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Grandmaster Nigel Short takes on St. Louis



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From The Editor

Greetings Missouri Chess Players. I'm happy to be releasing the Winter Edition of the Bulletin back on schedule (okay, close to it!). 2011 looks to be a year filled with plenty of events and news that will occupy these pages. The latest Bulletin features a nice mix of familiar names and new contributors. Jialin Ding, a familiar force in Missouri Chess, recently hit a personal best USCF rating of 2200. Jialin annotated four games from the tournament where he reached the Master milestone to share with us. This is a great chance to see how a young man, who isn't just talented, but works extremely hard, evaluates his games. Jialin shared his thoughts from both wins and losses from the tournament.

Many local players have seen International Master Goran Vojinovic at some tournaments over the past few months. IM Goran is spending some time in Missouri this year, and has written an excellent article for this MCB, with plans to contribute several more. This edition he features an intense look at white's basic plans in the King's Indian Defense. The article is great for players of many levels who are prepared to sit down and spend some effort going through the variations. I look forward to seeing what the International Master comes up with for future editions.

Along with the above, be sure to catch Tim Nesham's annotated win against GM Nigel Short, tournament news from Mike Wilmering from the CCSCSL, and the first of a planned series of annotated games from Al Howlett. Al 'Nalysis' Howlett has promised to help fill some pages of the MCB all year long. His insights will be a welcome addition. That, along with the usual news and tournament information rounds out the Winter edition of the MCB. If you have something to contribute for the next edition, or anytime, don't hesitate to send it in. This magazine can't exist without contributions from you!

Bob Howe



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

- Report on the State Scholastic Championships held on Feb 26th in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Report on the Continental Chess Association's giant Mid-America Open being held in St. Louis.
- A update on of the US Championships.
- Articles, annotated games, and interesting stories from YOU! The members that make up the MCA.

Deadline for articles and games for the Spring issue is April 10th, 2011.

Bill Wright Saint Louis Open March 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2011

5SS,40/90, SD 30 +30sec Increment (2 day option, rds 1&2 G/90)

Location: Chess Club & Scholastic Center,
4657 Maryland Ave, St. Louis MO 63108

- ♙ Prizes: \$7,000+ in prizes! based on 150 paid entries
- ♙ Sections: Two Sections: Open and U/1800
- ♙ Entry Fee: \$60, \$50 for annual members of the club, if registered by 3/1
- ♙ Registration: 3-day schedule: Fri 4:30-5:30 pm, 2-day schedule: Sat. 8:30 - 9:30 am
- ♙ Rounds: 3 day Fri 6 pm, Sat 10 am & 5 pm, Sun 10 am & 5 pm
2 day Sat. 10 am (G/90), 1:30 pm (G/90) & 5 pm, Sun. 10 am & 5 pm
- ♙ Byes: Two Half point byes if declared by round 1.
- ♙ MCA membership required for Missouri residents

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314-361-CHESS, <http://www.saintlouischessclub.org/>

Recent News in Missouri Chess

The Scholastic State Chess Championship will be held in Jefferson City on February 26th. This year there is again another event being held on the same date in Kansas City, being advertised as the state championship. The Kansas City tournament is not an officially recognized State Championship event! We welcome and encourage players to play in any events they wish, but feel its unfortunate when occasions like this conflict and confuse the players. The only official championship event is at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, the same location as the tournament has been held for years. Please visit <http://www.gatewaychess.org> for the full details on the official State Scholastic Championship.

GM Hikaru Nakamura just completed the biggest success of his rising career with a resounding victory at the annual **Wik an Zee** tournament in the Netherlands. This event is consistently one of, if not the biggest super-tournament of the year. The 2011 edition included World Champion Vishy Anand, former Champion Vladimir Kramnik, world number one Magnus Carlsen, and many other Super GM's such as Aronian, Shirov, Grischuk, and Ponomarev. With three players rated over 2800, and eight more over 2700, the event was incredibly strong. Still, no one in the strong field could keep up with the American. Nakamura scored 9/13, with six wins against one loss to finish clear first. Congratulations to GM Nakamura!

2010 was a good year for Missouri Chess Players in many ways. **Al Howlett** put in some time to calculate the hard facts of just how good Missourians did this past year. According to Al's calculations, **Missouri gained 2798 rating points** from the Mid-America Open, the Bill Wright Saint Louis Open, and the Thanksgiving Open last year. That means the three big prize fund events, those that drew the greatest amount of out of state players, saw Missourians net nearly 3000 rating points from bonus points and victories over our neighbors. Yet another sign of the growing strength of the region's chess players.

The **USCF** is holding **elections** again this year for its Executive Board. Five candidates are vying for the three openings on the committee that oversees the USCF. Allen Priest, Sevan Muradian, Gary Walters, Mike Neitmann, and Sam Sloan are the announced candidates. Be sure to check your MSA homepage at uschess.org to get registered to vote. Unlike past years, a ballot will not automatically be sent to members. Instead, a member 16 years or older must register to vote to receive their ballot. Registering is a simple process, but must be done by March 31st of this year to vote in this election. You can learn more about the candidates when their statements are released in upcoming issues of Chess Life.

Missouri Chess Association: Mission Statement

As the Official State Affiliate of the United States Chess Federation, The Missouri Chess Association's mission is to promote, coordinate, and support chess activities throughout the State of Missouri. This should always be accomplished with a fair and unbiased approach, protecting the rights and interests our Members, Tournament Directors, Organizers, and Chess Players in the great state of Missouri.

Congratulations to these recent Tournament Winners:

Cape Girardeau Open:

James Davies



Thanksgiving Open Satellite:

Open:

Richard Benjamin

U/1800:

Michael Hensley

U/1400:

Dirk J. Boswinkel & Shoeb Mohiuddin

Thanksgiving Open:

Open:

Tie: GM Alex Onishuk, GM Yury Shulman,
GM Gregory Kaidanov, GM Dmitry Gurevich

U/1800

Spencer Lehmann

U/1400

Tie: Paul Yoder, Alfred Huff, Andrew Geiselhart

End of Year Bash:

Open:

IM Goran Vojinovic

U/1700

Yomi Toba

U/1300

Scott Anderson



New Year's Bash:

Open:

IM Goran Vojinovic

U/1600

CJ Armenta & Joey Kelly

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As a Missouri Chess Association member, you are invited to submit nominations for the annual election of the MCA Board of Directors. Nominees must be residents of the state of Missouri, 16 years or older (as of April 15th) and current MCA members. If elected, nominees would serve a one year term beginning on September 1, 2011. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged. Board Members are expected to be current MCA members, attend board meetings held in Columbia (Currently 4 times per year) and the general membership meeting at the Missouri Open. **The deadline for nominations is April 15th, 2011.** Election ballots will be mailed out by June 1 to qualifying MCA members as of May 1, 2011.

Send your nominations to *Jim Davies, Election Commissioner*,
7358 Shaftsbury Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63130 or email them to
jandadavies@sbcglobal.net. Nominations should include the nominee's name
and region (or mailing address)



2011

U.S. CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2011 U.S. Championship introduces a new and exciting format. The format features a preliminary stage with two round robins of eight players each. Once the dust settles, the top two players in each round robin will advance to a four-player knockout. These semifinal and final matches will consist of two games each.

The event will include the country's top rated players, including defending Champion GM Gata Kamsky, and the World's newest top 10 player, GM Hikaru Nakamura. The players invited by rating will be challenged by tournament qualifiers like GM Sam Shankland, FM Daniel Naroditsky, and two players who emerge from the St. Louis Invitational Tournament.

Players

1. GM Hikaru Nakamura
2. GM Gata Kamsky
3. GM Alex Onischuk
4. GM Yury Shulman
5. GM Varuzhan Akobian
6. GM Jaan Ehlevest
7. GM Alex Shabalov
8. GM Alex Stripunsky
9. GM Robert Hess
10. GM Alexander Ivanov
11. GM Ben Finegold
12. GM-elect Sam Shankland
13. FM Daniel Naroditsky
14. Winner of St. Louis Invitational
15. Winner of St. Louis Invitational
16. To Be Determined

The total prize fund is a record \$166,000

Overall	Round Robins
1st: \$40,000	1st & 2nd: Advance to Overall
2nd: \$30,000	3rd: \$8,000
3rd: \$20,000	4th: \$6,000
4th: \$15,000	5th: \$5,000
	6th: \$4,000
	7th: \$3,000
	8th: \$2,500

Schedule

Opening Ceremony: April 14th
 Friday April 15th thru Thursday April 21st Rounds 1-7 2pm
 Saturday April 23rd & Sunday April 24th Semifinals: 2pm
 Monday April 25th: - Open Blitz Tournament: 6pm
 Tuesday April 26th & Wednesday April 27th: Finals: 2pm
 Thursday April 28th: Closing Ceremony and Reception

Special Commentators:

Grandmaster Maurice Ashley
 &
WGM Jennifer Shahade

2011 U.S.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2011 U.S. Women's Championship has been set to take place April 13-28 at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (CCSCSL). The 2011 U.S. Women's Championship format will feature a preliminary round robin with eight players. The top four players will advance to a four-player knockout. The semi-finals and finals will consist of two game matches.

The event will feature eight of the top Women in the nation, including IM Irina Krush, and IM Anna Zatonskih who together account for the last three Women's Championships. The Event is running concurrently to the US Championship, and will follow the same schedule as shown on page 6.

Players

1. IM Anna Zatonskih
2. IM Irina Krush
3. IM Rusadan Goletiani
4. WGM Camilla Baginskaite
5. WIM Tatev Abrahamyan
6. WIM Sabina Foisor
7. WIM Alisa Melekhina
8. WIM Iryna Zenyuk

Prizes

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| 1st | \$18,000 |
| 2nd | \$12,000 |
| 3rd | \$9,500 |
| 4th | \$7,000 |
| 5th | \$4,000 |
| 6th | \$3,000 |
| 7th | \$2,500 |
| 8th | \$2,000 |

Special Commentators

GM Maurice Ashley
&
WGM Jennfier Shahade

Metro Class Championship - February 19th

3SS,G/90. Location: Chess Club & Scholastic Center,
4657 Maryland Ave, St. Louis MO 63108

- 👑 Sections: M/X, A, B, C, D, U1200/unr Players must play in their own class.
- 👑 Prizes: \$200 for 1st in each section, based on 40 entries
- 👑 Entry Fee: \$35, \$30 for annual club members if registered by 2/18
- 👑 Registration: 9-9:45am. Rounds: 10am, 1:30, 5:00
- 👑 MCA membership required for Missouri residents



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Thanksgiving Open

~ Mike Wilmering ~



GM Nigel Short, right, looks on as Jim Davies plays in round one.

The Thanksgiving Open is complete in Saint Louis. After six rounds, a four-way tie emerged at the top of the leaderboard to send four grandmasters home with \$900 each. After tiebreaks, GM Alexander Onischuk emerged as the overall tournament winner.

Onischuk emerged from the two-day schedule unscathed to take on GM Dmitry Gurevich in round four. Onischuk's rook sacrifice gave him two advanced, connected center pawns, which gave him enough pressure to convert the victory.

In round five, Onischuk took on GM Yury Shulman in a King's Gambit that eventually petered out into an uneventful draw. His hard-fought draw against GM Gregory Kaidanov in the final round helped secure a tie for first for both.



GM Gregory Kaidanov

Kaidanov had to fight back from a surprising round two draw against CCSCSL standout Kevin Cao.

French Exchange

Thanksgiving Open

W: Kevin Cao (2183)

B: GM Kaidanov (2638)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Nc6

6.c3 Bg4 7.Be3 Nge7 8.Nbd2 Qd7 9.Qc2 h6 10.h3

Be6 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.Nb3 Bf5 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.dxc5 Rhe8 15.b4 Bxd3

16.Rxd3 Ng6 17.Rhd1 Nce7 18.c4 e6 19.b5 Kb8 20.Qa4 cxb5 21.cxb5

Rc8 22.Kb1 a6 23.Rb3 axb5 24.Qa7+ Kc7 25.Qb6+ Kb8 26.Qa7+ Kc7 27.Qb6+ ½ -½

Kaidanov topped Viktorija Ni in round three, Jialin Ding in round four, and GM Ray Robson in round five to put himself in prime position heading into the final round.

GM Yury Shulman maintained solid play throughout the tournament, and his draw in the final round against GM Nigel Short helped secure him a piece of the four-way tie at the top.

After drawing Robson in round four, Short had a lost position against IM Jake Kleiman, but still managed to pull out a draw. His three draws in the final three rounds were not enough to catch the rest of the field as Short finished the tournament a half point off the pace, with a score of 4.5/6.

GM Dmitry Gurevich had a solid tournament with a 5/6 finish to capture a tie for first place. His key victory came in round three against GM Timur Gareyev.



Grandmasters Nigel Short vs Yury Shulman, with GM Benjamin Finegold in the background.

The following round, Gurevich lost to the overall winner Onischuk, but finished strong with victories against Ni and IM Jake Kleiman in rounds five and six.

John Veech, a student of GM Mesgen Amanov, traveled from Wisconsin to take first in the U2400 and \$550. Veech, who came into the tournament with a rating of 2160, finished with 4.5/6 (after requesting a 1/2-point bye in round six). His only loss came in round two to Robson, a position Robson said he thought Veech could win.

"He should have drawn me," Robson said. "He had a forced draw at some point."

Spencer Lehman, from Washington, took the U1800 prize, while Paul Yoder, Alfred Huff, and Andrew Geiselhart tied at the top of the U1400 section.

Resident GM Ben Finegold finished with a final score of 4/6.



Frank Smith took advantage of the strong competition at the Thanksgiving Open to cross 2000. Congratulations to Missouri's latest Expert!

Queen's Gambit

Missouri Amateur Championship

W: GM Finegold (2597)

B: Adarsh Javakumar (2241)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 g6 5.O-O Bg7 6.Re1 O-O 7.Bf1 Nc6 8.h3 e6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.b3 Rc8 13.Bb2 a6 14.Rc1 b5 15.Qd2

Re8 16.Red1 Qc7 17.Qe3 Nb8 18.Bd3 Nbd7 19.Rc1 Qa5 20.Bb1 Qb6 21.Qd2 Ba8 22.e5 Nd5 23.Ne4 dxe5 24.dxe5 Red8 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.h4 Bf8 27.Rd1 Nc5 28.Nd6 Rd8 29.h5 Ne7 30.Qe3 Nd7 31.Bd4 Qb8 32.Ng5 Nd5 33.Qf3 N5f6 34.Qf4 Bxd6 35.exd6 h6 36.Bxf6 hxg5 37.Bxg5 f6 38.hxg6 Qb7 39.f3 Qb6+ 40.Kh1 1-0



U/1800: Ashwath Kumar and Laurence Coker



The Chase Park Plaza Ballroom made a beautiful playing Hall.



Scott Anderson and Ken West placed well in the U/1400

Kasparov Visits Saint Louis

~ Mike Wilmering ~

The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis was abuzz on Monday, November 29, as a group of 150-plus eagerly awaited the arrival of the legendary GM Garry Kasparov. The crowd, which had already been treated to a weekend with GM Nigel Short at the Thanksgiving Open, mingled around the casual play area on the main floor of the chess club. Some played chess and some casually chatted, but all were devoting at least some of their attention to the front door of the club.

A round of applause erupted when Kasparov made his appearance. He acknowledged the warm reception with a smile and brief wave of his hand before Chess Club staff ushered both him and Short upstairs to the board room for the VIP reception.



GM Nigel Short, CCSCSL Founder Rex Sinquefield, GM Garry Kasparov, GM Hikaru Nakamura and GM Ben Finegold, Photo Gina Kelly

Prior to his arrival, numbered tickets were handed out to event attendees who followed the dynamic duo up the stairs to the beautiful tournament playing hall. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails were available to all as the first 10 attendees were invited to enter the private VIP reception in the Chess Club board room.



Over 100 members gathered for the opportunity to meet and receive an autograph from GM Kasparov.

Because of the full house, the lecture was simulcast live throughout the entire club.

Although he was only scheduled to be at the club for one hour, Kasparov stayed for almost the entirety of the Short lecture and even offered his input throughout Short's analysis. The entire lecture will be available on the club's video lecture page.

Kasparov cordially welcomed each guest with a handshake as he posed for a picture with each guest and signed boards, books and even a MonRoi! Kasparov and Short chatted with guests as they filtered into the board room one at a time.

After about an hour and a half, and after every event attendee had the opportunity to shake the hand of the great Kasparov, Short headed downstairs to the club's classroom to deliver his lecture to an already packed room. Because the classroom was already full, lecture attendees, including Kasparov, GM Hikaru Nakamura and CCSCSL founder Rex Sinquefield, spilled over into the library to listen. Because of the



Everyone enjoyed when the chess legend hung out and kibitzed with GM Short during his lecture.

Lecture/Simul with GM Nigel Short

~ Bob Howe ~

With the Thanksgiving Open over, most players headed home and back to work, but the event's top player stuck around for one extra day. The day turned out to be a treat for members of the CCSCSL who made it down to the club on Monday. GM Short started the evening visiting with his old World Championship opponent, GM Garry Kasparov. The two, along with club founder Rex Sinquefield personally greeted every club member who attended the evening's activities

GM Short then headed downstairs to give a lecture to the club. The classroom was packed, with players overflowing into the library, and the lecture being broadcast throughout the club. To everyone's surprise and pleasure, GM Kasparov wandered downstairs and joined the crowd attending the lecture. GM Short, now facing the highest rated audience ever to attend a lecture, was unphased, and casually started the lecture with a joke, "Tonight's topic will be..... My favorite victories over Garry Kasparov!"

Short was an excellent lecturer, with a relaxed, clear and concise speaking voice. Having read many of his articles, I was expecting a more animated personality, but instead Short was a composed and deliberate speaker. The real topic of the lecture was reviewing games GM Short had played against Ruslan Ponomarev, a strong Ukrainian Grandmaster. Ponomarev had been preparing for a planned match against Kasparov (a match that failed to materialize) and brought in Short for a training match. Part of the agreement of the match was to keep the games private, so they were kept out of the standard databases and off the internet for many years. Short told that the early part of the match saw Ponomarev take a hearty 2.5 to .5 lead, which led Short to play some riskier lines in the second half. This led to two victories for him as white in the second half, both playing the Evans's Gambit. (You won two games with the Evans?! chided a grinning Kasparov)

The games Short showed were nothing if not entertaining. With pieces hanging for move after move, material imbalances and tactics so crazy, even the Grandmasters in attendance struggled to determine who was winning. The best summary I can give to explain the complications Short reviewed is this; in a position with two of his pieces already attacked, Short moved a rook to the f file, where it was directly attacked by a pawn. This pawn, mind you, was already attacking a Bishop on the h file! "I call this the self fork", joked Short, before going on to explain how none of three hanging pieces could be taken without disaster following for his opponent.

These games, explained Short, were examples of what he loved in chess. He is a passionate fan of Paul Morphy, and the romantic age of chess, where gambits and sacrifices ruled the day. "I love to play like Morphy" was a phrase he said with a beaming smile several times.

Sadly, the time quickly went by, and the lecture hour was ending. Unperturbed, even knowing he had a late start, and a long simul to give after, Short pushed to squeeze in one more gem, showing the audience a game he played versus GM Fressinet. Sticking to his theme of craziness, the game featured the black king being run up the board, while both sides juggled a plethora of threats, mate threats and only move saves. In the end



GM Nigel Short conducting his simul,
Photo Gina Kelly

Short did prevail (it was his lecture after all!) and received an enthusiastic applause from the audience.

That would only be part of the festivities though, as the English GM now headed back upstairs to take on 30 players in a simul. Looking around the simul, it was clear Short would have his hands full. The opponents included Masters like Richard Benjamin, Kevin Cao, and Sid Chib, experts such as Jialin Ding, and Jim Voelker, and a host of dangerous and improving players. The competition did indeed do its share of damage, as GM Short was “only” able to win 25 of 30 games (beating all three masters). Four players did manage to draw the legendary grandmaster. Jialin Ding, Alex Vergilesov, Dennis Humphries, and William Tong each picked up half a point. Congratulations to those players on a memorable result.

While a draw against Short is certainly something to be proud of, it isn't nearly as sweet as what one local player was able to accomplish. Tim Nesham, rated 1804, was the only person to score the full point against the visiting grandmaster. Tim took an approach that often can work in a simul, playing an aggressive and offbeat line. Below Tim has annotated his victory.

Sicilian—e6...Unusual Lines

GM Nigel Short Simul

W: GM Nigel Short (2759)

B: Tim Nesham (1804)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Be7N 4.Bg2 g5 After seeing g5, some people already wrote me off. But I had some ideas that came from other variations where White does the same thing to Black. For example: *1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Be3 e6 7.g4 h6 8.h4 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4+/- a6* Secures b5. I needed to make some decent moves, get developed, or I felt I'd get crushed. **7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 h5** Sticking with the plan. With the White Bishop on g2, I felt my King was safe enough in the center, albeit at a price. **9.c4 Ne5** Not so much trying to win the pawn. Just get my Knight to the center (also stops e5), with a tempo. **10.Qe2 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bf6** [11...Ng4 12.Nd2+/-] **12.f3** Prevents intrusion on g4 (Rybka). Rybka evaluates the position as about equal here. [12.Nd2!+/-] **12...Ne7 13.Nd2 N7c6** [13...N5c6 14.N2b3=] **14.N2b3** [14.f4 gxf4 15.gxf4 Ng4 16.Nxc6 bxc6+/-] **14...d6** I wanted to get my Bishop out. I'm behind on development. [14...h4 15.Qd2=] **15.c5 Bd7** [15...dxc5 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Nxc5+/-] **16.cxd6 Qxd6 17.Rd1 Qb4** Looking for trouble! But does Short have enough time to make the best moves. I didn't think so. **18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Bc5** White traps the enemy king in the center **19...Bb5** Still mixing it up. Not allowing White to have his way. **20.Qe3** [Not 20.Bxb4 Bxe2 21.Rdc1 Nd3-/+] **20...Nc4** Really pushing my luck! But it was fun! [20...Qa4 21.Bd4 Rc8 22.Nc5+/-] **21.Qf2** [21.Qc1!? Qa4 22.Bd4+/-] **21...Qa4+/- 22.Nd4 Ne5** [22...Qa5 23.a4 Qc7 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.axb5+/-] **23.b3** [23.f4!? Ng4 24.Qe1 Bxd4+ 25.Bxd4 e5 26.Bxe5 Nxe5+-] **23...Qa5+/- 24.Nxb5 axb5** If Qxb5 I felt my Queen was in a bad position. But now my Bishop eyes the Rook on a1. **25.Rac1 Qxa2 26.Qe3 Nc6** My Queen is feeling uncomfortable, so the Bishop prevents Ra1. And the Knight helps protect d8. **27.Bf1** [27.e5 Be7 (27...Bxe5?? 28.f4 Bd6 29.Rxd6+-) 28.Bxe7 Nxe7 29.Qxg5 Qxb3+/-] **27...h4+/-** Black wins space **28.Rd2 Qa5 29.Rcd1** [29.Bb6 Qb4+/-] **29...hgx3= 30.hgx3 Rd8** I wanted to trade off some of that intimidating pressure! [30...b4 31.Kg2=] **31.Rxd8+** [31.b4 Rxd2 32.Rxd2+/- (32.bxa5 is the weaker alternative 32...Rxd1 33.Qb3 Rc1-+ ; 32.Qxd2?! Qc7+/-)] **31...Bxd8+/-** [31...Nxd8 32.e5 Nc6 (32...Be7 33.Bxe7 Kxe7 34.Qc5+ Ke8 35.Bxb5+ Nc6 36.Bxc6+) 33.exf6] **32.b4 Qc7** [32...Qa2 33.Qe2 Qxe2 34.Bxe2=] **33.Qf2** I thought Kg2 was better. But Short was on his feet for hours, getting tired perhaps. Now the Queen is tied to protecting this pawn. [>=33.Kg2!+/-] Getting rid of that dark squared Bishop so my King can breathe! **33...Be7= 34.Bxb5 Bxc5** Black has a mate threat **35.bxc5** White has a new backward pawn: c5. **35...Ke7 36.Rd6** [36.Kg2 Rd8 37.Rxd8 Qxd8=] **36...Qa5** Just like that, I have threats and my pieces are active. Looking better! **37.Bf1** [37.Be2 Qc3=/+] **37...Ne5=/+ 38.Rb6??** [>=38.Be2=/+ saving the game] **38...Nxf3+!-+ Double attack: b6/g1** Black finds the crushing move **39.Qxf3 Qxc5+ 40.Qf2** [40.Kg2 is one last hope 40...Qxb6 41.Qa3+ Kf6 42.Qa1+ e5 43.Bc4-+ **40...Rh1+!!** Deflection: f2 **41.Kxh1 Qxf2 42.Rxb7+ Kf6 43.Bg2 Qxg3 44.Rb1 Ke5 45.Rf1** [45.Kg1 Qd3 46.Rf1 Qd4+ 47.Kh2 f5-+] **45...f5 46.exf5** [46.Ra1-+ no good, but what else?] **46...exf5 47.Rf3 Qh4+ 48.Kg1 g4 49.Rf1 f4 50.Rf2 Qg3 51.Rf1 0-1**



MISSOURIANS ON THE USCF TOP 100 LISTS — December 2010

Overall	GM Ben Finegold (2600) 17th IM Michael Brooks (2406) 98th	Age 13	Kevin Cao (2195) 8th Jialin Ding (2110) 16th William Tong (1961) 34th Ansar Lemon (1838) 68th
Age 18	Steven Rand (1930) 56th Alex Esposito (1853) 77th Brad Schlosser (1836) 83rd	Age 12	Margaret M. Hua (1829) 58th
Age 17	Henry Cao (1865) 85th	Age 9	Jason Zhou (1509) 43rd
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Ding Makes Master at Eastern Open

~ Annotations by Jialin Ding ~

In the fall 2009 edition of the MCB, Jialin Ding was featured as he reached the Expert Milestone. Now, just over a year later, Ding has made the next step, reaching Master after an amazing performance at the Eastern Open in Washington DC. Jialin finished with a score of 5.5 out of 8 in the powerful Open section, putting up a performance rating over 2500! Jialin reaching Master comes as little surprise to those following his play. Results like a first place tie at the Missouri Open, and fourth place finish (behind only GM Finegold, IM Brooks, and Kevin Cao) at the Missouri Invitational in late 2010 showed his play had stepped up a notch. However, his breakout tournament at the Eastern Open was a fantastic way to reach the Master milestone. Below, Ding annotates four of the games from his big event.

Scheveningen Sicilian

Eastern Open

W: Jialin Ding (2150)

B: Phillip Collier (2200)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Be3 Bd7 11.a4 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 [If 12...Bxc6 then 13.a5 Nd7 14.Na4 with a nice game] **13.a5 c5** (Diagram) At first I thought that this move was simply a blunder, but Rybka says that it's the

best move for black

[Not 13...d5 14.Bb6 Qc8 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5;

13...e5 14.Na4 Be6 15.Qe2 Qb7 16.Nb6 Rad8 17.Bd2 is also fine for me]

14.e5 dxe5 15.Bxa8 Rxa8 16.Qe2 [16.Bg5 h6 (16...Bc6 17.Qe2 Bb7 18.Bxf6

Bxf6 19.Rad1 Qxa5 20.Ne4) 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qe2 c4 19.Na4 Rd8 20.Red1

Qxa5 21.Qxc4 was probably a better variation] **16...Nd5 17.Na4** [I could've

also played 17.Bd2 Nb4 18.Na4 Bb5 (18...Nxc2 19.Qe4; 18...Qxa5 19.Qxe5)

19.c4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nc6 but this still only gives an equal position] **17...f6**

18.Red1 Bc8 19.Bd2 [19.Ra3 would've been a better way to protect the diagonal

19...Bb7 20.Qc4 Rc8 21.Rb3 Qc6 22.f3 Nb4 (22...Nf4 23.Bxf4) 23.Bf2

Qxa4 24.Qxe6+] **19...Bb7 20.f3 Nb4 21.Be3 Nd5 22.Bf2 g5 23.c4 Nb4 24.Nb6**

Rd8 [24...Re8 25.Rd7 Qc6 26.Rad1 Kh8 27.Be3 g4 28.Qf2 gxf3 29.Rxe7 Rxe7

30.Bxc5 would've also been good for me] **25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Rd1 Qe8 27.g4** [27.Rd7 Bc6 28.Rc7 Bd8

29.Ra7 Be7 30.Qd1 with the threat of Rc7-c8 was more accurate] **27...Bc6 28.b3 Qb8 29.Be3 Qb7 30.Qf2**

Qc7 Here he blundered and I won easily [I didn't see the response 30...Bxf3 until after I played Qf2, so I was afraid of him playing it. However, it turns out that after the complications, I'm still winning 31.Rd7 Qe4 32.Rxe7 Nd3

a) 32...Qxg4+ 33.Qg3 Qf5 (33...Qe4 34.Bxg5) 34.Re8+ Kf7 35.Rd8 Qb1+

36.Kf2;

b) 32...Qb1+ 33.Qf1 Qe4 34.Qe1 Nc2 35.Nd7; 33.Nd7 Nxf2 (33...Qxg4+

34.Qg3 Qf5 35.Re8+ Kg7 36.Bxg5 fxe5 37.Rf8) 34.Nxf6+ Kf8 35.Re8+ Kf7

36.Nxe4 Nh3+ 37.Kf1 Kxe8 38.Nxc5] **31.Bxc5 Bxf3 32.Bxe7** (diagram left)

Bxd1 33.Qxf6 Qb8 34.Qxe6+ Kg7 35.Bf6+ Kg6 36.Bxe5# 1-0

Summary: After an exchange sacrifice early on in the game, I defended my

weak long diagonal and then won after my opponent blundered. Lesson: Rook

lifts can be very effective (Ra3). Spend less time in positions that are not too

critical.

Black needs to take back the rook to maintain material, but can he survive Qxf6 following?



White can grab the exchange with the right move here.



Black needs to take back the rook to maintain material, but can he survive Qxf6 following?

Giucoco Piano

Eastern Open

W: Jialin Ding (2150)

B: Lawrence Kaufman (2473)

Everyone loves to put in time reviewing their big wins, but serious players know only by taking a critical look at your losses can real improvement come. Here Jialin submits his round two loss to Lawrence Kaufmann, a senior master currently ranked 60th in the country. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6**

5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 a6 7.Nbd2 d6 8.b4 [Games usually go 8.Bb3 Ba7 9.h3 Be6 10.Re1] **8...Ba7 9.a4 Ne7 10.Re1 Ng6 11.Nf1 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Qb3** [13.Qc2 would've been a better way to protect the pawn. It allows the bishop a retreat square and defends f2.] **13...c6 14.a5** [14.Nxe5 was bad because of 14...Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bxf2+ 16.Kh1 Be6; I simply didn't see the idea of 14.Ra2 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Nxe5 and now tactics on f2 no longer work] **14...Bg4 15.N1d2** [During the game, I didn't like 15.Ng5 Ngf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Ne4 f3 18.g3 but it would've been better than what happened] **15...Ndf4 16.Qc2** From here, everything went down-



After ..20 Bf4, black can win an exchange, but he's in no hurry. White's pieces are tangled while Black's attack the king

hill [Rybka recommends 16.d4 exd4 17.cxd4 Bxd4 18.Rb1 with some compensation for the pawn; Rybka also recommends 16.h3 Bf5 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 Bxd4 19.Ra2] **16...Nh4 17.Rxe5 Nfxg2 18.Nxh4 Nxh4 19.d4 Bb8 20.Re3 Bf4** (diagram left) **21.Rg3 Qd7 22.Bb2 Rae8 23.Ne4 Bxg3 24.hxg3 Nf3+ 25.Kg2 Qf5 26.Bd3 Bh3+ 27.Kh1 Nxd4 28.Qd1 Rxe4 29.cxd4 Re1+ 0-1** (diagram right) Summary: I got a decent position out of the opening. However, I then allowed my opponent too much play on the kingside, which led to a decisive attack on my king. Lesson: Protecting the kingside is probably more important than things like the bishop pair. Keep track of what's been calculated and what hasn't, so you don't have to recalculate



Black finishes the game off with a pretty rook sacrifice, 29.. Re1+ !

Along with the shown games, Jialin picked up wins against an 1800 and a 2000. After a half point bye (to enjoy the sites in Washington) he had earned a chance to play against some titled players heading into the late rounds. In this next game, from round six, Jialin handles International Master Oladapo Adu.

King's Indian

Eastern Open

W: IM Oladapo Adu (2371)

B: Jialin Ding (2150)

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Rb8 I mixed up this opening with the Closed Sicilian. e5 right away is the move usually played **7.a4 e5 8.Na3 Nge7 9.c3 0-0 10.Rb1** [I was expecting 10.Be3 to which I should've responded 10...b6 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.exd5 (13.e5 Bg4 14.dxc5 Nf5 15.Bf4 bxc5) 13...Nxd5 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bd2 Bg4 with a good game] **10...h6 11.b4 b6 12.b5** [I was expecting 12.Be3 f5 13.Qb3+ Kh8 with an interesting game] **12...Na5 13.c4 Bd7** [More active and accurate would've



Black plays Bh3, removing the light squared defender before attacking the white king.

been 13...f5 14.Bd2 f4 15.Bxa5 bxa5 16.Nd2 Qc7 17.Nb3 h5 18.Qd2 f3 19.Bh1 Bh3 20.Rfe1 h4 21.Nxa5 Rf6 22.Nb3 Qd7 23.a5 Qg4 24.Nc2 hxg3 25.hxg3 Qh5 26.b6 Kf7 27.bxa7 Rh8 During the game, I was mostly afraid of losing my a5 pawn, but Fritz shows that black's attack is too strong] **14.Bd2 Nb7** Again, f5 was probably better **15.Qc1 Kh7** [15...g5 could've made the game very interesting 16.h4 g4 17.Ne1 h5 18.f4 (18.Nac2 f5) 18...exf4 19.Bxf4 Ng6] **16.Ne1 Qc8 17.Nac2 Bh3** (diagram left) I wanted to get rid of the light-squared bishops before I potentially open some long diagonals with f5 **18.Ne3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 f5 20.f4** [20.exf5 Nxf5 21.N1c2 Qe6 looks fine for me] **20...Qe6** I felt that after this move, I started to gain the advantage **21.exf5 Nxf5** [21...gxf5 was good for me as well 22.Nf3 exf4 23.gxf4 Ng6 24.Nd5 Qe2+] **22.Nxf5** [If 22.Nd5 then there



In 2008, Jialin won the reserve section of the Missouri Open, two years later he completed the set by taking the Open.



Jialin Ding (right), seen here with Henry Cao, prepares for the Grandmaster Nigel Short Simul.

22.Ng4 Nh4+;
 22.N1c2 exf4 23.Rxf4 (23.gxf4 Bd4 24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.Nxf5 Qxf5 26.Rf3 Rbe8) 23...Nxe3+ 24.Nxe3 Rxf4 25.gxf4 Bd4 26.Qe1 Re8 27.Qe2 Qf5 28.Qf3 Qxd3 is also very good; 22.Bc3 exf4 23.Nxf5 Rxf5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qb2+ Kg8 26.gxf4 Rbf8 27.Qd2 d5 is also very good] **22...Rxf5** [22...Qxf5 was better 23.Rf3 Rbe8 24.fxe5 Qxe5 25.Bf4 Qe2+ 26.Rf2 Qe7 27.Nf3 g5 28.Bd2 g4] **23.Qd1** [23.Nf3 exf4 24.Re1 Qf7 25.g4 Rf6 isn't much good for white either] **23...exf4**



Black has a dominating position, but what's the killer move? Jialin finds the quiet move that disrupts white's precarious defense.

24.g4 Rf7 25.Rxf4 Rbf8 26.Rxf7 Rxf7 27.h3 d5 28.Rc1 Taking the pawn was a better move for white **28...dxc4 29.dxc4 Nd6 30.Nf3 Nxc4 31.Rc2 Qe4 32.Ra2 Bb2 33.Qb3 Qe2+ 34.Kg3 Be5+ 35.Bf4 Bxf4+ 36.Kh4 Qe7+ 37.g5 hxg5+ 0-1** Summary: After messing up a bit in the opening, I got a nice position on the kingside, which led to a winning attack after my opponent played some inaccurate moves. Lesson: Slow down and think a bit in openings that are not completely familiar. Getting an attack can be worth more than losing a pawn.

With this victory Jialin had already achieved an impressive tournament for a player in the lower half of the section. He had faced increasingly difficult competition, and now, with only the single loss, he sat just behind the leaders, all GM's. Just getting to this point was impressive, but he wasn't content with just being there.

Sicilian Najdorf
 Eastern Open

W: Jialin Ding (2150)
 B: GM Mark Paragua (2638)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.Nde2 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.h3 [10.a4 b4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Ra7 13.Be3 Be6 14.Qd3 has also been played before] **10...Bb7**

11.g4 b4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nd7 [13...Bg5 was the move I expected, and the position is fine for me 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.a3 a5 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8 Bxa8 18.Ng3] **14.a3 a5 15.Ng3 Nb6** [15...g6 is black's best move, to which I should respond 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Qd2 Qb6 18.Be3 Qb5 19.Rfd1 with a position that Fritz assesses as about equal] **16.b3** [I should've played 16.Nf5 Qc7 17.f4 exf4 (Fritz recommends 17...f6 18.b3 g6 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Be3) 18.Bxf4 Rac8 19.Qe2] **16...a4 17.axb4 axb3 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Nf5 Bd8** [19...Re8 was the move I was expecting, after which I would have a slightly worse position after 20.cxb3 Bxd5 (20...Nxd5 21.Be4 Bf8 22.Qf3) **21.Nxe7+ Rxe7 22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Qd3**] **20.cxb3 Bxd5**



GM Paragua offers a draw after QxQa8

21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Qf3 Bf6 23.g5 e4 24.Qxe4 Re8 25.Qg2 [25.Qc4 Be5 26.f4 Ba1 27.b5 was better] **25...Be5 26.f4 Ba1 27.Kh1** [27.Bb2 Bxb2 28.Qxb2 f6 29.Qd4 was better] **27...Nxb4 28.Qxa8** Here my opponent offered me a draw and I accepted rather quickly. ½-½ Summary: After coming out a bit worse from the opening, my opponent played an inaccurate move and gave me the advantage. However, I underestimated my advantage and accepted a draw. Lesson: Always think a bit before accepting draws [I should've played on with a better position 28.Nxd6 Rd8 (28...Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Re2+ (29...Rd8 30.Bd2) 30.Kf3) 29.Qxa8 Rxa8 30.Bd2 Nd5 31.Rf3]

Following this impressive game Jialin finished off the tournament with another draw, against the tournament's top seed GM Alex Lenderman. This left Ding in third place of the top section in the tournament. Third place in a section with three GM's, three IM's and many more masters and experts. In his final three rounds he scored a win and two draws while playing up 200, 500, and 500 points! A fun and fitting way for a young improving player to make Master.

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Limiting the Attack in King's Indian

~ IM Goran Vojinovic ~

Goran Vojinovic, a strong International Master from Serbia, is in the midst of an extended visit to Missouri over the Winter/Spring of 2011. IM Vojinovic along with his sponsors at www.infiniachess.com, have graciously agreed to contribute articles to the Missouri Chess Bulletin while he is here. IM Vojinovic plans to play in many local and regional events during his stay, so keep an eye out at your local tournaments, or visit him online, at Infinia Chess.



common pawn structure in KID

The King's Indian Defense is one of the sharpest openings. Games that are played in King Indian Defense have won best game prizes at many tournaments. But, the King's Indian Defense is also one of the most strategic openings. This is because no good and serious tactical possibilities can be reached without the perfect strategy to set them up. One of the most common pawns structures in the King's Indian Defense is the following : (diagram left) White has pawns on: a2, b2, c4, d5, e4, f2, g2, h2 and Black at: a7, b7, c7, d6, e5, f7, g6, h7. If we look deeply at this pawns structure, we can conclude that White has the space advantage on the Queen side. That means White will try to create pawn weaknesses in Black's position by moving his Queen side pawns, particularly by attacking the pawn chain c7-d6-e5. Otherwise, Black will try to attack White castled position by moving his f, g, and h pawns, to destroy the pawn structure in the front of White's King. In this article, I would like to focus on the strategies for White, and try not to just explain the theoretical positions.

King's Indian Defense

Tulsa 2008

W: GM Alex Onischuk (2733)

B: GM John Fedorowicz (2526)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Bg5 f6
9.Bc1 [9.Bh4 White would like to see

this move, as it forces Black to transpose his main pawn structure (g6 and f7), to a new one (g5 and f6). This would minimize the power of move f5, since that after exf5, Black won't be able to take back with his g pawn. Of course Black has other possible moves, and other ideas against Bh4, but those will have to wait for another article. 9...g5 (diagram right) 10.Bg3 Nh6 11.d5 f5 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Nd2! The Knight must blockade the e4 square, and by that limit Bg7. 13...Nd4 14.Nde4 Bf5 15.h4 Nxe2 16.Qxe2 g4 Black gains the advantage of the bishop pair. If we analyze how the pieces are placed, we can agree that White's only bad currently is Bg3. That is why..... 17.h5! Creating free space for Bg3 on the h4 square. (A mistake would be 17.f3? gxf3 18.gxf3, as now the f3 pawn is weak 18...Qe8 19.Bf2 Nd7 20.0-0-0 Qh5 and Black has active positions for all minor and major pieces. even Bg7 can go to h6)

17...h6 (If 17...Bh6 18.Bh4 Qc8 19.c5 And by attacking black's pawns chain on c7-d6-e5, White gets the advantage) 18.c5 Na6 19.c6! White doesn't allow that c7 pawn to move, and threatens to create pressure on the c file and the permanently weak c7 pawn 19...Qc8 20.0-0? Mistake! (Much better is 20.cxb7! Qxb7 21.0-0 Rab8 22.a3! Using case that pawn on b2 is tactically protected, since Na6 would hang. The threat is b4, to absolutely limit Na6 22...Bxe4 (22...Qxb2 23.Qxa6) 23.Nxe4 Qxd5 24.b4 Qb7 25.Qxg4 Kh8 Threatening d5



White wants to pull the g pawn up, leaving the f pawn behind.



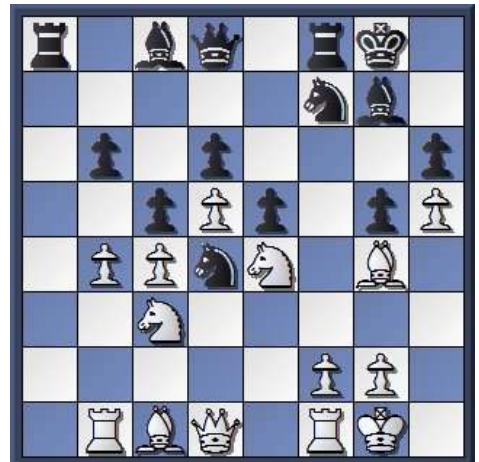
White seeks to take advantage of the awkward Na6

9...Nc6 10.d5 Ne7 11.h3 Nh6 12.h4 The key of whole plan is that White wants to play h5 to trade one pawn, either g or h. By trading one of those 2 pawns, he limits Black to two pawns that can be used in an attack on the King side. This mean a lot less possibilities for having success in that attack (its always is better to attack with three pawns then with two!). A few other important ideas for white here is: white wants to get control of the light squares (usually by trading light bishops) Also very important, White wants to play against the bad Bg7 that is limited by his own dark squared pawns. (In either case, it's important to not to allow Black to move the e5 pawn). To keep Bg7 closed in, white must either: a) not moving or trading the e4 pawn ; b) If e4 pawn must be moved, then a knight must come to the e4 square.



After the trade of e and f, white needs to occupy e4.

12...Nf7 13.h5 f5 [In Popov - Val - Temirbaev, Russia Cup 2002 black played 13...g5 This game shows both possible White ideas, White pushing his h pawn, forcing Black to play f6 and g5. By this, of course, White tries to control the light squares (just needs to trade light bishops to make full control), while, of course, keeping Bg7 permanently closed off. 14.Nd2 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Nde4! (Diagram left) White Knight must come to e4 and stop e5 pawn from moving. 16...h6 17.0-0! Here the White King is absolutely safe, since Black is not able to attack White's King with pawns, nor with minor or major pieces, since that Nf7, Bg7, and Rf8 are absolutely limited. 17...c5 18.a3 a5 19.Rb1 Typical plan for White after action by Black on the King side is stopped. Black's attempt to close the Queen side doesn't succeed, since White have can open lines with the move b4. 19...Nd4 (If 19...Bd7 play might go 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 b6 22.Bg4! Ra6 23.bxc5 bxc5 24.Rb7 Bc8 (24...Qc8 25.Rxd7! Qxd7 26.Ng3 Nd8 27.Nxf5 Rxf5 28.Qd3+-) 25.Rb8 Ne7 26.Be6 Qc7 27.Qb3±) 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 b6 22.Bg4! (diagram right) again a strategically perfect move. All Black pawns are on dark squares, which means that White should trade light bishops to create permanent weaknesses on light squares in Black position. 22...cxb4 23.Rxb4 Ra1 24.Bxc8 Qxc8 25.Qd3 Qa6 26.Bd2 Rxf1+ 27.Qxf1! White is winning. He again is using the principle of two weaknesses: a) pawns on b6 and d6 ; b) Bg7 (a weak piece is also a weakness according to the by great theoretician Shereshevsky) 27...Rc8 28.Qb1 Rb8 29.Be3 Qc8 30.Ng3 Qc7 31.Na4 Qd7 32.Rxb6 Rxb6 33.Nxb6 Rest of the game is matter of technique 33...Qg4 34.Qe4 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Ne2



22. Bg4. White focuses on controlling the light squares.

36.Nxe2 Qxe2 37.g4 Qb2 38.Kg2 Qe2 39.Nc8 Bf8 40.Kg3 Qe1 41.Kh2
Black resigned]

14.Qd3 (diagram right) Strategically an absolutely correct move, since White wants to keep control of e4. **14...f4** [If 14...fxe4 15.Nxe4 Bf5 16.hxg6 Nxg6 17.g3! All Black minor pieces are absolutely limited and they have few possibilities to make any improvement. (only possibility is Be4, but that leads to full White domination all over the light squares), 17...c6 18.Be3 cxd5 19.cxd5 Rc8 20.Nfd2 And White is better] **15.hxg6 Nxg6** White has completed the first part of the plan .He has traded one of Black's pawns on the King side, and now he is ready for action on Queen side. [If 15...hxg6 16.Bd2 g5 17.Nh2 Nh6 18.g4! And all possible action of Black on King side is stopped. White will now be able to create pressure on Queen side.]



White develops while adding control to E4.

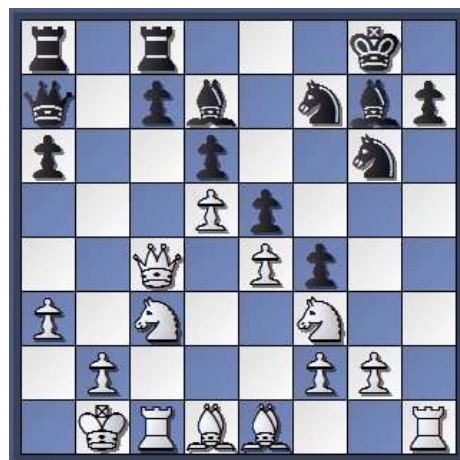


White's Queenside castling leads to a slow struggle.

16.Bd2 a6 17.0-0-0 (diagram left) **Bd7 18.Kb1 Qb8 19.Rc1 Qa7 20.Be1** White

slowly neutralizes all possible threats of Black. The strategy of playing this kind of position (even when the White King is on the Queen side) is the principle "no hurry". In these types of positions, the best way is shown in an old games played by the great Bottvinnik in his game against Ostojic in 1961. **20...b5 21.a3 bxc4 22.Qxc4** Black, by trying to get active, has made a lot of pawn weaknesses, just look at the a6 and c7 pawns. White's key strategy is slowly improving of pieces, getting important squares under control, do not allow trading his active pieces for Black's inactivate minor pieces.

22...Rfc8 23.Bd1! (diagram right) Strategically perfect, since all of Black's pawns stay on dark squares. Of course, White wants to trade



The pawn structure again calls for white to battle for the light squares.

light bishops to get full control over the light squares. **23...Rab8 24.Ba4 Qb7 25.Rc2 Bb5 26.Bxb5 axb5 27.Qc6 b4 28.Qxb7 Rxb7 29.axb4 Rxb4** Black managed to trade his weak a6 pawn, but not the c7 weakness. Even with that weakness, for many players this position looks "playable". I judge this position as a totally winning for White. The reason for that is the principle of two weaknesses that is explained by Shereshevsky in his book "Endgame Strategy". Namely, Shereshevsky says that the position is winning if one side has a minimum of 2 weaknesses. What are Black's weaknesses here? First, is the pawn on c7, and second, is Bg7, who is absolutely locked . **30.Bd2 Bf6 31.Ne1 Rcb8 32.f3 Bh4 33.Nd3 Rd4 34.Nc1 Rc4 35.b3 Rcb4 36.N3a2 R4b7 37.Ba5 Ra7 38.Bc3 Rab7 39.b4 Ra8 40.Nb3 h6 41.Bb2 Bd8 42.Na5 Rb6 43.Rc4 Kf8 44.Kc2 Ke8 45.Bc3!** Improving the position of bishop **45...Kd7 46.Be1 Bg5 47.Bf2 Rbb8 48.Kd3 Rc8 49.Nc3 Bd8 50.Rc1 Nh4 51.Bxh4!** Simplify the position and winning the c7 pawn is unstoppable. The rest of game doesn't deserve any special comments . **51...Bxh4 52.Nb5 Bd8 53.Nc6 Ra4 54.Nxd8 Kxd8 55.Nxc7 Ra3+ 56.Ke2 Ra2+ 57.Kf1 Kd7 58.Ne6 Rxc4 59.Rxc4 Ke7 60.Rc7+ Kf6 61.Kg1 Rb2 62.Rb7 Ng5 63.Rb6 Ke7 64.Rb7+ Kf6 65.Rd7 Nf7 66.Nd8 Ng5 67.Nc6 Nf7 68.Rb7 Ng5 69.b5 h5 70.Rd7 Nf7 71.Nd8 Ng5 72.Ne6 h4 73.Nxg5 Kxg5 74.Kh2 Rb1 75.Rxd6 h3 76.b6 hxg2 77.Kxg2 Kh4 78.Rg6 Rb2+ 79.Kf1 Kh5 80.d6 Rb1+ 81.Ke2 Rxb6 82.d7 Rb2+ 83.Kd3 Rb1 84.Kc2 Rb8 85.Re6 Rd8 86.Rxe5+ Kh4 87.Rd5** Black resigns. 0-1



Featured Game

~ Al "nalysis" Howlett ~

Longtime player and TD Al Howlett has been sharing his annotations for years on the popular *Stlchess.com* forums. He now is bringing those efforts to the pages of the MCB. "AL Nalysis" will be a welcome edition to the magazine. Al, like most serious players, never hides from taking a hard look at critical losses, and this first game submitted is one example. Here Al take a hard look at a loss in one of his pet openings, the Alekhine Defense.

Jim McDonald and I first met at the old Crestwood Chess Club where he ran unrated blitz events for a while. Jim (like some players do now) would rib me about the Alekhine every now and then. The trash talking finally came to a head when we were paired in the 97 Missouri Amateur, with 1st place on the line. Behrooz Vakil and I had just studied some exchange variation lines and we couldn't decide whether it was better to take back with the c or e pawn on move 5. I was so emotionally devastated after this game that I've not recaptured with the c pawn since. Only recently (with the encouragement of former student John Boyer), have I gone back to studying c pawn recapturing. I think I've finally healed now, so with current understanding (and access to engines) I'm able to go back and examine this wound.

Alekhine Defense

MO Amateur Championship 1997

W: Jim McDonald (1896)

B: Al Howlett (1871)

1. e4, Nf6 2. e5, Nd5 3. d4, d6 4. c4, Nb6 5. exd, cxd 6. Nc3, g6 7. Bd3, Bg7 8. Nge2, 0-0 9. 0-0, Nc6 10. Be3, Bg4 11. h3, Bxe2 12. Nxe2, e6 13. Rc1, d5 Per Shredder, Qh4 is a bit stronger here.

A key to the Alekhine exchange is to determine the best time to play d5, while being careful to prevent white from doing so, which is not easy.

14. c5, Nc8 15. a3, a5 (diagram right) (Qh4 is stronger here as well, and again best. I allowed white to maintain a slight advantage, as well as the initiative, by choosing to defend on the queen side, rather than countering in the center and/or on the kingside.) 16. Qd2, Re8 Maybe thinking that I had to choose between allowing Bh6 (trading off whites inferior dark square bishop for blacks better one), or allowing b4, I opted to hold on to my dark square bishop, which per Shredder was the wrong choice as a4 is +.56 and Re8 is +.71. Those are 2nd and 3rd best as N8e7 is best (+.47) preparing Nf5 which again, focuses on center and/or kingside counter play.

17. b4, axb 18. axb, N8e7 19. b5, Na5 20. Qb4, Nf5 21. Bf4, Bf8 What? With all the time I've since spent focusing on tactical shots against d4, I'd now likely see Nxd4 (best), as if 22) Nxd4, e5 almost equalizes (+.41). It's obvious that I became fixated on preventing a queenside passed pawn. I was more afraid of "ghosts" back then. 22. Qc3, Bg7 23. c6, bxc (2nd best, +.95) Missing Qb6 which was best due to the triple threat against d4, and finally completing black's development by connecting the



Material is even, but White has some clear advantages after 29. Bd6

rooks. White's advantage would have become minimal at 3. 24. bxc, Nc4? The best chance at the initiative was attacking d4 with Qb6 or Qh4, black's resistance falls apart, opting to give up the d pawn to attack d4 thrice, but this is not at all sufficient compensation as white is clearly winning (+1.44). 25. Bxc4, dxc 26. Qxc4, Nxd4 27. Rfd1, Nxe2+ 28. Qxe2, Qf6 29. Bd6, (diagram left) Rfc8 30. c7, Bh6? 30...Bf8 was the best attempt to hold, but it's not difficult for white to complete the point. Getting the heavy pieces to the b8 square seems like simplest way to go about doing this.

31. Rc2, Ra1 32. Rxa1, Qxa1+ 33. Kh2, Qd4? The decisive mistake as 33...Qa4 (+1.23) is the last chance for black as it 1) ties the queen to the defense of the rook, 2) prevents Qa6 attacking black's rook, and 3) threatens Bf4+ getting rid of a supporter of the passed pawn. 34. Qa6, Bf4+ 35. g3, Rxc7 (what else?) 36. Bxc7, Bd2 37. Bb6, Qd6 38. Qa8+, Kg7 39. Qa1+, e5 40. Bc7, Qd3 41. Bxe5+, f6 42. Qa7+ Kh6 43. Rxd2 (black resigns, as if Qxd2, Bf4+ and white is at worst up a queen). 0-1



Black slows the Queenside advance with moves like 15.. a5, at a cost of time.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS



February 12th—Four States Winter Open - Joplin,

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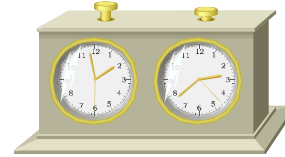
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W: Mike Hensley (1688)

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0-0 Nd7 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.b3 Bg4 9.c3 0-0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Be3 Bg6 14.Qe2 e5 15.dxe5 Qc7 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Bg5 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Re8 21.Qe6+ Qd7 22.Qxd7+ Kxd7 23.Rad1+ Kc8 24.Rfe1 h6 25.Bxe7 Rxe7 26.Kf1 Rxe1+ 27.Kxe1 Bg7 28.Nd4 Re8+ 29.Kd2 Rd8 30.Kc2 Bxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 32.cxd4 Kd7 33.Kd3 Kd6 34.g4 Ke6 35.Ke4 b6 36.f4 Kf6 37.h4 1-0

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W: Chuck King (1535)

B: David Gilchrist (1920)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.c3 Qb6 7.Qc2 Nf6 8.Be3 Qb7 9.Be2 Rb8 10.b3 Bg7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 d6 13.f4 Bg4 14.Bf3 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 c5 16.Raf1 Ng4 17.c4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bd4 19.Rff3 a5 20.Kh1 Bxe3 21.Rxe3 a4 22.f5 axb3 23.axb3 Ra8 24.Qb2 Qa6 25.Re1 Qa3 26.Qc3 Qb4 27.Qe3 Kg7 28.h4 Ra2 29.Re2 f6 30.g4 Kf7 31.Qd3 gxf5 32.exf5 Qb7+ 33.Kh2 Ra1 34.Nf3 Rg8 35.Rg2 Ra3 36.Nd2 h6 37.Qe3 Rh8 38.Re2 Qd7 39.Ne4 Ra5 40.Qd2 Kg7 41.Qd5 Rha8 42.Nxc5 Qe8 43.Ne6+ Kh7 44.Qe4 Ra2 45.Nc7 Rxe2+ 46.Qxe2 Ra2 47.Qxa2 Qb8 48.Ne6 d5+ 49.Kh3 Qe5 50.Qd2 h5 51.Nf4 hxg4+ 52.Kxg4 dxc4 53.Qe2 Kh6 54.Kh3 Qxf5+ 55.Qg4 Qc2 56.Qh5+ Kg7 57.Ne6+ Kg8 58.Qe8+ Kh7 59.Qf7+ Kh6 60.Qg7+ Kh5 61.Nf4# 1-0

Sicilian Defense

Cape Girardeau Open

W: Jim Davies (2000)

B: Chuck King (1535)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bc4 d6 5.0-0 Ne7 6.c3 c6 7.Bf4 0-0 8.Re1 Nd7 9.Bxd6 Nb6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Bb3 Bd7 12.Nbd2 Rad8 13.Qc2 Kh8 14.Rad1 Rg8 15.c4 f5 16.c5 Nc8 17.Nc4 b5 18.exb6 axb6 19.d5 Rgf8 20.Nce5 c5 21.dxe6 Bxe6 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Nc6 Bxb3 24.Qxb3 Qc7 25.Nxd8 Qxd8 26.Qd5 Qc7 27.exf5 Ne7 28.Qf7 1-0

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