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From the Editor



by Tony Rich

So it's time yet again for another chess bulletin. I sure hope everyone enjoys reading these as much as I enjoy creating them. I learn a lot by going over the games that are submitted and the articles written. When I thank people for submitting material, it isn't just because I want to create a great bulletin; it is also because of the enjoyment I gain. Now, allow me to hit a few points that I would like to address:

First of all, the Kramnik – Leko match I predicted in the summer bulletin has indeed taken place. This was a 14 game match where Kramnik had draw odds; if he drew the match (7.0-7.0) he would retain his title and keep the right to play the winner of the Kasparov – Kasimdzhanov (2004 FIDE Champion) match that is to take place soon. Kramnik won the first game against Leko in a beautiful endgame, but then faltered, losing both games five and eight. Just when it looked as if Leko had the match in the bag, Kramnik pulled one out of his hat and crushed Leko in the final round, evening the score. By the rules, Kramnik keeps his title and everything that goes along with it. This must have been very frustrating for Leko, who is a fine player.

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I mentioned the Kasparov – Kasimdzhanov match earlier. Holding true to the norm these days, there is doubt about whether Kramnik will actually play the winner of such a match. He claims that it would be unfair to exclude Ponomarev and Anand. I'm not sure if this is another stall tactic by another World Champion to delay a potential loss, but it sure seems fishy to me. If the organizers and Kramnik can come to some agreement, then maybe we will really see a unification match. I'm not holding my breath.

To add to the controversy in the upper echelon of chess, Bobby Fischer is still awaiting deportation in a Japanese prison. No matter how much he is respected as a chess player, he should still be held accountable for his actions. He was informed BEFORE the event that he would be in violation of US law. As is typical of Bobby, he snubbed authority and did what he wanted. I don't feel sorry for him in the least; he had complete control over his actions.

As I step down from my soap box, I hope you enjoy this edition of the bulletin. As you may or may not know, Jim Volker is the newest Missouri State Champion. Jim is very deserving and will represent Missouri well. There will be a special interview with Jim in the next edition of the Missouri Chess Bulletin.

Of special interest in this edition are the two main articles: The 2004 Missouri Open, which includes a report and games, is well done. Also, the 2004 FIDE World Championships article, written by Loal Davis, is quite a bit of work. Loal provided a couple more games, but they had to be edited out for space. If there is enough interest, I will publish these in a future edition.

*Thanks,
Tony*

Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank all those who have taken the time to write about their thoughts and concerns with the MCB. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editor or the MCA. Please continue to send us your thoughts on the MCB, chess politics, or anything else chess related.

Here is something that might strongly interest you and your chess newsletter readers:

<http://www.okchess.org/Scholastics.html>

This webpage has an online copy of a long journalistic article titled, “*Scholastics and the Soul of Chess: Is Scholastic Chess Killing Tournament Chess, or Saving It?*” It was just published in the Oklahoma Chess Quarterly and discusses in detail four important criticisms of scholastic chess on both the state and national level. I believe the issues this article raises, whether you agree with them or not, are vital to all tournament players and need to be known and discussed by all adult USCF members. I invite you to read it and look into the issues further on your own.

There has until now been little criticism of scholastic chess. Who could criticize a program that has proven educational benefits, without seeming anti-children? While scholastic chess is good as an educational tool, nevertheless it does have effects on tournament chess and chess politics that are not so good. In fact, there are more and more chess players who are becoming very concerned. So I hope to start the ball rolling with this article and ask you to consider [these issues].

The article is 24 pages long because it is full of many facts and details. It is not an opinion piece; I spent a lot of time interviewing experts and researching the issues as completely as I could. I have a degree in journalism and consider the issues here to be covered in a fair manner, though certainly controversial.

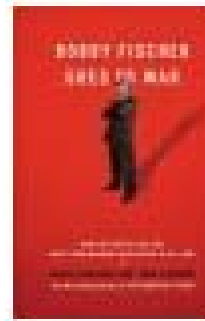
If you do decide to chime in on these issues, I would be happy to answer any questions you have by email. [Submit all questions and correspondence to the editor of the Missouri Chess Bulletin. All questions and concerns will be logged and the editor will interview the author of this piece.]

Best Regards,
Tom Braunlich

Book Review

Bobby Fischer Goes to War

by NM Loal Davis



Authors: David Edmonds and John Eidinow

Publisher: HarperCollins

ISBN: 0060510242

This book reads like a novel. It is not necessarily written exclusively for chess players; there is an extremely brief description of algebraic and descriptive notation in the glossary for the few times it is referenced. The primary focus of “Bobby Fischer Goes To War” is on the psychological aspects of the struggle - preparation, interviews, backroom conversations, etc. - that surrounded the 1972 World Championship match in Reykjavik, Iceland.

The perceptions are not only those taken at the time of the match, but also those that surfaced later. Karpov has some rather insightful comments surrounding the match. I mention Karpov specifically because it is not well known that Spassky played a training match with Karpov before the match with Fischer – and lost. Spassky’s win/loss ratio against Karpov was virtually the same as against Fischer, leading many to idle speculation about the results of a Fischer-Karpov match in 1975. However, training matches should not be taken all that seriously from a sporting perspective; they are kept “quiet” both for the openings, stylistic preferences, and score because players will often dabble in troubled waters in an effort to stretch (or to get the stretching out of their system) before an important match.

This book also references perceptions through the 1992 rematch right up to publication in 2004. It is the most complete compilation/narrative of facts surrounding the match, players, and political network I have seen. This includes many group/think sessions in the Soviet Union regarding the strengths/weaknesses of both players, match strategy, etc. For those who may need it, there is a nice introduction of the players, their training, ups and downs, pluses and minuses, and their rise/focus towards the 1972 match.

Internet Scholastic Chess Championship

Young chess students around the world will battle for the title of Internet Scholastic Chess Champion. Over \$10,000 in prizes, trophies, and memberships to WorldChessNetwork.com will be given away to the contestants. The main qualifying rounds take place online at WorldChessNetwork.com between October 20 - November 30, 2004.

The final eight students remaining in each of the two age divisions (5-9 and 10-16) will compete in an exciting over-the-board finale at Mandalay Bay & Casino Resort in Las Vegas. Spectators unable to travel to Las Vegas will be able to watch live broadcasts of the games on WorldChessNetwork.com.

Internationally famous GM Yasser Seirawan will be in Las Vegas to welcome the finalists, have photos taken and sign autographs for all the kids.

We are also pleased to give to your chess club or school, two free entries, one for a young boy and one for a young girl. You can contact us anytime on this matter.

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I have seen four or five different iterations of what happened in the “back room” before the third game of the 1972 match and this book seems to have encompassed all of them – and more. It is very difficult for me to be objective over this section of the book. My stomach gets tied in knots when I think of the screaming, ranting, raving, ill will, and eminent breakdown of a match that was on a razors edge – all of which has absolutely nothing (directly) to do with the book, which is very well written, and quite captivating.



*Borris Spassky (left) and Bobby Fischer (right)
1972 World Championship Match
Reykjavik, Iceland*

One of the last paragraphs reads as follows: “*Our story is in essence a tragedy. What could have been the feast of chess anticipated by Spassky is as much remembered for the pathologically manipulative behavior of the challenger, the panic of the officials, and the psychological collapse of the champion, as for the quality of the games.*”

“Bobby Fischer Goes To War” is a very good read and I recommend it.

If you have a book you would like reviewed, please email the editor to request it. The MCA can't guarantee which books will get reviewed, but those requested will get first shot. Also, if anyone has reviewed a book and they wish to share their comments, please feel free to contact the editor with your article.

2004 Missouri Open

by Selden Trimble

Selden was the organizer for this event and did a fabulous job. His contribution, along with that of TD Harold Montgomery, made this one of the best Missouri Opens I've attended. If you haven't had a chance to play in one of these events you are missing out! This is the premiere event in Missouri each year. For more information on next year's Missouri Open, please check www.mochess.org next summer! We will spotlight Jim Voelker and his accomplishments in the next edition. Jim was a deserving winner of the title of Missouri State Champion.-ed

FIDE International Master Stas Kriventsov won the 2004 Missouri Open with four wins and one draw, the latter coming in round two against the up-and-coming Expert Tom Gossell of Kansas City. IM Kriventsov drove nine hours from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to play in this event. Four Missouri masters and eight Missouri experts competed for the title of 2004 Missouri Chess Champion, with Expert Jim Voelker coming out on top in tie-breaks. Jim had four wins and only one loss, against IM Kriventsov.

Fifty-nine people showed up, with ratings ranging from 2515 to 582. All classes were well represented; there were even three unrated players. Loal Davis, Jim Ellis, Bob Holliman, Bob Jacobs, Waldo Odak, and Jim Voelker all tied for the second and third prizes, which were combined with the first and second Expert prizes. In class A, Zeb Fortman won the first prize with 3.5 points, while Panagiotis Massouros and Kevin Guo tied for second with three points. Joe Garnier clenched first in the B class with 3.5 points, while Jose Clarin, Mike Clark, and Wesley Willis all tied for second with three points. In class C, Alex Marler won the first prize with three points and Ed Baur, Frank Smith, and Charles Ward tied for second with 2.5 points. Gary Howe and Tom Rehmeier split the first and second prizes in class D, with 2.5 points each. Henry Cao has a strong performance, winning the class E prize with a solid three points. Brad Schlosser won second with two points. In the U1000 class, Bryan Brenner won the first prize with three points, with Hughes Lee, James Alverson, and Kyle May tying for second with two points. John Herbst and Zachariah Koehler split the first and second prizes with two points each in the unrated class.

Noteworthy among these winners was Henry Cao, who won the \$50 upset prize for his victory over Wayne Bartlett, with a rating difference of a whopping 653 points! The tournament organizer thanks Milton Garber for his generous donation of that prize.

Last year, eleven people tied for second place in the tournament. Attempting to keep that from happening again, accelerated pairings were used in the first two rounds this time. Basically, this meant that strong players were likely to meet each other in the first two rounds. The number of ties for second place was indeed reduced, but there were still six of them. It's been suggested that the Missouri Open ought to have a regular open section and a new reserve section. Anybody would be eligible to play in the open section, but a rating ceiling, say 1600, would be put on participation in the reserve section. Support was shown for this idea in the annual MCA membership meeting that took place between rounds four and five. People who have opinions about this are urged to communicate with MCA directors about them.

This year, the tournament organizer, Selden Trimble, acted as "house player." He and Harold Montgomery, the tournament director, made an assumption that nobody would go to a tournament with the idea of getting an unrequested bye in any round. So if an odd number of players were scheduled to play in a particular round, the "house player" would join the tournament to make an even number of players. That way, nobody would have to sit out. The difficulty is how to pair the "house player." It's unfair to pair him with the player who happened to be at the bottom of the tournament at the beginning of that round. (Trimble is a class A player.) So he was given a half-point bye each round he did not play, allowing him to stay in the middle range of the people actually playing. This kept the computer, which did the pairings, "happy" and seemed the fairest way to accommodate everybody. But there may be a better way to do this. Again, people who have opinions about this are urged to communicate with MCA directors about them.

The UMR Chess Club has sponsored the Missouri Open for a number of years, arranging to have it held in the cafeteria of the Student Union-East at the University of Missouri-Rolla. However, this will happen no more. A generous alumnus donated a huge sum of money to UMR to build a new student union, and the new building was supposed to be ready by August. It wasn't, but it will definitely be ready by next year. The old union is going to be remodeled into offices.

There were many strong players at this event and most were willing to share some of their games with us. Thanks to everyone who took the time to submit a game!

Sicilian Defense

Missouri Open 2004

W: Andrew Amelung 2034
B: Jim Ellis 2141

Annotations by Jim Ellis

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 a6 8. O-O-O Bd7 9. f4 b5 10. e5 dxe5 11. Nxc6 Bxc6 12. Qxd8+ Rxd8 13. Rxd8+ Kxd8 14. fxe5

Apparently winning by the pin; but...

14... h6 15. Be3 Nd7 16. Bd4 Be7

Fedorowicz played 16..g5 and 17...Bg7 in a recent game.

17. Ne2 Kc7 18. Rg1 Bg5+ 19. Kb1 Rd8 20. g3?

White needed to prevent Black's next.

20... Nc5 21. b3 Ne4 22. Bg2? Nd2+ 23. Kb2 Nf3 (+-)

24. Bxf3 Bxf3 25. Bc3

White chooses the lesser of many evils. Two bishops vs a Rook is almost always a win.

25... Bxe2 26. Ba5+ Kc6 27. Bxd8 Bxd8 28. Re1 Bg4 29. a4 f6

Black's central passers will decide.

30. axb5+ axb5 31. exf6 gxf6 32. Re4 h5 33. c4 b4! 34. Re1 Bc7 35. Kc2 Be5 36. Kd3 Kc5 37. Ke3 Bd4+ 38. Ke4 Bf5+ 39. Kf4 Be5+ 40. Kf3 Bc2 41. h3 Bxb3 42. g4 hxg4+ 43. hxg4 Bxc4 44. g5

White's last hope. There are some variations where White can force through to Queen but Black would have to help.

44... Bc3 45. Rg1 fxg5 46. Rxc5+ Bd5+ 47. Ke3 b3 48. Kd3 Bf6 0-1

French Defense

Missouri Open 2004

W: Wayne Bartlett 1759
B: NM Loal Davis 2208

Annotations by NM Loal Davis

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Be3 Ne4 7. Qd3 c5 8. dxc5 Qa5 9. Qb5+ Qxb5 10. Bxb5+ Bd7 11. Bxd7+ Nxd7 12. Nge2

If 12. Bd4 then 12... f6 steals the center. Simple is 12... Ndx5

12... Nxe5 13. f3 Nxc3 (diagram)



Maybe 13... Bxc3+ 14. Nxc3 (14. bxc3 Nf6) 14... Nxc3 15. bxc3 Nc4 leads to a simpler "win". If White can hold this "good Knight versus bad Bishop" ending it is by the skin of his teeth. I see little or no counterplay to swallowing the tidbits on the c file coupled with rolling central pawns.

14. bxc3 Ba5 15. Bd4 f6 16. O-O Nc4 17. Rfb1 Rb8 18. Rb5 a6 19. Rb3 Kd7 20. Bf2 e5 21. Rd1 Kc6 22. Nc1!

Very good - The threat/path is Nd3/Nb4+. This would virtually force an exchange on b4 rounding out (at least partially) White's Queenside Pawns.

22... Bc7 23. Nd3 a5 24. Nc1 Rhd8 25. a4 b5

A hard decision. I didn't like giving White the opportunity of dissolving some of his "tripples", but could not see an easy way of making meaningful progress without it.

26. cxb6 Bxb6 27. Bxb6

27. Nd3 Rb7 28. Rdb1 Rdb8 29. Bxb6 Nxb6 30. Nb2 Nc4 31. Nxc4 (31. Nd3 Ne3) 31... dxc4 32. Rxb7 Rxb7 33. Rxb7 Kxb7 leads to a winning King and Pawn ending. Practically speaking, Black is "up a Pawn" and accordingly should win on the Kingside.

27... Nxb6 28. Nd3 Nxa4 29. Ra3

If 29. Ra1 Rxb3 30. cxb3 Nxc3 31. Rxa5 d4 32. Ra7 Rd7 should win.

29... Nb2 30. Nxb2 Rxb2 31. Rxa5 Rxc2

31... Rd7 32. Rd2 Rb5 33. Ra4 33... Kc5 is "comfortable", but a clear win was not in my sights.

32. Ra7 Rxc3

It's off to the races. 32... Rd7 33. Rxd7 Kxd7 34. Rxd5+ Ke6 35. Rd3 is again "comfortable", but winning difficult.

33. Rxd7 d4 34. Rg6 Rd6 35. Rxd6 d3 36. Rh4 Kc5 37. Re4 Rd4 38. Re3

If 38. Rxd4 38... Kxd4 39. h4 Ke3 40. Kf1 (40. Re1+ Kd2 41. Kf2 Rc1 42. Re4 Kc3 43. Re3 Kc2) 40... d2 and there's no stopping Rc1.

38... Kc4 39. g3

39. g4 would gain a move, but not change the outcome of the game. See the note to move 42.

39... d2 40. Kf2

If 40. Rxc3+ Kxc3 41. Kf2 Kc2 42. Ke2 f5 (or 42... Rd3 as in the game.)

40... Rxe3 41. Kxe3 Kc3 42. g4

42. h4 Kc2 43. Ke2 Rd3. (Also possible is 43... f5 44. h5 f4 45. gxf4 exf4 46. h6 Rd8 and Re8+ will drive White away from the protection of his Rook.) 44. h5 Re3+ 45. Kxe3 Kxd1 46. h6 Ke1 47. h7 d1=Q 48. h8=Q Qe2#

42... Kc2 43. Ke2 Rd3 44. h4 Re3+

The text forces a Rook exchange when Black promotes to a Queen and quickly heads off any potential passers that White may have.

0-1

Tony Rich donated a \$25 brilliancy prize for this event in an effort to get people to turn in game scores for inclusion in the MCB. The following effort by Ron Luther earned him that prize.

Pirc Defense

MO Open 2004

W: Matt Conway 1716
B: Ron Luther 2200

Annotations by NM Loal Davis

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. c3 Nf6 5. Bd3 O-O 6. h3 a6 7. a4 Nc6 8. b4?! 9. d5 Ne7 10. O-O c6

10... Nexd5 11. exd5 11... e4 also appears to give Black a plus due to White's weakened center and Queenside - look back to move 8.

11. dxc6 bxc6 12. Qc2 Qc7 13. a5 d5 14. Be3 dxe4 15. Bxe4 Nxe4 16. Bb6 Qd6 17. Rd1 Qf6 18. Qxe4 Nd5 19. g4?!

White seems to have a passion for running with his Knight Pawns. Like his 8th move, this threatens little and weakens a lot.

19... Nf4 20. Kh2 h5

Target: h3.

21. Bc5 Nxh3! (diagram)



22. Rd6 Nxf2

23. Qxc6 Nxg4+

23... Qf4+ 24. Kg2 Ne4 25. Rd3 25... Qxg4+ also works well.

24. Kg2 Qf4

With 24... Be6 25. Nbd2 Rfc8 26. Qe4 Bf8 White is again reaping the fruits of ventilating his Kingside.

25. Qxa8 e4 26. Nbd2 exf3+ 27. Nxf3

If 27. Qxf3 Qh2+ 28. Kf1 Re8 (or 28... Ne5 followed by Bh3+ is juicy.

27... h4

Also possible is 27... Ne5 with a potential Bh3+ threat - hanging Queen on a8. 28. Kf2 Bg4

28. Rxd6

Desperation / Spite - It doesn't really change anything.

28... Qg3+ 29. Kh1 fxg6 30. Rf1 Rxf3

Black is mating.

0-1

For the following game, Henry Cao won the Milton Garber upset prize by beating Wayne Bartlett. Henry had a terrific tournament, finishing 14th overall.

French Defense - Exchange Variation

MO Open 2004

W: Henry Cao 1106
B: Wayne Bartlett 1759

Annotations by Tony Rich

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5

The exchange variation of the French Defense is considered drawish because of the symmetrical pawn structure that develops. However, as Dr. Tarrash said, "Before the endgame the gods have placed the middle game."

3... exd5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Nf3

Another idea here is 5. Bd3 followed by a setup involving Bg5, Nge2, f3, Qd2, and 0-0-0

5... Be7

This is a bit passive. Better seems to be Bd6 (to prevent Bf4) or Bg4 (to prevent Ne5)

6. Bf4 c6 7. Bd3 O-O 8. O-O Bg4 9. Re1 Nbd7

10. h3 Bh5 11. Re3 Rc8

I'm not sure what this move does. c5 isn't so good here. Playing with an isolated Queen pawn isn't bad, if the setup is correct. Black's queenside knight belongs on c6 and his dark squared bishop on d6. a better plan would have been Re8 at once. Due to inaccurate opening play, black should contend himself with a defensive struggle.

12. Qe2 Re8 13. a3

Taking away the only good square for Black's dark squared bishop

13... Bxf3 14. Qxf3 Qb6 15. Rd1! (diagram)



setting a little trap. Also good is 15. Rae1 Bf8 (15... Qxb2? 16. Rxe7 Rxe7 17. Rxe7 Qxc3?? 18. Bxh7+ wins the queen) 16. Rxe8 Rxe8 17. Rxe8 Nxe8 18. Qe3 Nd6 and Black, although still passive, should hold the endgame.
15... Kh8

The trap is sprung after 15... Qxb2 16. Rb1 Qxa3 (16... Qxc3 Bxh7+) 17. Nxd5! Nxd5 18. Bxh7+ Kxh7 19. Rxa3 Bxa3 20. Bg3 with a significant advantage to White

16. Bf5 g6

16... Qxb2 17. Rde1 is embarrassing. For example:

(a) 17... Qxa3 18. Nxd5

(b) 17... Bxa3 18. Rxe8+ Rxe8 19. Rb1 Qxb1+ 20. Nxb1 Re1+ 21. Kh2 Rxb1 22. Qxa3

(c) 17... Bf8 18. Rxe8 Rxe8 19. Rxe8 Nxe8 20. Bxd7

17. Bxd7 Nxd7 18. Rde1 Qd8 19. Bd6 Nf8

just losing. Better was 19... Bxd6 20. Rxe8+ Qxe8 21. Rxe8+ Rxe8 where Black might be able to hold, but I doubt it.

20. Bxe7 Rxe7 21. Rxe7!?

Cleaner was 21. Qf6+ Kg8 22. Rxe7 leading to mate

21... Ne6 22. Rxf7

22. R1xe6! wins the piece too because 22... fxe6 23. Qf6+ Kg8 24. Qg7#

22... Nxd4 23. Qd3?

missing another chance to shorten the game 23. Re8+! 23...

Qxe8 24. Qf6+ Kg8 25. Qg7#

23... c5 24. Na4 Kg8 25. Rfe7

25. Ree7 Nf5 26. Rxb7 these rooks are monsters that will eat everything in sight

25... Qd6 26. c3 Nf5 27. Re8+ Rxe8 28. Rxe8+ Kf7

29. Re1 c4 30. Qf3 b5 31. g4

Good observation by White. While his knight is ineffectual on a4, the black counterpart holds his position together.

31... bxa4 32. gxf5 Qf6 33. Qxd5+ 1-0

In the following game, Thomas Gossell (2083) plays a very strong game against IM Stanislav Kriventsov (2515). The fact that Thomas drew this game proves he is destined for bigger and better things.

Accelerated Dragon - Maroczy Bind

MO Open 2004

W: Stanislav Kriventsov 2515

B: Thomas Gossell 2083

Annotations by Tony Rich

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6

This is the Accelerated Dragon variation of the Sicilian defense. With it, black attempts to save a tempo by not playing d6. Instead he will play d5 at the right moment.

5. c4

The Maroczy bind is designed to prevent an eventual 'd5' by Black. Without active attempts by black, white slowly improves his position and squeezes black off the board.

5... Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Nc3 Ng4 8. Qxg4 Nxd4 9. Qd1 Ne6 10. Qd2 Qa5 11. Rc1 g5 12. Bd3 b6 13. O-O Bb7 14. f3 h5

This is all theory and has been seen many times. Black will keep his king in the center and aim for a quick knock-out on the king side. White will attempt to bring pressure down the d-file and to open the center.

15. Rfd1 Rd8 16. a3

To enable 17. Nd5, practically forcing a queen exchange.

16... Qe5 17. b4 Qb8 18. Nd5 (diagram)



Watch as Black systematically weakens the dark squares around white's kingside. Often a sacrifice on the light squares leads to a quick victory in such situations.

18... Be5

of course not 18. Bxg5 18... Nxg5 19. Qxg5 Bh6 20. Qf5 Bxc1

21. Rxc1, where white has little to show for the exchange

19. g3 h4 20. g4 Bxd5

a great move aimed at removing one of the defenders of the dark squares around White's kingside.

21. exd5 Nf4 22. Bf1 Rh6 23. Bd4 Rf6 24. Bxe5 Qxe5 25. Re1 Qd6 26. Qb2 Ng6 27. c5 Qf4

Black has to be very careful. The white queen controls a deadly diagonal and the e1-rook is menacing.

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The 2004 F.I.D.E World Chess Championship

By NM Loal Davis































The FIDE World Chess Championships were held in Tripoli, Libya from June 18 through July 13, 2004. It was a knockout event starting with 128 players – that “magic” number that whittles down to 64, then 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, and finally one. All matches were only two games long, with the final match extended to six. The time control for the first 40 moves was 1 hour 30 minutes followed by 15 minutes till the end of the game and an incremental time of 30 seconds per move from move one. If the scores were level after the regular games, there was a new drawing of colors, and two tie breaker games played. The games were played starting with 25 minutes and the addition of 10 seconds after each move. If the scores were level after the first two tie breaker games, there was a new drawing of colors, and 2 five-minute games were played with the addition of 10 seconds after each move. If the scores were still level, the players played one decisive/sudden death game. The player winning a drawing of lots chose the color. White received 6 minutes; Black 5 without any addition. The winner qualified for the next round. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces advanced.

A gigantic controversy snarled around the location of this “championship”. Jewish players were effectively banned from the event due to threats to their lives should they dare to put foot inside Libya. There were many players worldwide who refused to participate due to this blatant violation of the so-called fundamental principles of FIDE. No Kasparov, no Anand, no Kramnik, no Leko, no Ponomarev – assuming they even wanted to play in this make-shift event. The short duration of the matches coupled with the exceedingly fast time controls put this event, as with many prior FIDE events, into the gambling category. Strong nerves coupled with speed were of paramount importance – and – oh yes – chess playing ability. In this case a relative unknown, Rustam Kasimdzhanov, is the new FIDE Champion. Fortunately, Kasimdzhanov is an extremely strong chess player and I’m sure we’ll hear more about him in the future.

Rustam was an uncompromising fighter and fully deserved to win the event. On his way to the championship, he defeated Ivanchuk, Grischuk, Topolov, and Adams – all higher rated and generally regarded as the favorites.

I found a voice media file on the Internet that showed how to pronounce his name. Kasimdzhanov is pronounced Kah Seem Jaw Nahv with the accent on the second to the last syllable.

Notice the lineup of the top 30 players; Kasimdzhanov is number 28 in the listing.

1		Topalov, Veselin	GM	BUL	2737
2		Morozevich, Alexander	GM	RUS	2732
3		Adams, Michael	GM	ENG	2731
4		Grischuk, Alexander	GM	RUS	2719
5		Ivanchuk, Vassily	GM	UKR	2716
6		Short, Nigel D.	GM	ENG	2712
7		Malakhov, Vladimir	GM	RUS	2695
8		Nisipeanu, Liviu-Dieter	GM	ROM	2692
9		Sokolov, Ivan	GM	NED	2690
10		Dreev, Alexey	GM	RUS	2689
11		Akopian, Vladimir	GM	ARM	2689
12		Ye, Jiangchuan	GM	CHN	2681
13		Milov, Vadim	GM	SUI	2680
14		Azmaiparashvili, Zurab	GM	GEO	2679
15		Bacrot, Etienne	GM	FRA	2675
16		Gurevich, Mikhail	GM	BEL	2672
17		Rublevsky, Sergei	GM	RUS	2671
18		Radiabov, Teimour	GM	AZE	2670
19		Aleksandrov, Aleksej	GM	BLR	2668
20		Beliaevsky, Alexander G	GM	SLO	2667
21		Vallejo Pons, Francisco	GM	ESP	2666
22		Bologan, Viktor	GM	MDA	2665
23		Sakaev, Konstantin	GM	RUS	2665
24		Sasikiran, Krishnan	GM	IND	2659
25		Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	GM	AZE	2657
26		Graf, Alexander	GM	GER	2656
27		Zvjaginsev, Vadim	GM	RUS	2654
28		Kasimdzhanov, Rustam	GM	UZB	2652
29		Van Wely, Loek	GM	NED	2651
30		Motylev, Alexander	GM	RUS	2649

Surprisingly, Morozevich was knocked out in the first round and Short in second. The finals were a tension filled event with both players handed opportunities to take the title.

After an uneventful draw in the first game, all games were hard fought with win following win. The sixth game was a see-saw affair with both players exchanging winning positions. Kasimdzhanov showed, as against previous opponents, that he is a splendid rapid player – at least from a practical point of view. He was dead lost in the first tie break game, but bamboozled his way to victory. He comfortably held a draw in the final game and took the championship.

Ruy Lopez

FIDE World Championships Finals

W: GM Michael Adams 2731
B: GM Rustam Kasimdzhanov 2652

Annotations by NM Loal Davis

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. c3 O-O 9. h3 Na5

The Tchigorin variation of the Closed Ruy Lopez.

10. Bc2 c5 11. d4 Qc7 12. d5

Both 12. dxe5 and 12. Nbd2 are two popular choices here.

12... Nc4

I realize this is a "book" continuation, but there is something that bothers me about getting this Knight chased around with a loss of time, and still having to fight for liberating squares to accommodate Black's minor pieces. With 12... c4 Black establishes a path for his a5 Knight towards the center (b7/c5) - and this coupled with Bd7, Rfb8 and expanding with the Queenside Pawns should grant Black a measure or counterplay. 13. Nbd2 (13. b4 cxb3 14. axb3) 13... Bd7 14. Nf1 Nb7

13. a4 Bd7 14. b3 Nb6 15. a5 Nc8 16. c4 b4?!

Questionable. Black needs open lines and activity on the Queenside; the text shuts operations down. The a5 target is very hard to get at, and even IF it falls, it's doubtful if it would be worth the time expended as White is about to start an avalanche on the other side of the board. 16... bxc4 17. bxc4 17... Rb8 may not be great, but it IS something. As the game goes, Black just watches as White comes at him.

17. Nbd2 g6 18. Nf1 Nh5 19. Bh6 Re8 20. Qd2 Bf8 21. g4 Ng7

21... Nf4 22. Bxf4 exf4 23. Qxf4 Bg7 24. Ra2 may offer some practical chances. White is minus his "good" Bishop - but Black still has some harmonic unscrambling to do before his can hope to get his foot in the door.

22. N3h2 Qd8 23. f4 exf4 24. Qxf4 Qe7

24... Be7 may offer chances of getting to the long diagonal - and this time without a Pawn sac.

25. Nf3 f6 26. Ng3 Rd8 (diagram)



Kasimdzhanov is suffering from an internal hemorrhage. There just isn't enough space to accommodate all of his pieces.

**27. Rf1 Ne8
28. Bxf8 Qxf8**

29. e5! dxe5
29... fxe5 30. Qxf8+ Kxf8 31. Nxe5+ is certainly no improvement.

**30. Nxe5 Ncd6 31. Rae1 Qg7 32. Nd3 Rac8
33. Qf2 f5 34. Ne5**

Strong, although 34. Nxc5 is quite playable.

**34... Nf6 35. Nxd7 Rxd7 36. gxf5 g5 37. Re6 Kh8
38. Bd1 g4 39. hxg4 Rg8 40. Qf4 Nxc4 41. Bxc4
Qxc4 42. Qxc4 Rxc4 43. Kh2 h5 44. Kh3 Rd4
45. f6 Nf7 46. Rf5**

A crush.

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Election Commissioner Report

By Jim Davies

Any member of the MCA may view the ballots for themselves by contacting Mr. Davies. He may be reached at:

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Ballots were counted at the St. Louis Chess Club in University City on Thursday, July 8. The process was witnessed by John Boyer, who kept a separate tally. [Available upon request] are photocopies of our tally sheets, plus a list of members who voted.

There were five ballots, which had votes for members in the correct region, plus additional votes in other regions. These ballots were ruled valid, but only the votes in the correct region were counted.

There was one ballot in which the member detached the top portion with its control number. I was able to ascertain, from a return address on the envelope, who the voter was, and thus this ballot was counted.

There were two ballots from members who had moved out of state, but who were incorrectly indicated on my list as residing in regions one and two. One of them contacted me for instructions before voting, and was directed to vote in region three. The other member voted in region three without an inquiry. Both of these members acted correctly, and their votes were counted in region three.



Region 1: 39 MCA members cast ballots.

Winners:

William H. Wright	33
Loal Davis	26
Edward Baur	24

Others receiving votes:

Aaron Dubin	12
Ray Bennett	1

Region 2: 19 MCA members cast ballots.

Winners:

Ken Fee	16
Bob Holliman	13
Zeb Fortman Jr.	9

Others receiving votes:

Joe Piotrowski	6
Web Miller	3
C. J. Armenta	1

Region 3: 13 MCA members cast ballots.

Winners:

Charles Ward	12
Milton Garber	11
Selden Trimble	11

As usual, ballots and validations will remain in my possession. In keeping with precedent, any MCA member may view the ballots and other information connected with the election by contacting me.

Commentary:

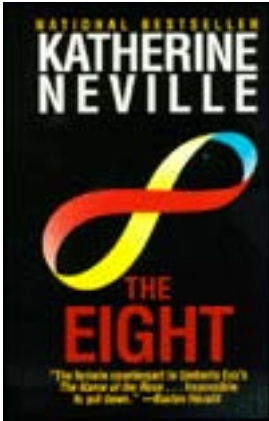
I was pleased to see that more members voted this year, likely due to the contested seats in Regions 1 and 2. I hope this trend continues, as it is a sign that we are developing more potential leaders among our membership.

I plan next year to make a more thorough check of the voter list when I receive it, to determine if there are any members listed in incorrect regions.

Except for the higher number of mismarked ballots, the election process again this year was routine. I thank Mr. Boyer for assisting me, congratulate the winners, and wish all of our elected officers success in your efforts at chess promotion.

Book Review - The Eight

By Tony Rich



Publisher: Ballantine Books

Author: Katherine Neville

ISBN: 0345366239

We don't usually have book reviews of novels in the chess bulletin, but I couldn't pass this up. *The Eight* is a fictional work by Katherine Neville that centers around a chess game. The description provided by amazon.com is great:

"Katherine Neville's debut novel is a postmodern thriller set in 1972 ... and 1790. In the 20th century, Catherine Velis is a computer expert with a flair for music, painting, and chess who, on her way to Algeria at the behest of the accounting firm where she is employed, is invited to take a mysterious moonlighting assignment: recover the pieces of an old chess set missing for centuries.

In the midst of the French Revolution, a young novice discovers that her abbey is the hiding place of a chess set, once owned by the great Charlemagne, which allows those who play it to tap into incredible powers beyond the imagination. She eventually comes into contact with the major historical figures of the day, from Robespierre to Napoleon, each of whom has an agenda.

The Eight is a non-stop ride that recalls the swashbuckling adventures of Indiana Jones as well as the historical puzzles of Umberto Eco which, since its first publication in 1988, has gone on to acquire a substantial cult following"

I was wondering around the book store chatting with my fiancée about chess when a lady stopped and asked if I had read *The Eight*. I assumed this would be another attempt at bringing chess in to the main stream, which often ends up being untrue to chess. Despite my skepticism I picked up the book and started reading it that night. To my dismay, I was unable to do anything else from that point on! This book is as gripping as *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. Katherine Neville pulls you in at the end of each chapter with lines like *"As my plane dipped over the water, I felt I was about to land, not in Algiers, but on the first square: the square that would lead me into the very heart of the game."*

The complex language and adult themes make this book ideal for an adult audience. There is not much I can say about the plot without giving too much away, but trust me when I say it is worth the read!



It teaches the strong to know when they are weak and the brave to face themselves when they are afraid. To be proud and unbowed in defeat yet humble and gentle in victory. And to master ourselves before we attempt to master others. And to learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep. And to give the predominance of courage over timidity.

- General Douglas MacArthur, on the virtues of competitive athletics.

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What Do You Call a Watchamacallit

By Charles Manley

There seems to be no unanimity of opinion about what we call those objects we push around a chess board. My suggestion is:

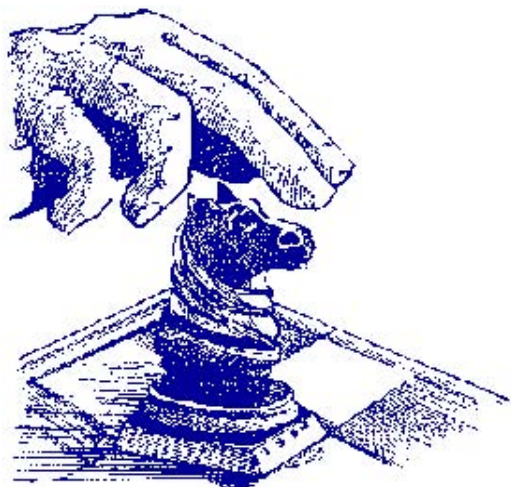
What Do You Call a Watchamacallit

I know what you call a "piece"
I know what you call a "pawn"
But what do you call them both together
When both are called upon?

It's okay to say they're all pieces
When scattered about in a drawer.
But on display in the "Array"
Equality, No More!

Some say they're "material"
Others like "units" or "force"
There was a time, they were "chessmen"
Long ago, of course.

Among the chessmen is a "Queen"
Most powerful, but "Gay"?
It's not too late to set things straight:
"Chess Persons" all the way!



Games

French Winawer Defense

W: Tony Cao 1897

B: Movsisyan 2199

Chicago Open 2004

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3

The French Winawer

6... Ne7 7. Bd3

Normal here is 7.Qg4 or 7.Nf3, but in the game, it transposes to the main variation of Nf3 anyway.

7... Nbc6 8. Nf3 Qa5 9. Bd2 Bd7 10. O-O Qa4 11. Be3

Probably better is 11.dxc5. If black tries to regain the pawn by Qa5, then 12.c4 Qxc5 13.cxd5 and white has an open position with the two bishops. Black's best reply is 11...Ng6 attacking the e-pawn.

11... cxd4 12.cxd4 Na5?

A mistake, black would have done better to castle queenside. The fault to this move is that it steps down the pressure on the d-pawn, thereby allowing white's next move possible.

13. Ng5

A similar move has recently started showing play in the milner-barry variation. I credit Charles Lawton with showing me this move, so that I was able to recognize the potential of this move during the game. My threat is obviously 14.Qh5 or 14.Qf3.

13... h6 14. Qh5 g6 15. Qh4 Bb5

It is hard to find a better move for black, perhaps Rf8, and then castling queenside.

16. Nxf7

This looks pretty destructive, but it was actually the point of 13.Ng5

16...Bxd3 17. cxd3 Rh7

Black, of course cannot take the knight because it after Qf6+, he loses his own knight or rook.

18. Nd6+ Kd7 19. Rab1 b6 20. Rfc1 Nac6 21. Rc3 Nxe5

I missed this move during the game, but I realized that I can actually make use of the newly opened b8-h2 diagonal.

22. Qf4 N5c6 23. Nb5 e5 24. Qf6

Of course I dont accept the pawn and trade into the endgame when I have such a strong attack!

24... Rc8 25. dxe5 Qg4

Otherwise 26.e6+ Ke8 (Kd8?? Qf8#) 27.Bxh6 Rxh6 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Qf8#

26. Qd6+ Ke8 27. Nc7+

Perhaps this is not the best move since black can force the exchange of queens afterwards, maybe 27.e6 a6(any other move would also work) 28.Qd7+ Kf8 29.Rxc6 Rxc6(if Nxc6 then e7+ followed by Qxg4)30.Qd8+ Kg7 31. Qxe7+ Kg8 32.Qe8+ Kg7 33.Qxc6

27... Rxc7 28. Qxc7 Qd7 29. Qxd7+ Kxd7 30. Bf4 Nd4 31. Kf1 Ne6 32. Bg3 d4?

This move frees the d5 square for white's rooks, if this move was not played, then white's only chance would have been an a5 pawn break, because although white is ahead the exchange, there is a lack of open files for his rooks.

33. Rc4 Nc6 34. Rb5 Nc5?

If not, then white penetrates to d5, but still, it blunders a whole piece.

35.Rxc5 bxc5 36. Rb7+

This important victory gave me 5.5 out of 6 going into the last round.

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French Winawer Defense

W: Jim Ellis 2200

B: George Elgin 1754

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. dxc5 Ne7 6. Nf3 Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 Nd7 8. Bd3 Qc7 9. O-O Nxc5 10. Re1 Bd7 11. Nd4 a6 12. a4 Rc8 13. Ba3 Nxd3 14. cxd3 Qxc3 15. Qg4 h5 16. Qxg7 Rf8 17. Qf6 Ng6 18. Nf3 Qxd3 19. Nh4 Qh3 20. Nxc6 1-0

Modern Defense

W: Matt Conway 1716

B: Ron Luther 2200

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. c3 Nf6 5. Bd3 O-O 6. h3 a6 7. a4 Nc6 8. b4 e5 9. d5 Ne7 10. O-O c6 11. dxc6 bxc6 12. Qc2 Qc7 13. a5 d5 14. Be3 dxe4 15. Bxe4 Nxe4 16. Bb6 Qd6 17. Rd1 Qf6 18. Qxe4 Nd5 19. g4 Nf4 20. Kh2 h5 21. Bc5 Nxc3 22. Rd6 Nxf2 23. Qxc6 Nxc6 24. Kg2 Qf4 25. Qxa8 e4 26. Nbd2 exf3+ 27. Nxf3 h4 28. Rxc6 Qg3+ 29. Kh1 fxg6 30. Rf1 Rxf3 0-1

Queen's Pawn Game

W: Zack Koehler Unrated

B: Chris Seaman 1247

Missouri Open 2004

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Bf5 3. Bf4 e6 4. Nb5 Bd6 5. e3 Bxf4
6. exf4 a6 7. Nc3 Nf6 8. Bd3 O-O 9. Bxf5 exf5
10. Nge2 Ne4 11. O-O Nc6 12. f3 Nxc3 13. Nxc3
Qd7 14. g4 Rfe8 15. Re1 Rxe1+ 16. Qxe1 fxd4
17. Qe2 gxf3 18. Qxf3 Nxd4 19. Qxd5 Qxd5
20. Nxd5 Nxc2 21. Nxc7 Nxa1 22. Nxa8 Kf8
23. Nc7 Nc2 24. a3 Ke7 25. Nd5+ Ke6 26. Nc7+
Kf5 27. Nd5 Ke4 28. Nc3+ Kxf4 29. Nd5+ Ke5
30. Ne7 f5 31. Kf2 h5 32. h4 f4 0-1

Dutch Defense - Leningrad Variation

W: Thomas Gossell 2083

B: Mike Clark 1676

Missouri Open 2004

1. c4 f5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. d4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. g3 O-O
6. Bg2 d6 7. O-O Nbd7 8. Ng5 Nb6 9. c5 Nc4
10. Qb3 d5 11. Nxd5 Nxd5 12. Qxc4 e6 13. e4 fxe4
14. Nxe4 h6 15. Nc3 Ne7 16. Be3 Nf5 17. Rad1 c6
18. Ne4 Qe7 19. Bf4 Kh7 20. Bd6 Nxd6 21. Nxd6
e5 22. d5 Qc7 23. h4 Bd7 24. h5 g5 25. Be4+ Kh8
26. Nf7+ Rxf7 27. d6 Be6 28. Qxe6 Qd7 29. Qg6
Kg8 30. Bc2 Rf6 31. Qh7+ Kf8 32. Bb3 Re6
33. Qf5+ Qf7 34. Qxf7+ Kxf7 35. d7 Rd8 36. Rd6
Ke7 37. Rxe6+ Kxd7 38. Rd1+ Kc8 39. Re7 Bf8
40. Be6+ Rd7 41. Rxd7 Bxc5 42. Rf7+ Kb8
43. Rd8# 1-0

English Opening

W: King Christian 2037

B: Tim Boyd 1626

Missouri Open 2004

1. c4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. b3 Nf6 4. Bb2 e6 5. g3 Be7
6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O Nbd7 8. d3 Qc7 9. Nc3 d4
10. Nxd4 Rd8 11. Nf3 Ne5 12. Nxe5 Qxe5 13. Qc2
Qh5 14. Ne4 e5 15. Nxf6+ Bxf6 16. Rael Be6
17. f4 exf4 18. Rxf4 Bg5 19. Rff1 Be3+ 20. Kh1
Rd7 21. Rf3 Bg5 22. e4 Bg4 23. Rff1 Rad8 24. d4
Rd6 25. Kg1 Rh6 26. Bh1 Bh3 27. Rf2 Rdd6 28. e5
Rde6 29. d5 cxd5 30. Bxd5 Rd6 31. Qe4 Bh4
32. Qxh4 Qxh4 33. gxh4 Rxd5 34. cxd5 Rg6+
35. Kh1 1-0

Sicilian Defense

W: Joseph Garnier 1636

B: Waldo Odak 2069

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3
d6 6. Be2 g6 7. O-O Bg7 8. Be3 O-O 9. Kh1 Bd7
10. f4 a6 11. Nxc6 Bxc6 12. Bf3 Rc8 13. Qd2 b5
14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. exd5 Bd7 16. c3 h5 17. Be4 f5
18. Bd3 Be8 19. Bf2 Bf6 20. Qe3 Bf7 21. Qg3
Qd7 22. Rfe1 Kg7 23. Be2 h4 24. Qd3 b4 25. Bd4
bxc3 26. Bxf6+ exf6 27. bxc3 Rfe8 28. c4 Re4
29. Qd2 Qa7 30. Qb4 Rce8 31. Bf3 Rxe1+
32. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 33. Qxe1 Qd4 34. Qc1 Qf2 35. h3
Qxa2 36. c5 dxc5 37. Qxc5 Qb1+ 38. Kh2 Qd3
39. d6 g5 40. fxd5 fxd5 41. Qe5+ Kg6 42. Qe7 g4
43. hxg4 Qd4 44. gxf5+ Kg7 45. Qg5+ Kf8
46. Qh6+ Kg8 47. Kh3 Qe5 48. Qg5+ Kf8 49. d7
1-0

Pirc Defense

W: Brad Herbst Unrated

B: Jacob Hamacher 582

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Bg5 Bg7 5. Nf3 c5
6. Bxf6 Bxf6 7. e5 dxe5 8. dxe5 Qxd1+ 9. Rxd1
Bg7 10. Nd5 Kd8 11. Nb6+ Bd7 12. Nxa8 Nc6
13. Bb5 Kc8 14. Bxc6 Bxc6 15. O-O Kb8 16. Rd2
Kxa8 17. Rfd1 Kb8 18. Rd8+ Rxd8 19. Rxd8+ Kc7
20. Rd3 c4 21. Re3 Bh6 22. Re2 b5 23. Nd4 Be8
24. e6 f5 25. b3 c3 26. a4 b4 27. Nb5+ Kb6 28. Re1
Bc6 29. Rd1 Bd2 30. h4 a5 31. g3 Kc5 32. Na7 Be4
33. Kh2 Bxc2 34. Rg1 Bxb3 35. Nc8 c2 36. Nxe7
c1=Q 37. Rxc1+ Bxc1 38. Nxe6 Bxe6 39. Ne5 Bc4
40. f4 b3 41. g4 Bxf4+ 42. Kh3 Bxe5 43. gxf5 b2
44. Kg4 b1=Q 45. Kg5 Qg1+ 46. Kh6 Qg7+
47. Kh5 Be2# 0-1

King's Indian Defense

W: Dritan Nerhati 1602
B: Andrew Amelung 2034
Missouri Open 2004

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. e3 d5
6. Be2 e6 7. O-O b6 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Nxd5 exd5
10. b4 c5 11. bxc5 bxc5 12. Ba3 Nd7 13. Rc1 Qa5
14. Bxc5 Nxc5 15. Rxc5 Qxa2 16. Bb5 Be6 17. Ng5
Rab8 18. Qa1 Qxa1 19. Rxa1 Rb7 20. Bc6 Rc7
21. Nxe6 fxe6 22. Bxd5 Rxc5 23. Bxe6+ Kh8
24. dxc5 Bxa1 25. c6 Be5 26. f4 Bc7 27. Kf2 a5
28. Kf3 a4 29. g4 a3 30. h4 Ra8 31. Ba2 Ra6 32. f5
gxf5 33. gxf5 Rxc6 0-1

Sicilian Defense

W: Frank Smith 1498
B: Doug Howe 1189
Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 g6
6. f3 Bg7 7. Be3 a6 8. Qd2 Nf6 9. Bc4 O-O
10. O-O-O Qc7 11. Bb3 Bd7 12. h4 Ne5 13. Bh6 e6
14. Bxg7 Kxg7 15. g4 Rac8 16. h5 Rh8 17. Rh3
Rcd8 18. Rdh1 Qc8 19. Nce2 Bc6 20. Nf4 Qd7
21. g5 Ne8 22. hxg6 fxg6 23. Nfxe6+ 1-0

Closed Sicilian

W: Michael O'Neil 1126
B: Craig Butler 1494
Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nge2 e6
6. O-O Nge7 7. d3 d6 8. Be3 Nd4 9. Bd2 Nec6
10. a3 O-O 11. Rb1 Rb8 12. Nxd4 cxd4 13. Ne2 e5
14. f4 f5 15. exf5 Bxf5 16. c3 Bxd3 17. Rc1 Qb6
18. cxd4 Nxd4 19. Be3 Nxe2+ 20. Kf2 Qxb2
21. Ra1 Nxf4+ 22. Kg1 Qxg2# 0-1

Staunton Gambit - Dutch Defense

W: Bill Wright 1403
B: Brian Brenner 935
Missouri Open 2004

1. d4 f5 2. e4 fxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 e6 5. Nxe4
Be7 6. Ng3 O-O 7. Bd3 Qe8 8. Nf3 b6 9. O-O Bb7
10. c3 d6 11. Re1 Qf7 12. Qe2 Bc8 13. Bc2 Nc6
14. Bb3 Nd8 15. Nf5 Kh8 16. Nxe7 Qxe7 17. d5 e5
18. c4 Nf7 19. Bh4 Bg4 20. Bc2 Nh6 21. Qe3 Qe8
22. Qg5 Qh5 23. Qxh5 Bxh5 24. Ng5 Bg4 25. Re3
Nf5 26. Bxf5 Bxf5 27. h3 h6 28. Nf3 Rab8 29. g4
Bh7 30. g5 hxg5 31. Nxg5 b5 32. b3 bxc4 33. bxc4
Rb4 34. Rc1 Nxd5 35. Rb3 Rxb3 36. axb3 Nf4
37. Ra1 Ra8 38. Kh2 Bc2 39. Ra3 a5 40. Nf3 Bf5
41. Ng5 Kg8 42. f3 Nd3 43. Ne4 Bxe4 44. fxe4 Nc5
45. b4 Nxe4 46. bxa5 Nc5 47. Bf2 Kf7 48. Kg2 Ke6
49. Be3 Kd7 50. Kg3 Kc6 51. Kg4 d5 52. cxd5+
Kxd5 53. Kf5 Ra6 54. Bg5 Ne6 55. Be3 Nd4+
56. Kg5 Nc2 57. Rc3 Nxe3 58. Rxe3 Rxa5 59. Kf5
Kd4 60. Re4+ Kd3 61. Rg4 e4+ 62. Kg6 e3
63. Kxg7 e2 64. Rg3+ Kd2 65. Rg2 Rh5
66. Kf6 c5 67. Ke6 c4 68. Kd6 c3 0-1

Caro-Kann Defense

W: Jim Davies 2006
B: Wes Willis 1600
Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Ng3
Nbd7 6. Nf3 e6 7. Bd3 b5 8. O-O Be7 9. c3 Bb7
10. Qc2 h6 11. Bf4 a6 12. Rad1 Nd5 13. Ne2 Nxf4
14. Nxf4 Qc7 15. Ne2 Nf6 16. Ne5 Bd6 17. f4 Bxe5
18. fxe5 Nd5 19. Qd2 O-O 20. Ng3 f5 21. exf6 Nxf6
22. Rde1 Rae8 23. Bg6 Re7 24. Re5 Nd5
25. Rxf8+ Kxf8 26. Ne4 Bc8 27. Nc5 a5 28. g4
Bd7 29. g5 hxg5 30. Qxg5 Nf6 31. Qh4 Be8
32. Qh8+ Ng8 33. Bxe8 Rxe8 34. Rxe6 Qf7
35. Qh3 Rxe6 36. Qxe6 Nf6 37. Qxf7+ Kxf7
38. Nb7 Ke6 39. Nxa5 Kd5 40. Kg2 Ng4 41. Kg3
Ne3 42. Kf4 Nd1 43. h4 Nxb2 44. Kf5 Nd1 45. h5
Nxc3 46. Kg6 Ne2 47. Kxg7 Nxd4 48. Kf6 Ne6
49. Nxc6 Nf4 50. Ne7+ Kc4 51. h6 Kc3 52. h7
Kb2 53. h8=Q Kxa2 54. Qh2+ Ka3 55. Qxf4 b4
56. Nc6 b3 57. Qb4+ Ka2 58. Qa4+ Kb2 59. Na5
1-0

King's Indian Defense

W: Thomas Rehmeier 1356

B: Kyle May 916

Missouri Open 2004

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Nf3 O-O 5. e4 e6
6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 Qe8 8. e5 Nh5 9. Qd2 g5 10. g4 f6
11. Bg3 Nxc3 12. hxc3 f5 13. Nxc3 Qg6 14. Nh3
fxg4 15. Nf4 Qf7 16. Bd3 Bh8 17. Ng6 Qf3
18. Rxh6 Bg7 19. Nxf8 Bxh6 20. Bh7+ Kg7
21. Qd3 Qxd3 22. Bxd3 Kxf8 23. Nb5 Na6 24. Be2
Nb4 25. Kd1 c6 26. Nd6 Rb8 27. a3 Na6 28. Kc2
Nc7 29. Rh1 Bg7 30. Bxc4 b5 31. c5 Nd5 32. Kd2
Ba6 33. Be2 Kg8 34. Rh4 Bf8 35. Rg4+ Kh7
36. Bd3+ Kh6 37. Nf7+ Kh5 38. Rh4# 1-0

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

W: Andrew Davis 712

B: Linwood Mason 1353

Missouri Open 2004

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 e6
6. a3 a6 7. Bd3 Nc6 8. Be3 Be7 9. O-O Qd6
10. Ne2 Ng4 11. Bf4 Qd7 12. h3 Nf6 13. g4 b6
14. Qd2 Bb7 15. Ne5 Nxe5 16. Bxe5 Qd5 17. Nf4
Qh1+ 18. Kf2 Qh2+ 19. Ng2 Qxc2+ 20. Ke1 Qxh3
21. g5 Ne4 22. Bxe4 Bxe4 23. Qf4 Bf5 24. d5 Qg2
25. Rd1 Qe4+ 26. Qxe4 Bxe4 27. c4 O-O-O
28. Rxf7 Bd6 29. Bxc7 Rhg8 30. Bc3 Rxc5 31. Kd2
exd5 32. Kc1 dxc4 33. Re1 Rf5 34. Rxh7 Bf4+
35. Bd2 Bxd2+ 36. Kd1 Bxe1+ 37. Kxe1 Rf1+
38. Kxf1 Bxh7 0-1

Dutch Defense

W: Charlie Ward 1431

B: Hughes Lee 992

Missouri Open 2004

1. d4 d6 2. c4 e5 3. e3 f5 4. g3 Nf6 5. Nc3 Be7
6. Nge2 O-O 7. Bg2 Ng4 8. O-O Nc6 9. d5 Nb4
10. a3 Na6 11. h3 Nf6 12. b4 Bd7 13. Bb2 c5 14. b5
Nc7 15. Qc2 b6 16. Rae1 a6 17. a4 axb5 18. axb5
e4 19. Ra1 Qb8 20. Rxa8 Qxa8 21. Ra1 Qb7
22. h4 Ra8 23. Qc1 Ng4 24. Bh3 Ne5 25. Nf4 Nxc4
26. Ne6 Nxb2 27. Qxb2 g6 28. Rxa8+ Qxa8
29. Nxc7 Qb7 30. Na6 Bf6 31. Bf1 Bxc3 32. Qxc3
Qxd5 33. Bc4 Qxc4 34. Qxc4+ Kg7 35. Nc7 Bc8
36. Qd5 c4 37. Qxd6 Kh6 38. Qf8+ Kh5 39. Qxc8
c3 40. Nd5 c2 41. Qxc2 Kh6 42. Qc7 Kh5
43. Qxh7+ Kg4 44. Nf6+ Kf3 45. Qh5+ 1-0

Ruy Lopez

W: Brad Schlosser 1023

B: Alex Marler 1437

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. O-O
Bg4 6. h3 h5 7. c3 Qf6 8. d4 Bxf3 9. Qxf3 Qxf3
10. gxf3 Bd6 11. f4 exd4 12. cxd4 O-O-O 13. Rd1
Be7 14. Nc3 Nf6 15. Be3 Rhg8 16. Rd2 Nh7 17. f3
g5 18. Kh2 g4 19. fxc4 hxc4 20. Rg1 gxh3 21. Rxcg8
Rxc8 22. Kxh3 Nf6 23. Rg2 Rh8+ 24. Kg3 Bb4
25. e5 Bxc3 26. exf6 Rg8+ 27. Kf3 Rxc2 28. Kxc2
Bxb2 29. Kf3 Kd7 30. Kg4 Ke6 31. Kg5 b5 32. f5+
Kd7 33. Kf4 Kd6 34. Kg5 b4 35. Bf4+ Kd7 36. Kh6
Bxd4 37. Kg7 Ke8 38. Bxc7 Ba7 39. Ba5 c5
40. Kg8 Bb8 41. Kg7 Bd6 42. Bb6 c4 43. Be3 Be5
44. Bc1 b3 45. axb3 cxb3 46. Kh6 b2 47. Bxb2
Bxb2 48. Kg5 a5 49. Kh6 a4 50. Kg7 a3 51. Kg8 a2
52. Kh8 a1=Q 53. Kg8 Qg1+ 0-1

Caro-Kann Defense

W: Ken Jones 2334

B: Kevin Guo 1821

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c6 2. c4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. cxd5 Qxd5 5. Nc3
Qd8 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. d4 e6 8. Bd3 Nf6 9. O-O Be7
10. a3 O-O 11. Bc2 Nd5 12. Qd3 f5 13. Re1 Bf6
14. Nxd5 exd5 15. Bb3 Qd6 16. g3 Be6 17. Bf4 Qd7
18. Rac1 a6 19. Bg5 h6 20. Bxf6 Rxf6 21. Ne5
Nxe5 22. Rxe5 Rc8 23. Rxc8+ Qxc8 24. Qc3 Qxc3
25. bxc3 Kh7 26. f4 Kg6 27. Kf2 Bf7 28. Bc2 Rc6
29. Re3 Kf6 30. Ke1 Re6 31. Re5 Rxe5+
32. dxe5+ Ke6 33. Kd2 Be8 34. Ke3 Bb5 35. Bd3
Bc6 36. Kd4 b6 37. Bxa6 g6 38. Bf1 Ba4 39. Be2
Bb3 40. c4 Ba2 41. cxd5+ Bxd5 42. Bc4 1-0

King's Pawn Game

W: Dorian Daniel 1335

B: Michael Bergeron 701

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 f6 3. d4 Bd6 4. Bc4 Ne7 5. Nc3
Nbc6 6. dxe5 fxe5 7. Ng5 Rf8 8. Qh5+ g6 9. Qxh7
Nd4 10. Bf7+ Rxf7 11. Qxf7# 1-0

Queen's Gambit Accepted

W: Tony Rich 1686

B: Bob Holliman 2109

Missouri Open 2004

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Bf5 3. c4 dxc4 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Bg5 Nbd7 6. e3 h6 7. Bxf6 Nxf6 8. Bxc4 e6 9. O-O Be7 10. Rc1 O-O 11. Qe2 a6 12. e4 Bg4 13. e5 Nd5 14. Nxd5 exd5 15. Bd3 c6 16. h3 Bh5 17. g4 Bg6 18. Bxg6 fxc6 19. Nh2 Rf4 20. Rc3 Qb6 21. Rb3 Qa7 22. Nf3 Raf8 23. Kg2 Qb8 24. Rd3 Qe8 25. Ne1 Bh4 26. f3 Qe6 27. Kg1 Bg3 28. Kg2 Bxe1 29. Qxe1 g5 30. Qb4 R8f7 31. Qa5 Kh7 32. Qc3 Qg6 33. Re3 Qe6 34. Rd3 Re7 35. Re3 Qf7 36. Rd3 Re6 37. Re3 h5 38. Ree1 Rh6 39. Rh1 Qe6 40. Rd1 Rf8 41. Qb3 Qf7 42. Qe3 Kg8 43. Rd3 Qe7 44. Rdd1 Rf4 45. Qc3 Kf7 46. Rd3 Qe6 47. Qb4 hxg4 48. Qxb7+ Kg8 49. fxg4 Rxg4+ 50. Rg3 Rxg3+ 51. Kxg3 Qf5 52. Qb3 Qf4+ 53. Kg2 Qe4+ 54. Qf3 Qxd4 55. Re1 Re6 56. Rf1 Qxb2+ 57. Rf2 Qxe5 58. Qf7+ Kh7 59. Rf5 Qe4+ 60. Kg3 Qh4+ 61. Kg2 Re2+ 62. Kf1 Qe1# 0-1

Caro-Kann Defense

W: Linwood Mason 1353

B: Tony Rich 1686

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. d4 Nc6 5. Bd2 Bg4 6. Bb5 Qb6 7. Bxc6+ bxc6 8. Bc3 e6 9. O-O Nf6 10. Qd3 Bf5 11. Qe2 Bd6 12. Ne5 Qc7 13. f4 Ne4 14. Nd2 Nxc3 15. bxc3 Bxc2 16. Ndf3 Bf5 17. Nh4 Be4 18. f5 Bxe5 19. dxe5 Qxe5 20. fxe6 Qxe6 21. Nf3 Bxf3 22. Qxe6+ fxe6 23. Rxf3 Rf8 24. Rxf8+ Kxf8 25. Rb1 Re8 26. Rb7 Re7 27. Rb2 Ke8 28. Kf2 Kd7 29. Ke3 Kd6 30. Kd4 c5+ 31. Ke3 e5 32. Rd2 Rb7 33. c4 d4+ 34. Kd3 a5 35. Re2 a4 36. g4 a3 37. h4 Rb2 38. Rxb2 axb2 39. Kc2 e4 40. Kxb2 Kc6 41. Kc2 Kb6 42. a3 Ka5 0-1

Gruenfeld Defense

W: Chris Seaman 1247

B: Dritan Nerhati 1602

Missouri Open 2004

1. c4 Nf6 2. d4 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. Nc3 d5 5. e3 O-O 6. Bd3 b6 7. cxd5 Nxd5 8. e4 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c5 10. e5 Bb7 11. Bb2 Nd7 12. O-O e6 13. Re1 cxd4 14. cxd4 Rc8 15. Be4 Bxe4 16. Rxe4 Nb8 17. Ba3 Re8 18. Rc1 Qd5 19. Re2 Bh6 20. Rxc8 Rxc8 21. Rc2 Rc4 22. Bc1 Bg7 23. Bd2 Qc6 24. Rxc4 Qxc4 25. Qc1 Qxc1+ 26. Bxc1 Kf8 27. Kf1 Ne6 28. Ba3+ Ke8 29. Ke2 Bf8 30. Bb2 Nb4 31. a3 Nc2 32. a4 Nb4 33. Bc3 Nd5 34. Kd2 Kd7 35. Ng5 Bh6 36. h4 Bxg5+ 37. hxg5 Nxc3 38. Kxc3 Kc6 39. Kc4 a6 40. f4 b5+ 41. axb5+ axb5+ 42. Kb4 Kd5 43. Kxb5 Kxd4 44. Kc6 Ke4 45. g3 Kf3 46. Kd7 Kxg3 47. Ke7 Kxf4 48. Kf6 Ke4 49. Kxf7 Kxe5 50. Kg7 Kf5 0-1

Closed Sicilian

W: Ron Luther 2200

B: Jim Davies 2006

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 Rb8 6. Be3 d6 7. Qd2 Bd7 8. f4 e6 9. Nf3 Nge7 10. O-O O-O 11. f5 exf5 12. Bh6 Nd4 13. Bxg7 Nxf3+ 14. Rxf3 Kxg7 15. Raf1 Bc6 16. R3f2 d5 17. exf5 Nxf5 18. Rxf5 gxf5 19. Rxf5 f6 20. Nxd5 Bxd5 21. Bxd5 Qe7 22. Be4 Kh8 23. Qf4 Rbd8 24. Qh4 b6 25. Re5 Qd7 26. Rd5 Qe7 27. Re5 Qd7 28. Rh5 Rf7 29. Bxh7 Kg7 30. Be4 Qd4+ 31. Kg2 Kf8 32. Qf4 Ke7 33. c3 Qd6 34. Qg4 Qe6 35. Qxe6+ Kxe6 36. g4 Rg7 37. Kf3 Ke7 38. h4 Rdg8 39. Bd5 Rf8 40. Kf4 Kd6 41. Be4 Re7 42. Rh6 Kc7 43. h5 Re5 44. Rh7+ Kb8 45. Rb7+ Kc8 46. Rxa7 1-0

English Opening

W: Mike Clark 1676

B: Devian Daniel 1335

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c5 2. c4 d6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nf6
6. Nc3 a6 7. g3 Bd7 8. Bg2 e5 9. Nc2 Be7 10. O-O
Rc8 11. b3 Bg4 12. Qd2 h6 13. a4 a5 14. Ba3 O-O
15. Nb5 Ne8 16. Ne3 Be6 17. Rfd1 Nd4 18. Nxd4
exd4 19. Nd5 Bxd5 20. exd5 Bf6 21. Bb2 Bg5
22. Qxd4 b6 23. Be4 Bf6 24. Qd2 Bxb2 25. Qxb2
Nf6 26. Bc2 Re8 27. Rd4 Kf8 28. Rad1 Re2
29. Qc3 Qe7 30. R1d3 Ne4 31. Rxe4 Rxe4 32. Rf3
Re1+ 33. Kg2 Rc1 34. Qd2 Re1 35. Bg6 f6 36. Qd4
Qe5 37. Qxb6 Qe2 38. Qxd6+ Kg8 39. Qe6+ Qxe6
40. dxe6 Kf8 41. Rd3 Rc5 42. Bf7 Rc7 43. f4 Rb1
44. Rd8+ Ke7 45. Rb8 Rb2+ 46. Kh3 g5 47. f5 g4+
48. Kxg4 Rxh2 49. Rb5 Rb2 50. Rb8 Rg2 51. Rh8
h5+ 52. Bxh5 Kd6 53. Rf8 Rg7+ 54. Bg6 Ke7
55. Ra8 Rxg6+ 56. fxc6 1-0

Sicilian Defense

W: Craig Butler 1494

B: Pangai Massouros 1912

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Qb6 5. Nb3
Nf6 6. Be3 Qc7 7. Nc3 e6 8. Be2 Bb4 9. f3 d5
10. O-O Bxc3 11. bxc3 dxe4 12. Bb5 O-O 13. fxe4
e5 14. Rxf6 gxf6 15. Qh5 Ne7 16. Bd3 Kh8 17. Qh4
Ng8 18. Rf1 Qc6 19. Rf3 b6 20. g4 Qe6 21. Rf5
Ne7 22. Nd4 Nxf5 23. Nxf5 Qc6 24. Bb5 Qe6
25. Bc4 Qc6 26. Bd5 1-0

Two Knights Defense

W: Kevin Cao 1115

B: Lyov Myshkin 1455

Missouri Open 2004

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Be7 4. O-O Nf6 5. Nc3
O-O 6. d3 d6 7. h3 Na5 8. Bb3 Nxb3 9. axb3 a6
10. Bg5 Ne8 11. Bxe7 Qxe7 12. Nd5 Qd8 13. d4
exd4 14. Qxd4 Be6 15. Nc3 Nf6 16. Qe3 Re8
17. Qd3 Qe7 18. Rfe1 Rad8 19. Rad1 Nd7 20. Nd5
Bxd5 21. exd5 Qf6 22. Rxe8+ Rxe8 23. Qc4 Rc8
24. Qg4 Rd8 25. c3 Ne5 26. Nxe5 dxe5 27. Qc4 c6
28. Qa4 h6 29. Qb4 b5 30. Qc5 Qd6 31. Qb6 cxd5
32. Qa5 Qg6 33. Qxd8+ 1-0

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28. Bg2 Kf8

With this move, White seems to gain a lot of activity, but it is difficult to find an active defense for black.

29. Re4 Qb8 30. Qd4 Rf4 31. d6 Rxe4 32. fxe4 e5! (diagram)



This move has many benefits:

1. It keeps white from opening up the center
2. It nails down f4 even further
3. It prevents White from playing 'e5' himself, freeing his bishop
4. It seals up some of the dark-squared weaknesses that would have existed with 'e6'

33. Qe3 Nf4

a "forever" square.

34. Bf1 f6 35. a4 Ne6 36. Bc4 Nd4 37. Qd3 bxc5 38. bxc5 Qb2

Like coming up from air at the last moment!

39. Rf1 Kg7 40. Bb5 Rb8 41. Rd1 a6!

A very nice shot. If White goes for 42. Bxa6 Rb3 43. Qf1 Nf3+ brings in the point. If 42. Bxd7 Rb3 43. Rd2 Qc1+ 44. Rd1 Qxc5!! and the discovered attack, combined with the attack on the queen are enough to win

42. Bc4 Rb4 43. c6 Rxc4

43... Nxc6 44. Qd5 Rxc4 45. Qxc4 Nd4 is similar to the game

44. Qxc4 Nf3+ 45. Kf1 Nxe2+ 46. Ke1

and not 46. Kg1 Nxe4 leads to mate

46... Nf3+ 47. Kf1 Nxe2+ 48. Ke1 Nf3+ 49. Kf1 1/2-1/2

‘You know, comrade Pachman, I don’t enjoy being a Minister, I would rather play chess like you, or make a revolution in Venezuela.’
Che Guevara, quoted in Luděk Pachman,
‘Checkmate in Prague’, 1975