

# WVCA Chess Bulletin

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## Griffith and Hathaway are the 1999 West Virginia State Champs

With seven of the thirty-eight players this year rated as experts, the likelihood of another logjam at the top of the heap looked pretty good. When the last chess pieces were finally put away, Donald Griffith and Mark Hathaway had laid claim to the 1999 West Virginia State Championship. This year's victory marked Donald's tenth time on the podium; it was back in 1975 when Donald shared his first WV Championship. Mark's showing this year gave him his initial claim to the title. The weekend also was marked by the appearance of Grandmaster Eduard Gufeld, who lectured and gave a simul Friday night. GM Gufeld gave up two draws out of 17 games; one to David Saville and the other to Jim Fuller. GM Gufeld also participated in the Quick Chess and Blitz Chess tournaments, which he naturally finished first, but was ineligible to take either of the championship titles.

The winners of the West Virginia Quick Chess Championship were Jim Walker, Jim Fuller and Robert Canary. Each finished with a score of 6-2. In the final round, Walker beat Dave Olson twice, Fuller over Tom LaBue twice and Canary besting Joe Meadows in both games while David Saville lost both of his games to GM Gufeld. For each, it was their first share of the Quick Chess Championship.

The Blitz Event Championship was won by Jim Fuller with a score of 8-2, both losses to Gufeld. David Saville was second with 7 points.

### Round 1 action

The first round was unusually quiet this year. Two upsets occurred: Jim Olson over Robert Canary and Joe Meadows upending Mike Conley. Mike withdrew after the loss, but Joe has been playing much better over the board the past few months - gaining nearly 200 points. Also, the top seed Mark Kislingbury struggled in his first round contest, before eventually squelching your

editor. Mark recently moved to Charleston from Texas. We hope that Mark will find time to continue playing while he resides in WV.

Mark Kislingbury (X) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 1  
1. a3 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 Bf5 4. Bg2 e6 5. O-O Nbd7 6. d3 c6 7. Nbd2 h6 8. Re1 Be7 9. e4 dxe4 10. dxe4 Bh7 11. e5 Nd5 12. c4 N5b6 13. b4 a5 14. bxa5 Rxa5 15. Bb2 Nc5 16. Bd4 O-O 17. Nb3 Nxb3 18. Qxb3 Bc5 19. Bxc5 Rxc5 20. Red1 Qc7 21. Rd4 Nd7 22. Qb4 b6 23. Rad1 Nxe5 24. Nxe5 Rxe5 25. Rd7 c5 26. Qb2 Re1+ 27. Rxe1 Qxd7 28. Qxb6 Qd4 29. Qb3 Qd2 30. Ra1 Rd8 31. a4 Qc2 32. Qxc2 Bxc2 33. a5 Rd7 34. a6 Ra7 35. Bb7 Bd3 36. Rc1 Kf8 37. f3 e5 38. Kf2 f5 39. Ke3 e4 40. Rc3 Ke7 41. fxe4 Bxe4?! 41...fxe4 is better. 42. Bxe4 fxe4 43. Ra3! Ke6 44. Kxe4 g6 45. h4 Kd6 46. h5 gxh5 47. Kf4 Kc6 48. Ke5 Kb6 49. Kd6 Rxa6 50. Rxa6+ Kxa6 51. Kxc5 Kb7 52. Kd5 Kb6? 53. c5+  
Black resigns

Robert Canary (A) - Jim Olson (D), Round 1  
Budapest Defense  
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4 4. e4 Bb4+ 5. Bd2 Bxd2+ 6. Qxd2 Nxe5 7. f4 Nec6 8. Nc3 O-O 9. Nf3 d6 10. h3 Na6 11. a3 Nc5 12. Rd1 a5 13. Kf2 Qe7 14. Re1 f6 15. g4 Be6 16. Nd5 Qf7 17. Ne3 Nxe4+ 18. White resigns

Joe Meadows (D) - Mike Conley (B), Round 1  
Sicilian Defense  
1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. cxd4 e6 5. Nf3 Bb4+ 6. Nc3 Nf6 7. Bd3 d6 8. O-O e5 9. d5 Ne7 10. Qa4+ Nd7 11. Qxb4 Nc5 12. Bb5+ Bd7 13. Be3 Rc8 14. Bxd7+ Qxd7 15. Nxe5 dxe5 16. Bxc5 b6 17. Bxe7 Qxe7 18. Qxe7+ Kxe7 19. Rac1 Rc4 20. f3 Rhc8 21. Kf2 b5 22. a3 a5 23. Ke3 b4 24. Ne2 Rc2 25. axb4 axb4 26. b3 Kd6 27. Kd3 R2c5 28. Rxc5 Rxc5 29. Rc1 Ra5 30. Rc2 f5 31. Ng3 f4 32. Nf5+ Kd7 33. d6 g6 34. Rc7+ Kd8 35. Ng7 Ra6 36. Ne6+ Ke8 37. Re7 mate

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## Upcoming Events in West Virginia

### Jan. 29, 2000: Taylor Books Kanawha Valley Open

4-SS, G/80 or G/75 5 sec. delay, NS, NC, W

Site: Taylor Books, 226 Capitol Street,  
Charleston, WV 25301.

EF: \$20, \$10 under 18. \$\$ Prizes based on entry.

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

Entries to: Jim Olson, 1541 Quarrier St,  
Charleston, WV 25311. 304-342-6472,

e-mail: [olson@zoomnet.net](mailto:olson@zoomnet.net)

### March 4, 2000: Harrison Co. March Open

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School, Rt. 20, Nutter Fort

Sections: Open and Scholastic (K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12)

Open: 4/SS; G/75 (G/70 w/5-sec delay) \$\$: b/entries

Scholastic: 4/SS; G/30 (G/15 for K-2) \$\$ trophies

EF: \$8 if entries by 2/26; \$10 at site

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

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

e-mail: [RobAJordan@aol.com](mailto:RobAJordan@aol.com)

Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

### April 1, 2000: Harrison Co. April Open

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School, Rt. 20, Nutter Fort

Sections: Open and Scholastic (K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12)

Open: 4/SS; G/75 (G/70 w/5-sec delay) \$\$: b/entries

Scholastic: 4/SS; G/30 (G/15 for K-2) \$\$ trophies

EF: \$8 if entries by 3/26; \$10 at site

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e-mail: [RobAJordan@aol.com](mailto:RobAJordan@aol.com)

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### May 6, 2000: Harrison Co. May Open

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School, Rt. 20, Nutter Fort

Sections: Open and Scholastic (K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12)

Open: 4/SS; G/75 (G/70 w/5-sec delay) \$\$: b/entries

Scholastic: 4/SS; G/30 (G/15 for K-2) \$\$ trophies

EF: \$8 if entries by 5/29; \$10 at site

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### Other Upcoming Events

1) March 2000: WV Action Chess Championship

2) April 8-9, 2000: 2000 WV Scholastic Championship,  
Nutter Fort, WV

### Out of State Events

#### January 21-23 or 22-23, 2000: Cardinal Open (OH)

5-SS, 30/90, G/60 (except Round 1 of 2-day: G/75)

Site: Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, O.

EF: \$62 by 1/17, \$68 at site; U1200 \$20 discount, Re-entry:\$30

OCA required, OSA, \$12 Adults, \$8 junior/senior

6 Sections: *Open*: \$\$ 600-300-200; U2400& U2200: 300-200;

*U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400*: All 600-300-200

*U1200/Unrated*: 300-100; U1000: 300-100

Reg: 1/21 until 7:15pm; 1/22 until 10:15am

Rounds: (3-day) Fri: 8; Sat: 1:30-6:30; Sun: 9:30-3:00

(2-day): Round 1 Sat: 11, then join 3-day with round 2

Entries to: Columbus Chess c/o Grant Perks,

734 Sheridan Ave., Bexley, OH 42209; (614) 235-4211

#### February 5, 2000: Wellston (OH) Roundhouse Mini-Swiss

3-SS, G/90, NS, NC, W

Site: Sylvester Memorial Wellston Public Library, community  
room,

135 E. Second St., Wellston, Ohio (southeastern Ohio).

EF: \$10, prizes 70% of EF.

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Round 1: 9:00 a.m.

Walter Bagnall, 1591 Pattonville Rd., Jackson, OH 45640.

(740) 286-8394, e-mail: [wbagnall@zoomnet.net](mailto:wbagnall@zoomnet.net)

web: <http://www.zoomnet.net/~wbagnall>

#### March 4-5, 2000: Millennium Chess Festival

5-SS, G/2 (3-day schedule includes simul), NS, NC, W

Site: Olde Towne Holiday Inn,

8 Crawford Pkwy, Portsmouth, VA 23704

**\$58,000 Guaranteed. 2 Sections:**

**Open:** SS 2,000-1,200-800-400, U2400/Unr. \$400-200,

U2200 \$400, U2000 \$200, "Sweep prize" \$400

**Reserve (U1800):** First \$1,000, Top B \$250, Top C \$250, Top  
D/Below \$250, Top Unrated \$250, Top Junior= Trophy.

**Entry Fee:** ONLY \$50 by 2/19, \$65 at site (NO checks at site,  
NO credit card entries whatsoever).

**Reg:** Sat:8-9:30am **Rounds:** Sat: 10-2:30-7, Sun: 11-3:30

*GM Rohde Simul:* Friday Mar 3 (reg. 5:30-6:30pm, first come  
basis, \$20 EF), WBCA Blitz Saturday night Mar 4, & possible  
a.m. Sunday Mar 5 lecture.

**All:** ½ byes avail, must commit Rounds 4-5 before rd 2.

**HR:** \$65-65-65-65, 1-800-456-2811 (mention tourney for rate,  
reserve by 2/18 for guaranteed rate),

**Ent:** E. Rodney Flores, 4 Witch-Hazel Ct, Portsmouth, VA

23703, 757-686-0822,(email) [ergfjr@erols.com](mailto:ergfjr@erols.com), website:

<http://members.tripod.com/hrca>.

Send all tourney announcements, results, and comments:

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WVCA Website: <http://www.msys.net/tlabue/wvca.html>

## Crosstables from the 1999 West Virginia State Championship

### 61st Annual West Virginia State Championship, Charleston, WV; September 4-6, 1999

PLR	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Mark Hathaway	WV	2003	2083	W--22	W--13	W---3	D---9	D---4	W--10	5.0
2	Donald Griffith	WV	2000	2055	W--17	W--16	D--10	W---5	W---9	D---3	5.0
3	David Saville	WV	2107	2097	W--33	W---7	L---1	W--15	W--13	D---2	4.5
4	Sam Lafata	MI	2080	2103	W--35	W---8	D---9	W--10	D---1	D---5	4.5
5	John Roush	WV	2115	2091	W--38	D--15	W---6	L---2	W--18	D---4	4.0
6	Jose Sandoval	MD	1873	1885	W--24	W--19	L---5	W--14	W---8	U---	4.0
7	Jon Karraker	WV	1784	1800	W--27	L---3	W--34	W--16	D--12	D---9	4.0
8	Jim Fuller	WV	1718	1736	W--29	L---4	W--17	W--20	L---6	W--12	4.0
9	Mark Kislingsbury	WV	2163	2132	W--21	W--12	D---4	D---1	L---2	D---7	3.5
10	Jim Walker	WV	2102	2072	W--34	W--14	D---2	L---4	W--11	L---1	3.5
11	Robert Canary	WV	1858	1824	L--19	H----	W--22	W--25	L--10	W--23	3.5
12	David Olson	WV	1716	1706	W--30	L---9	W--23	W--28	D---7	L---8	3.5
13	Scott Carmichael	WV	1714	1723	W--28	L---1	W--19	W--26	L---3	D--16	3.5
14	Markle Butcher	WV	1672	1667	W--25	L--10	W--24	L---6	W--20	D--17	3.5
15	Marc Abraham	WV	1648	1660	W--31	D---5	D--26	L---3	D--19	W--22	3.5
16	Thomas Hamilton	WV	1504	1513	W--36	L---2	W--31	L---7	W--29	D--13	3.5
17	Ben Good	KY	1328	1383	L---2	W--31	L---8	W--27	W--26	D--14	3.5
18	Joe Meadows	WV	1323	1392	W--37	H----	D--20	H----	L---5	W--26	3.5
19	Jim Olson	WV	1266	1333	W--11	L---6	L--13	W--30	D--15	W--24	3.5
20	Gary Morris	WV	1592	1570	W--32	D--26	D--18	L---8	L--14	X----	3.0
21	Tom LaBue	WV	1501	1457	L---9	L--24	L--30	W--32	W--31	W--29	3.0
22	David Hundley	WV	1344	1342	L---1	D--25	L--11	W--36	W--28	L--15	2.5
23	Joe Lococo	OH	1273	1284	L--26	W--32	L--12	D--24	W--25	L--11	2.5
24	Galen Miller	WV	1262	1283	L---6	W--21	L--14	D--23	W--27	L--19	2.5
25	Kevin Seachrist	WV	1030/10	1135/16	L--14	D--22	W--36	L--11	L--23	W--28	2.5
26	Gary Cummings	WV	1841	1743	W--23	D--20	D--15	L--13	L--17	L--18	2.0
27	Dave Kennedy	WV	1257	1231	L---7	L--33	W--32	L--17	L--24	W--36	2.0
28	Jason Young	WV	1226	1236	L--13	W--38	W--33	L--12	L--22	L--25	2.0
29	Jimmy Whitt	WV	1219	1244	L---8	L--35	W--38	W--33	L--16	L--21	2.0
30	Nathan Stark	WV	1154	1164	L--12	L--34	W--21	L--19	B----	F----	2.0
31	Elias Stewart	WV	1011	1003	L--15	L--17	L--16	B----	L--21	D--32	1.5
32	Kelcey Hall	WV	Unrated	1053/06	L--20	L--23	L--27	L--21	W--36	D--31	1.5
33	Chuck Waugh	WV	1496	1449	L---3	W--27	L--28	L--29	U----	U----	1.0
34	David Hill	WV	1442	1442	L--10	W--30	L---7	U----	U----	U----	1.0
35	Steve Shomo	WV	1414	1421	L---4	W--29	U----	U----	U----	U----	1.0
36	Jamie Karraker	WV	885	863	L--16	B----	L--25	L--22	L--32	L--27	1.0
37	Mike Conley	WV	1751	1722	L--18	U----	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0
38	Bob McLearn	WV	1308	1268	L---5	L--28	L--29	U----	U----	U----	0.0

### 1999 West Virginia Quick Chess Championship, Charleston, WV; September 5, 1999

PLR	NAME	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1	Eduard Gufeld	2495	2495	W--17	W--17	W---4	W---4	W---2	W---2	W---6	D---6	7.5
2	Jim Walker	2155	2153	W--12	W--12	W---8	W---8	L---1	L---1	W---7	W---7	6.0
3	Robert Canary	1860	1857	L---6	L---6	W--14	W--14	W--12	W--12	W---9	W---9	6.0
4	Jim Fuller	1715	1729	W--14	W--14	L---1	L---1	W--13	W--13	W---8	W---8	6.0
5	Gary Cummings	1862	1835	W--13	L--13	W--16	L--16	W---9	D---9	W--15	W--15	5.5
6	David Saville	2106	2089	W---3	W---3	L---9	D---9	D--15	W--15	L---1	L---1	4.5
7	David Olson	1562	1549	L--10	W--10	L--13	W--13	W--16	W--16	L---2	L---2	4.0
8	Tom LaBue	1485	1489	W--18	W--18	L---2	L---2	W--10	W--10	L---4	L---4	4.0
9	Joe Meadows	1283	1328	W--11	W--11	W---6	L---6	L---5	D---5	L---3	L---3	4.0
10	Nathan Stark	1154/10	1346/18	W---7	L---7	W--15	L--15	L---8	L---8	W--17	W--17	4.0
11	Elias Stewart	1104	1126	L---9	L---9	W--17	W--17	L--14	L--14	W--18	W--18	4.0
12	Ben Good	1274	1289	L---2	L---2	W--18	W--18	L---3	L---3	W--16	D--16	3.5
13	Joe Lococo	1338	1360	L---5	W---5	W---7	L---7	L---4	L---4	W--14	L--14	3.0
14	Jimmy Whitt	1219/10	1302/18	L---4	L---4	L---3	L---3	W--11	W--11	L--13	W--13	3.0
15	Markle Butcher	1774	1732	L--16	W--16	L--10	W--10	D---6	L---6	L---5	L---5	2.5
16	Dave Kennedy	1257/10	1350/18	W--15	L--15	L---5	W---5	L---7	L---7	L--12	D--12	2.5
17	David Hundley	1522	1441	L---1	L---1	L--11	L--11	W--18	L--18	L--10	L--10	1.0
18	Jamie Karraker	863	868	L---8	L---8	L--12	L--12	L--17	W--17	L--11	L--11	1.0

Walker, Canary and Fuller shared the 1999 WV Quick Chess Champion title as the highest scoring state residents. GM Gufeld was ineligible for the title as he lives in California.

## Experts Barker, Roush and Walker share the wealth at the 1999 Parkersburg Homecoming

The extra prize money for first place at the Parkersburg Homecoming always motivated some of the better area players to venture to the Ohio Valley for this event. Three West Virginia experts (as well as State Champs), Joe Barker, John Roush and Jim Walker each finished with 3½ to share the extra \$250 donated by Eastern Electric. Jim was nicked by Robert Canary for a draw in round three, but rebounded to defeat Gary Cummings in the finale. John and Joe drew their fourth round contest.

Gary Morris, Mike Taylor, Michael Malutich and Joe Meadows each earned a score of 3 points on the day. Joe had a particularly good day beating Ohio C-class Jeff Cornett and B-class Jim Fuller. Don't be fooled by Joe's rating; he spends lots of time blitzing moves on ICC, where his rating is around 2000. He should be pushing into B-class in the next few months.

Pat Kelly directed this tourney again and did an outstanding job. He has hopes that this may be a Novag Grand Prix event next year. Thirty players was a little disappointing, but a large crowd for events this year.

Ben Good (D) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 1  
Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. f4 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. Nc3 Qf5 5. Nf3 Qxf4 6. d4 Qd6 7. Nb5 Qb6 8. Bf4 Na6 9. Ne5 Nf6 10. Nc4 Qe6+ 11. Be5 Ng4 12. d5 Qf5 13. Qe2 Nxe5 14. Nxe5 e6 15. O-O-O Be7 16. d6 Bg5+ 17. Kb1 Bd7 18. Nc7+ Nxc7 19. dxc7 Bc6 20. Nxc6 bxc6 21. Qa6 O-O 22. Qxc6 Qe5 23. Ba6 Bf6 24. c3 Qf5+ 25. Ka1 e5 26. Rhf1 Qe6 27. Rd6 Qg4 28. h3 Qg3 29. c8=Q Raxc8 30. Bxc8 e4 31. Qxc5 Be7 32. Drawn

Joe Meadows (D) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 1  
French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nc3 c6 5. Bd3 Bb4 6. Ne2 Ne7 7. O-O O-O 8. Bf4 Bd6 9. Re1 Bg4 10. f3 Bf5 11. Bxd6 Qxd6 12. Ng3 Bxd3 13. Qxd3 Na6 14. a3 Ng6 15. Nf5 Qf6 16. Ne2 Nc7 17. Neg3 Ne6 18. c3 Nef4 19. Qd2 Rae8 20. h4 h5 21. Rxe8 Rxe8 22. Re1 Re6 23. Rxe6 fxe6 24. Nd6 Qxh4 25. Ne2 Qg5 26. Nxf4 Nxf4 27. Qc2 h4 28. Nxb7 h3 29. g4 Ng2 30. Nc5 Kf7 31. Nd7 Nh4 32. Ne5+ Kg8 33. Qh2 Qc1+ 34. Kf2 Qd2+ 35. Kg3 Qe1+ 36. Kf4 Ng2+ 37. Black resigns

Mike Price (E) - Bruce Blue (B), Round 1  
Karo-Cann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Ng3 g6 6. Bc4 Bg7 7. d4 O-O 8. c3 b5 9. Bb3 a5 10. O-O a4 11. Bc2 Be6 12. Bf4 Nbd7 13. Qd2 Re8 14. Ng5 Nf8 15. Nxe6 Nxe6 16. Bh6 Bh8 17. Ne4 Nxe4 18. Bxe4 Rc8 19. d5 Nc7 20. Rad1 Nxd5 21. Bxd5 cxd5 22. Qxd5 Qb6 23. Be3 Qb8 24. Bd4 e5 25. Be3 Red8 26. Qf3 b4 27. cxb4 Qxb4 28. Rxd8+ Rxd8 29. Qc6 e4 30. Rb1 Qxb2 31. Qxe4 Qxa2 32. Drawn

Michael Arnold (Unr) - Scott Antes (C), Round 1  
Two Knights' Defense, Fried Liver Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nxf7 Kxf7 7. Qf3+ Qf6 8. Bxd5+ Ke8 9. Bxc6+ Qxc6 10. Qh5+ Kd8 11. O-O Qf6 12. d3 h6 13. Nc3 g6 14. Qe2 Bd6 15. Ne4 Qe6 16. Nxd6 cxd6 17. Qe4 d5 18. Qh4+ Qe7 19. Qxe7+ Kxe7 20. f4 Bf5 21. Bd2 Rac8 22. Rae1 e4 23. Bc3 Rhe8 24. dxe4 Bxe4 25. Rf2 Ke6 26. Bd4 b6 27. c3 Kf5 28. h3 h5 29. a4 Rc7 30. Kh2 Ree7 31. Kg3 Rh7 32. h4 Rhe7 33. Re3 Rc8 34. Kh3 Rg8 35. Rg3 Rf7 36. b4 Ke6 37. Re3 Kf5 38. Rg3 Rff8 39. Rg5+ Ke6 40. Re5+ Kd6 41. g3 Rf5 42. a5 Rxe5 43. Bxe5+ Kc6 44. axb6 axb6 45. Ra2 Kb7 46. Re2 Black resigns

Steve Statkiewicz (D) - James Byrd (E), Round 2  
Queen Gambit's Accepted

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 dxc4 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. e4 Bg4 6. Bxc4 Bxf3 7. Qxf3 Nxd4 8. Qd3 e5 9. O-O Nc6 10. Bg5 Qxd3 11. Bxd3 O-O-O 12. Bc4 Rd7 13. a3 h6 14. Bxf6 gxf6 15. Nd5 Be7 16. Nb4 Bxb4 17. axb4 Nxb4 18. Rxa7 Nc6 19. Ra8+ Nb8 20. Bd5 Rh7 21. Rfa1 c6 22. Bb3 Rd3 23. R1a3 Rd7 24. f3 Kc7 25. h3 Na6 26. Bc4 Nc5 27. b4 Ne6 28. b5 Rd1+ 29. Kf2 Rc1 30. Bxe6 fxe6 31. bxc6 Rxc6 32. Rg8 Rd6 33. Rc3+ Rc6 34. Ra3 Kd7 35. Rd3+ Rd6 36. Rc3 Ke7 37. Rcc8 Kf7 38. Rgf8+ Kg6 39. g4 Rdd7 40. h4 b5 41. Rb8 Rb7 42. Rg8+ Rhg7 43. Rxg7+ Rxg7 44. Rxb5 h5 45. Rb6 Drawn

Joe Barker (X) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 3  
French Defense, Steinitz Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Be3 Qb6 8. a3 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Bc5 10. Na4 Qa5+ 11. c3 Bxd4 12. Bxd4 Nxd4 13. Qxd4 O-O 14. Bd3 b6 15. O-O-O Nc5 16. Bc2 Nxa4 17. Qxa4 Qxa4 18. Bxa4

## Experts Barker, Roush and Walker share the wealth at the 1999 Parkersburg Homecoming

Bb7 19. Rd4 a6 20. Re1 b5 21. Bb3 Rac8 22. g4 a5 23. f5 Rc7 24. Kd2 Bc6 25. Re3 Bd7 26. f6 g6 27. Rh3 a4 28. Ba2 Bc6 29. Rh6 Black resigns

Robert Canary (A) - Jim Walker (X), Round 3

French Defense, Tarrasch Variation

1. d4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. Nd2 a6 4. Ngf3 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Be2 Nf6 7. exd5 exd5 8. O-O cxd4 9. Nxd4 Nxd4 10. cxd4 Bd6 11. Nf3 h6 12. Re1 O-O 13. Bd3 Bg4 14. h3 Bxf3 15. Qxf3 Rc8 16. Bd2 Rc6 17. Kf1 Bb8 18. Re2 Re8 19. Rae1 Rxe2 20. Rxe2 Bc7 21. Qf5 g6 22. Qf3 Kg7 23. Qe3 Ng8 24. Qf3 Rf6 25. Qg4 Qd6 26. g3 Qxg3 27. Qxg3 Bxg3 28. Kg2 Bf4 29. Ba5 Re6 30. Rc2 Ne7 31. Bc7 Bg5 *This game entered a time scramble with Canary up a pawn, but Jim was able to eventually win back the pawn and obtain a Draw.*

John Roush (X) - Jim Fuller (B), Round 3

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 a6 6. Bd3 c4 7. Bc2 b5 8. Nbd2 Qc7 9. Nf1 Bd7 10. Ng5 h6 11. Qh5 Nd8 12. Nh3 g6 13. Qe2 Bg7 14. f4 Nc6 15. g4 Nge7 16. Ng3 O-O-O 17. Rf1 f6 18. Bd2 f5 19. gxf5 exf5 20. Ng1 Be6 21. Nf3 Qb6 22. Rg1 Rdg8 23. h4 h5 24. Ng5 Nd8 25. Nf1 Nf7 26. Nxe6 Qxe6 27. a4 Qc6 28. b3 Nd8 29. axb5 axb5 30. bxc4 dxc4 31. Bd1 Ne6 32. Qf3 Qxf3 33. Bxf3 Rd8 34. Rb1 Nc7 35. Kf2 Kd7 36. Ne3 Ke6 37. Bc1 Rc8 38. Ba3 Bf8 39. Bd6 Ned5 40. Nxd5 Nxd5 41. Bxd5+ Kxd5 42. Rxb5+ Ke4 43. Bxf8 Rxf8 44. Rb6 Kd3 45. Rg3+ Kc2 46. d5 Ra8 47. d6 Ra1 48. e6 Rd1 49. Re3 Ra8 50. e7 Raa1 51. Re2+ Kd3 52. e8=Q Rf1+ 53. Kg3 Rg1+ 54. Rg2 Rxc2+ 55. Kxc2 Ra2+ 56. Kf3 Kxc3 57. Qe3+ Kc2 58. Qe2+ Black resigns

Bruce Blue (B) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 3

Budapest Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4 4. Bf4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bb4+ 6. Nbd2 Qe7 7. e3 Ngxe5 8. Nxe5 Nxe5 9. Be2 d6 10. O-O O-O 11. Nb3 Ng6 12. Bg3 Be6 13. a3 Bc5 14. Nxc5 dxe5 15. Qc2 f5 16. Bf3 c6 17. Rfd1 Rad8 18. b3 Qg5 19. Rxd8 Rxd8 20. Rd1 Nh4 21. Bxh4 Qxh4 22. Rxd8+ Qxd8 23. Qd1 Qxd1+ 24. Bxd1 b5 25. Be2 b4 26. a4 Kf7 27. Bf3 Kf6 28. Bxc6 Bxc4 29. f4 Bxb3 30. Kf2 Ke6 31. Be8 Bd5 32. White resigns

David Hill (C) - Gary Morris (C), Round 3

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. c4 d6 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Be3 e5 6. d5 Nce7 7. Nf3 f5 8. Bd3 a6 9. Qc2 Bh6 10. Bxh6 Nxb6 11. h3 Nf7 12. Nd2 O-O 13. O-O f4 14. Nf3 g5 15. Nh2 Ng6 16. Be2 Bd7 17. Qd1 Nh6 18. Ng4 Nf7 19. Nh2 Nh6 20. Rc1 Qf6 21. Ng4 Nxc4 22. Bxg4 Rad8 23. Bxd7 Rxd7 24. Na4 Nh4 25. g3 Qg6 26. Qg4 Rg7 27. gxh4 Qxe4 28. Qe6+ Kh8 29. h5 g4 30. h4 g3 31. f3 Qe3+ 32. Kh1 g2+ 33. Kh2 gxf1=Q 34. Rxf1 Qe2+ 35. White resigns

Bob McLearn (D) - Michael Malutich (C), Round 3

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. Bb5 Bd7 6. Bxc6 Bxc6 7. O-O Qb6 8. c3 cxd4 9. Ng5 Bc5 10. Qf3 Nh6 11. Nxe6 fxe6 12. Bxh6 gxh6 13. Qf6 Kd7 14. b4 Be7 15. Qxh6 dxc3 16. a3 Qd4 17. Qe3 Qxe3 18. fxe3 Rhg8 19. Rf2 Bg5 20. Rc2 Bxe3+ 21. Kh1 d4 22. a4 d3 23. Rxc3 Bxg2++

Joe Meadows (D) - Jeff Cornett (C), Round 3

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. Bd3 Bg4 7. Nge2 Bxe2 8. Qxe2 O-O 9. O-O-O Nbd7 10. h4 Re8 11. f3 c6 12. g4 Nf8 13. h5 Nxc4 14. Bxe7 Rxe7 15. Qd2 Nf6 16. Rdg1 h6 17. Qxh6 Ne8 18. Qf4 Qc7 19. Qg4 Kh8 20. h6 g6 21. Ne2 Nf6 22. Qh4 N6h7 23. Nf4 Rae8 24. Bxg6 Nxc6 25. Rxc6 Re1+ 26. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 27. Kd2 Ra1 28. Qg3 Qa5+ 29. c3 fxc6 30. Nxc6+ Kg8 31. Ne5+ Kf8 32. Qg7+ Ke8 33. Qf7+ Kd8 34. Qd7++

One of the key games of the tourney, Joe tries out the Scandinavian against John (I wonder if Joe read John's book).

John Roush (X) - Joe Barker (X), Round 4

Scandinavian Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. d4 Nxd5 4. Nf3 g6 5. Be2 Bg7 6. O-O O-O 7. c4 Nb6 8. h3 c6 9. Be3 Be6 10. Nbd2 Na6 11. Rc1 Nc7 12. Ne4 h6 13. Nc5 Bc8 14. Qd2 Kh7 15. Rfd1 Ne6 16. Nb3 Nc7 17. Qa5 Nd7 18. Rc2 Nf6 19. Bd3 b6 20. Qd2 a5 21. a4 Na6 22. Rec1 Nb4 23. Bb1 Be6 24. Ne5 Bd7 25. e5 Be6 26. Nc4 Bxc4 27. Rxc4 Nfd5 28. Be4 f5 29. Bxd5 Qxd5 30. Rc3 bxc5 31. Nxc5 Rfd8 32. Nb7 Rd7 33. Rc5 Qb3 34. Rc3 Qd5 35. Drawn

## Experts Barker, Roush and Walker share the wealth at the 1999 Parkersburg Homecoming

Jim Walker (X) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 4  
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. c4 e6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Bg5 Be7 6. Nc3 c6 7. Bxf6 Bxf6 8. Qc2 O-O 9. e3 Re8 10. Bd3 g6 11. O-O Bg4 12. Nd2 Bg5 13. b4 Nd7 14. b5 Nf6 15. bxc6 bxc6 16. Na4 Qd6 17. h3 Bd7 18. Nf3 Bh6 19. Nc5 Bg7 20. Rfc1 Bc8 21. Rab1 Ne4 22. Nxe4 dxe4 23. Bxe4 Rxe4 24. Qxe4 Bf5 25. Qh4 Bxb1 26. Rxb1 c5 27. Ng5 cxd4 28. Qxh7+ Kf8 29. Rb7 Qd5 30. Rxf7+ Qxf7 31. Nxf7 Kxf7 32. Qh4 Rc8 33. Qf4+ Bf6 34. exd4 Rc4 35. Qb8 Rc1+ 36. Kh2 Bxd4 37. Qf4+ Black resigns

Jim Fuller (B) - Joe Meadows (D), Round 4  
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 Nf6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. a3 Bd6 6. Qc2 O-O 7. g3 c6 8. Bg2 Bg4 9. f3 Bh5 10. e3 Re8 11. Nge2 Bg6 12. Qb3 Qc7 13. Kf2 Nbd7 14. Bd2 Nb6 15. Nd1 Nc4 16. Bc1 Re7 17. Qc3 Rae8 18. b3 Nb6 19. Nb2 c5 20. h4 cxd4 21. Qxc7 dxe3+ 22. Kg1 Bxc7 23. g4 Bc2 24. Nd4 Bxb3 25. Nxb3 e2 26. Bd2 e1=Q+ 27. Bxe1 Rxe1+ 28. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 29. Kf2 Rxh1 30. Bxh1 Nc4 31. Nxc4 dxc4 32. Nd4 Bb6 33. Ke3 c3 34. Kd3 Bxd4 35. g5 Nh5 36. Bg2 Nf4+ and Black won

Nate Mays (E) - John R. Malutich (C), Round 4  
Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. c3 Bd6 6. O-O Nf6 7. d4 Nd7 8. dxe5 Nxe5 9. Nxe5 Bxe5 10. Nd2 O-O 11. Nc4 Bd6 12. Nxd6 cxd6 13. Bf4 d5 14. exd5 cxd5 15. Be5 Be6 16. b3 b5 17. g4 f6 18. Bd4 Qd7 19. Re1 Bxg4 20. Qd3 Bh3 21. Re3 Bf5 22. Qe2 Rae8 23. Qh5 Rxe3 24. fxe3 Bg6 25. Qh4 f5 26. a4 bxa4 27. Rxa4 Qb7 28. Qf4 Be8 29. Rb4 Bb5 30. c4 Qe7 31. Qg3 g6 32. Qe5 Qxe5 33. Bxe5 dxc4 34. bxc4 Bd7 35. Bd6 Ra8 36. Be5 Kf7 37. Rb6 Be6 38. c5 a5 39. Rb7+ Kg8 40. Rg7+ Kf8 41. Rxh7 a4 42. Rb7 a3 43. c6 Bd5 44. Rb6 Ke8 45. c7 Rc8 46. Rb8 Kd7 47. Kf2 a2 48. Ke2 Rxc7 49. Rg8 Bxg8 50. White resigns

Joe Clark (Unr) - Bob McLearn (D), Round 4

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Bc5 4. a3 a5 5. Bb5 d6 6. Bxc6+ bxc6 7. d4 exd4 8. Nxd4 Qf6 9. Nf3 h6 10. O-O Bg4 11. e5 dxe5 12. Ne4 Qe7 13. h3 Bxf3 14. Qxf3 Bd6 15. Ne5 O-O-O 16. Qxc6 Bxc5 17. Qa6+ Kd7 18. Rd1+ Bd6 19. Qxa5 Nf6 20. b3 Ra8 21. Qb5+ Kc8 22. Bb2 Qd7 23. Qc4 Qe6 24. Qc6 Rb8 25. Qa6+ Kd7 26. Re1 Ke7 27. f4 Bc5+ 28. Kh1 Qxa6 29. Rxe5+ Kd6 30. Ree1 Rhe8 31. Rad1+ Kc6 32. b4 Rxe1+ 33. Rxe1 Bd6 34. f5 Re8 35. Rxe8 Qf1++

### 1999 Parkersburg Homecoming, August 22, 1999; Parkersburg, WV

#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joe Barker	WV	2125	2130	W--24	W---5	W---4	D---2	3.5
2	John Roush	WV	2111	2115	W--16	W---6	W--12	D---1	3.5
3	Jim Walker	WV	2103	2102	W--25	W--10	D---8	W---9	3.5
4	Mike Taylor	OH	1839	1856	W---7	W--13	L---1	W---8	3.0
5	Gary Morris	WV	1564	1592	W--26	L---1	W--24	W--18	3.0
6	Michael Malutich	WV	1562	1571	W--30	L---2	W--16	W--17	3.0
7	Joe Meadows	WV	1263	1323	L---4	W--27	W--23	W--12	3.0
8	Robert Canary	WV	1859	1858	W--29	W--23	D---3	L---4	2.5
9	Gary Cummings	WV	1850	1841	D--20	W--18	W--19	L---3	2.5
10	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1599	1608	W--11	L---3	W--15	H---	2.5
11	Jared Hickie	OH	1159	1208	L--10	W--25	D--14	W--21	2.5
12	James Fuller	WV	1746	1718	W--17	W--15	L---2	L---7	2.0
13	Tom LaBue	WV	1531	1501	W--27	L---4	L--17	W--22	2.0
14	Scott Antes	WV	1516	1493	L--18	W--21	D--11	H---	2.0
15	John R. Malutich	WV	1429	1420	W--28	L--12	L--10	W--27	2.0
16	Bob McLearn	WV	1303	1308	L--2	W--30	L---6	W--28	2.0
17	Michael Statkiewicz	WV	1162	1197	L--12	W--28	W--13	L---6	2.0
18	Michael Arnold	OH	Unrated	1561/04	W--14	L---9	W--20	L---5	2.0
19	Bruce Blue	OH	1619	1603	D--21	W--20	L---9	U---	1.5
20	Ben Good	WV	1313	1328	D---9	L--19	L--18	W--29	1.5
21	Mike Price	WV	1159	1171	D--19	L--14	W--29	L--11	1.5
22	James Byrd	VA	908/07	1059/11	L--23	D--29	W--25	L--13	1.5
23	Jeff Cornett	OH	1566	1535	W--22	L--8	L---7	U---	1.0
24	David Hill	WV	1449	1442	L---1	W--26	L---5	U---	1.0
25	Stephen Malutich	WV	1363	1316	L---3	L--11	L--22	W--30	1.0
26	Jack Hickie	OH	1143/13	1108/16	L---5	L--24	L--28	B---	1.0
27	Nate Mays	WV	816/07	926/11	L--13	L--7	W--30	L--15	1.0
28	Joseph Clark	WV	Unrated	1051/04	L--15	L--17	W--26	L--16	1.0
29	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1232	1192	L---8	D--22	L--21	L--20	0.5
30	Bill Salmon	WV	1052	1018	L---6	L--16	L--27	L--25	0.0

## Jim Walker Clinches 1998-99 West Virginia Grand Prix title

With only one tournament crosstable outstanding (the 1999 US Amateur South), Jim Walker has built an insurmountable lead on his nearest competitors and will win this year's Grand Prix event. This will be the second Grand Prix Championship for Jim as he also paced the field during the 1996-97 tournament year.

The top ten point earners will receive plaques from the West Virginia Chess Association for their efforts. I will try and get the USAS crosstable before finalizing this year's standings.

### *1998-99 Grand Prix Standings*

1. Jim Walker	50.30
2. James Fuller	26.92
3. Robert Canary	24.67
4. Gary Cummings	23.25
5. Sefus Ellis	19.80
6. John Roush	18.00
7. Pat Kelly	17.50
8. Michael Malutich	16.75
9. Tom LaBue	15.50
10. Donald Griffith	15.00
11. David Saville	14.05
12. Markle Butcher	14.00
13. Joe Meadows	13.50
14. David Hundley	11.00
15. John R. Malutich	10.50
16. Tim Goan	9.00

Stephen Malutich	9.00
18. Dave Olson	8.80
19. John W. Malutich	8.50
Chuck Waugh	8.50
21. Mike Turner	8.30
22. Bob McLearn	7.67
23. Joe Barker	7.50
24. Mike Richardson	6.00
Mark Hathaway	6.00
Mike Taylor	6.00
Marc Abraham	6.00

### *Eligibility rules for the West Virginia Grand Prix*

*To earn Grand Prix Points:*

1- Must be a member of the WVCA.

Note: Residents from other states are eligible for points and prizes.

*For a tournament to be eligible:*

1 - A tourney must be open to all entrants (can have multiple sections).

2 - Must be at least four rounds.

3 - Time controls are G/60 or longer.

4 - Official USCF crosstable must be sent to the Grand Prix Coordinator.

5 - Must be contested in WV.

a - A WV chess club that holds a tourney in a adjacent state can get a waiver from the Grand Prix Coordinator, though not automatic.

(Ex. Parkersburg club holds a tourney in Marietta, OH or Logan County Club in Belfry, KY)

*Grand Prix Point Distribution:*

Wins, Forced Bye, Forfeit Win - 1 point

Draw - 1/2 point

Loss, Forfeit Loss, Voluntary Bye - 0 points

	<i>Open Tourney</i>	<i>State Championship</i>	<i>Split Sections</i>	<i>National Event</i>
First	6	12	6	0
Second	4	8	4	0
Third	2	4	2	0
Class (A, B, C, D/E/Unr)	1	2	1 for classes 2 for winner of Reserve Section	0 no bonus points awarded for National Events (i.e. USAS)

## ...And Now a Word from our Co-Champs

Both of the 1999 West Virginia co-champions, Mark Hathaway and Donald Griffith were gracious enough to share some thoughts on their games contested during the event. First to the mike is first-time champion Mark Hathaway.

Mark Hathaway (X) - Sam Lafata (X), Round 5  
Spanish Opening, Steinitz Defense  
Notes by Mark Hathaway

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. O-O d6 5. d4 Bd7 6. Nc3 Be7 7. Re1 exd4 8. Nxd4 O-O 9. Bxc6 bxc6 10. Qf3 I've also tried 10. Qd3, taking aim at c6. 10...Re8 It's hard to really criticize this developing move, but there are some other moves to look at: 10...Ng4 11. Nxc6 Bxc6 12. Qxg4 Bf6 13. Nd5; 10...h6, preparing Nf6-h7, which would end the possibility of e4-e5 forking both d6 & Nf6. 11. e5 dxe5 12. Nxc6 Bxc6 13. Qxc6; ECO gives: 10...Rb8 11. b3 Rb4 12. Nf5 Bxf5 13. Qxf5 Nd7 14. Be3 Rb8 15. f4 Re8 16. Rad1, Boleslavski-Smyslov, USSR 1941 and 10...c5 11. Nf5 Bxf5 12. Qxf5 Nd7 13. Nd5 Nb6, Polugaevsky-Zaitsev, 1969.

11. Nf5 White should aim for piece development which will help him bash Black's central pawns. This would ensure continued activity. If Black can secure the central dark squares with Nd7 & Bf6 AND keep c6 safe then he would probably take over the advantage. ECO gives 11. e5 (an idea I had seen before, but was not drawn to) 11...dxe5 12. Nxc6 Bxc6 13. Qxc6 Bb4 14. Bg5 Qd6 15. Qc4 Bxc3 16. Qxc3 Nd5, Keres-Spassky, USSR, 1963. 11. Bf4 blocks control of f5 with 11...c5 or 11...Ng4 12. Nxc6. 11. Bg5 aiming to trade for Be7 or to just keep Black pinned-up: 11...h6 [11...Nxe4 12. Bxe7 Nd2 13. Bxd8 Nxf3+ 14. gxf3 Raxd8] 12. Bh4 If Black wants to advance g7-g5 to expose his king, White wouldn't complain. But, Black will continue aiming for control of e5. 12...Nh7 13. Bxe7 Rxe7 14. e5 Rxe5 15. Nxc6 Bxc6 16. Qxc6 Qe8 17. Qxe8+ Raxe8 18. Kf1 Rxe1+ 19. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 20. Kxe1 c6.

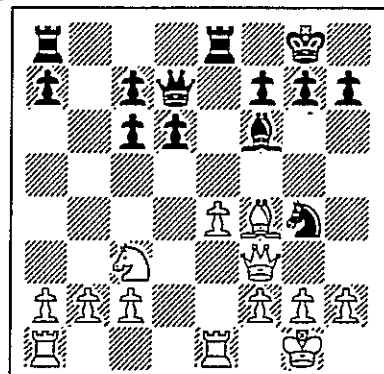
11. b3 Black's Nf6 isn't yet ready to move, so Nd4-f5 allowing Bxf5 which clears d7 for Nf6-d7, is premature. Bg5 is probably premature because it only forces Black into exchanges which simplify the position and make his defensive task easier. So, White needs to make productive development moves which will prepare e4-e5, just when Black is ready to move Nf6. 11. b3 does just that. It prepares Bb2 which would cut through the center, hitting e5, f6 and g7. 11...c5 (11...Bf8 12. Bg5 is still possible and probably good, as Black has nothing better here than 12...Be7 13. e5 dxe5 14. Nxc6 Bxc6 15.

Qxc6. Or, Black can sacrifice a pawn to fully activate his pieces: 11...Ng4 12. Nxc6 Bxc6 13. Qxg4 Bf6 14. Bb2). 12. Nf5 Bxf5 13. Qxf5 Nd7 14. Nd5 just in time to capture a Bf6, 14...Nb6 15. Bb2.

11...Bxf5 12. Qxf5 Qd7

12...Nd7 is very strong! 13. b3 (13. Bf4 Bf6 14. Qh3 {14. Re3 Bd4 15. Rh3 [15. Rd3 g6 16. Qh3 Bxc3 17. Rxc3 Rxe4 showing the awkwardness of Bf4.] 15...g6 16. Qg4 Bxc3 17. Rxc3 Rxe4 18. Qf3 Qe7}. 14...Rb8 15. b3 Re6 16. Rad1 Qe7 17. Qd3 or 17. Kf1 Re8 18. Qd3). 13...Bf6 14. Bb2 Re6 15. Na4 Qe7 and e4 will come under tremendous pressure. Another line is: 13. Bd2 Bf6 14. Rad1 Rb8 15. b3 g6 16. Qh3 Re6.

13. Qf3 Ng4 Perhaps threatening Bh4 to force g2-g3.  
14. Bf4 Bf6



After 14...Bf6

15. h3 I did this to force Ne5, blocking Bf6, but preventing Bf6-d4 by Ra1-d1 is better. 15. Rad1 g6 16. Qg3 (trying to gain a move threatening 17. h3 Ne5 18. Bg5 Bg7 19. f4 Nc4 20. b3 Nb6 when Nb6 would be very badly placed.) 16... Bg7 17. Rd2 Rab8 18. b3 Re7 19. Red1 Rbe8 20. h3 Ne5 21. Bg5 f6 ( 21...Re6 22. f4 ) 22. Be3 a5 23. Qh4 Nf7 24. Bd4. 16. Bxd6 cxd6 17. h3 Bxc3 or 16. h3 gets in the way of the queen and weakens the king's position unnecessarily. 16...Ne5 17. Qg3 Bg7 (avoiding 18. Bg5 Bg7 19. f4 when Ne5 has no convenient escape square.) 18. b3 Re6 19. Rd2 Rae8 20. Red1. White prepares Nc3-a4-c5 or Nc3-e2-d4 and removes the possibility of a pin on e4 along the e-file. f2-f3 might have to be used to defend the pawn, but it isn't clear yet.

15...Ne5 16. Qg3 Rab8 I didn't feel he was playing all that great (though he was playing very well), but with this move I saw he was very good. 17. Rab1 17. b3 Ng6 17...Ng6 18. Bd2 Black has surely equalized. 18...d5 There need be no hurry to play this move, which weakens his central pawns a bit. Pe4 is weak and this



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should be probed first. 18...Rb4 19. f3 (19. a3 Bxc3 or 19. Nd5 Rbx4 20. Nxf6+ gxf6) 19...Bh4. 19. exd5 cxd5 I expected 19...Rxe1+ but I hadn't committed yet to 20. Rxe1 Rxb2 21. Qd3 Rb8. I might have tried 20. Bxe1 instead. 20. Rxe8+ The complications must be reduced! 20...Rxe8 21. Qd3 c6 22. Re1 Rxe1+ 22...Re6. 23. Bxe1 Nf4 23...Be5 immediately moving to the center and onto the b8-h2 diagonal. Later Black could try to exploit the weakness around Kg1 by invading at h2.

24. Qa6 h5 24...Be5 25. Bd2 Ne6 Black's position is very well organized and defensible, but he would have had to be quite creative to find an offensive plan. The basis of it would be the weakness at h2 and Black's bishop & queen should be aligned to penetrate there. White has to be quite cautious to avoid loss. In practice, this isn't the easiest position for either player. 25...Be5 26. Na4 Preventing Ne6-c5-e4, but misplacing the knight. 26. Qd3 Nc5 27. Qf3 h4 28. b3 doesn't yet seem necessary. (28. Bf4 Qf5) or (28. Qg4 Qxg4 29. hxg4 Bxc3 30. Bxc3 Na4 31. Be5 {31. Kf1 Nxc3 32. bxc3 g5 33. Ke2 Kg7 34. Kd3 c5 35. c4 d4 36. c3 dxc3 37. Kxc3 Kf6 38. Kd3 Ke5 39. Ke3 f5 40. f3 fxg4 41. fxg4 a5 42. a4 Kf6 43. Ke4 Ke6} 31...f6 32. Bb8 a6 33. b3 Nc3 34. Bf4 Nxa2 35. Bd2 d4 36. Kf1 Kf7 37. Ke2 Ke6 38. Kd3 Kd5 39. f3 g5). 26...c5 26...Bd8 27. Kf1 essentially preventing Bc7 because Qxa7 wouldn't be met by Bh2+.

27. Qa5 This ruins White's coordination. Better is to go back after d5 to force it's advance. Bob Bukovac, Sam Lafata and I spent a lot of time analyzing this game. This following analysis was about the best we could come up with: 27. b3 overprotects Na4, so Qe2 is possible. Kg1 is weak and h5 should be poked. 27...Bd8 (27...Be5 28. Qe2 and h5 is toast.) 28. Qd3 (or 28. Kf1) 28...Bc7 29. Nc3 d4 30. Ne4 (30. Ne2 Qd5 31. Kf1 Qe5 32. Ng1 intending Nf3 to cover h2. 32...Qh2 33. Qe4 Qh1 threatening Bh2 to win the N. 34. Qa8+ Kh7 35. Qe4+ g6 36. f4) 30...Qd5 31. Qf3 threatening Nf6+ to win the Q, 31...Qe5 32. Kf1.

27...Be7 We were both satisfied we couldn't make anything of the position, so we settled on a draw. Much better is 27...Bd8 when Qa5 is awkwardly placed and tied to Na4. Drawn.

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Now, ten-time West Virginia State Champ Donald Griffith will share two of his better games from this year's event. The fifth round affair with WV newcomer

Kislingbury was one of the more entertaining contests of the tournament.

Donald Griffith (X) - John Roush (X), Round 4  
French Defense, Winawer Variation  
Notes by Donald Griffith

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Qc7 7. Qg4 f5 Main line is Ne7 8. Qg7 Rg8. 8. Qg3 Ne7 Another line is 8...cxd4 9. cxd4 Ne7 10. Bd2 (10. Qg7? Rg8 11. Qxh7 Qxc3) 10...O-O 11. Bd3. 9. Qxg7 Rg8 10. Qxh7 cxd4 11. Kd1 Getting out of the fork Qxc3. White could play Ne2 but wanted to keep the option of Nf3. 11...Qxc3 This looks like it gains time by attacking the Rook, but really loses time because the Rook goes to an active square and the Q loses time getting back in play. If 11...Qe5 12. Nf3 and cxd4. Tal-Botvinnik went 11...Bd7 12. Qh5. 12. Rb1 Qc7 13. Nf3 Nbc6 14. Bg5 Bd7 Maybe a6 to prevent Bb5. 15. Bb5 Rxc3 Fritz gives the strange idea: 15...Rc8 16. Bxc6 Bxc6 17. Bxe7 Rg4 and Black will recover the pinned B. 16. Nxc3 O-O-O 17. Nf7 Rf8 18. Bxc6 Bxc6 19. Nd6+ Kd7 20. h4 b6 20...d3!? with the idea 21 cxd3 Ba4+. 21. Rh3 Rg8 22. Qf7 Ba4 23. Rb2 Qd8 23...d3!? 24. Rxd3 Qc5. 24. Rg3 Fritz prefers 24. Rb4 Bc6 25. Rh2. 24...Rxc3 25. fxg3 d3 26. Rb4 Bxc2+ 27. Kd2 Qh8 28. h5 Qxe5 If 28...Qg8 29. h6 Qxf7 30. Nxf7 Ng6 31. h7 Ke7 32. h8=Q Nxh8 33. Nxe8. 29. Qe8+ Kxd6 30. Qb8+ and the Black Q goes. Black resigns

Donald Griffith (X) - Mark Kislingbury (X), Rd. 5  
Sicilian Defense - Najdorf Variation  
Notes by Donald Griffith

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7 7...Qb6 8. Qd2 Qxb2 is the poisoned pawn line. 8. Qf3 Qc7 9. O-O-O Nbd7 10. Bd3 10. g4 b5 11. Bxf6 Nxf6 12. g5 is another popular line. 10...b5 If 10...h6, White can try 11. Bh4 or 11. Qh3 or 11. h4!? hxg4 12. hxg4 Rxh1 13. Rxh1. 11. Rhe1 Bb7 12. Qg3 b4 12...O-O-O 13. Bxb5 is another line. 13. Nd5 exd5 14. exd5 White sacs the N to open the e-file while the K is still in the center. 14...Bxd5 Nunn recommends: 14...Kd8 15. Qe3 Re8 16. Nf5 Nxd5 17. Qe2 N7b6 18. Qh5 Bxg5 19. Qxg5+ Kd7. 15. Nf5 Be6 16. Nxc3 Kd8 17. Rxe6 Rg8 If 17...fxe6 18. Nxe6 18. Qe1 Nc5 19. Rxf6 Rc8 19...Rxc7 20. Rxd6+! Qxd6 21. Bxe7+ Qxe7 22. Bb5+ Nd7 23. Rxd7+ Qxd7 24. Bxd7 Kxd7 25. Qxb4. 20. Rxd6+ Qxd6 21. Bxe7+ 21. Bxh7 also. 21...Qxe7 22. Bb5+ Black resigns since if 22...Nd7 23. Rxd7+ Qxd7 24. Bxd7 Kxd7 25. Qxb4.

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### Round 2 action

Again, there were many interesting games, but most of the favorites survived. John Roush drew his contest with Marc Abraham and Gary Cummings split with Gary Morris. On the bottom boards, Galen Miller upended Tom LaBue.

David Olson (B) - Mark Kislingbury (X), Round 2  
English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Nf3 d6 6. d4 Nbd7 7. O-O c6 8. a3 a6 9. b4 Qc7 10. Bb2 Re8 11. Qc2 Rb8 12. Rfd1 b5 13. exb5 axb5 14. Nb1 Nb6 15. Nbd2 Na4 16. Nb3 Bf5 17. Qc1 Rec8 18. Nfd2 Qb6 19. e4 Bg4 20. Re1 Nd7 21. e5 dxe5 22. dxe5 Nxb2 23. Qxb2 c5 24. bxc5 Nxe5 25. Nxe5 Rxc5 26. Nb3 Rc7 27. Nd4 Rbc8 28. Rab1 Bd7 29. Qd2 Rc4 30. Rb4 R4c5 31. Nf3 Qc7 32. Rd1 Bg4 33. Qd3 Rc3 34. Qe2 Bxf3 35. Bxf3 Bxe5 36. Rxb5 f6 37. Bg2 Rxa3 38. Rb7 Qc5 39. Qb5 Qc2 40. Rb1 Bd6 41. Qd5+ Kg7 42. Qxd6 Qxb1+ 43. Bf1 Rxc3+ 44. hxc3 Qxb7 45. Qe6 Qc7 46. White resigns

Markle Butcher (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2

1. d4 c5 2. d5 e5 3. e4 d6 4. c4 Be7 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Nc3 Na6 7. Be2 Nc7 8. Qc2 a6 9. a4 Rb8 10. O-O O-O 11. Bg5 Nfxd5 12. Bxe7 Nxe7 13. Rfd1 Nc6 14. Qd2 Nd4 15. Nxd4 cxd4 16. Na2 g6 17. b4 b6 18. b5 a5 19. Ne1 Ne6 20. Nd3 Bb7 21. f3 Rc8 22. Ra3 Rc7 23. Ra2 f5 24. Nf2 Nc5 25. Ra3 fxe4 26. fxe4 Rxf2 27. Kxf2 Nxe4+ and Black won.

Scott Carmichael (B) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 2  
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. a4 e5 7. Nf3 Be7 8. Bc4 O-O 9. O-O Be6 10. Bxe6 fxe6 11. Ng5 Qd7 12. Qe2 Nc6 13. Qd3 h6 14. Nf3 Nh5 15. a5 Qe8 16. Nd2 Qg6 17. Nc4 Rad8 18. Be3 Nd4 19. Bxd4 Nf4 20. Qg3 exd4 21. Qxg6 Nxg6 22. Ne2 d5 23. Nxd4 dxc4 24. Nxe6 Rd2 25. Nxf8 Kxf8 26. Rad1 Rxc2 27. Re1 Rxb2 28. Rxc4 Bd6 29. Rc8+ Kf7 30. Rd8 Ke6 31. Rg8 Be5 32. g3 Bd4 33. Re8+ Kf7 34. Rd8 Ne5 35. Kg2 Nc6 36. Rd5 Ke6 37. h3 Ra2 38. g4 Rxa5 39. Rxa5 Nxa5 40. f4 Nc4 41. Re1 b5 42. Kf3 a5 43. Rd1 Bc3 44. f5+ Kf6 45. Rd5 b4 46. Rc5 Ne5+ 47. Ke3 a4 48. Ra5 Nc4+ 49. White resigns

John Roush (X) - Marc Abraham (B), Round 2  
Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Bc5 5. c3 Nf6 6. d3 h6 7. Nbd2 d6 8. h3 O-O 9. Nf1 Ne7 10. Ng3 c6 11. O-O Ba7 12. d4 Qc7 13. Be3 Ng6 14. Qd2 Kh7 15. Be2 b5 16. a4 Bd7 17. Rfe1 c5 18. axb5 axb5 19. Nf5 Bxf5 20. exf5 Nf4 21. Rac1 N4d5 22. dxe5 dxe5 23. Nxe5 Qxe5 24. Bxc5 Qxe1+ 25. Rxe1 Bxc5 26. Bb3 Rfe8 27. Rxe8 Rxe8 28. g4 Nb6 29. Qf4 Bd6 30. Qf3 Nc4 31. Qb7 Na5 32. Qxf7 Nxb3 33. Drawn

Gary Cummings (A) - Gary Morris (C), Round 2  
Pirc Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Bc4 d6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Qe2 O-O 6. O-O c6 7. e5 dxe5 8. dxe5 Nd5 9. Rd1 Bg4 10. Bb3 Qa5 11. Nbd2 Nd7 12. h3 Bxf3 13. Nxf3 e6 14. Bd2 Qc7 15. c4 Ne7 16. Bb4 c5 17. Bc3 Nc6 18. Re1 Rad8 19. Rad1 Nb6 20. Bc2 Rxd1 21. Rxd1 Rd8 22. Rxd8+ Qxd8 23. Be4 Qc7 24. Bxc6 Qxc6 25. b3 Drawn

Tom LaBue (C) - Galen Miller (D), Round 2  
Queen's Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 g6 5. Bf4 Bg7 6. e3 O-O 7. Bd3 Bg4 8. h3 Bxf3 9. Qxf3 e6 10. O-O Nbd7 11. c5 b6 12. b4 bxc5 13. bxc5 Qa5 14. Rfc1 Rfe8 15. Qe2 e5 16. dxe5 Nxe5 17. Bxe5 Rxe5 18. Nd1 Nd7 19. Rab1 Nxc5 20. Bb5 cxb5 21. Rxc5 a6 22. Nc3 Rd8 23. Qd1 d4 24. Rxe5 Bxe5 25. exd4 Bxd4 26. Qf3 Qxc3 27. Qb7 Bxf2+ 28. Kh1 Bg3 29. Rf1 Qc4 30. Rb1 Qd5 and Black won.

Dave Kennedy (D) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 2  
English Opening

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. c4 g6 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. d3 e6 6. Be3 b6 7. Be2 Nge7 8. Qd2 O-O 9. Bh6 Bb7 10. Bxg7 Kxg7 11. O-O d5 12. exd5 exd5 13. Rad1 d4 14. Ne4 Qc7 15. Qg5 f6 16. Qh4 Nf5 17. Qh3 Rae8 18. g4 Nh6 19. g5 fxg5 20. Nfxg5 Bc8 21. Qg2 Ne5 22. a3 Nh7 23. Nxf7 Kxf7 24. Nf6+ Kg7 25. Nxe8+ Rxe8 26. f4 Bb7 27. Qg3 Nxc4 28. Bh5 Ne3 29. Qxg6+ Kf8 30. Rde1 Bd5 31. Rf2 Re6 32. Qxf7+ Qxf7 33. Bxf7 Kxf7 34. Ree2 Rg6+ 35. Rg2 Bxg2 36. Kf2 Bd5 37. Ke1 Rg2 38. Rxg2 Bxg2 and Black won in 50.

David Hill (C) - Nathan Stark (E), Round 2  
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. e4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. e3 Be7 5. Bd3 O-O 6. O-O Nbd7 7. a3 a6 8. Nc3 dxc4 9. Bxc4 b5 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. Ne1 c5 12. dxc5 Nxc5 13. Bc2 Qxd1 14. Bxd1 Rfd8 15. Nc2 Nce4 16. Nxe4 Bxe4 17. f3 Bxc2 18.

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Bxc2 Rd7 19. e4 Rad8 20. Be3 e5 21. Rad1 Rxd1 22. Rxd1 Rxd1+ 23. Bxd1 Nd7 24. b4 Bd8 25. a4 Bb6 26. Kf2 Bxe3+ 27. Kxe3 bxa4 28. Bxa4 Nb8 29. Kd3 Kf8 30. Kc4 Ke7 31. Kd5 f6 32. g3 g5 33. Kc5 Kd8 34. Kd6 Kc8 35. b5 a5 36. Ke6 Nd7 37. Be2 Kc7 38. Kd5 h6 39. Kc4 Kb6 40. Bd1 Nf8 41. Kd5 Nd7 42. Ke6 Kc7 43. h4 gxh4 44. gxh4 h5 45. Kf5 Kb6 46. f4 Kxb5 47. fxe5 fxe5 48. Bxh5 Kc4 49. Bd1 Kd4 50. h5 Kc5 51. h6 Nf8 52. Kxe5 Kc6 53. Kf6 Nh7+ 54. Kg6 Nf8+ 55. Kg7 Ne6+ 56. Kf6 Nf8 57. e5 Nh7+ 58. Kg7 Ng5 59. Kf6 Nh7+ 60. Kf5 Kd7 61. Bb3 Ke7 62. Kg6 Nf8+ 63. Kg7 Ke8 64. Bf7+ Ke7 65. Bb3 Ke8 66. h7 Nxh7 67. Kxh7 Ke7 68. Kg6 a4 69. Ba2 and White eventually won.

Jimmy Whitt (E) - Steve Shomo (C), Round 2  
Pirc Defense

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be2 O-O 6. h3 e5 7. dxe5 dxe5 8. Qxd8 Rxd8 9. Bd2 a6 10. O-O-O b5 11. Bg5 Re8 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Nd5 Bd8 14. g4 c6 15. Nb4 a5 16. Nd3 Nd7 17. g5 Be7 18. h4 Bc5 19. h5 Bb6 20. hxg6 fxg6 21. Rh2 Bb7 22. Rdh1 Re7 23. Nh4 Nf8 24. Ng2 c5 25. f3 c4 26. Nde1 Ne6 27. c3 Rf8 28. Nh4 Nf4 29. Bd1 Nh5 and White's flag fell.

Ben Good (D) - Elias Stewart (E), Round 2  
Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. f4 d6 3. Nf3 e6 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Bb5 Bd7 6. O-O Nf6 7. d3 Be7 8. Qe1 O-O 9. Ne2 a6 10. Bxc6 Bxc6 11. Ng3 b5 12. f5 e5 13. Ne2 Qd7 14. Qg3 Bb7 15. Bh6 Ne8 16. Ng5 gxh6 17. Ne6+ Kh8 18. Nxf8 Bxf8 19. f6 h5 20. Rf5 Bh6 21. Raf1 Nc7 22. Qh4 Rg8 23. Qxh5 Rg6 24. Rf3 Bf8 25. Rg3 Rh6 26. Rfg5 Rg6 27. Rxg6 fxg6 28. Rxg6 Qf7 29. Rh6 Qxh5 30. Rxh5 Kg8 31. Ng3 h6 32. Nf5 Kf7 33. Nxh6+ Kxf6 34. Rf5+ Kg6 35. Rxf8 Kxh6 36. Rf7 Bxe4 37. dxe4 Ne6 38. Rf6+ Kg7 39. Rxe6 and White won.

Kelcey Hall (Unr) - Joe Lococo (D), Round 2

1. d4 d6 2. c3 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. e4 c6 5. Be3 Nf6 6. Bd3 Qb6 7. Qd2 Bg4 8. e5 Bxf3 9. gxf3 Nd5 10. b4 dxe5 11. dxe5 Nxe3 12. fxe3 Bxe5 13. Na3 Nd7 14. f4 Bg7 15. Nc4 Qc7 16. O-O-O O-O-O 17. Qc2 Nb6 18. Kb2 Rd7 19. Rd2 Rhd8 20. Rhd1 Rxd3 21. Rxd3 Nxc4+ 22. Kb3 Rxd3 23. Rxd3 Nd6 24. a4 b6 25. Rd1 f5 26. Qd3 Kb7 27. h3 c5 28. Qd5+ Qc6 29. b5 c4+ 30. Kb4 Qxd5 31. Rxd5 Bf8 32. Rd1 Kc7 33. h4 e6 34. Rh1 Ne4+ 35. Kxc4 Nc5 36. Ra1 Be7 37. a5 bxa5 38. Rxa5

Kb6 39. Ra1 Bxh4 40. Rxa7 Kxa7 41. Kxc5 Bf2 42. Kd4 h5 43. c4 h4 44. c5 h3 45. b6+ Kb7 46. White resigns

After round two, there were seven tied with 2-0 marks: Hathaway, Griffith, David Saville, Sam Lafata, Mark Kislingbury, Jose Sandoval and Jim Walker.

### Round 3 Action

The top boards started to face off in round 3. Mark Hathaway had a nice win over 1998 Champ David Saville, Jim Walker was able to hold a draw against Donald after being down an exchange. The following contest was a slugfest that was very entertaining to watch:

Mark Kislingbury (X) - Sam Lafata (X), Round 3  
Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense

Notes by Sam Lafata

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. O-O d6 5. d4 Bd7 6. Nc3 Be7 7. h3 O-O 8. Be3 exd4 9. Nxd4 Re8 10. Nxc6 Bxc6 11. Bxc6 bxc6 12. Qd3 Qb8 13. a3 Qb7 14. f4 Bf8 15. Bd4 Nd7 16. b3 d5 17. e5 Nc5 18. Qd2 Nd7 19. Rfe1 c5 20. Bf2 e6 21. Re2 Be7 22. Rae1 Nf8 23. f5 Qd7 24. Qf4 Rad8 25. g4 Rb8 26. h4+ c4?! *Hopefully, White's position is sufficiently extended now to offer some "practical" counter-play in mutual time trouble.* 27. bxc4 Bxa3 28. e6 fxe6 29. fxe6 Qb7 30. cxd5 cxd5 31. Bd4 Ng6 32. Qg3 Qb4 33. Bxa7 Nf4 34. Re5 Rb7 35. Rb1 Qxb1+ 36. Nxb1 Rxb1+ 37. Kf2 Bd6 38. Qe3 *If 38. Qxf4 Rxe6 39. Bd4 Rb4 40. Qe3 Bxe5 41. Bxe5 Re4 38...Bxe5 39. Qxe5 Rxe6 40. Qd4 Re4 Black is perhaps better here, but with Kislingbury's time pressure over, Black does not gamble a second time.* 41. Drawn

Mark Hathaway (X) - David Saville (X), Round 3  
Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Nd5 Be7 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. c3 O-O 12. Nc2 Bg5 13. Bd3 Be6 14. a4 bxa4 15. Rxa4 a5 16. h4 Bh6 17. Bb5 Bxd5 18. Qxd5 Ne7 19. Qa2 d5 20. exd5 Qxd5 21. Qxd5 Nxd5 22. O-O Nb6 23. Re4 f6 24. Rd1 Rfd8 25. Ree1 g6 26. c4 Bf8 27. Ne3 Bc5 28. Rxd8+ Rxd8 29. Ra1 Rd2 30. Rxa5 Rxb2 31. Bc6 Bxe3 32. fxe3 Kf7 33. c5 Nc8 34. Bd7 Ne7 35. c6 Rc2 36. Ra7 Nd5 37. Bf5+ Black resigns

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

Queen's Gambit, Slav Exchange

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. Nc3 e6 5. cxd5 exd5  
6. Bg5 Be7 7. Qc2 Nbd7 8. e3 h6 9. Bh4 O-O 10.  
Bd3 Re8 11. Bg3 Bb4 12. O-O Qe7 13. h3 Ne4 14.  
Bh2 Ndf6 15. Ne5 Bxc3 16. bxc3 c5 17. c4 cxd4  
18. exd4 Be6 19. c5 Rac8 20. Rfe1 b6 21. Bb5  
bxc5 22. Bxe8 Qxe8 23. dxc5 Rxc5 24. Qb2 Qa4  
25. Re3 Rc2 26. Ra3 Rxb2 27. Rxa4 Nxf2 28. Bg3  
N2e4 29. Be1 Nh5 30. Nd3 Re2 31. Rb1 d4 32.  
Rxd4 Bxa2 33. Rb2 Rxb2 34. Nxb2 Nhf6 35. Ra4  
Be6 36. Rxa7 h5 37. Nd3 g6 38. Nf4 Bf5 39. Ra5  
Kg7 40. Nxh5+ Nxh5 41. g4 Be6 42. gxh5 Bxh3  
43. Kh2 Bg4 44. hxg6 Kxg6 45. Bh4 f5 46. Bg3  
Kf7 47. Bf4 Ke6 48. Re5+ Kd7 49. Ra5 Ke6 50.  
Re5+ Drawn

John Roush (X) - Jose Sandoval (A), Round 3

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Nge7 6.  
Be3 Nf5 7. Bd3 cxd4 8. Bxd4 Nfxd4 9. cxd4 Be7  
10. a3 Bd7 11. Nc3 O-O 12. O-O g6 13. b4 a6 14.  
Qd2 Kg7 15. Rfc1 b5 16. Bf1 Na7 17. Ne1 Nc8 18.  
Nd3 Nb6 19. Nc5 Nc4 20. Bxc4 bxc4 21. Rab1  
Bxc5 22. dxc5 Qc7 23. Qd4 Rfc8 24. f4 a5 25. Kf2  
Kg8 26. g4 Kh8 27. h3 Kg7 28. Nxd5 exd5 29. e6+  
Kg8 30. exd7 Qxd7 31. b5 Rab8 32. c6 Qd6 33. a4  
Rc7 34. Kf3 Re7 35. Re1 Rbe8 36. Rxe7 Rxe7 37.  
Rd1 Re4 38. Qd2 Qa3+ 39. Kg2 d4 40. c7 Qc5 41.  
Kf3 c3 42. Qd3 c2 43. Kxe4 f5+ 44. Kf3 cxd1=Q+  
45. Qxd1 Qc3+ 46. Kg2 Qxc7 47. Qxd4 Qc2+ 48.  
Kg3 Black resigns

Marc Abraham (B) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 3  
Budapest Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3  
exd4 6. cxd4 c5 7. d5 d6 8. Qc2 O-O 9. e4 Re8 10.  
f3 b5 11. Bg5 h6 12. Bh4 bxc4 13. Bxc4 Qa5+ 14.  
Qd2 Qxd2+ 15. Kxd2 Nxe4+ 16. Kc2 g5 17. Re1  
Nf6 18. Rxe8+ Nxe8 19. Bg3 Bf5+ 20. Kc3 a6 21.  
h4 Nd7 22. Nh3 gxh4 23. Bxh4 Ne5 24. Nf2 Nxc4  
25. Kxc4 Kg7 26. Bg3 Bg6 27. Bf4 h5 28. Ne4  
Bxe4 29. fxe4 Nf6 30. Bxd6 Nxe4 31. Bxc5 Rc8  
32. Rxh5 Nxc5 33. Kd4 Nd7 34. Rf5 f6 35. Rf2

Ne5 36. Rb2 Rc4+ 37. Ke3 Rc3+ 38. Kd4 Rc4+  
39. Ke3 Ra4 40. Rb7+ Kg6 41. Ra7 Nc4+ 42. Kd4  
Nxa3+ 43. Kc5 Ra5+ 44. Kc6 Nc4 45. d6 Ne5+  
46. Kb6 Rd5 47. Kxa6 Rxd6+ 48. Kb5 Rd2 49.  
Ra8 Kg7 50. Kc5 Rxc2 51. Kd5 Re2 52. Ke6 Nf7+  
53. Kf5 Re5+ 54. Kf4 Nh8 55. Ra1 Ng6+ 56. Kg4  
Rg5+ 57. Kf3 Ne5+ 58. Kf4 Kg6 59. Ra8 Rg4+  
60. Ke3 f5 61. Rg8+ Kf7 62. Rh8 Ng6 63. Rh5  
Rg3+ 64. Kf2 Rg2+ 65. Kf3 Nh4+ 66. Rxh4 Rg1  
67. Kf2 Rg5 68. Kf3 Kg6 69. Rh8 Drawn

Gary Morris (C) - Joe Meadows (D), Round 3

Catalan Opening

1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 Nf6 3. g3 Bg4 4. Bg2 e6 5. O-O c5  
6. Ne5 Nc6 7. Bg5 Bf5 8. c3 h6 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10.  
Nxc6 bxc6 11. Qa4 Qd7 12. Nd2 cxd4 13. Qxd4  
e5 14. Qh4 Be7 15. e4 Be6 16. exd5 cxd5 17. Rfd1  
Bg4 18. Nf3 e4 19. Rxd5 Qxd5 20. Qxg4 Qe6 21.  
Qxe6 fxe6 22. Nd4 f5 23. Nxe6 Kf7 24. Nf4 Rad8  
25. Rb1 Rd2 26. Kf1 Rb8 27. Bh3 Bg5 28. Ne2  
Rbxb2 29. Rxb2 Rxb2 30. Bxf5 e3 31. fxe3 Bxe3  
32. Bd3 Kf6 33. a4 Kg5 34. Kg2 Ra2 35. Kf3 Bb6  
36. Bb5 Ba5 37. h4+ Kf6 38. Nf4 Bxc3 39. Nd5+  
Ke5 40. Nxc3 Ra3 41. Kg4 Rxc3 42. Drawn

Joe Lococo (D) - David Olson (B), Round 3

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 e6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4  
Nf6 6. Nc3 a6 7. a4 Be7 8. Bd3 Nc6 9. Nf3 O-O  
10. O-O Qc7 11. Bg5 Bd7 12. Re1 Rac8 13. Rb1  
h6 14. Be3 Nb4 15. h3 Bc6 16. Bd2 Rfd8 17. Ne2  
d5 18. Bf4 Qa5 19. e5 Ne4 20. b3 g5 21. Bd2 Bc5  
22. Nfd4 Qb6 23. Be3 Na2 24. Rb2 Nac3 25. Nxc3  
Nxc3 26. Qd2 Ne4 27. Bxe4 dxe4 28. c3 Qc7 29.  
Qe2 Qxe5 30. Nxc6 Rxc6 31. Bxc5 Qxc5 32. Rd2  
Rxd2 33. Qxd2 Qxc3 34. Qd8+ Kg7 35. Rxe4  
Qxb3 36. Kh2 Qd5 37. Qxd5 exd5 38. Re7 Rc4  
39. Rxb7 Rxa4 40. Rb3 Rc4 41. f3 d4 42. Rd3 Kf6  
43. Kg3 Ke5 44. Kf2 a5 45. Ra3 a4 46. Ke2 Kf4  
47. Kf2 Ke5 48. Ke2 Kd5 49. Kd3 Rc3+ 50. Rxc3  
dxc3 51. Kxc3 Ke5 52. Kb4 Kf4 53. Kxa4 Kg3 54.  
White resigns

Galen Miller (D) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 3  
English Opening

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1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 c5 4. g3 Nc6 5. Bg2 d6  
6. O-O Bd7 7. e3 Be7 8. d4 cxd4 9. exd4 Qc8 10.  
b3 O-O 11. Bg5 h6 12. Bd2 Re8 13. Re1 a6 14.  
Qc1 Bf8 15. Na4 Qd8 16. c5 dxc5 17. dxc5 Nd5  
18. a3 Rc8 19. b4 b5 20. Nc3 Nce7 21. Ne5 Nxc3  
22. Bxc3 Nd5 23. Nxd7 Qxd7 24. Qd2 Red8 25.  
Rad1 Qc7 26. Be5 Qc6 27. Re4 f6 28. Bd4 Rd7  
29. Qb2 Rcd8 30. Rg4 e5 31. Be3 Nxe3! 32. Bxc6  
Rxd1 mate

Bob McLearn (D) - Jimmy Whitt (E), Round 3  
Giuoco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. d3 Nf6 5. Be3  
Bxe3 6. fxe3 d5 7. Bb5 Qd6 8. Bxc6+ bxc6 9. exd5  
cxd5 10. O-O O-O 11. Nbd2 Bg4 12. h3 Bd7 13.  
Nh4 e4 14. d4 Bxh3 15. Nf5 Bxf5 16. Rxf5 c5 17.  
Nb3 cxd4 18. Nxd4 Rae8 19. Qd2 Re5 20. Raf1  
Rxf5 21. Nxf5 Qe5 22. Qb4 Rb8 23. Ne7+ Kh8  
24. Qc5 Qxb2 25. Qxa7 h6 26. Nf5 Rb7 27. Qc5  
Rb8 28. Qe7 Kg8 29. Nxb6+ gxh6 30. Rxf6 Rb7  
31. Qd6 Qc1+ 32. Kh2 Qxe3 33. Qxd5 Qg5 34.  
Rg6+ Qxg6 35. Qxb7 Qh5+ 36. Kg3 Qe5+ 37.  
Kh3 e3 38. Qc8+ Kh7 39. Qc4 Qf5+ 40. Kg3  
Qf2+ 41. Kh3 e2 42. Qe4+ Kg7 43. Qe5+ Kg6 44.  
Qd6+ f6 45. Qf8 e1=Q 46. Qg8+ Kf5 47. Qh7+  
Ke6 48. Qg8+ Ke5 49. Qb8+ Kf5 50. Qc8+ Qe6  
51. g4+ Kf4 52. Qc4+ Qe4 53. Qc7+ Kg5 54.  
Qa5+ Qe5 55. White resigns

Kelcey Hall (Unr) - Dave Kennedy (D), Round 3  
1. d4 Nf6 2. c3 e6 3. Bg5 b6 4. e4 Be7 5. Bd3 Bb7  
6. Nd2 d5 7. e5 Ne4 8. Bxe7 Qxe7 9. Bxe4 dxe4  
10. Qg4 e3 11. fxe3 O-O 12. Ngf3 Nd7 13. O-O c5  
14. Rf2 f5 15. Qg5 Rae8 16. Raf1 Ba6 17. Qxe7  
Rxe7 18. Rd1 h6 19. b3 g5 20. h3 g4 21. hxg4  
fxg4 22. Nh4 Ref7 23. Rxf7 Rxf7 24. c4 cxd4 25.  
exd4 Rf4 26. Nf1 b5 27. g3 Rf7 28. Re1 bxc4 29.  
bxc4 Bxc4 30. Ne3 Bxa2 31. Nxb4 Rg7 32. Nxb6+  
Kh7 33. Kh2 Kxh6 34. Ra1 Bd5 35. Rxa7 Nf8 36.  
Rxb7 Kxb7 37. Ng2 Kg6 38. Nf4+ Kf5 39. Nxd5  
exd5 40. Kh3 Ne6 41. g4+ Kf4 42. Kh4 Nxd4 43.  
g5 Kxe5 44. g6 Ne6 45. Black resigns

At the conclusion of round three, Mark Hathaway was

the sole leader at 3-0. Walker, Griffith, Roush, Lafata  
and Kislingbury were all at 2½.

### Round 4 Action

Mark Kislingbury (X) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 4  
Sicilian Defense, Sozin Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6  
6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 a6 8. Be3 Be7 9. O-O O-O 10. f4  
Nxd4 11. Bxd4 b5 12. Qd3 Bb7 13. Rae1 Qc7 14. Kh1  
b4 15. Na4 Nd7 16. f5 e5 17. Bg1 Bc6 18. c3 a5 19.  
Bf2 Qb7 20. Re2 Nf6 21. Rfel Rad8 22. Nb6 d5 23.  
exd5 Nxd5 24. Nxd5 Bxd5 25. Bxd5 Rxd5 26. Qf3  
Qb5 27. Bg3 Bf6 28. cxb4 axb4 29. h3 Drawn

Sam Lafata (X) - Jim Walker (X), Round 4

1. d4 c5 2. e3 Nf6 3. Nf3 b6 4. c4 g6 5. Nc3 Bb7 6. Be2  
Bg7 7. O-O cxd4 8. exd4 O-O 9. Re1 d5 10. Bg5 Ne4  
11. Bh4 Nxc3 12. bxc3 Nd7 13. Rc1 Re8 14. Qb3 Nf6  
15. c5 Rc8 16. Rb1 Ne4 17. Bd3 Bf6 18. Bg3 Nxb3 19.  
hxg3 Rc7 20. cxb6 axb6 21. Rec1 Qc8 22. Qxb6 Rxc3  
23. Rxc3 Qxc3 24. Bxg6 hxg6 25. Qxb7 e6 26. Qb3  
Bxd4 27. Qa4 Bxf2+ 28. Kxf2 Qc5+ 29. Kf1 Rc8 30.  
Qb4 Qe3 31. Qd4 Qa3 32. Qd2 Qa6+ 33. Kg1 Qa7+  
34. Kh2 Kg7 35. Qd4+ Qxd4 36. Nxd4 Rc4 37. Rd1  
Kf6 38. g4 e5 39. g5+ Ke7 40. Nf3 Ke6 41. Rb1 Rc7  
42. a4 Ra7 43. Re1 e4 44. Nd4+ Kd7 45. Ra1 Ra6 46.  
a5 Kd6 47. Kg3 Kc5 48. Ra4 f6 49. gxf6 Rxf6 50. a6  
Rxa6 51. Rxa6 Kxd4 52. Kf2 Ke5 53. Rxb6 d4 54. Rg8  
Black resigns

Jose Sandoval (A) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 4  
French Defense, Rubenstein Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Nxf6+  
gxf6 6. Nf3 b6 7. Be3 Bb7 8. Be2 c6 9. Qd2 Nd7 10.  
O-O-O Qc7 11. Rhe1 O-O-O 12. Bf4 e5 13. dxe5 fxe5  
14. Bxe5 Nxe5 15. Qxd8+ Qxd8 16. Rxd8+ Kxd8 17.  
Nxe5 Bh6+ 18. Kb1 Rf8 19. Bf3 Kc7 20. Rd1 f6 21.  
Rd7+ Kc8 22. Rxb7 Bf4 23. Bxc6 Bxc6 24. Nxc6 Re8  
25. a3 and White went on to win

Jim Fuller (B) - Gary Morris (C), Round 4

1. g3 d5 2. d4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Bg2 Bf5 5. O-O Qc8 6.  
Nbd2 Bh3 7. Re1 Bxg2 8. Kxg2 Nbd7 9. e4 dxe4 10.  
Nxe4 Nxe4 11. Rxe4 Nf6 12. Re2 h5 13. h4 Qd7 14. c4  
Rd8 15. Qa4 b5 16. Qa6 Ng4 17. Bf4 f6 18. Rae1 g6  
19. cxb5 cxb5 20. Ne5 Nxe5 21. Bxe5 Qd5+ 22. f3 fxe5  
23. Rxe5 Qd6 24. Qxb5+ Rd7 25. d5 Rh7 26. f4 Rf7  
27. Rc1 Rf5 28. Rc6 Qxd5+ 29. Rxd5 Rfxd5 30. Rc8+

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Kf7 31. Qb3 e6 32. Rc2 Bg7 33. Re2 R5d6 34. Qf3 Rb6 35. g4 Bxb2 36. gxh5 gxh5 37. Qxh5+ Ke7 38. f5 Bf6 39. Qh7+ Kd8 40. Qg8+ Kc7 41. Rc2+ Rc6 42. Qg3+ e5 43. Rxc6+ Kxc6 44. Qc3+ Kd6 45. Qb4+ Kc6 46. Qc4+ Kd6 47. Qe6+ Kc7 48. Qxf6 and White won.

David Olson (B) - Jason Young (D), Round 4  
English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e5 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 Bc5 5. Nf3 d6 6. O-O Be6 7. d3 O-O 8. a3 a6 9. b4 Ba7 10. Bb2 Qd7 11. Ng5 Bg4 12. b5 axb5 13. Nxb5 Bc5 14. Nf3 h6 15. d4 exd4 16. Nfxd4 Nxd4 17. Nxd4 Rfe8 18. Re1 c6 19. Qd3 Re7 20. Nb3 Bb6 21. a4 Bf5 22. e4 Bh7 23. a5 Ba7 24. Rad1 Ng4 25. Rd2 Bxf2+ 26. Rxf2 Nxf2 27. Kxf2 Rae8 28. Kg1 d5 29. Qd4 dxc4 30. Qxg7 mate

Jimmy Whitt (E) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 4

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 c6 4. O-O Nbd7 5. d3 Qc7 6. c3 e5 7. h3 Be7 8. Nbd2 O-O 9. Re1 Re8 10. e4 Bd6 11. Nh2 dxe4 12. Nxe4 Nxe4 13. dxe4 Nf8 14. Nf3 Be6 15. Nh4 Rad8 16. Nf5 Ng6 17. Qg4 Bf8 18. Be3 b6 19. h4 Qc8 20. h5 Ne7 21. Nxe7+ Bxe7 22. Qe2 Rd7 23. h6 g6 24. b3 Red8 25. f4 exf4 26. Bxf4 Rd3 27. c4 g5 28. Qb2 Bc5+ 29. Be3 Bxe3+ 30. Rxe3 R3d4 31. Rd3 c5 32. Qf2 Rxd3 33. Qf6 Kf8 34. Qxg5 Ke8 35. e5 Rd1+ 36. Rxd1 Rxd1+ 37. Kh2 Rd8 38. Qg8+ Kd7 39. Qxh7 Rh8 40. Qd3+ Kc7 41. Qd6 mate

Galen Miller (D) - Joe Lococo (D), Round 4

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. Nc3 Be6 6. Bd3 Nd7 7. Ne2 Ngf6 8. O-O Bg4 9. Nf4 Bxf4 10. Re1+ Be6 11. Bxf4 O-O 12. Ng5 Re8 13. Nxe6 Rxe6 14. Rxe6 fxe6 15. c4 c6 16. c5 b6 17. b4 Qf8 18. Bd6 Qe8 19. f4 Qf7 20. Qf3 Ne8 21. Be5 Nxe5 22. fxe5 Qxf3 23. gxf3 bxc5 24. bxc5 g6 25. Rb1 Ng7 26. Ba6 Nf5 27. Rb4 Rf8 28. Kf2 Nh4 29. Be2 g5 30. Kg3 Nf5+ 31. Kf2 g4 32. f4 h5 33. Bd3 Nh4 34. Kg3 Nf3 35. Rb7 Rf7 36. Rxf7 Kxf7 37. h3 Nxd4 38. hxg4 hxg4 39. Kxg4 Ke7 40. Kg3 a5 41. Kf2 Kd7 42. Ke3 Nb5 43. Kd2 Nd4 44. Kc3 Nf3 45. Kb3 Ne1 46. Bb1 Ng2 47. f5 exf5 48. Bxf5+ Ke7 49. Ka4 Nf4 50. Kxa5 d4 51. Kb4 d3 52. Kc3 Nd5+ 53. Kxd3 Nb4+ 54. Kc4 Nxa2 55. Kb3 Nc1+ 56. Ka4 Ne2 57. Ka5 Nd4 58. Be4 Ke6 59. Kb6 Kxe5 60. Bxc6 Ne6 61. Bd7 Nxc5 62. Kxc5 Draw

Jamie Karraker (E) - David Hundley (D), Round 4  
1. c4 Nf6 2. d3 e6 3. e3 Bb4+ 4. Bd2 Be7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. Nf3 c5 7. Be2 Nc6 8. O-O b6 9. d4 Bb7 10. dxc5 Bxc5 11. Qc2 Qc7 12. a3 Ng4 13. h3 Nge5 14. Nxe5 Nxe5 15. b4 Be7 16. Nb5 Qc6 17. f3 Bf6 18. Bc3 Rfc8 19. Bxe5 Bxe5 20. Rad1 d5 21. cxd5 Qxc2 and Black soon won

### Round 5 Action

Jim Fuller (B) - Jose Sandoval (A), Round 5  
King's Indian Defense

1. c4 g6 2. e4 d6 3. d4 Bg7 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 Nbd7 7. h3 c5 8. d5 a6 9. O-O Rb8 10. Qc2 Nh5 11. Be3 Ne5 12. Nxe5 Bxe5 13. Bxh5 gxh5 14. Qe2 h4 15. Bh6 Bg7 16. Bxg7 Kxg7 17. Qh5 e5 18. f4 Qe7 19. f5 Qf6 20. Nd1 Kh8 21. Ne3 Rg8 22. Ng4 Qg7 23. Qxh4 Bd7 24. Qe7 Rbd8 25. Rf2 Bc8 26. Nf6 Rgf8 27. Nh5 Qh6 28. Qf6+ Qxf6 29. Nxf6 Kg7 30. Nh5+ Kh6 31. g4 f6 32. a4 Bd7 33. a5 Rb8 34. b4 exb4 35. Rb2 Be8 36. Ng3 b5 37. Rxb4 Rc8 38. Rc1 Rg8 39. Kf2 Rg7 40. Ne2 Rge7 41. Rc3 Kg5 42. Kg3 h5 43. Ng1 hxg4 44. hxg4 Rxc4 45. Nf3+ Kh6 46. Rxc4 Rxc4 47. Rxc4 bxc4 48. Kh4 c3 49. Ne1 Ba4 50. g5+ fxg5+ 51. Kg4 Bd1+ 52. Kg3 and Black won

Jon Karraker (B) - David Olson (B), Round 5  
Sicilian Defense, Closed Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 Nc6 6. Be3 e6 7. Qd2 Nge7 8. Bh6 O-O 9. h4 d5 10. h5 f5 11. hxg6 hxg6 12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13. Qh6+ Kf7 14. exf5 exf5 15. Nf3 Ke8 16. O-O-O d4 17. Ne2 Be6 18. a3 Kd7 19. Nf4 Rh8 20. Qg5 Rxh1 21. Rxh1 Qg8 22. Nxe6 Qxe6 23. Kb1 Re8 24. Re1 Qd6 25. Nh4 b6 26. Bxc6+ Qxc6 27. g4 fxg4 28. Qxg4+ Kc7 29. Qe6 Qxe6 30. Rxe6 Kd7 31. Drawn

Jim Walker (X) - Robert Canary (A), Round 5  
Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. Ne5 e6 7. f3 Bb4 8. Nxc4 Nd5 9. Bd2 Qh4+ 10. g3 Qxd4 11. e3 Qc5 12. e4 b5 13. axb5 cxb5 14. Nxb5 Ne3 15. Nxe3 Qxe3+ 16. Be2 Nc6 17. Bxb4 Nxb4 18. Qd2 Nc2+ 19. Qxc2 O-O 20. Qd2 Qb6 21. Qd4 Black resigns

John Roush (X) - Joe Meadows (D), Round 5  
French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7 6. dxc5

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**Qc7 7. Bf4 Bxc5 8. b4 Bb6 9. Bg3 Nge7 10. Bd3 d4 11. b5 Na5 12. cxd4 Nf5 13. Bxf5 exf5 14. e6 Black resigns**

**Ben Good (D) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 5  
King's Gambit Declined**

**1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Bc5 3. f4 Nc6 4. fxe5 Bxg1 5. Rxc1 Qh4+ 6. g3 Qxh2 7. Rg2 Qh3 8. d4 d6 9. Rf2 Qxg3 10. Bf4 Qh4 11. exd6 Bg4 12. d7+ Kxd7 13. Be2 Nf6 14. d5 Ne7 15. Bb5+ Kc8 16. Qd4 a6 17. Qc5 Nxd5 18. exd5 c6 19. Bxc6 Qh1+ 20. Kd2 Ne4+ 21. Nxe4 Black resigns**

**Markle Butcher (B) - Gary Morris (C), Round 5  
King's Indian Defense**

**1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. e4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be3 Bxf3 7. gxf3 e5 8. d5 Nce7 9. b4 f5 10. c5 Nf6 11. Qa4+ Qd7 12. Qxd7+ Nxd7 13. cxd6 cxd6 14. Nb5 O-O 15. Nxd6 b6 16. Rc1 Rf6 17. Nb5 Rf7 18. d6 Nc8 19. Bc4 a6 20. Bxf7+ Kxf7 21. Nc7 Ra7 22. Nd5 Bf8 23. Rxc8 and White won**

**Dave Kennedy (D) - Galen Miller (D), Round 5**

**1. e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. c3 cxd4 4. cxd4 Be7 5. Qg4 g6 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. Nf3 Nf6 8. Qf4 d5 9. e5 Nh5 10. Qe3 Ng7 11. O-O Nb4 12. Bd2 Nxd3 13. Qxd3 O-O 14. Nc3 f6 15. Ne2 fxe5 16. Nxe5 Bg5 17. f4 Bf6 18. Nxc6 hxg6 19. Qxc6 Qe8 20. Qg3 Qh5 21. Rf3 Bh4 22. Qh3 e5 23. Ng3 Bxh3 24. Nxc6 Bg4 25. Rff1 Bxh5 26. fxe5 Rac8 27. Bc3 Nf5 28. Rad1 Bxd1 and Black won**

**Kelcey Hall (Unr) - Jamie Karraker (E), Round 5  
Sicilian Defense**

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e6 5. Bc4 Nc6 6. Nf3 Nf6 7. Nc3 Be7 8. Be3 O-O 9. h3 a6 10. a4 b6 11. b3 Bb7 12. Bd3 Qc7 13. Qd2 Rac8 14. Ne2 d5 15. exd5 Nxd5 16. O-O Nxe3 17. Qxe3 Nb4 18. Rac1 Nxd3 19. Qxd3 Bxf3 20. Qxf3 Bg5 21. Rcd1 Qxc2 22. Rd6 Rb8 23. Rfd1 Rfd8 24. Nd4 Qc7 25. Nc6 Rxd6 26. Rxd6 Qxd6 27. Nxb8 Qxb8 28. Qc6 Kf8 29. Qc4 b5 30. Qd3 g6 31. Qc3 bxa4 32. Qh8+ Ke7 33. Qxb8 a3 34. Qb4+ Ke8 35. Qxa3 Be7 36. Qxa6 and White won**

After round 5, the race was much clearer. Donald was alone in first at 4½. Saville, Hathaway and Lafata were tied at 4. Sandoval also had 4, but decided to withdraw due to a long ride back home to Maryland. Roush and

Walker had faint hopes, a point back with 3½.

### *Round 6 Action*

Obviously, the most important game was the Saville-Griffith contest. If Donald won the game, the title would be his outright. Anything less would open the door for others. Hathaway quickly dispatched Walker and Donald seemingly had a better early game against David. With these developments, Roush and Lafata drew rather than face a long struggle. Saville was able to fight back to obtain a draw, though it was not quite enough for him to garner a piece of the title.

**David Saville (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 6  
Queen's Gambit, Semi-Slav Defense**

**1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e3 e6 5. Nf3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 Bd6 7. Bd3 e5 8. cxd5 cxd5 9. dxe5 Nxe5 10. Nxe5 Bxe5 11. O-O O-O 12. Rd1 Be6 13. Nb5 Re8 14. Bd2 Re8 15. Bc3 a6 16. Qd2 Bxh2+ 17. Kxh2 Ng4+ 18. Kg1 axb5 19. Bxb5 Re7 20. f3 Qb6 21. Qd4 Qxd4 22. Bxd4 Nh6 23. Bb6 Nf5 24. Rac1 Nd6 25. Bc5 Rec7 26. Bxd6 Rxc1 27. Rxc1 Rxc1+ 28. Kh2 f6 29. a4 Rb1 30. b4 Rb3 31. Bc5 Kf7 32. a5 Bc8 33. e4 Ke6 34. Kg3 Rb2 35. exd5+ Kxd5 36. Bd3 g6 37. Bb5 h5 38. Be8 h4+ 39. Kxh4 Rxc2 40. Bf7+ Ke5 41. Bb6 Kf5 42. Bc7 Be6 43. Be8 Rc2 44. Bd6 Rd2 45. Bc7 Rd4+ 46. Kg3 Rxb4 47. Bb6 Rb3 48. Ba4 Rxb6 49. axb6 Bd5 50. Bc2+ Kg5 51. Bd3 f5 52. f4+ Kf6 53. Kh4 Be4 54. Bb5 Bd5 55. Be8 Be4 56. Ba4 Bd5 57. Bb5 Be4 58. Drawn**

**Sam Lafata (X) - John Roush (X), Round 6  
Colle System**

**1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 c5 4. Bd3 Be7 5. O-O b6 6. Qe2 Bb7 7. c3 d5 8. Ne5 O-O 9. Nd2 Nbd7 10. f4 Ne8 11. Rf3 f5 12. Rh3 g6 13. g4 Nef6 14. g5 Ne4 15. Ndf4 Nxe5 16. Nxe5 Bd6 17. Bd2 Bxe5 18. dxe5 Rc8 19. Rd1 Qe7 20. Qe1 Draw agreed**

**Jim Walker (X) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 6**

**1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 c6 3. c4 d5 4. Qc2 g6 5. cxd5 cxd5 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. e3 Bg7 8. Bb5 O-O 9. O-O Qd6 10. a3 Bg4 11. b4 Bxf3 12. gxf3 Rac8 13. f4 Qe6 14. Kh1 Ne4 15. Bd2 Nxd4 16. exd4 Bxd4 17. Rael Bxc3 18. Bxc3 Rxc3 19. Qb2 Qh3 20. a4 Rfc8 21. White resigns**

**David Olson (B) - Jim Fuller (B), Round 6  
English Opening**

**1. c4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 e6 4. g3 d5 5. cxd5 exd5 6.**

d4 c4 7. Bg2 Bb4 8. O-O Bxc3 9. bxc3 Qa5 10. Qc2 Nf6 11. Ng5 h6 12. Nh3 Bxh3 13. Bxh3 Ne4 14. Bb2 O-O 15. Bg2 Nf6 16. e4 dxe4 17. Bxe4 Nxe4 18. Qxe4 Rae8 19. Qf3 Re7 20. d5 Ne5 21. Qe4 f5 22. Qe2 Qxd5 23. Ba3 Nf3+ 24. Qxf3 Qxf3 25. Bxe7 Re8 26. Bb4 f4 27. Rae1 Rxe1 28. Rxe1 fxc3 29. hxc3 h5 30. Re8+ Kh7 31. Rf8 Qd1+ 32. Kg2 Qd5+ 33. Kg1 a5 34. Be7 Qd2 35. Rf5 Qe1+ 36. Kh2 Qxe7 37. Rxh5+ Kg8 38. Rxa5 Qc7 39. Rb5 Qc6 40. Rb4 b5 41. Kg1 Qc5 42. Kf1 Kf7 and Black soon won.

Markle Butcher (B) - Ben Good (D), Round 6  
Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. e3 Bf5 6. Bxc4 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Re1 O-O 9. h3 Ne4 10. Nxe4 Bxe4 11. Ne5 Nd7 12. Nxd7 Qxd7 13. Bd2 c5 14. dxc5 Bxc5 15. Bc3 Qxd1 16. Raxd1 Bc6 17. Rd2 Rfd8 18. Red1 Be7 19. Bd3 Rac8 20. Kf1 g6 21. Kg1 Kf8 22. Bd4 a6 23. Bb6 Rd7 24. Bc2 Rxd2 25. Rxd2 Bb4 26. Rd1 Bxg2 27. Bxg6 Bf3 28. Rd4 Rc1+ 29. Kh2 Be7 30. Kg3 Bf6 31. Rd7 hxg6 32. Kxf3 Rc2 33. b4 Rxa2 34. Bc5+ Ke8 35. Rxb7 Rb2 36. Ra7 Bc3 37. Rxa6 Bxb4 38. Ra8+ Kd7 39. Ra7+ Ke8 40. Ra8+ Kd7 41. Ra7+ Ke8 42. Re7+ Kf8 43. Rb7+ Bxc5 44. Rxb2 Kg7 45. Rb5 Be7 46. Ke4 Bf6 47. Kf3 Be7 48. Kg4 Bf6 49. e4 Bd4 50. f3 Bc3 51. Kf4 Bd4 52. Kg4 Bc3 53. Kf4 Bd4 54. Kg3 Kh6 55. Kf4 Kg7 56. Drawn by repetition

Jim Olson (D) - Galen Miller (D), Round 6  
Colle System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 e6 4. Bd3 c5 5. c3 c4 6. Bc2 Nc6 7. Nbd2 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Qe2 b5 10. e4 dxe4 11. Nxe4 Nxe4 12. Qxe4 f5 13. Qxc6 Bd7 14. Qa6 Rf6 15. b4 e5 16. Qa3 e4 17. Ne5 Be8 18. Qb2 Rd6 19. Be3 Bh5 20. Bd1 Bxd1 21. Raxd1 Bg5 22. Bxg5 Qxg5 23. Qd2 f4 24. Rfe1 Rf8 25. Rxe4 Qh4 26. f3 Qg5 27. Rde1 Rf5 28. Ng4 h5 29. Nf2 Rg6 30. Nh3 Qf6 31. Nxf4 Rgg5 32. Kh1 Kh7 33. Qe3 Qd6 34. h4 Rxf4 35. Rxf4 and White won.

Joe Meadows (D) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 6  
Goring Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 Bb4+ 5. c3 dxc3 6. Nxc3 d6 7. O-O Bxc3 8. bxc3 Be6 9. Bxe6 fxe6 10. Qb3 Qd7 11. Ng5 Nd8 12. f4 h6 13. Nh3 Ne7 14. Be3 c5 15. Rad1 Qc6 16. Qc2 O-O 17. f5 exf5 18. exf5 Nd5 19. Bxh6 gxh6 20. f6 Qe8 21. Rxd5 Qe3+ 22. Kh1 Rf7 23. Rdd1 h5 24. Qg6+ Kh8 25. Rde1 Black resigns

Everyone loves a good smother mate!

Jamie Karraker (E) - Dave Kennedy (D), Round 6

1. c4 c5 2. d3 Nf6 3. e3 d6 4. Nc3 e5 5. Nf3 Bf5 6. Be2 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Bd2 Nc6 9. Qb3 Qd7 10. Rfd1 b6 11. Rac1 Nb4 12. d4 e4 13. Ne1 Bg4 14. Bxg4 Qxg4 15. dxc5 dxc5 16. a3 Nc6 17. Nd5 Qf5 18. Nxe7+ Nxe7 19. f3 Rad8 20. Bc3 exf3 21. Nxf3 h6 22. Rxd8 Rxd8 23. Rd1 Rd3 24. Rxd3 Qxd3 25. Qa4 Qxe3+ 26. Kh1 Ne4 27. Be5 Qc1+ 28. Ng1 Nf2 mate

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