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Donald Griffith repeats as Action Champion

by Tom LaBue

Donald Griffith dominated throughout the day to finish 6½-½ and claim his second consecutive West Virginia Action Chess Championship. This was the fourth time Donald has won in the six action championships the WVCA has held. Donald agreed to a sixth round draw with Ed Garner, but otherwise was unblemished. He finished 1½ points ahead of runner-up Garner. Jim Fuller and Markle Butcher tied for the U1700 prize, each scoring 4½. Trevor McGraw won the U1200 prize with 4½, Elias Stewart finished second.

After a quiet first round, there was plenty of excitement in round two. With both flags hanging in the Griffith-Fuller affair, the game was still undecided. As Fuller made his last move, his flag fell. Donald claimed a win on time to assistant TD Mike Baker. However, Fuller had punched his clock and Donald's flag fell shortly after Mike accepted the claim. Ed Garner dropped his queen and his game to Markle Butcher. Mike Baker and Gary Cummings drew. Gary played four draws on this day. In another game with both flags tenuously holding on, Tom LaBue outlasted David Olson.

By round four, ninth-seeded Mike Baker was playing ten seed Tom LaBue on board 2. With Mike's win, he earned the right to play Donald in round five. After Donald upended Mike, he had a full point and a half advantage over Baker, Garner and Jon Karraker with two rounds to go.

Entering the final round, Donald only needed a draw from Gary Cummings to clinch the title. Jon Karraker could tie for first with a win over Garner and a Cummings win. With Donald winning, the door was closing on Jon's chances.

Trevor McGraw finished strong, drawing David Olson in the sixth round and polishing off Tom LaBue in the finale. Trevor should be rated in the 1400-1500s after

this event is recorded. Dave Kennedy also finished strong with 4 points, winning four of his last five games.

The turnout of twenty was encouraging to TD Tom LaBue and assistant Mike Baker. They are hoping this is a omen for good participation at the State Tournament, which will be held in Buckhannon over Labor Day weekend.

Gary Cummings (B) - Jamie Karraker (D), Round 1
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Bg7 5. c3 Nc6 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Nd2 O-O 8. Be2 d6 9. O-O Bd7 10. f4 Rc8 11. h3 a6 12. Qe1 b5 13. Qf2 e6 14. Rad1 d5 15. e5 Ne8 16. Nxc6 Bxc6 17. Bc5 f6 18. Bxf8 Kxf8 19. exf6 Nxf6 20. Bf3 Qd6 21. Qe2 Re8 22. Kh1 Kg8 23. Ne4 Nxe4 24. Bxe4 Qc7 25. Bf3 Bh6 26. Bg4 Bd7 27. Qf3 Rf8 28. g3 Qc6 29. Kh2 e5 30. Qxd5+ Qxd5 31. Rxd5 Bxg4 32. hxg4 exf4 33. gxf4 Rxf4 34. Rxf4 Bxf4+ 35. Kh3 g5 36. Rd7 Bc1 37. b3 Bb2 38. c4 bxc4 39. bxc4 Ba3 40. Ra7 Black resigns

Donald Griffith (X) - Jim Fuller (B), Round 2

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. f4 e6 5. Nf3 Be7 6. Bd3 Nbd7 7. O-O Qc7 8. e5 Nd5 9. Nxd5 cxd5 10. Qe2 g6 11. exd6 Qxd6 12. Ne5 f6 13. Nf3 a6 14. Bd2 O-O 15. Rae1 Nb6 16. Nh4 f5 17. Nf3 Bf6 18. Ne5 Bxe5 19. fxe5 Qe7 20. Rf3 Bd7 21. Rg3 Be8 22. Bg5 Qb4 23. c3 Qa4 24. Bf6 Nd7 25. Be7 Rf7 26. Ba3 Qc6 27. h4 Rg7 28. Qe3 b5 29. Qh6 Nb6 30. Rf1 Qd7 31. h5 Nc4 32. hxg6 Bxg6 33. Bxc4 bxc4 34. Rf4 Re8 35. Rh4 Kf7 36. Rf3 Reg8 37. Kf1 Qa4 38. Qg5 Ke8 and Black lost on time

Markle Butcher (B) - Ed Garner (X), Round 2
Sicilian Defense, O'Kelly Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 a6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Nf3 Bb4 7. Bd3 d5 8. Nxe5 Qa5 9. Bd2 dxe4 10. Nc4

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Upcoming Events in West Virginia

May 5, 2001: Harrison Co. May Open

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

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

EF: \$15 \$\$: b/entries; WV Grand Prix

Check-in: 8:30-9am Rounds: 9:15-11:45-2:15-4:45

Scholastic: 4/SS (5-SS for K-8 & K-5);

G/30 (G/15 for K-2) EF: \$8; \$\$ trophies

Check-in: 9-9:30am Round 1: 10am

Both: No entries at site! Payment may be made at site. All registration by 5/2 via mail or through the HCC website:

<http://sites.netscape.net/hcchess/homepage>

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

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

May 26-27, 2001: 2001 U.S. Amateur South

The Amateur Championship is open to all players rated 2199 and below. There will be two sections contested:

Open (Open to U2200) and *Reserve* (U1800)

Site: Holiday Inn, Charleston House, 600 Kanawha Blvd. E,

Charleston, WV 25303 Phone Number: (304) 344-4092

Hotel Rates: \$79; 1-4 per room, Reserve by May 19 to ensure availability.

5-SS, Time Control: G/135; NS, NC, W

EF: before 5/21, \$28, Scholastic \$18; at site \$38,

Scholastic \$28;

Rounds: Saturday, May 26: 10-3-8; Sunday, May 27: 10-3;

Registration: 8:00-9:45am

\$\$: Trophies to top 6 in section and top 4 in class as well as various other trophy prizes.

Winner of each section participates in their respective National Amateur Championship match.

Friday night Quick Chess Event:

USCF rated G/10; EF: \$15 at site; Round 1 at 7:30pm

June 2, 2001: Smoot Chess Club "End of the School Year Championships" (Scholastic)

Site: Smoot Elem. School, Smoot School Rd, Smoot, WV.

Directions to the school are as follows: From Beckley, WV take I-64 east to the Sam Black Church exit, exit #156 turn left, go 1/4 mile take first left (beside the Citgo station) follow this road for about 3 miles, you will see Smoot Baptist Church on right, Smoot School Road is right beside of it follow this and you will drive right onto the school parking lot.

4 or 5/SS; G/45;

Sections: K-12 and K-8 (USCF Rated);

K-3 and K-5 (Non-USCF rated)

Scholastic Team Rules: Team score based on top four individuals.

Must have 3 scholastic players to be eligible.

All Advance registrations with payment must be received by May 25th. You must mail or fax full information by deadline or you may register on-site.

NO PHONE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Registration: 8:30am - 9:00am; Rounds: 9:30am and ASAP (30 minute lunch break after round 2) Concessions will be available

EF: \$8.00 if preregistered by May 25th; \$15.00 at the door

Prizes: Trophies - All Sections: Top 3 teams, Top 5 individuals

When you register, please give full name, date of birth, address, city, state, zip, phone, grade, school, section, USCF ID# or New, and expiration date.

If you need to purchase membership, it will be \$14 for age 14 and under, over age 14: \$20

Make checks payable to Smoot Chess Club

Info: Charles Cook, 47 Hundley Rd., Clintonville, WV 24931

(304) 392-5813 phone or fax; e-mail: thecoops@citynet.net

September 1-3, 2001: 63rd West Virginia State Chess Championship

Site: Hampton Inn, Buckhannon, WV, located on Rt. 33 East 6-SS, 40/90; G/60; NS, NC, W

Also: WV Quick Chess Championship and the WV Blitz Chess Championship will be contested during the weekend.

WVCA Business Meeting - 10am Saturday.

Look for more information to be posted on the website soon.

Other Upcoming Events

August 2001: Parkersburg Homecoming, Parkersburg, WV

Send all tourney announcements, results, and comments:

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Thanks to:

I would like to thank Gary Cummings for his abundant contributions to this issue of the Bulletin. Also, thanks to Donald Griffith and John Homer for information.

Seeing as the August issue will be my last as editor of the bulletin, it may be larger than normal. We should have recaps of the Amateur South and the Eastern Electric Open. Maybe some travel reports from WV chessplayers, annotation from David Gundlach and maybe a history article if I can get a chance to finish one.

Michael Malutich wins the 2001 WV High School Championship

by John Homer

The 2001 (33rd Annual) WV Scholastic Chess Championships was held at Nutter Fort Elementary School on April 21-22. Co-chief TDs were Charles Szasz and John Homer, assisted by John Strovers, Michelle Leonard and Patty Butler. Charles has been chief or co-chief TD for all 33 of the WV Scholastic Chess Championships. This year there were only 124 players and 15 teams from 42 schools. The number of players was down from our recent three-year average of 167 players due to the many conflicts students had with other activities.

Tied for 1-4 in the K-3 Section with 4-1 scores were Clay Mancuso (Nutter Fort), Katrina Karraker (Morgantown Learning Center), Stuart Christie (Suncrest Elementary, Morgantown) and Sean Coffers (Morgantown Learning Center). All four of the above were named to the WV All State Scholastic Chess Team - K-3. In 5th place, 3.5-1.5, was Allison Arnold, Morgantown Learning Center. Nutter Fort Primary claimed first place team honors with 13 points; Norwood Elementary, Bridgeport, placed second with 10 points.

Unrated Dong Chen, Suncrest Middle School, was the only undefeated, untied player in the K-6 Section. Three players with 5-1 scores tied for 2-4 place Eric Harless, Charleston Catholic, Victor Sivaneri, Cheat Lake MS, and Benjamin Cowley, Simpson Elementary, Bridgeport. These four players comprise the 2001 WV All State Scholastic Chess Team - K-6. Smoot Elementary, Clintonville, won team honors with 13 points, followed by Norwood Elementary, 11.5, Wirt County primary, 10.5, Kanawha Putnam Home Educators, 9.5, and Wirt County MS, 7.

Jason Young, Suncrest MS, Morgantown, merited first place in the K-9 Section with a score of 4.5-0.5, and three players tied for 2-4 place with 4-1 scores Jacob Lubman, Suncrest MS, Cory Leonard, Bridgeport MS, and Shane Tu, Andrew Jackson MS, Cross Lanes. These four are also the 2001 WV All State Scholastic Chess Team - K-9. The Kanawha-Putnam Home Educators team placed first with 11.5 points, followed by Bridgeport MS, 10, and Wirt County MS, 6.

Michael Malutich, Liberty High, was a clear first place with 4.5 points in the K-12 Section. Tied for 2-4 place with 4-1 scores were Daniel Park, St. James MS, Martinsburg, Terry Wassell, University High, Morgantown, and Chris Schweitzer, Jefferson High, Shenandoah Junction. These four were also named to the 2001 WV All State Scholastic Chess Team - K-12. In the team competition, University High, Morgantown, came in first with 14 points, followed by Jefferson High of Shenandoah Junction with 11 points, and PikeView High, Clintonville, with 7.5 points.

Michael Malutich will represent West Virginia in the Denker Memorial Tournament of Champions (composed of the state champions from the 50 states) at the US Open in August.

Mr. Szasz and Mr. Homer would like to thank our co-sponsors, the Harrison County Checkmates, who assisted in obtaining the site for this tournament and who provided excellent volunteers to help make this tournament a success.

Smoot Elementary to host "End of the School Year Championships"

A final scholastic tourney for this scholastic year will be hosted by the Smoot Elementary Chess Club in Smoot, WV. The "End of the School Year Championships" will be held June 2 and consist of rated and unrated sections. Team and individual prizes will be awarded. Contact Charles Cook for more information and also look at the tourney listing on the events page.

Morgantown Scholastic players at Metropolitan Open

Some of the Morgantown scholastic players journeyed to Pittsburgh to participate in the Metropolitan Open in February. Trevor McGraw played well scoring 2 points in class B, raising his rating 100 points. Jason Young earned two points and Jamie Karraker one in class C. Elias Stewart finished fourth with 2½ in class D. Both Jamie and Trevor defeated players rated over 1700 during the event.

John Roush holds on for the 2001 Kanawha Valley Open Title

John Roush survived a marathon final round contest against Ben Good with a draw and held on to claim victory at the 2001 Kanawha Valley Open. John finished a half point in front David Saville, Jim Fuller and Ben Good.

Biggest surprise of the day was Ben Good's second round victory over expert David Saville. Ben has continued his improved play and will find himself in class A sometime this year. Jim Olson also scored an upset win over a Aaron Richardson on time.

The list of prize winners:

1st: John Roush \$100

2nd: Ben Good, David Saville and Jim Fuller \$33

U1400: David Hundley and Jim Olson \$20

Upset: Ben Good, Jim Olson Book

The upset prize would have gone to Jim Olson based on rating point difference but because David Saville was still in the room and Aaron Richardson was not, Jim got a well done and Ben got a book. Jim was later presented a special bound score book so as to sooth the oversight.

A total of seventeen players partook in this final event held at Taylor Books. Chuck Waugh directed.

Jim Kirkpatrick (B) - John Roush (X), Round 1

Queen's Gambit/Declined

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. e3 h6 7. Bxf6 Bxf6 8. cxd5 exd5 9. Qb3 c6 10. Bd3 Nd7 11. O-O Be7 12. e4 dxe4 13. Nxe4 Nf6 14. Ng3 Qb6 15. Qxb6 axb6 16. Rfe1 Bb4 17. Re3 Be6 18. a3 Rfd8 19. Rc1 Bd6 20. Bc4 Bf4 21. Rxe6 Bxc1 22. Re7 Nd5 23. Ne5 Nxe7 24. White resigns

David Saville (X) - Gary Morris (B), Round 1

Sicilian Defense/Smith-Morra Gambit

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 dxc3 4. Nxc3 Nc6 5. Nf3 e6 6. Bc4 Bb4 7. O-O a6 8. Qe2 Qc7 9. g3 N8e7 10. Bf4 d6 11. Rac1 Ng6 12. Nd5 exd5 13. exd5+ Nce5 14. Bb5+ Kd8 15. Rxc7 Kxc7 16. Bxe5 Nxe5 17. Nxe5 axb5 18. Rc1+ Kb6 19. Nxf7 Rf8 20. Qe7 Bh3 21. Nxd6 Bxd6 22. Qxd6+ Ka7 23. Rc3 b6 24. Rc7 + Black resigns

David Hundley (D)- Robert Canary (B), Round 1

French Defense/Advance variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Be3 Qb6 5. b3 Nc6 6. dxc5

Bxc5 7. Bxc5 Qxc5 8. f4 N8e7 9. Nf3 Qe3+ 10. Be2 Qxf4 11. g3 Qe3 12. N1d2 Nxe5 13. Rf1 N7c6 14. h4 Bd7 15. Rf2 Nb4 16. Ng5 N5d3+ 17. cxd3 Nxd3+ 18. Kf1 Qxf2++

Gary Cummings (B) - Henry Hunt (D), Round 1

French Defense/Advance variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 N6d7 5. Nf3 c5 6. Bf4 Nc6 7. Be2 Qb6 8. Na4 Qa5+ 9. c3 cxd4 10. b4 Qc7 11. Nxd4 b5 12. Nxb5 Qd8 13. O-O N6xe5 14. Qd4 Nc6 15. Qe3 Be7 16. Nc7+ Kf8 17. Nxa8 e5 18. Bg3 Bb7 19. b5 d4 20. cxd4 exd4 21. Qd2 Bb4 22. Qf4 Ne7 23. Nc7 Bc3 24. Ne6+ Black resigned.

David Olson (B) vs. Joe Weaver(D), Round 1

English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 c5 3. g3 d6 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. Nf3 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. d3 Nc6 8. a3 Bd7 9. Rb1 Qc8 10. Re1 Bh3 11. Bh1 a6 12. b4 cxb4 13. axb4 Bd7 14. Bg5 h6 15. Bxf6 Bxf6 16. Nd5 Bd8 17. Nd2 Ne7 18. Nc3 Bc6 19. Bxc6 Qxc6 20. Qb3 Kh8 21. b5 Qb6 22. Nd5 Nxd5 23. exd5 a5 24. Nc4 Qc7 25. Rec1 Qb8 26. Qa3 Be7 27. Nb6 Rd8 28. Nxa8 Qxa8 29. Rc7 Re8 30. R1c1 f6 31. Rd7 Bf8 32. b6 Qa6 33. Qb3 a4 34. Qb4 a3 35. Ra1 Ra8 36. Rc7 Kh7 37. Rc3 Qa5 38. Qxa3 Qxa3 39. R1xa3 Rb8 40. Rc7 Kg6 41. Ra7 Kf5 42. Rxb7 Rc8 43. Rc7 Re8 44. b7 e4 45. dxe4+ Kxe4 46. Ra8 Ke5 47. b8=Q Be7 48. Qb3 Kf5 49. Qd3+ Kg5 50. Rc4 f5 51. f4+ Black resigns

Jim Olson (D)- Aaron Richardson (B), Round 1

Trompowsky Attack/Olson variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 d6 3. Bxf6 gxf6 4. e3 e5 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Qd2 Bh6 7. Bb5 Bd7 8. Nf3 a6 9. Be2 Rg8 10. Rg1 Bg4 11. O-O-O Qd7 12. Nd5 Bg7 13. h3 Be6 14. Nc3 Ne7 15. d5 Bf5 16. g4 Bg6 17. Bd3 O-O-O 18. Qe2 f5 19. Nd2 fxg4 20. hxc4 Bxd3 21. Qxd3 f5 22. g5 Ng6 23. Rh1 e4 24. Qc4 Ne5 25. Qf1 Bf8 26. Qg2 Be7 27. Rxh7 Rxc5 28. Qh3 R8g8 29. Rh8 Qe8 30. Rxc8 Qxc8 31. N3xe4 Rg4 32. f3 Rg2 33. Qxf5+ Kd8 34. f4 Ng6 35. Nf6 Bxf6 36. Qxf6+ Kd7 37. f5 Nf8 38. e4 Re2 39. e5 Rxe5 40. Nc4 Re2 41. Nxd6 cxd6 42. b3 Black lost on time.

Bill Salmon (E) - Ben Good (B), Round 1

London System

1. d4 d5 2. Bf4 Nf6 3. Nf3 e6 4. N1d2 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6.

John Roush holds on for the 2001 Kanawha Valley Open Title

e3 Bd6 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Bg3 Bxg3 10. fxc3 Qd6
11. Bd3 Bd7 12. Rc1 e5 13. O-O e4 14. Be2 exf3 15.
Bxf3 O-O 16. Qc2 Rfe8 17. Rce1 cxd4 18. c4 dxe3 19.
Nb3 d4 20. Qd3 Ne5 21. Qe2 Nxf3+ 22. Qxf3 Kg7 23.
Qxb7 Bc6 24. Qa6 e2 25. Rf2 d3 26. c5 Qd5 27. Nd2
Ng4 28. Rf3 Qxc5+ 29. Kh1 Bxf3 30. Nxf3 Nf2+ 31.
Kg1 Nh3+ 32. Kh1 Qg1+ 33. Nxc1 Nf2++

John Roush (X) - David Olson (B), Round 2

Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. Nc3 Nb6 4. f4 d6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6.
h3 a6 7. d4 dxe5 8. fxe5 Bf5 9. Bd3 Nxd4 10. Nxd4
Qxd4 11. Bb5+ Black resigns

Ben Good (B) - David Saville (X), Round 2

Pirc Defense/Austrian Attack

1. Nc3 Nf6 2. e4 d6 3. d4 g6 4. f4 Bg7 5. Nf3 O-O 6.
Be3 c5 7. Bc4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Nc6 9. Qd2 a6 10. Nxc6
bxc6 11. O-O Ng4 12. Bd4 e5 13. fxe5 dxe5 14. Be3
Nxe3 15. Qxe3 Qd4 16. Qxd4 exd4 17. Na4 Be6 18.
Bd3 Rfb8 19. b3 Bf8 20. Rad1 Bd6 21. Nb2 Kg7 22.
Be4 Be5 23. Bxe6 fxe6 24. Nd3 Bd6 25. e5 Bc7 26. Nc5
Bxe5 27. Nd7 Bc7 28. Nxb8 Rxb8 29. Rd3 Re8 30.
R3f3 Re7 31. Rf8 e5 32. Ra8 a5 33. R1f8 e4 34. Rae8
e5 35. Rxe5 Bxe5 36. Rc8 Bf4 37. Rxc6 Bd2 38. Kf1
h5 39. Ke2 Bc3 40. Rxc3 dxc3 41. Ke3 Kf6 42. Kxe4
g5 43. Kd4 Kf5 44. Kxc3 Ke4 45. Kd2 h4 46. c4 g4 47.
a3 Kd4 48. Ke2 a4 49. bxa4 Black resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Jim Fuller (B), Round 2

Torre Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 d6 5. O-O e6 6.
c4 Bg4 7. Nc3 Qc8 8. Qb3 Bxf3 9. Bxf3 N8d7 10. e4 e5
11. Be3 O-O 12. Rad1 Qc7 13. d5 c5 14. h3 a6 15. a4
Ne8 16. Ra1 f5 17. g4 f4 18. Bd2 b6 19. Kh2 g5 20.
Kg2 Kf7 21. Ne2 a5 22. Nc3 Qd8 23. Nb5 Qf6 24. Rh1
Rh8 25. Rh2 Bf8 26. R1h1 Ng7 27. h4 h5 28. gxh5
Nxc5 29. hxg5 Qxc5+ 30. Kf1 N7f6 31. Nc7 Rb8 32.
Ne6 Qg6 33. Qd1 Ke7 34. Bxh5 Qxe4 35. Bf3 Qxc4+
36. Be2 Rxh2 37. Rxh2 Qxd5 38. Nc7 Qd4 39. Nb5
Qe4 40. Bc3 Qd5 41. Rh7+ Kd8 42. Qxd5 Nxd5 43.
Bg4 Nf6 44. Rf7 Be7 45. Be6 Ng8 46. Na7 Rb7 47.
Nc8 Nf6 48. Nxe7 Ne4 49. Be1 Ke8 50. Rh7 Nxf2 51.
Rh8+ Kxe7 52. Bd5 Rc7 53. White loses on time

Chuck Waugh (C) - Gary Cummings (B), Round 2

English Opening

1. c4 g6 2. g3 Bg7 3. Bg2 Nf6 4. Nc3 c6 5. d4 O-O 6.
Nf3 d5 7. cxd5 cxd5 8. O-O Nc6 9. e3 Bd7 10. Bd2
Qc8 11. Rc1 Bh3 12. Ne2 Bxg2 13. Kxg2 Ne4 14. Nf4
Qd7 15. Qe2 e5 16. dxe5 Nxe5 17. Nxe5 Bxe5 18. Nd3
Bd6 19. Rfd1 Rae8 20. Bb4 d4 21. Nc5 Bxc5 22. Bxc5
Nxe5 23. Rxe5 Qe7 24. Rc4 dxe3 25. f3 b5 26. Re4
Qc5 27. R1d4 f5 28. Rxe3 Rxe3 29. Draw agreed

Joe Weaver (D) - Jim Kirkpatrick (B), Round 2

Sicilian Defense/closed variation

1. e4 c5 2. c4 g6 3. d3 Bg7 4. Qc2 e6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Bg5
N8e7 7. Qc1 Qa5+ 8. Bd2 Qb6 9. Bc3 Nd4 10. N1d2
N7c6 11. a3 a5 12. g3 O-O 13. Rb1 a4 14. Qd1 d6 15.
Bg2 Bd7 16. O-O Na5 17. h4 h5 18. Bh3 N5b3 19. Re1
Qd8 20. Nxb3 Nxb3 21. Bxg7 Kxg7 22. d4 Bc6 23. d5
exd5 24. exd5 Bd7 25. Bxd7 Qxd7 26. Kg2 Rfe8 27.
Qd3 Qg4 28. Rxe8 Rxe8 29. Qc3+ Nd4 30. b3 axb3
31. Rxb3 Re7 32. Rb6 f6 33. Rxd6 Qf5 34. Rb6 Ne2
35. Qd2 Qe4 36. Qa2 Nd4 37. Rb3 Nxb3 38. Qxb3 g5
39. hxg5 fxc5 40. Qc3+ Kg6 41. Kh2 g4 42. Nh4+ Kg5
43. Qd2+ Kf6 44. Qh6+ Ke5 45. Ng6+ Kd4 46. Nxe7
Qxe7 47. Qf4+ Kc3 48. Qe1+ Kd3 49. Qf1+ Kc3 50.
Qe1+ Kd3 51. Qe3+ Black resigns

Gary Morris (B) - Jim Olson (D), Round 2

Torre Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. g3 Bf5 4. Bg2 e6 5. O-O c5 6. c4
Nc6 7. Qa4 Qd7 8. cxd5 exd5 9. a3 c4 10. Nc3 Bd6 11.
Bg5 Ne4 12. Nxd5 Nxd4 13. Qxd7+ Kxd7 14. Nxd4
Nxc5 15. Nxf5 Be5 16. f4 Bxb2 17. fxc5 Bxa1 18.
Rxa1 g6 19. Nf6+ Ke6 20. Ne3 Rac8 21. Bxb7 Rc7 22.
Bd5+ Ke7 23. Bxc4 Kd8 24. Rb1 Rc8 25. Rd1+ Kc7
26. Rd7+ Kb6 27. N6d5+ Kc5 28. Rxa7 Kd4 29. Rxf7
Ra8 30. Rd7 Rxa3 31. Nc2+ Black resigns

Steve Hunley (E) - David Hundley (D), Round 2

Four Knights Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Be2 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. O-O d6 6.
d4 exd4 7. Nxd4 Nxd4 8. Be3 Nxe2+ 9. Qxe2 Bxe3 10.
Qxe3 Qe7 11. Rad1 O-O 12. Nb5 h6 13. Nxd6 cxd6
14. Rfe1 Ng4 15. h3 Nxe3 16. Rxe3 Be6 17. Rd4 Rac8
18. R3d3 Rfd8 19. e5 dxe5 20. Rxd8+ Rxd8 21. f4
Rxd3 22. cxd3 exf4 23. d4 Bxa2 24. g4 Qe3+ 25. Kg2
Bd5+ 26. Kh2 Qg3++

Henry Hunt (D) - Bill Salmon (E), Round 2

Queen's Gambit/Slav Defense

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1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. Nc3 e6 5. a3 N8d7 6. cxd5 exd5 7. Bg5 Be7 8. e3 O-O 9. Bd3 Ng4 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. O-O N7f6 12. Qe2 Qd6 13. h3 Ne4 14. hxg4 Bxg4 15. Nxe4 dxe4 16. Bxe4 f5 17. Qc4+ Kh8 18. Ng5 Qg6 19. Ne6 Qf7 20. Bd3 Rfc8 21. Nf4 Qe7 22. Rfe1 b5 23. Qe6 Qg5 24. Be2 Re8 25. Qb3 Bxe2 26. Rxe2 a5 27. Rc1 a4 28. Qb4 Rac8 29. Rc5 Qg4 30. R2c2 h6 31. Qd2 Qg5 32. Rxc6 Rxc6 33. Rxc6 Qe7 34. Ng6+ Black resigns

Jimmy Fuller (B) - John Roush (X), Round 3
Sicilian Defense/Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. f4 e6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Be2 d5 5. exd5 exd5 6. d3 Nf6 7. O-O Be7 8. c3 O-O 9. d4 Re8 10. Ne5 Ne4 11. Bf3 cxd4 12. Bxe4 dxe4 13. Nxc6 bxc6 14. cxd4 Bf6 15. Be3 e5 16. Qc2 cxd4 17. Rd1 Qb6 18. Bf2 Bg4 19. Re1 Rac8 20. Rxe4 Rxe4 21. Qxe4 Rcl+ 22. Be1 d3+ 23. Kf1 Qe6 24. Qa8+ Rc8 25. Qxa7 Qe4 26. Qg1 Rcl 27. White resigns

Gary Cummings (B) - Ben Good (B), Round 3
Caro-Kann Defense/Capablanca variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. Bc4 e6 7. h4 h6 8. N1e2 Qf6 9. Nf4 Bd6 10. Nxc6 Qxc6 11. h5 Qf6 12. Ne4 Qe7 13. Nxd6+ Qxd6 14. c3 Nf6 15. Qf3 N8d7 16. Bf4 Qe7 17. O-O-O O-O-O 18. Rhe1 Nb6 19. Bb3 Nbd5 20. Bh2 Nc7 21. g4 N6d5 22. Qg3 Rhe8 23. f4 Qd7 24. c4 Nf6 25. Bc2 Re7 26. f5 Rf8 27. fxe6 fxe6 28. Qa3 Rd8 29. Qg3 Rf8 30. Re5 Na6 31. Ra5 c7 32. Qxc7+ Nxc7 33. Bd6 R7f7 34. Bxf8 Rxf8 35. g5 g4 36. gxh6 gxh6 37. Rxa7 Ne3 38. Re1 Nxc4 39. Bb3 Kb8 40. Ra4 b5 41. Rb4 Nd5 42. Bxc4 Nxb4 43. a3 bxc4 44. axb4 Drawn

David Saville (X) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 3
Queen's Indian Defense

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. O-O e6 5. d4 Be7 6. c4 O-O 7. Nc3 Ne4 8. Nxe4 Bxe4 9. Bd2 d6 10. Bc3 Nd7 11. Nd2 Bxg2 12. Kxg2 c5 13. d5 Bf6 14. dxe6 fxe6 15. Ne4 Bxc3 16. bxc3 Nf6 17. Nxd6 Qe7 18. Nb5 a6 19. Na3 Ne4 20. Qd3 Qb7 21. f3 Rfd8 22. Qxe4 Black resigns

David Olson (B)-. Henry Hunt (D), Round 3
English Opening

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 c6 3. e4 Qc7 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. d4 Bb4 6. Bd3 d5 7. O-O Nd7 8. exd5 cxd5 9. cxd5 Bxc3 10.

bxc3 Qxc3 11. dxe6 fxe6 12. Bf4 N7f6 13. Ne5 Ne7 14. Bb5+ Bd7 15. Nxd7 Nxd7 16. Rc1 Qa5 17. Bxd7+ Kxd7 18. Rc7+ Kd8 19. Rxb7 Nd5 20. Bg5+ Kc8 21. Qb3 Nb6 22. Rxc7 Nd5 23. Rc1+ Nc7 24. R7xc7+ Qxc7 25. Rxc7+ Kxc7 26. Qc4+ Kd6 27. Qc5+ Kd7 28. Qe7+ Kc6 29. Qxe6+ Kb5 30. Qd5+ Kb6 31. Qc5+ Kb7 32. Qb5+ Kc8 33. Qc6+ Kb8 34. Bf4++

Jim Kirkpatrick (B) - Gary Morris (B)

Reti's Opening

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 g6 4. d4 Bg7 5. Bg5 c5 6. dxc5 Qa5 7. Qa4+ Qxa4 8. Nxa4 Bd7 9. Nc3 dxc5 10. O-O-O O-O 11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. Nd5 Rc8 13. e4 Bc6 14. e5 Bxd5 15. cxd5 Bg7 16. Bc4 a6 17. d6 exd6 18. exd6 Nd7 19. Rhe1 Re8 20. Ng5 Rxe1 21. Rxe1 Ne5 22. Rxe5 Bxe5 23. Nxf7 Bf4+ 24. Kc2 b5 25. Bd5 Ra7 26. d7 Drawn

David Hundley (D) - Jim Olson (D), Round 3

Center Counter Game

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Bb5+ N8d7 4. c4 a6 5. Bxd7+ Bxd7 6. Nf3 b5 7. b3 e6 8. dxe6 Bxe6 9. cxb5 axb5 10. O-O Qd3 11. Re1 Bc5 12. Ne5 Bxf2+ 13. Kxf2 Qd4+ 14. Kf1 Qxa1 15. Qc2 Qd4 16. Qc6+ Ke7 17. Qxc7+ Nd7 18. Nc6+ Black resigns

Bill Salmon (E) - Steve Hunley (E), Round 3

London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 Nc6 3. e3 d5 4. Nf3 Bd7 5. N1d2 e6 6. Rc1 Qe7 7. c4 O-O-O 8. c5 g5 9. Nxc6 b6 10. cxb6 axb6 11. a3 Qc5 12. dxc5 Bxc5 13. Rxc5 bxc5 14. Nxf7 Rdf8 15. Nxe8 Rxe8 16. Qa4 Nb4 17. Qa8++

John Roush (X) - Ben Good (B), Round 4

Caro Kann/Panov-Botvinnik Attack/Panov variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. cxd5 Nxd5 8. Be2 e6 9. a3 Be7 10. O-O O-O 11. Nxd5 Qxd5 12. Be3 Bf6 13. Qa4 a6 14. Rac1 b5 15. Qd1 Rac8 16. Qd2 Rfd8 17. Rfd1 Ne7 18. h3 Bf5 19. Qa5 Qb7 20. Ne5 Be4 21. Bf3 Bxf3 22. Nxf3 Nf5 23. Qe1 Rxe1 24. Rxc1 Nxd4 25. Nxd4 Bxd4 26. Bxd4 Rxd4 27. Qe3 Rd7 28. Kf1 h6 29. Qc5 Qd5 30. Qc8 Kh7 31. Qxa6 Qd2 32. Qc6 Qxb2 33. Qc2+ Qxc2 34. Rxc2 Ra7 35. Rc3 Ra4 36. Rb3 Kg6 37. Ke2 Kf6 38. Kd2 Ke7 39. Rxb5 Rxa3 40. Rb7+ Kf6 41. Ke2 g5 42. Rc7 Kg6 43. Re7 Ra4 44. Ke3 Kf6 45. Rc7 Rf4 46. g3 Rf5 47. Ra7 Rd5 48. Rb7 Rd6 49. Ra7 Kg6 50.

John Roush holds on for the 2001 Kanawha Valley Open Title

Re7 f5 51. Ra7 e5 52. Re7 e4 53. Ke2 Ra6 54. Rc7 f4
55. gxf4 gxf4 56. Rc4 Ra2+ 57. Ke1 Kf5 58. Rc5+ Kf6
59. Rh5 Ra1+ 60. Ke2 f3+ 61. Ke3 Re1 62. Kf4 Kg6
63. Re5 e3 64. Rxe3 Ra1 65. Kxf3 Ra5 66. Kg2 Rg5+
67. Rg3 Kh5 68. Rgx5+ hxg5 69. Kg3 Kh6 70. Kg4
Kg6 71. f3 Kf6 72. Kh5 Kf5 73. Kh6 Kf6 74. Kh7 Kf7
75. Kh6 Kf6 Drawn agreed

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

1. c4 g6 2. g3 Bg7 3. Bg2 c5 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. Nf3 e5 6. e4
N8e7 7. d3 O-O 8. O-O d6 9. Ne1 Nd4 10. Be3 N7c6
11. Nc2 Be6 12. Nd5 Qd7 13. Nxd4 Nxd4 14. Bxd4
cxd4 15. Qd2 Bxd5 16. cxd5 f5 17. f4 Bh6 18. exf5
Qxf5 19. Be4 Qf6 20. Qb4 exf4 21. Qxb7 Rab8 22.
Qd7 Rxb2 23. Qe6+ Qxe6 24. dxe6 ffg3 25. Rxf8+
Kxf8 26. hxg3 Be3+ 27. Kh1 Ke7 28. Bd5 Rb5 29.
Bc4 Rh5+ 30. Kg2 d5 31. Ba6 Kxe6 32. Rb1 Kd6 33.
Rb7 Rf5 34. a4 Rf2+ 35. Kh3 h5 36. g4 Bf4 37. gxh5
gxh5 38. White resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Gary Cummings (B), Round 4
Sicilian Defense

1. c4 e6 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c5 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. e4 d6 6.
N1e2 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. d4 cxd4 9. Nxd4 a6 10. Nxc6
bxc6 11. e5 dxe5 12. Bxc6 Rb8 13. Qe2 Qc7 14. Bg2
Bb7 15. Bxb7 Rxb7 16. Re1 Nd7 17. a3 Rc8 18. Draw

David Hundley (D) - Jim Fuller (B), Round 4
Pirc Defense/Vienna Sausage variation

1. e4 d6 2. Nc3 e5 3. Nf3 f5 4. Bc4 c6 5. d3 Be7 6. Qe2

f4 7. Bd2 a5 8. a3 b5 9. Ba2 Bg4 10. O-O-O b4 11.
Nb1 Qb6 12. a4 Nd7 13. h3 Bh5 14. g3 ffg3 15. ffg3
Bxf3 16. Qxf3 N8f6 17. Be3 Qb7 18. Rdf1 Rf8 19. Qg2
O-O-O 20. Nd2 d5 21. h4 Ng4 22. Bg5 Bxg5 23. hxg5
Rxf1+ 24. Rxf1 Ne3 25. Qh3 Nxf1 26. Nxf1 Rh8 27.
Ne3 dxe4 28. Ne4 Qa7 29. Qg2 Qd4 30. Nxa5 Qe3+
31. Kd1 Rf8 32. Qe2 Qg1+ 33. Kd2 Rf2 34. dxe4
Rxe2+ 35. Kxe2 Kc7 36. Kf3 Nb6 37. Be6 c5 38. Nb3
Qd1+ 39. Ke3 c4 40. Nd2 Qe1+ 41. Kf3 Qxd2 42. a5
b3 43. cxb3 Qxb2 44. bxc4 Qb4 45. Kg4 Kd6 46. g6
Kxe6 47. e5 Qxe4+ 48. Kh3 Kf5 49. axb6 Qh1++

Gary Morris (B) - Joe Weaver (D), Round 4

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 Bd7 5. O-O Be7 6.
b3 Bd6 7. Bb2 Nf6 8. c4 dxc4 9. bxc4 O-O 10. Nc3
Rb8 11. e4 Bb4 12. Qc2 Na5 13. Ne5 b6 14. Rad1 Nc6
15. Nxd7 Qxd7 16. Qa4 Bxc3 17. Bxc3 Na5 18. Qxd7
Nxd7 19. Bxa5 bxa5 20. Rb1 Rxb1 21. Rxb1 Rb8 22.
Rxb8+ Nxb8 23. d5 exd5 24. exd5 Kf8 25. Kf1 Ke7
26. Ke2 Kd6 27. Be4 h6 28. a3 Kc5 29. Bd3 Nd7 30.
Ke3 Ne5 31. a4 Nxc4+ 32. Ke4 Nb6 33. Bb5 Nxd5 34.
Kd3 Kb4 35. Bc4 Nb6 36. Bxf7 Nxa4 37. f4 Nc5+ 38.
Kc2 a4 39. g4 Ne4 40. h4 c5 41. g5 hxg5 42. ffg5 c4
43. Bh5 Nfg5 44. hxg5 a3 45. Bf7 a5 46. Be6 a2 47.
Kb2 a1=Q+ 48. Kxa1 Kb3 49. Bd5 a4 50. g6 a3 51.
Be6 Kb4 52. Ka2 c3 53. Bb3 Kc5 54. Kxa3 Kd4 55.
Bc2 Kc4 56. Ka4 Kd4 57. Kb4 Kd5 58. Kxc3 Ke5 59.
Kc4 Ke6 60. Kc5 Ke7 61. Kc6 Ke6 62. Kc7 Ke7 63.
Kc8 Ke6 64. Kd8 Kf6 65. Ke8 Ke6 66. Kf8 Kf6 67.
Bd3 Kg5 68. Kxg7 Black resigns

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PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1.	John Roush	WV	2070		W--11	W---8	W---4	D---3	3.5
2.	David Saville	WV	2048		W---7	L---3	W--12	W---8	3.0
3.	Ben Good	KY	1660		W--15	W---2	D---6	D---1	3.0
4.	Jim Fuller	WV	1644		W--17	W---5	L---1	W---9	3.0
5.	Robert Canary	WV	1800		W---8	L---4	W--14	D---6	2.5
6.	Gary Cummings	WV	1775		W--13	D--12	D---3	D---5	2.5
7.	Gary Morris	WV	1580		L---2	W--10	D--11	W--14	2.5
8.	David Olson	WV	1700		W--14	L---1	W--13	L---2	2.0
9.	David Hundley	WV	1357		L---5	W--17	W--10	L---4	2.0
10.	Jim Olson	WV	1298		W--16	L---7	L---9	W--15	2.0
11.	Jim Kirkpatrick	WV	1601		L---1	L--14	D---7	W--17	1.5
12.	Chuck Waugh	WV	1542		H----	D---6	L---2	U----	1.5
13.	Henry Hunt	WV	1325		L---6	W--15	L---8	U----	1.0
14.	Joe Weaver	WV	1320		L---8	W--11	L---5	L---7	1.0
15.	Bill Salmon	WV	1100		L---3	L--13	W--17	L--10	1.0
16.	Aaron Richardson	WV	1715		L--10	U-----	U-----	U-----	0.0
17.	Steve Hunley	WV	Unrated		L---4	L---9	L--15	L--11	0.0

TD: Chuck Waugh

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Qc7 11. Be2 O-O 12. a3 Bxc3 13. Bxc3 Rd8 14. Qc1 Nd5 15. Be5 Qe7 16. O-O b5 17. Bxb8 Rxb8 18. Ne3 Bb7 19. c4 Nf4 20. Re1 Nxe2+ 21. Rxe2 Rbc8 22. b3 Rd3 23. Qb2 Rcd8 24. Rae1 Qg5 25. cxb5 axb5 26. b4 f5 27. Qe5 f4 28. Qxg5 Black resigns

Mike Baker (C) - Gary Cummings (B), Round 2

1. e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. d5 exd5 4. exd5 d6 5. Bb5+ Bd7 6. Qe2+ Qe7 7. Bxd7+ Nxd7 8. Qxe7+ Bxe7 9. Nf3 Ngf6 10. e4 O-O 11. O-O Ng4 12. h3 Nge5 13. Nxe5 Nxe5 14. Nd2 f5 15. f4 Nd3 16. Rf3 Nxc1 17. Rxc1 Bf6 18. b3 Rae8 19. Kf1 Re7 20. Re1 Rfe8 21. Rxe7 Rxe7 22. Rf2 Bc3 23. Re2 Rxe2 24. Drawn

Gary Cummings (B) - Ed Garner (X), Round 3

Sicilian Defense, O'Kelly Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 a6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Nb3 Bb4 7. f3 d5 8. Bg5 d4 9. a3 Be7 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Nd5 Be6 12. Nxf6+ Qxf6 13. Nc5 Bc8 14. Qd2 O-O 15. Nd3 Nc6 16. Be2 Qh4+ 17. Nf2 f5 18. Bc4+ Kh8 19. O-O Rf6 20. exf5 Bxf5 21. Ng4 Bxg4 22. fxg4 Qxg4 23. Rxf6 gxf6 24. Qh6 Qg6 25. Qd2 e4 26. Rf1 Ne5 27. Be2 Rd8 28. Qf4 Drawn

Jim Fuller (B) - Kevin Sivaneri (D), Round 3

1. Nf3 c5 2. d3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. c3 e6 6. e4 Nge7 7. O-O O-O 8. Be3 d6 9. Nbd2 b5 10. a3 Bb7 11. Qe2 a5 12. h3 b4 13. d4 cxd4 14. Nxd4 Ba6 15. Nb5 Rb8 16. a4 bxc3 17. bxc3 Bxc3 18. Rab1 Qd7 19. h4 Nd4 20. Bxd4 Bxd4 21. Qd3 Bc5 22. Nb3 Rfe8 23. Nxa5 Bb6 24. Nc4 Bc5 25. Ne5 Qd8 26. Ng4 Nc6 27. Rbd1 Nb4 28. Qf3 Rb7 29. h5 e5 30. Nxe5 Qf8 31. Ng4 Bxb5 32. axb5 Rxb5 33. hxg6 hxg6 and White eventually won

Donald Griffith (X) - Jon Karraker (B), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Accelerated Dragon

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. f4 Ng4 8. Qxg4 Nxd4 9. O-O-O Nc6 10. Qf3 Bxc3 11. bxc3 Qa5 12. Kb2 d6 13. Rd5 Qc7 14. h4 Be6 15. h5 Bxd5 16. exd5 Na5 17. hxg6 fxg6 18. Bb5+ Kd8 19. Bd4 Rg8 20. Rxh7 a6 21. Qe3 Nc4+ 22. Bxc4 Qxc4 23. Qxe7+ Black resigns

Mike Baker (C) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 4

Sicilian Defense, Kalishnikov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nxc6 bxc6

6. Nc3 Nf6 7. Bg5 Be7 8. Bd3 O-O 9. O-O Rb8 10. b3 Bc5 11. Ne2 h6 12. Bxf6 Qxf6 13. Kh1 d5 14. exd5 cxd5 15. f3 Be6 16. Ng3 Rbd8 17. Qe2 Bd6 18. c4 dxc4 19. Ne4 Qf4 20. Bxc4 Bf5 21. g3 Bxe4 22. gxf4 and White won

Jim Kirkpatrick (B) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 4

Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4+ 5. Nc3 c5 6. Qc2 Nc6 7. e3 h6 8. Bh4 Bd7 9. cxd5 exd5 10. dxc5 Rc8 11. a3 Bxc3+ 12. Qxc3 b6 13. Ba6 Rc7 14. Bg3 Rc8 15. Bxc8 Bxc8 16. Bh4 g5 17. Nxc5 hxg5 18. Bxg5 d4 19. exd4 Ne4 20. Bxd8 Nxc3 21. Bf6 Rh6 22. bxc3 Rxf6 23. d5 Ne5 24. c6 Nd3+ 25. Kd2 Ba6 26. f3 Nf4 27. Rae1+ Kd8 28. Re5 Bc4 29. Rhe1 Nxd5 30. R1e4 Bb3 31. c4 Nf4 32. Re7 Ne6 33. Rxa7 Rh6 34. Kc3 Nc5 35. c7+ Black resigns

Mike Baker (C) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 5

Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. e5 dxe5 8. Qxd8+ Kxd8 9. Bg5 Bg7 10. O-O-O+ Bd7 11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. Ne4 Kc7 13. h3 Rad8 14. Nc5 Bf5 15. g4 Rxd1+ 16. Kxd1 Rd8+ 17. Kc1 Bc8 18. Bc4 e6 19. c3 Be7 20. Nb3 f5 21. Rd1 Rxd1+ 22. Kxd1 Bf6 23. g5 Bg7 24. h4 e4 25. Ng1 Ne5 26. Be2 Kd6 27. f4 exf3 28. Nxf3 Nxf3 29. Bxf3 e5 30. Kd2 e4 31. Bg2 Be6 32. Ke3 Be5 33. Nc1 Bg3 34. h5 Ke5 35. Ne2 f4+ 36. Kd2 f3 37. Bxf3 exf3 38. Nxc3 Kf4 39. Nf1 gxh5 40. a3 Bh3 41. Ne3 Bg2 42. Nd1 h4 43. Nf2 h3 44. Ke1 h2 45. c4 h1=Q+ 46. Nxh1 Bxh1 47. Kf2 Bg2 48. b4 Bh3 49. a4 Bd7 50. a5 a6 51. White resigns

Jon Karraker (B) - Jim Fuller (B), Round 5

English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 e6 3. b3 g6 4. Bb2 Bg7 5. Bg2 d6 6. e3 e5 7. Ne2 Be6 8. O-O h5 9. d4 Nbd7 10. Nbc3 Qc7 11. d5 c5 12. dxe6 fxe6 13. Nb5 Qb6 14. Qxd6 Kf7 15. Qxb6 axb6 16. Bxb7 Rab8 17. Bg2 h4 18. Nd6+ Ke7 19. Ne4 Ne8 20. Rad1 Ra8 21. a3 Rb8 22. Rd2 Nef6 23. Nxf6 Bxf6 24. Rfd1 Rbd8 25. Bc6 Nb8 26. Rxd8 Rxd8 27. Rxd8 Kxd8 28. Be4 g5 29. gxh4 gxh4 30. f4 Bg7 31. Bxe5 Bxe5 32. fxe5 Nd7 33. Nf4 Ke7 34. Ng6+ Kf7 35. Kg2 Kg7 36. Kh3 Kh6 37. Kxh4 Black resigns

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Tom LaBue (C) - Gary Cummings (B), Round 5
Budapest Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ne4 4. Nf3 d6 5. e3 Nc6 6. exd6 Bxd6 7. Be2 Bf5 8. Nbd2 O-O 9. Nxe4 Bxe4 10. a3 Qf6 11. Bd3 Rfe8 12. Bxe4 Rxe4 13. Rb1 Rxc4 14. b3 Rg4 15. g3 Rd8 16. Qe2 Qg6 17. Ra1 Be5 18. Nxe5 Nxe5 19. O-O h5 20. f3 Rg5 21. e4 Nd3 22. Bxg5 Qxg5 23. f4 Qc5+ 24. Kg2 Qc3 25. Rfd1 h4 26. Rac1 Qxb3 27. Rb1 Qxa3 28. Rxb7 Qa6 29. Rxd3 Rxd3 30. Rb8+ Kh7 31. Qh5+ Qh6 32. Qe2 h3+ 33. Kf2 Rd7 34. e5 Rb6 35. Drawn

Jim Olson (D) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 5
Trompowsky Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 Ne4 3. Bf4 c5 4. f3 Qa5+ 5. c3 Nf6 6. d5 d6 7. e4 g6 8. Na3 Bg7 9. Nc4 Qd8 10. a4 O-O 11. Ne2 b6 12. Ng3 Ba6 13. Bd3 Ne8 14. O-O e6 15. Ne3 Bxd3 16. Qxd3 e5 17. Ne2 exf4 18. Nxf4 Nd7 19. Rfe1 Ne5 20. Qf1 Rb8 21. Nh3 Qd7 22. f4 Ng4 23. Nxd4 Qxg4 24. e5 dxe5 25. fxe5 Rd8 26. Rad1 Qxa4 27. Qe2 Qd7 28. Ng5 Nc7 29. e6 fxe6 30. Nxe6 Nxe6 31. Qxe6+ Qxe6 32. dxe6 Rxd1 33. Rxd1 Re8 34. Re1 a5 and Black eventually won.

Ernest Tingler (E) - Elias Stewart (D), Round 5

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 Nf6 5. Bc4 Bg7 6. e5 Nc6 7. Qe3 Ng4 8. Qf4 Ngxe5 9. Nxe5 Nxe5 10. Bb3 O-O 11. O-O b6 12. Bd5 Rb8 13. Re1 e6 14. Be4 d5 15. Bf3 Nxf3+ 16. Qxf3 Bb7 17. Qh3 d4 18. Bh6 Bxh6 19. Qxh6 Qd5 20. White resigns

Donald Griffith (X) - Ed Garner (X), Round 6
Sicilian Defense, O'Kelly Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 a6 3. c3 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 e6 6. Nc3 d6 7. Be2 Nf6 8. O-O Be7 9. h3 O-O 10. Be3 b5 11. d5 Ne5 12. Nxe5 dxe5 13. a3 exd5 14. exd5 Bb7 15. Bf3 e4 16. Nxe4 Nxd5 17. Bd4 Rc8 18. Rc1 Rxc1 19. Qxc1 Ba8 20. Rd1 Drawn

Gary Cummings (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 7
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. Be3 Nbd7 9. a4 Be7 10. O-O O-O 11. f3 Rc8 12. g4 Nb6 13. Nd2 d5 14. g5 d4 15. gxf6 Bxf6 16. Nd5 Bxd5 17. exd5 dxe3 18. Ne4 Nxd5 19. Nxf6+ Nxf6 20. Bd3 Nd5 21. Be4 Nf4 22. Qxd8 Rfxd8 23. Bxb7 Rxc2 24. Bxa6 Rdd2 25. Rfc1 Rg2+

26. Kh1 Rxh2+ 27. Kgl Rcg2+ 28. White resigns

Mike Baker (C) - Jim Fuller (B), Round 7

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. e5 dxe5 5. dxe5 Qxd1+ 6. Nxd1 Nd5 7. Ne3 e6 8. c4 Nxe3 9. Bxe3 Bb4+ 10. Bd2 Bxd2+ 11. Kxd2 g5 12. g3 Nd7 13. f4 h6 14. Nf3 gxf4 15. gxf4 Rg8 16. Bh3 Nc5 17. Rhg1 Kf8 18. Rxg8+ Kxg8 19. Nd4 Na4 20. b3 Nb6 21. f5 c5 22. Nb5 exf5 23. Nd6 Be6 24. Ke2 Nd7 25. Bxf5 Bxf5 26. Nxf5 Kh7 27. Nd6 Nxe5 28. Nxb7 Rc8 29. Rf1 Kg7 30. Nd6 Rc6 31. Nf5+ Kf8 32. h3 Re6 33. Kd2 Ra6 34. a4 Rf6 35. Kc3 Nc6 36. Ng3 Rg6 37. Ne4 Ne7 38. Nxc5 Rg3+ 39. Kb2 Rxh3 40. Nd7+ Kg7 41. Ne5 f5 42. c5 Kf6 43. Nc4 Nd5 44. c6 Ne3 45. Nxe3 Rxe3 46. c7 Re8 47. White resigns

Tom LaBue (C) - Trevor McGraw (C), Round 7
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 a5 7. Qd2 Na6 8. a3 b6 9. Bd3 e5 10. d5 Nc5 11. Qc2 Nxd3+ 12. Qxd3 Nd7 13. Nge2 f5 14. Rc1 Nf6 15. Nb5 Bb7 16. Nec3 Qd7 17. Ke2 Nh5 18. Rcf1 Rf7 19. g3 Raf8 20. Rf2 f4 21. Bd2 fxg3 22. Rg2 Qh3 23. Rhg1 gxh2 and Black won

Elias Stewart (D) - Dave Brennehan (E), Round 7
English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. e3 O-O 5. Ne2 e6 6. O-O c6 7. d4 d5 8. cxd5 cxd5 9. Nbc3 Re8 10. Qc2 Nc6 11. a3 Ng4 12. h3 Nf6 13. b4 a6 14. Bd2 Nd7 15. Rac1 Nb6 16. Nf4 Ne7 17. b5 Bd7 18. bxa6 Rxa6 19. Nb1 Ba4 20. Qc7 Bb5 21. Rfel Nc4 22. Qxd8 Rxd8 23. Bf1 Nxa3 24. Nxa3 Bxf1 25. Rxf1 Rxa3 26. Bb4 Rb3 27. Bxe7 Ra8 28. Rb1 Rxb1 29. Rxb1 Ra7 30. Bc5 Ra8 31. Rxb7 Bf8 32. Ra7 Bxc5 33. Rxa8+ and White won

Jim Kirkpatrick (B) - Dave Kennedy (D), Round 7

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. e4 c5 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nxd4 6. Qxd4 e6 7. Bg5 Be7 8. g3 b6 9. Bg2 Rb8 10. Nb5 Bb7 11. Bxb7 Rxb7 12. Nd6+ Bxd6 13. Qxd6 Qe7 14. Qxe7+ Kxe7 15. e4 h6 16. Bxf6+ Kxf6 17. f4 Rc8 18. b3 b5 19. Rc1 bxc4 20. e5+ Ke7 21. O-O Rbc7 22. b4 c3 23. Rc2 Rc4 24. a3 a6 25. Rd1 R8c6 26. Rd3 h5 27. h4 f6 28. exf6+ gxf6 29. Kf2 f5 30. Ke3 d6 31. Rd4 e5 32. fxe5 dxe5 33. Rxc4 Rxc4 34. Kd3 Rg4 35. Rg2 f4 36. Kxc3 Rxc3+ 37. White resigns

West Virginia at the U.S. Amateur Team East

by Gary Cummings and Tom LaBue

2001 United States Amateur Team Championship - East
Parsippany, New Jersey; February 17 - 19 , 2001

Exploits of the best team that the great state of West Virginia has ever sent. Nobody else wanted to go. Presenting West Virginia's first ever entered team, Those fabulous; Backward Pawn Blues Brothers.

Featuring on

Board 1 Gary Cummings Blarney Stone Kisser
Board 2 David Olson Deep Space contemplator
Board 3 James Kirkpatrick Looks like Larry
Board 4 Thomas LaBue The Captain and the Keel

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. Gary Cummings	1	1	½	0	0	½	3
2. David Olson	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
3. James Kirkpatrick	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
4. Tom LaBue	1	1	0	½	0	1	3½
Team Score	1	1	0	0	0	1	3

The 'Backward Pawn Blues Brothers' won the prize for best team from West Virginia. Unfortunately the organizers did not have this prize available this year.

The way it was

The team name that was decided upon just kind of came from the last thing that was said between Tom and myself in an email that more or less said that neither of us knew what in the Rex Del Mundo to call ourselves.

The way of the original cast was to be with Mike Baker on board three and our very own Jim Kirkpatrick on board 2. Then, just a few weeks before kickoff, Mike was saved by a new position at work. His work schedule changed and was had to back out.

One of our more prestigious state progeny, who was already attending school in New Jersey, said he would like to meet us at the site and play. That's when David Olson got into the picture. So we all just up and went.

From the first time that Tom had tried to put together a team for this adventure we can honestly say that this was a story that was years in the making. Much like the Sherlock Holmes' Adventure of the giant rat of Sumatra, it is a story for which the world is still not ready. So

regardless of the wishes of the National Security Council, and despite the urging of the state legislature and dismissing all the threats about calling out the National Guard, we have decided to let the story be told.

We were five hundred miles from Parsippany, we had a full tank of gas and half a pack of cigarettes. It was dark and we were all wearing sunglasses. Hit it !

They had chess boards already in place at every board location. This was the first time I had ever seen this standardization of the chess boards. I was not keen on the color and contrast of the boards, being light brown dark squares mixed with off white vanilla light squares, but the effect of seeing them all in place gave a tingling impression that this was a big 'to do'.

At one point Kirkpatrick and I were standing about in the hallway minding our affairs when a short elderly gentleman who was walking by stopped very abruptly and began to stare at Kirkpatrick. I noticed him by Kirk's stare past me. When I turned and saw him I recognized him at once. Kirk said 'hello', and the gentleman said 'hi' back at him. 'Aren't you Larry?', the older one said, and Kirk replied, "No, I'm Jim". The older man said "No, I'm sure you're Larry". Kirk cast a quick glance at me and insisted that he was indeed Jim and that he was sorry he could not be Larry. They shook hands and the old one was on his way. When I told Kirk that it was Arthur Bisguier that he had just had the exchange with he was delighted. For the remainder of the day he was swelled with pride and was telling everyone "Arthur Bisguier thinks I'm somebody else".

Tom was the first to point out that they were using accelerated pairings for the first two rounds. We were obviously in the bottom half.

Each board was set up with four matching chess boards and a results card that had one side for one team and the other side for the other team, of course. Four positions were there for the name of the player and a center column for the result. The cards were a dull, light brown color.

For the rest of the event we just called it ' the endgame '.

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Kirkpatrick's fantastic fight in the second round even out did his first round queen winning trap. It was the same Kevin Drescher that had fallen to Cummings back in October of 1976 that was involved in this fight against Kirkpatrick.

Sunday morning I was timing country tunes to the rhythm of the snoring between Tom and Dave when I heard Kirk roll over from his position near the door and speak in his sleep. As if in some sort of horrid nightmare he exalted with a cry of anguish in voice "All my pieces are tied up."

Round 1: College of New Jersey

Paired down the first round due to the accelerated pairings. Gary and I had early advantages and both finished with wins. Dave missed a mating threat and had to toss a rook to survive. He struggled for a draw, but fell short. Jim trapped his opponent's queen on move 17. Then later Jim had to sac his own queen for a rook. Jim slowed the rolling pawns enough to win a piece and survive. We are now 1-0.

Rampaging pawns down the b and c files.
Gary Cummings - Karl Strohmaier (1450)
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Nc6 8. Be3 Be7 9. O-O b5 10. a4 b4 11. Nd5 O-O 12. Nxe7+ Nxe7 13. f3 Bb7 14. a5 d5 15. Bb6 Qd6 16. Ne5 Qc6 17. Qd2 dxe4 18. fxe4 Nc8 19. Qxb4 Nxb6 20. axb6 a5 21. Rxa5 Rxa5 22. Qxa5 Ra8 23. Qb5 Nxe4 24. Qxc6 Bxc6 25. Nxe4 Bxe4 26. Bf3 Bxf3 27. Rxf3 Rb8 28. Rb3 Kf8 29. c4 Ke7 30. c5 Kd7 31. Ra3 Kc6 32. Ra5 f5 33. b4 e4 34. Ra7 g5 35. Rc7+ Kb5 36. b7 Ka6 37. c6 Rd8 38. Rc8 Rd1+ 39. Kf2 Rd2+ 40. Ke1 Black resigns

Mid game crisis drops a piece but die hard attitude keeps the play alive.

Ken Wang (1300) - David Olson
Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 d5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Qxc3 O-O 7. Bg5 Nbd7 8. Nf3 h6 9. Bh4 e5 10. e3 b6 11. Bd3 Bb7 12. O-O Rc8 13. b3 cxd4 14. exd4 dxc4 15. bxc4 Ba6 16. Qb3 Qc7 17. Rac1 Qc6 18. Bxf6 Nxf6 19. Ne5 Qc7 20. c5 Bxd3 21. Qxd3 Rfd8 22. Rfd1 bxc5 23. Rxc5 Qb6 24. Rxc8 Rxc8 25. h3 Nd5

26. Rb1 Qa5 27. Qf3 Nf6 28. Rb7 Qe1+ 29. Kh2 Rc3 30. Rb8+ Kh7 31. Qa8 Rxh3+ 32. gxh3 Qxf2+ 33. Qg2 Qf4+ 34. Kh1 Ne4 35. Rb1 Ng3+ 36. Kh2 Ne2+ 37. Kh1 Ng3+ 38. Kg1 Qxd4+ 39. Kh2 Qxe5 40. Qxg3 Qe2+ 41. Qg2 Qe5+ 42. Kh1 Qc3 43. Qe4+ f5 44. Qg2 Qxa3 45. Rg1 Qc3 46. Qg6+ Kh8 47. Qe8+ Kh7 48. Qg6+ Kh8 49. Qg2 a5 50. Qa8+ Kh7 51. Qg2 a4 52. Qg6+ Kh8 53. Kh2 a3 54. Qg3 Qb2+ (maybe Qxg3 and hope the 4 connected kingside pawns will cause problems) 55. Rg2 Qa1 56. Qd6 a2 57. Qxe6 Qd4 58. Qxa2 Qf4+ 59. Kh1 Qf1+ 60. Kh2 Qf4+ 61. Rg3 h5 62. Qa8+ Kh7 63. Qf3 Qd2+ 64. Rg2 Qd6+ 65. Kh1 Qe5 66. Qxh5+ and White eventually won.

Spiders web trap where a pawn fork really weaves a silky net around the queen.

J. Kirkpatrick - Len Sprishen (1191)

French Defense

1. Nf3 e6 2. e4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Bb5+ Nc6 5. O-O Qb6 6. Qe2 a6 7. Bxc6+ bxc6 8. c4 Nh6 9. d3 Nf5 10. Nc3 Be7 11. Be3 d4 12. Na4 Qa5 13. Bd2 Qxa4 14. b3 Qa3 15. Rfb1 Bb7 16. Ne1 Qb4 17. Bxb4 cxb4 18. Nf3 c5 19. Nd2 O-O 20. Ne4 a5 21. a4 bxa3 ep. 22. Rxa3 Bxe4 23. Qxe4 Rfb8 24. g4 Nh6 25. h3 a4 26. f4 Ra6 27. f5 Bg5 28. fxe6 Be3+ 29. Kh1 fxe6 30. Qf3 Rf8 31. Qd1 Ra7 32. bxa4 R7f7 33. a5 Rf3 34. Qxf3 Rxf3 35. Kg2 Rf2+ 36. Kg3 Rf8 37. a6 Bf4+ 38. Kg2 Bxe5 39. a7 Ra8 40. Rb7 Nf7 41. R3b3 Nd8 42. Rb8 Rxa7 43. Rxd8+ Kf7 44. Rb2 Ke7 45. Rc8 Bd6 46. Rf2 Ra3 47. R8f8 Kd7 48. R2f7+ Kc6 49. Rc8+ Kb6 50. Re8 Rxd3 51. Rxe6 Kc6 52. Rxf7 Rg3+ 53. Kf2 Rxh3 54. Rf7 Rh2+ 55. Kg1 Rc2 56. R7f6 Rc1+ 57. Kf2 Kb6 58. Rxd6+ Ka5 59. Ra6+ Kb4 60. Rfb6+ Kxc4 61. Ra3 Black resigns

Neat check 101 on f2 grabs a pawn and they keep on falling.

Michael Cappola (1100) - Tom LaBue

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bg5 Bc5 7. Be2 Bxf2+ 8. Kf1 Bc5 9. c3 O-O 10. a4 Be7 11. Nbd2 d5 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. exd5 Qxd5 14. Bc4 Qd8 15. Qc2 g6 16. Rd1 Qe7 17. Ne4 Bf5 18. Nfd2 Rad8 19. Bd3 Bg7 20. b4 b6 21. Nf3 h6 22. Kf2 Nb8 23. Rhe1 Rd7 24. Kg1 Rfd8 25. Kh1 Kh8 26. Kg1 Bxe4 27. Bxe4 f5 28. Rxd7 Rxd7 29. Bxf5 gxf5 30. Qxf5 Qf6 31. Qxe5 Qxe5 32. Nxe5 Rc7 33. Re3 Kh7

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34. h4 Re7 35. Nc4 Rxe3 36. Nxe3 Bxc3 37. b5 Bd4
38. Kf2 Kg6 39. Kf3 Bxe3 40. Kxe3 Nd7 41. Ke4 Nc5+
42. Kf4 Nxa4 43. g4 Nc3 44. h5+ Kf6 45. Kg3 Kg5 46.
White resigns

Round 2: Dead Wood

This was our best round of the tourney. Gary won his game and then Dave came up empty. Both Jim and I played long games. I missed a forced mate on move 36; but later found a mate in six to wrap this game sometime close to 1am. Jim only needed to draw to clinch a win for us, but he was able to precisely snatch a win about 2am. I think Jim's game was the last one finished in the hall. We are tired, but happy to be 2-0. Tomorrow will likely be a tough day.

Deflection sac was sure to lead to a two pawn advantage in a rook ending.

Derek Slater (2047) - Gary Cummings

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. Nf3 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6
6. Be3 a6 7. Be4 Qc7 8. Qe2 Bb4 9. O-O Bxc3 10.
bxc3 Ne5 11. Bd3 Qxc3 12. h3 O-O 13. f4 Nxd3 14.
cxd3 d6 15. g4 e5 16. Nf3 Bd7 17. Rac1 Qa5 18. fxe5
dxe5 19. Rc5 Qa4 20. Nxe5 Bb5 21. Nc4 Rad8 22. Bg5
Qb4 23. Qe3 Rxd3 24. Rxb5 Qxc4 25. White resigns

Pawn sac backfire and down goes a piece in harsh complications in the center.

David Olson - Tim Neuman (1967)

English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. g3 d5 5. cxd5 Nxd5
6. Bg2 Nb6 7. d3 Be7 8. O-O Be6 9. a3 a5 10. d4 exd4
11. Nb5 Bf6 12. Bf4 Nd5 13. Nfxd4 Nxd4 14. Bxd5
Nxb5 15. Bxb7 Rb8 16. Bc6+ Bd7 17. Qc1 Bxc6 18.
Qxc6+ Qd7 19. Qe4+ Qe6 20. a4 O-O 21. Qxa5 Nd4
22. Qxc7 Nxe2+ 23. Kg2 Qe4+ 24. f3 Nxf4+ 25. Qxf4
Rxb2+ 26. Kh3 Qe2 27. Rh1 Qg2+ 28. Kg4 h5+ 29.
Kf5 Rb5+ 30. Ke4 Re8+ 31. White resigns

'The ending.' Titanic struggle where both sides continue to fight for a win. A super game.

Kevin Dresher (1869) - J. Kirkpatrick

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 b6 4. e4 Bb4 5. f3 Bxc3+ 6.
bxc3 h6 7. Bd3 d6 8. Ne2 e5 9. O-O Bb7 10. Be3 N8d7
11. Nc1 Qe7 12. Nb3 O-O 13. Qe2 Nh5 14. Qd2 g5

15. g3 Ng7 16. g4 Ne6 17. Kf2 Nf4 18. Bxf4 gxf4 19.
Ke1 a5 20. a4 Nf6 21. Rg1 Nh7 22. Qg2 Kh8 23. Ke2
Rg8 24. Qf2 Bc6 25. Nd2 Rg7 26. d5 Bd7 27. Bc2
R8g8 28. h3 h5 29. Rh1 Rg6 30. Rh2 Rh6 31. Kd1
hxc4 32. hxc4 R8g6 33. Kc1 Qg5 34. Kb2 Rxh2 35.
Qxh2 Rh6 36. Qg2 Qh4 37. Rg1 Ng5 38. Bd1 Nh3 39.
Rh1 Qg3 40. Rh2 Kg7 41. Nf1 Qxg2+ 42. Rxc2 Ng5
43. Rh2 Rxh2+ 44. Nxc2 Nh3 45. Kc1 Kg6 46. Kd2
Kg5 47. Ke2 Kh4 48. Nf1 Ng5 49. Kf2 Kh3 50. Bc2 f6
51. Bd1 Nf7 52. Bb3 Nd8 53. e5 dxc5 54. c4 c6 55. Bd1
cxd5 56. exd5 Nf7 57. Bc2 Nd6 58. Nd2 Kh4 59. Kg2
f5 60. gxf5 Nxf5 61. Bxf5 Bxf5 62. Ne4 Bd7 63. Nc3
Kg5 64. Kf2 Kf6 65. Ke2 Ke7 66. Kd2 Bc8 67. Kd3
Bf5+ 68. Kd2 Kf6 69. Ke2 Kg5 70. Kd2 Kh4 71. Ke2
Kg3 72. d6 Bd7 73. Ne4+ Kg2 74. Nc3 Bc6 75. Nd5
Bxa4 76. Nxb6 Bc6 77. d7 Bxd7 78. Nxd7 e4 79. Ne5
exf3+ 80. Nxf3 a4 81. Ne1+ Kg3 82. Kf1 a3 83. Nc2 a2
84. Na1 Kf3 85. Nc2 Ke4 86. Ke2 f3+ 87. Kf2 Kd3 88.
Na1 Kc3 89. White resigns

White missed a mate in three but a wonderful game none the less. Exchange sac beauty.

Tom LaBue - Don Miller(1580)

Dutch Defense

1. d4 b6 2. e4 e6 3. a3 Bb7 4. e3 f5 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Nc3
Be7 7. Be2 O-O 8. O-O Ne4 9. Bd2 g5 10. d5 g4 11.
Nd4 Ng5 12. f3 h5 13. e4 Bc5 14. Bxg5 Qxg5 15. f4
Qg7 16. e5 Qf7 17. b4 Be7 18. Nc2 d6 19. dxe6 Qxe6
20. Nd4 Qf7 21. e6 Qg7 22. Nd5 Bxd5 23. cxd5 Bf6
24. Nxf5 Qh7 25. Bd3 Bxa1 26. Qxa1 Rxf5 27. e7?!
Nd7 28. Qb1! Qxe7 29. Bxf5 Qe3+ 30. Kh1 Nf6 31.
Be6+ Kg7 32. Qf5 Ne4 33. g3 Nf2+ 34. Rxf2 Qxf2 35.
Qg5+ Kh7 36. Qxh5+? (36.. Bf5+ Kh8 37. Qh6+ Kg8
38. Be6#) 36...Kg7 37. Qxg4+ Kh6 38. Qg5+ Kh7 39.
Qh5+ Kg7 40. Qd1 Qb2 41. f5 Kf6 42. h4 Rh8 43.
Qg4 Qc1+ 44. Kh2 Qh6 45. Qd4+ (45. Qe4 Rh7 46.
Kh3 Qd2 47. Qg2 Qg5 48. Qe4 Qd2 49. Qf3 Qb2 50.
g4 Qd4 51. Qg3 Qe4? 52. g5+ Kg7 53. Qc3+ Black
resigns

Round 3: Smoking J'Adoube

We woke to find out that we would be playing on Board 8 with the big boys. *Smoking J'Adoube* was seeded in the top 20 or 30 boards and would be 5-0 after five rounds and lose the finale to Art Bisguier's *Zen and the Art of Bisguier*. Our zeal was short-lived as Jim, Dave and I were all done in 1½ hours. Gary had a tough game

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going against master Lewis Eisen, but Eisen relented a draw rather than face a prolonged game.

Dug in on the dark squares and black was fighting an uphill battle all the way.

Gary Cummings - Lewis Eisen(2289)

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3.. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Qb6 5. Nb3 Qc7 6. Be2 Nf6 7. Nc3 a6 8. Be3 b5 9. O-O Bb7 10. f3 Be7 11. Qd4 Nc6 12. Qb6 Qxb6 13. Bxb6 d6 14. a3 O-O 15. Rad1 Rfc8 16. Rd2 Ne8 17. Na5 Rab8 18. Nxc6 Rxc6 19. Ba5 R8c8 20. R1d1 g5 21. g3 Bf6 22. Bb4 Be5 23. Kf2 Kg7 24. Bd3 Bd4+ 25. Ke2 Bc5 26. Na2 Bxb4 27. Nxb4 Rc5 28. c3 Kf6 Draw agreed

Vigorous kingside attack forces the loss of an exchange and the two rooks work together.

Samson Beenan (2106) - David Olson

King's Indian Attack /Maroczy Bind

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. e4 c5 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. O-O O-O 6. d4 exd4 7. Nxd4 Nc6 8. Nc3 Nxd4 9. Qxd4 d6 10. Qd3 Rb8 11. e4 b6 12. b3 Bb7 13. Bb2 Nd7 14. Rad1 a6 15. f4 b5 16. cxb5 axb5 17. e5 Bxg2 18. Kxg2 Nc5 19. Qe2 Qb6 20. exd6 exd6 21. Nd5 Qb7 22. Bxg7 Kxg7 23. Qb2+ Kg8 24. Kg1 f5 25. Nf6+ Rxf6 26. Qxf6 Ne4 27. Qd4 Qa6 28. Rc1 Qb6 29. Qxb6 Rxb6 30. a4 Nd2 31. Rfd1 Nxb3 32. Rc8+ Kg7 33. axb5 Rxb5 34. Rc7+ Kf8 35. Rxd6 Ke8 36. Rxh7 Rc5 37. Ra6 Ra5 38. Rb6 Ra1+ and Black resigns

Impulsive knight sac ensured that no long ending would be played this time.

Jim Kirkpatrick - Ben Johnson (2105)

Sicilian Defense by transposition.

1. Nf3 c5 2. b3 Nf6 3. Bb2 e6 4. e3 Be7 5. d4 cxd4 6. Nxd4 O-O 7. c4 a6 8. Nc3 b6 9. Bd3 Bb7 10. Qc2 Nc6 11. Nxc6 Bxc6 12. O-O Rc8 13. e4 d6 14. Rad1 Qc7 15. Nd5 exd5 16. exd5 Bd7 17. Bxf6 Bxf6 18. Bxh7+ Kh8 19. Bf5 g6 20. Be4 Kg7 21. f4 Rh8 22. f5 g5 23. Kh1 b5 24. Bd3 Rh4 25. g3 Rh6 26. Qe2 Re8 27. Qg4 bxc4 28. bxc4 Qa5 29. Bb1 Qb4 30. Qf3 Qxc4 31.

White scrambled in time trouble for a few more moves and then resigned

Looked like black had really taken it to him but then the final assault just did pull it out.

Yakov Hirsch(2049) - Tom LaBue

Different

1. d4 d5 2. e3 Nf6 3. Bd3 Nbd7 4. f4 b6 5. Nd2 Bb7 6. Qf3 g6 7. Nh3 Bg7 8. O-O Nf8 9. Nf2 Qd7 10. a4 O-O-O 11. a5 Kb8 12. axb6 cxb6 13. Qe2 Ne8 14. Ba6 Nd6 15. Bxb7 Qxb7 16. b3 f5 17. c4 Nd7 18. Ba3 Ka8 19. Nd3 Nb8 20. c5 Nb5 21. Nb1 Nxd4 22. Qd1 Nf3+ 23. Rxf3 Bxa1 24. Nd2 Bf6 25. b4 b5 26. c6 Nxc6 27. Nc5 Qc8 28. Qe2 a6 29. Rf1 e5 30. fxe5 Bxe5 31. Nf3 Bf6 32. Bb2 Bxb2 33. Qxb2 Rhe8 34. Ra1 Nb8 35. Nd4 Rxe3? 35...Re7 36. Nxb5 Qc6 37. Nxa6 Nxa6 38. Rxa6+ Qxa6 39. Nc7+ Kb7 40. Nxa6 Kxa6 41. b5+? Kb7 42. Qg7+ Kc8 43. b6 Rd7 44. b7+ Kxb7?? (44...Rxb7!) 45. Qxd7+ Black resigns

Round 4 : Chesswise.com : Rohde Runners

We knew we could still be playing a team much higher this round. I even joked with Gary that he may be paired with a GM this round. I checked the pairing and saw the name of the team and realized this was no joke. Gary would get to play GM Michael Rohde. I fumbled a pawn away into a pawn-up bishops of opposite color endgame and settled for a draw with GM Rohde's son. Dave and Jim both lost their games. At least we weren't bageled.

Unclear e5 pawn sac but black never could think about counter play.

GM Michael Rohde (2535) - Gary Cummings

King's Indian Defense

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. e4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. d4 N8d7 6. e5 dxe5 7. dxe5 Ng4 8. e6 fxe6 9. Ng5 N7e5 10. Qxd8+ Kxd8 11. h3 Nh6 12. Be3 c6 13. O-O-O+ Ke8 14. g4 N6f7 15. N5e4 b6 16. f4 Nd7 17. Bg2 Rb8 18. Rd2 h6 19. R1d1 Nf6 20. Nxf6+ Bxf6 21. Bxc6+ Kf8 22. Ne4 Kg7 23. c5 Bb7 24. Bxb7 Rxb7 25. Rd7 Rxd7 26. Rxd7 bxc5 27. Rxa7 Bd4 28. Bxd4+ cxd4 29. Rxe7 Rc8+ 30. Kd2 White resigns

Smooth play by black. The early f4 by white lead to a sudden surprize.

David Olson - David Foening (2131)

English Opening / Dutch Defense

1. e4 b6 2. Nc3 Bb7 3. Nf3 e6 4. d4 Bb4 5. e3 f5 6. Bd3 Nf6 7. a3 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 Ne4 9. Qc2 d6 10. O-O Nd7 11. Nd2 Qh4 12. Nxe4 fxe4 13. Be2 O-O 14. f4 exf3 15. Bxf3 Bxf3 16. Rxf3 Qe1+ 17. White resigns

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Black took the center with his pawns and then white took black's pawns.

Scott Pendergast (1737) - J. Kirkpatrick

King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. b3 d5 3. Bb2 c5 4. g3 Nc6 5. Bg2 d4 6. O-O e5 7. d3 Bd6 8. N1d2 b5 9. c3 dxc3 10. Bxc3 Qc7 11. Nxe5 Bb7 12. Nxc6 Bxc6 13. Bxc6+ Qxc6 14. Bxf6 gxf6 15. Qc2 h5 16. d4 h4 17. Qe4+ Qxe4 18. Nxe4 Be7 19. Nxc5 Rd8 20. Rfd1 Rd5 21. b4 hxg3 22. hxg3 R5h5 23. Rac1 f5 24. Nd3 f6 25. Rc8+ Bd8 26. Kg2 Rh2+ 27. Kf3 Kd7 28. R1c1 Rh1 29. Rxh1 Rxh1 30. Rc5 Bb6 31. Rxb5 Kc6 32. Rxf5 Bxd4 33. Ke4 Be5 34. Nxe5+ fxe5 35. Rxe5 Rb1 36. b5+ Kb6 37. Kf5 Rb2 38. g4 Rxa2 39. g5 Rc2 40. g6 Black resigns

Seemed like white should have won but the bishops of opposite colors made it hard.

Tom LaBue - Danny Rohde (1046)

Queen's Gambit \ Ragozin System

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Bf4 Ne4 6. Qb3 Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 Nc6 8. cxd5 exd5 9. e3 O-O 10. Bd3 h6 11. O-O Bg4 12. Bxe4 dxe4 13. Nd2 Rb8 14. Nxe4 Be2 15. Rfe1 Bd3 16. Nd2 Na5 17. Qd1 Nc4 18. Nxc4 Bxc4 19. Qg4 Qf6 20. Bxc7 Rbc8 21. Be5 Qg6 22. Qxg6 fxc6 23. Re1 Rf5 24. f3 g5 25. h3 Bd3 26. a4 Rf7 27. e4 Kh7 28. a5 Kg6 29. Kh2 h5 30. Ra2 Bb5 31. d5 Re7 32. Bd4 a6 33. e5 Bc4 34. Rb2 34. d6? Rxe5 35. Rb2 Rb5 36. Rxb5 axb5 37. Bb6 Be6 38. Bc7 Kf7 39. Rb1 Bd7 40. Re1 Be6 41. Kg3 h4+ 42. Kf2 Re8 43. Rd1 Bd7 44. Rd3 g6 45. Rd4 Ke6 46. Re4+ Kf6 47. Ke3 Rxe4+ 48. Kxe4 Ke6 49. Bd8 Bc6+ 50. Ke3 Kf5 51. Bc7 Bd7 52. Bb8 Bc6 53. Kd4 Ke6 54. Kc5 Kd7 55. Kd4 Draw agreed

Round 5: ? (Team was mostly from Harvard U.)

This was our most disappointing round as Gary and I had decent games and neither could earn even a draw. Even with Gary's opponent arriving 40 minutes late didn't help. Dave lost again and Jim scored another nice win. We are now 2-3.

White got the better of the opening but stumbled during a fancy knight dance.

Gary Cummings - Anatoly Trubman (2127)

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be2 Bg7 7. Be3 Nc6 8. f3 d5 9. O-O e5 10. Nxc6 bxc6

11. exd5 cxd5 12. Bc5 Bf8 13. Bxf8 Kxf8 14. Qd2 Kg7 15. Na4 h5 16. Rad1 Qc7 17. b4 Bf5 18. Nc5 Rad8 19. Qc3 Qb6 20. Kh1 d4 21. Qb3 Nd5 22. Rb1 Nc3 23. Na4 Nxb1 24. Nxb6 Nd2 25. Qb2 Nxf1 26. Bxf1 axb6 27. Bd3 Bxd3 28. cxd3 Rc8 29. f4 Rhe8 30. h4 Rc3 31. Qe2 e4 32. f5 Rxd3 33. Qf2 e3 34. White resigns

A standard displacement tactical sac but still nice, except when it's the other guy!

J. Wolff (2106) - David Olson

Sicilian Defense \ Closed Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. f4 Nc6 4. Bb5 Bd7 5. Nf3 g6 6. O-O Bg7 7. Bxc6 Bxc6 8. d3 Nf6 9. Qe1 O-O 10. Qh4 Qc7 11. f5 Rae8 12. Bh6 d5 13. Bxg7 Kxg7 14. e5 Ng8 15. fxc6 hxc6 16. Ng5 Nh6 17. Rxf7+ Kg8 18. Rxf8+ Rxf8 19. Qxh6 e6 20. Qxf8+ Black resigns

Knight fever leads to an exchange gain and the rooks work best together.

J. Kirkpatrick - Danial Jepsa (1500)

St. George Defense

1. Nf3 b5 2. e4 a6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Bd3 Bb7 5. Qe2 e6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. N1d2 O-O 8. c3 h6 9. Bh4 d6 10. Nb3 a5 11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. Bxb5 a4 13. Nbd2 Be7 14. O-O c5 15. dxc5 dxc5 16. Ne5 Qb6 17. c4 Qc7 18. f4 Bd6 19. N2f3 f6 20. Ng6 Rd8 21. e5 Be7 22. exf6 Bxf6 23. Qxe6+ Kh7 24. N3e5 Bc8 25. Qf7 Qxf7 26. Nxf7 Kxg6 27. Nxd8 Bxd8 28. Rad1 Bf6 29. Rd6 Kh7 30. Be8 Bd4+ 31. Kh1 Bf5 32. Re1 Bf6 33. Rd5 Bc2 34. f5 Na6 35. Bg6+ Kg8 36. Rd2 Bxb2 37. Rxc2 a3 38. R2e2 Kf8 39. Re8+ Black resigns

Kelvin Liao (Unr; 1540/5) - Tom LaBue

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. N1e2 d6 6. d3 Rb8 7. O-O Nf6 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bf4 O-O 10. h4 e5 11. Be3 Ng4 12. Bd2 f5 13. f3 Nf6 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. exd5 Ne7 16. c4 b5 17. Rb1 b4 18. Qe1 Kh7 19. a3 a5 20. f4 Ng8 21. fxe5 Bxe5 22. Bf4 Re8 23. Bxe5 Rxe5 24. Qf2 Qe8 25. Nf4 Nf6 26. Bf3 bxa3 27. bxa3 Rxb1 28. Rxb1 Nd7 29. d4 Re7 30. Ne6 cxd4 31. Qxd4 Ne5 32. Bg2 Bxe6 33. dxe6 Rxe6 34. Rb7+ Re7 35. Qxd6 Rxb7 36. Bxb7 Ng4 37. Qc7+ Kh8 38. Qc8 Qxc8 39. Bxc8 Ne5 40. c5 Kg7? *Had to play 40... Nf3 + so us to get the horse home to c7.* 41. Bb7 Black resigns

Round 6: ? (Team from a NYC HS)

Backward Pawn Blues Brothers take on the Amateur Team East

With the round 5 loss, we are now seated outside the main playing room for the first time. The round was a tough struggle. Gary finished with a draw and Jim was hounded by his severely underrated opponent. Jim was despondent after the game about losing to a 1200, but his opponent had beaten two other B players and only lost to an A player the entire weekend. I managed to pull out my game against my underrated opponent. I missed a few opportunities, but snagged a couple of pawns while he barely managed to make the first time control. Dave was up material early, but had to be careful with some counterplay. Dave freed up a pawn and it helped to score a big win to earn us the victory in the match.

Original attacking idea by black but didn't try to win with 17...Bxh3.

Robert Beal (1819) - Gary Cummings

Budapest Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4 4. Bf4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bb4+ 6. N1d2 Qe7 7. a3 N4xe5 8. Nxe5 Nxe5 9. e3 Bxd2+ 10. Qxd2 d6 11. Be2 Be6 12. Rc1 h5 13. h3 Ng6 14. Bh2 Qg5 15. Bf3 O-O 16. Rg1 Nh4 17. Qd4 Nf5 18. Qc3 Rfe8 19. Bf4 Qe7 20. g4 hxg4 21. Bxg4 Nh4 22. Be2 f6 23. Kd1 c6 24. Kc2 Bf5+ 25. Bd3 d5 26. Bxf5 Nxf5 27. Kb1 Qe4+ 28. Qc2 Rad8 29. Qxe4 Rxe4 30. cxd5 cxd5 31. Rc7 Re7 32. R1c1 R8d7 33. Rxd7 Rxd7
Draw agreed

When he could smell the blood white went on a feeding frenzy.

D. Olson - Tony Grimm (1544)

English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 c6 3. d4 exd4 4. Qxd4 Qf6 5. Nf3 Be7 6. e4 Qxd4 7. Nxd4 d6 8. Bf4 Nd7 9. Nf5 Ne5 10. Nxc6 Kd8 11. Nh5 Nf6 12. Nxf6 Bxf6 13. O-O-O Kc7 14. h3 Be6 15. b3 Rad8 16. Ne2 d5 17. exd5 cxd5 18. Nd4 a6 19. Nxe6+ fxe6 20. Re1 Kd6 21. Bxe5+ Bxe5 22. c5+ Kxc5 23. Rxe5 Rhf8 24. f3 Kd6 25. Rh5 Rc8+ 26. Kd2 Rf7 27. Bd3 Rg8 28. Rxh7 Rxc7+ 29. Ke3 d4+ 30. Kxd4 Rxf3 31. Rxb7 e5+ 32. Ke4 Rf4+ 33. Ke3 Rg3+ 34. Ke2 Rg2+ 35. Ke3 Rg3+ 36. Kd2 Rf2+ 37. Be2 e4 38. Rb6+ Kd5 39. Rxa6 e3+ 40. Kd3 Rgg2 41. Re1 Rg3 42. Rh6 Rgg2 43. h4 Ke5 44. Rh8 Kd5 45. h5 Rh2 46. h6 Rf7 47. h7 Ke5 48. Re8+ Kf6 49. h8=Q+ Rxh8 50. Rxh8 Rd7+ 51. Kxe3 Re7+ 52. Kf3 Black resigns

Black got a central pawn mass but didn't hold those pawns together until the end.

Travis Patay (1270) - J. Kirkpatrick

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. c4 Nf6 6. Nc3 e5 7. Nc2 Be6 8. Bg5 Be7 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Ne3 Nc6 11. f4 exf4 12. Ned5 f5 13. Nxf4 fxe4 14. Nxe6 fxe6 15. Qh5+ Kd7 16. O-O-O Bg5+ 17. Kb1 e3 18. e5 Qf6 19. Ne4 Qf5 20. Bd3 e2 21. Qxe2 Nd4 22. Qh5 Be7 23. Qh6 Qg6 24. Qd2 Nf5 25. cxd6 Bf8 26. Nc5+ Kc6 27. Be4+ Black resigns

Deciding game in the match and it was close for awhile.

Tom LaBue - Chris Castellino (862)

Queen's Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. a3 d5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. e3 b6 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. Be2 O-O 8. O-O c5 9. Nbd2 Bb7 10. Ne4 Be7 11. dxc5 bxc5 12. Qc2 Nd7 13. Rd1 a6 14. b3 Rc8 15. Bb2 h6 16. Rac1 f5 17. Ng3 N5f6 18. Qd2 Rc7 19. h3 Ne4 20. Nxe4 fxe4 21. Ne5 Bf6 22. Nc4 Bd5 23. Bxf6 Qxf6 24. Rf1 Ne5 25. Nxe5 Qxe5 26. Be4 Qd6 27. Qc3 Rd8 28. Rcd1 Qe7 29. a4 Bxc4 30. Qxc4 a5 31. Qxe4 Rd7 32. Rc1 Rd2 33. Qc4 R8d5 34. Qc3 Qd8 35. Qc4 Rd1 36. Qg4 h5 37. Qf3 R1d3 38. Rb1 e5 39. Qxh5 e4 40. Qg4 Qd7 41. Qxe4 Rd1 42. Qf3 Rxf1+ 43. Rxf1 Qf5 44. Qxf5 Rxf5 45. e4 and White won on 60.

Some really important statistical information

Board	Total Number of moves/game	Total # Queen moves	# of smoke breaks
1	32	23	58
2	40	52	54
3	48	23	83
4	50	47	0

Other outstanding statistics;

	1st place	2nd place
Longest game	Jim 89 moves	Dave 85 moves
Shortest game	Dave 17 moves	Dave 20 moves
Rating gap	Gary 760 points	Gary 514 points
Oldest player	Jim	Gary
Youngest player	Dave	Dave
Loudest snore	Gary	nobody else went to sleep
Most enthusiastic	Tom	Larry (?)

A most enjoyable tourney to play in. Hopefully we will be able to convince a few other WV players to join in the fun. Maybe they'll have our top WV team plaque waiting for us.

Charleston to host fifth consecutive U. S. Amateur South

The 2001 US Amateur South will again be hosted by Charleston, WV. This will be the fifth consecutive year that our capitol city has hosted this event. Organizer John Kay has selected the same hotel that was used for the 2000 USAS - the Holiday Inn, Charleston House located on Kanawha Blvd.

The tourney particulars will remain the same. Festivities will begin on Friday night with a USCF rated Quick Chess event (G/10). The main tourney will begin Saturday at 10am. Registration will be taking place from 8am through 9:45am. There are two sections of competition: Open and U1800. The Open section is open to all players rated under 2200. The winner of this section will be invited to participate in the US Amateur Championships, which will be conducted over the Internet on ICC. The U1800 Section winner will also be invited to a U1800 Championship.

The prizes to be awarded, as in past years, will be a plethora of trophies. In the Open Section, trophies will be given to the top six finishers, the top 4 in each class, top senior and top junior player. The Reserve Section will give out similar trophies, but will also have top scholastic.

In the four years that WV has hosted this event, the Open Section has seen winners from four different states:

1997 : John Roush, Ripley, WV
1998: William Surlow, Pittsburgh, PA
1999: Russ Wilson, Ohio
2000: Ruixin Yang, Arlington, VA

The Reserve Section winners were:

1997: Robert Canary (WV)
1998: Scott Carmichael (WV)
1999: Scott Ramer (OH),
2000: Ricky Durbin (KY),

Last year's attendance was down slightly from 1999's stellar attendance. Hopefully, more West Virginia players will be able to participate to make this final USAS in Charleston a fantastic success.

John had asked Grant Perks to direct this year's events. Grant has been directed some of the large Columbus, OH events and has played in WV tourney many times.

For more information on the USAS, please see the events page or visit the WVCA Website. This may be your last chance for some time to play in a National Event right here in your home state. Hope to see you there.

Charleston Club reports new location

Both Gary Cummings and Donald Griffith have e-mailed to let everyone know that the Charleston Chess Club has found a new location for the club. They will be meeting at Blessed Sacrament Church every Tuesday from 6-9 PM. Blessed Sacrament Church is located at 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV. Take MacCorkle Ave (Rt. 60) to South Charleston. Turn at Joe Holland Chevrolet. They are not sure if they will be able to have any tourneys there, so stay tuned for further developments.

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