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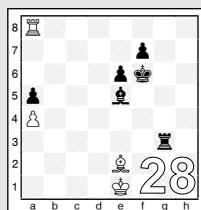
**Attention:**  
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going up in  
September

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***"My style is somewhere between that of Tal and Petrosian."  
—Samuel Reshevsky***



## MISSOURI TOP 50

Rank	Name	Current/Upcoming Published Rating
1.	MICHAEL A BROOKS	2444
2.	CHARLES LAWTON	2363
3.	KENNETH E JONES	2320
4.	RONALD LUTHER	2215
5.	THOMAS G GOSSELL	2213
6.	LOAL W DAVIS	2201
7.	JAMES S ELLIS	2200
8.	KENNETH P. THOMAS	2168
9.	ANDREW J WITTE	2159
10.	BOB HOLLIMAN	2151
11.	JAMES F MCLAUGHLIN	2141
12.	FRANK A CHRESSANTHIS	2139
13.	JAMES R VOELKER	2115
14.	ROBERT MERTON JACOBS	2100
15.	ZEBEDEE FORTMAN III	2080
16.	WALDO ODAK	2050
17.	JEREMY M VOLKMAN	2023
18.	DANIEL R HUFF	2012
19.	JAMES A DAVIES	2000
20.	KEVIN DALE JOHNSON	2000
21.	DAVID A SIMONS	1980
22.	DWIGHT BEASLEY	1959
23.	TONY SONG	1958
24.	STEVEN D BANGE	1937
25.	GARY FREEMAN	1920
26.	DANIEL A JUENGL	1917
27.	KEVIN GUO	1914
28.	ZEBEDEE FORTMAN JR	1900
29.	MARK A COGLEY	1892
30.	SELDEN TRIMBLE	1892
31.	MARK T SMITH	1881
32.	KENNETH E FEE JR	1858
33.	JAKE A FERGUSON	1857
34.	DANIEL J CORYEA	1827
35.	RAYMOND J BIRT	1818
36.	NATHANAEL SWINGER	1810
37.	TONY DUTIEL	1807
38.	STEPHEN R LANDRUM	1801
39.	BEHROOZ M VAKIL	1795
40.	ALBERT D HOWLETT	1794
41.	WAYDE STALLMANN	1790
42.	CHRIS A HUNT	1774
43.	JIM POAGE	1771
44.	MIKE CLARK	1764
45.	PAUL J GODDARD	1761
46.	ALEX J MARLER	1759
47.	DARIUS MASUHUD	1757
48.	NICK W KARLOW	1754
49.	JAMES V STAUDT	1753
50.	FRANCIS CROW	1749

To be eligible for the Missouri Top 50 List, a player must be a current tournament player. Current as of this printing is the 2004 through 2006 USCF Rating List.

## Missouri Champions

### 2005 MO Open Champion Bob Holliman



### 2005 MO Quick Champion Ron Luther

**2006 MO Class Champions**  
 Master/Expert -- Michael Brooks  
 Class A -- Tony Song  
 Class B -- Tony Rich  
 Class C -- Shan Siddiqi  
 Class D -- Vikram Arun  
 Class E -- Dan Laurila  
 Class F -- Tyler Harris



**2006 MO HS State  
Champion  
Kevin Guo**  
Denker Champion



**2006 MO HS State  
Champion  
Katy Mueller**  
Polgar Champion

### 2006 MO HS Team Champion Vianney HS - St. Louis, MO

# FROM THE EDITOR by Ken Fee, Jr.

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**Missouri News:** Missouri chess has had another awesome May, June, and July. The St. Louis Open, Chess Club Championship in Kansas City, and the Missouri Class Championships in Columbia produced fighting chess and the last two participants in the September Missouri Invitational round robin which will produce the 2006 Missouri State Champion at Bridger Middle School in Independence on September 16th-17th. The six players who have qualified for the 2006 Missouri Invitational are:



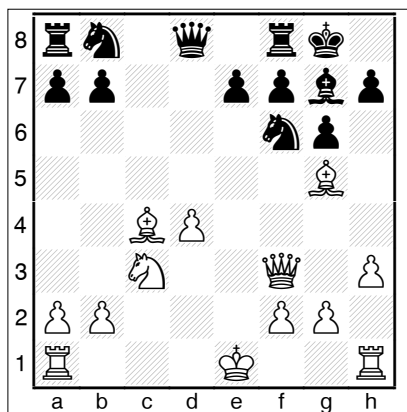
1. **Bob Holliman** - 2005 Missouri State Champion
2. **Kenneth Jones** - KC Masters Invitation Winner
3. **Tony Dutiel** - New Year Open Winner
4. **Ron Luther** - KC Open Winner
5. **Nick Karlow** - St. Louis Open Winner
6. **IM Michael Brooks** - Missouri Class Winner

MCA dues will increase in September 1st to \$12/\$8/\$5 dues to the increase in printing costs. The exciting scholastic news is that the National High School (K12) Championship will be coming to Crown Center in Kansas City from April 13 - 15, 2007. The MCA board created positive goals for the 2006-07 chess year spearheaded by Wayne Bartlett.

**Chess:** Chess coaches scold scholastic players throughout the world to castle in order to get Henry out of the center. Puzzle book after puzzle book illustrate the point with the tactical motif title, the "King in the Center". We all know that we should castle for King protection and to connect the rooks for development. The issue of course, is when and where? When I teach scholastic players, my rule is simple: try to castle within seven moves, if possible. Through experience, I have found that scholastic players who do not castle are in jeopardy of losing the game because the king becomes naked in the middle game. So I e-mailed Tim Steiner, a local Kansas City chess instructor, from [www.midwestchess.com](http://www.midwestchess.com) for his say on the issue. Tim's point is interesting. "Timing is very, very important. I generally do not recommend castling very early. I have seen kids castle into mate or a pawn storm too many times." The following is a game from The Chess Club G75 Wednesday tournament.

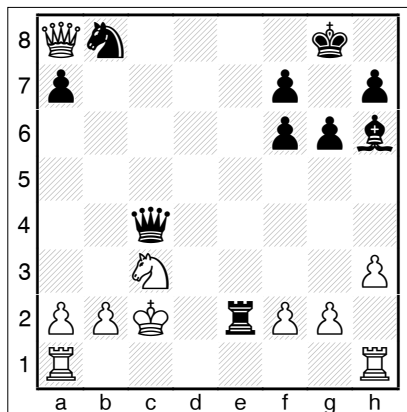
**Dutiel, Tony (1825) - Fee JR, Kenneth (1825) [E61], March G75 , March 8th, 2006**  
The game illustrates the consequences of not castling.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6  
6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bg4 10.h3  
Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Diagram



White's King is in the center while his d4 pawn and c4 bishop are unprotected. Black decides to sacrifice his b7 pawn and h8 rook even though in reality, White is sacrificing his king!

11...Qxd4 12.Bxf6 exf6 The idea here is to open the e file for the rook. 13.Qxb7 Greed! Qd5 is better. 13...Qxc4 Now, Henry is caught in the center. 14.Qxa8 Re8+ 15.Kd2 Bh6+ 16.Kc2 Re2+ Diagram



Mate in one! 0-1

Readers, please send me your comments and games on the topic of castling. The best comment or game will receive a free chess book. Letters to the editor are also welcome!

# MISSOURI CHESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## Minutes of May 21, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was convened at 2:08 pm at the UMC Memorial Union in Columbia, MO.

**Members present:** Ed Baur, Selden Trimble, Charlie Ward and Wayne Bartlett. **Absent:** Bob Holliman, Milton Garber, Bill Wright, Aaron Dubin and Ken Fee. In the absence of secretary Ken Fee Charlie Ward took the meeting minutes. This attendance did not constitute a quorum, so no official decisions could be made.

The minutes of the January 22, 2006 meeting were reviewed. It was agreed that there was no documentation in the minutes of the discussion and agreement to change for 2006 the determination of the Missouri state champion to the winner of a six-player invitational round-robin from the winner of the Missouri Open. Also, the terse description of the discussion regarding the state scholastic championship made it appear incorrectly that the Board had agreed to move the event to St. Louis or Kansas City. Ed Baur stated that he expected to continue running the event at its current location in Jefferson City through 2010. The minutes needed to be amended to make it clear that no change in location had been agreed to by the Board. Secretary Ken Fee was to be requested to produce a corrected version of the minutes including these two items. Inasmuch as the meeting had no quorum, formal approval of the amended minutes would have to be made at the next meeting of the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Sunday, October 1 at 2:00pm in the UMC Memorial Union first-floor cafeteria.

Ed Baur presented a report from MCA treasurer Bill Wright. The MCA bank balance was \$3100.63 as of March 31, 2006. Subsequent to that date, the St. Louis Open had produced a profit of \$361.95, plus \$20.00 in USCF membership commissions.

Charlie Ward, membership chair, reported that there are currently 218 paid members, compared with 225 as of January 22. The number of members has continued a slow decline due primarily to a reduced number of MCA membership-required tournaments in St. Louis. Last month's St. Louis Open appears to be the only such tournament planned so far for 2006. Al Howlett no longer requires MCA membership in his tournaments due to the extra work involved at registration. We can expect upward bumps in membership due to major MCA events, such as the upcoming Missouri Class Championships and the Missouri Open in September, but the number of members over time should be expected to continue to lag until the St. Louis situation can be improved.

**Old Business:**

- Tournament schedule: Ed Baur verified that the Missouri Class is still planned for June 10-11 in Columbia and the Missouri Open for September 16-17 in Kansas City. Bill stated that the St. Louis Open will be planned for 2007; in view of the healthy profit realized this year, he will press for the event to be moved to a higher-quality (although likely more expensive) venue than the Sunset Hills Days Inn.

- The state scholastic championships were discussed. It was agreed that getting chess recognized by the state as an official interscholastic activity like athletics would give it a shot in the arm both from the publicity as well as financially. Ken Fee's proposal to seek a \$1 per player "this tournament only" MCA membership for officially sanctioned events would require the MCA to make a contribution to these events that would justify the fee. This contribution would have to be defined by future MCA Boards.

- It was clarified that it had been agreed at the January 22 meeting that the new MCA membership dues for memberships with a printed bulletin of \$12 for adults and \$8 for scholastic members would become effective on September 1.

### New Business:

- The format for determining the 2007 state championship was discussed. Prior to the meeting Ken Fee had suggested that the qualifying tournaments for an invitational round-robin be selected. Since there was no quorum at this meeting, it was not possible for such a decision to be made by the Board. In discussion, there was general agreement that each year the Board should agree on the format, venue and other details of the following year's championship with interested organizers. As a result, it would be most appropriate for the new Board taking office in September, 2006 to make the decisions regarding the 2007 championship. The schedule for potential qualifying tournaments would also be better known at that time. Also, everyone would have had experience with this year's new invitational format. Charlie Ward provided an outline for an invitational championship like the one to be used this year. This outline, provided as Attachment A to these minutes, will be put before the new Board at its first meeting this fall.

- Selden Trimble presented a series of comments under the general topic of Board member education; these comments are provided as Attachment B to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Ward



# THE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP V

Kansas City, Missouri - April 28 - 29, 2006

**IM** Michael Brooks won the 2006 Club championship dethroning Ron Luther who had won the last four years. Brooks won on tiebreak after a hard fought draw with Expert Tim Steiner in the last round.

**IM Brooks, Michael (2450) - Steiner, Tim (2071) [A87], Chess Club Championship V @ The Chess Club, April 29, 2006**

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.g3 0-0  
6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Qe8 8.b3 e5 9.e3 a5 10.Nb5  
Na6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Ba3 Rf7 13.Qe2 h6  
14.Rad1 Rb8 15.Qd2 b6 16.Qd8 Bb7 17.Qxe8+  
Rxe8 18.Nh4 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Kh7 20.Nf3 Nb4  
21.Bxb4 axb4 22.Ne1 Ne4 23.Nc2 Bf8 24.f3  
Nd6 25.a4 bxa3 26.Ncxa3 Nxb5 27.Nxb5 Bc5  
28.Rfe1 Ree7 29.Re2 Rd7 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.e4  
Bb4 32.exf5 gxf5 33.Rxe5 c6 34.Rxf5 cxb5  
35.Rxb5 Bc5 36.b4 Be3 37.c5 bxc5 38.bxc5  
Rc7 39.f4 Rxc5 40.Rxc5 Bxc5 41.g4 Kg6 42.h4  
Be3 43.Kf3 Bd2 44.Ke4 Be1 45.h5+ Kf6 1/2-1/2

Jim Pusey became the U2000 Club Champion



Tim Steiner playing the Dutch vs. IM Michael Brooks

while Bob Spies earned the U1800 title. Nick Manley became the U1600 Champion, and the surprise of the tournament, Mitch Sansom, tied for first overall, but lost on tiebreaks to IM Brooks. Mitch won the U1300 championship and gained 250 provisional rating points.



Jimmy Yates meditates on his next move vs. Ed Bapple

## The Final Standings

No.	Name	Rate	Post	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1.	Brooks, Michael	2449	2444	3.5	W24	W16	W4	D5
2.	Sansom, Mitch	1194	1448	3.5	-H-	W15	W16	W7
3.	Shannon, Nicholas	1265	1417	3.0	W10	W8	D7	D6
4.	Spies, Bob	1719	1733	3.0	W25	W12	L1	W10
5.	Steiner, Tim	2071	2079	3.0	-H-	W19	W14	D1
6.	Yates, Jimmy	1727	1726	3.0	-H-	W18	W17	D3
7.	Pusey, Jim	1818	1794	2.5	W11	W13	D3	L2
8.	Manley, Nicholas	1516	1506	2.5	W20	L3	D11	W12
9.	Sampei, Sarah	845	1037	2.5	-H-	L10	W19	W17
10.	Neal, Alan	1557	1542	2.0	L3	W9	W13	L4
11.	Teague, Will	1384	1401	2.0	L7	W20	D8	D14
12.	Smith, Frank H	1507	1487	2.0	W22	L4	W21	L8
13.	Hanlon, Richard	1500	1484	2.0	W23	L7	L10	W21
14.	Coker, Laurence	1704	1692	2.0	-H-	W23	L5	D11
15.	Conklin Jr, Joseph	1399	1384	2.0	-H-	L2	D18	W20
16.	Williamson, Byron	1562	1542	1.5	W26	L1	L2	D18
17.	Bapple, Edward	1520	1484	1.5	W21	-H-	L6	L9
18.	Smith, Dale	1371	1375	1.5	-H-	L6	D15	D16
19.	Conklin, Spencer	1383	1350	1.5	-H-	L5	L9	W22
20.	Nelson, Logan	856	864	1.0	L8	L11	W22	L15
21.	Asher, Leroy	1104	1093	1.0	L17	W22	L12	L13
22.	McLaughlin, Bryon	627	611	0.0	L12	L21	L20	L19
23.	Smith, Fred	773	772	0.0	L13	L14	-U-	-U-
24.	Conklin Jr, Joseph	1399	1399	0.0	L1	-U-	-U-	-U-
25.	Conklin, Spencer L	1383	1378	0.0	L4	-U-	-U-	-U-
26.	Smith, Dale	1371	1359	0.0	L16	-U-	-U-	-U-

# TWO MORE PLAYERS EARN MISSOURI INVITATIONAL SPOTS

## (Will play for State Title)

**N**ick Karlow and IM Michael Brooks earn the last two spots in the six-player Missouri Invitational to be played at Bridger Middle School in Kansas City on September 16th-17th. Nick earned his spot by winning the sixty-two player St. Louis Open while Mike went 5-0 to win the Missouri Class in Columbia.

One of the reasons the Missouri Invitational was created was because players and organizers were tired and irritated about the many ties for the Missouri State title over the years. In 2006, an absolute Missouri State Champion will be crowned! Here is the tiebreak system.

**Missouri Tiebreak for Invitational:** The \$500 cash prize and title will not be split. The first tiebreak is based on wins. For example, if players A and B both have 4 points, the player with the most wins will be the Missouri State Champion. The second tiebreak is wins with Black. The final tiebreak for players who are tied after five rounds (wins and wins with Black) will be 5 0 blitz games until one player wins two games. Draws do not count. The player, who is ahead on USCF Tiebreaks, will play the first game with White. Players will rotate colors each game. If three players or more are tied, a four-round Swiss game 5 0 blitz tournament will result and the winner will be the Missouri State Champion.

## For the Championship of Missouri

Five Rounds - Round Robin G120  
September 16-17, 2006

NAME	Rating	State	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Michael Brooks (MO Class)	2447	MO	■						
Kenneth Jones (KC Masters)	2320	MO		■					
Ron Luther (Kansas City Open)	2215	MO			■				
Bob Holliman (State Champ)	2151	MO				■			
Tony Dutiel (New Year Open)	1807	MO					■		
Nick Karlow (St. Louis Open)	1756	MO						■	

### Round 1

1 Michael Brooks    6 Nick Karlow  
2 Kenneth Jones    5 Tony Dutiel  
3 Ron Luther        4 Bob Holliman

### Round 3

6 Nick Karlow        2 Kenneth Jones  
3 Ron Luther        1 Michael Brooks  
4 Bob Holliman     5 Tony Dutiel

### Round 5

3 Ron Luther        6 Nick Karlow  
4 Bob Holliman     2 Kenneth Jones  
5 Tony Dutiel        1 Michael Brooks

### Round 2

6 Nick Karlow        4 Bob Holliman  
5 Tony Dutiel        3 Ron Luther  
1 Michael Brooks    2 Kenneth Jones

### Round 4

5 Tony Dutiel        6 Nick Karlow  
1 Michael Brooks    4 Bob Holliman  
2 Kenneth Jones     3 Ron Luther

**Come and find out  
who will be the next  
MO state champion!**



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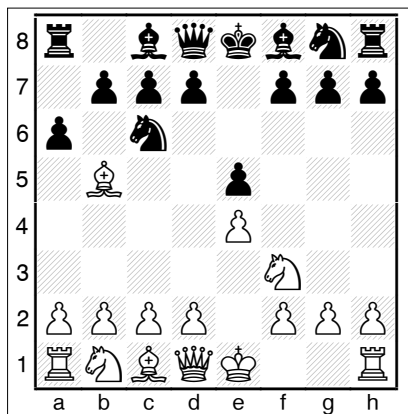
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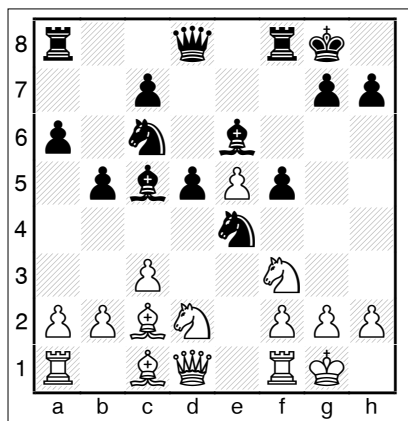


Vasily Smyslov - Samuel Reshevsky [C82], USSR-USA Radio match, 1945

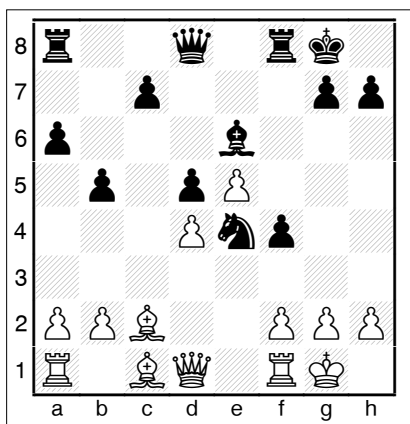
The comment has wrongly been made that "chess is 99% tactics." I do not recall the exact answer that World Champion Anatoly Karpov gave when presented with this observation but "utter crap" comes to mind. In fact, that response was given by GM Tony Miles when given a book to review. I won't mention the name of the author because I believe "utter crap" gives his database-in-print garbage a better reputation. So borrowing and/or misapplying Karpov's and Miles's reviews, I'll go with "utter crap" for my response to this ill phrased adage. Okay, you ask so what is chess (?) With apologies to Barry Manilow and all those involved in his music, I'll borrow a few lines, and since it's music, I'll just transpose: *I've been alive forever and I made the very first move. I put the pieces and the squares together; I am STRATEGY and I play the game.* The game under review was played by another World Champion, Vasily Smyslov who took the crown from non other than M. Botvinnik. (You know it's a sign of respect when you refer to someone by "first initial last name.") The other party to this crime is Samuel Reshevsky. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 Diagram



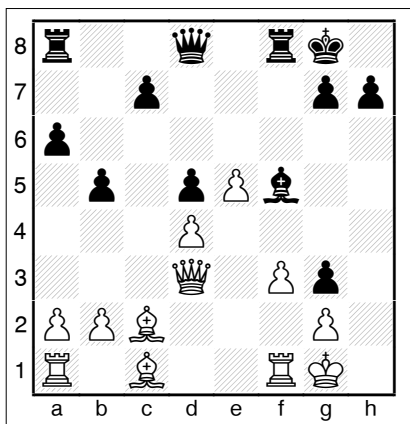
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5  
8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Bc2  
f5 Diagram



Active support of the Knight in the center of the board  
12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Nfd4 Nxd4  
14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.cxd4 f4 Diagram

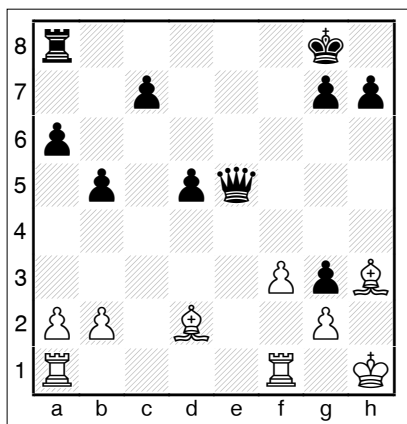


Black seeks active play and complications. This is an old plan. It is also important to observe the minor concession Black gave up for this type of play: White has the two bishops in exchange for Black having the initiative. 16.f3 Ng3 17.hxg3 fxg3 18.Qd3 A new wrinkle! The note shows the old line which has been known since 1906! - Duras-Maroczy, Ostende [18.Re1 Qh4 19.Be3 Bg4->] 18...Bf5 Diagram



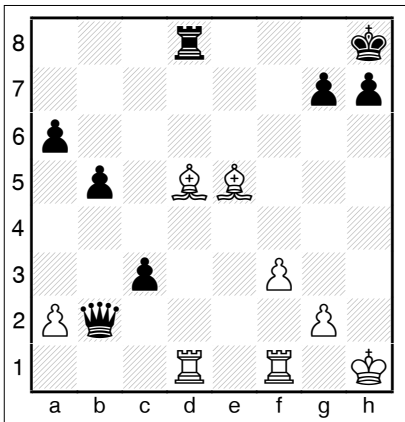
Practically forced. The alternative is: [18...Qh4 19.Qxh7+ Qxh7 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Bd2 and Black gets a favorable ending. Given Smyslov's technique, this was probably not appealing at all to Reshevsky who

did not want to be on the receiving end of a "can-opener" — you know, the slow turning and cutting of the blade into the can, which eventually produces the goods. White would bring a Rook to c5, tying down the Black queenside, then pick up the pawn on g3, and then bring the King forward and begin a pawn avalanche on the kingside. Notice that in this process, he would dominate all sides of the board. Black's only play would rest in doubling rooks on the 'h' file - a process that would take 4-6 moves, and as I believe it was Fischer, who once said "6 moves in a chess game is an eternity." The back rank mate would easily be defended..Kf1, Be3/g1.] 19.Qxf5 Rxf5 20.Bxf5 Qh4 21.Bh3 Qxd4+ 22.Kh1 Qxe5 23.Bd2 Diagram



The Bishop must be developed and the Rooks united. Black has a massive pawn collection that could easily come rolling down the board. With this consideration, the "gift" of another pawn must be presented to Black. 23...Qxb2 [23...d4 24.Rfe1 Qd6 fighting to keep the White Bishop off the f4 square 25.Re6 Qc5 26.Rc1 Qd5 27.Re4 (27.Re7 Kh8 28.Rcxc7 Qxa2

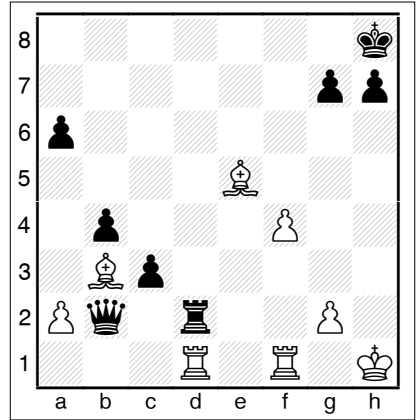
29.Rxg7 Qb1+ 30.Bc1 Re8) 27...Kh8  
 28.Rxc7 Qxa2 29.Rxd4 Qxb2 30.Rdd7  
 Re8 31.Re7 Rd8 32.Be1 Qb1 33.Rc8  
 Rxc8 34.Bxc8 h6 35.Bxa6 b4 (35...Qd3  
 36.Bxg3+-) 36.Kg1 b3 37.Bf1 Qg6 38.Bc3  
 and my spider senses tell me that "White  
 is ok" he, he, White is winning] ...they had  
 diagonals and they had squares at the  
 copa, copacabana, the hottest diagonals  
 north of Havana **24.Bf4 c5** [24...d4 This  
 looks like a much better move. While  
 Black may not be able to employ his rook  
 right now, he would keep the White posi-  
 tion under wraps with the threat of c5, d3,  
 etc. 25.Rae1 d3 26.Bxc7 and White is still  
 coming out on top...perhaps Black is  
 already lost!] **25.Be6+ Kh8 26.Bxd5 Rd8**  
**27.Rad1 c4 28.Bxg3 c3** [28...Qxa2  
 29.Bxc4] **29.Be5** Diagram



Bishops dominating in the center of the  
 board...Jack Frost nipping at my window-  
 pane, Yuletide carols..oh sorry I quite for-  
 got...**29...b4** [29...Qe2 30.Bxc3 Rxd5  
 31.Rde1] **30.Bb3 Rd2** Keeps the White  
 rooks out of the Black back rank...for the

moment... [30...Rxd1 31.Rxd1 h5 32.Rd7  
 Qb1+ 33.Kh2 c2 34.Rxg7 Qe1 (34...c1Q  
 35.Re7#) 35.Rg8+ Kh7 36.Rh8+ Kg6  
 37.Bxc2+ Kf7 38.Bg3 ,and as they said  
 back in the revolution "resistance is futile"]

### 31.f4 Diagram



Very nice! This move serves two purpos-  
 es: 1) the pawn may be advanced into the  
 black position to open him up -- remember  
 the can opener and 2) keeps the queen off  
 the defensive square f4 after exchange of  
 rooks and playing Rd1 by white **31...h5**

**32.Rb1 Rf2 33.Rfe1** [33.Rxb2 Rxf1+  
 34.Kh2 cxb2 35.Bxb2 Rxf4 and black has  
 drawing chances] **33...Qd2** [33...Re2  
 34.Red1 Rd2 35.Rxb2 as the Rd1 is now  
 defended] **34.Rbd1 Qb2 35.Rd8+** Finally  
 the rook breaks into the Black position with  
 a very nice finish **35...Kh7 36.Bg8+ Kg6**  
 [36...Kh8 37.Be6+ Kh7 38.Bf5+ g6  
 39.Rh8#] **37.Rd6+ Kf5 38.Be6+ Kg6**  
**39.Bd5+ Kh7** [39...Kf5 40.Be4+ Kg4  
 41.Rg6+ Kh4 42.g3+ Kh3 43.Bf5# What  
 artistry!!] **40.Be4+ Kg8 41.Bg6 1-0**

# FROM THE PAWN SHOP by Master Loal Davis

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Loal Davis (NM) - Edward Formanek (IM) [C16], World Open 2005 / French - Round (3)

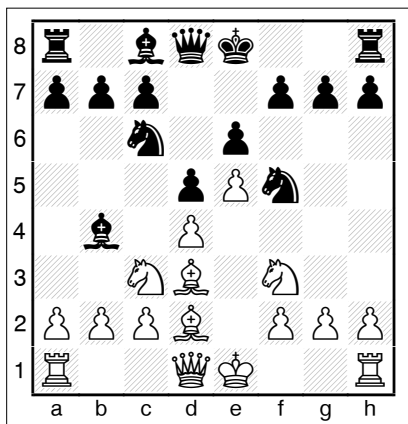
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Bd2 A rather simple move that

could transpose into a

Bogojulov line in the Winawer. It served to knock us both "out of book". [5.a3; 5.Nf3; and 5.Qg4 are all alternatives.] 5...Nf5 As my opponent had moved instantly with each move until this one (approximately 15 minutes), I concluded (perhaps erroneously) that he was out of book. [5...c5 6.Nb5 is the line favored by Bogojulov, recommended by Tarrasch - and later successfully played by Spassky and Karpov.]

6.Nf3 Nc6 This blockage of the c Pawn is often played by ambitious French players attempting to "take over" the board. 7.Bd3

Diagram



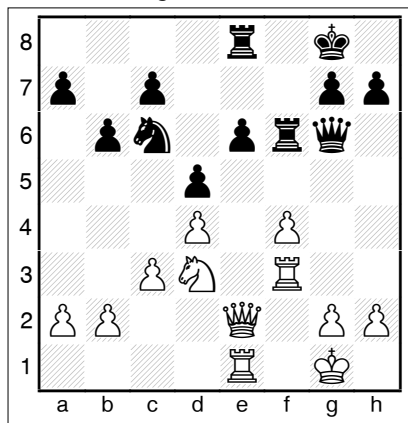
[I found out later that 7.Ne2 had been played before. We are now "officially" on

our own.] 7...0-0 [With 7...Nfxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.Qg4 White nabs the g7 Pawn leaving Black's Kingside in ruins.] 8.Ne2 Nh4 Trying to stir up trouble. 9.Nxh4 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Qxh4 11.0-0 Bd7 The Queen Pawn is still immune - Bh7+ hangs the Queen. 12.f4 f5 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.c3 Be8 15.Rae1 [15.Qc2 appears to prevent Black's next move, but I was primarily interested in "proving" Blacks plan of attacking the head of the Pawn chain erroneous by attempting to dominate the e file and laying pressure to the e5/e6 squares.]

15...Bg6 16.Bxg6 [With 16.Nc1 it would be nice if Black were to "feed" my plan of getting the Knight to e5 by exchanging. However 16...Bf5 protects e6 and a Bishop exchange on f5 would "round out" Black's Pawns.] 16...Qxg6 17.Nc1 Rf6

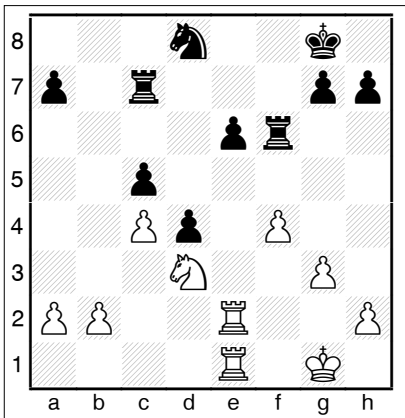
18.Nd3 b6 [If 18...Raf8 then 19.Nc5 hits b7 and threatens a fork on d7.] 19.Rf3

Re8 20.Qe2 Diagram



Yes - White's Queen was not doing anything. Here she eyes the e file squares,

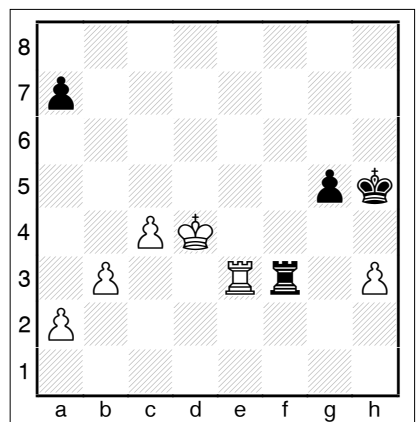
g4/h5, and has visions of invading the Queenside (b5/a6) as well. **20...Re7 1.Rg3 Qe8 22.Re3 Nd8 23.g3** Freeing the Knight from a defensive chore. **23...Qb5 24.Nb4 Qxe2 25.R3xe2** I chose this recapture because I had a slight feeling (which did not materialize) that I might use the 'a' Pawn to open lines and more readily occupy that file with a Rook on e1. **25...c6** Covering the threat to d5 (e file pin). **26.Nd3 Rc7** Seeking counterplay. **27.Ne5 c5 28.dxc5 bxc5 29.c4** Although this gives a connected passed Pawn to Black - it is firmly blockaded and e6/c5 come under fire. Should Black not push, then White exchanges and after something like Ng4, penetrates to e7 and/ or e8. Black's perpetual problem is that he has three Pawn islands to watch over; White only two. This combined with the fact that White is doing the attacking, leaves Black a miserable defensive chore. **29...d4 30.Nd3** **Diagram**



Knights are beautiful blockaders. **30...Rc6 31.Re5 Nb7 32.g4** Black's King Rook has run out of squares. **32...h6** [32...Kf7 33.g5 Rg6 (33...Rf5 34.Rxf5+ exf5 35.Ne5+) 34.h4 threatening to snare the Rook with h5. 34...h5 35.f5 exf5 36.Re7+ wins the Knight.] **33.Kg2** Before

g5, White prevents Rf3. **33...Nd6** A desperate counter. [With 33...Kf7 34.g5 hxg5 35.fxg5 Rg6 36.Nf4 or h4/h5 and Black again runs out of squares.] **34.b3 Nf7 35.Rxc5 Rxc5 36.Nxc5 Rxf4 37.Kg3** Attack and defense. White is on e6 twice. **37...e5 38.Nd3** I love this square. **38...Rf6 39.Nxe5 Ra6** [39...Re6 40.Nd3 is no pin.] **40.Nxf7 Kxf7 41.Re2** This keeps the King cut off, protects the a2 Pawn, and prepares Kf3(4)/Ke4/Kd4(3). That effectively gives White two protected passed Pawns on the Queenside. [41.Rd1 also wins, but is not necessary.] **41...g5 42.h3** White prepares the journey to d4/d3 by avoiding Rf6+/Rf4+ and dropping the g Pawn. **42...Kg6** [42...Rf6 43.Rf2 is a winning King and Pawn ending for White.] **43.Kf3** OK - here we go. **43...h5 44.Ke4 Re6+ 45.Kd3 Rf6 46.Kxd4 Rf3 47.gxh5+** [My original plan when I embarked on Kf3 was 47.Re3 Rf4+ 48.Kd5 hxg4 49.hxg4 Rxg4 50.c5 and Black's Rook is poorly placed - having to scramble back to cover c8. With the assistance of the white King, Black would have to sacrifice his Rook. White's Rook is ever ready to sacrifice (if need be) for the g Pawn, leaving an easy King and Pawn ending (2 to 1) with the black King far away.] **47...Kxh5 48.Re3**

### Diagram



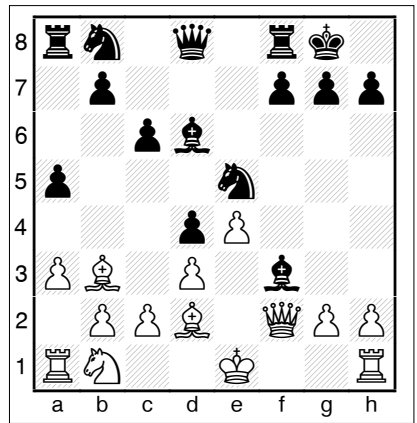
However this is stronger than my original plan. There is no passed Pawn for Black; White continues with the Queenside roller. Black "could" exchange Rooks and then win the h-Pawn followed by the promotion of the g-Pawn. Unfortunately this takes Black six moves. White Queens in four. 1-0

**Bakker (X) - Loal Davis (NM) [C26] World Open 2005 / Bishops Opening -Round (9)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 c6 My opponent took a full 35 minutes on his next move. Because of the rapid execution of his first three moves and then "the grand pause", I suspected that his opening sequence was steering towards a King's Gambit Declined and he would have been more comfortable with Nc6 and/ or Bc5. 4.Qe2 [4.Qf3 is supposed to be "the" book move.] 4...Bc5 [I almost (seriously) played 4...d5 5.exd5 Bd6 when the "normal" Elephant Gambit is enhanced by the poor placement of White's Queen. I couldn't be certain if I was really seeing compensation or was punchy from the fact that this was the last round of the tournament - Oh well - I chickened out.] 5.f4 My original suspicions back on move three were confirmed with this thrust. [5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Qc4+ d5 7.Qxc5 Na6 8.Qa3 and Black recovers the Pawn with a misplaced white Queen.] 5...d5 I had a time advantage of approximately 45 minutes at this point and spent some time on this counter. 6.Bb3 [With 6.exd5 0-0 White is about to get smashed on the open central lines. and 6.fx5 Ng4 drops material.] 6...0-0 Clocks at this point had 1:26 left for me (to move 40) and for White 0:53. 7.fx5 Bg4 8.Nf3 Nfd7 9.d3 [Once again 9.exd5 Nxe5 White cannot withstand the central air applied to his

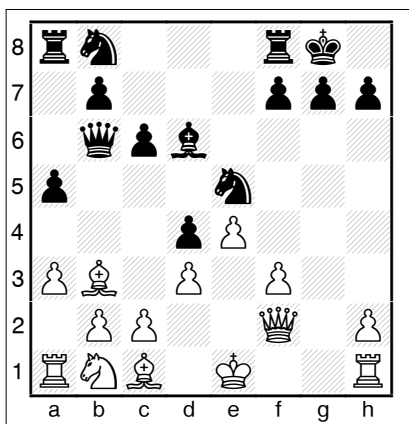
King and Queen.] 9...Nxe5 10.Bf4 Bd6 Tactics directed against the f4 Bishop.

11.Be3 Attempting to cover a Queen check on h4. 11...Bb4 Pin, busted Queenside Pawns, and a fork are all on the menu. 12.Bd2 d4 13.Nb1 Bd6 Leaving White the problem of how to unscramble his pieces. 14.Qf2 a5 [If I wanted to "force" the coming tactical sequence, then 14...Bxf3 would have moved in that direction as it doesn't allow White to play Ne5.] 15.a3 [15.Nxe5 Bxe5 would have slightly changed the character of the game. Although 16.0-0 would strike at f7 a third time, once defended (say Qe7), then White still has to solve the problem of his Bishop on b3 coupled with the lack of harmony and difficult development of the Queenside.] 15...Bxf3 Diagram

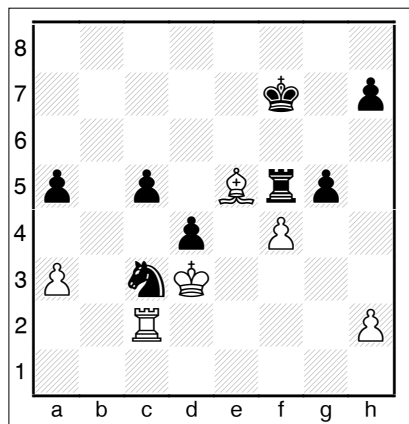


In preparation for the following sequence, this exchange (closing the f file) does not allow White to pressure f7. 16.gxf3 Qb6 Secondary threat - a4 - and Qb2 with a complete rupture of the Queenside.

**17.Bc1 Diagram**



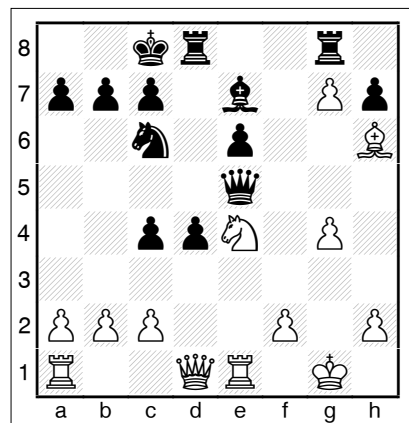
17...Qxb3 Primary threat - wins a Pawn, exchanges Queens, cripples the Queenside Pawns, and enters an ending with virtually no resistance. 18.cxb3 Nxd3+ 19.Kf1 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 f5 No shelter for Mister King. 21.Nd2 Bf4 This threat to e4 does not allow White time to find a Knight outpost. 22.exf5 Bxd2 23.Bxd2 Nd7 The f Pawn is not going anywhere. 24.Rae1 Nc5 [Also 24...Rxf5 25.Re7 Rf7 26.Rhe1 Kf8 is simple.] 25.Re7 Nxb3 [Once again 25...Rf7 is a very simple ending with White in fragments and multiple targets all over the board.] 26.Bf4 Rxf5 27.Rxb7 Nc5 28.Rb8+ Rxb8 29.Bxb8 Nd3+ This move (my focus back on move 25) enters a juicy ending for Black with two connected passed Pawns still coupled with isolated targets. 30.Ke2 Nxb2 31.f4 Trying to manufacture some sort of post for the Bishop on e5. [I had expected something like 31.Rc1 c5 32.Ba7 d3+ (32...Na4 33.Rc4 Nc3+ 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Kg3 (35.Bxc5 Ne4+) 35...Ke6 36.Rxc5 Rxc5 37.Bxc5 Kd5 38.Be7 d3 39.Bg5 Nb1 40.Kf2 Nxa3) 33.Kd2 Rg5] 31...c5 [As White has not taken the c file, another way was 31...d3+ 32.Kd2 Rc5] 32.Rc1 Na4 [Or 32...Rh5] 33.Be5 Nc3+ 34.Kd3 Kf7 35.Rc2 g5 Diagram



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Bob Jacobs (2100) - Loal Davis (2202) [C55], St. Louis Open 2005 / Max Lange Round (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qd5 10.Nc3 Qf5 11.Nce4 0-0 12.g4 The last round of the tournament; he offered a draw here. 12...Qe5 13.fxg7 Rhg8 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bh6 Be7 Diagram



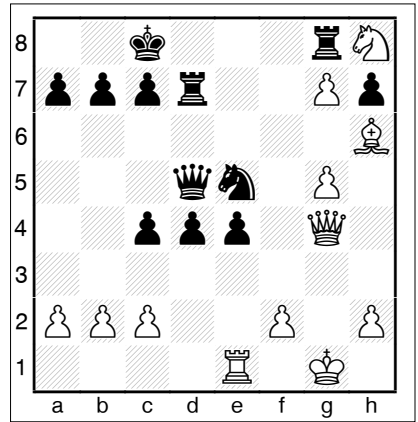
[The Marshall Capablanca match in 1910 (after Marshall's win over Tarrash in Hamburg) had Capa playing 15...d3 16.c3



Be7 He may well be correct, but I've taken to keeping the Pawns back - possibly saving my options.] **16.Ng5** I've only had two tournament games (this is the second) where this was played. Bob wrote this down quickly before contemplating whether he would play it or not. It seems obvious, yet I'm not convinced at all that it's correct. [16.f4 Qd5 was played in the Marshall/ Capablanca Max Lange exhibition match in 1910 (a drawn match) with the exception that the black Pawn was on d3 and the white Pawn on c3.] **16...Qd5**

**17.Nf7** [17.Nxe6 This was played in one of my games in Connecticut (Foxwoods). I was winning (but lost) that game; wasn't very happy about the result, but learned something about this position. 17...Rd6 18.Qe2 (With 18.Nf4 Qf7 everything is hanging.) 18...d3 19.Qe4 d2 (At Foxwoods I played 19...Qxe4 20.Rxe4 dxc2 which still wins, but required two to three more big mistakes to finally lose a long ending.) 20.Qxh7 (20.Bxd2 Qxe4 21.Rxe4 Rxd2) 20...dxe1Q+ 21.Rxe1 Rdd8 22.Nxd8 Rxd8 The sad part of the story is that I saw this position "clearly" before deciding to exchange Queens earlier. In retrospect -

not very difficult. Black has Bf6/Ne5/Nf3 or Qf7/Rg8/ Bf6 - and as in the Capa/ Marsh games, the Knight maneuvers via d8 to f7 - or perhaps in this game a Ne6. Anyway, it can't be all that difficult to want to enter a late middlegame up a piece.] **17...Rd7**  
**18.g5 Bb4** A horse is loose. **19.Qh5 Bxe1**  
**20.Rxe1 e5 21.Nh8** White's pieces have either volunteered or effectively been pushed out of the center. **21...e4 22.Qg4 Ne5** Diagram



My best game of the tournament. 0-1

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### Harry Nelson Pillsbury Tournament Rescheduled!

**Note:** In a prior issue of the MCB, we indicated that the Harry Nelson Pillsbury Open was scheduled for June 24, 2006, in Columbia, MO. That date, though accurate when we published the Spring issue, has since been rescheduled for **August 19, 2006**. The MCB invites you all to play in the tournament on August 19.

# PSYCHOLOGY IN CHESS

by Tony Rich



It is important in a tournament game to use every advantage available in order to produce the desired result. Many people choose openings that they feel are the strongest and provide them with the most winning opportunities. In addition, most tournament goers will, at one point or another, spend time reviewing middle game tactics and endgame scenarios. Studying each of these phases in a game is paramount to a strong performance. However, there is one aspect that is equally important, and is usually overlooked: psychology.

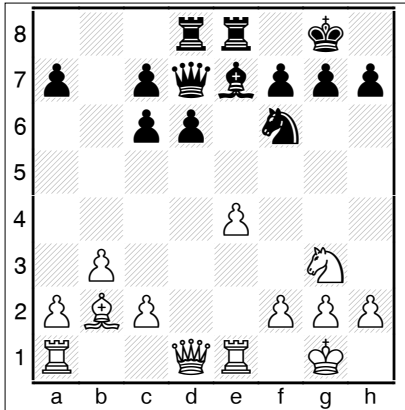
The psychological aspects can be equally as important in deciding the outcome of the game as the chosen moves. In his book, "Becoming a Grandmaster", Raymond Keene said "Games like [Penrose-Botvinnik] impressed on me that 'wanting to win' was perhaps more important than playing good moves." Chess psychology can be broken down into its constituent parts. First of all, there is the inner battle one must master. A French proverb says "You cannot play at chess if you are kind-hearted." This may sound harsh, but it does point out the fact that a desire to win a game will often inspire and drive a player to dig deeply into a position and find the best moves.

Bobby Fischer was a good example of this type of player; he was interested only in winning. His attention did not wane; he did not get cold feet. Instead, he attacked the position and his opponent with ferocity and often came out the victor. It is this will to win, or fighting spirit, that differentiates the upper echelon of chess players from the rest of us;

where you or I may get discouraged or feel nervous, they hunker down and slug it out. It takes a lot of chutzpah to play for a win when you are intimidated, either by your opponent, or the situation over the board. Conquering this inner fear will certainly improve your results. Even the great Mikhail Tal faced his own nerves at one point or another. He is quoted as saying, "Later, I began to succeed in decisive games. Perhaps because I realized a very simple truth: not only was I worried, but also my opponent."

In addition to this fighting spirit that one must possess, there is another, perhaps more important psychological battle: you versus your opponent. Lasker was probably the finest example of a master who played his opponent at least as much as he played the position. He often used psychology over the board to influence the game. From Richard Reti's "Masters of the Chessboard": "For him the essential element is this contest of nerves; he uses the medium of the chess game to fight above all his opponent's psyche, and he knows how to bring about the nervous collapse, which, otherwise, occurs only after a mistake, even before a mistake has been made and to make this the very cause for subsequent errors... All of a sudden Lasker begins to play magnificently and to show his real strength. The opponent's nervous collapse and shattered morale finally results in a catastrophe at the chessboard." Strong masters will often make, perhaps not the objectively best move, but the move that poses the most problems for an opponent. A fine example of this is the second game of the match between Tarrasch and Lasker in 1908.

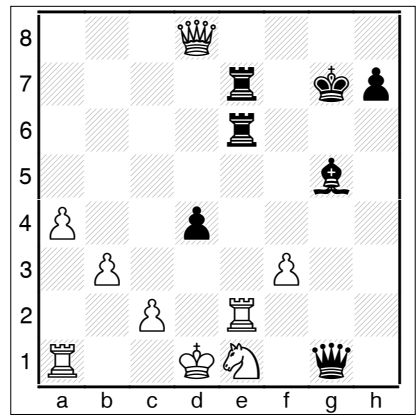
Tarrasch - Lasker  
1908 World Championship Match



In the diagrammed position, Lasker has made a few passive moves, leaving Tarrasch with the better of the opening. However, Lasker made a good psychological decision and decided to play 1...Ng4 leaving his opponent with the arduous task of finding the best reply. Tarrasch was obviously thrown off his game.

Play continued 2.Bxg7 Nxf2! 3.Kxf2 In the book "Emanuel Lasker, The Life of a Chess Master", Dr. Hannak says, "Instead of winning the [pawn on f2], Tarrasch, by [3. Qd4] could have gone in for a very strong and probably irresistible attack. Against an attacking player Lasker would almost certainly have lost this game; but then, against an attacking player Lasker, the psychologist just would not have played [1... Ng4]." The game concluded:

3...Kxg7 4.Nf5+ Kh8 5.Qd4+ f6 6.Qxa7 Bf8  
7.Qd4 Re5 8.Rad1 Rde8 9.Qc3 Qf7 10.Ng3  
Bh6 11.Qf3 d5 12.exd5 Be3+ 13.Kf1 cxd5  
14.Rd3 Qe6 15.Re2 f5 16.Rd1 f4 17.Nh1 d4  
18.Nf2 Qa6 19.Nd3 Rg5 20.Ra1 Qh6 21.Ke1  
Qxh2 22.Kd1 Qg1+ 23.Ne1 Rge5 24.Qc6  
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28.gxf3 Bg5 Diagram



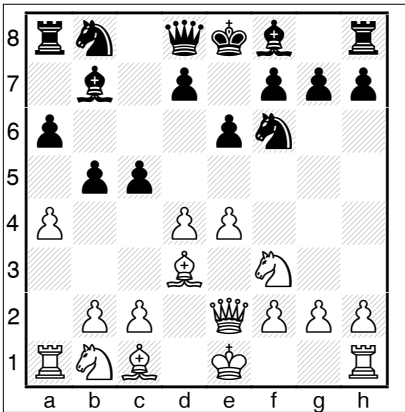
Resigns. To give you an idea how powerful psychology can be in chess, look at the Fischer-Spassky match in 1972. Now, I'm not advocating the use of infantile tactics like Fischer used against opponents, but I am interested in the effect they had. Going in to this match, Fischer's score against Spassky was -3 (0 wins, 2 draws, and 3 losses), making Spassky the favorite. However, Fischer made one demand after another. He demanded an increase in the prize fund after the official opening ceremony (which he did not attend). He protested television cameras after losing the first game, and refused to show up for the second game all together. This put Fischer at a lifetime record of -5 against Spassky going in to the third round. However, all of the emotional turmoil took its toll on Spassky. He went down in a series of mishaps; he wasn't the person he was before the match. It is important to realize that sportsmanship and ethics are very important. It is only appropriate to use psychology in your move selection and mental preparation. Bobby Fischer's behavior is appalling, and he is suffering the consequences of his actions. I'd like to leave you with an example of psychological play. Tony Miles was known for outlandish openings and psychological chess. The most notable

example is when he beat Karpov in the following game.

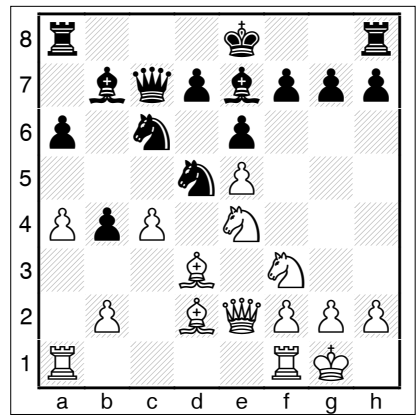
**Karpov,Anotoly - Miles,Tony [B00]  
European Championships, 1980**

The notes to this game are those of Tony Miles, edited by Raymond Keene. I have removed comments that don't pertain to the psychological battle over the board.

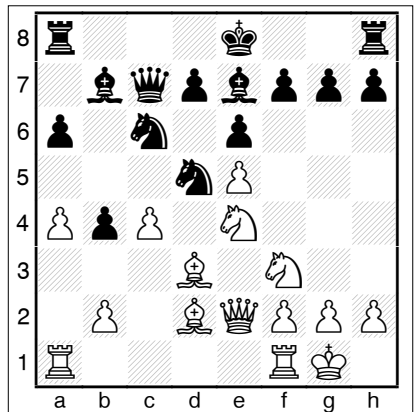
**1.e4 a6** After a few moments hesitation. I watched Karpov's face as he returned to the board - there was no reaction at all. The audience, though, was another matter. Conditions for spectators were not wonderful so at first only a few noticed, but after some nudging and pointing a general hushed sniggering broke out. [...] I tried to look serious. **2.d4 b5 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Qe2 e6 6.a4 c5** Diagram



A sharp reaction, but the natural **6...b4** is quite a reasonable alternative. Note that White was threatening to win a pawn by **7 e5**. The text still offers the pawn, but only in return for the bishop pair and an initiative. While playing **...c5** I felt sure Karpov would avoid such tactical lines. **7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nbd2 b4 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ne4 Be7 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.c4** Diagram

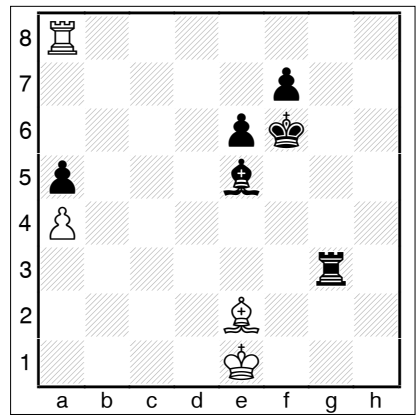


As expected, still playing quiet moves. The only alternative to defend the [e]-pawn was **13 Ng3** when Black could either challenge in the centre with **...d6** (simplest) or **...f6** (sharper), or as his king is still uncommitted, even consider **...h5!?**. **13...bxc3 14.Nxc3 Nxc3 15.Bxc3 Nb4 16.Bxb4 Bxb4 17.Rac1 Qb6 18.Be4 0-0 19.Ng5** Diagram



After half an hour's thought. **19 Bxh7+** was interesting - though again I was sure that Karpov wouldn't play it! On **19...Kxh7 20 Ng5+** of course not **20...Kg8??** because of **21 Qh5**, but **20...Kh6** also fails to **21 Rc4!** threatening **Rh4+** and if **21...g6 22 Qg4** and Black loses the B(b4). Correct is

20...Kg6 and if 21 Qg4 either 21...f5 22 Qg3 (22 exf6 Kxf6) 22...Qd4!? to block on g4 (23 h3? Kh5! winning) or even 21...f6!?. Afterwards it was established that 19 Bxh7+ is quite dangerous but Miles was confident that Karpov would regard it as speculative and avoid it. The commencement of an artificial manoeuvre which ultimately loses the game for White. The simple 19 Bxb7 Qxb7 20 Rfd1 is perfectly adequate for equality 19...h6 20.Bh7+ Distinctly artificial. I expected 20 Bxb7 Qxb7 21 Qe4 though Black is certainly not worse in the resulting ending. I suspect the text was rather due to the psychological effect of 1...a6. Karpov, having got nowhere from the opening, felt he should be doing something forceful. This is too optimistic and White should prefer the simple 20 Bxb7. 20...Kh8 21.Bb1 Be7 22.Ne4 Rac8 23.Qd3 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Qxb2 25.Re1 Qxe5 26.Qxd7 Bb4 27.Re3 Qd5 28.Qxd5 Bxd5 29.Nc3 Rc8 30.Ne2 g5 31.h4 Kg7 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Bd3 a5 34.Rg3 Kf6 35.Rg4 Bd6 36.Kf1 Be5 37.Ke1 Rh8 38.f4 gxf4 39.Nxf4 Bc6 40.Ne2 Rh1+ 41.Kd2 Rh2 42.g3 Bf3 43.Rg8 Rg2 44.Ke1 Bxe2 45.Bxe2 Rxxg3 46.Ra8 Diagram



I now sealed 46...Bc7 but Karpov resigned without resumption.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON MISSOURI CHESS: THOMAS GOSSELL

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In the Spring 2006 Missouri Chess Bulletin, Thomas Gossell is listed as the third-ranked chess player in Missouri (USCF 2213), one of only six

Missourians rated 2200+. The eighteen-year-old was born in McPherson, Kansas, but has spent the last ten years in Lee's Summit, Missouri. He just graduated from his high school class of one (he was homeschooled) and plans on staying in Missouri. In the fall he will be attending Central Missouri State University, majoring in actuarial science.

Gossell learned to play chess at age four and in the first grade he began tournament play. By age ten, he started participating in national scholastic and open tournaments. One of his highlights came at the 2001 North American Open, where he entered the tournament rated 1745 but had a performance rating above 2200 and gained over 150 points!

In 2002, he finished in second place at the National Junior High Championship. 2004 brought more fireworks for him, tying for first place in the Governor's Cup tournament and having the exhilaration of defeating his first GM (see the game below). In 2005 he tied for first in both the Missouri Open and the National High School Championship

tournament and was recently named as one of seven recipients of the 2006 Scholar Chessplayer Outstanding Achievement Awards, presented annually by the U.S. Chess Federation and the U.S. Chess Trust. He also was honored with winning a 2006 National Merit Scholarship for his academic excellence.

As for his chess training regimen, he typically devotes 20-25 hours weekly, spent playing on the Internet Chess Club (ICC), working on his opening play (with Fritz software as a valued assistant), reading chess books, and keeping up with chess news and events via the internet. "As a class player," he states, "I greatly benefited from studying Jeremy Silman's books, especially

*How to Reassess Your Chess*, which taught me how to examine a chess position. Right now I am learning from Jacob Aagaard's *Excelling at Technical Chess*."

Currently rated 2228 USCF (2237 FIDE), I asked Thomas if there is anything in particular for which he attributes his chess success. "Having a supportive family has helped," he said, "and being homeschooled has given me more time to

put into chess. But there is no substitute for hard work, which is the main reason I have reached master level." His recommendations to others trying to improve? "At the lower scholastic levels, chess is almost all



A supportive family and a strong commitment to chess training has made Thomas Gossell one of the top young players in Missouri.

tactics. So the best way for kids rated less than 1000 to improve is to expose themselves to a lot of tactical ideas. Ways to do this include studying tactics books and just playing a lot of chess. Maybe even some bughouse every once in a while could be helpful. As kids progress up to higher levels, they should start to learn about imbalances and how they affect the game." This sounds like good advice to players of all ages.

Thomas was kind enough to share with us his 2004 Governor's Cup victory over GM Yuri Shulman, including his extensive and illuminating annotations. Enjoy!

**GM Yuri Shulman - Thomas Gossell [A52], Governor's Cup Lee's Summit (1), 29.10.2004** (annotated by Thomas Gossell)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4 Bb4+ 5.Nd2 d6 6.exd6 Qf6 7.Nh3 Nxf2 8.Nxf2 [8.Kxf2 Bxh3 9.g3 is considered to be the critical line, when the game can become very complicated. Shulman's choice allows white to keep the gambit pawn at the cost of awkward piece placement.] 8...Qxf4 9.dxc7 Nc6 10.a3 [10.Nd3 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qe4 12.Rg1 Ba5 and black has good compensation.] 10...Ba5 11.g3 Qe3 12.Bg2 0-0 [12...Nd4!? could be even stronger: 13.b4 Bxc7 and white has trouble castling.] 13.b4 Bxc7 14.Bxc6 White reluctantly parts with his light-squared bishop, leaving the light squares on the kingside weakened. [Unfortunately, this was his only choice, since 14.Qb3?! Nd4! 15.Qxe3 Nc2+ 16.Kf1 Nxe3+ 17.Kg1 a5 18.b5 Bb6 gives black more than enough compensation.] 14...bxc6 15.Qb3 Qh6! After a long think I decided that this was the best square for the queen. It supports the advance of the f-pawn

and temporarily prevents white from castling.

**16.Rd1 f5 17.Nf3 f4 18.g4** Blockading the kingside is white's best option, although his knights are reduced to a defensive role.

**18...Be6** Now my plan is to play against the weak e-pawn and maybe put a rook on e3. [It was also possible to immediately play 18...Re8 but white can give the pawn back for activity. 19.0-0 Rxe2 20.c5+ Be6 21.Qa4 leads to unclear play.] **19.0-0 Rae8**

**20.Kh1?!** I think that the king stood better on g1. On h1, it is exposed on the dangerous h1-a8 diagonal, and it no longer protects the knight on f2. This will become important when black gets a rook to the second rank.

**20...Bc8 21.Qa4** White targets the a7-pawn. Although this plan loses a lot of time, it is hard to suggest another active plan.

[Passively defending the e-pawn is not a good idea. 21.Rd2 Re3 22.Qb2 Rfe8 23.Rfd1 Qe6 and black's pressure becomes nearly unbearable.] **21...c5! 22.bxc5**

[22.Qxa7!? looks greedy, but it does have a tactical point. 22...Bb6 23.Qa8! Rxe2 24.bxc5 and black cannot recapture because of the fork on d5. Therefore 24...Bc7 25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Rde1 gives white chances of surviving.] **22...Rxe2 23.Rd5!?**



The point of this move is to sacrifice the exchange if black plays Bb7. This move allows the sacrifice on g4, but white had a creative defense that both players missed.

**23...Bxg4! 24.Nxg4 Qh3 25.Rf2?** [25.Nh6+!! is a great counter-sacrifice that might have saved white the game. In all variations, it looks like white is hanging on by a thread. 25...Kh8 (25...gxh6 26.Rg1+ Kh8 27.Rd3! Rxh2+ (27...Rg8 28.Qd1 Reg2 29.Qa1+ R8g7 30.Rd2! Rxg1+ 31.Nxg1 and white escapes.) 28.Nxh2 Qxd3 29.Qc6 and Black is certainly better, but the fight is far from over. White has serious drawing chances, especially if he can get the queens off.) 26.Nf7+! Rxf7 Now white can use black's weak back rank. 27.Rf2 Rfe7 28.Qd1! R2e3 This is black's best try, but he doesn't yet have anything decisive.] **25...Rxf2 26.Nxf2 Qf1+ 27.Ng1**



**27...Qxf2?** I could have finished the game much faster if I had played the combination in the right order. [27...f3! 28.Rg5 Qxf2-+] **28.Qd7 f3 29.Qe6+ Kh8 30.Qh3 h6 31.Rd3 Bxh2!** This sends the game into an ending that is easily winning for black. **32.Rd1**

[32.Qxh2 Qxh2+ 33.Kxh2 f2-+; 32.Nxf3 Rxf3 33.Rxf3 Qg1#] **32...Bxg1 33.Rxg1 Qxc5 34.Qg4 Qe7 35.a4 f2 36.Rf1 Qb7+ 37.Kh2 Qc7+ 38.Kh3**



**38...Qf4** [38...Rf4 39.Qg3 Qf7 wins immediately. But with only a few minutes left before time control on move 40, I wanted the winning rook and pawn ending.] **39.Qxf4 Rxf4 40.c5 Rc4 41.Rxf2 Rxc5 42.Rf7 Ra5 43.Rf4 Kh7 44.Rc4** The rest was fairly simple. **44...h5 45.Kh4 Kh6 46.Rc6+ g6 47.Rc4 Rd5 48.Kg3 Rd3+ 49.Kf2 Ra3 50.Kg2 Kg5 51.Rc5+ Kf4 52.Rc4+ Ke3 53.Kh2 g5 54.Kh3 Kf2+ 55.Kh2 g4 56.Rf4+ Rf3 0-1**



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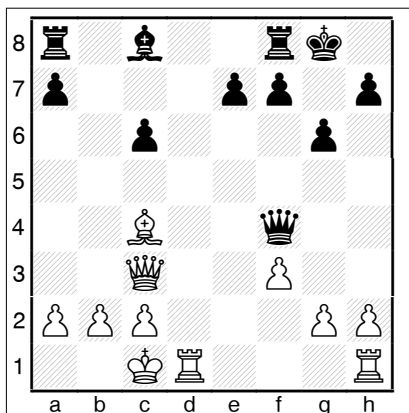
# ANOTHER GAME FROM THE KC MASTERS INVITATIONAL

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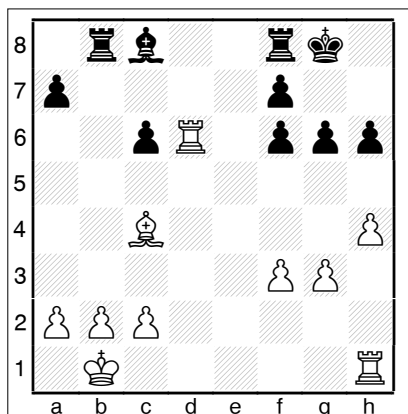


Levitan, Yuliya (2237) - Steiner, Tim (2057) [B76], KC Masters Invitational, Round One, January 14, 2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qc7 14.Bc4 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qf4+ Diagram

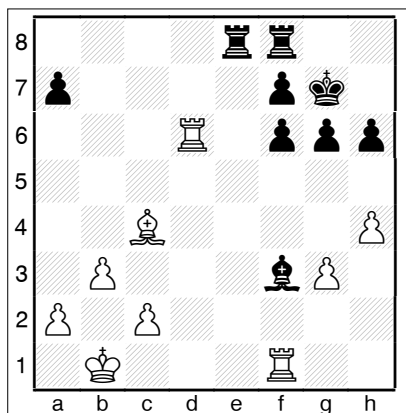


This Queen check does not help Black and even leaves the d7 and e7 squares unguarded. Even with the better Bb7 followed by Rd8 Black's position looks worse. In fact, Black's game looks so defensive that I thought he must have misplayed his opening. After searching my database for 13...Qc7 14.Bc4... , it turns out that most of the games proceed with 14... Nb6 and not 14... Nxc3 16.Kb1 Rb8 17.h4 Also good is 17.Rh-e1 Rb7 18.g3... 17...h6 18.g3 Qf6 19.Qxf6 exf6 It looks like White has a won game at this point 20.Rd6 Diagram



Better was Rh-e1 ... White's advantage is the control of the center and a better pawn structure. The threats to penetrate into Black's position will not go away. 20...Kg7 21.Rxc6 Again, the simple Re1 with the threat of Re7 and Rxc6. 21...Bb7 22.Rd6 This is not a bad move, but simpler would be 22.Rc7.... If then, A) 22... Rf-c8 23.Rxb7 Rxb7 24.Ba6 or B) 22... Rb-c8 23.Rc8 Rc8 24.Be2 or C) 22...Bxf3 23.Re1 Rb-c8 24.Re-e7 Rxc7 25.Rxc7.

22...Bxf3 23.Rf1 Rbe8 Black has been in trouble since the opening, but White's eagerness to win material has offered Black some chances at counter-play. 24.b3 Diagram



Again not a bad move, but Kc1 would have been better. For example 24.Kc1 Re3 25 Kd2 Rf-e8 and now either Rf2, Ra6 or Rd7

24...Re3 25.Ra6 Even now Kc1 with play similar to the line already given. 25...f5 26.Rxa7 Kb2 would keep Black's rook off the c3

square. 26...Be4 Suddenly, Black has strong counter play. Both Rxc3 and Rc3 are threatened. 27.Rd1 White decides to counter attack Black's f7 pawn. Safer might be 27.Rg1 Rc3 28.Bd3, returning a pawn 28.... Bxd3 29.cxd3

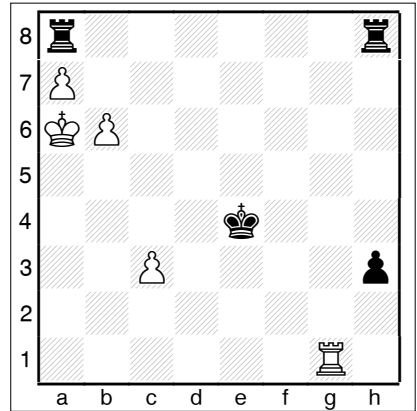
Rxd3 30.Rc7 27...Rxc3 28.Rdd7 g5 It is not how many passed pawns you have, but how fast they are. Black might be winning at this point because his pawns are faster, and his pieces are better positioned to support both his advancing pawns while restraining White's

pawns. 29.h5 29.hxg hxg 30 Bxf7 Kf6 31. Bd5 trading Black's powerful bishop offered better chances of saving this game. 29...Kf6 30.Bxf7

g4 31.Rac7 Rg1+ 32.Kb2 g3 33.Rd6+ Ke5 34.Re6+ Kf4 35.Rg6 g2 36.Bc4 Rd1 Black missed his chance to win this game quickly at this point with Bf3 37.Rcg7 Bf3 Possibly Rg1 was still better with Bf3 and Bg4 to follow.

38.Rxc2 Bxc2 39.Rxc2 Rh1 40.Be2 Ke3 41.a4 f4 42.a5 f3 43.Bxf3 Kxf3 44.Rg6

Rxh5 45.b4 My guess is that Black is winning at this point, but I am not going to get into the lines. Have fun with your Fritz program. 45...Rb8 46.Ka3 Rhb5 47.c3 h5 48.Rh6 Kg4 49.Ka4 R5b7 50.Rg6+ Kf5 51.Rg1 h4 52.a6 Ra7 53.b5 h3 54.Ka5 Ke4 55.b6 Raa8 56.a7 Rh8 57.Ka6 Diagram



I did not witness this game and do not know if time was a factor, but even at this point, Black is not losing. (Editor's Note; Steiner was in time pressure.) For example 57...Kf3 58.b7 Rh6+ 59.Kb5 Rh5+ Driving the king two squares away from the a7 pawn. 60 Kb4 Rh-h8 61.bxa8 Rxa8 62.Ra1 h2 1-0



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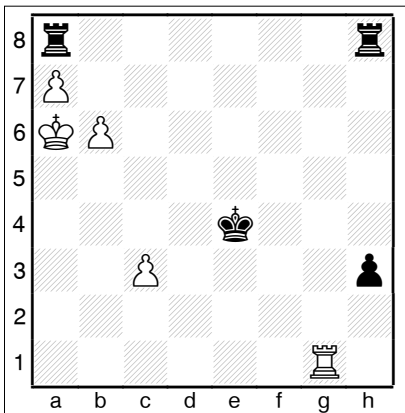
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# UMR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - PART TWO

by Selden Trimble

Jacob Hamacher - Bryan Brenner  
UMR Spring Championship Havener  
Center, UMR, Rolla, February 25th, 2006

This endgame occurred in the 3rd round of the UMR Spring Championship. The winner went on to win the tournament. It's an instructive game because it shows the necessity of not trying to do too much in a delicate position. There are three important features of this position. The material is scarce but even. Bishops of opposite color are the only pieces left. Black has a pawn that is one square from queening. The first feature means that variations must be calculated very accurately, because there is little chance of recovery if an error is made. The second means that the position may be drawn, even if a material imbalance occurs. The third means that Black probably has the initiative. **1...Bf4 Diagram**



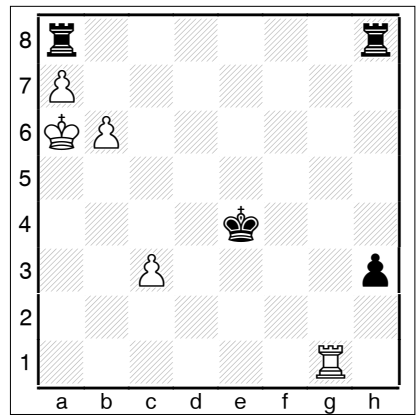
Perhaps not the best, but it doesn't hurt Black's position any. White's bishop is stuck guarding the b1-square. To make progress, Black is going to have to move



his king to c1, queen his b-pawn, and force White to sacrifice the White bishop for the Queen. Also, Black must prevent White from eliminating Black's e-pawn. White has his own ambitions. His g-pawn is passed. He'd like to force Black to sacrifice the Black bishop for this pawn. Then White might be able to capture Black's e-pawn and queen his f-pawn. In fact, if Black's king really does head for c1, White can probably accomplish this.

**2.Kh5?** This doesn't lose, but it's not so good. **2. Be4** would have been much better. First, this allows White's g-pawn to advance. Second, if **2. ... Kd4**, then **3. Kf5** might actually win for White. **2...Kd4**  
**3.Bb1** Why not **3. Be4**? **3...Ke3** **4.Be4**  
Now Black has an easy draw. **4. ... Bxg5**  
**5. Kxg5** **b1(Q)** **6. Bxb1** **Kxf3**. But Black wants more. **4...Kd2** **5.g6** Notice how nice things would be for White if his king were on f5. **5...Be5** **6.f4?** There is no reason to think that Black will be so stupid as to play **6. ... Bxf4??**. Further, there is no reason to disturb the the mutually protective positions that the White bishop and f-pawn have. On e4 and f3, they are unassailable by Black. Instead, White should play **6. Kh6**. If then **6. ... Kc1**, White can continue **7. g7** **Bxg7** **8. Kxg7** **b1(Q)** **9. Bxb1** **Kxb1** **10. f4** **Kc2** **11. f5** **Kd3** **12. Kf7** **Ke4** and it is Black that barely holds the

draw. 6...Bf6 7.Kh6?? This loses the game for White. White must be able to capture Black's e-pawn. So, 7. Kg4 Kc1 8. Kf5 b1(Q) 9. Bxb1 Kxb1 10. Ke6 Kc2 11. g7 Bxg7 12. Kxe7 draws. 7...Ke3! Black is in no hurry to queen the b-pawn. White cannot attack it where it stands. 8.Bb1 Kxf4 9.g7 Bxg7+ 10.Kxg7 e5! White's bishop cannot stop both pawns by itself, and White's king is too far away to help. 11.Kf6 e4 12.Ke6 e3 13.Bd3 e2 13. Kf3 would have been more efficient, but it really doesn't matter. 14.Bxe2 b1Q  
**Diagram**



White resigned in a few more moves. 0-1

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**Conklin Jr, Joseph (1399) - Brooks, Michael (2449) [A37], Club Championship, 28.04.2006**  
1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nc3 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.b3 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Qc1 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 e5 12.e3 Bf5 13.Qb2 Re8 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Rad1 Bd3 16.Bf1 Be4 17.Bg2 Bd3 18.Bf1 b5 19.Qa1 f5 20.Rc1 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 Qd5 22.Ne1 Re7 23.d3 a5 24.Rd1 Ra8 25.f3 a4 26.e4 Qf7 27.bxa4 Rxa4 28.Kf2 b4 0-1

**Brooks, Michael (2449) - Williamson, Byron (1562) [B19], Club Championship, 29.04.2006**  
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Ne5 Bh7 9.Bc4 Nd5 10.Qf3 f6 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Nxg6 Bxg6 13.Qxg6+ Kd7 14.Ne4 e6 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Qf7+ Be7 17.Nxf6+ Kc8 18.Qxe6+ Nd7 19.Qxd7+ Qxd7 20.Nxd7 Kxd7 21.Be3 Rhe8 22.Kd2 h5 23.Rae1 Bf6 24.Kd3 Rac8 25.c3 Kc6 26.Bg5 Bxg5 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.hxg5 Rh8 29.f4 Kd6 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Kf3 Kf5 32.Re1 Rh7 33.Re5+ Kg6 34.Re6+ Kf5 35.Rf6# 1-0

**Hanlon, Richard (1500) - Pusey, Jim (1818) [C01], Club Championship, 29.04.2006**  
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.d4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2+ Qe7 8.Qxe7+ Bxe7 9.cxd5 Bb4 10.Nge2 Nxd5 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Nxc3 0-0 13.Bf4 c6 14.Rfe1 Nd7 15.a3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nb6 17.Rab1 Rfe8 18.Kf1 Nd5 19.Bd2 Nb6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Re1 Kf8 22.Rxe8+ Kxe8 23.Ke2 Nc4 24.Bc1 b5 25.Kd3 Ke7 26.g4 Kd6 27.f4 Kd5 28.h4 Nd6 29.Bb2 Ne4 30.Ke3 Nd6 31.Kd3 Ne4 32.Ke3 Nf6 33.g5 Nh5 34.Kf3 f5 35.gxf6 Nxf6 36.f5 Kc4 37.Kf4 Kb3 38.Bc1 Kxc3 39.Be3 Nd5+ 40.Ke4 Nxe3 41.Kxe3 a5 42.Ke4 b4 0-1

**Spies, Bob (1719) - Brooks, Michael (2449) [B50], Club Championship, 29.04.2006**  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 dxe5 5.Nxe5 Nbd7 6.Nc4 e6 7.d3 Be7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.Be2 Nb6 10.0-0 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Bd7 12.Bf3 Qb6 13.Qe2 Bc6 14.Nb5 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 a6 16.Bc7 Qc6 17.Qxc6 bxc6 18.Nc3 Ra7 19.Be5 Nd7 20.Bf4 Nb6 21.Rad1 Nxc4 22.b3 Nb6 23.Bd6 c4 24.Bxe7 Rxe7 25.Rd6 Rc8 26.Rfd1 Kf8

27.Ne4 a5 28.Nc5 Ke8 29.Nb7 Rxb7 0-1

**Hanlon, Richard (1500) - Neal, Alan (1557) [B27], Club Championship, 29.04.2006**  
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 g6 4.cxd4 Bg7 5.Nf3 d5 6.e5 Nc6 7.Be2 f6 8.exf6 exf6 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Bf4 Bf7 13.Nb5 Nf5 14.Bd3 Qd7 15.Qd2 Nce7 16.Rac1 Nc6 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.Nd6 Qd7 19.Nxf7 Rxf7 20.b4 a6 21.a4 Re8 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Rc2 Re7 24.Kf1 Re4 25.Qc1 Re7 26.b5 axb5 27.axb5 Na7 28.b6 Qb5+ 29.Kg1 Qxb6 30.Rb2 0-1

**Williamson, Byron (1562) - Sansom, Mitch (1194) [B08], Club Championship, 29.04.2006**  
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e4 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nxd4 10.Qe3 Nc6 11.Bd2 e5 12.Bc4 Na5 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Bc4 Qe7 15.Rad1 a6 16.a3 Rad8 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Rb8 19.c3 Nd8 20.Qg3 Ne6 21.f4 Nxf4 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.Rxf4 Be5 24.Qh4 g5 25.Rg4 Kh8 26.Qf2 h5 27.Rg3 Bxg3 28.Qxg3 Qe5 29.Qf3 h4 30.Rf1 f6 31.Qh5+ Kg7 32.Rf5 Qe8 33.Qf3 Qg6 34.Qg4 c6 35.Bb3 Rbe8 36.Bc2 Qf7 37.Rf2 Re5 38.Rf3 Qe6 39.Rf5 Rxf5 40.exf5 Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qg3+ 42.Qxg3 hxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Re8 44.Kf2 Re5 45.Bb3 Rxf5+ 0-1

**Yates, Jimmy (1727) - Smith, Dale (1371) [B13], Club Championship, 29.04.2006**  
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7 8.Ngf3 Bg4 9.Qb3 0-0 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Nh5 12.Bh2 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Rae1 Rfe8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5 Nf4 18.Bb1 Nnh3+ 19.gxh3 Qxh3 20.Qxd5 Kg7 21.Rfe1 Rad8 22.Qg2 Qd7 23.Bc2 e6 24.R5e3 Qd5 25.Qxd5 Rxd5 26.Bb3 Rg5+ 27.Rg3 Rxg3+ 28.fxg3 h5 29.Kg2 Kf6 30.Re5 g5 31.Bd1 Kg6 32.Bb3 Kf6 33.Kf3 Rh8 34.Re4 g4+ 35.Kg2 Kg6 36.Bc2 Kf6 37.Rf4+ Ke7 38.Be4 b6 39.Bd3 b5 40.c4 bxc4 41.Bxc4 Rb8 42.b3 a5 43.Re4 Kd6 44.Re5 a4 45.Rxh5 axb3 46.axb3 Ra8 47.Kf2 Ra2+ 48.Ke3 f5 49.Rh6 f4+ 50.Kxf4 1-0

**Marler, Alex - Pollit [B07]**  
(Annotation by Tony Rich)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Qe2 0-0  
 6.0-0 Re8 7.f4 [7.e5 may not be as objectively  
 good, but it is very tricky for Black to maneuver.  
 7...Nfd7 8.e6 fxe6 9.Qxe6+ Kh8 10.h4 Nf6 (10...c5  
 probably works, too, but Black has to be very precise.  
 11.h5 cxd4 12.hxg6 Nf8 13.Qf7 Be6 (13...dxc3  
 14.Bh6 cxb2+ 15.Kb1 Ne6 16.Bxg7+ Nxg7 17.Rxh7#)  
 ) 11.Qe3] 7...Nfd7 8.f5 [White could also play a little  
 more positionally with 8.Nf3 and the position is very  
 akin to an Austrian Attack] 8...Nf8 [8...c5 or some-  
 thing like it was in order. Black needs to get some  
 counterplay going or face certain death] 9.h4 gxf5  
 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.g4 Bd7 12.Qf3 Qc8 13.Bc4 Be6  
 14.Bxe6 Nxe6 15.Nge2 c6 again, too slow, but it is  
 hard to suggest something. Black needs to unravel  
 his queenside now. [15...c5 at least tries to create  
 some play, but it will be a few moves before the  
 knight on b8 becomes active, and the a8-Rook is  
 dead wood.] 16.Rdf1 f6 17.Be3 d5 18.g5 Rf8

19.Qg4 Nc7 20.Qg3 Ne8 [20...Nd7 is a try, but I don't  
 think anything works here] 21.Rhg1 [21.h5 looks a lit-  
 tle better - I'd wait to decide on the h1-Rook until  
 Black commits to a kingside structure; the rook may  
 be best on h1.] 21...f5 22.h5 Nd7 23.h6 Bh8 24.g6  
 the attack plays itself 24...Bf6 25.Nf4 [25.gxh7+ ends  
 it quicker 25...Kxh7 (25...Kh8 26.Qg8+ Rxg8  
 27.hxg8Q#) 26.Qg6+ Kh8 27.Rxf5 and all resistance  
 is over. For example: 27...b6 28.h7 Ng7 29.Rxf6]  
 25...e5 26.gxh7+ Kxh7 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Ne6 Nd6  
 29.Bg5 [Fritz found this cool mate: 29.Qg7+ Bxg7  
 30.hxg7+ Kh7 (30...Kg8 31.gxf8Q+ Kh7 32.Qg7#)  
 31.Rf2! Rf6 32.g8Q+ Qxg8 33.Rh2+ Rh6 34.Rxh6#]  
 29...Rf7 30.dxe5 Bxe5 31.Bd8 Qxd8 32.Nxd8 Rxd8  
 1-0

Huff, Daniel (2012) - Swinger, Nathan (1810) [B20],  
 Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (1),  
 10.06.2006

1.e4 c5 2.b3 e6 3.Bb2 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.c4  
 Nc7 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 d5 10.exd6 Bxd6  
 11.d4 Qf6 12.Nc3 Nxd4 13.Ne4 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Qxb2  
 15.Qxd6 Na6 16.Nxc5 Qf6 17.Bxb7 Nxc5 18.Bxa8  
 1-0

Huff, Daniel (2012) - Brooks, Michael (2444) [B50],  
 Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (2),  
 10.06.2006

1.e4 c5 2.b3 e6 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.e5  
 dxe5 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Bxe5 Bd6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+  
 Qxd7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.a4 Qf4 14.d3 Nd5  
 15.Qe2 Nb4 16.Na3 Rfd8 17.Rfe1 Nc6 18.Qe3 Qf5  
 19.Qe4 Qf6 20.Qc4 b6 21.Qe4 Rac8 22.Nc4 Rd5  
 23.Rad1 Qc3 24.Qg4 Rd4 25.Qe2 Rdd8 26.Qd2  
 Qxd2 27.Rxd2 Nd4 28.f4 Rb8 29.Rf2 h5 30.Ne5  
 Rbc8 31.g3 f6 32.Nf3 Kf7 33.Kg2 a6 34.Rd2 b5  
 35.axb5 axb5 36.Ra1 Ra8 37.Rxa8 Rxa8 38.Nxd4  
 cxd4 39.Kf3 f5 40.Rd1 Ra2 41.Rc1 Kf6 42.h4 b4  
 43.Kf2 e5 44.Kf3 Ra5 45.Re1 Rc5 46.fxe5+ Ke6  
 47.Ra1 Rxc2 48.Kf4 Rf2+ 49.Kg5 Rf3 50.Ra6+ Kxe5  
 51.Ra5+ Ke6 52.Ra6+ Kd5 53.Rb6 Rxd3 54.Kxf5  
 Rf3+ 55.Kg6 Kc5 56.Rb8 Rxg3+ 57.Kf5 Rxb3  
 58.Rc8+ Kd5 59.Rd8+ Kc4 60.Rc8+ Kd3 61.Rc7 Rc3  
 62.Rxg7 b3 63.Kf4 b2 64.Rb7 Kc2 0-1

Thomas, Kenny (2168) - Fast, Nathaniel (1829)  
 [A05], Missouri Class Championships Columbia,  
 MO (2), 10.06.2006

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b4 Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0  
 e5 7.d3 a5 8.b5 Nbd7 9.a4 Nc5 10.c4 Nh5 11.Qc2 f5  
 12.Nc3 Ne6 13.Rab1 Rf7 14.Na2 f4 15.c5 fxd3  
 16.hxg3 Nef4 17.gxf4 Nxf4 18.Bc1 Nh3+ 19.Bxh3  
 Bxh3 20.Ng5 Rf5 21.Nxh3 Rh5 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.Qg4  
 Rh4 24.Qg3 Bf6 25.Bg5 Bxg5 26.Nxg5 Rh5 27.Nf7+  
 1-0

Brooks, Michael (2444) - Thomas, Kenny (2168)  
 [B81], Missouri Class Championships Columbia,  
 MO (3), 10.06.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6  
 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Be7 8.Bg2 Qc7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qd2  
 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 e5 12.Qb6 Qxb6 13.Bxb6 Be6 14.0-0-  
 0 Rc8 15.Be3 0-0 16.f4 b5 17.f5 Bc4 18.g5 Nd7  
 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Rc6 21.Kb1 Rfc8 22.c3 Nb6  
 23.Rd3 Na4 24.Rc1 Nc5 25.Rd5 Na4 26.Rd3 Nc5  
 27.Rdd1 Na4 28.h4 Bd8 29.Rd3 Nc5 30.Rd5 Na4  
 31.Rd3 Bb6 32.Bd2 Bc5 33.Rh3 Nb6 34.Rd1 Nc4  
 35.Bc1 b4 36.Bf1 Na5 37.Bd2 bxc3 38.Bxc3 Nb7  
 39.Bc4 Rb6 40.Bd5 Nd8 41.h5 Bb4 42.Rc1 Kf8 43.h6  
 Bxc3 44.hxg7+ Kxg7 45.Rhxc3 Rxc3 46.Rxc3 Nb7

47.Rc7 1-0

**Swinger, Nathan (1810) - Steiner, Tim (2080) [B71], Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (3), 10.06.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Nc6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Be6 11.0-0 Qc8 12.Rf2 Rd8 13.Raf1 Bc4 14.h3 b5 15.Bd3 d5 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Qe1 Qc6 18.e5 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Qxe4 20.Re2 Qc6 21.Qf2 e6 22.Bc5 Rd5 23.Bd6 Rd8 24.Rd2 Bf8 25.Rxd5 Qxd5 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.Qf3 Rd8 28.c3 Rd7 29.Qe2 Qd3 30.Qxd3 Rxd3 31.Rf2 Kf8 32.Kf1 Ke8 33.Ke1 Kd7 34.Rd2 Rxd2 35.Kxd2 Kc6 36.Ke3 Kd5 37.g4 h6 38.h4 h5 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.Kf3 a6 41.Ke3 a5 42.a3 Kc5 43.Ke4 b4 44.a4 b3 45.f5 exf5+ 46.Kxf5 Kd5 47.Kf6 Ke4 48.Kxf7 Kxe5 49.Kg6 Ke4 50.Kxh5 Kd3 1-0

**Fast, Nathaniel (1829) - Huff, Daniel (2012) [A10], Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (3), 10.06.2006**

1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nf3 e6 5.0-0 d5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.e4 Nbd7 9.Re1 fxe4 10.dxe4 Bc5 11.h3 Qb6 12.Re2 dxe4 13.Ng5 e3 14.Nb3 exf2+ 15.Kf1 Nh5 16.Qd3 Qc7 17.Qxh7# 1-0

**Fast, Nathaniel (1829) - Brooks, Michael (2444) [A26], Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (4), 10.06.2006**

1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.f3 Be6 10.Nd5 Ne7 11.Be3 c6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Qd2 d5 15.Rad1 dxc4 16.dxc4 Rfd8 17.Qc1 Qb4 18.b3 Rd3 19.Rfe1 Qa5 20.g4 Qxa2 21.Nc3 Qxb3 22.Rxd3 Bxd3 23.Rd1 Bxc4 24.Rd6 Nd5 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.Bh6 Bxh6 27.Qxh6 Qb6+ 0-1

**Steiner, Tim (2080) - Thomas, Kenny (2168) [B95], Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (4), 10.06.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.f4 Nd7 11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.f5 e5 15.Nf3 Bc6 16.h4 0-0-0 17.g4 Rdf8 18.g5 Be7 19.gxh6 gxh6 20.Rhg1 Bf6 21.Qd2 Rd8 22.a4 Kb8 23.a5 Nc8 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Ne7 26.Qb4 Nc6 27.Bxc6 Qxc6 28.Rd5 Rd7 29.Rgd1 Rc8 30.c3 Be7

31.Qb3 Rdc7 32.Qc2 Qc4 33.f6 Bf8 34.h5 Rc5 35.Nd2 Qe2 36.Nb3 Qe3+ 37.Kb1 Rxd5 38.exd5 Qf3 39.Qd3 Qxh5 40.Rf1 Qg5 41.Qf5 Qg7 42.Qf3 Qg6+ 43.Ka2 Rc4 44.Qf5 Qxf5 45.Rxf5 Rf4 46.Rxf4 exf4 47.Nd4 h5 48.Nf3 Bh6 49.Kb3 h4 50.Kc4 h3 51.Kd4 h2 52.Nxh2 Bg5 53.Ng4 f3 54.Ke4 f2 55.Nxf2 Bxf6 56.Kf5 Bd8 57.b4 Kc7 58.Ng4 Kd7 59.c4 Bh4 60.Nf6+ Ke7 61.Ne4 Be1 62.b5 Bxa5 63.Nf2 Bb6 64.Nd3 a5 65.Nf4 Bd4 66.Nd3 a4 67.Ke4 Bc3 68.Nc1 Kf6 69.Na2 Ba5 70.Kd4 b6 71.Ke4 0-1

**Song, Tony (1958) - Brooks, Michael (2444) [B90], Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (5), 10.06.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 Be6 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Rfd1 Rac8 13.Rac1 Rfd8 14.Qe1 Nb6 15.Qf1 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Qe1 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Rd2 Be6 21.Rcd1 Rxd2 22.Rxd2 Bb4 23.c3 Bf8 24.Qb1 f5 25.f3 Qf7 26.Qd1 f4 27.Bf2 Qg6 28.Kh2 e4 29.fxe4 Qxe4 30.Qf3 Qxf3 31.gxf3 Be7 32.Re2 Kf7 33.Bd4 g5 34.Nc1 Bf6 35.Bxf6 Kxf6 36.Rd2 Rc7 37.Kg2 Rc5 38.a3 Re5 39.Ne2 Bc4 40.Nd4 Re1 41.b3 Bf1+ 42.Kh2 Rc1 43.Rc2 Rxc2+ 44.Nxc2 Ke5 45.Nd4 a5 46.a4 Kd5 47.Nc2 b6 48.Nd4 h5 49.Nc2 Be2 50.Nd4 Bd1 51.Kg2 g4 52.hxg4 hxg4 53.fxg4 Bxg4 54.Kf2 Bd1 55.Ke1 Bh5 56.Kd2 Bf7 57.Nf3 Bg6 58.b4 Be4 59.bxa5 bxa5 60.Ke2 Bf5 The game continued for a number more moves in mutual time trouble; Black won one of the White pawns and the other was doomed to fall. 0-1

**IM Brooks, Michael (2447) - Steiner, Tim (2080) [C60], Missouri Class Championships Columbia, MO (1), 10.06.2006**

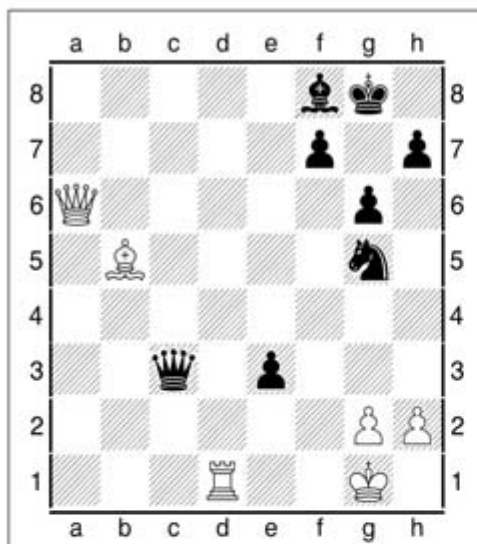
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# Summer Puzzles

## Clearance Combinations

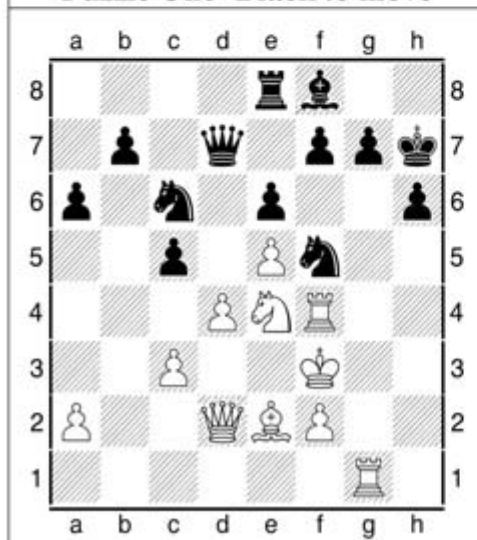
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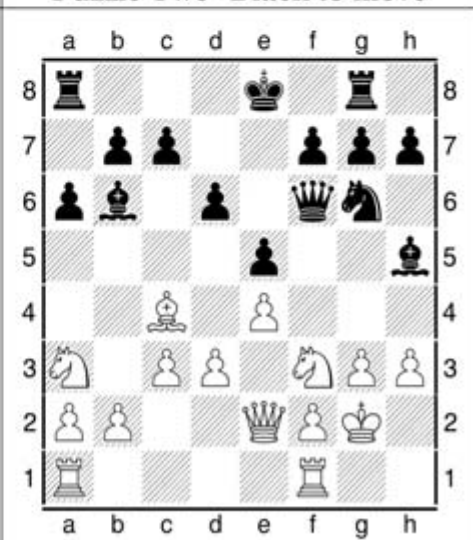
**Puzzle One- Black to move**



**Puzzle Two- Black to move**



**Puzzle Three - White to move**



**Puzzle Four - Black to move**



# REGIONAL CHESS CLUBS

## Kansas City Area Clubs

E-mail [Kfee@kc.rr.com](mailto:Kfee@kc.rr.com) with changes

**The Chess Club.** Location: Vivion West Shopping Center (North KC) 2314 NW Vivion, Riverside MO 64150. Meets Wed. Fri. Sat, 6:00 to 12:00 PM Single visit \$5, Contact: Kenneth Fee (816) 835-7529 or [chessclub@powerpawm.net](mailto:chessclub@powerpawm.net). Club Web site: [www.powerpawm.net](http://www.powerpawm.net)

**Westport Chess Club.** Location: (On the Plaza) Uno's Chicago Grill at 4710 Jefferson Street, Kansas City, MO 64112 on a year-round basis. Tuesday's 6:30 to 11:00 PM \$2 fee adults, \$1 under 18 Contact: Bill Mendus [wmendus@swbell.net](mailto:wmendus@swbell.net)

**Rockhurst Community Chess Club.** Location: Rockhurst University Community Center, 5401 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64110 Saturdays 10:00am to 1:00pm Contact: Alicia Douglas (816) 501-4306

**Kansas City (KS) Public Library.** Location: 625 Minnesota, Kansas City KS Meets: Wednesdays 5:30 to 8:00 PM Contact: Brooke Leavitt (913) 551-3280

## ST. LOUIS AREA CLUBS

**St. Louis Chess Club.** Location: St. Louis Bread Company 6630 Delmar Ave. (U-City) Chess played every night 6-9pm Most players come on weekends Contact: Joseph Garnier at [chessoholic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chessoholic@sbcglobal.net)

**Mid Rivers Mall Chess Club.** Location: Food Court, Mid Rivers Mall, Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters. Chess played every Saturday, 8am-noon. Contact: e-mail Luke Brodlund at [kalomundi\\_00@yahoo.com](mailto:kalomundi_00@yahoo.com)

**St Peters Chess Club.** Location: St. Peters Mathnasium. 235 Salt Lick Road, St. Peters  
Meets: every Friday night starting at 6pm. Contact: e-mail Tim Nesham at [tim.nesham@gm.com](mailto:tim.nesham@gm.com)

**Soulard Chess Club.** Location: Nadine's in Soulard, 1931 S. 12th St. (314) 436-3045 Meets: Tuesdays 6:30 Contact: Jeff Vollmer at [jrvollm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrvollm@sbcglobal.net)

**Indian Trails Branch Library.** Location: St. Louis County Library 8400 Delport Drive (314) 428-5424 Meets Tuesdays 3:30 PM. Contact: any library employee Library information and map.

## CLUBS IN OTHER AREAS OF MISSOURI

**Mineral Area Chess Club.** Location: Monday Nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tourist Center on the Mineral Area College Campus in Park Hills. Contact Stan Jackson, 573 358-1996, or James Lyon, 573 756-6009, or by e-mail at [jaaalyon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jaaalyon@sbcglobal.net)

**Columbia -- Univ. of Missouri Chess Club.** Location: Memorial Union (518 Hitt Street) Room S203 May-August: Lakota's Coffee, 24 S. Ninth St. Mondays 7 to 10 PM Contact: C. Ward at [czar8196@tranquility.net](mailto:czar8196@tranquility.net) Website: [www.students.missouri.edu/~muchess](http://www.students.missouri.edu/~muchess)

**Jefferson City -- Jefferson City Chess Club.** Location: Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Room 800 1201 Fairgrounds Rd, Jefferson City, MO Meets: Wednesdays 7 to 9pm Contacts: E-mail Bob Howe at [bdhowe@yahoo.com](mailto:bdhowe@yahoo.com) or Thomas Rehmeier at [jjchess89@yahoo.com](mailto:jjchess89@yahoo.com) or Cell Phone: 573-291-0852. Club Website: <http://www.chess.jpkoonce.net>

**Springfield - MO State Univ. Chess Club.** Location: Plaster Student Union, room 317-A. Meeting hours: Mondays 7-10pm Contact: Nick Beatty at [Nbeatty@missouristate.edu](mailto:Nbeatty@missouristate.edu) Club Website: [www.organizations.missouristate.edu/chess](http://www.organizations.missouristate.edu/chess)

**Rolla -- UMR Chess Club.** Location: Burgess Room - 2nd floor Havener Center. Meets: Tuesdays 6PM Student President: Alex Marler Contact/Info: e-mail Selden Trimble at [strimble@rollanet.org](mailto:strimble@rollanet.org)

**Springfield -- Springfield Chess Club.** Location: Southside Senior Center 2215 S. Fremont Ave., Springfield, MO Meets: Friday 6:30 to 11PM USCF-rated events. Contact: Jim Baumlin (417) 831-6585 Website: [www.geocities.com/SpringfieldChessClub](http://www.geocities.com/SpringfieldChessClub)

# MISSOURI TOURNAMENT LIFE

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## July 15 -- St. Charles Open -- St. Charles

4SS, G/90. The St. Charles Open is back and better than ever. Site: Town Hall of The New Town, 3300 Rue Royale, St. Charles, MO. Directions: I-370 to the Elm/New Town exit, then go north on New Town for 2 miles to the New Town community on the right; Turn right, then drive straight ahead until the street dead ends; quick jog left, straight again, and look for the building with the tin roof. Entry Fee \$35; site entries cash only. Prizes: \$200 1st; \$120 2nd; Class prizes \$120 1st A, B, C, D, U1200/unr based on 40. Registration 8-8:50, rounds 9-12:30-3:30-7. One 1/2 pt. bye max - commit before round 1. Info: Al Howlett, 4623 Robbins Grove Dr., Florissant MO 63034, 314-497-4971.

## July 15 -- \$5 Play for Rating Open -- North Kansas City

3SS, G90. The Chess Club at Vivion West Shopping Mall (North KC), 2314 NW Vivion Rd., Northmoor MO 64150. 816-505-1615. Reg: 9:30-10:00. RD 1 10AM. EF: \$5 by 7-12; \$10 Site. No Prizes. USCF/MCA/OSA. Entry/Info: Wayne Bartlett, PO Box 417, Oak Grove, MO 64075. PAYPAL to chessclub@powerpawn.net. Flyer at [www.powerpawn.net](http://www.powerpawn.net).

## August 5 -- BrentSwiss 5 -- Brentwood (St Louis Area)

4SS, G/70. Brentwood Community Center, 2505 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO. Entry fee \$30. Prizes b/40: \$210 overall 1st and \$102 1st classes A, B, C, D, U1200. Unrated \$12 entry fee, no prizes; unrateds not included in b/40. Registration 9-9:50 am; site entries cash only. Rounds 10-1-3:30-6:30; one 1/2 pt. bye max, commit before round 1. Info: Al Howlett, 4623 Robbins Grove Dr., Florissant MO 63034, 314-497-4971.

## August 19 -- Harry Nelson Pillsbury Open -- Columbia

3SS, G75. UMC Memorial Union room N208, 518 Hitt St., Columbia MO. Directions: From I-70 exit 126, south on Providence, east on Rollins, north on Hitt. Reg: 9:30-10:15. Rds: 10:30, 1:15, 4:00. EF: \$1, NO PRIZES -- just the satisfaction of playing well. MCA membership required for MO residents, available at site from \$5. Wheelchair accessible. No advance entries. Info: Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia MO 65203, 573-443-6685.

## Sept. 2 -- BrentSwiss 6 -- Brentwood (St Louis Area)

4SS, G/70. Brentwood Community Center, 2505 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO. Entry fee \$30. Prizes b/40: \$210 overall 1st and \$102 1st classes A, B, C, D, U1200. Unrated \$12 entry fee, no prizes; unrateds not included in b/40. Registration 9-9:50 am; site entries cash only. Rounds 10-1-3:30-6:30; one 1/2 pt. bye max, commit before round 1. Info: Al Howlett, 4623 Robbins Grove Dr., Florissant MO 63034, 314-497-4971.

## Sept. 15-17 -- 2006 Missouri Chess Festival -- Independence (Kansas City Area)

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Bridger Middle School, 18200 E-78 Highway, Independence, MO 64057

- Friday September 15th - Missouri State Quick Chess Championship- 7PM
- Saturday & Sunday September 16th-17th -Missouri Open - 11AM
- Saturday & Sunday September 16th-17th -Missouri Invitational- 11AM
- Saturday September 16th -Missouri State Bughouse 5 0 State Championship 9AM
- Saturday September 17th - MCA Scholastic Tournament -12 Noon
- Sunday September 17th -Missouri State Blitz 5 0 State Championship 9AM
- Sunday September 17th -MCA Membership Meeting 11AM

### **Sept 15 Missouri Quick Championship (Kansas City Area)**

USCF Quick Chess Rated Bridger Middle School, 18200 E M-78 Highway, Independence, MO 64057 Registration: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Rounds: Four Rounds - Game 29 - Four Rounds (Everyone plays in one section) First Round: Begins at 7:00 Entry Fee: \$15 by September 11th \$20.00 onsite. Scholastic \$10 (play for rating only). Prizes: \$325 b/30 - Open 1st \$100 and Missouri State Championship plaque! 1st Class XA, AB, and U1400 \$75 each. Membership: USCF and MCA membership IS required. Available onsite! OSA okay. Information: For further information, call Kenneth Fee at 816-392-3576 or e-mail KFEE@kc.rr.com Entries: Send to Ken Fee 1537 Baker St. Liberty, MO 64068. Make checks to Ken Fee. Or PAYPAL to chessclub@powerpawn.net.

### **Sept 16 Missouri Bughouse Championship (Kansas City Area)**

Bridger Middle School, 18200 E M-78 Highway, Independence, MO 64057 Registration: 8:00 - 9:00 AM Rounds: Five Rounds -Double Round Robin - Game 5 0 (Each team plays 10 games!) First Round: Begins at 9AM Entry Fee: \$10 each team by September 11th \$15.00 onsite; Prizes: 1st Missouri State championship plaque! Chess book prizes for top five teams! Membership: USCF and MCA membership IS required. Available onsite! OSA okay. Information: For further information, call Kenneth Fee at 816-392-3576 or e-mail at KFEE@kc.rr.com Entries: Send to Ken Fee 1537 Baker St. Liberty, MO 64068. Make checks to Ken Fee. Or PAYPAL to chessclub@powerpawn.net.

### **Sept 16 MCA Scholastic Championship - See <http://www.kcchess.org/> for flyer!**

### **Sept 17 Missouri Blitz Championship (Kansas City Area)**

USCF Quick Chess Rated Bridger Middle School, 18200 E M-78 Highway, Independence, MO 64057 Registration: 8:00 - 9:00 PM Rounds: Seven Rounds Swiss - Game 5 - (Everyone plays in one section) First Round: Begins at 9:00 Entry Fee: \$15 by September 11th \$20.00 onsite. Scholastic \$10 (play for rating only). Prizes: \$325 b/30 - Open 1st \$100 and state championship plaque! 1st Class XA, AB, and U1400 \$75 each. Membership: USCF and MCA membership IS required. Available onsite! OSA okay. Information: For further information, call Kenneth Fee at 816-392-3576 or e-mail at KFEE@kc.rr.com Entries: Send to Ken Fee 1537 Baker St. Liberty, MO 64068. Make checks to Ken Fee. Or PAYPAL to chessclub@powerpawn.net.

### **Sept. 16-17 -- Missouri Open Championship -- Independence (Kansas City Area)**

Two Sections: Open & Reserve U1600. 5SS G120. Bridger Middle School, 18200 E-78 Highway, Independence, MO 64057. (Kansas City Area). 816-505-1615. Reg: 9:30-10:30. RDs Sat 11/3:30/8:00 Sun 12/4:40. Ent \$39 by 9/13. \$50 onsite. Prizes. Open Section 1st \$150 each MX, A, B. Reserve Section, 1st \$150 each C, D, E, U1000. 1st Place Plaque each section based USCF tiebreak. Open winner earns a spot in 2007 Invitational. MCA required for MO residents, available at site for \$5. OSA. A ½ point bye available for any round, must commit during registration. Send entry to Ken Fee, 1537 Baker St. Liberty, MO 64068 or PAYPAL to [http://www.powerpawn.net/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send\\_to=chessclub@powerpawn.net](http://www.powerpawn.net/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send_to=chessclub@powerpawn.net). Make checks to Ken Fee.

### **Sept. 16-17 -- 2006 Missouri Invitational Championship -- Independence (Kansas City Area)**

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