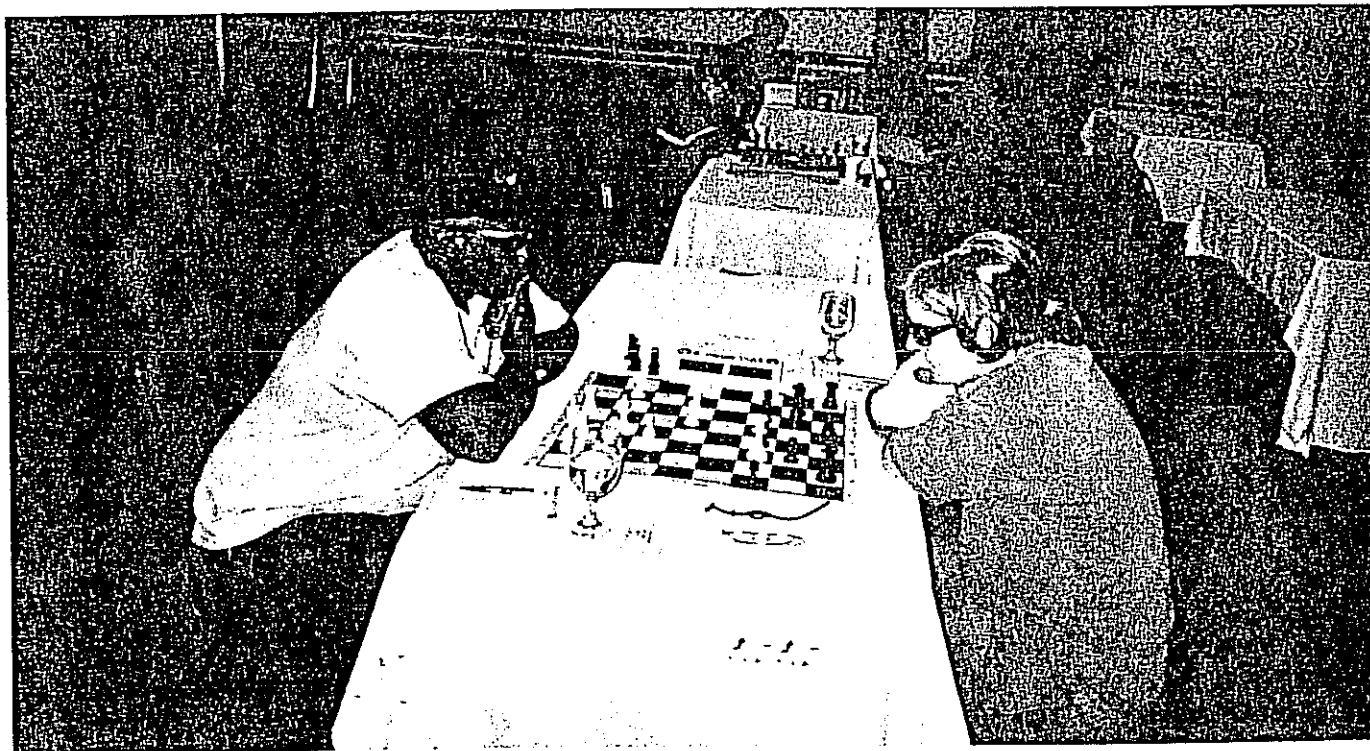


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**THE BATTLE OF THE SHADES FROM
ROUND I OF THE 2007 US AMATEUR SOUTH
(Sefus Ellis(L) faces Andrew Kobalka)**

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Ahh!!! Another September has rolled around and the state championship is right around the corner. I had planned all along to have an issue out prior to the state championship, but I had also hoped to have one out in May. We all know where the road paved with good intentions leads.

I am again experimenting with the format of this issue. You will notice that starting **page 3 I have provided a brief written account of the tournaments covered.** I have relied heavily upon the information provided by Ben Good on the association web site. (Good work Ben!) At the end of that section, **on page 5 I have published a brief memorial to one of the grand old men of chess who passed away in 2005, Paul Sayre.** This article is the work of Tom Bergquist, an old friend of Paul and our long time secretary-treasurer. (Thanks Tom!) It is funny how one's memory of an individual is affected by one's perspective. Tom remembers Paul Sayre as a faithful lieutenant to and successor of Dr. Vincent Sumner Hayward. By the time I met him in the 70's Paul was "da man" and sort of the "Dean" of Huntington chess. At that point he was not playing or at least not playing much. Instead he provided the leadership and organizational muscle that kept the Huntington club and all of its events going. (I mean no offense to Dr. Neil Gibbins who performed very well a similar job for the Marshall University club.)

In the next section, I have included a **selection of games from the various events starting on page 6.** The sparse notes are mine unless otherwise attributed and with the exception of the games from the **2006 US Amateur South.** Those annotations, **starting on p. 9, were provided by none other than Joe Barker!** His opinions are always worth some attention. (Thanks Joe!)

Starting at page 12 I have included cross tables of various events covered by this issue, roughly November 2006 through May 2007.

I have also provided a smattering of photos here and there. Those from the 2007

Amateur South come from me. Hopefully, I can send Ben the rest of the photos from the 2007 Amateur South for the web page. The photo of Paul Sayre and friends was provided by Tom Bergquist. The picture of Joe Bushe and Jens Madsen is from the Morgantown CC web site.

Finally I have included the **WVCA 2007 Financial statement of the association at page 17.** Preparation of that report was the work of our long-timer and hardworking Secretary-Treasurer Tom Bergquist.

It is not clear at the time of this writing whether I will be able to attend the business meeting at the state tournament. Therefore, I am designating my partner in crime, Chuck Waugh, to receive any complaints about the Bulletin if he attends. (Thanks Chuck!) If Chuck doesn't make it you'll just have to fuss at some other luckless attendee of the business meeting. As for next year, I am more than willing to surrender the editorial reins and render whatever assistance I can to the new editor. New blood, new approaches and new ideas are all good things and I am the first to admit that improvement is possible. For one thing it could be produced more regularly and in a more timely fashion. At this point I have an even greater admiration for Paul Sayre who held the reins for a dozen years! I might add that was in the days before word processors and possibly before photocopiers. It must have been a monumental task.

I am also willing to struggle on with the Bulletin for another year if need be. I think the bulletin is an important function of the organization and someone needs to do it. Please be fully aware that I will not be the least bit offended if someone else wants to take a shot at it.

I hope that you enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,
John Everett Roush
Bulletin Editor

2007 US Amateur South Open

Larry Cohen of Illinois capture first place in the top section by tie-break over John Roush of West Virginia. Both scored 4-1 and drew their individual encounter in Round IV.

Alex Dementiev and Matthew Marsh were the top A players with scores of 3.5-1.5. Sefus Ellis was the top B and below with a score of 3-2.

The tournament was held in Charleston, W. Va. May 26-27, 2007 and drew 15 players. Charles Waugh directed and organized the event.



Charles Waugh (L) presents the trophy and prize to Larry Cohen.

Reserve

Corry Marsh of Tennessee capture first prize in the reserve section with a score of 4.5-.5. Tim Tootle scored 3-2 and was the top D player. Warren McCagne scored 2-3 and was top E and below.

This section drew 14 players and was directed and organized by Chuck Waugh, who scored a credible 4-1 himself!



Charles Waugh (L) presents the trophy and prize to Corry Marsh.

2007 WV Action Championship

14 players attended the 2007 Action Championship, which was held in Hinton on April 21, 2007. Several southern WV players attended their first tournaments in many years. The early leaders were John Roush, Ben Good, and Joe Barker. Good defeated Barker, Barker defeated Roush, and Roush defeated Good. After a second loss by Barker, Good and Roush tied for first place with 5/6. Good took home the trophy on tie breaks. Daniel Parrish had an excellent tournament (gaining over 100 rating points) and took home the upset prize, under 1600 prize, and junior trophy.

1st-2nd - John Roush, Ben Good 5

1st U1600 - Daniel Parrish 3.5

1st U1200 - Ben Ide 3

Upset Prize - Daniel Parrish for his win over Joe Barker (also would have won for first round draw with Donald Griffith).

(Based upon report by Ben Good)

Morgantown May Day

23 players attended the 2nd Annual May Day event. Dave Hines won with a perfect 4-0, beating Pennsylvania master Thomas Magar in the 3rd round and your humble webmaster, i.e. Ben Good, in the final round. The event was contested on May 5, 2007. Special congratulations to Jim Fakens for a rating gain of 126 points.

1st - Dave Hines 4

2nd-7th - Thomas Magar, Jens Madsen, Joe Busche, Ben Good, Joe Elsleger, Mike Felton 3
(Based upon report by Ben Good)

2007 WV Scholastic

The 39th Annual WV Scholastic Championship was held on March 17, 2007 in Institute on the campus of WV State College. 102 players competed in this year's event, which consistently draws 100+ players.

Congratulations to the winners and 'job well done' for the tournament directors, John Homer,

Charles Szasz, Brian Hammons, and Craig Timmons.

Results:

High School (5 rounds)

1st - Ben Cowley 5.0
2nd-4th - Daniel Parrish, Caleb Aites, Jason Arnoldt 4.0

Ben Cowley and Sarah Hoxie will represent WV in the Denker and Polgar tournaments.

Middle School (5 rounds)

1st-4th - Arpan Prabhu, Tudor Crihalmeanu, Timothy Phillips, Neel Madhavan 4.0

Elementary School (6 rounds)

1st - Andrew Stepp 6.0 (Andrew gained 114 rating points!)
2nd-3rd - Noah Stepp, Benjamin Lovett 5.0

Primary Section (5 rounds)

1st - Saad Khan 5.0
2nd - Daulton Schultheis 4.5
3rd - Kristopher Byers 3.5

(Report by Ben Good)

WVSCA FAMILY FEUD

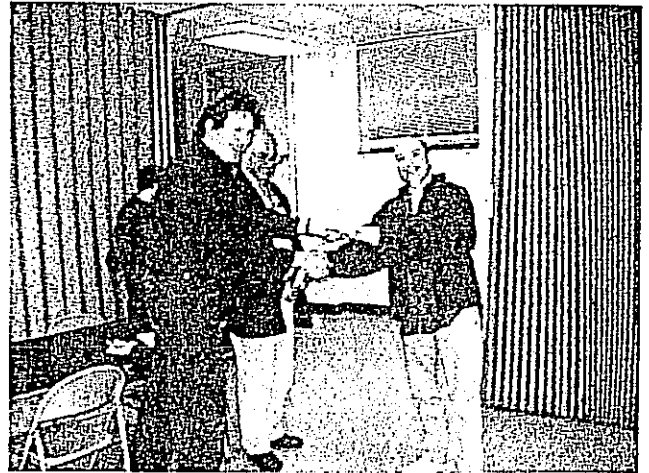
Sixteen players played in this event on March 10, 2007. Ranga Munasinghe took top prize with a score of 4-0. Noah Stepp and Josh Helgoe tied for second at 3-1.

(Based on report by Ben Good)

2007 KVSCL INDIVIDUAL CHAMP.

On February 12, 2007 the Kanawha Valley Scholastic Chess League held it annual individual championship in two sections. The four round event drew 68 players! Daniel Parrish won the Premier section and Yashan Takkar won the booster section.

2d MORGANTOWN SPRING OPEN



Jens Madsen presents 1st Prize Check to Joe Busche

Joe Busche scored a perfect 4-0 to take top place in this four round event. The action took place on March 10, 2007 and drew a total of 26 players to Morgantown W. Va.

ST. FRANCIS FALL TOURNAMENT

This event was held October 28, 2006 in Saint Albans, W. Va. 31 players attended the event. Daniel Parrish (6-12) and Sam Timmons (K-5) both finished with perfect scores in their sections to take first place. Other results included:

K-5 trophies

1st - Sam Timmons, St. Francis School
2nd - Saad Khan, Holz Elementary
3rd - Benjamin Wallace, Cross Lanes Elementary

6-12 trophies

1st - Daniel Parrish, Kanawha-Putnam Home Educators
2nd - Josiah Copley, Kanawha-Putnam Home Educators
3rd - Andrew Schwartz, Kanawha-Putnam Home Educators

(Based upon report by Ben Good)

3rd No. WV SCHOLASTIC CHAMP.

This year's Northern WV Scholastic Championship was held on November 18, 2006 and drew 24 players. There were only two

players in the 7-12 grade levels, so the sections were combined. Daniel Parrish finished with a perfect score to take the 1st place 7-12. 5 players tied for first among the K-6 players. Jacob Croasmun was awarded first on tiebreaks. Other results:

7-12

1st - Daniel Parrish 4

2nd - Thomas Leonard 3

K-6

1st - Jacob Croasmun 3

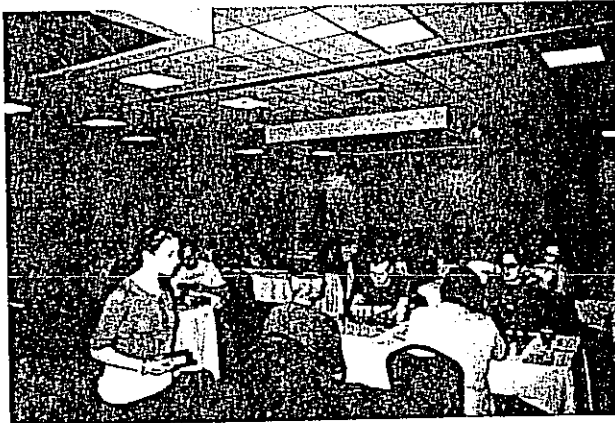
2nd - Zachary Heasley 3

3rd - Kristopher Lashbrook 3

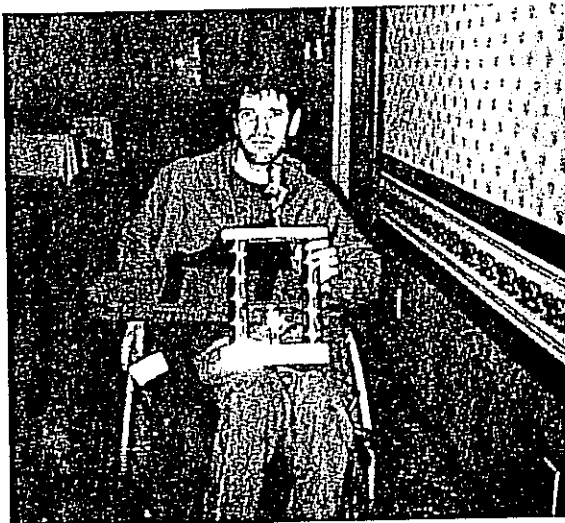
4th - Craig Allen 3

5th - Kalob Byers 3

(Based upon report by Ben Good)



Rd. 1 picture from the 2007 US Am. South
Picture: Katie King (L), Jim Fields faces Alex Dementiev, to the right, Sefus Ellis and Andrew Kobalta do battle.



Warren McCagne, Top "E" 2007 US Am. S.

IN MEMORY OF PAUL A SAYRE

1917-2005

(By Tom Bergquist)



Paul Sayre (L), Dr. Vincent Haywood, Gertrude Haywood, & Rudd Neel.

It is with much sadness and at the same time many fond memories that I notify the members of the West Virginia Chess Association of the passing of my friend and chess buddy for many years, Paul A. Sayre on Friday July 5, 2005.

Paul became a member of the WVCA in the late 1940's as I did and was a member all the rest of his life. The membership several years ago was voted and honored him with an Honorary Life Membership for his long devotion and service to the Association.

In 1963-1964 Paul was President of WVCA, but most notably he was the Bulletin Editor for twelve years after our shared Chess mentor, Dr. Vincent Sumner Hayward the previous Bulletin Editor retired in 1959 and moved away to New York. To Paul, Dr. Hayward was "Sir Boss" and so honored him with an issue of the Bulletin. A photo of "Sir Boss" graces page one of Issue #128 of June 1959. This page edited by Paul is attached. (Ed.- For those of a historical bent, I have attached the page to the end of this bulletin.)

Paul and I were more or less evenly ranked in our chess encounters and enjoyed a friendly, adversarial relationship over the years. We traveled together all over West Virginia from Huntington, where we belonged to the

Huntington Chess Club, to Charleston, Morgantown, Parkersburg, Wheeling and Beckley to many tournaments and matches.

Perhaps one of Paul's high Chess experiences which I and Allen Duvall of St. Albans (one of WVCA's greats) shared with Paul was in defeating Svetozar Gligoric in a simultaneous in Charleston on March 31, 1971.

Other West Virginia greats besides Allen mentioned above that Paul played against in those early years included Siegfried Werthammer, John Hurt, William Hartling, H. Landis Marks, Ed Foy, Donald Burdick, Charles Morgan and others.

Paul, keep going and play a good game against "Sir Boss"!

Tom

Ed.- I think we can all appreciate Tom's heart felt tribute to his long time friend Paul A. Sayre. For you young 'uns I might mention that from the mid-50's through the mid-70's, Svetozar Gligoric was a super Grandmaster, one of the world's elite and a serious contender for the World Championship. In 1971, Gligoric was at the height of his powers and a win over him was quite a feat. As a tribute to Paul's modesty, I would note that though I was part of the scene in Huntington during my years at Marshall University (1975 to 1979) and I never once heard from Paul's lips of his win over Svetozar Gligoric. If I possessed a scalp of a similar stature, no one remotely connected with chess would be unaware of the fact! I suppose class in chess doesn't always come with a letter designation.

Further, the list of his rivals given near the end of the tribute is like a roll call of the immortals of West Virginia chess from the pre-Fischer boom era. Paul's star rightly belongs in that constellation.

I am sure all will join me hoping that when we meet in heaven, and if "Sir Boss" can spare him for a little while, we can do battle with Paul over the 64 squares. (Forty moves in two hours, twenty moves in an hour thereafter, ad infinitum! Though there may be sudden death time controls in the after life, one can hope that there will be none in heaven!)

GAMES

2007 US AMATEUR SOUTH

Jim Fields-Alex Dementiev

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nb6 5. Nc3

White will suffer from his refusal to play d4 at this point or even on the next move.

c5 6.Be2 Nc6 (-+) 7.0-0 g6 8.Re1 Bg7 9.a4?

The plan of a R lift to a3 inaugurated by this move turns into a fiasco. White could try 9.a3 with the idea of Rb1 & b4 to eliminate the c-pawn and hope, eventually, to get in d4. Black would likely frustrate this idea with 9...a5. I would try 9.b3 with the idea of Bb2, Rc1 & Na4 to pressure the c-pawn and trade the monster on g7.

0-0 10. Ra3?! Nd4 11. Nxd4 exd4 12.Nb1?

Miserable. Jim needs to recognize that he has been outplayed to this point and spill his drink on the board with 12.Nd5! If 12...Nxd5 13.exd5 Qxd5 14. Bf3 Qd6 15.d3 h6 (preventing 16.Bg5 then Bh4-Bg3) 16.Rb3 Rb8 17.Bd2 threatening Qc1 and/or Bb4. Whether all of this is worth a pawn is beside the point. Jim is at least in the game.

Qc7 13.b4 Be6 14.d3 Rac8 15.Bg4?? Bxg4 16.Qxg4 Qxc1! 17.Kf1 h5 18.Qh3 Qc2 19.a5 Na4 20.Qd7 Nc3 21.Nxc3 Qxd3+ 22.Kg1 Rxc3 23.Raa1 Rfc8 24.e5 R3c7 25.Qa4 Qc2 26.Qb5 d3 27.Rad1 d2 28. Rf1 Qxd1 29.Rxd1 Rc1 1-0 If 30. Qf1 Rxd1 31.Qxd1 Rc1

Chuck Waugh-Katie King

1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 b6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nf3 Bb7

Here, as in similar lines of the Tartakower Defense (with ...h6 & Bh4 thrown in). I think ...Be6 is better. Black will play ...c5 & ...Nbd7, the B will better support the Q-side pawn advances and it will be out of the way of the major pieces coming to the b-file.

8. Be2

Better is 8.Bd3.

0-0 9.0-0 Ne4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Rc1 f5 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Bd3 Nxc3 16.bxc3!? c5 17.Rfd1 c4 18.Be2 Rce8 19.Rde1 Qd6 20.Qa4 Re6

Bold, but there is plenty of time. 20...a6 & then sending the R's to the K-side seems better.

21.Qxa7 Rh6 22.g3 Bc8 23.Qa4 g5 24.f4 Qe7
25.Bf3 Be6 26.Qb5 Rd8 27.Qxb6 Rg6 28.Rb1
h5 29.Qb7 Rd7 30.Qb4 Qh7 31.Qb8+ Kf7
32.Rb7 Kf6 33.Qe5+ Ke7 34.Rxd7 Kxd7 35.
Rb1 Kc6 36.Qb8 Qc7 37.Qe8+ Kd6 38.Qxg6
g4 39. Qf6 Kd7 40.Qg7+ Kd8 41.Qxc7+ Kxc7
42.Bd1 1-0

John Roush-Andrew Kobalka

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6
6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 0-0 9.Bd3 Nf6
10.0-0 Nc6 11.a3 Be7 12. Bg5 b6 13.Bc2 Ba6
In my opinion ...Bb7 is better. The text is more
aggressive, but out of harmony with the
requirements of the position. The White R is
simply pushed to where it wants to go. It is true
that ...Ba6 stops Qd3 threatening Bxf6 & Qxh7
mate, but a timely ...g6 would meet threat just
as well.

14.Re1 Rc8 15.Qd2 Bd6

Again, this aggressive move doesn't conform to
the requirements of the situation on the board.
The B belongs on e7.

16.Rad1 Bc4 17.b3 Bd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Ne5
Ba3

19...Rfe8 or 19...Be7 look better.

20. Bxf6

20.Qd3 may well be stronger. I was concerned
aboutg6 21.Ng4 Be7 22.Rxe7 Nxg4 23.Qh3.
In the clear light of day White seems O.K. after
either ...Nxd4 or ...f6, but it was obscure to me
at the board.

Qxf6

20...gxf6? 21.Qh6 and there is no defense to the
threat of mate on h7.

21. Nd7 Qh4 22.g3 Qh3 23.Nxf8 Bb4 24.Qf4
Rxf8

24...Bxe1 25.Nxh7 Bc3 26.Ng5 Qh5 (...Qd7
27.Bf5) 27.g4 Qh4 28.Qxf7+ Kh8 29.Qe6 wins.
25.Bf5 Qh5 26.Bg4 Qg6 27.Re2 Na5 28.Qf5
Qxf5 29.Bxf5 Nxb3 30.Rb2 Nxd4 31.Bxh7+
31.Rxd4 Bc3 32.R2d2 should win also.

Kxh7 32.Rxb4 Ne2+ 33.Kf1 Nc3 34.Rd3 Rc8
35.Rb3 Ne4 36.Rxd5 Rc2 37.Rb4 Nc3 38.Rd6
f6

White threatened Rh4+ & Rd8 mate.

39.Rd7 Ra2 40.Rc4 Nb1 41.Rcc7 a5 42.Rxg7+
Kh6 43.g4 Nd2+ 44.Kg2 Ne4 45.h4 Rxf2+

46.Kg1 f5 47.Rh7+ Kg6 48.Rcg7+ Kf6

49.Rf7+ Ke5 50.Re7+ 1-0

If 50...Kd4 51.Rxe4 & 52.Kxf2 or 50...Kf6

51.Rg7+ Kg6 52.h5+ Kg5 53.Rxe4 & 54.Kxf2.

Kent Berthoud-Gilbert Stone

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Bf4
Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7. Qxd3 Nf6 8. 0-0-0 Nd5

9.Nge2 Nxf4 10.Nxf4 e6 11.Rhe1 Bb4 12.Re3
Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxa2 14.b3 Nd7 15.d5! Qa3+

16.Qb2 Qxb2+ 17.Kxb2 cxd5 18.Nxd5 0-0-0
Gilbert has emerged from the complications
with an extra pawn, but this will be a tough one
to win.

19.Nb4 Nf6 20.Rc3+ Kb8 21.Rcd3 Rxd3
22.Rxd3 Kc7 23.f3 Rd8

A N ending is probably Gilbert's best practical
try for a win.

24.Rxd8 Kxd8 25.Nd3 Nd5 26.c4 Ne7 27.g4
h6 28.Kc3 b6 29.Kd4 f6 30.f4

Kent adopts the time honored strategy seeking
the trade of pawns when down material. For his
part, Gilbert should try to avoid pawn exchanges
and to create a passed pawn on both sides of the
board, as far apart from each other as possible.

Nc6+ 31.Ke4 Kd7 32.b4 a6

I would prefer 32...a5 to immediately create a
passed a-pawn.

33.c5 b5 34.h4 g6

34...a5 is better. Gilbert needs to sit tight on
the K-side to avoid pawn exchanges as far as
possible. When Kent's K heads to the Q-side to
deal with the passed a-pawn, then Gilbert can
set the K-side pawns rolling to create another
passed pawn. I'm still not sure he would have
enough to win, but it would give him a better
shot.

35.f5 exf5+ 36.gxf5 g5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Kf3 a5
39.bxa5 Nxa5

Finally Gilbert has passers on both sides.
However, the position has simplified to the
point that a draw seems the likely outcome.

40.Nb4 Nc6 41.Nd5 Ne5+ 42. Kg3 Kc6
43.Nxf6 Kxc5 44.Ne4+ Kd4 45.Nxg5 b4 46.f6
b3 47.Nf3+ Kc3

47...Nxf3 also draws after 48.f7 b2 49.f8=Q
b8=Q 50.Qxf3 (50.Kxf3??? Qf1+)

48.Nxe5 b2 49.f7 b1=Q 50.f8=Q Qg1+ 51.
Kh3 Qh1+ 52. Kg3 Qg1+ 53.Kf4 Qd4+

54.Kg5 Qxe5+ 55.Qf5 ½ - ½

Lawrence Cohen-John Roush

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.d4 c6
6.Nf3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Re8 9.Re1 h6
10.Qc2 Na6 11.a3 Nc7 12.b4 a5 13.b5!/? Nxb5
14.Nxb5 cxb5 15.Ne5 Be6 16.f4 Qc8 17.Qb2
b4 18.axb4 Bxb4 19.Bd2 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 a4

I was happy with my position at the time, but unforeseen and anxious moments were on the horizon. Perhaps 20...b6 is a better try with the follow-up 21.Recl Qb7.

21.Recl Qb8 22.Qb4 Qa7?

I probably should just admit that the a-pawn is doomed and play ...Rc8 at this point.

23.Rc7 Reb8? 24.Nc6! Qa6 25.Nxb8 Rxb8
26.Bf1

26.R or Qxa5 Qxe2 is unclear to me.

b5 27.e3 Ne8 28.Rc5 ½ - ½

On 28...Nd6 I will have some compensation for the exchange. Whether it is "not enough", "enough" or "more than enough" after 29.Bd3 I couldn't say for sure. I am somewhat pessimistic about Black's chances. Without playing Nc4 at some point, I don't see how I can make progress and I have to be very careful. For example, 29...Nc4? 30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.d5 B moves 32.Rxc4 +-. It looks as if I just have to sit tight and hope he makes a mistake while he seeks progress. This was a round four encounter, though, and a draw sent Lawrence into the last round a half-point up on the field. This was probably his motivation for offering a draw though he was too chivalrous to mention it.

Alex Dementiev-Lawrence Cohen

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Be6 5.Nf3
Be7 6.Bf4 Nd7 7.0-0 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h3 g4
10.hxg4 hxg4 11. Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nh6
13.Re1 Qd7 14.Nd2 0-0-0 15. Nf1 Nf5
16.Qxg4

Gutsy. Perhaps too much so.

Rdg8 17.Qf3 Be5 18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Qc3 Bb6
20.Rad1 d4 21.Qb3 Rh7 22.Nh2 Qc6 23.Qf3

It is hard to suggest an improvement for Alex as the threat of ...d3 is hard to counter or prevent. Perhaps he can try 23. Rd3!?, though after ...Bxd3 24.cxd3 Black is still winning.

Qxf3 24. Nxf3 Rxx3 0-1

If 25.fxg3 d3+ 26.Kf1 Rh1 mate.

Donald Griffith-Ben Good

1. e4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 c6 4. e3 Nf6 5. Nf3
Nbd7 6. Qc2 Bd6 7. e4 dxe4 8. Nxe4 Nxe4 9.
Qxe4 Nf6 10. Qh4 Bb4+ 11. Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.
Nxd2 O-O 13. Bd3 e5! 14. Nb3
14.dxe5 Qxd3 15.exf6 Re8+ +-
exd4 15. O-O

15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Rd8

b6 16. Nxd4

A very "unGriffith" like oversight. Having avoided d-file disaster on the two previous moves, Donald walks right into it on move 16! As 16.Nxd4 loses a piece, most anything else is an improvement. However, cementing in place the passed d-pawn with ...c5 is quite a threat and in an attempt to prevent this, I suggest 16. c5. If 16...Be6 17.Nxd4 Bg4 18.Bxh2+ Nxh2 19.Qxg4 or 16...bxc5 17.Nxc5 Qd5 (...Qb6 18.Qxd5 Rd8 19.Qc3) 18.b4. Black can probably improve on these lines, but at least Don's in the game.

c5 17. Nc6 Qxd3 18. Rfe1 Qd7 19. Ne7+ Kh8
20. h3 Qd4 21. Qg5 h6 22. Qg3 Be6 23. Rxe6
fxe6 24. Ng6+ Kh7 0-1

Marvin "Joe" Barker-Ben Good

1. e4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. cxd5 exd5 4. Qb3 dxe4 5.
Bc4 Qe7 6. Nc3 Nf6 7. d4 exd3+ 8. Kf1 Nbd7
9. Bg5 d2 10. Nd5 Nc5 11. Qf3 Qe4 12. Qxe4+
Nfxe4 13. Nf3 Bd6 14. Bxd2 Nxd2+ 15. Nxd2
O-O

Joe doesn't have comp for the pawn and Ben can feel good about his position.

16. b4 Ne6 17. Ne4 Be5 18. Ne7+ Kh8 19. Rd1
Re8 20. Nxc8 Raxc8 21. Nc5 Nxc5 22. bxc5
Rcd8 23. Rxd8 Rxd8 24. Ke2 f6 25. Rd1 Rxd1
26. Kxd1 c6 27. Ke2 Bd4 28. f3 Bxc5 29. Kd3
g6 30. Be6 Bd6 31. Bc8 b6 32. Bb7 Bxh2 33.
Bxc6 Kg7 34. Kc4 Bg1 35. Kb5 a5 36. a4 Kf7
37. Bd5+ Ke7 38. Kc6 0-1

It looks a little early for a resignation. Joe has practical chances of a draw here, though I would have sent the K back toward the K-side blockading duties that will be necessary rather than trying to penetrate on the Q-side. Likely Joe's flag fell at this point, or a little later after both players ceased taking down the moves, or his position deteriorated after both sides ceased recording moves.

Ben Good-John Roush

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d3 Nc6 4. g3 d5 5. Nbd2
Bd6 6. Bg2 Nge7 7. O-O O-O 8. Re1 Qc7 9.
Qe2 f6 10. c4 d4 11. Nf1 e5 12. h3 Be6 13. g4
Ng6 14. Ng3 Nf4 15. Bxf4 exf4 16. Nf5 Be5 17.
Kh1 a6 18. Qd2 Rfc8 19. Ng1 g6 20. Nh4 b5
21. b3 Rcb8 22. Rab1 a5 23. Rec1??
Missing the skewer on the c1-h6 diagonal.-B.
Good
23...bxc4 24. bxc4 f3 25. Ngxf3 Bf4 26. Qe1
Bxc1 27. Rxc1 Rb2 28. e5 Re8 29. Nd2 Nxe5
30. Ne4 Rc8 31. Rd1 Kg7 0-1

Marvin Barker-Harold Mitchell

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 b6 4. Bd3 Bb7 5. b3
Bb4+ 6. c3 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Ba3 d6 9. Nbd2
Nbd7 10. Re1 c5 11. e4 Qc7 12. e5 dxe5 13.
dxe5 Ng4 14. Nc4 g6 15. h3 Nh6 16. Bc1 Nf5
17. Bxf5 exf5 18. Bh6 Rfe8 19. Nd6 Bxf3 20.
Nxe8 Rxe8 21. Qxf3 Nxe5 22. Qd5 Bf6 23. f4
Rd8 24. Qxd8+ Qxd8 25. fxe5 Bg7 26. Rad1
Qe8 27. Bg5 h5 28. Rd8 1-0

John Roush-Marvin Barker

1. e4 e6 2. d4 b6 3. g3 Bb7 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. Nd2
c5 6. Ne2 cxd4 7. Nxd4 d6 8. O-O Be7 9. Re1
O-O 10. c3 Qc7 11. Nf1 a6 12. Bg5 Nbd7 13.
g4 Nc5 14. Ng3 Rfe8 15. f4 d5 16. Bxf6 Bxf6
17. e5 Bh4 18. Re2 Bxg3 19. hxg3 Ne4
20. Bxe4 dxe4 21. Qd2 Red8 22. Qe3 Rac8 23.
Rh2 Qc4 24. f5 Qc5 25. Rh5 g6 26. f6 gxh5 27.
Qg5+ Kf8 28. Qg7+ ?
28. b4! Qxc3 29. Qg7+ Ke8 30. Qg8+ Kd7 31.
Qxf7# -B. Good
28...Ke8 0-1

David Hundley-Chris Ide

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 Be6 5. Bxe6
fxe6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. a3 h6 9. Bh4 a6
10. Qd2 d5 11. O-O-O d4 12. Ne2 Ng4 13.
Bxe7 Qxe7 14. Ng3 b5 15. h3 Nf6 16. Nh4
O-O?
A better try is 16...Qd7 17.Ng3 Rg8 with the
idea of0-0-0.
17. Ng6 Qc5 18. Nxf8 Kxf8 19. Ne2 a5 20. g4
g5 21. h4 Nxg4 22. hxg5 b4 23. a4 b3 24. Rdg1
hxg5 25. Rh8+ Ke7 26. Rxa8 Nb4 27. Qxg5+
Kd6 28. Qd8+ Kc6 29. Qe8+ Kb6 30. Qb5+
Qxb5 31. axb5 Kxb5 32. Rxc4 Ka4 33. cxb3+
Kxb3 34. Rxa5 Nxd3+ 35. Kd2 Nxb2 1-0

Harold Mitchell-Donald Griffith

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 c5 4. Be2 Nc6 5. O-O
Nf6 6. c4 a6 7. a4 Bd6 8. Nc3 dxc4 9. Bxc4
cxd4 10. exd4 O-O 11. Bg5 Be7 12. Re1 Re8
13. Qd3 Nb4 14. Qd1 Nfd5 15. Bxe7 Rxe7 16.
Qb3 Kf8 17. Rad1 Nxc3 18. Qxc3 Nd5 19.
Qb3 Nb6 20. Bd3 Bd7 21. a5 Nd5 22. Qa3 h6
23. Bb1 Be6 24. Ne5 Rc8 25. Qd3 Qxa5?!
Perhaps 25...Nf6.
26. Qh7 Nf6 27. Qh8+ Ng8 28. Bh7 Rec7 29.
Qxg8+ Ke7 30. Qxf7+ Kd6 31. Nc4+ Kd5 32.
Qxe6# 1-0

2nd MORGANTOWN SPRING OPEN

Joe Busche-Joe Elsledger

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Bc5 4. Nxe5 Bxf2+
5. Kxf2 Nxe5 6. Be2 Ne7 7. d4 N5g6 8. Rf1 O-
O 9. Kg1
White's BIG center give his a significant
advantage.
d5 10. Bg5 dxe4 11. Nxe4 h6 12. Nf6+ gxf6 13.
Bxf6 Qd6 14. Bc4 Nd5?
Black should try 14...Be6. If 15.d5 Bxd5
16.Bxd5 Qxd5.
15. Qh5 Nxf6 16. Qxg6+ Kh8 17. Qxf6+ Qxf6
18. Rxf6 Kg7 19. Rff1 Be6 20. Bxe6 fxe6 21.
Rxf8 Rxf8 22. Rf1 Rxf1+ 23. Kxf1 Kf7 24.
Ke2 Kg6 25. Kf3 Kf5 26. g3 b5 27. c4 c6 28. e5
h5 1-0

Mark Heiman-Jens Madsen

1. g3 Nf6 2. Bg2 d6 3. c4 e5 4. Nc3 Nc6 5. d3
Be7 6. e4 Bg4 7. f3 Bh5
I would prefer 7...Be6 with the idea of ...Qd7
& 0-0-0.
8. Nge2 Nd7 9. Be3 Bg5 10. Bxg5 Qxg5 11. h4
Qg6 12. Nd5 Rc8 13. g4 Bxg4 14. fxg4 Qxg4
15. Ne3 Qg6 16. Bh3 Ne7 17. Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.
Qa4+ Nc6 19. Nf5 Rhg8 20. O-O-O Qg2 21.
Nc3 g6 22. Ne3 Qf2 23. Ncd5 Rg7 24. Rdf1
Qe2 25. Qd1 Nd4 26. Nc2 c6 27. Nf6+ Ke7 28.
Nxd4 Qe3+ 29. Qd2 Qxd4 30. Qh6 1-0

2006 US Amateur South

Our good friend Joe Barker submitted the following games from the 2006 Am. South tourney. As a preface he noted.

“I recently watched the 2007 U.S. Amateur South and looked over a number of the games. There was not much to pick from, although John Roush had a nice win against Kobalka and Katie King a nice mating attack vs. Galen Miller. I decided to write about the 2006 event of which the games seemed to be much more interesting with attacks, mistakes, and just fun. All of the games are from the last round of the 2006 event.”

Melbourne-Que

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf6 e6 3. Bf4 d5

The London System.

4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0
8.Bd3 Re8 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Ndf3 c4?

Amazing! Releasing all the tension in the center! This is definitely not a good idea. Up to this point white had a small advantage, now it is much larger. In every book I have seen, this idea is condemned. There are some opening systems where the idea of c4-c5 or ...c5-c4 can be played, i.e. Caro-Kann/Panov Attack and Quenns Gambit/Tarrasch Variation for Black. This is not one of these openings as in the current situation as White is now free to push in the center with e4. Does anybody read anymore? Obviously not!!

11.Bc2 h6 12. Qe2 b5 13.a3?!

White should play 0-0 and follow up with Nxc6, Bxd6, Kh1, Rg1, Ne5 & g4. This may seem a little long-winded, but Black is without any real counter play on the Q-side. Black's game is bad. The rest of the game went...

...Nd7?! 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.e4! Nf8 16.e5!?

Again, what is wrong with 0-0! If nothing else 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.e5 with a much better game.

16...Be7 17.Nh4 Bd7 18.f4 a5 19.0-0

Finally!!

...b4 20.axb4

Eases Black's position by exchanges.

...axb4 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22. f5 Bh4 23.Bh4 exf5

24.cxb4 Ra2 25.Bb Ra 26. Be7 Ne6!

Black activates the N and equalizes.

27.Bc5 Ng5 28.h4 Ne4 29.Be4 Rxf1+ ½ - ½

“The next game is between ...”

Eric Patchell -John Roush.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6

The Trompowsky – a very mediocre opening choice. It was popular in the 80's, 90's in GM practice, but has fallen off in popularity at the GM level as a number of systems have been found to counter it quite effectively.

(Ed.-The views expressed above are those of the commentator and are not necessarily those of the ownership or management of this magazine.)

3.e4 h6 4.Bxf6

If 4.Bh4 g5! followed by ...Nxe4 winning a clear pawn. Giving up the 2 B's has its drawbacks as well.

4...Qxf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Qd2 Nd7 7.0-0-0 c6!

So as to be able to play ...e5 without allowing a N to land on d5.

8.f4!? e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.f5!?

Here we go again. White releases the tension in the center. However, this is better than ...c5-c4 in the previous game as it gains space on the K-side & avoids an isolated pawn on e4 or the loss of a pawn on f4. White wants to play g2-g4.

...Bb4! 11.a3 Ba5!

Hoping for b4 when White's castled position is compromised.

12. Nf3 Qe7 13.Bc4 Nf6 14. Rde?

White's idea is to keep the KR at home to support h2-h4, however, the idea is just bad.

...b5!

Here is comes!

15.Bb3 Ba6!!

An excellent move as will be seen.

16.g4 Rd8 17.Qg2 Bxc3! 18.bxc3 Qa3+

19.Kb1 c5 20.Bxf7+

Clever but not really any good.

...Kf7 21.Ne5+ Kg8 22.g5 hxg5 23.Nc6 Rd7

24.Rd Qc3??

Rather than repeat John's notes from the WVCA Bulletin #248, I'll just make some pertinent comments. I really gave John “heck” (I would like to use another word but this is a “G” rated magazine) after the game for not playing 24...b4!! Which wins in all lines. I had just finished a book “The Very Unusual Book About Chess” by Yelena Dembo where she discusses this type of pawn strike. I knew instantly that it won. Jeff Hohn and I had a lot

of fun discussing its ramifications. In any event it is a pity it wasn't played as it would have provided John with winning the tournament and also having played a masterful move and attack. (Ed.-As penance I have published this game and/or position in the last three issues of the Bulletin. Surely, I have now paid my debt to society.)

25.e5 Rh4 26.Rxd7 Rb4 27.Nxb4 Qxb4+
28.Ka Qa3+ 29.Kb Qb4+ 30.Ka1 Qa3+ ½ - ½
What a pity!

“The last game is a very interesting affair between ...”

Jim Fuller-Jeff Hohn

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6

This is the Pirc Defense, Jeff's invariable choice vs. 1.e4. 3. Bd3 is a bit unusual, but playable.

4. Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 c5 6.c3 0-0 7.Na3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Nac2 Nd7

Black has definitely equalized and may even stand slightly better.

10.Be3 Nc5 11. b4?! Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Ne5 13. Qe2 a6

...a5!?

14. f4 Nc6

14...Nd7! With the idea of playing e5 next.

15. g4?!

I wonder where his K is going to live?

...Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bd7 17.a4 b5 18.a5 Bc6

19.Qd3 d5 20.e5 e6

I would prefer ...f6

21.g5 h5 22.gxh6 Qh4+ 23.Kd1 Bxh6 24.Qf Qh5+ 25.Kc Qf5 26.Kb2

This is called castling “by hand”. I call it castling the hard way!

26...Rac8 27.Qe2 Bd7 28.Ne Rc4 29.Nd3 Rfc8

30. Rac1 Bf8 31. Kb3 Be7 32.Qd2 Kg7 33.Nc5

Bxc5 34.bxc5 Rh8 35.h4 Bc6 36.Rh2

This is very interesting in that there are B's of opposite color, which can lead to a very equal game or a very lively one! This position is very hard to assess. If White were to exchange R's on the c-file, then Black would capture with the d-pawn opening the a8-h1 diagonal for the B and getting a better position for it outside (!) of his pawns. What happens next is unbelievable.

Qg4?!

This is a hard position for both players. The move Jeff plays leaves a lot to be desired as now

37.f5!/? can be played. However, after looking at the position for awhile after I arrived back home, I began to wonder if a move like 37.Rch1 might do just as well with the idea of h5! At this point Black must play 37...Rh5, then 38.f5 Rh5 39.Bg5 with the idea of Bf6 securing a bunch of black squares around the Black K. However, Black can play 39...Rb4+ & White's move only leads to a draw or a mate for Black. At this point I decided to cheat with Fritz & Rybka. Both machines like 38.Rg1 with the idea of Qf5 40.Rg5 & h5 or f5. Seems to make sense and if 38...Qf7 39.Rf2 Qh5 (Qe4? 40.f5! [with the idea of Rf4] Qh4 41. Bg5!) 40.f5! and White's black square B is just a big ugly pawn. Some of you will say that White will be down a pawn, but in positions like this the material deficit is immaterial. What counts is piece activity. White has a big advantage, probably a winning advantage.

37.Rg1!

Bravo, the correct move.

Qf3?? 38.Qd3?!

As pointed out, 39...f5!! is a killer.

b4!

Black finally figures out that he needs to activate his B. It also threatens Rc3+

39.Qd2??

This just loses a piece.

Rc3+ 40. Kb4 Rxe3 0-1

A very interesting game despite the numerous mistakes.



A side view of the Reserve Section at the 2007 US Am: South.

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No.	Player's Full Name	I.D. Number	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Total
1	Holman, Timothy	12049210	2063	D9	L2	-- (wd)	---	---	0.5
2	Roush, John E.	10201411	2008	Bye (1/2)	W1	W7	D5	W14	4.0
3	Balter, Danny	12918836	1627	L10	L7	L4	D15	L11	0.5
4	Chui, Herman	10066808	2000	L11	D9	W3	L8	W12	2.5
5	Cohen, Lawrence	10341841	2000	W12	W10	W6	D2	D8	4.0
6	Dementiev, Alexander	12705862	1963	W13	W11	L5	D14	W10	3.5
7	Kobalka, Andrew	12738434	1955	L14	W3	L2	W11	W15	3.0
8	Marsh, Matthew	12843523	1925	W15	L14	W11	W4	D5	3.5
9	Mitchell, Harold	12417826	1845	D1	D4	W12	D10	-- (wd)	2.5
10	Hohn, Jeff E.	10733111	1788	W3	L5	W15	D9	L6	2.5
11	Fuller, James	12747330	1746	W4	L6	8	7	W3	2.0
12	Skeen, Jerry	10201683	1684	L5	W13	L9	Bye (1.0)	L4	2.0
13	Fields, James	10201136	1620	L6	L12	Bye (1.0)	-- (wd)	---	1.0
14	Ellis, Sefus	12444731	1615	W7	W8	Bye (1/2)	D6	L2	3.0
15	Hundley, David	12265100	1419	L8	Bye (1.0)	L10	D3	L7	1.5

Reserve

No.	Player's Full Name	I.D. Number	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Total
1	Berthood, Eric	10144906	1500	Bye (1/2)	L11	W14	L9	-- (wd)	1.5
2	Waugh, Charles	10202132	1487	W8	W6	W4	L11	W3	4.0
3	Sprankle, Josiah	13262555	1460	D9	W12	L11	W13	L2	2.5
4	Tootle, Timothy R.	12917182	1483	W10	W7	L2	L5	W6	3.0
5	Osbourn, Josh	13340505	1468	L11	W9	W7	W4	W13	4.0
6	Haigler, Ian	12321510	1420	W13	L2	L9	D7	L4	1.5
7	Miller, Galen	12495184	1377	W14	L4	L5	D6	W8	1.5
8	King, Katherine	12852842	1348	L2	L10	L12	W14	W7	2.0
9	Tootle, Tim M.	12926934	1333	D3	L5	W6	W1	D11	3.0
10	Stone, Golbert	12204380	1323	L4	W8	L14	D12	-- (wd)	1.5
11	Marsh, Corry	12843522	1289	W5	W1	W3	W2	D9	4.5
12	Berthood, Kent	12712502	1240	Bye (1/2)	L3	W8	D10	-- (wd)	2.0
13	McCagne, Warren	12495101	UNR	L6	W14	W10	L3	L5	2.0
14	Woods, Anthony M.	13717777	UNR	L7	L13	L1	L8	Bye (1.0)	1.0