 Nf8 39. f3 Rg6 40. Rd2 Nd7 41. Kf4 Nf8 42.

Bh5 Rf6+ 43. Ke4 Rh6 44. Be8 Nh7 45. Bb5 Rh5 46. Rd7+ Kc8 47. Re7 Rh1 48. f4 Re1+ 49. Kf3 Nf6 50. Rf7 Ne4 51. Re7 Nf6 52. a4 Rf1+ 53. Ke3 Ng4+ 54. Ke4 Re1+ 55. Kf3 Nf6 56. Rf7 Ne4 57. Kg4 Rg1+ 58. Kh5 Ng3+ 59. Kh6 Nf5+ 60. Kh7 Nd6 61. Re7 Nxb5 62. axb5 Rf1 63. Rf7 e5 64. f5 e4 65. Kg6 e3 66. Re7 Rf3 67. f6 Kd8 68. Kf7 Rh3 69. Re5 Rf3 70. Rd5+ Kc7 71. Ke7 e2 72. Re5 Rf2 73. f7 e1=Q 74. Rxe1 Rf3 75. Re6 Black resigns

Board 2

White: Riddell (Westchester, 2111)

Black: Donald Griffith (Charleston, 1961)

Sicilian Defense, Larsen Variation

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bg5 Bd7 7. Qd2 Rc8 8. f4 Nxd4 9. Qxd4 Qa5 10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 Qc5 12. Be3 Qxd4 13. Bxd4 Ng4 14. h3 Nh6 15. Bxa7 e6 16. O-O-O Bb4 17. Nb5 Nf5 18. Bf2 Bc5 19. Bxc5 Rxc5 20. Nd6+ Ke7 21. Nxf5+ exf5 22. Re1 Ra8 23. a3 Raa5 24. Be2 Rxe5 25. Bf3 Kf6 26. Bxb7 Ra7 27. Bf3 Rc5 28. Rhf1 Rac7 29. Rf2 g6 30. Re3 Be6 31. g4 Kg5 32. gxf5 Bxf5 33. Bd1 h5 34. c3 Rd7 35. Be2 Bxc2 36. Kxc2 f5 37. Rg2+ Kf6 38. Reg3 Rg7 39. b4 Re5 40. a4 g5 41. a5 f4 42. Rd3 Rge7 43. a6 Ra7 44. Rd6+ Kf5 45. Rh6 Re3 46. Rxb5 Rg3 47. Rxb5 Rg3 48. h4 Rg7 49. a7 Rxa7 50. Rxb5+ Kf4 51. c4 g2 52. Kb3 Kf3 53. b5 Ra1 54. c5 g1=Q 55. Rxb5 Rxb5 56. Kc4 Ke4 57. b6 Rc1+ 58. Kb5 Kd5 59. h5 Rb1+ 60. Ka6 Kxc5 61. Ka7 Rxb6 62. White resigns

Board 3

White: Mark Hathaway (Charleston, 1944)

Black: Beckner (Westchester, 2090)

French Defense, Tarrasch Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5 exd5 5. Ngf3 Nf6 6. Bb5+ Nc6 7. O-O Be7 8. dxc5 O-O 9. Nb3 Ne4 10. Be3 Bg4 11. h3 Bh5 12. Be2 Rc8 13. c3 Re8 14. Re1 Nb8 15. Nfd4 Bxe2 16. Qxe2 Nd7 17. Rad1 Ndx5 18. Nf5 Ne6 19. Qb5 b6 20. Rxd5 Qc7 21. Rd7 Black resigns

Board 4

White: Carpenter (Westchester, 2047)

Black: Marvin "Joe" Barker (Charleston, 1898)

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 c6 5. Nf3 dxc4 6. e4 b5 7. e5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Nng5 Nd5 10. Nxf7 Qxh4 11. Nxb8 Bb4 12. Rc1 c5 13. Be2 cxd4 14. O-O dxc3 15. bxc3 Bc5 16. Bf3 Bb7 17. Ng6 Qg5 18. h4 Qg3 19. Qe2

Kd8 20. Be4 Kc8 21. Kh1 Nxc3 22. Qe1 Bxf2 23. Rxf2 Nxe4 24. Rf8+ Kd7 25. Rd1+ Bd5 26. Qxe4 Kc6 27. Ne7+ Kb6 28. Nxd5+ exd5 29. Qxd5 Qxh4+ 30. Kgl Qg5 and Black resigns

Board 5

White: David Marples (Charleston, 1831)

Black: Blechar (Westchester, 1999)

Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nd2 g6 3. Ngf3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Bc4 O-O 6. O-O c6 7. Qe2 d5 8. Bd3 dxe4 9. Nxe4 Nbd7 10. c4 Nxe4 11. Bxe4 Nf6 12. Bg5 Re8 13. Rad1 Nxe4 14. Qxe4 Bf5 15. Qe3 Qa5 16. Qb3 Bg4 17. Rfe1 Bxf3 18. Qxf3 Qxg5 19. d5 cxd5 20. Rxd5 Qf6 21. Qd3 e6 22. Rb5 b6 23. a4 Red8 24. Qe4 Qd4 25. Qe2 Rac8 26. b3 a6 27. Rg5 and White resigns

Board 6

White: Kearns (Westchester, 1993)

Black: Brent Haynes (Charleston, 1723)

King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 c5 4. O-O e6 5. d3 Be7 6. Nbd2 O-O 7. e4 Qc7 8. Re1 b6 9. c3 dxe4 10. dxe4 Bb7 11. Qc2 Rd8 12. Nc4 Nbd7 13. Bf4 Qc6 14. Rad1 Nf8 15. Nfe5 Qe8 16. Bg5 N8d7 17. Nxd7 Nxd7 18. Nd6 Bxd6 19. Bxd8 Rxd8 20. Rxd6 Ne5 21. Red1 Rxd6 22. Rxd6 c4 23. f4 Nd3 24. Qa4 Qc8 25. Qxc4 Black resigns

Usually I was paired on first board with a senior master and got creamed. My loses included people like Bruce Rind (2442), Peter Biyaisis (2519) and Leonid Bass (2416). I did manage a surprise draw with Norman Weinstein. He was lulled into a false sense of security by my poor opening play and was actually down a pawn by

the end of the game.

National Chess League 6-8-80

Dennis Funkhouser (2107) - Norman Weinstein (2487)

Sicilian Defense, Kan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be3 b5 7. g3 Bb7 8. Bg2 Nf6 9. a3 b4 10. axb4 Bxb4 11. Qd3 d5 12. exd5 Nxd5 13. Bxd5 Bxd5 14. O-O Bxc3 15. Qxc3 Qxc3 16. bxc3 Nd7 17. Rfb1 Ke7 18. Kf1 Rhc8 19. Bd2 a5 20. Ke1 a4 21. Ra3 Ra6 22. Nb5 Ne5 23. Rb4 Rc4 24. h4 Rxb4 25. cxb4 Nc4 26. Ra1 a3 27. Nc7 Rc6 28. Nxd5+ exd5 29. b5 Re6+ 30. Kd1 Kd7 31. Bb4 Re8 32. Bc5 Rb8 33. Ke2 Ra8 34. Kd3 Ra5 35. Kd4 Nd6 36. Kxd5 Nxb5 37. Kc4 Kc6 38. Bb4 Ra8 39. c3 a2 40. Kb2 Nc7 41. Rxa2 Rxa2 42. Kxa2 Kd5 43. Kb3 Ne6 44. c4+ Kd4 45. Ba5 Kc5 46. Kc3 f5 47. Bb4+ Kc6 48. Kd3 Kb6 49. h5 g6 50. hxg6 hxg6 51. Ke3 Kc6 52. Kd3 Kb6 53. Kc3 Kc6 54. Ba3 Kb6 55. Bc1 Kc6 56. Be3 Kd6 57. Kb4 Kc6 58. c5 g5 59. Kc4 f4 60. Bd4 fxc3 61. fxc3 g4 62. Be3 Ng7 63. Bf4 Nf5 64. Bd6 Nxd6 65. cxd6 Kxd6 66. Kd4 Ke6 67. Ke4 Kf6 68. Kf4 Kf7 69. Kxg4 Kg6 70. Kf4 Kf6 71. g4 Kg6 72. g5 Drawn 1/2-1/2

Jim Walker Wins Huntington Open

Jim Walker scored 3½ points and won the Huntington Open. The big game was the Walker-Saville game in round three, which Jim won. The Walker-Saville matchup is fast becoming the biggest rivalry in WV. A three way tie for second ensued with Saville, Mike Turner and former High School Champ Michael Spencer, each with 3 points. Jerry Dingess directed this event, filling in for Mark Hathaway who was under the weather.

Hopefully, we will see more tourneys in Huntington during the upcoming year.

Huntington G/60 Open, Huntington YMCA, July 10, 1998

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2031	2057	W--4	W--5	W--2	D--3	3.5
2	David Saville	WV	2149	2144	W--6	W--10	L--1	W--5	3.0
3	Mike Turner	WV	1732	1746	D--9	W--7	W--8	D--1	3.0
4	Michael Spencer	WV	1617	1621	L--1	W--11	W--12	W--9	3.0
5	Yuri Kolkin	WV	1973	1951	W--11	L--1	W--9	L--2	2.0
6	Charles Morrison	OH	1635	1608	L--2	L--9	W--11	W--12	2.0
7	John Brewster	WV	1752	1721	D--8	L--3	W--13	U--	1.5
8	Andrew Thomas	OH	1142	1170	D--7	W--13	L--3	U--	1.5
9	Brian Serve	WV	964/10	1157/14	D--3	W--6	L--5	L--4	1.5
10	Dan O'Hanlon	WV	1785	1782	W--12	L--2	U--	U--	1.0
11	Dan Booth	WV	1209	1214	L--5	L--4	L--6	W--13	1.0
12	Mike Price	WV	1154	1149	L--10	B--	L--4	L--6	1.0
13	Bill Salmon	WV	1101	1075	B--	L--8	L--7	L--11	1.0

TD: Jerry Dingess

More Excitement from the 1998 WV State Championship

Bill Salmon (E) - John W. Malutich (D), Round 2

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 Bg4 6. h3 Bh5 7. Be3 Nd5 8. Nxd5 Qxd5 9. c3 Nd7 10. Be2 Qe4 11. Qd2 e5 12. Bd3 Qd5 13. O-O e4 14. Be2 exf3 15. Bxf3 Bxf3 16. Rxf3 c5 17. Re1 cxd4 18. Bg5+ Ne5 19. cxd4 Bd6 20. Rf5 f6 21. Bxf6 gxf6 22. Qf2 O-O-O 23. Rd1 Rhg8 24. Qc2+ Qc6 25. Rf2 Qxc2 26. Rxc2+ Bc7 27. Kf2 Nc6 28. d5 Nb4 29. Rc5 Kb8 30. a3 Na6 31. Rb5 Bb6+ 32. Kf3 Nc7 33. Rxb6 axb6 34. d6 Nb5 35. White resigns

Galen Miller (D) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 2

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. e4 Nf6 3. Nc3 e6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nf3 h6 6. g3 Bd6 7. Bg2 O-O 8. O-O Bd7 9. Ne5 Be6 10. e4 c6 11. f4 dxe4 12. Nxf7 Rxf7 13. Nxe4 Nxe4 14. Bxe4 Qe7 15. Bg6 Rf6 16. Qd3 Kh8 17. f5 Bf7 18. Bxf7 Qxf7 19. Bd2 Qh5 20. Rae1 Na6 21. Re6 Qf7 22. Rxf6 Qxf6 23. Bc3 Nb4 24. Bxb4 Bxb4 25. a3 Ba5 26. Kg2 Rd8 27. b4 Rxd4 28. Qe3 Bb6 29. Qe6 Qxe6 30. fxe6 Re4 31. Rf8+ Kh7 32. Re8 Kg6 33. Kf3 Re5 34. Kf4 Kf6 35. Rf8+ Ke7 36. Kxe5 Kxf8 37. Kd6 Ke8 38. h3 Bg1 39. a4 Bh2 40. Kc7 Bxg3+ 41. Kxb7 Bf2 42. Kxc6 Ke7 43. Kd5 Be1 44. b5 Ba5 45. Ke5 Bc3+ 46. Kd5 g5 47. Kc6 Kxe6 48. b6 axb6 49. Kxb6 Kd6 50. a5 Bxa5+ 51. Kxa5 h5 52. Kb4 g4 53. White resigns

Round 3:

From eight to three people with perfect records - Pat Kelly, David Saville and Sefus Ellis. Sefus follows up his win over John Roush with a victory over Neil Markovitz.

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

Torre Attack

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 Nbd7 4. e3 g6 5. Bd3 Bg7 6. Nbd2 O-O 7. O-O c5 8. c3 b6 9. a4 Bb7 10. a5 Ne4 11. Bf4 Re8 12. Qc2 Nxd2 13. Qxd2 e5 14. Nxe5 14... Nxe5 15. dxe5 Bxe5 16. Bb5 Re6 17. Bxe5 Rxe5 18. a6 Bc8 19. Bc6 Rb8 20. c4 Qh4 21. Bxd5 Rh5 22. h3 Bxh3 23. gxh3 Qxh3 24. f4 Drawn

Gary Cummings (A) - Tim Goan (C), Round 3

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. O-O Nf6 5. d4 Bxd4 6. Nxd4 Nxd4 7. f4 d6 8. c3 Bg4 9. Qd2 Nc6 10. Qd3 Qd7 11. f5 O-O-O 12. Bg5 Na5 13. Bb5 c6 14. Ba4 d5 15. b4 Nc4 16. Bb3 Nb6 17. h3 h5 18. hxg4 hxg4 19.

Nd2 Qe7 20. Qg3 Rh5 21. Bxf6 Qxf6 22. Rae1 Rdh8 23. Qxg4 Rg5 24. Qe2 Qh6 25. Qf3 Rh5 26. Kf2 Qxd2+ 27. Re2 Qg5 28. exd5 cxd5 29. Rxe5 Rh1 30. Rxh1 Rxh1 31. Qe3 Qh4+ 32. g3 Rh2+ 33. Ke1 Rh1+ 34. Kf2 Qh2+ 35. Kf3 Qh5+ 36. Kf2 Rh2+ 37. Ke1 Nd7 38. Re8+ Kc7 39. Qf4+ Kb6 40. Qe3+ Kc7 41. Qf4+ Kc6 42. Rc8+ Black resigns

Pat Kelly (A) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 3

Sicilian Defense, Kalashnikov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb3 Nf6 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bxf6 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 Qxf6 10. Bc4 O-O 11. Qd2 d6 12. O-O Be6 13. Bd5 Rfd8 14. Rad1 Bxd5 15. Qxd5 Qe6 16. Qb5 Rab8 17. Qe2 b6 18. Rd3 d5 19. Rfd1 dxe4 20. Qxe4 Rxd3 21. cxd3 f5 22. Qe2 Rd8 23. d4 e4 24. c4 Ne7 25. d5 Qd6 26. Nd4 a6 27. Ne6 Rd7 28. Qh5 Qb8 29. Nd4 Qf8 30. Ne6 Qf7 31. Qe2 g6 32. h3 Qf6 33. Qe3 Rd6 34. Qa3 Qe5 35. Qxa6 Kf7 36. Qc8 Rxe6 37. dxe6+ Qxe6 38. Qh8 Qxc4 39. Qb2 Qc5 40. Rc1 Qd6 41. a4 f4 42. Qb3+ Kf6 43. Rd1 Qc5 44. Qb2+ Kf7 45. Rc1 Qd6 46. Rb1 e3 47. fxe3 fxe3 48. Qxb6 Qd2 49. Qb3+ Ke8 50. Qb8+ Kf7 51. Qf4+ Nf5 52. Rb7+ Ke6 53. Qc4+ Kf6 54. Rb6+ Nd6 55. Qf4+ Ke6 56. Qxd6+ Qxd6 57. Rxd6+ Kxd6 58. Kf1 and White won

Chuck Waugh (C) - Mike Richardson (A), Round 3

English Opening

1. c4 e6 2. g3 f5 3. b3 Nf6 4. Bb2 Be7 5. Bg2 O-O 6. Nf3 d6 7. O-O e5 8. d3 c6 9. Nc3 Qe8 10. e4 Qh5 11. Nh4 Qxd1 12. Raxd1 fxe4 13. dxe4 g6 14. Nf3 a5 15. a4 Na6 16. Ba3 Draw

Mike Turner (B) - Marc Abraham (B), Round 3

Caro-Kann Opening, Advance Variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h5 7. g5 Nd7 8. Bd3 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 g6 10. Nge2 Ne7 11. Ng3 Nf5 12. Nxf5 exf5 13. Ne2 Be7 14. Nf4 Nf8 15. O-O Ne6 16. c3 O-O 17. Be3 Rc8 18. Rfd1 Qd7 19. Kh1 Nxf4 20. Bxf4 Qe6 21. Re1 Rfd8 22. b4 b6 23. Rab1 Rd7 24. Rec1 c5 25. bxc5 bxc5 26. Qb5 Rdc7 27. Kh2 a6 28. Qb3 cxd4 29. cxd4 Rc4 30. Rxc4 dxc4 31. Qb7 Rd8 32. Rb6 Qd7 33. Qxd7 Rxd7 34. Be3 a5 35. Rb5 f4 36. Bxf4 Rxd4 37. Bg3 c3 38. Rb8+ Rd8 39. Rxd8+ Bxd8 40. Bf4 Be7 41. Bc1 Kf8 42. Kg2 Bc5 43. f4 Ke7 44. Kf3 Ke6 45. Ke4 Bf2 46. Kd3 Bxh4 47. Kxc3 Bf2 48. Kd3 Kf5 49. Ke2 Bg1 50. Kf3 Drawn

More Excitement from the 1998 WV State Championship

John Roush (X) - Bob McLearn (D), Round 3

Two Knights Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 d6 5. Ng5 d5 6. exd5 Nxd5 7. Nxf7 Kxf7 8. Qf3+ Ke6 9. Nc3 Nb4 10. O-O c6 11. Re1 Bd6 12. a3 b5 13. Bb3 Qf6 14. Qxf6+ gxf6 15. axb4 Bxb4 16. dxe5 fxe5 17. Bf4 Kf5 18. Bxe5 Re8 19. Bd4 Be6 20. Re5+ Kg6 21. Nxd5 cxd5 22. Bxd5 Bxd5 23. Rxd5 a6 24. c3 Bf8 25. Kf1 Re6 26. Rxb5 Rae8 27. Rb6 Rxb6 28. Bxb6 Rb8 29. Rxa6 Kf5 30. b4 Bg7 31. c4 Bc3 32. b5 Re8 33. Be3 and White won

Michael Malutich (D) - Greg Martin (A), Round 3

Slav Defense

1. d4 c6 2. c4 d5 3. Nc3 dxc4 4. e4 e5 5. Be3 exd4 6. Qxd4 Qxd4 7. Bxd4 Be6 8. Nge2 f6 9. Nf4 Bf7 10. g3 Nd7 11. Bg2 Bc5 12. Rd1 Ne7 13. Bh3 Bxd4 14. Rxd4 Ne5 15. Bg2 O-O 16. O-O b5 17. Nfe2 Rfd8 18. Rfd1 Nd3 19. Rxd8+ Rxd8 20. Nc1 Kf8 21. Bf1 Ke8 22. Nxd3 cxd3 23. b3 d2 24. Nb1 a6 25. Rxd2 c5 26. Rxd8+ Kxd8 27. Nd2 Nc6 28. f4 Nb4 29. a4 c4 30. axb5 c3 31. bxa6 Nxa6 32. Bd3 Nb4 33. Nb1 Bxb3 34. Nxc3 Nxd3 35. Kg2 Nc5 36. Kf3 Be6 37. h4 h5 38. f5 Bd7 39. g4 Bc6 40. gxh5 Ke8 41. Kg4 Nxe4 42. Nxe4 Bxe4 43. h6 gxh6 44. Kh5 Bxf5 45. Kxh6 Kf7 46. h5 Bg4 47. Kh7 f5 48. h6 f4 49. Kh8 Bf5 50. h7 Bxh7 51. Kxh7 and Black soon won

Robert Canary (B) - Alan Smith (D), Round 3

Benoni Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 c5 5. g3 O-O 6. Bg2 d6 7. O-O Nbd7 8. Re1 Nb6 9. b3 cxd4 10. Nxd4 Nfd7 11. Bb2 Nc5 12. e3 a5 13. Qe2 a4 14. b4 a3 15. Bc1 Nca4 16. Ncb5 Nb2 17. Nxa3 N2a4 18. Nab5 d5 19. c5 Nc4 20. Qc2 e6 21. Nc3 Nxc3 22. Qxc3 Bd7 23. Bf1 b5 24. Bxc4 bxc4 25. c6 Bxc6 26. Bb2 Bd7 27. Qd2 Qb6 28. Bc3 Rfc8 29. f4 Bf8 30. Reb1 Ra3 31. Nc2 Rxc3 32. Qxc3 Bg7 33. Nd4 e5 34. fxe5 Bxe5 35. a4 Qf6 36. Ra2 Bxd4 37. Qxd4 Qxd4 38. exd4 Bf5 39. Rc1 Re8 40. b5 Re3 41. a5 Bc8 42. a6 Black resigns

Allen Mullins (B) - Stephen Malutich (D), Round 3

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Qa5 7. Bd2 Qc7 8. Bd3 Nc6 9. Nf3 c4 10. Be2 f6 11. Bf4 Qa5 12. Qd2 Bd7 13. O-O fxe5 14. Nxe5 Nf6 15. Bf3 Rf8 16. Rfe1 Nxe5 17. Bxe5 O-O-O 18. Rab1 h5 19. Rb4 g6 20. Reb1 Bc6 21. Qe3 Ng4 22. Bxg4 hxg4 23. a4 Rf7 24. Bg3 Re8 25. Qe5 a6 26. Qb8+

Kd7 27. Rxb7+ Black resigns

John W. Malutich (D) - Dave Olson (B), Round 3

Nimzo-Indian Defense, Leningrad Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. e4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bg5 h6 5. Bxf6 Qxf6 6. a3 Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 d6 8. Nf3 c5 9. e3 O-O 10. Be2 Nc6 11. O-O e5 12. dxe5 dxe5 13. Nd2 Be6 14. Bg4 Rad8 15. Ne4 Qe7 16. Qe2 f5 17. Nxc5 Qxc5 18. Bh5 Bxc4 19. Qb2 Bxf1 20. Rxf1 b6 and Black won

Chad Mullins (E) - Aaron Richardson (B), Round 3

1. e4 e6 2. g3 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. c3 Qb6 6. Qb3 Qxb3 7. axb3 d4 8. c4 Nge7 9. Bh3 Ng6 10. Na3 a6 11. Nb5 Rb8 12. Nd6+ Bxd6 13. exd6 O-O 14. d3 Nb4 15. Ke2 Rd8 16. Bd2 Nc6 17. Ba5 Nxa5 18. Rxa5 b6 19. Ra4 Rxd6 20. b4 Bb7 21. Re1 h6 22. Kf1 Bxf3 23. Rxa6 cxb4 24. c5 Rc6 25. Rc1 Rxc5 26. Rxb6 Rxc1 mate

Markle Butcher (B) - Jim Olson (D), Round 3

Budapest Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4 4. e6 dxe6 5. Qxd8+ Kxd8 6. Nf3 Bc5 7. e3 Nc6 8. a3 Nce5 9. Nxe5 Nxe5 10. b4 Be7 11. Bb2 Bf6 12. Be2 Nf3+ 13. Bxf3 Bxb2 14. Ra2 Bf6 15. Rd2+ Ke7 16. O-O Rd8 17. Rxd8 Kxd8 18. Rd1+ Ke7 19. Nd2 g6 20. Ne4 Bg7 21. Nc5 Rb8 22. b5 b6 23. Nd3 Bb7 24. Bxb7 Rxb7 25. Nb4 Bb2 26. Nc6+ Kf6 27. a4 Ba3 28. Rd7 Bd6 29. Nd8 Rb8 30. Rxf7+ Kg5 31. Nxe6+ Kh6 32. h4 Rg8 33. g4 Rh8 34. Ng5 Be5 35. Rd7 Bd6 36. Nf7+ Kg7 37. Nxb8+ Kxb8 38. Rd8+ Kg7 39. Kg2 Be7 40. Rd7 Kf8 41. Rxc7 Bxh4 42. Rxh7 Be7 43. Kf3 Ke8 44. Ke4 Kd7 45. Ke5 Ke8 46. Ke6 Black resigns

Mike Price (D) - Joe Meadows (E), Round 3

English Opening

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nc6 3. Bg2 e5 4. c4 e4 5. Ng1 Be6 6. exd5 Bxd5 7. Nc3 f5 8. Qa4 Nf6 9. Nh3 e3 10. Bxd5 exf2+ 11. Kxf2 Nxd5 12. Nf4 Nxf4 13. Qxf4 Bd6 14. Qe3+ Qe7 15. Qxe7+ Nxe7 16. e4 fxe4 17. Nxe4 O-O-O 18. Nxd6+ Rxd6 19. Rd1 Rhd8 20. Ke2 Nc6 21. b3 Nd4+ 22. Ke3 Nc2+ and Black soon won

Jon Mullins (E) - David Hundley (D), Round 3

Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c6 3. e4 d6 4. Nf3 g6 5. h3 Bg7 6. d5 Bd7 7. Bc4 c5 8. Bf4 a6 9. e5 Nh5 10. Qd2 b5 11. Bd3 O-O 12. exd6 exd6 13. Bxd6 Bxh3 14. Bxf8 Qxf8 15. Rxh3 and White won

More Excitement from the 1998 WV State Championship

Nathan Stark (E) - Stephen Statkiewicz (D), Round 3
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Qa5
6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. Bd3 e5 8. O-O Be7 9. a3 O-O 10. Kh1
d5 11. Bd2 Qd8 12. f4 Bg4 13. Qe1 d4 14. Ne2 Nd7 15.
f5 Bh4 16. g3 Bf6 17. c3 Nc5 18. Bc4 Nxe4 19. Nxd4
Nxd2 20. Bxf7+ Kxf7 21. Ne6 Qd5+ 22. Kg1 Nf3+ and
Black eventually won

Steve Sutherland (D) - Galen Miller (D), Round 3
Bishop's Opening

1. e4 c5 2. Bc4 e6 3. a3 Nc6 4. Nf3 d5 5. exd5 exd5 6.
Ba2 Qe7+ 7. Qe2 Qxe2+ 8. Kxe2 Nf6 9. Re1 Be6 10.
d3 Be7 11. c4 Bg4 12. Be3 d4 13. Bf4 O-O 14. Nd2
Rfe8 15. Kf1 Nh5 16. g3 Nxf4 17. gxf4 Bd6 18. Ne4
Bxf4 19. Kg2 b6 20. h3 Bh5 21. Ng3 Bg6 22. Ne4 Re7
23. Re2 Rae8 24. Rae1 Bxe4 25. Rxe4 Rxe4 26. Rxe4
Rxe4 27. dxe4 Bc1 28. b3 Bxa3 29. Bb1 a6 30. Kf1 b5
31. Nd2 Bc1 32. cxb5 axb5 33. Ke2 Ne5 34. Kd1 Ba3
35. Ke2 c4 36. f4 Ng6 37. Kf3 c3 38. Nc4 Bc1 39. Nd6
Be3 40. Nxb5 Nxf4 41. Nxd4 Bxd4 42. Kxf4 f6 43. b4
Kf7 44. Kf3 Ke6 45. b5 h6 46. Ke2 Kd6 47. Kd3 Ke5
48. b6 Be5 49. b7 Kb4 50. Bc2 g5 51. Bd1 Kb5 52.
b8=Q+ Bxb8 53. Kxc3 Kc5 54. Kd3 Bf4 55. Bg4 Kd6
56. Ke2 Ke7 57. Kf3 Kf7 58. h4 Bd6 59. h5 Ke7 60.
Bf5 Bc5 61. Drawn

John R. Malutich (D) - Brent Hardman (E), Round 3
Queens' Gambit Declined, Chigorin's Defense

1. d4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d5 3. c4 dxc4 4. e4 e6 5. Bxc4 Na5 6.
Qa4+ c6 7. Be2 b5 8. Qc2 Nf6 9. Bg5 Be7 10. O-O
O-O 11. a3 Nh5 12. Bxe7 Qxe7 13. b4 Nc4 14. Bxc4
bxc4 15. Qxc4 Bb7 16. Qc5 Qf6 17. Qxh5 and White
won

James Fuller (B) - Mike Conley (B), Round 3
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 d6 5. Bg5 Nbd7 6.
e3 O-O 7. Be2 c5 8. d5 Ng4 9. Qb3 b6 10. O-O Nde5
11. Nb5 Nxf3+ 12. Bxf3 Ne5 13. Be2 a6 14. Nc3 f6 15.
Bf4 Bd7 16. Bxe5 dxe5 17. Rad1 Qc7 18. Ne4 e6 19.
dxe6 Bxe6 20. Rd6 Bf5 21. Qd3 Bxe4 22. Qxe4 Qxd6
and Black eventually won

Round 4:

After Pat beat David Saville, he was alone at the top with
a 4-0 mark. Jim Walker and Sefus Ellis were nearly on
pace with a 3½ score.

After this loss, John withdrew from the tourney.

Mike Conley (B) - John Roush (X), Round 4
Queen's Gambit Declined, Tarrasch Variation

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6.
Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 g5 8. Bg3 Ne4 9. Qa4+ Bd7 10. Qxe4+
Be7 11. Bxd6 Na6 12. Qxe7+ Qxe7 13. Bxe7 Kxe7 14.
e4 Nb4 15. Kd2 f5 16. a3 fxe4 17. Ne5 Nxd5 18. Ng6+
Kf6 19. Nxe8 Rxe8 20. Nc3 Ke5 21. Nxd5 Kxd5 22.
Rc1 b6 23. Ke3 Bc6 24. Be2 Bb7 25. Rhd1+ Black
resigns

Before this game, I told John Kay that Mike and Markle
would draw within 20 moves. It seems like these two
always draw when they play.

Mike Richardson (A) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 4
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 Bg4 6.
h3 Bxf3 7. Qxf3 c6 8. Be3 e6 9. Bd3 Nbd7 10. O-O
Be7 11. Rf2 Nb6 12. Raf1 Nbd5 13. Bd2 Nb4 14.
Drawn

Tom LaBue (C) - Allen Mullins (B), Round 4
Benko Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. e3 axb5 6.
Bxb5 Qa5+ 7. Nc3 Ba6 8. Bxa6 Qxa6 9. Nge2 g6 10.
O-O Bg7 11. a4 d6 12. Ra3 O-O 13. Qc2 Nbd7 14.
Rd1 Rfb8 15. e4 Ne8 16. Nb5 Qb7 17. Nec3 Nc7 18.
Nxc7 Qxc7 19. Nb5 Qc8 20. Bd2 Nb6 21. b3 c4 22. b4
Nxd5 23. Nxd6 exd6 24. exd5 Qg4 25. Rc1 Qd4 26.
Bc3 Qxd5 27. Bxg7 Kxg7 28. Qxc4 Qd2 29. Qc3+
Qxc3 30. Raxc3 Rxb4 31. Rd3 Ra6 32. Rcd1 Rbxa4
33. g3 Ra1 34. Kg2 Rxd1 35. Rxd1 Kf6 36. Rd2 Ke6
37. f4 Ra7 38. h3 h5 39. Rd3 d5 40. Kf3 f5 41. g4
hxg4+ 42. hxg4 Ra4 43. gxf5+ gxf5 44. Ke3 Re4+ 45.
Kf3 d4 46. Ra3 Kd5 47. Ra5+ Kc4 48. Rxf5 Re3+ 49.
Kf2 Kd3 50. Re5 Rxe5 51. fxe5 Kc2 52. e6 53. Drawn

Chuck Waugh (C) - Dave Olson (B), Round 4
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. d4 d6 5. exd6 cxd6 6.
Nf3 Bf5 7. Bd3 Bxd3 8. Qxd3 g6 9. O-O Bg7 10. Nc3
O-O 11. Be3 Nc6 12. a3 Na5 13. Nd2 Nc6 14. b3 Rc8
15. Rac1 e5 16. d5 Ne7 17. Nde4 a6 18. f3 Nf5 19. Ne2
Nd7 20. b4 Nxe3 21. Qxe3 Nb6 22. Qd3 Re8 23. Rfd1
f5 24. Nf2 Qe7 25. c5 dxc5 26. d6 Qe6 27. bxc5 Nd7
28. Qd5 Qxd5 29. Rxd5 Kf7 30. Rb1 Ke6 31. Rxb7
Kxd5 32. Rxd7 Bf8 33. Rxh7 Rxc5 34. d7 Rd8 35.
Nd3 Rc7 36. Nb4+ Bxb4 37. axb4 Rxd7 38. Rh6 Kc4
39. Rxc6 a5 and Black won

More Excitement from the 1998 WV State Championship

George Mullins (D) - Dick Shellenberger (B), Round 4
Reti Opening

1. Nf3 c5 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. c3 Nc6 5. d3 d6 6.
O-O Bd7 7. Re1 Rb8 8. Nbd2 b5 9. Qc2 Nf6 10. e4
O-O 11. Nf1 b4 12. Bd2 bxc3 13. bxc3 Qc8 14. Rab1
Qa6 15. Rxb8 Rxb8 16. Rb1 Rb6 17. Ne3 Be6 18. c4
Ne8 19. Ng5 Nd4 20. Rxb6 Qxb6 21. Qa4 Nc7 22.
Nxe6 fxe6 23. Ba5 Qa6 24. Qd7 Qxa5 25. Qxe7 Qb6
26. Ng4 Qb8 27. Qxd6 Bf8 28. Nf6+ Kf7 29. Qd7+
Be7 30. Bf1 Kxf6 and Black eventually won on time.

Tim Goan (C) - Stephen Statkiewicz (D), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Lowenthal Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 a6 6.
Nd6+ Bxd6 7. Qxd6 Nf6 8. Nc3 Qe7 9. Qc7 O-O 10.
Qb6 Nd4 11. Bd3 Qe6 12. Qxe6 Nxe6 13. Be3 b5 14.
O-O d6 15. Rad1 Bb7 16. Nd5 Nxd5 17. exd5 Nc7 18.
c4 f5 19. Bb6 bxc4 20. Bxc7 cxd3 21. Bxd6 Rfd8 22.
Bxe5 Rxd5 23. Bc3 a5 24. Rfe1 Rad8 25. Re7 R8d7
26. Rxd7 Rxd7 27. Bxa5 Ba6 28. f3 Re7 29. Rd2 Re1+
30. Kf2 Re2+ 31. Rxe2 dxe2 32. Ke3 Kf7 33. a4 Ke6
34. Bc3 g6 35. b4 Bc4 36. Kd4 Ba6 37. b5 Bb7 38. Ke3
Kd5 39. Kxe2 Kc4 40. Kd2 Kc5 41. Kd3 g5 42. Bd2 g4
43. fxxg4 fxxg4 44. g3 Bd5 45. Ke3 Bb3 46. a5 Kxb5 47.
Kf4 Be6 48. Ke5 Bd7 49. Kf6 h5 50. Kg5 Ka6 51.
Drawn

Bob McLearn (D) - James Fuller (B), Round 4

1. e4 c5 2. Bc4 e6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Nf3 d6 5. d3 Be7 6.
Be3 Nf6 7. O-O O-O 8. a3 a6 9. Qd2 Kh8 10. Bf4 d5
11. Ba2 d4 12. Ne2 Nh5 13. Ng3 Nxf4 14. Qxf4 g5 15.
Qg4 f5 16. Qh5 g4 17. Nd2 f4 18. Qxg4 fxxg3 19. fxxg3
Rxf1+ 20. Rxf1 Qg8 21. Qh5 Bd7 22. Rf4 Qg5 23.
Qxg5 Bxg5 24. Rf7 Ne5 25. Rxd7 Nxd7 26. Nf3 Be3+
27. Kh1 e5 28. Be6 Nf8 29. Bd5 Ng6 30. h3 Rf8 31.
Bxb7 Rb8 32. Bxa6 Rxb2 33. Be4 Rxc2 34. a4 Rxc4
35. dxc4 d3 36. h4 d2 37. Nxd2 Bxd2 and Black soon
won.

Jon Mullins (Unr) - John R. Malutich (D), Round 4
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. b3 Bg7 4. Nc3 d5 5. Bb2 O-O 6.
e3 a6 7. h3 Nbd7 8. Ng5 h6 9. Nf3 Ne4 10. Nxe4 dxe4
11. Nd2 f5 12. Bc4+ Kh7 13. f3 b5 14. Be2 Bb7 15.
Nb1 c5 16. Na3 Qc7 17. f4 Rfd8 18. g3 cxd4 19. Bxd4
Bxd4 20. Qxd4 Qa5+ 21. c3 Qxa3 22. O-O Qc5 23.
Rac1 Qxd4 24. cxd4 Rac8 25. Rfd1 Rxc1 26. Rxc1
Rc8 27. Rd1 Rc2 28. Kf2 e6 29. a4 Bc6 30. Ke1 Nf6
31. Rb1 Nd5 32. axb5 Bxb5 33. Bxb5 axb5 34. Ra1 h5

35. Ra6 Nc7 36. Rd6 Kg7 37. Kd1 Rc3 38. Kd2 b4 39.
Rb6 Rxb3 40. Kc2 Rc3+ 41. Kb2 Nd5 42. Rxb4 Nxb4
43. Kxc3 Nd5+ 44. Kd2 Kf7 45. Ke2 Ke7 46. Kd2 Kd6
47. Ke2 Kc6 48. Kd2 Kb5 49. h4 Kc4 50. Ke2 Kc3 51.
Kf2 Kd3 52. Ke1 Nxe3 53. White resigns

Chad Mullins (Unr) - Michael Malutich (C), Round 4

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. O-O d6 5. d4 g6 6.
Re1 Bg7 7. Nc3 O-O 8. b3 Nc6 9. Bb2 Ng4 10. h3 Nh6
11. Rb1 Rb8 12. e4 e5 13. d5 Ne7 14. g4 f5 15. gxf5
gxf5 16. Ng5 Bc8 17. h4 Ng6 18. Qh5 f4 19. Bh3 Bxh3
20. Ne6 Bxe6 21. dxe6 Qxh4 22. Qxh4 Nxe4 23. Nd5
Nf3+ 24. Kg2 Nxe1+ and Black won

Alan Smith (D) - Bill Salmon (E), Round 4

Ruy Lopez, Old Steinitz Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. d4 Bg4 5. d5 a6 6. Be2
Nce7 7. c4 Nf6 8. Nc3 Ng6 9. h3 Bd7 10. Be3 Be7 11.
Qd2 Nh5 12. g3 O-O 13. Nh2 Nf6 14. Ng4 Nh5 15.
Nh6+ gxh6 16. Bxh5 Bg5 17. h4 Bxe3 18. Qxe3 Kg7
19. O-O-O f5 20. f4 Qe7 21. exf5 Rxf5 22. Bg4 Rf6 23.
Bxd7 Qxd7 24. Ne4 Rf5 25. h5 Ne7 26. Rdg1 Kh8 27.
fxe5 Ng8 28. e6 Qa4 29. Qc3+ Re5 30. b3 Qxa2 31.
Re1 Qa3+ 32. Kb1 Rf8 33. Nd2 Rf5 34. g4 Rg5 35.
Nf3 Nf6 36. Nxxg5 hxxg5 37. Rxe5 dxe5 38. h6 Nxxg4 39.
Rg1 Black resigns

John W. Malutich (D) - Jim Olson (D), Round 4

Trompowski Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 Ne4 3. Bf4 d5 4. f3 Nf6 5. e4 dxe4 6.
Nc3 e6 7. fxe4 Bb4 8. Ne2 c5 9. Qd3 cxd4 10. O-O-O
O-O 11. Nxd4 Ng4 12. Bg3 Qg5+ 13. Kb1 Rd8 14.
Qb5 Qxb5 15. Ndx5 Rxd1+ 16. Nxd1 Na6 17. Nd6
Nc5 18. Be2 Nf6 19. Nf2 Bd7 20. c3 Ba5 21. b4 Na4
22. Kc2 Bb6 23. Nxb7 Bxf2 24. Bxf2 Nxe4 25. Be3
Naxc3 26. Bc4 Nb5 27. Nc5 Na3+ 28. Kb3 Nxc4 29.
Kxc4 Nxc5 30. Bxc5 a6 31. a3 Rd8 32. Kc3 Bb5 33.
Rc1 Rd3+ 34. Kc2 Rxa3 and Black won

Steven Malutich (D) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 4
Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Nf3 c5 5. a3 Ba5 6. Ne5
Qc7 7. b4 cxb4 8. axb4 Bxb4 9. Qa4+ Nc6 10. Bd2
Ne7 11. Nxc6 Nxc6 12. Rb1 Ba5 13. e3 O-O 14. Be2 b6
15. O-O e5 16. Nxd5 Qd6 17. dxe5 Nxe5 18. Bxa5
bxa5 19. Qxa5 Bf5 20. Rbd1 Nc6 21. Ne7+ Qxe7 22.
Qxf5 a5 23. Bf3 Ra6 24. Bxc6 Rxc6 25. Qxa5 Rxc4 26.
Rd4 Rxd4 27. exd4 Qe4 28. d5 h6 29. d6 Qa8 30. Qc7
Qd8 31. Rc1 Kh7 32. d7 Qxc7 33. Rxc7 Rd8 34. f4

More Excitement from the 1998 WV State Championship

Kg6 35. Kf2 Kf6 36. Kf3 Ke6 37. Ke4 Rxd7 38. Rxd7 Kxd7 39. Kf5 Ke7 40. Ke5 g6 41. g4 f6+ 42. Kd5 h5 43. gxh5 gxh5 44. f5 Kf7 45. Kd6 Kg7 46. Ke7 h4 47. h3 Kg8 48. Kxf6 and White won

Nathan Stark (E) - Steve Sutherland (E), Round 4
Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Bc5 3. Bc4 d6 4. d3 Nc6 5. Ng5 Qf6 6. O-O Nh6 7. Nc3 Be6 8. Nxe6 fxe6 9. Bxh6 Qxh6 10. Qg4 Nd4 11. Bb3 Nxb3 12. axb3 c6 13. Na4 Bb4 14. c3 Ba5 15. b4 Bc7 16. c4 b5 17. Nc3 Bb6 18. Qe2 O-O 19. Kh1 Rf6 20. exb5 cxb5 21. Nxb5 d5 22. f3 Be3 23. Rfe1 Bf4 24. h3 Bg3 25. Recl Raf8 26. Rf1 Qh4 27. Rxa7 Bf4 28. Qf2 Bg3 29. Qe2 Bf4 30. Qe1 Bg3 31. Qe2 d4 32. Na3 Bf4 33. Qf2 Qg5 34. b5 Bg3 35. Qe2 Rc8 36. Nc4 Bf4 37. Qf2 Rf7 38. Rxf7 Kxf7 39. Nd6+ Kg6 40. Nxc8 and White won

Galen Miller (D) - Nathan Gundlach (D), Round 4
English Opening, King's Indian Defense

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. Nf3 d6 6. O-O e5 7. d3 Nc6 8. Bd2 h6 9. Qc1 Kh7 10. e4 Ne8 11. Nd5 Ne7 12. Ng5+ hxg5 13. Bxg5 f6 14. Be3 Nxd5 15. cxd5 Bd7 16. f4 Rc8 17. f5 g5 18. Qd1 Rh8 19. Kf2 Kg8 20. h4 gxh4 21. Rh1 hxg3+ 22. Kxg3 Qe7 23. Qg4 c6 24. Rxh8+ Kxh8 25. Rh1+ Kg8 26. Qg6 Qf7 27. Qh7+ Kf8 28. Bf3 Nc7 29. Bh5 Qg8 30. Qg6 Bh8 31. Bh6+ Ke7 32. dxc6 Bxc6 33. Kf2 Qxg6 34. fxc6 Rg8 35. g7 Bxg7 36. Rg1 Kf8 37. Be3 Rh8 38. Bf3 a6 39. Kg2 Bh6 40. Bxh6+ Rxh6 41. Rc1 Ne6 42. Kf2 Rh2+ 43. Bg2 Nf4 44. Rg1 Rxc2+ 45. Rxc2 Nxc2 46. Kxc2 Bb5 47. Kf2 Bxd3 48. Ke3 Bxe4 49. Kxe4 Ke7 50. White resigns

Round 5:

Pat Kelly and Jim Walker draw, Saville beats Ellis, Griffith over Conley and Mike Turner trounces Jim Gikas. Pat has 4½. Donald, David and Mike all with 4. Highlights from this round include Markle Butcher's victory over ex-champ Gary Cummings. Markle had better position throughout and eventually was up the exchange. At one point, it looked like Gary might be able to eek out a draw with four connected pawns storming Markle position. However, Markle held firm and was able to claim the win.

David Saville (X) - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 5
Queen's Gambit Declined, Slav Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Qc7 5. g3 e6 6. Bg2

dxg4 7. Ne5 Be7 8. Nxc4 O-O 9. Bf4 Qd8 10. e4 b5 11. Ne5 Bb7 12. a3 Qb6 13. O-O Rd8 14. Be3 Qc7 15. Qe2 Nfd7 16. Nd3 Nb6 17. Rfc1 a6 18. b3 Qd7 19. d5 Nc8 20. Ne5 Qe8 21. dxe6 f6 22. Nf7 Nd6 23. Nxd8 Bxd8 24. Bh3 Qe7 25. Bc5 a5 26. Rd1 and White won

Donald Griffith (X) - Mike Conley (B), Round 5
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nge2 d6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 a6 6. Be4 e6 7. Be3 Nxd4 8. Qxd4 b5 9. Bb3 Bb7 10. O-O-O Rc8 11. Rhe1 Qc7 12. f4 Nf6 13. f5 e5 14. Qd3 Ng4 15. Bg1 Be7 16. Bd5 Nf6 17. Re2 O-O 18. Be3 Bxd5 19. Nxd5 Nxd5 20. Qxd5 Qc4 21. Rdd2 Rc6 22. Kb1 Rfc8 23. g4 Bd8 24. g5 Ba5 25. Rd3 Qa4 26. Ra3 Qb4 27. c3 Rxc3 28. Rxc3 Bc7 29. Rxc7 Black resigns

Markle Butcher (B) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 5
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 h6 8. b4 Ne8 9. O-O f5 10. Ne1 Nf6 11. f3 Nbd7 12. Be3 f4 13. Bf2 Nh7 14. c5 a6 15. cxd6 cxd6 16. Rc1 Qg5 17. Na4 b5 18. Nb6 Nxb6 19. Bxb6 Bh3 20. Kh1 Bd7 21. Qd2 Rfc8 22. Nd3 Nf6 23. Rxc8+ Rxc8 24. Rc1 Ne8 25. Rxc8 Bxc8 26. Qc2 Bb7 27. a4 Qe7 28. axb5 axb5 29. Nb2 Qd7 30. Nd3 Bf6 31. Nc1 Bh4 32. Nb3 Be1 33. Ba5 Bh4 34. Bf1 Ba6 35. Qc6 Qxc6 36. dxc6 Be1 37. c7 Bc8 38. Bxb5 Nf6 39. Bc4+ Kf8 40. Na1 Ke7 41. Nc2 Bc3 42. Na3 Ne8 43. Kg1 Nxc7 44. Bxc7 Bxb4 45. Nb5 Bc5+ 46. Kf1 Be6 47. Bd3 g5 48. h3 h5 49. Be2 Bb4 50. Bb6 d5 51. Nc7 dxe4 52. Nxe6 exf3 53. Bc4 fxc2+ 54. Kxc2 g4 55. hxg4 hxg4 56. Ng5 Bd6 57. Bd5 Ba3 58. Ne4 Bb2 59. Bc5+ Kd7 60. Nf6+ Kc7 61. Nxc4 Bd4 62. Bf8 Kb6 63. Kf3 Be5 64. Bg7 Bd6 65. Ke4 Kc5 66. Nxe5 Bc7 67. Nd3+ Black resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 5
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. g3 b6 6. Bg2 Bb7 7. Bf4 d6 8. Qd2 Nbd7 9. Bh6 Re8 10. d5 e5 11. e4 Re7 12. Bg5 Qf8 13. h3 h6 14. Be3 Ree8 15. b4 a5 16. b5 Ra7 17. a4 Raa8 18. Nh4 Nh7 19. O-O Bc8 20. Kh2 Ndf6 21. g4 Bxc4 22. hxg4 Nxc4+ 23. Kg1 Nxe3 24. fxe3 Qe7 25. Qf2 Bf6 26. Nf3 Rf8 27. Bh3 Kg7 28. Qg2 Rg8 29. Kf2 g5 30. Bf5 Kh8 31. Rh1 Bg7 32. Rag1 f6 33. Qg4 Rad8 Rgd8 34. Rg2 Kg8 35. Be6+ Kf8 36. Qf5 Black resigns

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Dick Shellenberger (B) - Mike Richardson (A), Round 5
Dutch Defense

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. a3 Be7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Bf4 d6 7. h3 a5 8. e3 Na6 9. Be2 Bd7 10. O-O Qe8 11. Kh1 c6 12. Qb3 Qc8 13. Nd2 Kh8 14. Na4 Qc7 15. Nb6 Rae8 16. c5 e5 17. Nxd7 Qxd7 18. cxd6 exf4 19. dxe7 Rxe7 20. Bxa6 bxa6 21. Nc4 fxe3 22. fxe3 Ne4 23. Rf3 c5 24. Rd1 cxd4 25. exd4 Ng5 26. Rf2 Ne4 27. Rf3 Ng5 28. Rf2 Ne4 29. Drawn

Allen Mullins (B) - Marc Abraham (B), Round 5
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 c5 2. g3 Nc6 3. Bg2 e5 4. d3 d5 5. Nbd2 f6 6. e4 d4 7. O-O Be6 8. Nh4 Qd7 9. Bh1 Bd6 10. Ng2 Nge7 11. Nc4 Bc7 12. a4 Na5 13. b3 Nxc4 14. bxc4 Ba5 15. f4 Bg4 16. Rf3 Bxf3 17. Qxf3 O-O-O 18. Qe2 Nc6 19. Ba3 Bc3 20. Rb1 Nb4 21. White resigns

Stephen Statkiewicz (D) - Greg Martin (A), Round 5
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. Bf4 c6 5. e3 e6 6. Nh4 Bb4 7. Nxf5 exf5 8. Qd3 Qa5 9. f3 O-O 10. Be2 Nbd7 11. O-O Nh5 12. Bg5 g6 13. f4 Nhf6 14. Nd1 Ne4 15. Bh4 Rfe8 16. c3 Be7 17. Be1 Qc7 18. Rf3 Rad8 19. Rh3 Ndf6 20. Nf2 Rd6 21. Qd1 Bf8 22. g4 Nxf2 23. Bxf2 fxe4 24. Bxe4 Nxe4 25. Qxe4 f5 26. Qg3 Rde6 27. Re1 Bg7 28. Kh1 Bf6 29. Rg1 R8e7 30. Rh6 Kf8 31. Qh3 Ke8 32. Re1 Kd8 33. Bh4 Kc8 34. Bxf6 Rxf6 35. Qg3 Qd7 36. Rh3 Rfe6 37. Kg2 Qe8 38. Kf2 Kb8 39. Rh6 Qd7 40. h4 Ka8 41. h5 a6 42. hxe6 Rxe6 43. Rxe6 hxe6 44. Qxe6 Rg7 45. Qh6 Rh7 46. Qf8+ Ka7 47. Rg1 Re7 48. Rg5 Qe6 49. Rg3 Qe4 50. Rf3 Qc2+ 51. Kg3 Qe4 52. Kf2 Qe6 53. Rg3 Re8 54. Qg7 Qe4 55. Rf3 Qc2+ 56. Kg3 Qc1 and Black won.

Michael Malutich (C) - Aaron Richardson (B), Round 5
Queen's Gambit Declined, Tarrasch Variation

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Bg5 g6 7. e4 Bg7 8. Nf3 Bg4 9. Be2 Bxf3 10. Bxf3 O-O 11. O-O a6 12. h4 Nbd7 13. g3 Ne5 14. Kg2 b5 15. Rh1 b4 16. Nb1 Qb6 17. Nd2 Rac8 18. Be2 c4 19. Be3 Qd8 20. Rc1 c3 21. bxc3 bxc3 22. Nb1 Nxe4 23. f3 Nc5 24. Nxc3 a5 25. Bd4 Bh6 26. f4 Ned7 27. Qf1 Qe7 28. Qf3 Rfe8 29. h5 Bg7 30. Bxe7 Kxe7 31. f5 g5 32. Bb5 h6 33. f6+ Qxf6 34. Qxf6+ Kxf6 35. Rcf1+ Kg7 36. Rf2 Re7 37. a4 Ne5 38. Ne2 Ng4 39. Nd4 Rec7 40. Rc2 Ne3+ 41. Kf2 Nxc2 42. Nxc2

Steven Malutich (D) - Tim Goan (C), Round 5

Queen's Gambit Declined, Orthodox Variation

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. e3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 dxc4 8. Bxc4 b6 9. O-O Bb7 10. Nd2 c5 11. Qc2 Rc8 12. Bd3 Qc7 13. Bf4 Bd6 14. Nb5 Qc6 15. Be4 Nxe4 16. Nxe4 Bxf4 17. Nxa7 Bxh2+ 18. Kxh2 Qc7+ 19. Kg1 Bxe4 20. Qxe4 Qxa7 and Black won.

Alan Smith (D) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 5

Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. Be3 Bg7 6. Nc3 Nf6 7. f3 O-O 8. Qd2 d5 9. e5 Nxe5 10. O-O-O e6 11. g4 Nc6 12. h4 Qa5 13. h5 Nxd4 14. Bxd4 Re8 15. g5 Nxh5 16. Bxe7 Nxe7 17. Qh2 Nh5 18. f4 Qc7 19. Ne2 f6 20. White resigns

Joe Meadows (D) - George Mullins (D), Round 5

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d6 3. Nf3 Be7 4. Nc3 a6 5. Bd3 Nd7 6. Be3 Ngf6 7. Qe2 Ng4 8. O-O Nxe3 9. fxe3 O-O 10. Rad1 c5 11. e5 Qb6 12. dxc5 Nxc5 13. exd6 Bxd6 14. Bxh7+ Kxh7 15. Ng5+ Kg6 16. Qg4 Bxh2+ 17. Kh1 f5 18. Qh4 Qc7 19. Rf3 Qe7 20. Kxh2 Bd7 21. Rg3 Rh8 22. Nh7+ Kf7 23. Rxe7+ Kxe7 24. Qxe7+ Kg6 25. Qg5+ Kxh7 26. Kg3 Rhg8 27. Rh1 mate

John R. Malutich (D) - James Fuller (B), Round 5

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 d5 4. Nc3 c5 5. e3 Nc6 6. Be2 Be7 7. O-O cxd4 8. exd4 O-O 9. Bd3 Re8 10. Re1 Bb4 11. Bg5 Be7 12. Qc2 g6 13. h3 Nh5 14. Bxe7 Nxe7 15. Ne2 f5 16. Qd2 Nf6 17. Qh6 Rf8 18. Ng5 Kh8 19. Nf4 Qe8 20. Ngxe6 Bxe6 21. Nxe6 Rf7 22. Nc7 Nfg8 23. Qf4 Qc8 24. Nxa8 Qxa8 25. Qd6 Rf6 26. Qd7 Nc6 27. Re8 Nb8 28. Qd8 Kg7 29. Rxe8+ Kh6 30. Qxf6 Black resigns

John W. Malutich (D) - Nathan Stark (E), Round 5

Dutch Defense, Leningrad Variation

1. d4 f5 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 g6 5. e3 Bg7 6. Be2 O-O 7. O-O c6 8. Qc2 Qc7 9. b3 e5 10. dxe5 dxe5 11. e4 fxe4 12. Nxe4 Nxe4 13. Qxe4 Bf5 14. Qh4 Bf6 15. Bg5 Nd7 16. Bxf6 Nxf6 17. Rfd1 Qe7 18. Rd2 Rad8 19. Rad1 Rxd2 20. Rxd2 e4 21. Nd4 e3 22. Nxf5 gxf5 23. Qg5+ Kh8 24. Qxe3 Qxe3 25. fxe3 Ng8 26. Rd7 Re8 27. Rxb7 Rxe3 28. Bf3 Re7 29. Bxc6 Rxb7 30. Bxb7 and White eventually won.

Nathan Gundlach (D) - Bob McLear (D), Round 5

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 d5 4. exd5 Bd6 5. O-O O-O

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6. d3 Nbd7 7. Nc3 a6 8. a4 b6 9. Ne4 Bb7 10. Bg5 h6
11. Nxf6+ Nxf6 12. Bxf6 Qxf6 13. Nd2 Qg6 14. Ne4
Bc8 15. Nxd6 cxd6 16. Qf3 f5 17. Qg3 Qh7 18. f4 exf4
19. Qxf4 Rf6 20. Qd4 Qg6 21. Qxb6 f4 22. Kh1 Bg4
23. Qf2 Raf8 24. h3 Qh5 25. Kg1 Bxh3 26. gxh3 Qxh3
27. Qh2 Rg6+ 28. Kh1 Qf5 29. Rg1 Rgf6 30. Rae1 f3
31. Ref1 f2 32. Rg2 Qf3 33. Rxf2 Qxf2 34. Rxf2 Rxf2
35. Qxd6 Rf1+ 36. Kg2 R8f2+ 37. Kg3 Rf3+ 38. Kg4
Kh7 39. d4 h5+ 40. Kxh5 Rf5+ 41. Kg4 Rf6 42. Bd3+
Kg8 43. Qd8+ Rf8 44. Qe7 R8f7 45. Qe8+ Rf8 46.
Qe6+ Black resigns

Mike Price (D) - David Hundley (D), Round 5
Goring Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. c3 Nf6 4. d4 exd4 5. e5 Ng4 6.
cxd4 Bb4+ 7. Nc3 O-O 8. h3 Nh6 9. Bxh6 gxh6 10.
Bd3 Ne7 11. Ng5 hxg5 12. Qh5 Ng6 13. h4 gxh4 14. g3
Re8 15. Rxh4 Nxh4 16. Qxh7+ Kf8 17. Qh8+ Ke7 18.
Qf6+ Kf8 19. Qh8+ Ke7 20. Qf6+ Kf8 21. Drawn by
repetition

Glenn Haynes (E) - Jon Mullins (Unr), Round 5

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 e5 3. Bc4 h6 4. Bxf7+ Kxf7 5. d4 d5 6.
Nxe5+ Nxe5 7. dxe5 Be6 8. Qf3+ Ke8 9. Qb3 Ne7 10.
Qf3 dxe4 11. Qxe4 Bd5 12. Qg4 h5 13. Qf4 Ng6 14.
Qg3 Be4 15. O-O Qd4 16. e6 Bd6 17. Qe3 Qe5 18. Nc3
Qxh2 mate

Jim Olson (D) - Chad Mullins (Unr), Round 5
Colle System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 g6 4. Bd3 Bg7 5. Nbd2 O-O
6. e4 dxe4 7. Nxe4 Nc6 8. c3 b6 9. Bg5 Re8 10. Qd2
Nxe4 11. Bxe4 Bb7 12. Bh6 Rb8 13. Bxg7 Kxg7 14.
O-O-O e6 15. h4 h5 16. Rdg1 Nxd4 17. Bxb7 Nxf3 18.
Bxf3 Qxd2+ 19. Kxd2 Rbd8+ 20. Kc2 Re7 21. Rd1
Rde8 22. Rd2 f5 23. Rhd1 e5 24. Bc6 Rf8 25. Rd7
Rxd7 26. Rxd7+ Kh6 27. Rxc7 g5 28. hxg5+ Kxg5 29.
Re7 Rf6 30. Rg7+ Kh4 31. Bf3 e4 32. Be2 Re6 33. Bf1
e3 34. g3 mate

Bill Salmon (D) - Galen Miller (D), Round 5
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6.
Be3 Nd5 7. Bg5 Nxc3 8. bxc3 f6 9. Be3 exf3 10. Nxf3
e6 11. Bc4 Bf7 12. O-O Bd6 13. Qe2 O-O 14. Qg2 Nd7
15. Rad1 c6 16. g5 Qe7 17. Qh3 b5 18. Bd3 g6 19. Rf2
f5 20. Qh6 e5 21. Re1 Be8 22. Bxb5 Qg7 23. Qh3 Rb8
24. Bc4 Bf7 25. Rd1 Nb6 26. Bb3 c4 27. d5 cxb3 28.
Bd4 e5 29. cxb3 exd4 30. Rxd4 Bxd5 and Black won

Round 6:

Besides the top boards, there were many interesting
developments. Marc Abraham and Mike Richardson
each finished their weekend unbeaten, both with 2 wins
and 4 draws. The C players scored big with Chuck
Waugh upsetting Mike Conley and Tim Goan over Greg
Martin to share the C class with 4. Nathan Gundlach
scored the largest upset of the event with his victory over
Allen Mullins. Nathan tied for D class with John
Malutich, the younger. John drew with Aarom
Richardson in the final round.

Donald Griffith (X) - Pat Kelly (A), Round 6
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. Nge2 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 e5
6. Ndb5 a6 7. Na3 Nf6 8. Bg5 Be6 9. Nd5 Bxd5 10.
Qxd5 Nxd5 11. Bxd8 Nc3 12. bxc3 Rxd8 13. Bc4 d5
14. exd5 Na5 15. Be2 Bxa3 16. Rd1 O-O 17. O-O b5
18. f4 Bc5+ 19. Kh1 e4 20. f5 Rd6 21. Rf4 Re8 22. h3
Be3 23. Rg4 Re5 24. White resigns

Marc Abraham (B) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 6
English Opening

1. c4 c5 2. Nf3 b6 3. e3 e6 4. d4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb7 6. Be2
Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Bd2 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Nc6 10. Nxc6
Bxc6 11. Bf3 Qc7 12. Nb5 Qb7 13. Nd4 Bxf3 14. Nxf3
Rfd8 15. Qe2 d5 16. cxd5 Nxd5 17. Rac1 Rac8 18. a3
Rxc1 19. Rxc1 Rc8 20. Qd1 h6 21. Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.
Qa4 a6 23. g3 b5 24. Qb3 Nb6 25. Qc3 Qxc3 26. Bxc3
Na4 27. Bd4 f6 28. b3 Nc5 29. Bxc5 Bxc5 30. a4 e5 31.
axb5 axb5 32. Kf1 Kf7 33. Ke2 Ke6 34. e4 f5 35. Nd2
g5 36. exf5+ Kxf5 37. h3 h5 38. f3 g4 39. fxg4+ hxg4
40. hxg4+ Kxg4 41. Kd3 Kf5 42. g4+ Kxg4 43. Ke4
Bd6 44. Nf3 b4 45. Nxe5+ Kh5 46. Nc6 Drawn

Gary Cummings (A) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 6
Sicilian Defense, Kalashnikov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb3 Bb4+
6. c3 Be7 7. Be3 Nf6 8. Bd3 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Bc5
Bxc5 11. Nxc5 Nf4 12. Qf3 Nxd3+ 13. Nxd3 O-O 14.
O-O Re8 15. Qe3 Bf5 16. Nc5 Qe7 17. Na3 Rad8 18.
Rad1 b6 19. Ne4 Bg6 20. Ng3 f5 21. f4 e4 22. Nc2 Qf7
23. b3 Bh5 24. Nxh5 Qxh5 25. Nd4 Nxd4 26. cxd4
Rd5 27. Rd2 Red8 28. Rc1 Qf7 29. h3 h6 30. Rcd1
R8d7 31. g3 Qh5 32. Kh2 Kh7 33. Rg1 R7d6 34. g4
Qg6 35. gxf5 Qxf5 36. Rdg2 g6 37. Rd2 Rf6 38. Rdg2
Rdd6 39. Rg4 h5 40. Rg5 Qxf4+ 41. Qxf4 Rxf4 42. d5
Rf2+ 43. R1g2 Rxd2+ 44. Kxg2 Kh6 45. Re5 a5 46. h4
Kg7 47. Kf2 Kf6 48. Rg5 Rd7 49. Draw agreed

More Excitement from the 1998 WV State Championship

Greg Martin (A) - Tim Goan (C), Round 6

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. e4 d6 6. Ne2 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Nbc3 Ne8 10. Be3 f5 11. Rc1 Nf6 12. Qd2 Ng4 13. Bg5 h6 14. f3 hfg5 15. ffg4 f4 16. Bf3 Bd7 17. Rf2 Bf6 18. Rcf1 Rf7 19. h4 gfh4 20. gxf4 exf4 21. Nxf4 Bg5 22. Nce2 Qf8 23. Bg2 Qh6 24. Bh3 Raf8 25. Rf3 a5 26. Qc1 a4 27. R1f2 b5 28. Qf1 bxc4 29. Ng2 Rxf3 30. Rxf3 Rxf3 31. Qxf3 Qg7 32. Qc3 Qxc3 33. bxc3 Bf6 34. g5 Bxh3 35. gxf6 Nc8 36. Nxf4 Kf7 37. Nfg6 Kxg6 38. Nf4+ Kxf6 39. Nxf3 Ke5 40. Ng5 Kf4 41. Ne6+ Kxe4 42. Nxc7 Kd3 43. Nb5 Nb6 44. Nxd6 Nxd5 45. Kf1 Nxc3 46. Nb7 a3 47. Ke1 Nxa2 48. Kd1 Kc3 49. Ne5 Kb2 50. Na4+ Kb1 51. Ke2 c3 52. Nb6 c2 53. White resigns

Mike Richardson (A) - John R. Malutich (D), Round 6

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. fxe4 Nxe4 6. Qf3 Nd6 7. Bf4 Qc8 8. Bxd6 exd6 9. O-O-O c6 10. Re1+ Be7 11. Qe3 Qe6 12. Qf2 Qh6+ 13. Kb1 Be6 14. d5 cxd5 15. Nb5 Na6 16. Nxa7 O-O 17. Bxa6 bxa6 18. Nc6 Qf6 19. Nf3 Rfc8 20. Nxe7+ Qxe7 21. Nd4 Qa7 22. Qf4 Qc5 23. Rhf1 Ra7 24. c3 Rb7 25. Rf3 Re8 26. Nxe6 fxe6 27. Rxe6 Qg1+ 28. Rf1 Qxf1+ 29. Qxf1 Rxe6 30. Qxa6 Rbe7 31. Qa8+ Re8 32. Qxd5 Kh8 33. a4 h6 34. b4 Re1+ 35. Kc2 R8e2+ 36. Kb3 Re4 37. Qxd6 Rb1+ 38. Kc2 Ree1 39. Qf8+ Kh7 40. a5 Rec1+ 41. Kd3 Rf1 42. Qc5 Rbd1+ 43. Kc4 Rf4+ 44. Kb5 Rdf1 45. Ka4 Ra1+ 46. Kb3 Rb1+ 47. Kc2 Rff1 48. b5 Rfc1+ 49. Kd3 Rd1+ 50. Kc4 Ra1 51. b6 Rdb1 52. Qf5+ Kg8 53. Qc8+ Kh7 54. b7 Ra4+ 55. Kd3 Rba1 56. Qf5+ g6 57. Qf7+ Black resigns

Mike Conley (B) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 6

Colle System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 Nf6 4. Bd3 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Nbd2 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Re1 Bd7 9. Ne5 Bd6 10. f4 c4 11. Bc2 b5 12. Qf3 Ne8 13. Qh3 f5 14. g4 g6 15. Ndf3 Ng7 16. Re2 Be7 17. Bd2 Nxe5 18. fxe5 ffg4 19. Qxg4 Nf5 20. e4 dxe4 21. Bxe4 Rb8 22. Rf1 b4 23. Ng5 bxc3 24. bxc3 Rb2 25. Ref2 Rxd2 26. Rxd2 Bxg5 27. Rg2 Ne3 28. Rxf8+ Qxf8 29. Qf3 Qxf3 30. Bxf3 Nfg2 31. Kxg2 Bd2 32. d5 Bxc3 and Black won

Joe Meadows (D) - Rick Shellenberger (B), Round 6

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Bg4 6. O-O Nc6 7. c3 Be7 8. Bg5 Bh5 9. Re1 O-O 10. Nbd2

Re8 11. Qc2 Bg6 12. Bxg6 ffg6 13. Ne5 Qd6 14. Ndf3 Ne4 15. Bxe7 Rxe7 16. Nxc6 Qxc6 17. Qb3 Rae8 18. Ne5 Nf6 19. f3 Qb6 20. Qxb6 axb6 21. Kf2 c5 22. Re3 Rf8 23. Rae1 Ne4+ 24. Ke2 Nd6 25. Kd3 c4+ 26. Kd2 Nf5 27. R3e2 b5 28. g3 b4 29. Ng4 bxc3+ 30. Kxc3 Rxe2 31. Rxe2 Nd6 32. f4 Nb5+ 33. Kb4 Nxd4 34. Rd2 Nc6+ 35. Kc5 Ne7 36. Ne3 Rd8 37. Nxd5 Rc8+ 38. Kb4 Nxd5+ 39. Rxd5 Rc7 40. Rd4 b5 41. a4 bxa4 42. Rxc4 Rb7+ 43. Ka3 Rb3+ 44. Ka2 Kf7 45. Rxa4 Rb7 46. Rd4 Kf6 47. Rd5 h6 48. Ra5 Drawn

Nathan Gundlach (D) - Allen Mullins (B), Round 6

1. Nf3 c5 2. g3 d5 3. c4 Nf6 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. O-O e6 6. cxd5 exd5 7. d4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bc5 9. Nb3 Be7 10. Nc3 d4 11. Nb5 O-O 12. N5xd4 Qc7 13. Qc2 Bd7 14. Bf4 Qb6 15. Nxc6 Bxc6 16. Be3 Qa6 17. Bxc6 bxc6 18. Nc5 Qc8 19. Ne4 Ng4 20. Bc5 Re8 21. h3 Nf6 22. Bxe7 Nxe4 23. Qxe4 Qc7 24. Rfc1 Rxe7 25. Qxc6 Qxc6 26. Rxc6 Rxe2 27. Rac1 g6 28. Rc8+ Rxc8 29. Rxc8+ Kg7 30. Ra8 Rxb2 31. Rxa7 h5 32. Kg2 Kf6 33. Kf3 g5 34. a4 g4+ 35. hxg4 hxg4+ 36. Kxg4 Rxf2 37. a5 Ra2 38. Ra6+ Kg7 39. Kg5 f6+ 40. Kf5 Rf2+ 41. Ke6 Rg2 42. Ke7 Ra2 43. Ra8 Kg6 44. a6 Kf5 45. a7 Ra6 46. Kd7 Ra4 47. Kc7 Ra3 48. g4+ Kf4 49. Kb7 Rb3+ 50. Kc6 Ra3 51. g5 ffg5 52. Rf8+ Kg3 53. a8=Q Rxa8 54. Rxa8 g4 55. Kd5 Kf2 56. Ke4 g3 57. Ra2+ Kg1 58. Kf3 Black resigns

George Mullins (D) - Jim Olson (D), Round 6

King's Indian Attack

1. d3 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. g3 Nd7 4. Bg2 c6 5. c3 a5 6. O-O Ngf6 7. Qb3 Be7 8. Ng5 O-O 9. Qc2 h6 10. Nf3 Re8 11. Nh4 Bf8 12. Nf5 Nb6 13. e4 Kh7 14. Nd2 g6 15. Nh4 Bd7 16. f4 Bg7 17. f5 g5 18. Nhf3 Ng4 19. Re1 c5 20. h3 Nf6 21. Nh2 Nc8 22. Rf1 b5 23. Ndf3 Ng8 24. h4 Bf6 25. hxg5 hxg5 26. Ng4 Be7 27. Be3 f6 28. Kf2 Kg7 29. Rh1 Rf8 30. Rh5 Kf7 31. Qd1 Bc6 32. Rh7+ Ke8 33. Qh1 Kd7 34. Qh5 Kc7 35. Nh6 Nxf6 36. Qxh6 Kb6 37. Qg7 Ra7 38. Rah1 Rg8 39. Qf7 Rf8 40. Qg6 Rg8 41. Rg7 Rxg7 42. Qxg7 Qf8 43. Qxf8 Bxf8 44. Rh8 Rf7 45. Nh2 Bb7 46. Bh3 d5 47. Bg2 d4 48. Bd2 b4 49. c4 a4 50. Rg8 Be7 51. Ng4 Nd6 52. Rg6 Ne8 53. Bxg5 Ka5 54. Bh4 Ba6 55. Bf1 Bc8 56. Be2 Bd7 57. Bd1 Bc8 58. Nh6 Rf8 59. Ng8 Bd8 60. g4 Ba6 61. Be2 Bc8 62. Kg3 Ba6 63. g5 ffg5 64. Bxg5 Bxg5 65. Rxg5 Kb6 66. Rg6+ Kb7 67. f6 Ka7 68. Kg4 Bc8+ 69. Kg5 Kb8 70. Bg4 Bxg4 71. Kxg4 Kc7 72. Kf5 Nd6+ 73. Kg4 Nf7 74. Rg7 Kd6 75. Kf5 Nd8 76. Rg6 Nf7 77. Nh6 Nxf6+ 78. Rxh6 Rg8 79. f7+ 1-0

More Excitement from the 1998 WV State Championship

James Fuller (B) - Michael Malutich (C), Round 6

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Nf3 O-O 5. Bg5 d6 6. e3 Nbd7 7. Be2 h6 8. Bxf6 Nxf6 9. Rc1 c5 10. d5 Qb6 11. b3 Bd7 12. O-O Rad8 13. Re1 e6 14. e4 exd5 15. Nxd5 Nxd5 16. exd5 Rfe8 17. Qc2 Qb4 18. Bd3 Bg4 19. Nd2 Rxe1+ 20. Rxe1 Bc3 21. Re7 Kf8 22. Rc7 Bxd2 23. Bxg6 Rd7 24. Rc8+ Kg7 25. Qe4 Bg5 26. h3 Re7 27. Qxg4 Qe1+ 28. Kh2 Kxg6 29. f4 Re4 30. Rg8+ Kh7 31. Rxg5 hxg5 32. Qxg5 Qe2 33. h4 Re8 34. f5 Rg8 35. Qh5+ Qxh5 and Black soon won

Stephen Statkiewicz (D) - Jon Mullins (E), Round 6

English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. g3 Bb4 4. Bg2 d6 5. Nd5 Bc5 6. b4 Bd4 7. Rb1 c6 8. Nc3 Be6 9. Qb3 Ng4 10. e3 Bxc3 11. Qxc3 d5 12. h3 d4 13. Qd3 dxe3 14. Qxd8+ Kxd8 15. hxg4 exf2+ 16. Kxf2 Bxc4 17. Rb2 Nd7 18. Nf3 h6 19. Re1 f6 20. d4 Re8 21. Rd2 e4 22. Nh4 Bd5 23. Nf5 g6 24. Nd6 Re7 25. Bxe4 Bxe4 26. Nxe4 f5 27. gxf5 gxf5 28. Nd6 Rxe1 29. Kxe1 Kc7 30. Nxf5 h5 31. Re2 Nf6 32. Bf4+ Kb6 33. a4 Nd5 34. Bd6 a5 35. Bc5+ Kc7 36. Bd6+ Kb6 37. bxa5+ Rxa5 38. Rb2+ Ka6 39. Bc5 b5 40. axb5+ cxb5 41. Ng7 Ne3 42. Nxb5 Ra1+ 43. Ke2 Nc4 44. Rc2 Rh1 45. Ra2+ Kb7 46. Ra7+ Kc6 47. Nf4 Rh2+ 48. Kf3 Nd2+ 49. Kg4 Ne4 50. Ra6+ Kd7 51. Bf8 Rh8 52. Ra7+ Kc6 53. Rf7 Rg8+ 54. Bg7 b4 55. d5+ Kb5 56. Kh4 b3 57. Bf8 Kc4 58. Rc7+ Kb5 59. Ba3 Rxc3 60. Ne2 Rd3 61. Nf4 Rd2 62. Rb7+ Kc4 63. Rb4+ Kc3 64. Rxe4 b2 65. Bxb2+ Rxb2 66. Kg4 Rd2 67. Ne2+ Kc2 68. Nd4+ Kd3 69. Kf4 Rf2+ 70. Nf3 Ra2 71. Rd4+ Kc3 72. d6 Ra8 73. d7 Rf8+ 74. Ke4 Rd8 75. Ke5 Rxd7 76. Rxd7 Black resigns

Mike Price (D) - Steven Malutich (D), Round 6

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. c3 Nge7 7. O-O Bg4 8. Nbd2 Qd7 9. h3 Bh5 10. Re1 O-O-O 11. Nf1 f6 12. Ng3 Bxg3 13. fxg3 Bg6 14. Bd2 Bxd3 15. Bf4 Be4 16. b4 g5 17. Be3 g4 18. Nd2 gxh3 19. gxh3 Qxh3 20. Qe2 Qxg3+ and Black won

Nathan Stark (E) - Alan Smith (D), Round 6

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Qa5 7. Bd2 c4 8. Nf3 Ne7 9. Be2 Nd7 10. O-O Nb6 11. Qb1 Qa4 12. Rc1 Nc6 13. Qb2 O-O 14. Rcb1 Bd7 15. Ra2 Rfc8 16. Qc1 Qa6 17. Bh6 Ne7 18. Bg5 Nf5 19. g4 h6 20. Bf4 g5 21. Bxg5 hxg5 22. Qxg5+

Ng7 23. Qh6 Be8 24. Ng5 Nd7 25. Qh7+ Kf8 26. Qh8+ Ke7 27. Qxg7 Kd8 28. Nxf7+ Bxf7 29. Qxf7 Kc7 30. Qe7 Rab8 31. f3 Re8 32. Qh4 Rh8 33. Qg3 Nb6 34. Qe1 Rh3 35. Bf1 Rxf3 36. Bg2 Rf7 37. h4 Na4 38. Qe3 Qc6 39. Rf1 Rh7 40. h5 Rg8 41. Bh3 Rxh5 42. Rf7+ Kb6 43. Kf2 Rhg5 44. Ke2 Qb5 45. Drawn

David Hundley (D) - Galen Miller (D), Round 6

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. c3 h6 5. b4 Be7 6. Qb3 Nf6 7. Bxf7+ Kf8 8. Bg6 d5 9. O-O Be6 10. Re1 Qd7 11. Qd1 dxe4 12. Bxe4 Nxe4 13. Rxe4 Bf6 14. a4 Qf7 15. a5 Bf5 16. Re1 e4 17. b5 Ne5 18. Ba3+ Kg8 19. Nxe5 Bxe5 20. d4 Rd8 21. Nd2 Qd5 22. Qb3 Qxb3 23. Nxb3 Bf4 24. g3 Bg5 25. h4 Bf6 26. Nc5 Re8 27. Nxb7 Kh7 28. Nc5 Re7 29. Re3 Rhe8 30. Rae1 g5 31. h5 g4 32. Kf1 Bg5 33. f4 gxf3 34. Kf2 Bxe3+ 35. Rxe3 Rg7 36. d5 Reg8 37. Re1 Rxc3 38. Nxe4 Bxe4 39. Rxe4 Rg2+ 40. Kxf3 R2g3+ 41. Kf4 R8g4+ 42. Kf5 Rxe4 43. Kxe4 Rxc3 44. Bf8 Rb3 45. b6 axb6 46. axb6 Rxb6 47. Ke5 Kg8 48. Bc5 Rb5 49. Kd4 Rb1 50. Kc4 Rh1 51. Kb5 Rxh5 52. Kc6 Rf5 53. Be3 h5 54. Bg1 h4 55. Bh2 h3 56. Bxc7 Rf2 57. Be5 Re2 58. Bg3 Rg2 59. Be5 Re2 60. Bg3 Rg2 61. Be5 Drawn by repetition

Brent Hardman (Unr) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 6

1. Nf3 e6 2. e4 Bc5 3. d4 Bb6 4. Be2 Nf6 5. Bd3 O-O 6. O-O d6 7. a4 c6 8. Bf4 c5 9. c3 Nbd7 10. Bxd6 Re8 11. e5 Nd5 12. a5 Bc7 13. Bxc7 Qxc7 14. Qe1 f6 15. Qe4 f5 16. Qh4 h6 17. Qh5 Rf8 18. g3 Nb8 19. e4 Ne7 20. g4 Nec6 21. d5 Nb4 22. Be2 Qf7 23. Qxf7+ Rxf7 24. g5 Kh7 25. gxh6 gxh6 26. dxe6 Bxe6 27. Nfd2 f4 28. Bf3 N8c6 29. Be4+ Kh8 30. Bg6 Rg7 31. a6 bxa6 32. Kh1 Rxc6 33. Rg1 Rag8 34. Rxc6 Rxc6 35. Nc3 Bh3 36. Rg1 Re6 37. Na4 Rxe5 and Black won in 45.

Bill Salmon (E) - Chad Mullins (Unr), Round 6

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 g6 6. Bc4 Bg7 7. O-O O-O 8. Bg5 c6 9. Ne2 b5 10. Bd3 Qb6 11. c3 Nbd7 12. Qd2 c5 13. Bh6 cxd4 14. Bxg7 Kxg7 15. Nexd4 e5 16. Kh1 exd4 17. Nxd4 a6 18. Rf2 b4 19. Bc4 Ne4 and Black won

I know for a fact that this year's event has been rated by USCF. I do not yet have the crosstable. I will publish it in the next edition of the bulletin, which will be sent out in February. See you next year in Charleston.

David Saville claims the 1997-98 West Virginia Grand Prix

All the results are tabulated: David Saville of Charleston, WV has earned the 1997-98 West Virginia Grand Prix title. David was able to hold off last year's Grand Prix Champion Jim Walker by about three points. David and Jim tied for first at the last two Grand Prix events: Taylor Books Open and the Parkersburg Homecoming. Many time WV State Champion Donald Griffith finished in third place. Jason Rihel and Bob McLearn rounded out the top 5. The top ten finishers will receive a plaque from the WVCA.

The point totals were lower than usual with last year's State tourney not rated and a lesser amount of events than usual. There are two events already scheduled for the 1998-99 tour plus the just completed State tourney.

New tournament eligibility requirements added:

Out of State tourneys can qualify to be WV Grand Prix events provided they are run by WV clubs and are very close to the border. All such events must be approved by the Grand Prix Coordinator to be considered a Grand Prix event. This was voted on by the membership and passed handily. This should help the Tug Valley Club, who holds occasional events in the Belrfy, KY area (down the road from Williamson, WV) and the Parkersburg Club with some events in Marietta.

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

1. Parkersburg September Open
2. 1998 Cross Lanes Open
3. Jason's Finale
4. Dan Lowder Memorial
5. U. S. Amateur South (no bonus points)
6. Huntington G/60 Open
7. Taylor Books Open
8. 1998 Parkersburg Homecoming

No crosstables was turned in for this event:

1. 1997 West Virginia State Chess Championship

Past winners of the WVCA Grand Prix

Year	Winner	Hometown
1989-90	Mark Hathaway	Huntington, WV
1992-93	Chuck Schulien	Parkersburg, WV
1993-94	John Roush	Charleston, WV
1994-95	John Roush	Ripley, WV
1995-96	John Roush	Ripley, WV
1996-97	Jim Walker	Cross Lanes, WV
1997-98	David Saville	Charleston, WV

1997-98 WVCA Grand Prix Standings

1. David Saville	40.50
2. Jim Walker	37.19
3. Donald Griffith	21.86
4. Jason Rihel	16.33
5. Bob McLearn	15.00
6. Mike Taylor	13.83
7. Markle Butcher	11.83
8. Dave Olson	10.86
9. Tom LaBue	9.83
10. John Roush	9.50
11. Jim Olson	8.83
12. Mike Turner	8.50
13. Bill Salmon	8.00
14. Aaron Richardson	7.00
Jerry Engle	7.00
David Hundley	7.00
17. Gary Kerns	6.66
18. Scott Carmichael	6.00
19. Sefus Ellis	5.33
Brian Watkins	5.33
21. Steve Shomo	5.00
22. Dave Kennedy	4.83
23. Mike Richardson	4.50
Grant Perks	4.50
25. Byron Funkhouser	4.33
26. Andy Nicol	4.00
27. Tim Goan	3.50
David Michael	3.50
29. Walter Bagnall	3.00
30. Gary Morris	2.50
Jon Karraker	2.50
Mark Hathaway	2.50
Alvin Vavrek	2.50
34. Alan Smith	2.00
Stephen Statkiewicz	2.00
Bob Jordan	2.00
Galen Miller	2.00
38. Dan O'Hanlon	1.50
Mike Baker	1.50
Greg Martin	1.50
Mike Price	1.50
42. Glenn Haynes	1.00
John Kay	1.00
Walt Rueckert	1.00
Mike Statkiewicz	1.00
Gilbert Stone	1.00
47. William West	0.50

The Postcard by Tom LaBue

Byron Funkhouser Wins Reserve Section

Since the last we spoke, the Reserve Section of the 1997 West Virginia Correspondence Championship has finished up with Weston's Byron Funkhouser taking the title with a 6-1 mark. Byron has received a trophy and his first place prize of \$50 for winning this section.

Byron did close out his game with Mike Baker with a win. However, he soon thereafter lost to Tim Goan. This left the door open for Tim to tie or pass Byron. Tim had games ongoing with William Widener and Sefus Ellis. The Ellis-Goan game finished within a week of the Goan-Funkhouser result. Sefus was victorious, which clinched first for Byron and at least a second place tie for Sefus. Tim finished off William to complete the section at 5½ points and in a tie for second. Sefus and Tim will split the second place prize of \$30.

Congratulations to Byron, Sefus and Tim!

In the Open Section, it appears that Scott Carmichael will win the Championship as he is 5-0 with only one game remaining - Carl Kiser. Only Carl and CO's Guido Stueber can catch Scott if he loses his final game. Guido currently has only a single loss (to Carmichael) and Carl still has many games to play, but has good positions against myself and Jason and an interesting game with Markle.

Here are some of the critical games from the Reserve Section of the tournament, Funkhouser-Goan and Ellis-Goan.

Byron Funkhouser - Tim Goan
1997 WV Postal Championship, Reserve Section
Ruy Lopez, Marshall Attack
Notes by Tim Goan

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6.

Re1 b5 7. Bb3 0-0 8. c3 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Nxe5
Nxe5 11. Rxe5 c6 12. d4 Bd6 13. Re1 Qh4 14. g3 Qh3
15. Be3 Bg4 16. Qd3 Rae8 17. Nd2 Re6 18. a4 Rfe8
19. axb5 Nxe3 20. Rxe3 Rxe3 21. fxe3 Bxg3 22. hxg3
Qxg3+ 23. Kh1 Qh3+ 24. Kg1 Rxe3 25. Qf1 Rg3+ *In
lieu of 26. Kf2 then 26...Qh2+, or if 26. Ke1 then
26...Re3+, or 26. Qe2 then 26...Qxe2 mate 26. White
resigns.*

Sefus Ellis - Tim Goan

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Queen's Gambit Accepted

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Qa4+ c6 4. Qxc4 Nf6 5. Nf3 e6 6.
Nc3 Nb8d7 7. e4 Be7 8. Bg5 Qa5 9. 0-0-0 0-0 10. e5
Nd5 11. h4 f6 12. Bd2 Qc7 13. exf6 Bxf6 14. Bd3 b5
15. Nxd5 exd5 16. Qc2 h6 17. Bxb5 Bb7 18. Bd3 Rac8
19. Be3 Be7 20. Bf5 c5 21. Be6+ Kh8 22. dxc5 Bxc5
23. Kb1 Bxe3 24. Qxc7 Rxc7 25. fxe3 Nf6 26. Rhe1
Re8 27. Bf5 Rce7 28. Bg6 Rc8 29. Nd4 Ba6 30. g3 Ng4
31. Bf5 Nf2 32. Bxc8 Bxc8 33. Rd2 Ne4 34. Rc2 Bg4
35. Rec1 Nd6 36. Rc7 Rxe3 37. Rxa7 Re4 38. Nc6 d4
39. Ra8+ Kh7 40. Rd8 Nf5 41. Ka1 Be2 42. Rd5 Kg6
43. a4 d3 44. Rc4 Rxc4 45. Ne5+ Kh5 46. Nxc4 Kg4
47. a5 Ne7 48. Rd7 Nc6 49. Rxg7+ Kh3 50. a6 Nd4 51.
a7 Bf3 52. Rd7 Nc2+ 53. Kb1 Be4 54. Rd8 Kxg3 55.
Nd2 Bh1 56. Rxd3 Kxh4 57. Nf3+ **Black resigns**

I recently finished a 1997 Golden Knights section with a 6-0 mark. I played well, though I was lucky in at least two of the games. I have been entered into a Semi-final section which includes five players rated over 2100. Ouch!

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