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Donald Griffith sweeps the 1999 Charleston Chess Championship

After earning a share of WV State Championship for the tenth time this September, people were wondering if Donald was going to dominate again. He answered in a big way, rampaging through the Charleston Chess Club field, finishing 10-0 en route to his fifth Charleston Club Championship. Donald set the standard early in the event as he defeated two-time defending champ David Saville in round 2 and former Charleston and WV champ John Roush in round three. Donald breezed through the rest of the field with the exception his eighth round contest with Sefus Ellis. Sefus had better position before he eventually lost on time.

Roush and Joe Meadows, each scored 7½ to tie for second. Joe defeated upset Sefus Ellis, Gary Morris and then stunned Saville in the final round. Joe has gained about 400 ratings points during this year. Chuck Waugh was the director of this eleven man round-robin event with help from Donald, Gary Cummings and Jim Olson.

Gary Cummings put together a booklet with all the action from this year's event. If you get a chance to look through it, jump at it. It is well done with analysis by Bob Bukovac and Gary. I would like to thank both Bob and Gary for allowing me to reprint their game comments for this article. All comments and analysis below were written by Bob Bukovac unless otherwise noted.

Gary Morris (B) - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 1
King's Indian Attack

Notes by Gary Cummings

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. e4 c6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Qc2 g6 5. cxd5 cxd5 6. Nb5 Na6 7. Qa4 Bd7 8. d4 Nc7 9. Nxc7+ Qxc7 10. Qb3 Bg7 11. Ne5 O-O 12. Bf4 Qa5+ 13. Bd2 Qa4 14. Nxd7 Qxd7 15. e3 Ne4 16. Bb4 Rfc8 17. Be2 Rc7 18. O-O Rac8 19. Bd3 e6 20. Bxe4 dxe4 21. Bc3 Qd5 22. Qxd5 exd5 23. Rfc1 Bf8 24. Bd2 Re4 25. Rxc4 Rxc4 26. Rc1 b5 27. Rxc4 dxc4 28. Kf1 b4 29. Ke2 f5 30. f3

Kf7 31. fxe4 fxe4 32. Be1 Ke6 33. Bg3 Bd6 34. Bxd6 Kxd6 35. Kd2 h6 36. a3 a5 37. a4 Kd5 38. Kc2 h5 39. Kd2 Ke6 40. h4 Kf5 41. g3 Kg4 42. Ke2 g5 43. hxc5 Kxc5 44. Kd2 Kg4 45. Ke2 c3 *Facing a central passed pawn in a king and pawn ending with his only compensation being a queenside majority. Black pulls off a crafty ending based on precise timing. The defense of 46. b3 only leads to a prolonged queening variation where the white king must chase down the black c-pawn on c1. Thereafter, the black king takes the g-pawn and queens with check. White must either submit to further losses or to the swapping of the new queens. In either scenario, the black king maintains the needed opposition to win the critical e-pawn and the game. His early resignation indicates that White may not have seen 46...b3 as a possible defense, or that he saw it all. A nice ending.* 46. White resigned

Joe Meadows (C) - Gary Cummings (B), Round 2
French Defense, Balogna Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. d5 exd5 4. exd5 d6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. c4 Be7 7. Bd3 O-O 8. O-O Bg4 9. Nc3 Nbd7 10. h3 Bxf3 11. Qxf3 Ne5 12. Qd1 Nxd3 13. Qxd3 a6 14. Bf4 Nh5 15. Bh2 g6 16. f4 f5 17. Rae1 Bf6 18. Re6 Ng7 19. Re2 Qd7 20. b3 Rae8 21. Rfe1 Rxe2 22. Rxe2 Re8 23. Kf1 Rxe2 24. Nxe2 Qe7 25. Kf2 Ne8 26. g4 Bh4+ 27. Kf3 fxg4+ 28. hxg4 Ng7 29. Qe3 Kf7 30. Qxe7+ Bxe7 31. Nc3 h5 32. Ne4 hxg4+ 33. Kxg4 Nf5 34. Drawn

Jim Olson (D) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 2
Trompowsky Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 e6 3. e4 Be7 4. Nd2 O-O 5. e5 Nd5 6. Bxe7 Nxe7 7. Bd3 d5 8. Qh5 g6 9. Qh6 f5 10. Ngf3 Rf7 11. Ng5 Qf8 12. Qh3 Rg7 13. Qh6 Nec6 14. c3 Re7 15. Qh4 h6 16. Ngf3 Bd7 17. Rg1 Qg7 18. g4 g5 19. Qh3 f4 20. O-O-O a5 21. Qf1 Na7 22. h4 b5 23. hxg5 hxg5 24. Rh1 Qf8 25. Nxc5 Rg7 26. Qh3 Rxc5 27. Qh7++

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Upcoming Events in West Virginia

February 19, 2000: Chester/E. Liverpool Tourney

Site: First Christian Church, 4th St., Chester, WV
5-SS, G/30; Sections: Open and School (U 23),
Open: \$14, \$11 by 2/10; \$\$: b/entries to top 6
ribbons to top women, top senior, biggest upset
School: \$7, \$5 by 2/10; Prizes: Top 3 teams, top 3
individuals, ribbons to top in each grade, top girl
Both: Reg: 9:00-9:40am; Rds: 10-11:15-12:30-1:45-3
Entries to: Jerry Cannon, 49485 E. Ruby Drive,
East Liverpool, OH 43920 Phone: (330) 385-6141

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
Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

March 25, 2000: WV Action Chess Championship

7-SS, G/30, WVCA req'd. \$7, OSA, NS, NC, W
Site: Taylor Books, 226 Capitol Street,
Charleston, WV 25301.
Open: to all. \$\$ 70% of all EFs returned as prizes.
EF: \$10 by 3/22, \$15 at site. Reg. 9:00-9:45am.
Rounds: 10-11-12:30-1:30-3-4-5:30
Ent: Jim Olson, 1541 Quarrier St.,
Charleston, WV 25311, 304-342-6472,
e-mail: olson@zoomnet.net

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
Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,
Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771
e-mail: RobAJordan@aol.com
Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

April 7-9, 2000: WV Scholastic Championship

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School, Rt. 20, Nutter Fort
OPEN to all West Virginia scholastic chess players,
including home school players.

HS(K-12), 3 rounds Sat., 2 rds Sun. TL: G/75 (G/70 t/d5)
MS(K-9), 4 rounds Saturday only, TL: G/60 (G/55 t/d5)
EL(K-6), 5 rounds Saturday only, TL: G/30 (G/25 t/d5)
PR(K-3), 4 rounds Saturday only, TL: G/30 (G/25 t/d5)
EF: \$15 if paid by 4/1, \$20 at site Fri 4/7 6-9pm,
\$25 Sat 4/8 8-8:30am (Current USCF members only).
Sat. registrants might not be paired until 2nd round.
CHECK-IN: 6-9pm Fri or 7:45-8:45am Sat to be paired
in first round.

SITE/MOTEL INFO: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn Ave,
Bridgeport, WV 26330 e-mail: RobAJordan@aol.com
TOURNAMENT INFO: John Homer (304)776-4591
e-mail: John.Homer@worldnet.att.net

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
Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,
Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771
e-mail: RobAJordan@aol.com

* Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

Out of State Events

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
\$\$\$8,000 Guaranteed. 2 Sections:

Open: \$\$ 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,
website: <http://members.tripod.com/hrca>.

Jim Walker is the 1998-99 WV Grand Prix Champion

Jim Walker has completed his second West Virginia Grand Prix title, finishing with a comfortable lead over the rest of the field. Jim first won the Grand Prix in 1996-97. The Charleston Chess Club dominated the top of the standings this year, taking the first eight spots. Jim Fuller took a close race for second over Robert Canary and Gary Cummings. Charleston club members Sefus Ellis, John Roush, Donald Griffith and David Saville finished 5th - 8th. 1998 WV Tourney winner Pat Kelly finished the year in ninth. The top ten finishers will earn plaques for their accomplishment.

The following events were included in the final Grand Prix standings:

- 1- 1998 West Virginia Chess Championship
- 2- Taylor Books Fall Grand Prix
- 3- Beckley Christmas Open
- 4- Taylor Books Winter Grand Prix
- 5- 1999 US Amateur South (no bonus points)
- 6- Taylor Books Summer Grand Prix Open
- 7- Taylor Books Charleston Open
- 8- 1999 Parkersburg Homecoming

Final 1998-99 WV Grand Prix Standings

1. Jim Walker	50.30	22. John W. Malutich	8.50	Greg Martin	3.00
2. James Fuller	29.42	Jim Olson	8.50	George Mullins	3.00
3. Robert Canary	26.67	24. Mike Turner	8.30	Yuri Kolkin	3.00
4. Gary Cummings	25.75	25. Mike Taylor	8.00	Andy Nicol	3.00
5. Sefus Ellis	23.80	26. Joe Barker	7.50	Bob Jordan	3.00
6. John Roush	22.00	27. Gary Morris	7.00	49. Allen Mullins	2.50
7. Donald Griffith	18.50	28. Bill Salmon	6.50	Alan Smith	2.50
8. David Saville	17.55	29. Mike Richardson	6.00	51. Chad Mullins	2.00
9. Pat Kelly	17.50	Marc Abraham	6.00	Jon Mullins	2.00
10. Tom LaBue	17.00	Nathan Stark	6.00	Galen Miller	2.00
11. Michael Malutich	16.75	32. Jimmy Whitt	5.50	David Michael	2.00
12. Joe Meadows	15.50	33. Mike Price	5.00	Alvin Vavrek	2.00
13. Markle Butcher	14.00	34. Neil Markovitz	4.00	Jon Karraker	2.00
14. David Hundley	12.50	Glenn Haynes	4.00	Richard Shaver	2.00
15. Chuck Waugh	12.00	Sam Rhodes	4.00	58. Jay Kerns	1.50
16. Dave Olson	11.80	37. Aaron Richardson	3.50	Brian Watkins	1.50
17. John R. Malutich	10.50	Stephen Statkiewicz	3.50	Steve Shomo	1.50
18. Bob McLearn	9.67	Michael Spencer	3.50	61. Brent Hardman	1.00
19. Mark Hathaway	9.50	Scott Carmichael	3.50	Daniel Brenneman	1.00
20. Tim Goan	9.00	Dave Bitler	3.50	William West	1.00
Stephen Malutich	9.00	42. Mike Conley	3.00	64. Dave Kennedy	0.50
		Jim Gikas	3.00	Steve Sutherland	0.50

Previous WV Grand Prix Winners

<i>Year</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
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
1998-99	Jim Walker	Charleston, WV

Playing Thematic Chess by David Gundlach

15-year-old Nathan Gundlach won the 1999 Parkersburg Chess Club Championship with a perfect 6-0 score. The tournament was a round robin held in September and October. Joe Ancrile, last year's Parkersburg Club Champ, was runner-up with a score of 4½. Nathan was awarded the Best Game prize for the following game against Joe. Below we have analysis from expert David Gundlach on the deciding game between Nathan and Joe.

Joe Ancrile (B) - Nathan Gundlach (C)
1999 Parkersburg Club Championship
Notes by David Gundlach

1. d4 Nf6 2. e3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. g3
White chooses to take a slower approach to the position than the usual 5.Bd3. This method has the benefit of testing the long-term strategic understanding of his young opponent while avoiding quick complications and "cheap shots." It also has the drawback, however, of allowing Black to equalize without problems if he develops rapidly and appropriately.

5...d5
Although the usual rejoinder here is 5...c5, this is a good choice, too. It guarantees that White will be under some pressure to get his king to safety before the position opens dangerously for him.

6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. Bg2 Nxc3 8. bxc3 c5
While this is both thematic and strong, there is another setup that should also be considered: 8...e5 9. Ba3 Re8 10 .Ne2 c6 and Black has an equal game with the diagonal blunted for White's king bishop. The game continuation is perfectly good, however.

9. Nf3
Although 9. Ne2 would reduce Black's options more effectively, this move should still lead to full equality.

9...Nc6 10. O-O cxd4

This straightforward move has much to commend it, yet 10...Bf5 is probably more accurate since White is not actually threatening to capture the pawn on c5.

11. cxd4 e5
Thematic, but not quite right. Again, Black needs to deploy his queen bishop to f5 as expeditiously as possible. Not only would this activate all of his minor pieces, but it would threaten to place the bishop on e4, thereby nullifying the restrictive influence of White's fianchettoed king bishop.

12. dxe5 Nxe5 13. Nd4
Also reasonable is 13. Nxe5 Bxe5 14. Rb1 Qe7 when White would seek to enhance his central presence while applying pressure to Black's queenside, and Black would try to counter White's threats while activating his distant pawn majority. A serious fight could be anticipated. The game continuation posts White's knight excellently and generates potential threats on the queenside in which this knight would play an active role.

13...Rb8
Also to be considered is 13...Qe7. Fritz 5.32 drew with Fritz 5.00 after 47 moves in this continuation. Playing carefully, White is able to maintain some pressure against Black. On the other hand, Black's chances in this line (upon any White inaccuracies) are illustrated by the following: 13...Qe7 14. Qb3 Rd8 15. Ba3 Qf6 16. Rab1 Rb8 17. Rfc1 Bf5 18. Nxf5 Qxf5 19. f4?! Rd3 20. Qa4 Ng4 21. Rxb7 Rbd8 22. Be7 Qe6 23. Bc5 Bd4 24. Bxd4 R3xd4 25. Qa3 Rd3 26. Qc5 Qxa2 27. Rbb1 Qf2+ 28. Kh1 Rd2 29. Qc6 R8d5 and White is in serious trouble.

14. a4
Although this expansion on the queenside to restrict the black pawn advance to b5 appears logical, 14.Ba3, 14.Rb1, and various queen moves should have received

1999 Parkersburg Chess Club Championship, Fall 1999

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1 Nathan Gundlach	-	W	W	W	W	W	X	6.0
2 Joe Ancrile	L	-	W	W	W	D	X	4.5
3 Glenn Haynes	L	L	-	W	W	D	X	3.5
4 Bob McLearn	L	L	L	-	W	X	X	3.0
5 Mike Price	L	L	L	L	-	X	W	2.0
6 Dave Hill	L	D	D	F	F	-	F	1.0
7 Clyde Sutherland	F	F	F	F	L	F	-	0.0

Playing Thematic Chess by David Gundlach

priority in the process of evaluation. On an open board, making certain that all pieces get developed often proves more effective than even good-looking pawn advances.

14...b6 15. Qe2 Bb7 16. Ba3

Good idea, but wrong timing. Correct is 16. Bxb7 Rxb7 17. Ba3, after which the game would be roughly level.

16...Bxg2 17. Kxg2 Qd5+ 18. Kg1 Rfc8

18...Rfd8 also has much to recommend it, but the game posting of the king rook is preferable as it assures penetration of the queenside through the c-file. Good strategic play!

19. Rad1

Pulling his remaining forces away from the queenside when it is in danger must reduce the resistance that White is able to offer. It is understandable that he wants to get his rook off the long diagonal, but this is a luxury he cannot afford. Better is 19. Rfd1 Qc4 20. Bd6 Rb7 21. Ra2 Qxe2 22. Rxe2 Rc4 23. f4 Ng4 24. h3 Rd7 25. Nb5 Nh6 26. R2d2 Nf5, although Black clearly retains the upper hand and has very strong prospects of garnering the full point.

19...Qc4

This looks like the best choice. With three possible pieces that can play to this square, Black chooses the one that challenges White's queenside while preventing discovered attacks on his own queen. White's position is becoming less comfortable at almost every turn. Black's careful exploitation of a very few small errors has pushed White to the brink of disaster.

20. Qxc4 Other choices look no better in the long run.

20...Rxc4 21. Bd6 Rd8 22. Bxe5 Bxe5 23. Ra1

Although there are no alternatives that can actually hold the game, greater resistance would have been offered by 23. Nf3 Rxd1 24. Rxd1 Bf6 25. Rd6 Kg7 26. a5 bxa5 27. Ra6 a4 28. Rxa7.

23...Bxd4 24. exd4 Rxd4 25. a5 b5

Yes! This avoids unnecessary pawn trades and assures that White's a-pawn will remain a target.

26. a6 Ra4 27. Rxa4 bxa4 28. Ra1 Kf8 29. Kf1 Ke7 30. Ke2 Kd6 31. Ke3 Rb4

Better is the simple 31...Kc5, although Black still wins with ease after the text.

32. Ra2 Kc5 33. Kd3 Kb5 34. Kc3 Rb3+ 35. Kc2 Kb4 36. Kd2 a3 37. Kc2 Rb2+

Although first gaining a commitment of White's kingside pawns with 37...h5 is more accurate, the move played in the game is a clear walk to victory that can hardly be criticized.

38. Rxb2+ axb2 39. Kxb2 Kb5 40. f4 Kxa6 41. g4 f6 Not necessary, but still winning. The direct deployment of the king to b5 is best.

42. h4 Kb5 43. Kc3 Kc5 44. Kd3 f5

Good! This cuts off White's king and establishes the f4 pawn as a target.

45. h5

Yes! This is the only remaining try for a swindle, so it is actually the correct move, even though it is not technically the right move and even though it must lose by force if Black doesn't get flustered. This is a practical aspect of chess that isn't seen in a simple computer analysis of a game. Since White was down a half point going into this game, he had to use every possibility available to him against the tournament leader.

45...fxg4 46. hxg6 hxg6 White resigns

Although this game was not perfect on either side, the overall level of play was remarkably high, and both players are to be commended for their tenacity and their thematic insight. It is no wonder that these combatants have established themselves as the top active players in north central West Virginia by virtue of their deep understanding of the game that is not dependent on the latest analysis or traps. It is always a pleasure to witness their contests. As usual, neither has reason to be ashamed, and the Parkersburg Chess Club is richer for their participation in the annual championship event.

We now have a domain name for the West Virginia Chess Association Web Page. You can find it at:

<http://www.wvchess.org> (frames)

<http://www.wvchess.org/wvca.html> (no frames)

Please reset your bookmarks to the new address. If you have ideas for the site, please send them along to me.

Games from the 1999 Charleston Chess Club Championship

Analysis and comments written by Bob Bukovac unless otherwise noted.

Donald Griffith (X) - David Saville (X), Round
Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

The critical moment came early here when black chose a rather cool continuation 14...e4, as opposed to the red hot one, 14...g5. White began paddling and Black began drifting (16...g6) resulting in the loss of a Black piece while under heavy fire in the middle game.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Nd5 Nxd5 8. exd5 Nb8 9. c4 Nd7 10. Bd3 Be7 11. O-O O-O 12. Be3 a6 13. Nc3 f5 14. f4 e4 15. Be2 Bf6 16. Rcl g6 17. b4 b6 18. Na4 Bb7 19. c5 bxc5 20. bxc5 Nxc5 21. Nxc5 dxc5 22. Bxc5 Rf7 23. Bc4 Qa5 24. Bb3 Kg7 25. d6 Rff8 26. Bd4 Qb4 27. Rc4 Qxd6 28. Bxf6+ Qxf6 29. Rc7+ Kh6 30. Qd7 Rh8 31. Rxb7 Rad8 32. Qe7 Qxe7 33. Rxe7 Rhe8 34. Rxe8 Rxe8 35. Kf2 g5 36. fxg5+ Kxg5 37. Ke3 h5 38. h4+ Kf6 39. Rc1 Rd8 40. Rc6+ Kg7 41. Rxa6 Rd3+ 42. Kf4 Rd2 43. Kxf5 Rxd2 44. Re6 Rf2+ 45. Kg5 Re2 46. Kxh5 e3 47. a4 Re1 48. Kg4 e2 49. Kf3 Rh1 50. Kxe2 Rxh4 51. Kd3 and White won.

John Roush (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 3
Sicilian Defense

After missing a clean equalizer, 10...Bg5, Black continued aimlessly. A rejuvenated White then engineered attacking possibilities sufficient enough to strip Black of a pawn and force him to submit to a bad ending. White elected to continue carefully (26. Qf1) as opposed to 26. a4 and then eventually drifted into a passive and untenable position.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nc6 6. f3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. Bg5 Be7 9. Bxf6 Bxf6 10. Bd3 a6 11. Qe2 O-O 12. O-O-O Rc8 13. Kb1 Na5 14. Nd5 Bxd5 15. exd5 b5 16. h4 Nc4 17. Qe4 g6 18. h5 Qd7 19. Rh3 Kg7 20. Rdh1 Rh8 21. hxg6 hxg6 22. Rxh8 Rxh8 23. Rxh8 Kxh8 24. Bxc4 bxc4 25. Qxc4 Qa7 26. Qf1 Qe3 27. Qd1 e4 28. a4 Qf2 29. Qh1+ Kg7 30. fxe4 Qe2 31. g3 Qg4 32. Qg2 Be5 33. c4 Bxg3 34. Nc1 f5 35. Ne2 f4 36. b4 f3 37. Qxg3 Qxe4+ 38. Kc1 Qxc4+ 39. Nc3 Qxc3+ 40. Kd1 Qa1+ 41. Kd2 Qb2+ 42. Ke3 Qe2+ 43. Kd4 f2 44. White resigns

Sefus Ellis (B) - John Roush (X), Round 4
Dutch Defense

1. d4 f5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bf4 g6 4. e3 Bg7 5. Bc4 d5 6.

Bd3 Ne4 7. Be5 O-O 8. Nbd2 Nd7 9. Bxg7 Kxg7 10. Qe2 c6 11. O-O-O Qe8 12. h4 h6 13. g3 e5 14. dxe5 Nxe5 15. Nxe5 Qxe5 16. Rdg1 Rf6 17. f4 Qd6 18. Nf3 h5 19. c3 a5 20. Bxe4 dxe4 21. Ne5 Be6 22. Rd1 Qe7 23. Kbl Rff8 24. Rd2 Rfd8 25. Rhd1 Qc7 26. Rxd8 Rxd8 27. Drawn

Gary Cummings (B) - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 5
Queen's Fianchetto Defense

1. e4 b6 2. Nf3 Bb7 3. d3 d6 4. g3 e5 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. O-O Be7 7. c4 O-O 8. Nc3 c6 9. Nh4 d5 10. cxd5 cxd5 11. Nf5 dxe4 12. Nxe4 Nxe4 13. Qg4 g6 14. Nxe7+ Qxe7 15. dxe4 Nc6 16. Bh6 Rfe8 17. f4 exf4 18. gxf4 Nd4 19. e5 Bxg2 20. Qxg2 Nf5 21. Bg5 Qc5+ 22. Qf2 Rac8 23. Qxc5 Rxc5 24. Rac1 Rec8 25. Rxc5 bxc5 26. Rd1 Nd4 27. Kf2 Ne6 28. h4 Nng5 29. hxg5 Rc7 30. Rc1 Kg7 31. b4 c4 32. Ke3 h5 33. gxh6+ Kxh6 34. Rh1+ Kg7 35. Kd4 c3 36. Rc1 c2 37. Kd3 Rd7+ 38. Kc3 Rd1 39. Rxc2 Rf1 40. Re2 Rxf4 41. a4 a5 *After a tough battle all the way, Black's active attempt here backfired as White's remaining pieces were ideally situated to support a newly-born passed pawn.* 42. b5 Rxa4 43. b6 Ra3+ 44. Kc4 a4 45. Rb2 Black resigned

Bill Salmon (E) - Gary Morris (B), Round 5

1. d4 g6 2. Bg5 Bg7 3. Qd2 c6 4. Nc3 Qb6 5. Nf3 Qxb2 6. Rb1 Qa3 7. e4 Nf6 8. Bd3 h6 9. Bxf6 Bxf6 10. e5 Bg7 11. O-O Na6 12. Rb3 Qa5 13. Nh4 d6 14. f4 dxe5 15. fxe5 O-O 16. Qe3 Rb8 17. Ne2 Be6 18. Rbb1 Nb4 19. Bxg6 fxg6 20. Nng6 Nd5 21. Qg3 Rxf1+ 22. Rxf1 Qd2 23. Ngf4 Nxf4 24. Nxf4 Qxd4+ 25. Kh1 Qxe5 26. Qh4 *White misses 26. Re1 26...Rf8* 27. h3 Bc4 28. Rf3 Bd5 29. Rf2 Qg5 30. Qg4 Qxg4 31. hxg4 e5 32. Nh3 Rxf2 33. Nxf2 Bxa2 34. White resigned

Chuck Waugh (C) - John Roush (X), Round 6
Dutch Defense, Leningrad Variation

1. c4 f5 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. e3 d6 6. Nge2 O-O 7. d4 c6 8. b3 Na6 9. Bb2 Nc7 10. O-O a6 11. a4 a5 12. Qd2 Bd7 13. f4 Qe8 14. h3 h6 15. Kh2 d5 16. c5 Ne4 17. Qe1 g5 18. Rd1 Qg6 19. Ba1 Kh7 20. Bb2 Be6 21. Ng1 Bf6 22. Nf3 Rg8 23. Ne5 Qg7 24. Rg1 gxf4 25. Bxe4 fxg3+ 26. Rxg3 Qxg3+ 27. Qxg3 Rxg3 28. Bxf5+ Bxf5 29. Kxg3 Bxe5+ 30. dxe5 Ne6 31. Rf1 Rg8+ 32. Kh2 Bc2 33. Ba3 Bxb3 34. Rf2 Rg5 35. Rb2 d4 36. Rxb3 dxc3 37. Rxb7 Rxe5 38. Rxe7+ Kg6 39. Bc1 Ng5 40. Rxe5 Nf3+ 41. Kg3 Nxe5 42. Kgt Nd3 43. Ba3 c2 44. Kf3 Nxc5 45. e4 Nd3 46. Ke3

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c1=Q+ 47. Bxc1 Nxc1 48. Kd4 Kf6 49. h4 Ne2+ 50. Kd3 Nf4+ 51. Kd4 Ne6+ 52. Ke3 Ke5 53. Kf3 h5 54. Ke3 Nc5 55. White resigned

Joe Meadows (C) - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 6
Sicilian Defense, Alapin Variation

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. d4 Nc6 5. Nf3 e5 6. Bb5 Bg4 7. Bxc6+ bxc6 8. dxe5 Qxd1+ 9. Kxd1 Ne7 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bh4 Nf5 12. Bg3 Be7 13. Nd2 O-O-O 14. Ke2 Rhe8 15. Rad1 Bf8 16. Nc4 Nxc3+ 17. hxg3 f6 18. Rxd8+ Kxd8 19. Rd1+ Kc7 20. Kf1 fxe5 21. Re1 e4 22. Nfe5 Be6 23. f4 exf3 24. gxf3 g5 25. Kf2 Bd5 26. Nd2 Bg7 27. f4 gxf4 28. gxf4 Re6 29. c4 Bxe5 30. fxe5 h5 31. cxd5 cxd5 32. Nf3 a5 33. Rh1 Rh6 34. Ke3 Kc6 35. Kf4 d4 36. Kg5 Rh8 37. Rxh5 Rf8 38. Rh6+ Kd5 39. Rf6 Rg8+ 40. Kf4 Rg2 41. b3 Rxa2 42. Rd6++

Jim Olson (D) - Bill Salmon (E), Round 6

Queen's Pawn, Semi-Colle System

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 a6 4. Bd3 Nf6 5. Nbd2 Nbd7 6. O-O Ng4 7. h3 Ngf6 8. Qe2 c6 9. e4 Be7 10. e5 Nh5 11. Nb3 O-O 12. g4 f5 13. gxh5 Bh4 14. Nxh4 Qxh4 15. Qf3 b6 16. h6 g6 17. Qg3 Qe7 18. Qg5 Qb4 19. Bd2 Qa4 20. h4 c5 21. dxc5 Nxc5 22. Nxc5 bxc5 23. h5 Qg4+ 24. Kh2 Qxh5+ 25. Qxh5 gxh5 26. Rg1+ Kh8 27. Rg7 Rb8 28. b3 Bb7 29. Rag1 d4 30. Bg5 Rg8 31. Bf6 Rxc7 32. Rxc7 Rf8 33. Rxb7+ and White won quickly.

John Roush (X) - Gary Morris (B), Round 7

Center Counter Game

Despite dropping a pawn. Black reached an ending with active pieces and no worries. 40...Nxe2 was a step in the wrong direction, but it required a blunder still, which shortly came.

1. e4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. g3 c6 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. Nge2 O-O 7. O-O e5 8. h3 Re8 9. f4 Nbd7 10. f5 gxf5 11. Rxf5 Nc5 12. Rf1 Qb6 13. Kh2 Nd3 14. Qc2 Nb4 15. Qb1 a5 16. a3 Na6 17. d3 Nc5 18. Be3 Qc7 19. Qc2 Kh8 20. Rf2 Bg4 21. Bg5 Bxe2 22. Qxe2 Ng8 23. Rf1 Rf8 24. Be3 Ne6 25. h4 Nh6 26. Bxh6 Bxh6 27. Qh5 Bg7 28. Rxf7 Qb6 29. Rxf8+ Rxf8 30. Rxf8+ Nxf8 31. Qe2 Ne6 32. Nd1 Nd4 33. Qh5 Qd8 34. Bh3 Qf6 35. Bf5 Qh6 36. Qxh6 Bxh6 37. Kg2 Bc1 38. Kf1 Kg7 39. Bg4 Kg6 40. Be2 Nxe2 41. Kxe2 Kh5 42. Kf3 a4 43. Kf2 Kg4 44. Kg2 h5?? 45. Nf2++

Sefus Ellis (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 8

Queen's Gambit Declined

After misplacing a minor piece (9...Be7), Black slid into a strategically lost position but prevailed on the clock instead.

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. e3 c5 5. d4 Nc6 6. dxc5 Bxc5 7. a3 O-O 8. b4 Bd6 9. c5 Be7 10. Bb5 a5 11. Rb1 axb4 12. axb4 Bd7 13. O-O b6 14. Bxc6 Bxc6 15. b5 Bd7 16. c6 Bc8 17. Bb2 Qc7 18. Qb3 Rd8 19. Rfd1 Bd6 20. Ra1 Rxa1 21. Rxa1 Ne4 22. g3 Nc5 23. Qc2 Be7 24. Na4 f6 25. Ba3 Nxa4 26. Qxa4 Re8 27. Bxe7 Rxe7 28. Qd4 Qb8 29. Kg2 Kf7 30. Nd2 h5 31. e4 h4 32. exd5 h3+ 33. Kf1 exd5 34. Qxd5+ Be6 35. Qh5+ Kg8 36. Re1 Qd6 37. Qe2 Qd5 38. f3 Qc5 39. Qd3 Kf7 40. Ne4 Qb4 41. Nd6+ Kf8 42. Kf2 Qc5+ 43. White lost on time

Joe Meadows (C) - Gary Morris (B), Round 9

Robatsch Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. Bc4 Nc6 5. Be3 Nf6 6. f3 O-O 7. Qd2 a6 8. h4 h5 9. O-O-O b5 10. Be2 Na5 11. Bh6 Nc4 12. Bxc4 bxc4 13. Bxg7 Kxg7 14. Qe2 d5 15. exd5 Nxd5 16. Qe5+ Nf6 17. Re1 Re8 18. Ne4 Be6 19. Nh3 Rb8 20. Nf4 Rb5 21. Nxe6+ fxe6 22. Qxe6 Qxd4 23. c3 Qd7 24. Nxf6 Qxe6 25. Nxe8+ Kf7 26. Rxe6 Kxe8 27. Rhe1 Black resigned

David Saville (X) - Gary Cummings (B), Round 10

Queen's Gambit Declined, Ragozin System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 d5 4. c4 Bb4+ 5. Nc3 O-O 6. e3 b6 7. Qa4 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 Qd7 9. Qxd7 Nbx7 10. cxd5 exd5 11. Bb5 a6 12. Bc6 Ra7 13. Ke2 Bb7 14. Ba4 b5 15. Bc2 Ne4 16. Bxe4 dxe4 17. Nd2 Bd5 18. f3 f5 19. a4 bxa4 20. c4 exf3+ 21. gxf3 Bf7 22. Rhb1 Re8 23. Kd3 h6 24. Bh4 g5 25. Bf2 c5 26. Rxa4 Bg6 27. Rba1 Nb8 28. d5 Rd8 29. Ra5 Rc7 30. Kc3 Kh7 31. Rb1 h5 32. Rb6 Rf7 33. h4 g4 34. Bg3 f4 35. Bxf4 Rxf4 36. exf4 g3 37. Ra1 Bf5 38. Ne4 Nd7 39. Rb7 Kh8 40. Nxc3 Black resigned

David Saville (X) - Joe Meadows (C), Round 11

Notes by Gary Cummings

White had built up what looked to be a clear advantage with extreme attacking chances. The early middle game saw him flounder and use exorbitant amounts of time. He spurned a late draw offer, but the clock deficit was just too much to overcome.

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Bg5 h6 6.

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Bxf6 Bxf6 7. Qc2 c6 8. Rd1 Nd7 9. e4 dxe4 10. Qxe4 Qb6 11. Rd2 O-O 12. Bd3 g6 13. O-O Bg7 14. Rfd1 Re8 15. Ne5 Nxe5 16. dxe5 Qc5 17. Re2 b6 18. Na4 Qe7 19. b4 Qxb4 20. Qxc6 Ba6 21. Re4 Rac8 22. c5 Rxc6 23. Rxb4 bxc5 24. Nxc5 Bxd3 25. Nxd3 Rd8 26. f4 Bf8 27. Rb2 Bc5+ 28. Kf1 Bb6 29. Ke2 Rdc8 30. Nb4 Rc4 31. g3 Ba5 32. a3 Bb6 33. Rd7 Re4+ 34. Kd3 Re3+ 35. Kd2 Rxa3 36. Nd3 Rac3 37. Ra2 Kg7 38. Nb4 Rf3 39. Rd3 Rf2+ 40. Kd1 Rxa2 41. Nxa2 Rd8 42. Rxd8 Bxd8 43. Nc3 Bb6 44. Ke2 g5 45. Ne4 gxf4 46. gxf4 a5 47. Nd6 a4 48. Nb5 Bc5 49. Nc3 a3 50. Kd3 Be7 51. Ke4 Kg6 52. Na2 Kh5 53. Nc3 Kh4 54. Kf3 Kh3 55. Na2 h5 56. Nc3 h4 57. Na2 Kxh2 58. White resigns

Gary Morris 5-0 in Class C at King's Island Open by Gary Cummings

It is possible that you have heard already of Mr. Gary Morris and his escapades in Cincinnati. If not, he won the under 1600 section with a perfect 5-0 score. I must testify that after viewing his games, he had the better game in all but one, the first round, where it looked to be a dead draw but his opponent let his flag fall and lost on time. After that, nothing could stand up to Garry.

I remember his calm calamity as he waited to start the last round knowing he could make personal history. In honor of his good deeds I have sent along two of his games from that event which deserve to make the bulletin.

He had no respect for the Tarrasch Defense. In the first game, from the second round, "Borris" sets a beautiful trap to sac his queen in order to hasten the power of a central passed pawn. A very pretty game.

In the second, from the last round, he was in desperate time trouble and went in for a simple exchanging

maneuver rather than win a clear piece. The end of the exchange sequence put him at the first time control with still 30 seconds and two clear pawns. At that point I suspect he was barely able to contain himself.

G. Morris - A. Leonard, King's Island Open, Round 2
1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. g3 Be7 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. O-O c5 6. c4 O-O 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. exd5 exd5 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. Bg5 Be6 11. Re1 Be7 12. Qa4 Qb6 13. Rc2 Rfd8 14. Rd2 h6 15. Be3 Bc5 16. Bxc5 Qxc5 17. Nd4 Nxd4 18. Qxd4 Rac8 19. R1d1 b5 20. e4 b4 21. Nxd5 Nxd5 22. exd5 Qa5 23. Qe5 Bd7 24. b3 Re8 25. Qf4 Qb6 26. d6 Rc5 27. Bd5 Rf8 28. Re2 Qb5 29. Bc4 Qb6 30. g4! Bxg4 31. Qxg4!! Rg5 32. Qxg5 hxg5 33. d7 Qc6 (?) 34. d8=Q Rxd8 35. Rxd8+ Kh7 36. Re3 Qf6 37. Rh3+ Kg6 38. Bd3+ Black resigns

G. Morris - S. Rose, King's Island Open, Round 5
1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. g3 c5 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. O-O Nf6 6. c4 Be7 7. Nc3 O-O 8. cxd5 exd5 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. Bg5 d4 11. Bxf6 Qxf6 12. Ne4 Qe7 13. Nxc5 Qxc5 14. Re1 Qb6 15. Qc2 Ne7 16. Qc7 Qxc7 17. Rxc7 Nc6 18. Rd1 Rd8 19. Ng5 f6 20. Ne4 Bg4 21. Kf1 Nb4 22. Rxb7 d3 23. f3 Nc2 24. Rxd3 Rxd3 25. exd3 Be6 26. Nc3 Ne3+ 27. Kf2 Nxc2 28. Kxc2 Rd8 29. Rxa7 Rxd3 30. Ne4 h6 31. g4 Rd1 32. g4 Rd1 33. b3 Kh7 34. Ne5 Bg8 35. Nd7 Kg6 36. Nf8+ Kg5 37. Rxc7+ Kf4 38. Ng6+ Ke3 39. Re7+ Kd2 40. Rd7+ Kc2 41. Rxd1 Kxd1 42. Ne7 Be6 43. Nf5 Kc2 44. Nd4+ Black resigns

Oh yes, the others, Gary Cummings: 2½ -1½ in class A, Sefus Ellis: 1-2 in class B, Bill Salmon: 0-3 in class D. Behold the return of James (Kirk) Kirkpatrick: 3-2 in class B (his first tournament games in 25 years!!). Looking over his games, Kirk had wins in every game but fatigue seemed to get to him. Still, he seems to have caught the bug again.

	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
1	Donald Griffith	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	X	10.0
2	John Roush	L	-	W	W	U	D	W	W	W	W	W	7.5
3	Joe Meadows	L	L	-	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	X	7.5
4	Gary Cummings	L	L	D	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	X	6.5
5	David Saville	L	U	L	W	-	W	U	W	W	W	W	6.0
6	Sefus Ellis	L	D	L	L	L	-	W	W	D	W	X	5.0
7	Gary Morris	L	L	L	L	U	L	-	W	W	W	X	4.0
8	Jim Olson	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	W	W	X	3.0
9	Chuck Waugh	L	L	L	L	L	D	L	L	-	W	X	2.5
10	Bill Salmon	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	W	1.0
11	Jim Fuller	F	L	F	F	L	F	F	F	F	F	-	0.0

Tom LaBue wins the 1999 Chigorin Cup

The evenly matched field for Chigorin Cup included the Buckhannon/Weston regulars (though Mike now resides in Clarksburg). The group gathered at Chez LaBue in Buckhannon on a cold Sunday in November. The deciding match was the Markle Butcher-Tom LaBue final round contest, which ended with the gallant host victorious, earning his first Chigorin Cup with a 3-0 finish. Mike Baker organized and directed this event.

Mike Baker (C) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 1

Sicilian Defense, Kalashnikov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nxc6 bxc6 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. Bd2 Nf6 8. Bd3 O-O 9. O-O Re8 10. Ne2 Bc5 11. a3 d5 12. exd5 cxd5 13. Bb5 Re6 14. Ng3 Qb6 15. a4 a6 16. Be2 Re8 17. b3 e4 18. Nh5 Nxe5 19. Bxe5 20. Qe2 Rf5 21. a5 Qf6 22. b4 Bd4 23. c3 Be5 24. g4 Qh4 25. f4 exf3 26. Rxf3 Qxh2+ 27. Qxh2 Bxh2+ 28. Kg2 Rxf3 29. Kxf3 g6 30. Re1 Be6 31. Be3 Be5 32. Bd2 Bg7 33. Ke2 gxh5 34. gxh5 Bg4+ 35. Kd3 Bxh5 36. Be3 Rc8 37. Bc5 Bg6+ 38. Kd2 Bh6+ 39. Kd1 Be4 40. Rg1+ Bg6 41. Re1 f6 42. Re6 Bd3 43. Rxf6 Bg7 44. Rf3 Bg6 45. Re3 Re8 46. Rxe8+ Bxe8 47. b5 Bxb5 48. White resigns

Tom LaBue (C) - Dave Kennedy (D), Round 2

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 b6 3. Nc3 e6 4. a3 Be7 5. Nf3 Bb7 6. e3 d5 7. Be2 dxc4 8. Bxc4 O-O 9. O-O c5 10. Be2 cxd4 11. Nxd4 Nc6 12. Nf3 Qc7 13. b4 Ne5 14. Nb5 Nxf3+ 15. Bxf3 Qb8 16. Bb2 Rd8 17. Qe2 Ne4 18. Rfd1 a6 19. Nd4 Ng5 20. Bxb7 Qxb7 21. Qg4 Rac8 22. f3 h6 23. h4 Nh7 24. Nxe6 Rxd1+ 25. Rxd1 g6 26. Nd4 Bf6 27. h5 Nf8 28. hxg6 fxe6 29. Qf4 Bg5 30. Qe5 Qe7 31. Qxe7 Bxe7 32. Rc1 Rd8 33. Rc6 Rd6 34. Rxd6 Bxd6 35. Nc6 Nd7 36. Kf2 Kf7 37. e4 g5 38. g4 Ke6 39. Nd4+ Kf7 40. Nf5 Be5 41. Bc1 Kg6 42. Ne7+ Kf7 43. Nc6 Bd6 44. Be3 b5 45. Bd4 Nb8 46. Nd8+ Ke7 47. Nb7 Nc6 48. Bg7 Kf7 49. Nxd6+ Kxg7 50. Ke3 a5 51. bxa5 Nxa5 52. e5 Nc6 53. Ke4 b4 54. axb4 Nxb4 55. Kf5 Nc6 56. Nb5 Ne7+ 57. Ke6 Ng6 58. Nd4 h5 59. gxh5 Nf4+ 60. Kd7 Nxe5 61. e6 Nf6+ 62. Kd8 g4 63.

fxg4 Nxe4 64. e7 Nf6 65. Nf5+ Kg6 66. Nd6 Kg5 67. Ne4+ Nxe4 68. e8=Q and White won.

Markle Butcher (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 3
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 c5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 g6 4. O-O Bg7 5. d3 d6 6. Re1 Nc6 7. Nc3 O-O 8. e4 Nd7 9. Rb1 Rb8 10. Bg5 h6 11. Be3 a6 12. Qd2 Kh7 13. h4 Nde5 14. Nh2 h5 15. Rf1 b5 16. f4 Ng4 17. Nxe4 Bxe4 18. e5 Nd4 19. exd6 exd6 20. Ne4 Nf5 21. Ng5+ Kh8?! 22. Bd5?? Nxe3 23. Qxe3 Bd4 24. Qxd4+ cxd4 25. Nxf7+ Rxf7 26. Bxf7 Qf6 27. Bd5 Re8 28. Rbe1 Rxe1 29. Rxe1 Kg7 30. Re8 b4 31. Rg8+ Kh7 32. Ra8 Qe7 33. Be4 d5 34. Bxd5 Qe1+ 35. Kg2 Qe2+ 36. Kg1 Qd1+ 37. Kg2 Qxc2+ 38. Kg1 Bh3 39. Ra7+ Kh6 40. Be4 Qd1+ 41. Kh2 Bf5 42. Bxf5 gxf5 43. Rxa6+ Kg7 44. Ra7+ Kf6 45. Ra6+ Ke7 46. Ra7+ Kd6 47. Ra6+ Kc5 48. Ra5+ Kb6 49. Rxf5 Qe2+ 50. Kg1 Qxd3 51. Rf6+ Kb5 52. Kh2 Qe2+ 53. Kh3 d3 54. b3 d2 55. Rf5+ Kc6 56. Rf6+ Kd5 57. Rf5+ Kd4 58. Rf8 Kc3 59. f5 d1=Q 60. White resigns

Dave Kennedy (D) - Mike Baker (C), Round 3

Petrov Defense, Main Line

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. Bc4 d5 6. Qe2 dxc4 7. Qxe4+ Qe7 8. Qe3 Qxe3+ 9. dxe3 Bd6 10. Nc3 Bb4 11. Bd2 Bxc3 12. Bxc3 O-O 13. O-O Be6 14. Nd4 Bd5 15. Rad1 Bc6 16. Nf5 f6 17. Rd4 Re8 18. Re1 b5 19. f3 g6 20. Nh6+ Kf8 21. e4 Bd7 22. Red1 Kg7 23. Ng4 Bxe4 24. fxe4 g5 25. Rd5 h6 26. e5 c6 27. exf6+ Kf7 28. Rd6 a5 29. Re1 Rxe1+ 30. Bxe1 Ra7 31. Bf2 Rd7 32. Bc5 Rxd6 33. Bxd6 Nd7 34. Kf2 Nxf6 35. Kf3 Ke6 36. Bf8 Ng8 37. Ke4 Nf6+ 38. Kd4 h5 39. gxh5 Nxe5 40. g3 g4 41. Kc5 Kd7 42. Bd6 Nf6 43. Bf4 a4 44. b3 cxb3 45. cxb3 axb3 46. axb3 Nd5 47. Kd4 Nb4 48. Ke5 c5 49. Kf5 e4 50. bxc4 bxc4 51. Kxg4 Nd5 52. Bc1 Ke6 53. Kg5 Kf7 54. Kf5 c3 55. Ke5 Nf6 56. Kd4 Ng4 57. h3 Nf2 58. h4 Kg6 59. Bf4 Kf5 60. Kxc3 Ne4+ 61. Kd4 Nf6 62. Be5 Nh5 63. Bc7 Kg4 64. Kd5 Ng7 65. Be5 Nf5 66. Bf6 Nxe3 67. Ke5 Nf5 68. Draw

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	NAME	PreRate	PostRat	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Tom LaBue	1457	1506	-	W	W	W	3.0
2	Markle Butcher	1667	1638	L	-	D	W	1.5
3	Mike Baker	1500	1500	L	D	-	D	1.0
4	Dave Kennedy	1231	1231	L	L	D	-	0.5

West Virginia Chess Association
Minutes from the Annual Meeting - September 4, 1999

The annual meeting of the West Virginia Chess Association was held on September 4, 1999 at Charleston, WV.

Vice President Markle Butcher called the meeting to order in the absence of the President.

The minutes of the 1998 meeting were read and the Vice President called for any additions or corrections. There being none, David Olson moved that the minutes be approved as read. Joe Meadows seconded the motion, which was then approved 10 to 0.

The financial statement for the fiscal year September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999 was read and was also approved after motion by David Olson and second by Joe Meadows by a vote of 12 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Saville moved that the \$500 allocation approved by the membership last year to pay for the lecture and simultaneous exhibition by Grandmaster Ed Gufeld be increased by \$450, for a total of \$950. Joe Meadows seconded the motion and after discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 15 for and 0 against.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom LaBue moved that a domain name be reserved for the WVCA Website: www.wvchess.org. The cost to WVCA would be \$70 for the first two years and \$35 for each year thereafter. Tom LaBue would take care of setting it up. David Saville seconded the motion which passed 16 to 0.

Tom LaBue moved that three new committee members be appointed to act as liaison between the WVCA and the West Virginia Scholastic Chess Association to assist John Homer and Charles Szasz of the WVSCA. The three appointees would be David Bitler, Joe Meadows, and David Saville. After second by David Olson, the motion passed 17 for and 0 against.

Tom LaBue moved that a committee of five be established to meet by e-mail and go over the Constitution during the coming fiscal year. They would report to the membership at the next Labor Day Weekend business meeting their recommendations for changes in the present Constitution. The changes ready for inclusion will be printed in the Bulletin in August preceding the meeting to give the membership time to go over and study them. Charles Szasz seconded the motion which passed 12 for and 0 against.

Tom LaBue moved that the Constitutional Committee consist of Tom LaBue, Tom Bergquist, Jim Olson, John Homer and John Roush. After second by Charles Szasz, the motion passed 16 for and 0 against.

Charles Szasz moved that Randy Bierce not be included in any list or ratings of WVCA until he has made full restitution of funds paid by WVCA for the unpaid expenses of the 1997 State Tournament directed by Randy Bierce. David Saville seconded the motion, which failed 1 for and 9 against.

2000 TOURNAMENT SITE:

The Charleston Chess Club offered to host the 2000 State Championship Tournament next Labor Day weekend as well as the Action Tournament. Tom LaBue offered Buckhannon or Elkins only as a backup site for the Charleston Tournament. The Action Tournament is to be held at Taylor Books and is in no way in conflict with the Scholastic Tournament. David Saville moved that the offers be accepted and Tom LaBue seconded the motion. There being no other offers, the Vice President declared the Charleston site accepted by acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1999-2000:

Position	Candidate	Nominated by	Seconded by
USCF Delegate	Jim Meyer	Markle Butcher	David Saville
Voting Members (2)	David Saville Markle Butcher	David Saville David Saville	David Olson David Olson
Bulletin Editor	Tom LaBue	David Olson	Joe Meadows
Secretary-Treasurer	Tom Bergquist	Tom LaBue	David Olson
Vice President	David Saville	Markle Butcher	Joe Meadows
President	Markle Butcher	David Saville	David Olson
Postal Director (2Yr)	Tom LaBue	David Olson	Joe Meadows

The Vice President called for any further nominations.

David Olson moved the above nominations be closed. Gary Cummings seconded the motion, which passed 13-0. The Vice President then declared that since there was only one candidate for each office that all candidates were elected by acclamation.

Markle Butcher moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe Meadows seconded and motion passed 12 to 0. Vice President Markle Butcher declared the meeting adjourned.

Notes from the Editor

I would like to thank all those who have contributed articles, games and material for this issue: Gary Cummings, Bob Bukovac, Dan O'Hanlon, Mike Turner, John Homer, Dave Bitler and Bob Jordan, David Gundlach, Mike Baker and Tom Bergquist. It takes a lot of effort put the bulletin together and these folks make my job a lot easier.

John Kay e-mailed me about a month ago and told me that USCF had contacted him about running the 2000 US Amateur South. There was a group interested, but supposedly it fell through. Stay tuned to the website and

these pages for more developments on this story. I have been delayed in getting the WV Grand Prix awards, so please be patient. They should be available in mid-to-late February.

The next bulletin is due out in early May. If you have any games, annotations, comments, questions and anything, please send them to me (electronically or otherwise). I would like to get all submissions by mid-April.

Harrison County Chess Tourney Results

Bob Jordan and Dave Bitler directed three events for the Harrison County Chess Club in the past few months. Following are the results that ensued.

October Tourney

Open Section: Robert Canary swept the field with a 4-0 score to clinch first place. Dave Bitler defeated scored a 3-1 mark to take second. Joe Meadows was third.

K-8 Section: 1st: Joshua Oldaker, Bridgeport MS
2nd: Michael Hartman, Gore MS
Team: Elkins Middle School

K-5 Section: 1st: Cory Leonard, Norwood ES
2nd: Jamie Karraker, Morgantown LA
Team: Norwood Elementary

K-2 Section: 1st: Casey Nuzum, Norwood ES
2nd: Sarah McKibben, Johnson ES

Joshua finished the Middle School section unbeaten. Michael took second place on tie-breaks. In the Elementary School section, both Cory and Jamie (Jon's son), finished with 4-0 marks. In the Primary School section, Casey won with a 2½ score, Sarah was next with 2.

November Tourney

Open Section: The tourney ended up as a G/30 (not Grand Prix eligible). There was a three way tie for first with Scott Davis, Joe Meadows and Jeremy Green each with a 3-1 score.

K-8 Section: 1st: Andrew DeMotto
2nd: Kevin Sivaneri, Cory Leonard,
Patrick O'Kernick, Michael Hartman
and Emily Benigni

K-5 Section: 1st: Truman Gore
2nd: Jeremy Azevedo, Victor Sivaneri,
Keith Hogan, Erik Harless,
Nicholas Johnson and Brett Floyd

K-2 Section: 1st: Jarrett Hoffman, Morgantown LA
Sean Coffers, Morgantown LA

December Tourney

Open Section: Another G/30 event because of the late start. Another three way split of first between Scott

Davis, Dave Bitler and Mike Baker.

K-12 Section: 1st: Joe Meadows, Independence HS

K-8 Section: 1st: Trevor McGraw, Cheat Lake MS
2nd: Kevin Sivaneri, Cheat Lake MS
Team: Norwood Elementary

K-5 Section: 1st: Jeremy Azevedo, Pinch ES
2nd: Erik Harless, Pinch ES
Team: Pinch Elementary

K-2 Section: 1st: Jarrett Hoffman, Morgantown LA
2nd: Sean Coffers, Morgantown LA
Team: Morgantown Learning Academy

The next event on the schedule is the Harrison County March Open/Scholastic. Check the events page for more details. Also, visit the Harrison County Chess Club Home Page: <http://sites.netscape.net/hcchess/homepage> for further information and to register online for the upcoming tourneys.

The Harrison County Chess Club is co-sponsoring the 2000 West Virginia State Scholastic Championship with the West Virginia Scholastic Chess Association. See the events page and the following page for more details

GM George Koltanowski Dead at age 96

As I was readying this issue for print, word came from USCF about the passing of GM Koltanowski on February 5. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Leah, and four nieces and two nephews.

GM Koltanowski was a good friend of West Virginia chess in the 40s and 50s. He made several trips through the WV playing simuls and blindfold exhibitions against the various state chess clubs. He contributed analysis to some of the early WVCA bulletins and was also a member of the WVCA since its inception. He will be dearly missed by the chess community here and worldwide.. Look for more on GM Koltanowski and his ties to WV chess in our next issue.

Donations in memory of Mr. Koltanowski can be sent to the U.S. Chess Trust in care of the U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553, Attention: Barbara A. DeMaro.

WVSCA announces 32nd West Virginia Scholastic Championships in Nutter Fort

Here is more information on the 2000 WV Scholastic Championship to be held April 7-9 in Nutter Fort. Other information is located on page 2.

Trophies: Each Section: Top teams, individuals and All-State team.

Tie-breaks: Solkoff, Median, Cumulative, Sonneborn-Berger, Cumulative of opposition.

Pairings: Team-modified Swiss. Plus-two method

NOTE TO COACHES: 4-8 players per team. Schools with 9-16 players can have two teams if first team has 8 players (Indicate who plays on which team). No team? 1-3 players from school can compete for individuals

trophies. Send team roster, and send all team entries at one time, if possible.

Review USCF rules with players, especially touch-move and no talking.

MS and HS sections will be required to record moves.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FRI/SAT NIGHT - INDICATE INTEREST ON ENTRY FORM BELOW

Bughouse, speed, and simul if interest exists. Small entry fee to cover site fees. Friday night for grades K-8, Saturday night for grades 9-12. Activities with insufficient registration will not be held. Check for updates.

ENTRY FORM: 2000 32nd Annual WV Scholastic Chess Championships

FILL-IN ALL BLANKS. FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2000
IF NO USCF ID OR EXPIRED, INCLUDE USCF DUES OR COPY OF AFFILIATE RECEIPT
ENTRY FEE \$15. USCF Dues \$12 (\$17 if over 14 years)

Player's Name: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____ Birth date: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

School: _____ Grade: ___ Section: ___

USCF ID: _____ Exp Date: _____ Rating: _____

Entry Fee: _____ USCF Dues: _____ New ___ Renew ___ Total fees: _____

Coach: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Coach Address, City, Zip: _____

Mail to John Homer, 208 Brookhaven Drive, Nitro, WV 25143-1104.
Make checks payable to WVSCA Enclose SASE for acknowledgment.

Check interest in special activities:

Speed chess ___ Team Bughouse ___ Simul ___

Reserve Official Commemorative T-shirt ___ Sizes: ___ Number of shirts: _____

West Virginia Chess Crosstables

U. S. Amateur South, Charleston, WV, May 29-30, 1999

PLR #	NAME	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Russell Wilson	OH	2179	2195	W--20	W---4	D---7	W--12	W---5	4.5
2	John Roush	WV	2051	2050	D--23	W--32	W--26	D---8	W--12	4.0
3	David Friedman	OH	2001	2009	L--12	W--27	W--11	W--9	W--13	4.0
4	Ruixin Yang	VA	1930	1972	W--28	L---1	W--24	W--19	W--10	4.0
5	David Saville	WV	2114	2117	W--11	W---9	D---8	W---7	L---1	3.5
6	Mark Hathaway	WV	2160	2053	W--17	W--16	L--12	W--15	D---8	3.5
7	Donald Griffith	WV	2000	2026	W--14	W--21	D---1	L---5	W--15	3.5
8	Chaene Kingrey	OH	1917	1946	W--25	W--24	D---5	D---2	D---6	3.5
9	Grant Perks	OH	1957	1941	W--33	L---5	W--31	L---3	W--18	3.0
10	Yuri Kolkin	OH	1952	1941	W--27	L--12	W--16	W--21	L---4	3.0
11	Dennis Gittrich	OH	1841	1849	L---5	W--33	L---3	W--27	W--23	3.0
12	Ryan Milisits	PA	1782	1847	W---3	W--10	W---6	L---1	L---2	3.0
13	Andy Nicol	OH	1774	1812	L--19	W--25	W--30	W--26	L---3	3.0
14	Dave Olson	WV	1768	1760	L---7	L--30	W--25	W--32	X----	3.0
15	Steve Charles	OH	1920	1914	W--29	D--19	W--18	L---6	L---7	2.5
16	Gary Cummings	WV	1872	1872	W--30	L---6	L--10	W--31	D--17	2.5
17	Robert Canary	WV	1813	1813	L---6	W--29	H----	D--22	D--16	2.5
18	Jim Fuller	OH	1703	1716	D--26	W--23	L--15	B----	L---9	2.5
19	Ted Alfred	OH	2116	2095	W--13	D--15	H----	L---4	U----	2.0
20	Jace Etienne	LA	1912	1864	L---1	L--28	D--23	W--29	D--24	2.0
21	Harold Mitchell	WV	1889	1867	W--31	L---7	W--28	L--10	U----	2.0
22	Mike Taylor	OH	1858	1841	H----	L--26	W--32	D--17	U----	2.0
23	Jon Karraker	WV	1809	1791	D---2	L--18	D--20	W--28	L--11	2.0
24	Tim Deal	WV	1736/12	1720/15	X----	L---8	L---4	H----	D--20	2.0
25	Jeff Crawford	IN	1415	1427	L---8	L--13	L--14	W--33	W--31	2.0
26	Doug Mazeffa	OH	1871	1851	D--18	W--22	L---2	L--13	F----	1.5
27	Tom LaBue	WV	1597	1582	L--10	L---3	W--33	L--11	D--28	1.5
28	Steve Shomo	WV	1381	1414	L---4	W--20	L--21	L--23	D--27	1.5
29	David Hundley	WV	1319	1319	L--15	L--17	H----	L--20	W--32	1.5
30	Gary Hardin	NC	2033	1990	L--16	W--14	L--13	U----	U----	1.0
31	Steven Dumas	MI	1185	1177	L--21	B----	L---9	L--16	L--25	1.0
32	Daniel Cummins	MI	964	959	B----	L---2	L--22	L--14	L--29	1.0
33	Gilbert Stone	WV	1376	1351	L---9	L--11	L--27	L--25	U----	0.0

TD: Jim Meyer

1999 Taylor Books Charleston Open - Charleston, WV, July 24, 1999

PLR	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2084	2081	W---8	W--10	D---7	W---4	3.5
2	John Jarrett	LA	1968	1942	L--16	W--17	W--12	W--11	3.0
3	Gary Cummings	WV	1872	1850	W--12	L--11	W--16	W--14	3.0
4	Robert Canary	WV	1852	1859	W--13	W---6	W--11	L---1	3.0
5	Jim Fuller	WV	1722	1715	W--18	D--16	D--15	W---7	3.0
6	Markle Butcher	WV	1659	1672	W--14	L---4	W--10	W--15	3.0
7	Sefus Ellis	WV	1688	1687	W--23	W--21	D---1	L---5	2.5
8	David Hill	WV	1444	1449	L---1	D--18	W--21	W--17	2.5
9	Jon Karraker	WV	1798	1784	D--17	H----	H----	H----	2.0
10	Marc Abraham	WV	1639	1631	W--20	L---1	L---6	W--16	2.0
11	David Michael	WV	1500	1524	W--22	W---3	L---4	L---2	2.0
12	Mike Dondelewski	OH	1392	1418	L---3	W--20	L---2	W--19	2.0
13	Thomas Satterfield	WV	1360	1346	L---4	W--23	L--14	W--20	2.0
14	Ben Good	KY	1294	1313	L---6	W--22	W--13	L---3	2.0
15	Joe Meadows	WV	1223	1263	H----	W--19	D---5	L---6	2.0
16	Chuck Waugh	WV	1468	1496	W---2	D---5	L---3	L--10	1.5
17	David Hundley	WV	1329	1344	D---9	L---2	W--18	L---8	1.5
18	Jim Olson	WV	1268	1266	L---5	D---8	L--17	W--21	1.5
19	Michael Spencer	WV	1618	1534	L--21	L--15	W--22	L--12	1.0
20	Bill Salmon	WV	1052	1052	L--10	L--12	W--23	L--13	1.0
21	Brian Watkins	WV	1014	1035	W--19	L---7	L---8	L--18	1.0
22	Elias Stewart	WV	1008	1011	L--11	L--14	L--19	W--23	1.0
23	Jamie Karraker	WV	909	885	L---7	L--13	L--20	L--22	0.0

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AVAILABLE September 1, 1998 \$2418.22

RECEIPTS

WVCA Dues	\$539.00	
Donations	205.00	
USCF Affiliate Grant	154.20	
Interest	35.44	<u>933.64</u>

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AND RECEIPTS AVAILABLE \$3351.86

DISBURSEMENTS

1997 Wheeling Tournament Expenses	\$366.71	
WVCA Bulletin Expense	277.26	
Secretary-Treasurer Expense	119.95	
Grand Prix Plaques	119.69	
USCF Affiliate Fee	40.00	
WV License Tax	<u>10.00</u>	<u>933.61</u>

TOTAL PRESENT FUNDS AVAILABLE August 31, 1998 \$2418.25

RECONCILIATION

United National Bank Savings Account		
Life Memberships on Deposit	\$ 280.00	
Operating Cash on Deposit	<u>2138.25</u>	2418.25
USCF Affiliate Funds Available		<u>0.00</u>

Total Reconciliation \$2418.25

CHANGES IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENT

USCF Affiliate Funds - 1999 Grant Increase	\$ 154.20	
Transfer to Operating Cash Decrease	1209.64	- Net Decrease \$1055.44
Life Memberships	No Change	0.00
Operating Cash	Increase	<u>1055.47</u>
Total Increase in Available Funds		\$ 0.03

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas O Bergquist
Secretary-Treasurer

The Postcard by Tom LaBue

1999 West Virginia OTB co-champ Mike Turner, of Hinton, sent me this note late last summer about his Postal/E-mail activities:

Earlier this summer, I began playing in ICCF email tournaments. ICCF is of course the correspondence branch of FIDE and its email tournaments operate along the same lines as the standard correspondence tournaments. Once a player establishes a rating in email tournaments, he may use that rating in standard correspondence tournaments and vice versa.

This is a win over a FIDE expert (OTB) from the Czech Republic. I am 1-0-0 in one tournament and 0-0-0 in the other as of August 28, 1999.

Mike Turner (USA) - Rostislav Postl (CZE)
EM/C/A087 - ICCF Email, August 15, 1999
Sicilian Defense, Rossolimo Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.O-O Bd7 6.d4
b5 7.Bb3 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.c3 dxc3 10.Qh5 Qe7
11.Nxc3 Nf6 12.Qf3 Bg4 13.Qg3 c6 14.Bg5 Be6
15.Rfe1 h6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qc3 cxd5
19.exd5 Rc8 20.Qd3 Rc5 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Bxe6 f5
23.b4 Re5 24.Rxe5 Black resigns

O'Hanlon in CCLA Team Championship X

Dan O'Hanlon, from Huntington, was a member of the winning team in the 1997 CCLA Team Championship. Dan also won the Best Board award on Board 4. Team captain Harold Stenzel, was also the captain of the team when Dan won the US Amateur Team Championship [OTB] of the USCF in 1993. This team also captured the CCLA Team Championship VIII a few years back

Dan O'Hanlon (1870) - R. Mundee (1897) [A48]
CCLA Team Championship X, 1997-99

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bf4 d6 4. h3 Bg7 5. e3 0-0 6.
Be2 c5 7. c3 Nbd7 8. 0-0 b6 9. a4 *Gaining queenside*

space. 9...a6 10. Nbd2 Bb7 11. Nc4 Ne4 This move doesn't gain Black much of anything, but signals an attack on the dark squares in the center. 12. Qc2 Rc8 13. Rfd1 cxd4 14. exd4 Re8 Continuing to play for e5. 15. Bd3 Qc7 Protecting the Ne4 tactically. 16. a5 After this move, the Ne4 must retreat and W seizes the initiative for the rest of the game; it has cost Black 2 tempi and he still has not achieved the e5 break. 16...Nef6 17. Nxb6 Nxb6 18. axb6 Qxb6 19. Qe2 White now gains tempi by attacking both the isolated a-pawn and the backwards e-pawn. 19...a5 20. Bb5 Bxf3 21. gxf3 Red8 22. d5! This is the move that seals Black's fate; 2 weak pawns and cramped space to defend them. 22...Kf8 23. c4 Nd7 24. Ra3 Ra8 25. b4 The pawn cannot be taken because the Nd7 hangs after an exchange of R's on a8. 25...Nb8 26. Re1 Bf6 27. Qd2 Continuing to build pressure on the a pawn. 27...Rc8 28. bxa5+- Finally winning the pawn. 28...Qb7 29. Bg5 Bxg5 30. Qxg5 f6 30...Ra7 31. a6 Qc7 31...fxg5? 32. axb7 32. Qh6+ Kg8 33. Re6 33.Re4 this is a direct attack via Rh4 forcing e5 or e6; seeing the defense of pushing the e pawn, I decided to blockade it and bring the other R to h4 via e3 and the e4. 33...Ra7 34. Rh4 e5 35. dxe6 Qe7 36. Qe3+- 33...Rf8 34. c5! The pawn is poison. 34. Rae3 is also winning. 34...Rf7 35. c5 Qxc5 (35...dxc5 36. d6 as in the game). 34...Ra7 34...Qxc5 35. Rxe7 and mate soon follows; 34...dxc5 35. d6! exd6 36. Bc4! Qf7 (36...Rf7 37.Re8++) 37.Re7. 35. cxd6 exd6 36. Rae3 Qg7 36...Nxa6 there is no time to take the pawn now. 37. Rxf6! Rxf6 (37...Raa8 38. Rxf8+ Rxf8 39. Bxa6) . 38.Re8+ Rf8 (38...Kf7 39.Qf8++) 39.Qxf8++ 37. Qxg7+ Kxg7 38. Rxd6 Protecting the a6 pawn once again. 38...Rc7 39. Rde6 Rff7 40. Be8 The final blow 40...Rf8 41. Re7+ Re7 42. Re7+ Kg8 43. a7 and the pawn cannot be stopped. 40. d6 is also winning. 40...Black resigns

Next issue we will feature another game Dan played.

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