



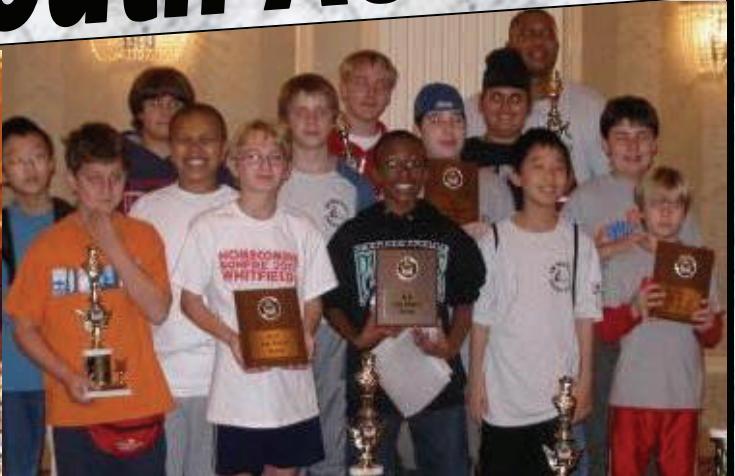
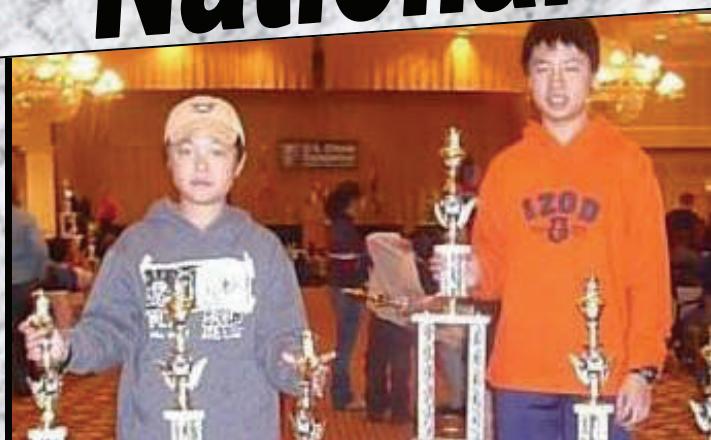
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FROM THE EDITOR...

Greetings Missouri chess players! Two Thousand Eight has arrived and with it what should be a great year for chess. I'm looking forward to my new role as Missouri Chess Bulletin editor, in order to pass on the news and events that are important to you as local chess players. Last year provided many opportunities for over the board chess, including the USCF bringing two National Scholastic events to the Show-me state. With 2008 starting off with a major event as well, more great things can be expected. The Continental Chess Association comes to St. Louis at the end of February with the largest adult tournament Missouri has seen in years. In addition, great events are planned all around the state, with two-day events already planned in February in St. Louis, April in St. Louis and Springfield, Columbia this June, Kansas City in July, and back to Columbia in October. And that's only the two-day events! Details on these and many other local events are available on the tournament page of the Missouri Chess Association's (MCA) website, www.mochess.org.

The MCA's 2008 Invitational Championship is starting to take shape. Three of the six slots have been filled, with three more up for grabs. Defending Champ Ron Luther will face the winner of five of Missouri's top tournaments for the title of 2008 State Champion. MCA Hall of Fame member Jim Davies earned one invitation by an excellent showing at the 2007 MO Open, while Kevin Johnson swept some tough competition at the Jefferson City Open, earning his spot in the event. The St. Louis Open, scheduled for April, the Master/Expert section of the Class Championships in June, and the Kansas City Open, in July, will fill out the field of competitors.

The MCA board has been considering a proposal to alter the rules, allowing many more spots in a future invitational tournament. Let your local representatives know your opinion on this idea and any other issues or ideas you have for Missouri Chess. All board members are listed in this bulletin and on the official website. The board will be meeting in early March to continue their work. Look for an update on that meeting in the Spring Bulletin.

Look for these and more in
the Upcoming
Spring Edition of the MCB...

- Report on the MO Scholastic Championships on Feb 2nd
- Report on the Continental Chess Association's giant Mid-America Open in St. Louis.
- A look at a unique and avid chess collector and antique dealer in historic Rosebud.
- Articles, annotated games, and interesting stories from YOU! The members that make up the MCA.

Deadline for the articles and games for the Spring issue is April 1st, 2008.

Before we move on to the articles and games, I absolutely must take a moment to thank a few people for their extraordinary effort. First, my thanks to Ed Baur for his efforts publishing the last two editions of the Missouri Chess Bulletin. Ed is a busy man, with much on his plate, and still stepped up and volunteered when the job needed done. This is the second occasion Ed has willingly filled in the gaps between permanent bulletin editors. Second, I must give a big thanks to my assistant editor, Thomas Rehmeier. Thomas, who already works as the MCA Webmaster, volunteered to add to his workload by being my assistant editor and computer expert. Thomas worked many hours on the layout and appearance of the bulletin, as well as training me on the use of publishing software.

As always, the success of this publication lies with you, the members of the Missouri Chess Association contributing your articles, games, and ideas to the bulletin. Please take a moment to review the guidelines below, and consider adding something, small or large, to the next issue of the MCB.

MCB Material Submissions

The MCB is Missouri's Official Chess Publication, for and by the members of the Missouri Chess Association. Your help providing material for the MCB will be much appreciated. Please see the [material submission methods below](#). All submissions become the property of the MCA and the MCA reserves the right to edit any and all material received for publication.

All contributions that are true, fair, and builds goodwill and better friendships among the membership will be published. Thanks so much to all those who have contributed.

Please send material for the MCB, including but not limited to:

- Annotated games (ChessBase PGN format is preferred, but others can be used)
- Articles written by members
- Articles from outside sources, with permission for republication
- Pictures (with captions please)
- Historical items
- Scoresheets
- Chess related quotes, sayings, and jokes
- Or just about anything else you would like to contribute that's appropriate.

Submission Methods:

The first preference is to please email articles or content to bhowe@yahoo.com, ready to use in the MCB. When submitting games, please use PGN format if you are able to do so. For those without Chessbase, other formats can be used, including Chessmaster.cmg, or as text files.

Articles can also be sent via ground mail. Please contact the editor to make arrangements.

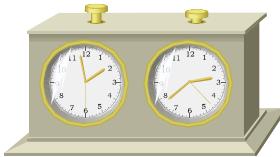
You're welcome to email bhowe@yahoo.com or call me at 636-234-7928 with any questions.

Thanks for your support of the MCB,

Bob Howe
Editor



Recent News in Missouri Chess



"The reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated"

This classic quote from an Missouri great, Mark Twain, applies to Al Howlett's retirement from directing tournaments. The TD bug bit too hard for the popular St. Louis organizer and Al has decided to still run a number of tournaments this year. He is taking some time off to play, but still has planned several events around his playing schedule. St. Louis players can rejoice!

Missouri chess players enjoyed a recent visit by an American legend when GM Larry Christiansen came to Kansas City. He presented a three hour workshop and book signing at KC's The Chess Club. Later the three time US Champion gave a blitz simul, then finished off the day with a 30 board Simul.

Former MCB editor Tony Rich has been named manager of the new chess club being organized in St. Louis. Tony kindly agreed to give the bulletin an update on the club's progress, which can be found on page 16.

Missouri correspondence master Bart Gibbon's article recently made it's way to the USCF website's front page. The writing, a unique work on great moves that occurred on each square of the chessboard, received honorable mention in Chess Life Online's Article of the Year competition. A link to this article is included in Bart's new submission to the MCB, found on page 12.

Congratulations to these winners of recent Missouri Tournaments!

James Voelker
Kevin Dale Johnson
Adrian Rolfe
Robert Jacobs & Jim Davies
Nathaniel Fast & Tony Dutiel

Maryland Heights Swiss, Dec 1st
Jefferson City Open, Dec 8-9
New Year's Open, January 19th
St. Peter's Winter Open, Jan 19-20
George Koltanowski Open, January 26th

2008 Saint Louis Open

Missouri State Championship Qualifying Event

6 GPP: 5SS,G/120. Days Inn, 3660 South Lindbergh Blvd., Sunset Hills, MO 63127 \$\$ Guaranteed \$300 first place. \$\$ based on 60: \$150 each X,A,B,C,D,E,U1000,Unr. EF \$40 if received by 4/21. \$50 at site. K-12 may enter at half fee but are eligible for only half of class prize. Reg: 8:30-9:30. Rds 10 - 2:30 - 7; 9:30 - 2 MCA required for MO residents, available at site from \$5. HR \$50 if reserved by 3/25. Increased thereafter. 314-965-9733; mention chess. Ent/Info: Missouri Chess Association, 449 W. Jefferson Ave, Apt B, St. Louis, Mo 63122; 314-822-5334 <http://www.mochess.org/>



Memberships & Subscriptions

Membership in the Missouri Chess Association includes a 1-year subscription to the quarterly MCB as well as access to play in MCA sponsored tournaments and Missouri State Championship events.

<u>MEMBERSHIP TYPE</u>	<u>COST (1 YR)</u>
Regular <i>Ages 25+</i>	\$12.00
Scholastic <i>Under 25</i>	\$8.00
Electronic <i>Email address required.</i>	\$5.00
Family <i>Adults & children under 25.</i>	\$18.00
Scholastic Family <i>All children under 25.</i>	\$12.00

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For more information on Membership in the MCA, please visit <http://www.mochess.org/> and click on the 'Join Us' link.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As a Missouri Chess Association member, you are invited to submit nominations for the annual election of members for the MCA Board of Directors. Nominees must be residents of the state of Missouri and current MCA members. If elected, nominees would serve a one year term beginning on September 1, 2008. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged. Board Members are expected to attend board meetings held in Columbia (Currently 4 times per year) and the general membership meeting at the Missouri Open in October 2008. **The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2008.** Election ballots will be mailed out by June 1 to MCA members in good standing as of May 1, 2008. Send your nominations to Jim Davies, Election Commissioner, 7358 Shaftsbury Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63130 or email them to jandadavies@sbcglobal.net.

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MISSOURI'S TOP 50 PLAYERS

IM Michael A Brooks	2435
Charles Lawton	2358
Bart F Gibbons	2247
Kenneth E Jones	2245
Loal W Davis	2232
Thomas G Gossell	2218
Ronald G Luther	2216
Andrew J Witte	2158
James F McLaughlin	2133
James R Voelker	2113
Rich Jackson	2108
Bob Holliman	2105
Robert Merton Jacobs	2100
Kenneth P Thomas	2098
Pranav Akolkar	2075
Aaron S Dubin	2059
Waldo Odak	2045
Zebedee Fortman III	2040
Kevin Dale Johnson	2036
Gary Michael White	2029
James A Davies	2008
Paul W Cornelison	2003
Kevin Guo	2001
Tommy P Rohrbaugh	2000
Benjamin M Gradsky	1985
Daniel R Huff	1974
Francis Crow	1946
Selden Trimble	1933
Nathaniel S Fast	1929
Zebedee Forman Jr	1923
Steve Saidi	1921
Gary Freeman	1920
Nick W Karlow	1914
Maurice R Bock	1911
Mark T Smith	1907
Renzo Herrera	1903
Mark A Cogley	1883
Steven D Bange	1882
Kevin Y Cao	1878
Brad Schlosser	1861
Raymond J Birt	1845
Alex J Marler	1837
Daniel J Coryea	1833
Kenneth E Fee Jr	1832
William L Steevens	1830
Albert D Howlett	1825
Nathanael David Swinger	1823
Frank H Smith	1818
John H Quimby	1815
Chris A Fieber	1807

*Feb 2008: *Active in the last 3 years

MISSOURI PLAYERS ON THE USCF TOP 100 LISTS

<u>Overall</u>	
72	IM Michael A Brooks (2435)
<u>Correspondence</u>	
18	Robert Merton Jacobs (2400)
61	Laurence Anderson (2248)
<u>Quick</u>	
13	Michael A Brooks (2542)
79	Charles Lawton (2266)
<u>Over 65</u>	
44	Robert Merton Jacobs (2100)
<u>Under 21</u>	
52	Thomas G Gossell (2218)
<u>Age 18</u>	
66	Renzo Herrera (1903)
<u>Age 17</u>	
48	Nick W Karlow (1928)
86	Frank H Smith (1818)
<u>Age 16</u>	
35	Kevin Guo (1994)
<u>Age 15</u>	
41	Brad Schlosser (1874)
<u>Age 14</u>	
79	Henry Cao (1733)
<u>Age 11</u>	
53	Vikram Arun (1598)
<u>Age 10</u>	
8	Kevin Y Cao (1898)
30	William M Tong (1665)
<u>Age 9</u>	
62	Margaret M Hua (1331)
<u>Girls Under 13</u>	
45	Margaret M Hua (1331)
70	Joanna Gossell (1202)

MISSOURI CHESS HALL OF FAME

James A Davies (2000)
Donald Oswald (2001)
Robert Jacobs (2002)
IM Michael A Brooks (2003)
Robert Steinmeyer (2006)

Nominations for the Hall of Fame are due to the Secretary by June 15, 2008. Please include a short biography and a description of the nominee's significant contributions to chess in the state of Missouri.

The Inductee will be announced at the 2008 Missouri Open.

State Champions



Life Master Ronald G. Luther
2007 Missouri State Champion

2007 Class Champions

Master/Exp Ronald G. Luther

Class A Kevin Y. Cao

Class B Nick W. Karlow

Class C Khin M. Kyi
John P. Slattery
Vikram A. Arun

Class D Vairam Aruachalam
Arjun K. Khurana

Class E Ben L. Karczewski

Novice James W. Doran

2007 Missouri Open

Champion

James A. Davies

Missouri Reserve Champion

Bradley Herbst

Scholastic Co-Champions

Nick W. Karlow

Tyler S. Severance

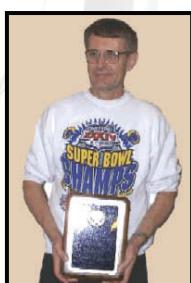
HS Co-Championship Teams

Parkway Central High School

Clayton High School



Khin M. Kyi & John Slattery



James Davies



Kevin Cao



Nick W. Karlow

For a complete history of Missouri Champions, click 'Champions' at www.mochess.org

National Youth Action

~ Bob Howe ~

It's not often that major national events make their way to the Show Me State, but the last year was quite an exception. First Kansas City hosted the High School National Scholastic event in April, followed by the National Youth Action Event arriving in St. Louis in November.

The National Youth Action is unique tournament hosted each fall by the USCF. It features a fast time control, game in 30, and a whopping nine rounds packed into two days. The tournament also offers some special rules that the traditional Spring National events don't allow. Players have the option of entering the event as part of their chess club, rather than being restricted to the school they attend as normal rules require. Many Missouri players took advantage of this rule to play together for the first time with long time friends and club mates. Of the 476 total entrants into the tournament, 116 hailed from the host state of Missouri.



In the K-9 division, Missouri won the event when a local group, the En Passant Chess Club grabbed first place. (the club also scored a top 10 finish in the 3rd and under division) En Passant, led by Gabriel Boyd, is well known around the St. Louis scholastic community. Mr. Boyd uses before and after school times to teach chess across five school districts, but at this event was able to combine his players into a single club team. The team was led by a strong performance by Isaiah Gadson, a young man who placed 5th individually to top off a year of impressive accomplishments. (and rating gain to match) However team events require depth, and En Passant's top four boards all earned individual trophies, placing in the top 25.



Margaret Hua shows off her new hardware.

The K-12 division saw a similar result with the Delmar Loop Chess Club taking top honors. The Delmar Loop, which meets at the St. Louis Bread Company in University City, is known as a spot for strong chess players to gather. Many of the more serious scholastic players in the area love to come there to play against top competition, such as regulars Charles Lawton, Joseph Garnier, and John Boyer, just to name a few. The Delmar team was hit hard in the early and middle part of the event as they all were upset. However, with a nine round tournament, perseverance is key, and this team fought to the end, with the top boards going undefeated in the final round to seal the championship. (See the complete list of Missouri award winners on the opposite page.)

Saint Louis, MO

K-12 Championship

Nick Karlow	5th
Thomas Rehmeier	7th 5th-Blitz
Brad Schlosser	8th
Doug Howe	15th
Peter Harris	24th
Austin Gantner	2nd U1200
Daniel Nixon	2nd U1000

K-6 Championship

Kevin Cao	1st 3rd-Blitz
William Tong	6th 9th-Blitz
Jailin Ding	8th
Margaret Hua	15th
Luke Herbst	22nd
Andrew Parkerson	25th
Ashwath Kumar	1st U1000
Jacob Kantor	2nd U800
Josh Weidner	3rd U800
William Nesham	1st U600
Ryan Hrina	2nd U600

Delmar Loop Chess Club

Karlow, Rehmeier, Schlosser, Howe, and Amann

7th K-12
Westminster
Gantner, Nixon,
Autry, Menzel5th K-3
Central Christian
Gadson, Southwell,
Guo, Braton13th K-12
St. Louis U. HS
Harris and Watt9th K-3
En Passant Chess Club
Millsap, McGraw, Zhong,
and Zhong**K-12 Champions****En Passant Chess Club**
Gadson, Sondov-Gold,
Anand, and Noss

14th K-9	13th K-9	3rd K-3
Gentry MS	Home School	Pembroke Hill
Arun and Khurana	Smith & Smith	Pallotto, Swartz, Stark, Kuo
McKelvey Elem.	Spoede	Rehmeier & Howe
Migneco, Kendall, Hylan	Elementary	7th Bughouse
	Phan and Chen	Cao & Cao

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K-9 Championship

Isaiah Gadson	5th
Vikram Arun	10th 7th-Blitz
Henry Cao	14th 3rd-Blitz
Noah Sondov-Gold	17th
Sathya Anand	20th
Nate Noss	23rd
James Smith	25th
Charlie Beard	1st U1000
Alex Millsap	2nd U800

K-3 Championship

Nathan Phan	10th
Justin Chen	17th
Keturah Gadson	22nd
Michael Yin	23rd
Nicholas Pallotto	1st U800
Daniel Stark	2nd U800
Aaron Swartz	1st U600
Thomas Southwell	3rd U400
Jason Ding	3rd Unr

Team Award Winners

Endgame Workshop

Endgame Workshop

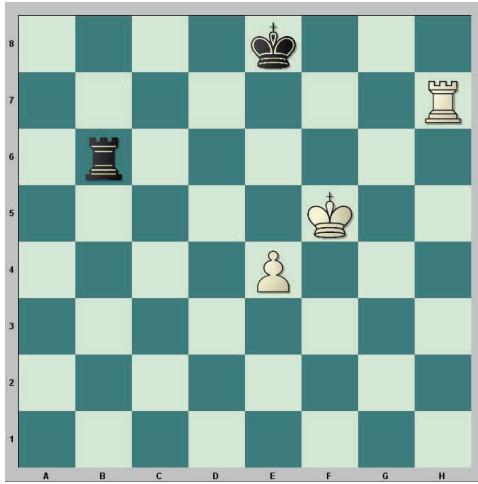
~ Bart Gibbons ~



Endgame play is like putting in golf; it's the final phase of the game, where opportunities are either seized or thrown down the drain. Three-putting in golf usually brings instant recognition as to what the mistake was. On the other hand, endgame errors are often not clear until the game has been painstakingly analyzed. It follows that familiarity with endgame themes and patterns greatly increases prospects of winning a won endgame, or saving a draw.

This article analyzes a few positions of a practical nature, i.e. chances are you will encounter a similar position someday. Careful analysis of the positions herein will enable you to play these types of positions correctly, and thus obtain the correct results. Each theme will be bolded at the outset of the discussion.

THEME #1 : The way to draw is for the defending rook to remain on the 3rd rank until the pawn advances to that same rank; only then should it move behind the pawn.



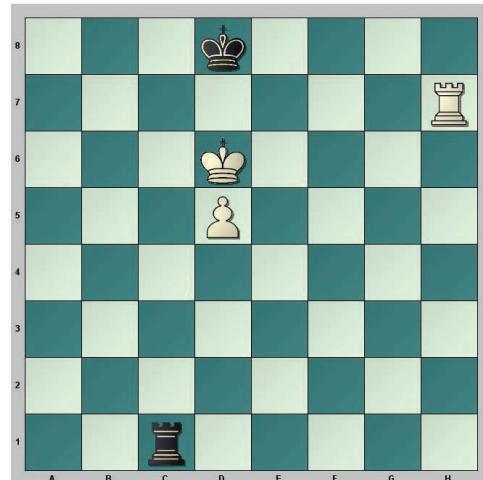
This is a well-known position, analyzed by Philidor. Black to play draws by 1...Ra6 2 e5 Rb6 3 Ra7 Rc6 (Another theme of these kinds of positions is that the defending rook should be as many files away from the pawn as it can. We'll explore this in the next example). 4 e6 Rc1 (only now does the rook maneuver from the rear) 5 Kf6 Rf1+, and White cannot shield his king from the checks.

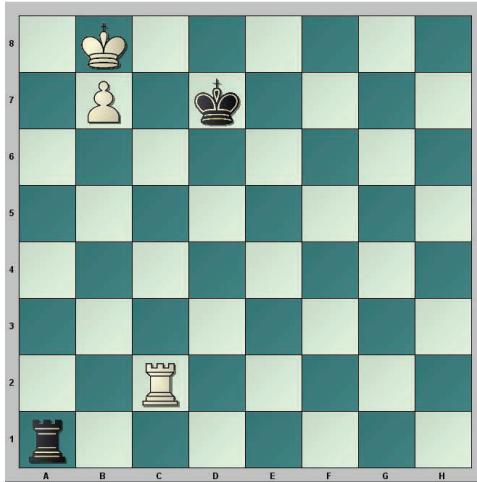
THEME #2: The defending rook needs a space of three files from the pawn in order to draw with certainty.

Black loses this study by Lasker, because White's well-placed

rook prevents Black's rook from getting the necessary distance from the pawn. Play would continue 1...Kc8 2 Rh8+ Kb7 3 Kd7 Rg1 4 d6 Rg7+ 5 Ke6 Rg6+ 6 Ke7 Rg7+ 7 Kf6 Rd7 8 Ke6 Rg7 9 d7 and wins.

To show just how crucial an extra file of distance is, set up this same position, except put the White rook on g7 instead of h7. Play would start out the same per above, only Black can now play 3..Rh1 (instead of Rg1). Black can continue the checks from the side unhindered, as White's King cannot simultaneously guard the d-pawn and attack the rook. Black's king is also close enough to stop the pawn if the rooks are exchanged.





THEME #3: When your pawn has advanced to the 7th rank, shield your King from rook checks by placing your rook on the 4th rank, on the same file as your pawn.

This theme is often referred to as “building a bridge.” White wins as follows: (diagram left) 1 Rd2+ (it is necessary to first drive the Black King further away from the pawn, or else the pawn could be attacked immediately after a rook exchange) ... Ke7 2 Rd4 Ra2 3 Kc7 Rc2+ 4 Kb6 Rb2+ 5 Kc6 Rc2+ 6 Kb5 Rb2+ 7 Rb4, and wins.

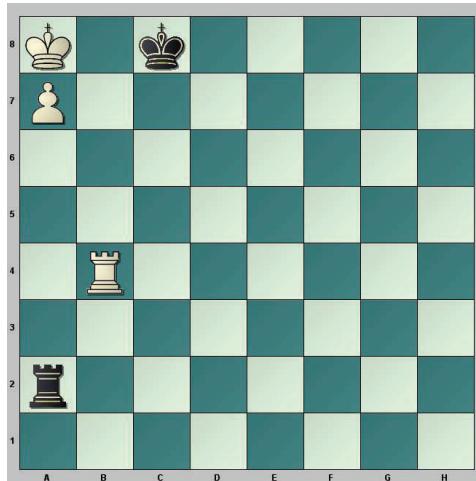
An interesting twist to this theme is when the pawn is a

rook pawn. Generally rook pawns increase the drawing chances because the stronger side can't work on both sides of the pawn.

Let's look at an example:

White to play wins by building the bridge with 1 Rc4+ Kd7 2 Kb7 etc. However, Black to move can draw with 1...Rc2!, because White cannot force Black's king off of the c-file.

THEME #4: When the opponent's king is passively placed, sometimes a draw can be had by pawn



sacrifice(s) that give allows your remaining pieces to dominate.

This position (with Black to play) is from the game Kashdan-Alekhine Folkestone 1933.

White's rook on the 7th rank gives him the advantage, as Black's h-pawn is difficult to defend. Nevertheless, Black's clever play secured the draw as follows: 1...h5 2 Rh7 e4 3 Ke2 f5! (sacrificing the h-pawn in order to keep White from playing Ke3 and Kf4) 4 Rh6+ (If 4 Ke3 Ra3+) ...Ke5 5 Rh5 Ra2+ 6 Kf1 e3! (this temporary pawn sac keeps the White king on the first rank for a while) 7 fe3 Ke4 8 Kg1 Re2 9 Rh4+ Ke5 (to stay in front of White's pawns) 10 Rh8 Kf6 11 Rf8+ Kg6 12 Re8 Kf7 13 Rc8 Re3 14 Kf2 Ra3

15 h4 Kf6 16 Rc6+ Kf7 17 Rc2 Rb3 18 Re2 Kf6 19 Re3 Rb4 20 Kf3 Ra4, with a drawn position. White's King cannot support the advance of the pawns.

Summary : By learning fundamental themes, a player can apply them to similar positions. Before analyzing specific moves, try to get a feel for the general requirements of the position.

*Check out Bart Gibbon's article “64 Square Tour” featured in Chess Life Online at
<http://main.uschess.org/content/view/8176/427/>*

Jefferson City Open

~ Thomas R. Rehmeier ~

The second 2008 Missouri State Championship qualifying tournament took place in Jefferson City, Missouri on December 8 and 9. Unfortunately, a large ice storm tore through the state over the tournament weekend cutting heavily into attendance. Twenty players, however, were able to make it safely to the capital city to face off for a spot in the state championship. Despite a small turnout, it was a very strong tournament; 9 out of the 20 players were rated over 1800. Among the participants was UMR Graduate Student Pranav Akolkar of India, rated 2110 FIDE, who was playing in his first tournament in the United States Chess Federation. After 5 rounds of play, Kevin Dale Johnson (2000) of Saint Louis, Missouri earned the qualifying spot finishing with a perfect 5-0 score over some very strong competition along with \$125. Pranav Akolkar, James Davies, Nathaniel Fast, Selden Trimble, and Brad Schlosser all tied for the 1800+ prize, Al Howlett and Tim Nesham split in B Class, Milton Garber won C Class, Margaret Hua single-handedly took down the D Class money, and Mark Johnson won the U1200 prize. Thanks to everyone who was able to make the event. I hope to see everyone again next year. Here is a full cross table from the tournament:



No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5
1	Johnson, Kevin Dale	2001	5.0	W8	W17	W2	W9	W3
2	Akolkar, Pranav	2110	3.5	W14	W5	L1	D4	W9
3	Davies, James A	2012	3.5	W11	W6	D9	W10	L1
4	Fast, Nathaniel S	1930	3.5	W15	L9	W11	D2	W10
5	Trimble, Selden	1913	3.5	W13	L2	W15	W7	D6
6	Schlosser, Brad	1874	3.5	W20	L3	W12	W14	D5
7	Karlow, Nick W	1928	3.0	W12	L10	W17	L5	W14
8	Garber, Milton	1511	3.0	L1	W18	-H-	W13	D11
9	Howlett, Albert D	1813	2.5	W16	W4	D3	L1	L2
10	Nesham, Timothy C	1675	2.5	W19	W7	-H-	L3	L4
11	Howe, Gary Bob	1566	2.5	L3	W20	L4	W12	D8
12	Hua, Margaret M	1331	2.0	L7	W19	L6	L11	W18
13	Johnson, Mark L	945	2.0	L5	D14	W18	L8	D16
14	Howe, Douglas R	1646	1.5	L2	D13	W20	L6	L7
15	Horton Jr, Stanley	1483	1.5	L4	W16	L5	-U-	-H-
16	Johnson, Lucas M	502	1.5	L9	L15	-B-	L18	D13
17	Swinger, Nathanael	1859	1.0	W18	L1	L7	-U-	-U-
18	Nesham, William	642	1.0	L17	L8	L13	W16	L12
19	Lewis, William	411	0.5	L10	L12	-H-	-U-	-U-
20	Doran, James W	730	0.0	L6	L11	L14	-U-	-U-



This position comes from a game between Pranav Akolkar (2110), white, and Kevin Dale Johnson (2000), black, played in the 3rd round of the Jefferson City Open, December 8, 2007.

Black is to move. The move will cause White to resign. What is it? (Answer below)

2008 Missouri Class Championship

Missouri State Championship Qualifying Event

- ◆ **Date:** June 28-29, 2008
- ◆ **Location:** Best Western Columbia Inn, 3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, MO 65201
- ◆ **Format:** 5-Round Standard Swiss, Game/120
- ◆ Players compete with only those in the same class. Each section winner is awarded the title of State Class Champion!
- ◆ **Prizes:** \$100-1st, \$50-2nd in each class: Master/Expert, A, B, C, D, E, and U/1000 (based on 7 in each class)
- ◆ Winner of the Master/Expert section also receives a spot in the 2008 MO State Invitational Championship
- ◆ **Registration:** 8:30-9:30. **Round Times:** Saturday 10, 2:30, & 7, Sunday 9:30 & 2.
- ◆ **Entry Fee:** \$30 if postmarked by 6/20. \$35 on site, cash only at site. K-12 players in U/1000 section may pay half entry fee but are eligible for only half prizes.
- ◆ MCA membership required for Missouri residents, available on site from \$5.
- ◆ **HR:** \$74.95/night, free WI-FI & breakfast. 573-474-6161, mention CHESS.
- ◆ **Entries/Info:** Bob Howe, 4403 Gage Place, Columbia, MO 65203; 636-234-7928 or bdhowe@yahoo.com

Solution to Akolkar v. Johnson (Above):

Black played ..NC1!! and white resigned.

Why? After NxNc1, QxNc3, black threatens Mate on E1 and the Knight on C1. White must lose the piece to play on. If white instead tries Ra2, White loses the exchange, and a pawn, ..NxRa2, QxNa2, ..QxQa2, NxQa2, ..Rxd5!

St. Louis' New Chess Club

~ Tony D. Rich ~

It is exciting times for chess in the St. Louis area. Opening this spring, The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis will be the premier chess club in the Midwest! Located at the corner of Euclid and Maryland in the heart of the Central West End, this multi-story facility will provide ample space and quality equipment for all members. This historic, yet completely remodeled facility will be available for members to play, watch or analyze at their leisure. There are also future plans for a research library and retail space to give members quick access to and great discounts on their favorite books, DVDs, and equipment.

In addition to the great facility to play, watch, and analyze, the club will also host frequent tournaments, simultaneous exhibitions, lectures and classes. Groups and individuals may also be able to use this space for other chess activities, including teaching. The Chess Club and Scholastic Center is especially proud of our plans to provide chess-related materials and chess mentors to St. Louis area schools. This special program will offer tutoring and lessons, and support the efforts of other scholastic chess organizations. Chess players recognize the benefits of the game of kings, and the club intends to extend that to the community at large.

The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis is made possible through the generosity of Mr. Rex Sinquefield, a retired executive with lifelong dedication to chess, education and children.

Absent tournaments, other special events or holidays, the club plans to be open Tuesday through Sunday at the following hours:

Tuesday:	3:00 PM	to	10:00 P.M.
Wednesday:	3:00 PM	to	10:00 P.M.
Thursday:	11:00 AM	to	10:00 P.M.
Friday:	3:00 PM	to	11:00 P.M.
Saturday:	Noon	to	11:00 P.M.
Sunday:	Noon	to	10:00 P.M.

Hours of operation may change to accommodate tournaments and other events.

We encourage you to visit our website at saintlouischessclub.org for more information, progress reports, and membership information. You can also contact Tony Rich, the club manager, at trich@tonyrich.org.

Young Masters of St. Louis

~ Joseph A. Garnier ~

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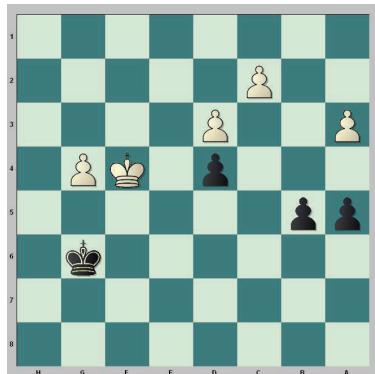


Ten-year old Kevin Cao's eyes dart around the chessboard as his hands move in a frenzy from the pieces to the clock. His opponent, 5th grader William Tong, makes a long queen move to capture a knight. The time is short and both of their hands fly through the moves. With only 5 seconds left Kevin decides to move the piece closest to the clock. William on the other hand takes every pawn in sight. As the seconds tick away Kevin's position is destroyed but it doesn't matter. With a huge grin, Kevin points at the clock and at the flashing 0's we've come to know and hate. His next opponent is Joseph Garnier (That's me). "You're only getting 30 seconds", he says as I take a seat. "Whatever" I reply and hit his clock.

Bullet chess may not be the most educational form of the game but it's great fun between the rounds of Al Howlett's cleverly named Swiss tournaments at the Hampton Inn. Kevin Cao and William Tong are at the forefront of the scholastic chess boom in St. Louis and behind them are a whole slew of young masters.

Three years ago the highest rated player in the Gateway chess league was a 1900 12th grader named Jeremy Volkmann. Nowadays Kevin Cao with a rating of 1884, competes with high school player Nick Karlow to top the list. William Tong settles into 5th place behind high school players Brad Schlosser and Kevin's big brother Henry. It's not just boys topping the rating list either. Nine-year-old Margaret Hua is the highest rated girl in Gateway boasting a rating in the realm of 1400. Scholastic players are getting younger and younger these days. Anyone who was at Al Howlett's recent tournament will remember seeing a little four year old Chinese boy named Jason asking everyone for a game. Although he had to stand on the chair to move the pieces; little Jason played some tough moves. Although he isn't playing in tournaments yet, I'd estimate his rating could be 900 or so. That's pretty good for a little guy that just turned 4 this year. All of these faces mean that chess is becoming more popular for children. I've had the pleasure of knowing many of these young masters and it's been wonderful watching them grow and develop as chess players. Guy's, if we don't hit the books, it won't be long until they're crushing us.

Black to Move



1...a4!! 2.Kc4, b4! Kxd4 3.bx a3 & Black wins.

Black to Move



Otherwise Black has equalized.

White to Move



$\text{Qg8+!!}, \text{Kxg8} 2. \text{Ne7+}, \text{Kh8} 3. \text{Nf7+}, \text{Rxh7} 4. \text{Rxc8+}$

St. Peter's Winter Open

~ Timothy C. Nesham ~

The St. Peter's Winter Open, a 5-round Swiss G/90, was held January 19 and 20 at the Mathnasium of St. Peters during one of the coldest weekends this season. Sixteen players attended with Bob Jacobs and Jim Davies splitting the top prize with 4 points each. Below is a cross table for the event:

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5
1	Jacobs, Robert Merton	2100	4.0	W11	W4	D2	W6	D3
2	Davies, James A	2008	4.0	W13	W10	D1	D4	W6
3	Johnson, Kevin Dale	2036	3.5	W12	W9	L6	W7	D1
4	Karlow, Nick W	1914	3.5	W7	L1	W5	D2	W9
5	Thompson, William	1628	3.5	W16	-H-	L4	W13	W10
6	Angeli, Matthew J	1636	3.0	W8	W11	W3	L1	L2
7	Muncaster, John W	1304	3.0	L4	W16	W10	L3	W11
8	Nesham, William	807	3.0	L6	-B-	W12	L9	W15
9	Tong, William M	1665	2.5	W15	L3	D13	W8	L4
10	Herbst, Bradley J	1663	2.0	W14	L2	L7	W12	L5
11	Hua, Margaret M	1483	2.0	L1	L6	W14	W15	L7
12	Campbell, Tim V	1414	2.0	L3	W15	L8	L10	-B-
13	Ding, Jialin	1320	1.5	L2	W14	D9	L5	-N-
14	Luckey, Robert A	1185	1.5	L10	L13	L11	-B-	-H-
15	Reitz, David B	1261	1.0	L9	L12	W16	L11	L8

Here is a critical match from Round 4 of the tournament:

Classical Dutch

St. Peter's Winter Open—Round 4
W: Nick W. Karlow (1914)
B: James A Davies (2008)

1. d4 e6 2. g3 f5 3. Bg2 Nf6 4. Nf3 Be7 5. c4 O-O 6. Nc3 d6 7. Qc2 a5 8. Bd2 Nc6 9. O-O Qe8 10. e4 Qh5 11. exf5 Qxf5 12. Qxf5 exf5 13. Rfe1 Re8 14. Nb5 Bd8 15. a3 Rxe1+ 16. Rxe1 Ne4 17. d5 Fritz shows White is better before d5, here is one of its many opinions...

17. Bg5 Bxg5 18. Nxc7 Nxd4 19. Nxa8 Nxf3+ 20. Bxf3 Bd8 21. Bxe4 fxe4 22. Rxe4 Kf7 {+=2.04} {Another line} 17. Bg5 Nxg5 18. Nxg5 Kf8 (18... Bxg5 19. Nxc7 Rb8 20. Bd5+ Be6 21. Rxe6 {+=3.42 winning})
17... Ne7 18. Bg5 Bd7 19. Bxe7 Bxe7 20. Nd2 c6 21. dxc6 bxc6 22. Nxe4 fxe4 23. Bxe4 Rb8 24. Bxc6 Bxc6 25. Rxe7 Bxb5 26. cxb5 Rxb5 27. Re2 Kf7 28. Kg2 Rb3 29. Kh3 d5 30. Kg4 Kf6 31. h4 g6 32. Rd2 Ke5 33. Kg5 d4 34. Kh6 Rb7 35. f3 Rf7 36. Rd3 Kd5 37. g4 Kc4 38. Rd2 Rxf3 39. Kxh7 Rh3 40. h5 gxh5 41. g5 a4 42. g6 Rg3 43. g7 d3 44. g8=Q+ Rxe8 45. Kxg8 Kd4 46. Rh2 Ke3 47. Rxh5 d2 48. Rd5 Ke2 49. Re5+ Kd3 50. Rd5+ Kc2 51. Rc5+ Kxb2 52. Rd5 Kc2 Draw agreed - Fritz shows dead even. 1/2-1/2

Regional Chess Clubs

SAINT LOUIS AREA CLUBS

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

Mid Rivers Mall Chess Club: Location: Food Court, Mid Rivers Mall, Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters.
Chess played every Saturday, 8am-noon. Contact: Luke Brodland at <kalomundi_00@yahoo.com>

Saint 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>

Saint Peters Chess Club: Location: St. Peters Mathnasium. 235 Salt Lick Road, St. Peters. Meets: Friday nights starting at 6pm. Contact: Tim Nesham at <tim.nesham@gmail.com>

KANSAS CITY AREA CLUBS

The Chess Club: Location: Vivion West Shopping Center (North KC) 2314 NW Vivion, Riverside MO 64150. Meets: Wed. Fri. Sat, 6:00-12:00 PM. Single visit \$5, Contact: Kenneth Fee (816) 835-7529 or <chessclub@powerpawn.net>. Website: <http://www.powerpawn.net>

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

Heart of America Chess Association: Location: Noland Baptist Church 4505 S Noland Rd., Independence, MO 64055. Meets: Friday Nights 7-11pm. There are no fees or charges to play, this club is for the community. Contact: Bob Holliman at (816) 836-0568 or <chess_entries@comcast.net>

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

Westport Chess Club: Location: Westport Flea Market at 817 Westport Rd., Kansas City, MO 64111 (just east of the intersection of SW Trafficway and Westport Rd.) year-round basis. Tuesday's 6:30-11:00 PM \$2 fee adults, \$1 under 18 Contact: Bill Mendus <wmendus@swbell.net>

CLUBS IN OTHER AREAS OF MISSOURI

Columbia -- University of Missouri Chess Club: Location: Memorial Union (518 Hitt Street) Room S203 May-August: Lakota's Coffee, 24 S. Ninth St. Mondays 7-10pm. Contact: Charles Ward at <czar8196@tranquility.net> Website: <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 7-9pm Contact: Thomas Rehmeier at (573) 291-0852 or <JCChess89@yahoo.com> Website: <http://www.jcchess.org/>

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

Rolla -- UMR Chess Club: Location: Burgess Room - 2nd floor Havener Center. Meets: Tuesdays 6PM Student President: Alex Marler Contact/Info: Selden Trimble at <strimble@rollanet.org>

Springfield - MO State University Chess Club: Location: Plaster Student Union, room 317-A. Meeting hours: Mondays 7-10pm. Contact: Nick Beatty at <Nbeatty@missouristate.edu> Website: <http://www.organizations.missouristate.edu/chess>

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 at (417) 831-6585 Website: <http://www.geocities.com/SpringfieldChessClub>



Tournament Life

March 8 – Quantum Quads– St. Peters

3-Round Quads, G/90. Mathnasium 235 Salt Lick Rd. St. Peters, MO 63376. Entry fee: \$20, Prizes: \$40 to top scorer in each quad, if 3-0 score, \$60 prize instead of \$40. Reg: 9:00-9:50. Rds: 10:00/1:30/5:00 Entries/Info: Matt Angeli, 314-315-0222 <mja.inc@gmail.com>

March 29 – Mizzou Quads – Columbia

3RR, G/75. Memorial Union room N208, 518 Hitt St., Columbia, MO. Directions: From I-70 exit 126, south on Providence, east on Rollins, north on Hitt. Entry fee: \$20 if mailed by 3/22, \$25 at site. Site entries cash only. 1st Prize each quad \$70. Reg: 9:30-10:15. Rds: 10:30-1:15-4:00. Entries/Info: Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, 573-443-6685 <czar8196@tranquility.net>

April 5 – Bobby Fischer Memorial Open – Sunset Hills (StL)

3SS G/120; Days Inn, 3660A South Lindbergh, Sunset Hills, MO 63127; EF: \$30; Site entries cash only; Three sections: Over 1699, 1300-1699, U1300/Unr; Prizes: \$120 1st in each section, \$60 for 2nd in each section, and \$30 for 3rd in each section, b/40 players total; Reg: 8-8:50; Rds: 9, 1:30, 6; Entries/Info: Al Howlett, 314-497-4971 or <AL_Howlett@Charter.net> or visit <http://www.alhowlett.net/>

April 26 and 27 – Saint Louis Open – Sunset Hills (StL)

2008 Missouri Invitational Qualifier

6 GPP 5SS G/120; Days Inn, 3660A South Lindbergh, Sunset Hills, MO 63127; \$\$ Guaranteed \$300, 1st prizes: b/ 60: \$150 1st each X, A, B, C, D, E, U1000, UNR. EF: \$40 if rec'd by 4/21. \$50 at site. K-12 may enter 1/2 entry but are only eligible for 1/2 prizes. Reg: 8:30-9:30; Rds: Sat-10, 2:30, 7, Sun-9:30, 2; Entries/Info: Missouri Chess Association, 449 W. Jefferson Ave., Apt B, St. Louis, MO 63122; 314-822-5334

June 14 – Arnold Denker Open – Columbia

3SS, G/75. Memorial Union room N208, 518 Hitt St., Columbia, MO. Directions: From I-70 exit 126, south on Providence, east on Rollins, north on Hitt. Entry fee: \$1, NO PRIZES- Just the satisfaction of playing well. Reg: 9:30-10:15. Rds: 10:30-1:15-4:00. Entries/Info: Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, 573-443-6685 <czar8196@tranquility.net>

June 20 and 21 – The Chess Club Championship – Kansas City

Visit <http://www.powerpawn.net/> for more details. Or call Call 816.835.7529

June 28 and 29 – Missouri Class Championships – Columbia

2008 Missouri Invitational Qualifier

5SS, G/120. Best Western Columbia Inn, 3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, MO 65201 (on the service road by the I-70 and US-63 intersection). \$\$b/7 in each class : \$100-1st \$50-2nd each class: M/X, A, B, C, D, E, U1000/Unr. Winner of M/X receives invitation. Entry fee: \$30 if received by 6/20, \$35 at site. Reg: 8:30-9:30; Rds: 10:00-2:30-7:00, 9:30-2:00. MCA membership req. for MO residents, available on site from \$5. Hotel: \$74.95/night, Free Wi-Fi & breakfast, 573-474-6161 mention CHESS. Entries/Info: Bob Howe, 4403 Gage Place, Columbia, MO 65203; 636-234-7928

Scholastics



March 8 – Crest Ridge Tournament– Centerview, MO. (near Warrensburg)

5-round, G/30. Crest Ridge High School, 92 NW 58 Hwy Centerview, MO 64019 Phone: 660-656-3391 Entry fee: \$16 pre-registered, \$21 on site, Check-In and Onsite Registration: 8:00 - 9:30 AM 1st Round 10:30 . To pre-register online, send entry (using PAYPAL) to chessclub@powerpawn.net or mail your name, school, grade and a check to Ken Fee 1537 Baker St. Liberty, MO 64068 Make checks to Ken Fee. Questions? Call 816.835.7529 or email chessclub@powerpawn.net.

March 15th– Bollinger Memorial – St. Louis

Wydown Middle School, Saint Louis, Missouri – 63105. Registration is 8-8:30am. The on time entry fee is \$10.00 per player. Players who begin registration after 8:30, or pay the cashier after 9:00 is \$12.00. High School division is 4 round G/45. 9th and below is 5 round G/30. Further information – Please call Edward Baur at 314-645-2897 or Napoleon Carter at 314-741-7118 evenings and weekends. USCF membership is required

April 12th — Denker and Polgar Qualifying Tournaments:

Days Inn, 1900 I-70 Drive Southwest, Columbia, Missouri, 65203 The on time entry fee is \$10.00 per player. The entry fee for players who begin registration after 9:30, or who pay the cashier after 10:00 is \$12.00 Tournament will be 4 round G/60 at 10:30, 1:00, 3:30 and 6:00
Further information – Please call Edward Baur at 314-645-2897.

DENKER TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY – All students in grades nine through twelve who live in Missouri with USCF ratings of 1000 or over are eligible. Those without USCF ratings who placed fifth better on board 1, fourth or better on board 2, third or better on board 3 and second or better on board 4 in the Senior High Division of the Missouri Scholastic Championship are eligible.

POLGAR QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY – All girl students in kindergarten through grade 12 who live in the state of Missouri are eligible.

USCF Spring National Events: dates and links.

2008 U.S. Jr. Chess Congress Mar. 8-9 Indiana -
<http://www.2008chesscongress.com/>

US Junior High Championships, April 4-6, Dallas, Texas
<http://main.uschess.org/tournaments/2008/jhs/>

US High School Championships, April 18-20, Atlanta, Georgia
<http://main.uschess.org/tournaments/2008/hs/>

Burt Lerner Elementary Championships, May 9-11, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
<http://main.uschess.org/tournaments/2008/elem/>



GAMES FROM MISSOURI PLAYERS

Scotch Game

Springfield, MO City Championship

W: Mike Clark (1714)

B: Tyler Harris (1122)

Annotations by Tyler Harris:

All chess players in Springfield owe Michael Clark a debt of gratitude for traveling down last November and directing our city championship tournament. He was energetic enough to direct and compete in the tournament and I had the chance to play him in the first round. I have annotated this game below.

I should mention that Michael's attention was sometimes split between our game and his duties as TD, and I had to pause his clock many times when he left the board for business. Nevertheless, he fought hard at the board and I was lucky to score the win.

1. e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nxc6 dxc6 6. Qxd8+ Kxd8

I allowed this endgame (by playing 5...dxc6) simply because I don't know much about the Scotch and I would rather go straight into an endgame where I'm pretty comfortable, than play into my opponent's opening knowledge and suffer through a middlegame my opponent has tons of experience in.

7. Bg5 h6?! 8. Bxf6+ gxf6

My seventh move was the most difficult decision of the game for me. I had the option of 7...Be7, keeping my Kingside pawn structure intact, but then I would be stuck in a passive position for a very long time and White could gradually and easily build up his pressure. The move I chose alleviates all of White's immediate pressure and gives me the bishop pair, at the obvious cost of busting up my Kingside pawns. I think it's a good practical trade for Black and I would play it again.

9. Nc3 Bd6 10.0-0-0 Be6 11. f4 Ke7 12. f5 Bd7

13.g3?! b5 I think White's thirteenth move is a mistake. Now what will White's bishop do?

14. Nb1 h5 15. Nd2 c5 16. Bg2 Rag8 17.Bf3 h4 18. g4 Be5 19. h3?! Bc6 20. Nb3 c4

Here I would be happy to simplify to a light-square bishop ending in spite of my Kingside weaknesses. White's pawn structure makes his own bishop quite bad and rather incapable of attacking my weaknesses. The d-file looks great for exchanges, so...

21. Nd4 Bxd4 22. Rxd4 Rd8 23. Rhd1 Rxd4 24. Rxd4 Rd8 25. c3 Rxd4

Keeping the pawn on the c-file by playing 23. Rxd8 was a much safer alternative for White; in fact, I think Black is fighting for a draw after the exchange of Rooks on d8

because he cannot easily make progress on the Queenside and his Kingside weaknesses remain a factor.

26. cxd4 Kf8 (a slight misstep that doesn't change the balance of the position.)**27. Kd2 b4 28. Ke3 a5 29. Bd1 a4 30. d5 Bb5**

By opening an easy road into the Queenside for Black's King, White has put an end to this contest. He is now all tied up defending against Black's Queenside pawns and there's not much he can do about it.

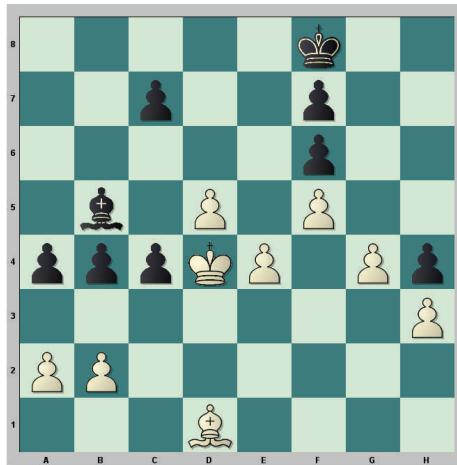
Black still has to play carefully and alertly, but the win is now forced.

31. Kd4

(Diagram)

31...c3!

I was lucky to get this



shot in here; White must have overlooked this move, but this temporary pawn sacrifice wins by threatening both cxb2 and Bf1. White's 31st move isn't really a mistake because all moves lose for White at this point. Black has the winning plan of marching his King to c5, then pushing c3, and White cannot prevent this plan except by creating alternative winning plans for Black.

32.bxc3 bxc3? (Here I overlooked 32. b3! Winning even faster) **33.Kxc3 Bf1 34.Kd2 a3! 35.Be2 Bxh3**

36.Ke3 Bg2 37.Kf4 h3 38.Kg3 Bxe4 39.Bc4 Ke7

40.Kxh3 Kd6 41.Kh4 Bxd5 42.Bxd5 Kxd5 43.g5

fxg5+ 44.Kxg5 Ke5 (why not?) **45.Kg4 f6 46.Kf3 Kxf5**

47.Ke3 Ke5 48.Kd3 f5 49.Kc3 f4 50.Kb3 f3 51.Kxa3

f2 52.Kb4 f1=Q 53.a4 Kd4 54.Ka5 Qb1 55.Ka6 Qb6# 0-1

English Opening

Missouri Class Championships

W: Frank Smith (1886)

B: Brad Schlosser (1836)

1.c4 e6 2.a3 Nf6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bxc4 0-0 8.0-0-0 b6 9.Re1 Re8 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Bd3 c5 15.Be3 c4 16.Bc2 b5 17.Rab1 Nc6 18.e6 Bxe6 19.Rbd1 Bf6 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Qh5 f5 23.Bxf5 Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Qd6 25.g3 d4 26.f4 Qf6 27.Qc2 dxe3 28.fxe5 Qxe5 29.Re2 Rad8 30.Rde1 Rd3 31.a4 a6 32.axb5 axb5 33.Rg2 Qd4 34.Qe2 Rd2 35.Qh5 Rf8 36.Rge2 Rxe2 37.Qxe2 Rf2 38.Qxe3 Qxe3 39.Rxe3 Rxb2 40.Re7 c3 41.Rc7 c2 42.Kf1 Rb1+ 43.Ke2 White Resigns 0-1

Sicilian Defense—Maroczy Bind

Missouri Class Championships

W: Nathan Swinger (1822)

B: Kevin Dale Johnson (2000)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7
 6.Nc2 Nh6 7.Be2 f5 8.Bxh6 Bxh6 9.exf5 Qa5+
 10.Nc3 Qxf5 11.0-0 e6 12.Bg4 Qf4 13.Nb5 0-0
 14.Nd6 Bg7 15.g3 Qg5 16.Bh3 Qe7 17.Rb1 Be5
 18.c5 b6 19.b4 a5 20.b5 Nb4 21.Nxb4 axb4 22.Rxb4
 bxc5 23.Nxc8 Rfxc8 24.Ra4 Bd4 25.Rxa8 Rxa8
 26.a4 Qf8 27.Qb3 Notation incorrect. Black goes on
 to win the endgame 0-1

Scandinavian—Alekhine Variation

Missouri Class Championships

W: James Riddle (1101)

B: Peter Harris (1076)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.dxc6 Nxc6 5.Nf3 Bg4
 6.Be2 e5 7.d3 Be5 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.Be3
 [10.Nxe5 was a better line] 10...Bxe3 11.fxe3 Qb6
 12.Qd2 Rad8 13.Kh1 e4 14.Ng5 exd3 15.cxd3 Rfe8
 16.e4 h6 17.Nf3 Ne5 18.Qf4 Nxd3 19.Qg3 Nxe4
 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Rad1 [21.Bxd3 keeps white
 fighting] 21...Rxe2 22.Nh4 Nf2+ 23.Kh2 Rxd1
 24.Nf5 g6 25.Nxh6+ Kh7 26.Rxd1 Nxd1 27.Nxf7
 Ne3 28.Ng5+ Kg7 29.h4 Nf1+ White Resigns 0-1

Italian Opening

Missouri Class Championships

W: Shan Siddiqi (1654)

B: Tha Dun (UNR)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5
 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nf3 e4 10.Ne5
 Qd5 11.Ng4 Nxg4 12.Bxg4 Qg5 13.h3 f5 14.d3 Qf6
 15.Be2 Be5 16.Bd2 Nb7 17.Bc3 Bd4 18.Bh5+ Ke7
 19.0-0 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 g6 21.Be2 Rd8 22.Qc1 exd3
 23.Bxd3 g5 24.Qe3+ Kf7 25.Rad1 Be6 26.Be2 f4
 27.Qe4 Bf5 28.Bh5+ Kg7 29.Qb4 Rab8 30.Rxd8
 Qxd8 31.Re1 Nd6 32.Qd4+ Kh7 33.Rd1 Rxb2
 34.Qxd6 Qxd6 35.Rxd6 Rxc2 36.Rxc6 Rc1+ 37.Kh2
 Rc2 38.Rc7+ Kg8 39.Bf7+ Kf8 40.Bd5 Ke8 41.Nb5
 Rxf2 42.Rxa7 Notation ends, but white wins the
 endgame 1-0

English Opening

Missouri Class Championships

W: Frank Smith (1884)

B: Ronald Luther (2204)

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nf3 f5 4.a3 Bxc3 5.dxc3 Nf6
 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qd4 0-0 9.0-0-0 Nc6
 10.Qxf6 Rxf6 11.b4 d6 12.e3 a6 13.Bd3 e5 14.Bc2

Be6 15.Bb3 Kf8 16.Kb2 Ke7 17.Ne1 e4 18.f4 exf3
 19.Nxf3 Ne5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.g3 c5 22.h4 Rc8 23.b5
 Rg6 24.Rhg1 Rg4 25.Bc2 Rf8 26.e4 f4 27.gxf4 Rfxf4
 28.bxa6 bxa6 29.Kb3 h5 30.Ka4 Bxc4 31.Ka5 Rf3
 32.Ba4 Be6 33.Rc1 Rxg1 34.Rxg1 Rxc3 35.Rxg7+
 Kf6 36.Rc7 Rxa3 37.Rxc5 Bd7 38.Rc4 Ke7 39.Rb4
 Ra2 40.Rc4 Kd6 41.Rc3 Rxa4+ 42.Kb6 Rxe4
 43.Kxa6 Rxh4 44.Kb6 Rb4+ 45.Ka5 Rd4 46.Re3
 Bc6 47.Rh3 Kc7 White Resigns 0-1

Closed Sicilian

Missouri Class Championships

W: Tha Dun (UNR)

B: Matthew Conway (1636)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0
 Nxb5 7.Nxb5 a6 8.Nc3 d6 9.d3 Nf6 10.Qe1 Bd7
 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.h3 Nh6 14.Nd5 0-0
 15.Bxh6 Bxh6 16.Qh4 Kg7 17.c4 Be6 18.g4 Bxd5
 19.cxd5 Be3+ 20.Kg2 Qxd5 21.Qxe7 Rae8 22.Qf6+
 Kg8 23.Kg3 Re6 24.Qh4 Qd8 25.Qxd8 Rxd8
 26.Rad1 g5 27.Rfe1 Bf4+ 28.Kg2 Rd5 29.Re4 h6
 30.h4 b5 31.b3 f6 32.Kf2 Kf7 33.Ke2 Bxe5 34.hxg5
 hxg5 35.Rh1 Bf4 36.Rh7+ Kg6 37.Rxe6 Kxh7
 38.Rxa6 Kg6 39.Ra5 b4 40.d4 f5 41.gxf5+ Kxf5
 42.Rxc5 Rxc5 43.dxc5 Ke4 44.Ne1 Kd4 45.Nd3 Bh2
 46.c6 Kc3 47.Ke3 g4 48.Ne1 Kb2 49.Kd4 Kxa2
 Draw agreed ½-½

Queen's Gambit Declined

George Koltanowski Open

W: Doug Howe (1599)

B: Don Harper (1062)

1.d4 d5 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bg5 e6 6.e3
 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Nh5 9.Ne5 Nxg3 10.Nxc6 bxc6
 11.hxg3 Bb4 12.Qa4 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qd7 14.cxd5
 exd5 15.Be2 Qd6 16.c4 Be4 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 0-0
 19.c5 Qf6 20.Ke2 Kg7 21.f4 g4 22.Rh4 Qg6 23.Rah1
 Rh8 24.Rh5 Qe4 25.Rc1 Rab8 26.Qc2 Qxc2+
 27.Rxc2 Kg6 28.Re5 Kf6 29.f3 h5 30.fxg4 hxg4
 31.Kd3 Rh3 32.Rg2 Rb1 33.Rg5 Rhh1 34.Rxg4
 Rhd1+ 35.Kc3 Rdc1+ 36.Rc2 Re1 37.Kd3 Rb5
 38.Rh4 Rg1 39.g4 Ra5 40.Rh6+ Ke7 41.g5 Ra3+
 42.Kd2 Rg2+ 43.Kc1 Rg1+ 44.Kb2 Rxe3 45.Rxc6
 Kd7 46.Rd2 Rg4 47.Ra6 Re4 48.Rxa7 Rxf4 49.Ra4
 Rxe5 50.Rb4 Rg3 51.a4 Re4 52.a5 Re8 53.Rf2 Rg7
 54.Ka3 Ra8 55.Ka4 c6 56.Rb6 Ra7 57.a6 Kc7
 58.Rf6 Kd8 59.Rfxc6 Rg4 60.Rd6+ Kc7 61.Rxd5
 Rg1 62.Rdd6 Ra1+ 63.Kb5 Rb1+ 64.Kc4 Rc1+
 65.Kd5 Ra1 66.Rdc6+ Kd8 67.Rb8+ Ke7 68.Rb7+
 Rxb7 69.axb7 Rb1 70.Rb6 1-0

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