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NMCO President Oren Stevens presents USCF Master Stephen Sandager a plaque commemorating the thirteenth time he has won the state chess championship of New Mexico. The first time was in 1972

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From the NMCO President

I am honored to be chosen by our membership to serve as NMCO president during the upcoming year. May I prove worthy in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of office up to and exceeding your expectations.

During 2010 we've experienced a historic number of chess activities thanks in no small part to the efforts and support of our NMCO officers, board members and staff. For that I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude especially to Scout Veitch, our former president, for his leadership, Arthur Byers for his tireless efforts fulfilling his duties as NMCO's tournament organizer, and to Jeff Sallade for his efforts to promote chess activities on our NMCO web site. I also wish to express my recognition of Ron Kensek, Andy Nowak, Scott Kerns, Chad Schneider, Rick Lass, Dave Poston, and Martin Cooper for their dedication to promote and organize tournaments and other chess activities for our youth in New Mexico.

I'm very excited about the opportunities the current year gives the leadership of NMCO and its entire membership to make a positive impact in our local communities, and communities throughout the state.

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Excellent Move	!!
Good Move	!
Interesting	!?
Dubious	??
Bad	?
Blunder	??
Check	+
Double Check	++
Checkmate	#
White Winning	+-
White advantage	+=
White small edge	+/=
Equal	=
Black Winning	-+
Black advantage	=+
Black small edge	=/+
Unclear position	∞
Better move is	>=

BOBBY FISCHER LIVE

Review By Joe Fromme

The title says it all. There is, finally, a movie DVD out there about the one and only official American World Chess Champion, arguably the greatest chess player of all time.

I will not waste space and time here nitpicking every little zig or zag in the show. That tedious task, I gratefully leave to others.

The picture was beautifully done, powerfully acted, with some very emotional scenes, especially the dramatic climax. I implore all chess players in New Mexico to immediately purchase the DVD for it will be worth every dime and more! In my opinion it portrays Bobby Fischer as not only a genius, but also a human being.

On a personal note, my beloved Father was a genius with some imperfections, but the world was a much better place with him in it. To me that is what this picture says about Bobby Fischer.

Editor's note: The DVD is available from several sources on the internet at prices from \$19.50 to \$22.95. If you can buy something else at Amazon to reach \$25, Shipping is free.

Puzzle Answers

#1 Study by Neidze (Edited Position):

1. **Bf1+ Kxh4** (1...Qxf1? 2. Qg3# or 1...Kg4? 2. Qg7+) 2. **Qe1+ Kg5** (2....Kh5? 3. Be2+) 3.Qc1+ Kf6 (3....Kh4 4. Qh6+ Kg4 5. Qg7 Skewers) 4. **Qa1+ Ke7** 5. **Qe5#** Tragicomic how Black avoids all the discovered attacks and skewers of the Q only to succumb to mate!.

#2 Hassek 1955: It looks like Black has the only passed pawn, but white refuses to panic and makes one of his own.

1.g5! [1.gxh5 gxh5 2.f4 h4 3. f5 h3 4. f6 h2 5. f7 h1Q is not the book draw because white can't get into the corner 6.Ke7 Qh4+ 7.Ke8 Qh5 8. Ke7 Qe5+ 9.Kf8 Qb8+ 10. Ke7 Kg7 wins] 1....h4 2.f4 h3 3.f5 h2 [3...Kh7 4.Kf7 gxf5 5. g6+ Kh6 6.g7 and white Queen faster] 4. fxe6 h1Q 5. g7+ Kh7 6.Qg8#

#3 Stamma: White Wins: **1.Ra5+ Kxa5** [1...Kb6 Qxc5#] 2. **Qxe5+ dxc5** 3.Nc4+ Kb5 4.Rb6#

#4 White's Best Move: **1. Bxf6 Bxf6** 2.Qxe8+! Qxe8 3.Nxf6+ wins a rook.

Back cover Pictures' ID's
 1. Jeffrey hands Harsh his NM Cup Prize. 2. The “Open” Row at the NM Open. 3. Dave and Eddie are concentrating. 4. Dante & Isaac

Digital Chess Clocks in The Smart Phone “App” Age

The first small “Pocket Size” digital chess clock came out a few years ago. The DGT 960 was a novelty at the time and was reviewed in *Desert Knight*. Our review comments on that clock still stand: It is a good, **reliable single time period** chess clock that will do both delay and increment, which it calls “Bonus”. BUT!! Why spend \$40 for a pocket size digital chess clock when, now, there are chess clock applications for all the current brands of today’s sophisticated generation of pocket size smart cell phones ? Such “Apps” cost from free or 99 cents to a high of \$4.

I went on the USCF chess tournament forum and asked: Does the USCF have any position about allowing or not allowing such smart phone chess clocks at chess tournaments aside from the obvious that the cell phone must be off or silenced?? I received the following common sense answer from “Crume” of Denver:

*“The USCF as yet has no clear policy about these smart phones other than requiring that the cell phone ringers be “Off” during chess tournaments. I have the “chessclock” app by Aardustry (\$0.99) and it works well -- USCF Delay, Bronstein, and Fischer (Increment). There is no official position...the governing bodies that be aren’t fast enough to keep up with the innovation (that’s not a slam, it just hasn’t come up before). We’re not talking about just cell phones -- we’re also discussing other devices such as PDAs and the Apple Touch. The problem lies in the ability to receive a call, text, or web during the game, which would presumably interrupt the clock app. The solution is to set the device to **airplane mode** -- allows apps to run and blocks incoming transmissions.*

Considerations: Best to cover your intention with the TD before using the device (i.e. that it’s in airplane mode, only app running is the clock, etc.). With no official position, (s)he has the discretion to disallow your device as a clock. All clock rules now apply to that device when the game is started. Will your device battery last long enough? If not, best to use an actual clock. Finally, if you’re the device owner, do you really want to subject your phone to the potential **clock banging** near the end of the game?”

My crystal ball says the coming generations of chess players, worldwide, will rely on smart phone apps and the dedicated chess clock will become much less used - a dinosaur on the edge of extinction. Art Byers, USCF Local TD

Editor’s Message , by Jim Johnston

This issue of the Desert Knight has even more good chess than usual. Between us Art Byers and I have annotated 36 games. We welcome back former DK ed. Ryan McCracken doing the puzzle page. Joe Fromme sent in a review of a new Bobby Fischer DVD and new state Champ Steve Sandager added a couple of his comments to my notes on 2 of his games from the NM Open. Art Byers has taken some fine photos and, as usual, I must thank him for doing all the real work of layout and printing. Thanks also to all the contributors. If you would like to see more of your own games in the DK then turn in your score sheets or, better yet, send me a game or two with your notes.

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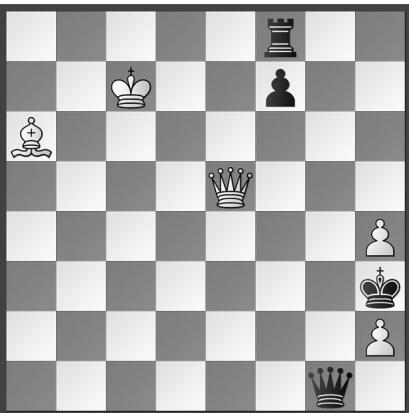
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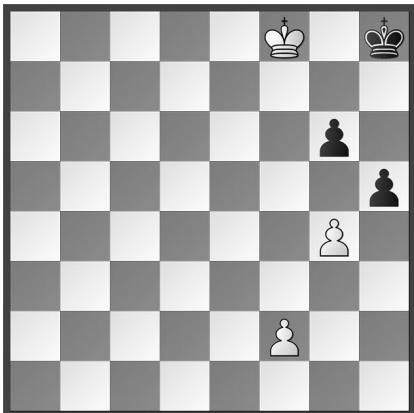
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THE PUZZLE PAGE by Ryan McCracken

Here are Ryan's first four puzzles for you to solve. You will find them challenging. Answers are on Page 31



Puzzle #1 white to Move



Puzzle #2 White to Move



Puzzle #3 White to Move



Puzzle #4 White to Move



David Poston (1039) - Harsh Bhundia (1043) (4)

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence {Two evenly matched players - by rating - meet in the 4th round. Youth prevails!} 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.Nxe5 Nxe4 6.Qe2+/- Qe7 7.Qxe4 f6 8.d4 fxe5 9.dxe5 Qf7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nd2 Qe6 13.f4 Qf5 14.b4 [>=14.Qc4+!? Kh8 15.Rf3+/-] 14...Qxe4+/- 15.Nxe4 Bxb4 16.Rf3 Be7 17.Rd1 d6 18.exd6 cxd6+/- 19.Nxd6 Bg4+/- {Skewers both W R's} 20.Ne4 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rad8 Diagram



No more doubled pawns and B is strong on the dark squares. Note that all 4 rooks are not yet in play.} 15.Ng3 Bh4 16.Nh5 {16.c4 Rb8+/-} 16...Qg5+ {14. GM Fritz much prefers 16....Rab8} 17.Kh1?? [>=17.Ng3+/-] 17...Qxh5+ {Black is now a piece ahead and needs to bring his 2 rooks into play to insure a win.} 18.Rg1 Bxf2 19.Rg2 Bd4 20.c3 Be3 21.Qe2 Bf4 {there was something to be said for 21....d4 anchoring the B like a bone in White's throat and keeping a W R out of the g1 square.} 22.Rag1 Rfe8?!? {22...g6 obviously better} 23. Rxg7+Kh8 24.Qg2?? {tripling on the g-file looked powerful to W but it allows B to trap a W R} 24...Bg5 25.d4 Kxg7 {2 Pieces down, W could have resigned here} 26.Qg3 cxd4 27.cxd4 f6 [>=27...exd4 28.f4 Re3 29.Qf2+/-] 28.dxe5 fxe5 29.Rg2 Rac8 30.Qe1 Kh7 31.Qb1+ Kh8 32.Rd2 Qxf3+ 33.Rg2 Rc1+ 34.Qxc1 Bxc1 35.h4 Rg8 36.b4 Qxg2# 0-1

[>=7.Nxf7 Kxf7 8.Qf3+ Kg8 9.Bxd5+ e6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Nc3+-] 7...e6= 8.Bb5 Qa5+ {A wasted move that simply brings the B Q out early and forces W to develop his second N. 8... Be7 was much better. 8. Bd7 was even O.K.} 9.Nbc3= Nxc3 10.Nxc3 g5 Diagram



{ Better would have been 120. Bd7= Now Black will get doubled pawns. } 11.Bxc6++/- bxc6 12.Bd2 Bg7 13.Ne4 Qb6 {13.... Qc7 to prevent 14.Nd6+ and then posting of the W N on c4 was the correct move.} 14.Nd6+ Ke7+= 15.Nc4 Qb7 [>=15...Qd8+=] 16.Na5?? [16.h4? Qc7 17.hxg5+-] 16...Qb5 [>=16...Qxb2!? 17.Nxc6+ Kf8=] 17.Qf3 Qxb2 18.Qd1?? [{This blunder hands Black the winning advantage} >=18.0-0 had to be tried 18...Bd7 19.Rab1 Qxa2 20.Rb7+/-] 18...Qxa1 {And Black has won a rook and should win} 19.Qxa1 Bxa1 20.Nxc6+ Kd6 21.Na5 Rb8 22.f4?? {Either 22. 0-0 or 22 .Kf2 would have held out longer in a lost game} 22...Rb1+ 23.Ke2 Rxh1 0-1

Dimitri Lopez (906) - Alexander Ionkov (918)

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B30: Sicilian {Alexander did not have a good tournament, going 1 win & 4 losses. However, unlike a couple of local Albuquerque players, in the Open section, who withdrew from the tournament, in the later rounds, the moment they saw they would not be in the money, Alexander came to play, money or no money!! He competed in all five rounds. He deserves to have his win printed!!!} 1.e4 c5 2.Be4 e5? 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nc3 d6 6.0-0 Bg4 {All this has been done many times before. Black has a "Hole" on d5. Fritz rates the position as +/-} 7.Bd5 {Better was a3 making a retreat square for the B and keeping it on a good diagonal.} 7...Nf6 8.Bxc6+ {Ill advised. This exchange of an active W B on a good diagonal for an inactive B N, gives Black the half open b-file, the two bishops AND a pawn at c6 that keeps the W N out of d5.} 8...bxc6 9.Be3 [9.h3 Be6=] 9...0-0=/+ 10.Bg5 {Moving this B twice in two moves} 10...h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne2 {The idea of finding a better square for this N is not bad but the choices were not attractive. N on the rim at the a4 square would not accomplish much and the trip from c3 to b1 to d2 would consume tempos. For one move, at least, it was best left where it was. 12. h3 putting the question to the g4 B should have been tried first.} 12...Bxf3-/+ 13.gxf3 d5 14.exd5 cxd5 Diagram .

The Santa Fe Open Part 2

This tourney was played back in September 2010. On page 82 of the November DK I told you who won the top 2 sections but we ran out of space for the games. Here are some more instructive games from the Open and U1700 sections followed by Art Byers report on the U1400 section. Jim Johnston

Jordan Ogas (1475) - Charles Gillespie (1670) Santa Fe Open U1700 (4) [/Slav]

Like Fischer in game 1 against Spassky, B grabs the h2 pawn only to have his bishop trapped 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.a3 Bd6 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.e4 dxе4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Diagram



12...Rxh2 13.Rxh2 Bxh2 14.g3 Qf6? [>=14...Nf6 15.Bf3 Qb6] 15.Be3 0-0-0 16.Qf3 Qxf3 17.Bfx3 Nf6 18.Kf1 Rh8 19.Kg2 Bxg3 20.fxg3 the 2Bs are a lot better than B's N and 2 pawns 20...a6 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Bg5 Rd7 23.Rd2 Nh7 24.Be3 f5 25.d5 e5 26.dxc6 Rxd2+ 27.Bxd2 e4 28.cxb7 Kxb7 29.Be2 Nf6 30.Bc3 1-0

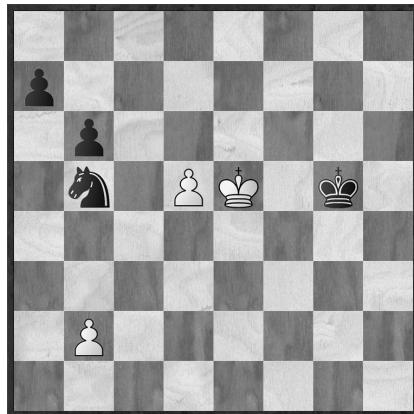
Ray Fourzan (1913) - Zach Stuart (1947) Santa Fe Open (4) [/Modern]

After a lot of play with the Ns B gives up an exchange and then W traps the last weary Kt 1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.h3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d5 Ne5 8.Be2 Nfd7 9.Nd4 c5 10.Nc2 Nb6 11.Ne3 that's 10 N moves already...is this a record? 11...e6 12.0-0 Qe7 13.f4 Ned7 14.Nb5 a6 15.dxe6 [>=15.Nc3=] 15...axb5 16.exd7 Bxd7 17.cxb5 Bd4 18.Kh1 Bxe3 19.Bxe3 Qxe4 20.Bd2 d5=/+ 21.Bf3 Qd4 22.Qc1 Rfe8 23.Rd1 Qf6 [23...Bxb5 24.Ba5 Qf6 25.Bxb6 Qxb6 26.Bxd5=] 24.Qxc5 Rac8 25.Qg1 Bxb5 [25...Na4 26.Be3 Bxb5 27.Bxd5 Bc6 28.Bd4 Qf5 29.Bxc6+/] 26.Bc3 Rxc3 [26...Qd6 27.Qd4+-] 27.bxc3 Be4 28.a4 Qc6 29.a5 Na4 30.Qd4 Qb5 [>=30...b5 as in the game B cannot hold on to both minors] 31.Rdb1 Qc6? [>=31...Qxa5] 32.Rb4 Nxc3 33.Qxc3 Qc5 34.Bxd5 [>=34.Rxb7] 34...Qxd5 35.Rxc4 f6 36.Rc7 Re4 37.Rc1 winning easily but there is a forced mate starting with Qf6 37...Re2 38.Qc4 Qxc4 39.R1xc4 g5 40.fxg5 h5 41.gxf6 h4 42.f7+ Kf8 43.Rxh4 Kg7 44.Rg4+ Kf8 45.Rg8# 1-0

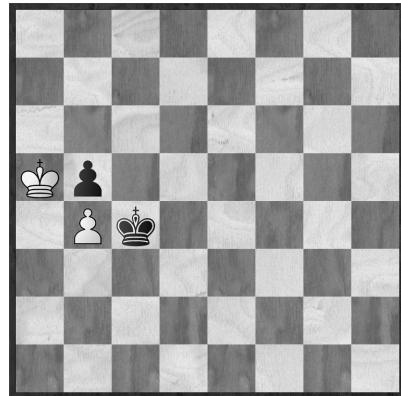
Rick Lass (1553) - Jordan Ogas (1475) Santa Fe Open U1700 /Pirc]

At the start of the round Jordan was a half point clear of the field, so when he won a piece on move 11 he may have started to relax. Many players would consider resigning but W struggled on, reached a drawn position and finally took the full point when B blundered in the ending. Fighting chess.

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.h3 e6 5.Bc4 Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3? drops a piece to the advancing d pawn 8...d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bb3 d4 11.Qd2 dxe3 12.fxe3 Qd6 13.Nb5 Qg3 14.Qf2 Bd6 [=>14...Qxf2+ I like to trade the Qs when I'm this far ahead in material] 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Qh4 Be6 17.Ng5 h6 and W gets a pawn back 18.Rxf6 hxg5 19.Qxg5 Qe5 20.Qxe5 Nxe5 21.Rf2 Bxb3 22.axb3 Ne6 23.Rf5 b6 24.g4 Rae8 25.Kf2 Re7 26.c3 Rfe8 27.e4 Na5 28.b4 cxb4 29.cxb4 Nb3 30.Re1 Rd8 31.Rd5 Red7 32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Ke3 Nd4 [=>33...Rd4 34.b5 Rb4 35.e5 Kf8 36.Rg1 Ke7] 34.Kf4 f6 [=>34...g5+ forces the K to retreat 35.Kxg5? Nf3+] 35.h4 g6 36.e5 Re7 37.Re4 fxe5+ 38.Rxe5 Rf7+ 39.Ke4 Nc6 40.Re6 Re7 41.Rxe7 Nxe7 42.Ke5 Nc6+ 43.Kf6 Kh7 44.b5 Nd4 45.h5 gxh5 46.gxh5 Kh6 47.Ke5 Nxh5 48.d4 Kxh5 49.d5 Kg5? Diagram, see next column



[>=49...Kg6 and B's K can stop the runner 50.d6 Kf7 51.Kd5 Ke8 52.Kc6 Nd4+ 53.Kc7 Ne6+ 54.Kb8 Kd7 55.Kxa7 Kc6+=] 50.d6= Nxd6 51.Kxd6 Kf5 52.Kc6 Ke5 53.Kb7 Kd5 54.Kxa7 b5 55.Ka6 Ke5 56.Ka5 Kc4?? [56...b4 is a draw] 57.b4



This set up is called a trebuchet—reciprocal zugzwang—whoever has the move loses 1-0

Tim Martinson (1879) - Jim Johnson (1902) Santa Fe Open (4) /Sicilian]

With opposite side castling victory

Henry Poston (1223) - Dimitri Lopez (906) (3), ...

Hungarian Defence and Guoco Pianissimo {Was this draw a case of intimidation by rating difference??} 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b3 d6 5.Bb2 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nf6 8.Nc3 8...Bd4 [=>8...Nd4 9.Qd1 0-0=] 9.Nd5?? [=>9.0-0-0+= would save the game] 9...Bxb2+- 10.Rb1 Nd4 [=>10...Bd4 might be the shorter path 11.b4+] 11.Qg3? [11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Qxf6 Nxc2+ (12...gxh6?! 13.Rxb2 c6 14.f4=) 13.Kd1 gxf6 14.Kxc2 Bd4-/+] 11...Nxe4?? [gives the opponent new chances] [11...Nxd5 12.exd5 Ba3 13.Qxg7 Rf8-+ (13...Nxc2+?! 14.Kd1 Ke7 15.Kxc2+=)] 12.Qxg7=+/ Kd7 Diagram



[>=12...Rf8 13.Rxb2 c6=] 13.Nxc7?? {Omitting the obvious more forcing move 13.Qxf7+} 13...Qxc7 [=>13...Nxc2+?! makes it even easier for Black 14.Kd1 Kxc7 15.Qxf7+ Qd7 16.Kxc2=] 14.Qxf7+ Kd8 15.Qd5?? [a blunder in a bad position] [15.Qxc7+ Kxc7 16.Rxb2 Rhe8-+] 15...Nc5 [=>15...Nf6 finishes off the opponent 16.Qf7 Qxf7 17.Bxf7 Nxc2+ 18.Kd1 Nd4 19.Rxb2 b5-+] 16.Rxb2

Rf8 17.b4?? [=>17.f4 Qc6 18.Qxc6 Nxc6 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.b4-+] 17...Na4 18.Rb1 Nb6 19.Qe4 Nxc4 [=>19...Qxc4 20.Rc1 Rf4 21.Qd3 Nxc2+ 22.Qxc2 Re4+ 23.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 24.Kf1 Qxb4 25.Rd1-+] 20.Qh4+ Ke8 21.Qh5+ Kd8 [21...Rf7?! 22.Rc1 Ne6 23.Qh4+ Kd8] 22.Qh4+ Kc8 23.Qg4+ Kb8 Diagram



{A draw is agreed but black only needed to untangle his pieces when he should have gotten the win!} 1/2-1/2

Dimitri Lopez (906) - David Poston (1039) (3), 06.11.2010

B30: Sicilian: {David Poston has been taking his Los Alamos scholastic juniors to many tournaments lately. Here he gets to play one of them.} 1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 [=>4...e6!=/+] 5.exd5+= Nxd5 6.d3 {White misses the following temporary sacrifice: 6. Nxf7 Kxf7 7.Qh5+ (or 7.Qf3+ As the d5 B N is pinned 7...Ke8 8.Qxd5+) g6 8. Qxd5 and White could have had an advantage from the opening.} 6...h6? [6...e6 7.0-0 h6 8.Ne4=] 7.Ne4?? [with this move White loses the initiative]

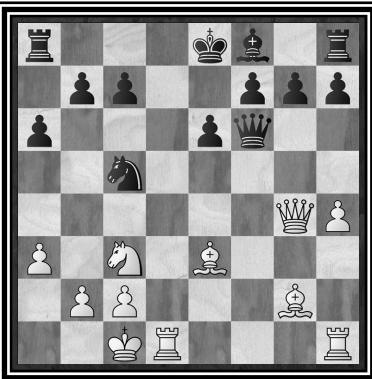
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Henry Poston (1223) - Scott Wade (1377) (5) ...

1 d4 d5: Unusual lines {Sometimes it is not enough to be good, you also have to be lucky and Scott was lucky. This is the game that might well have given Henry first place - but he misses several opportunities to put the game away and Scott finally gains a full point.} 1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.Nf3 Ne5 5.a3 Bf5 6.e3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 e6 [9...Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 (11.Nxd5 e6 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qxd1+ 14.Kxd1 Be4=) 11...Bxe4 12.f3+= 10.Bg2 Nxe5= 11.dxe5 Nd7 12. h4 N c 5 ? ? Diagram



This should have lost material} [12...h5!?+/] 13.Qe2?? { White misses a quick gain} [>=13.h5 Be4 14.f3 Bxc2 15.Qxc2 Be7+- {and Fritz rates W as the equivalent of 3.5 pawns up}] 13...d4?? [{Scott, in turn, again misses} >=13...h5=] 14.exd4+- Qxd4 15.Be3 Qxe5 16.Bxc5?? [>=16.f4 16...Qf6 17.f5 Bxf5 (17...exf5?? 18.Bxc5+ Qe6 19.Bxf8 Qxe2+ 20.Nxe2 Rxf8 21.0-0-0-+) 18.0-0-0 Bxg4 19.Qxg4+- Variation Diagram next Column]



16...Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2?? [White loses the right to castle. Not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game] [>=17.Nxe2 Bxc5 18.h5+-] 17...Bxc5=+/ 18.Bxb7 Rb8 19.Bc6+ Ke7 20.Ra2 Bxc2 21.b4=+/ Bb3 22.Rb2 [22.Rd2?! Bd6 23.Rb1 Bc4+ 24.Ke3=+/] 22...Bc4=+/ {The two mobile black Bishops are giving Black an advantage.} 23.Kf3 Bd4 24.Rc2 a5 25.b5 Bxc3 26.Rxc3 Bxb5 27.Bxb5 Rxb5 28.Rxc7+ Kf6 29.g5+ Kg6 30.Kg4 h5+-+ 31.Kf4? e5+ [31...Rb3?! 32.Rd1-+] 32.Ke4=+ Rd8! 33.Rc6+ Kh7 [>=33...f6 34.Rc4 f5+ 35.Kf3 Rd3+ 36.Kg2 Rxa3-+] 34.a4?? [>=34.Rc4=+] 34...Rd4+-+ {Now Black is in complete control of the game with a winning advantage} 35.Ke3 Rb3+ 36.Ke2 Re4+ 37.Kd1 Rxa4 38.Rg1 Ra1+ [>=38...Rb1+ 39.Ke2 Rg1 40.Rc5-+] 39.Rc1 Rbb1 40.Kc2 Rxc1+ 41.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 42.Kxc1 f6 43.gxf6 gxf6 44.Kb2 Kg6 45.Kb3 0-1

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usually goes to the player who gets his attack going first. The W advance on the K side certainly does scare B but eventually he gets enough activity on the Q-side to secure a draw 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Bc4 Be7 8.f4 Qc7 9.Bb3 Nc6 [>=9...h6 is good now as W then needs to take the N 10.Bh4? Nxe4 11.Bxe7 Nxc3=+/] 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g4 d5? [>=13...c5] 14.e5 Ne8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.g5 c5 Diagram



17.h4 this pawn goes all the way to h6 but does not open any lines. It should give B his chance to throw things towards the W K [>=17.Rhe1] 17...Qc7? [>=17...c4 B should get the Q side pawns rolling 18.Ba4 d4 19.Bc6 dxc3 20.Bxb7 cxb2+ 21.Kb1 Rb8 22.Bc6=+/] 18.Ba4 Rd8 19.h5 Rb8 20.h6 g6 21.Rh2 Qa5 22.Bxe8 Rfxe8 23.a3 Bc6 24.f5 exf5? gives up the d5 pawn [>=24...gxf5 25.Ne2 Qb6 26.b3 d4-+] 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Rbd8? [B misses the chance to sneak in and gather pawns >=26...Qe1+ 27.Qd1

Qe3+ 28.Rhd2 Qxg5+] 27.Rhd2+/- Rxd5 28.Qxd5 Qc7 29.Qd6 Qxd6 30.Rxd6 Kf8 avoiding back rank mates 31.Rd5 Re8 32.Kd2 Ke7 33.Kd3 Ke6 34.c4 Rc6 35.Ke3 a5 36.Kf4 Ke7 1/2-1/2

The 2010 S Santa Fe Open U1400 Section By Art Byers

This section went right down to the wire with three of the four top seeds, Scott Wade, Dan Tellez and myself, arriving at the 6th & last round with identical scores of 4 wins and one loss. Dan and I had both lost to the sharp play of fast rising youngster Henry Poston, who was the only player to cross swords with all the four top seeds – Well, he won two, lost two. Henry's great result was jumping from a rating of 1084 to 1223 in this event..

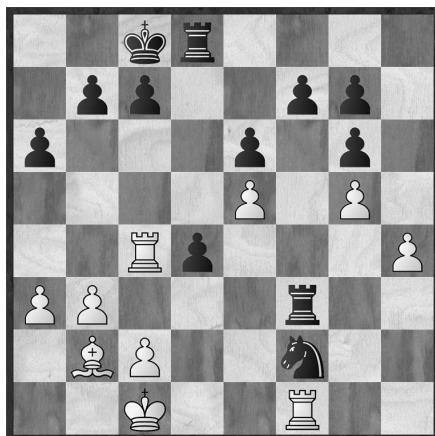
The final results were Scott in first place with 5, I came second with 4 ½ and three players tied for third with 4 points: Dan Tellez, Henry Poston and Zakary Naranjo-Morse. Scott definitely deserved his first place as he played aggressively in every game.

Unfortunately, fine games that should have been in DK, had inaccurate score sheets submitted.

What follows are a game from each of the first and second place winners plus games by each of the third place players Annotations in the square “ []” brackets are by Rybka 4, and my comments are in the face brackets “{ }”.

Daniel Tellez (1363) - Scott Wade (1342) Santa Fe Open

A06: Réti Opening: 1.Nf3 d5 {Given the opportunity, Scott first shows how to activate his pieces and then to use them tactically to bring home a full point and assure himself first place.} 1.Nf3 Nc6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 Bf5 4.e3 Nb4 5.d3 e6 6.a3 Nc6 7.d4 a6 8.Bd3 Bg4 [8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 g6 10.c4=] 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nbd2 Nf6 11.g4 [11.c4!?+=] 11...Bg6= 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Ne5 {This will enable B to give W doubled pawns} 13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Qf3 Qg5 16.Qf4 Qxf4 17.exf4 Be7 18.0-0-0 0-0-0 19.g5? [>=19.Nf3=/+ {to cover the h4 square. 19.g5 now allows Scott to take instant advantage by attacking the f4 Pawn.}] 19...Rh4+- {Dan can do little but try to defend while Black finds a good square on e4 for his Knight and brings his B into play.} 20.Nf3 Rxf4 21.Rd3 Rf5 22.h4 Ne5 23.Re3 Ne4! 24.Rf1 Bc5 25.Rd3 [25.Bd4 Bxa3+ 26.Kd1 Rf4-+] 25...Nxf2 26.Rc3 {Now Scott shows his fine tactical powers} 26...d4! 27.Rxc5 Rxf3 28.Rc4 Diagram



28.Kb1 {does not help} 28...Ne4 29.Rxf3 Nd2+ 30.Kc1 Nxf3 31.Ra5-+] 28...Nd3+! [28...Nd3+ 29.cxd3 Rxf1+ 30.Kc2 Rf4-+] 0-1

Scott Wade (1342) - Arthur Byers (1298) [B10] Santa Fe Open

B10: Caro-Kann: 2.d3 and 2.c4 {On a roll after four consecutive wins, Scott makes two uncharacteristic errors - giving me an easy win} 1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 dxe4 5.Bxe4 Nf6 6.Ne5 e6 7.Qa4+ {Rybka prefers 7.0-0} 7...Bd7 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.Nxd7=+ Nbx d7 10.Nc3 a6 11.d3?? Diagram



{blocking the exit for the W B. 11.d4 would have been much better.} 11...b5-+ 12.Bxb5 axb5 13.Nxb5 Qe5+ 14.Kd1 {14.Kf1 might have worked out better but Scott was probably reluctant to box in his h1 Rook.} 14...Rb8 15.a4 Be7 16.Qc4? 0-0 17.Bf4 {A seemingly obvious move which skewers the B Q and B R - but it does not work.} 17...Qh5+ {See comment after the W move #14} 18.f3 Rbc8 19.Qb3 Nc5 20.Qa3 Qd5 21.d4 Qb3+! {To force exchange of Q's so my extra piece can operate with

Derek Garcia (1618) - Jeffrey Sallade (1630) NM Open U1800 (5) [Stonewall]

I hope DK readers have strong nerves as in the money game both players take turns to miss forced winning sequences 1.d4 g6 2.Nd2 Bg7 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 d5 5.f4 Ng4 6.Qe2 0-0 7.Ngf3 f6 8.0-0 a6 [>=8...e5] 9.Nh4 f5= 10.h3 Nh6 have these guys not heard Tarrasch's view about Kts and rims? [>=10...Nf6 and later to e4] 11.Nhf3 Nf7 well maybe they have 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.fxe5 c5 14.c3 c4 [>=14...Nc6 15.Qf2 Qd7 16.b3 b6+=] 15.Bc2 b5 16.Nf3 Bh6 17.Bd2+- Nc6 18.Be1 e6 19.Bh4 g5 20.Bg3 Qe8 21.Nh2 Bd7 22.h4 Qg6 23.Ng4 Bg7 24.h5 Qe8 25.h6 Bh8? [25...Bxh6 and if Nh6 Kg7 traps the N 26.Nf6+ Rxf6 27.exf6 Qf7] 26.Nf2= Qg6 27.Nh3 Qxh6 28.Kf2 Be8 29.Rh1 Qg7 30.Bd1 h6 31.Ke1 Bg6 32.Nf2 h5 33.Kd2 Qe7 [now would be a good time to open up the Q side with 33...b4 34.Bh2 Rab8-+] 34.Bc2 Kf7? [>=34...Qe8 holds on to the h pawn] 35.Rxh5 Bxh5 36.Qxh5+ Kg7? [>=36...Kg8] 37.Rh1+- [With all these pieces aimed at the K, B can crash through with >=37.Ng4 Rg8 38.Rf1 Na7 39.Bxf5 exf5 40.Rxf5 Rgf8 41.Nf6 Rxf6 42.Rxg5+ Kf8 43.Qxh8+ with mate to follow] 37...Rg8 38.Nh3? Kf8 39.Qh6+ Ke8 40.Nxg5 Kd7 41.Bh4 Bg7 42.Qh5 Qe8 43.Qh7 Ne7 44.Bd1 Qg6 45.Qh5 [>=45.Bh5 Qxh7 46.Nxh7 Rh8 47.Nf6+=] 45...Qxh5 46.Bxh5+- Bh6 47.Nh7 Rxg2+ 48.Be2 Ng6 49.Bf6 the B B has no square so... 49...Nf4 [49...Bf8 50.Nxf8+ Nxf8 51.Rh8] 50.exf4 Bxf4+ 51.Kd1 Rag8 52.Rf1 Be3 53.b4? Rh2 [>=53...cbx3

54.axb3 Rc8] 54.Bh4 Rgg2 55.Nf6+ Kc6 W will lose a B 56.Re1 Rxh4 57.Bf3 Rxa2 [missing a win with >=57...Rd2+ 58.Kc1 Bg5 59.Kb1 Rhh2 60.Re2 Rdxe2-+] 58.Rxe3 Rh3?? missing the discovery discovery [58...Ra3-+] 59.Bxd5+ exd5 60.Rxh3 a5 61.bxa5 Rxa5 62.Rh6 Ra2 63.Ng8+ Kc7 64.e6 Ra8 65.Nf6 Kd6 66.Nd7 Re8 67.Nc5 and W eventually queened the e pawn and mated 1-0

The U1400 at the NM Open
By Art Byers

Of course readers will not be expecting the high quality of games as appeared from the U1800 and Open sections, but the U1400's produced some interesting battles. Scott Wade won his second consecutive U1400 section, elevating himself into a higher section in his next tournament. Henry Poston, Mo Cheng and Harsh Bhundiya tied for second.

The games I selected for the Santa Fe Open were all from prize winners. Here we are going with games from the top, middle and bottom. As usual computer comment is in the [] brackets and my comment is in the { } brackets.

Bruce Lewis (1148) - Scott Wade (1377) [C54]

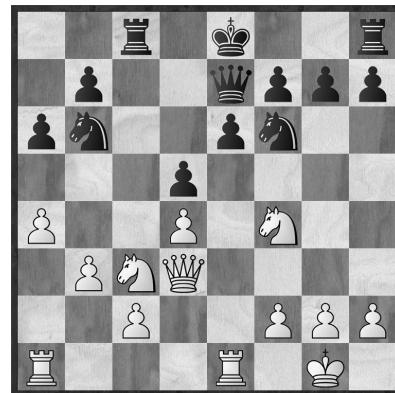
Gioco Piano: {Scott plays aggressive and "opportunistic" chess - seeing his chances when they occur and immediately taking the advantage. This short game piece is one example} 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Re1?? [>=6.d3 was much better 6...Nf6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 d5=] 6...Bxf2+- 7.Kh1 Bxe1 {Black is already the exchange up and it's only move #7!! From here, Scott went on to win.} 0-1

26...Ng4+ 27.Kg1 Qf2+ 28.Kh1 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Qxe2 30.Rf1 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Nd3 32.Ba3 Nxf4 33.e5 Qe3+ 34.Kh1 Rd8? still winning but B had a quick knock out [\geq 34...Ne2 35.Bc5 Ng3+ 36.Kh2 Nxfl+ 37.Bxf1 Bf4+ 38.Kh1 Nxc5] 35.Qc7 Bg5 36.Be7 Bxe7 37.Qxe7 Qd4 [\geq 37...Nf2+ 38.Rxf2 Rd1+ 39.Rf1 Qe2 40.Qb7 Rxf1+ 41.Bxf1 Qxf1+ 42.Kh2 Qxh3+] 38.e6 fxe6 39.Bd5? Rxd5 40.Qe8+ Kg7 41.Qe7+ Kh6 42.Qf8+ Kh5 43.Rg1 Qe4+ 44.Kh2 Qe2+ 45.Kh1 Qf3+ 46.Kh2 Qxh3# 0-1

Evan Liu (1401) - Stephen Marquez (1662) NM Open U1800 (4) [French]
 B gets way ahead in this sharp opening but when W traps the B Q he enjoys some great tactics 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.f3 Bb4 [4...exf3 5.Nxf3 is the usual Blackmar Deimer line when W's lead in development compensates for the pawn minus] 5.fxe4? [5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Be3 Qa5=+/] 5...Qh4+! 6.Ke2 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Qxe4+ 8.Kf2 Nf6 9.h3 Qf5+? lets W back in the game [\geq 9...Qh4+ 10.Ke2 Ne4+ 11.Nf3 Ng3+ 12.Kf2 Nxh1+ 13.Kg1 Nf2 14.Qe2 Nxh3+ 15.gxh3 Qg3+ 16.Bg2+] 10.Nf3 Ne4+ 11.Kg1 Ng3 12.Bd3 Qa5 13.Rh2 Bd7 14.Qe1 Nh5 15.Bd2 Be6 16.e4 Qa3 17.Bb4 Qb2? the only move to make the R on h2 appear dangerous [\geq 17...Qa4 18.d5 Bd7 19.Bc3 Na6 20.Qe5 Nf6+...] 18.d5 Bd7 19.c3 a5 20.g3 Qxa1 21.Qxa1 axb4 22.cxb4 Ra3 [\geq 22...0-0] 23.Rd2 0-0 24.Qb2 Rxd3 25.Rxd3 exd5 26.Rxd5 Nxg3 27.Rg5 Nf5 28.Nh4 g6 29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Qg2 Bc8 31.h4 h6 32.Rg3 Nc6 33.b5 Nd4 34.Qd2 Nf5 35.Rd3 Be6 36.Rd8 Bxc4 37.Rxf8+ Kxf8 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Qxc7 Bxb5 40.Qxb7 [\geq 40.Qe5+] 40...Be2 41.Qb2+ Kh7 42.Qxe2 Nxh4 43.a4 Nf5 1-0

Dean Brown (1575) - Dale Gibbs (1452) NM Open U1800 (4) [Caro-Kann]

B forks W's knights then trades down to win 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Nge2 e6 7.0-0 Bxb5 8.Nxb5 a6 9.Nbc3 Be7 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Qd3 Nb6 12.b3 Nfd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Rfe1 Nf6 15.Nf4 Rc8 16.a4 Diagram



16...Qc7 B forks the 2 knights. From John Nunn's books we learn LPDO (loose pieces drop off!) 17.Re3? [W should counter with \geq 17.Qg3 threatening to win a piece too] 17...Qxf4 18.Re2 Qc7 19.Nd1 0-0 20.a5 Nbd7 21.Ra2 Ne4 22.c4 Nef6 23.Rec2 dxe4 24.Rxe4 Qb8 25.Rac2 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Rc8 27.Ne3 Rxe4 28.Qxc4 h6 29.g3 Ne4 30.Qc2 Nd6 31.Kg2 Qc8 32.Qb2 0-1

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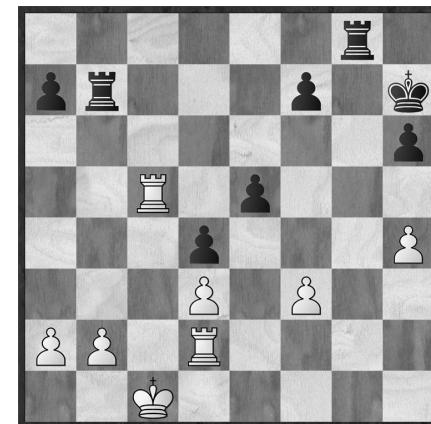
safety} 22.Qxb3 Nxb3 23.a5?? Nxa1 {The rest of this game is skipped as the B pieces now have an overwhelming advantage. Scott played on until his K was mated.} 0-1

Harsh Bhundiya (1089) - Henry Poston (1084) [C50] Santa Fe Open

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo {Two up and coming young guns play something of a tough game. The advantage shifts back and forth until Harsh eventually has a winning end game. However, his lack of experience leads him astray. He should have pushed his two Q-side pawns vs Henry's one Q-side pawn because they were far away from the B K. This knowledge lack allows Henry to win a full point.} 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 d6 8.Nd5 g5 9.Bg3 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.c3 Qf6 13.h4 g4 14.Nh2 Rab8 15.Qe2 Ne7 [\geq 15...Qg7=] 16.0-0-0 [\geq 16.Nxg4 Qg7 17.Nf6+ Qxf6 18.Qxh5 Nxd5 19.exd5+/-] 16...Nxd5+/- 17.exd5 c6 [17...Qg7 18.Nf1+/-] 18.f3 [\geq 18.Nxg4 Qg6 19.Nf6+ Qxf6 20.Qxh5 cxd5 21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4+/-] 18...gxf3=+ 19.Nxf3 [19.gxf3 cxd5 20.Bf2=+ Variation Diagram

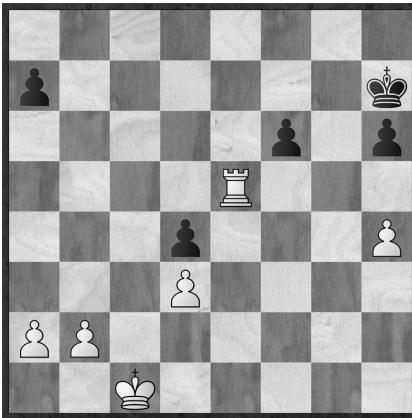


{opening up a file on the B K looks much more aggressive.}] 19...Bxf3 [\geq 19...exd5 20.Qc2 d4+/-] 20.Qxf3 Qxf3 21.gxf3 cxd5 22.Rh2?? [\geq 22.d4 Bb6 23.dxe5+/-] 22...d4 23.c4 b5 24.Rc2 Kh7 25.cxb5 Rxb5 26.Rdd2 Rg8 27.Bh2 Rb7 [27...f5 28.a3 Rb3 29.Kb1+/-] 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.Rxc5= Diagram



29...Re7 30.Re2+/- f6 31.f4 Rge8 32.fxe5+/- Rxe5 33.Rexe5 Rxe5?? [\geq 33...fxe5 34.Rc7+ Kg6 35.Rxa7 Rc8+ 36.Kd2 Rb8+/-] 34.Rxe5+/- Diagram next page





I think I got it right.} 1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 Bg4 4.e3 e5 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nf6 7.Bb5 e4 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 {Now both light square B's are off the board. the difference is that black has an isolated a-pawn and doubled c-pawns. Right now the half open b-file is not much use to a black rook but there is some possibility that the extra central pawn, although doubled, might prove useful down the road.} 9.Qf5 {The start of a chapter entitled: "The Adventures of the White Queen".} 9...Be7 10.0-0 g6 11.Qf4 Nh5 {"Knight on the Rim is Dim": GM Tarrasch} 12.Qe5 f6 13.Qe6 Qd7 {Why not? Sure, David will lose castling rights but both his K-side and Q-side are looking open. With Q's off the board there is no immediate danger - AND the black rooks will get connected.} 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.d3 {Very properly trying to open the center and expose the BK} 15...Rh8 [15...exd3!?] 16.cxd3 Ng7=] 16.dxe4/- dxe4 17.Nd2 f5 18.Rad1 Rad8 [18...Ke6 19.Nc4/=] 19.Nf3+ {Rybka likes 19.g4 as being a much better move. I saw nothing wrong with 19.Nxe4+ winning a pawn} 19...Kc8+= 20.Nd4 Kb7 21.Ne6 Rd6 22.Nc5+ Kb6? [>=22...Kc8!?] 23.Bd4 Rgd8+=] 23.Bd4 + - Diagram

Daniel Tellez (1332) - David Poston (867) Santa Fe Open

A06: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 {Poston, who was unrated in the September USCF data base, Started off with three consecutive wins so I thought Dan Tellez might have been a bit cautious. Instead Dan went adventuring with his unsupported Queen among a nest of black pawns and pieces, AND GOT AWAY WITH IT!! I did my best reconstructing this game as the score sheet looked like it had been written on a shake table during an earthquake.



25.Nd1?? [>=25.bxc4 Bxc3 26.Rd1 Qe3+ 27.Kh1 Bg7 would surely end up drawn] 25...Nxd6 26.Bxd6 Rd8 27.e5 Bxe5 28.Bxe5 Rxd1 29.Qf2 Qxe5 30.Qxa7 Qd4+ [B should first play >=30...c5 and soon mates 31.Qa8+ Kg7 32.Qxb7 Qe3+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.g3 Qxf1 and mates] 31.Qxd4 Rxd4 32.Kh2 Rd2 and B soon won

Tad Snediker (1739) - Jeffrey Sal-lade (1630) NM Open U1800 / Modern]

W gets a plus as he controls the center but things change when the B knight lands on d3 1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.c3 e5? B should not gift W 2 tempos like this 4.dxe5 Bxe5 5.f4 Bg7 6.Nf3/- Nf6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Be3 b6 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Rae1 Bh6? inviting the following 14.g4 Bg7 15.f5? [>=15.Bd4 and e5 soon after] 15...Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.g5 Nh5 18.f6 [18.Bc4 Nf4 19.h4/=] 18...Bf8 19.b4 Qd7 20.Kh2 Rad8 21.Bc4 Nf4 22.Rf3 b5 23.Bf1 a6 24.Nb3 Nd3 Diagram



25.Rd1? [>=25.Bxd3-/+] 25...Bxe4 26.Bxd3? [>=26.Rg3] 26...Bxf3-+ 27.Be2 Qc6 28.Na5 Qe4 29.Qxe4 Bxe4 30.Rc1 Bd3 31.Bd1 Re6 32.Kg3 e4 33.Kf2 Rde8 34.h4 h5 35.Bb3 Re5 36.Bd1 Rf5+ 37.Kg2 Bd6 38.Ra1 Bf1+ 39.Kg1 Bh3 40.Be2 Bg3 0-1

Hector Martinez (1700) - Derek Garcia (1618) NM Open U1800 (4) /King's Indian]

B throws everything at W's K 1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5 8.e4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.h3 Bd7 11.b3 Qc8 12.Kh2 a6 13.Bb2 Rb8 14.Rc1 Be6? [14...Qc7+=] 15.Re1 Nfd7 16.Nd5/- Qd8 17.f4? [>=17.b4 Ne6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nf4/-] 17...e5= 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Nc3 exf4 20.gxf4 Qf6 21.Qd2 Qh4 22.Qxd6 Bh6? [>=22...Rfd8 23.Rf1 Ne6 24.Qd2 Ndc5-+] 23.Ne2/- Rbd8 24.Rcd1 Ne6 25.Bc1? [25.Qxc6 Nxf4=] 25...Nf6 26.Qxc6? Diagram



Steve Sandager (2203) - Doug Thigpen (2008) /King's Indian/Notes ending in ss are by Stephen Sandager

In the final round these 2 played a memorable game for all the marbles. In a King's Indian W attacks down the c file while B tries to organise activity on the K side **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.b4 a5** B disrupts the pawns before W can organise c5 **11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.Nb3 Ra8 13.a4 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Ba3 Nf6 16.c5+/-** W's attack comes first **16...g5 17.Bb4** W wants to move the N so moves the B so that a4 is protected by the R [As things turn out, White's Queenside build-up looks too slow. Possibly a better method (Fritz) is illustrated by the following moves. --ss 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Nd2 Rf7 19.Nc4 Ra6 20.Rb1 Bf8 21.Qb3 Ng6 22.Nb6 Ra7 23.Rfc1] 17...Rf7 **18.Nb5 Ne8 19.Qc2 Ng6 20.Rfc1 Bf8 21.Ra3** not the most obvious move, but this R can now swing over to the K side when necessary **21...h5 22.h3 Rg7 23.Nd2 Nh4 24.Qd1 g4 25.fxg4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Nf6=+/-** W has an extra doubled pawn but now B is more active **27.cxd6 cxd6 28.Rh3 Diagram**



28...Nhg2? and W gets 2 pieces for his R [I think that B could get an edge by taking the other pawn >=28...Nhg4 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Bxg4 Qxg4 31.Qxg4 Rxg4 32.a5 Rc8 when B is winning (or 32...Nhg2 33.Kf2 Ne3) ; Another line from the machine,

which has Black winning, is -- ss 28...Nhg4 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Rc3 Ne3 31.Rxc8 Rxg2+ 32.Kh1 Nxd1 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Bxd1] **29.Rxe8+/- Rxe8** [>=29...Qxc8 30.Kxg2 Nxg4 31.Bxg4 Rxg4+ when B has taken the g4 pawn and survived] **30.Kxg2 Qd7 31.Rh4 Be7 32.Qh1 Kf7** [>=32...Rc2] **33.Kf2 Rcg8 34.Qh3 Qd8?** [perhaps B could get some play with >=34...Rc8 35.Kf3 Rc2 36.Bd3 Rb2] **35.Rh6 Nxg4+ 36.Bxg4 Qb6+** [>=36...Rxg4 slightly less bad but now W has a forced win either way] **37.Ke2 Rwg4 38.Qh5+ Kf8 39.Qf5+ Ke8 40.Nxd6+ Bxd6 41.Re6+ Kd8 42.Rxd6+ 1-0**

Michael Torres (1661) - Lin Wang (1445) NM Open U1800 [London]
B scores an upset when W protects the wrong piece **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bf4 d6 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.h3 Nc6 8.Be2 Nd7 9.0-0 e5 10.dxe5 Ndx5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qc2 c6 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Rd2 Bf5 15.e4 Be6 16.b3 Rfd8 17.Rad1 Rd7 18.Be3 g5** [>=18...f5] **19.f4?** [>=19.Bd4+=] **19...gxsf4 20.Bxf4 Qh4=+/- 21.Bh2 Rf8** [>=21...Rad8 keeps the pawn but B looks for more] **22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Rxd6 Qe1+ 24.Bf1 Nxc4 Diagram**

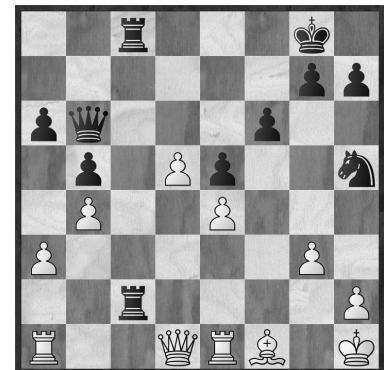


23...Rxd4 24.exd4 Bxc5 {Getting the B N off the edge with 24...Nf6! would have pleased GM Tarrasch - and the computer!} **25.dxc5+/- Kxc5 26.Rd7** Dan is now in complete charge of the game} **26...Rg7 27.Rfd1 Kb6 28.Rxg7 Nhg7 29.Rd7 Ne6 30.Rxh7 Nf4 31.Rh4 Ne2+** {A useless check that just brings Dan's K one square closer to the center. Rybka suggests 31...Ne6 where the N can go to f8 and protect the B g-pawn - but Black has a lost game anyway.} [31...Ne6 32.Rh6 Nf8 33.Kf1+/-] **32.Kf1 Nc3 33.a4 g5 34.Rh5 f4 35.Rxg5 e3 36.fxe3 fxe3 37.Re5 e2+ 38.Rxe2 Nxe2 39.Kxe2** {And the h3 passed white pawn cannot be prevented from becoming a Queen. Black could have resigned here but played on for some more moves.} **1-0**

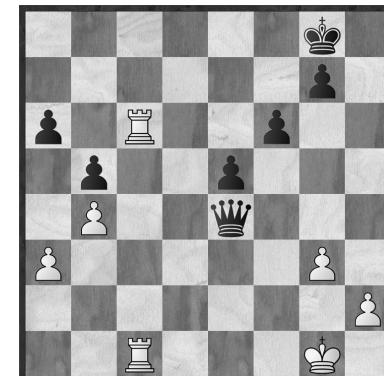
Mike Martinson (1333) - Zakary N a r a n j o - M o r s e (1058) Santa Fe Open

D06: Queen's Gambit: Symmetrical and Baltic Defences {Black blunders away a Knight and as often happens White seems to relax thinking his game will win itself. This allows black to use his queen to bring home the win.} **1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.g3 e6 5.Bg2 Bb4 6.Bd2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Qd7 8.a3 Be7** [8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 dxc4 10.0-0=] **9.Bf4 a6 10.Ne5+= Nxe5 11.Bxe5 c6 12.Na4 Qd8 13.e5 Qa5+ 14.b4 Qd8 15.0-0 0-0 16.Re1 Nd7 17.Bf4 b5 18.Nc3 Nf6 19.f3 Nh5 20.Be5 f6= 21.Bd6 Bg6 22...Bxd6= 23.cxd6 Qxd6 24.Qd2 e5** [24...dxe4? 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.fxe4 Rfd8=] **25.exd5+/- Rac8** [25...Rad8 26.Rad1 Bf7+/-] **26.dxc6** [26.f4 exf4 27.Re6 Qb8+/-] **26...Rxc6?!** [26...Qxc6

27.Rac1 Qd7 28.d5+=] 27.d5 Rc4= 28.Ne4 Bxe4 29.fxe4 Rfc8 30.Bf1 Rc2= 31.Qd1 Qb6+ 32.Kh1 Diagram



32...Kf7?? {This blunder should have lost the game for black- But white relaxes making some second best moves and allows Black back into the game.} [>=32...Rhx2+! 33.Kxh2 Qf2+ 34.Bg2 Rc2 35.Qxc2 Qxc2=] **33.Qxh5+/- Ke7 34.Qxh7 Kf7 35.Qh5+ Kg8 36.Qd1** [>=36.Bh3 f5 37.Bxf5+-] **36...Rf2 37.Re2 Rc3 38.d6 Rcf3 39.d7** [>=39.Rxf2 Rxf2 40.Qd5+ Kh7 41.d7+-] **39...Rxf1+= 40.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 41.Rxf1 Qd6 42.Rc1 Qxd7 43.Rec2** [>=43.Re3!=] **= 43...Qd3+/- 44.Rc6?** [>=44.Rc3 Qxe4+ 45.Kg1+/-] **44...Qxe4+/- 45.Kg1** Diagram



45...Qd5?? [45...Qe3+ 46.Kg2 Qxa3 47.Kh3-+] **46.Rxa6?** [>=46.R6c3!?-+] **46...Qd4+- 47.Kg2?? Qd2+** **48.Kh3** [48.Kf3 Qxc1 49.h4 Qf1+ 50.Ke3 Qg2-+] **48...Qxc1 0-1**

The New Mexico Open by Jim Johnston

73 players came to the Meadowlark Senior Center in Rio Rancho over the weekend of November 6th-7th to play in the State Championship. The Open section was stronger than usual with 2 masters and 4 experts. After 5 rounds Steve Sandager took 1st with 5 wins, gaining his 13th state championship title. This is a record which will not be broken any time soon! In 2nd place was Doug Thigpen with 4 points. Doug's results seem to get better with every tournament. He only lost to Steve in the final round. There were 5 players in a tie for 3rd place on 3.5 points – Lior Lapid, Silas Perry, Zach Stuart, Alex Kornienko and Gabe Ewing.

The U1800 section was won by Derek Garcia on 4.5 points. In second place there was a tie between Evan Liu and Jeff Sallade on 4. At the start of the tournament TD Art Glassman explained that you were supposed to turn in a copy of the score – even if you first wrote it down in your own scorebook. This brought us a slight increase in game scores to publish, so I decided to try and show a decisive

game from ALL players in the Open section- all who turned them in anyway. We have also included many key games to decide the winners. Let me know what you think of this different way of bringing you the games. Art Byers has a report on the U1400 section after these games.

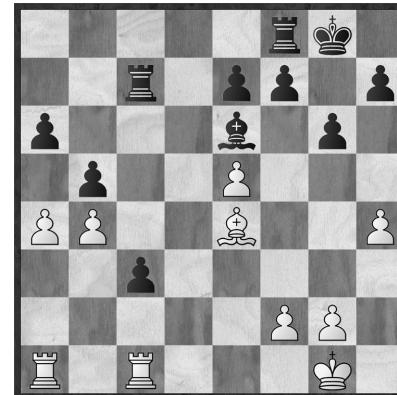
Jeff Serna (1928) - Dante Archuleta (1751) NM Open (1) /St. George/

In 1980 GM Tony Miles was to face Karpov at the European Team Champs. Anatoly was always at home in theoretical lines so Miles decided to test a new defense. He won in 46 moves. Dante enjoys playing unusual openings but Jeff must have seen it before. **1.e4 a6 2.d4 b5** Miles wrote about this position in the Karpov game: "By this time the spectators' laughing was becoming embarrassing." **3.c4 bxc4** [>=3...Bb7] **4.Bxc4 Bb7?** now this fails tactically **5.Qb3 Qc8?** [dropping a B yet less bad is 5...e6] **6.Bxf7+ Kd8 7.Bxg8 e6 8.Qf3** [>=8.Bf7 Bxe4 9.Bg5+ Be7 10.Qg3] **8...Rxf8 9.Qf7 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Qxg7 c5 12.Nge2 Bxe4?** [>=12...cxd4+-] **13.Bg5+ Kc7 14.Qe5+** B has seen enough 1-0

Isaac Ewing (1530) - Curtis Cooper (1895 NM Open (1) /Scotch/

Isaac played up in the open section. He drew all his other games. Here B wins a miniature as W has failed to castle. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Ne6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bg5** [>=6.Nxc6] **6...0-0 7.Nxc6**

pawn [>=15.f4 was better here and [previous move] **15...Bxe5 16.Nd7?** [>=16.dxe5 Qxc5 17.Bf3 Qxe5 18.Bxc6=/+] **16...Bxd7** [>=16...Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Bxd7] **17.dxe5 Be6 18.Bf3 Rad8 19.Qc2 c5 20.b3 Rc8 21.h4 c4+- 22.b4 Qd4 23.Qe4 Qxe4 24.Bxe4 Rc7 25.a4 c3 26.Rfc1** Diagram



26...Bd7 [>=26...a5 is the way to support the passer on c3 27.axb5 axb4 28.b6 Rd7 29.b7 Bd5+-] **27.Ra3 Rfc8 28.Bd3 c2 29.axb5 Bxb5 30.Bxb5 axb5 31.g3 Rd8 32.Kg2 Rd1 33.Raa1 Rd4 34.Ra2 Rxb4 35.Raxc2 Rbc4 36.Rxc4 bxc4 37.Kf3 Kg7 38.Ke4 Kh6 39.Rc3 Kh5 40.f3 g5 41.hxg5 Kxg5 42.Kd4 h5=** B had to find [>=42...Kf5 43.f4 h5 44.Kd5 Rc8 45.Kd4 Rd8+ 46.Kc5 Rd3 47.Rxc4 Rxf3 48.Kd4 Rf3 49.Rc7 Rxf4+ 50.Kd3 Ke6+- when Fritz gives B a 3.5 pawns lead] **43.Rxc4 Rxc4+ 44.Kxc4 Kf5 45.Kd5 e6+ 46.Kd6 Kg6 47.Ke7 Kf5??** losing move [47...Kg7= when B can maintain the opposition 48.Ke8 Kg8 49.Kd7 Kh7=] **48.Kxf7 Kxe5 49.Kg6 Kd6 50.Kxh5 e5 51.g4 Ke6 1-0**

Chad Schneider (1919) - Silas Perry (2068) NM Open (4) /Closed Sicilian/ These 2 were co-champions a year ago. Here they meet in round 4, both have already lost a game and need to win this one. Silas repeats his plan from round 2 but Chad gets the 2 bishops and a passed pawn. Eventually B stops the pawn and a draw is agreed **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Rb8 7.a4 e6 8.Nbd2 a6 9.Re1 Nge7 10.c3 0-0 11.Nc4 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.Ne3 b4 14.d4 bxc3 15.bxc3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Na5?** this worked out great in an earlier game but here it is grim on the rim [>=16...f5] **17.Ba3+- Bb7 18.e5 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Nc8 20.Qa4 Nb3 21.Reb1 Nxa1 22.Rxb8 Nb6 23.Rxd8 Nxa4 24.Rxf8+ Bxf8 25.exd6** Diagram



25...Bg7 26.d7? [W has a win here by >=26.Bc6 Nc3 27.d7 Bf6 28.Bb2 Ne2+ 29.Kf1 Nxg3+ 30.hxg3 Nb3 31.Nc4 Bd8 32.Bc3 when Fritz gives him a 7 pawns lead] **26...Bf6 27.Ng4 Bd8 28.Ne5 Nc2 29.Bc5 Nxc5 30.dxc5 Nd4 31.Kg2 Kf8 32.Bb7 Ke7 33.Nc6+ Nxc6 34.Bxc6 Ba5 35.Bb5 e5 36.g4 Ke6 37.c6 Kd5 38.Kf3 Kc5 39.Ba4 Kb4 40.Bc2 Kc5 41.Ba4 Kb4 42.Bc2 Kc5 43.Ba4 1/2-1/2**



can you find W's winning plan? [with hindsight we see that $\geq 18...Qe7$ would avoid the following] 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Bxb5 Qa8 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Rec8 23.dxc6 Bxc6 24.Qxd6 [even better is 24.Nd4] 24...Bf8 25.Qf4 Bg7 26.Bd4 Bxd4 27.Nxd4 Nb8 28.Nxc6 Nxc6 29.Qf3 W wants to trade Qs and win but get those pawns rolling too [$\geq 29.a4$] 29...Nd4 30.Qxa8 Rxa8 31.Rxc7 Nxb5 32.Rc8+ Rxc8 33.Rxc8+ Kg7 34.a4 Nd6 35.Rc6 Nb7 36.a5 Nd8 37.b5 Kf8 38.Rc8 enough of these forks 38...Ke7 39.Rxd8 Kxd8 40.b6 Kd7 41.a6 Ke6 42.a7 Kb7 43.Kf1 h5 44.Ke2 g5 45.Ke3 f5 46.g3 Ka8 47.Kf3 Kb7 48.h4 gxh4 49.gxh4 1-0

Jason Kammerdener (1884) - Akanni Olatokunbo (1990) NM Open (4) [Sicilian]

B is ahead for most of the game but then drops a rook 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Ne6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3? [$\geq 4.Nxd4+=$] 4...d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.cxd4 e6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.Bc4 Qd8 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rb1= a6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.d5 Na5 15.Bd3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qxd5 17.Qc2 h6 18.Rfd1 Qc5 19.Rb4 b5=/+ 20.Be4 Rb8 21.a4 Bb7 22.Bxb7 Rxb7=/+ 23.axb5 axb5=/+ 24.Rdb1 Re8

25.h3 Nc4 26.Qb3 Rcb8 27.Ra1 e5 28.Ra6? this R has to head straight back to cover the back rank [$\geq 28.Qd1$ or $Rd1$] 28...Rd8 29.Ra1 Re8 30.Rd1 Ra8 31.Rc1 Diagram

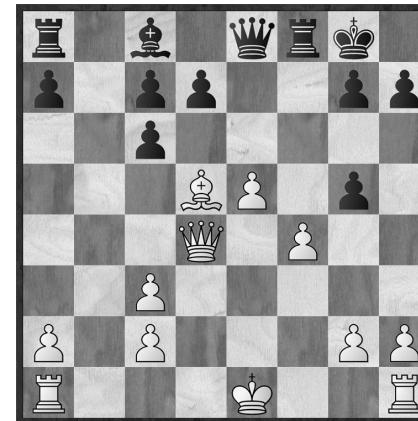


31...Ra3?? [31...Rab8=+ and with an extra pawn B would expect to win] 32.Rxc4 Qe7 and B resigns, not waiting for Rc8 Kh7 and Qd5 1-0

Edward Lu (1878) - Munir Hammad (1860) NM Open (4) [English]

B wins a pawn on the 15th move and retains good winning chances until right at the end when the end-game goes badly for him 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 English opening? 2...g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 I quite like the Grunfeld 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 dxe4 wanna do a Meran? 8.Bxe4 b5 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nh5 [$\geq 10...b4$] 11.Ne5? [11.Bg5=+/- b4 12.Na4 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 when B has made a concession to take the B pair] 11...Nxf4 12.exf4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 a6 yes I am still in Meran mode [$\geq 13...Qb6=/+$] 14.Ne4=+ Qb6 15.Nc5? drops a

bxc6 8.e5 Qe8 9.f4 [$\geq 9.Bxf6 Bxc3+$ 10.bxc3 gxf6=/+] 9...Nd5=+ 10.Qd4 f6 11.Bc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 fxg5 13.Bxd5+ Diagram



13...Kh8 [13...cxd5? 14.Qxd5+ Qe6 15.Qxa8=] 14.Bc4 Rxf4 15.Qd3 Qxe5+ 16.Kd1 d5 17.h3 Bf5 B will take the Bishop next 0-1

David Langlois (1901) - Silas Perry (2068) NM Open (2) [Sicilian]

B gets a pull when he opens the b file and then wins material by using c4 for one knight then the other 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nge2 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.f4 Rb8 12.Nd1= W hopes to blunt the B on g7 and the advance of the b pawn by playing c3 [$\geq 12.d4=/+$ is Fritz choice] 12...b5 13.c3 b4 14.d4 but now B can open up both files 14...bxc3 15.bxc3 cxd4 16.cxd4 d5=/+ 17.e5 Ba6 18.Ndc3 Na5 19.Rab1 Qc7 the threat is Nc4 20.Bf2 Qc6 21.Rfc1 Ne4 22.Qd1 Nb2! well it was good before but this N heads for d3 and is eventually replaced by the other N 23.Qd2 Nd3 24.Rxb8 Rxb8 25.Rc2 Rc8

26.Bf1 Rc7 27.g4 Nc8 28.Be3 Nb6 29.a3 Ne4 30.Qxd3 Nxa3 Diagram

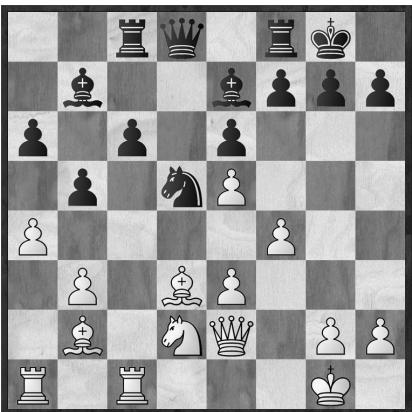


W resigns. The conclusion would be Qd2 Nc2 Qc2 Be2 and Qc3 0-1

Alex Kornienko (1934) - Jim Johnston (1839) NM Open (2) [Meran]

B finds some great tactics though rather fewer than Fritz came up with. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 Nbd7 7.0-0 Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Nbd2 a6 12.a4 the attacks on b5 prevent B from freeing his game with c5 12...Rc8 13.Qe2 Nb6? lets W put his N on e5 and must be wrong as B returns to d7 with the other N just 2 moves later [$\geq 13...Qb6=/+$] 14.Ne5 Nbd5 15.Rfc1 Nd7 16.f4 [W should keep B tied down with $\geq 16.Nxd7$ Qxd7 17.Ne4 f5 18.Nc5=/+] 16...Nxe5 17.dxe5 Diagram on the next page

We welcome your own annotations to your best games. Send them as PGN to Jim Johnston at: jdjohnston@earthlink.net



[17.fxe5+/- with good prospects for a K-side attack] 17...Qb6 18.Bd4? [>=18.g3 Nxe3 19.Qf2 Rfd8 20.Bf1 Rxd2 21.Qxd2 Nc2+] 18...c5+ 19.Bc3 Nxf4 20.exf4 [>=20.Bxh7+] 20...e4+ 21.Kh1 cxd3 22.Qxd3 Rfd8 23.Qe2 Rd5? [the computer prefers to win 2 pieces for the R by >=23...Rxc3 24.Rxc3 Qd4 25.Rcc1 Qxd2+] 24.Ne4 Rcd8 25.Be1 R8d7 26.Bf2 Qd8 27.a5 Rd3 28.Bb6 [>=28.Bc5 Bxe4 29.Bxe7 Bxg2+ 30.Qxg2 Rxe7+/-] 28...Qa8 Diagram



W will lose the g2 pawn or... 29.Nd6 Bxd6 30.Qxd3? watch out for discoveries [>=30.Rd1 Bxe5 31.Rxd3 Rxd3

32.Qxd3? (32.fxe5 Rxb3 is only 2 pawns down) 32...Bxg2+ 33.Kg1 Bxa1] 30...Bxg2+ 31.Kg1 Be5+ 32.Rxc5 Rxd3 33.Rac1 Bb7 34.Rc7 g6 [>=34...h6] 35.f5 exf5 36.Kf2 Rxb3 [>=36...Kg7 and B can hang on to his Q] 37.Rd7 Rb2+ 38.Kg3? g5 missing a nice tactic [>=38...Rg2+ 39.Kf4 g5+ 40.Ke3 f4+ 41.Kd3 Be4+ 42.Kd4 Rd2+] 39.Rd8+ Qxd8 40.Bxd8 h6? 41.Rg1 W saw the line in the last note 41...f4+ 42.Kg4 Bc8+ 43.Kf3 Rxh2 44.Bf6 Bb7+ 45.Kg4 Rh4+ 46.Kf5 f3 W resigns. He can avoid mate by e6 Rf4 Ke5 Re4 Kd6 Re6 K moves and Rf6 when B will soon make more Qs 0-1

Steve Sandager (2203) - Matthew Grinberg (2030) NM Open (3) Spanish/ Notes signed ss are by Steve Sandager

Both players grab pawns and the advantage varies accordingly. In an exciting finish, just when it seems that B has an unstoppable passed pawn on the 7th and a mating net...W finds his own mate threats and finds his way through to a turnaround win 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.0-0 Bd7 6.c3 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Bg5 [I would play 8.d5 Nb8 9.Qb3 (9.Bxd7+) 9...b5 10.c4 even though Steve has won 13 more state titles than me] 8...Nf6 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nbd2 b5 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.h3 Na5 14.Bc2 Rfd8 15.Nh2 h6 16.Bh4 c5 17.Ng4 Bxg4 18.hxg4 g5 19.Bg3 Nxg4 B wins a pawn 20.Rfd1 Nf6 21.a4 b4 22.cxb4 cxb4 23.Nf1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Nc6 25.Qc4 Nd4 26.Bxe5 gets the pawn back 26...Nxc2 27.Bxf6 Qxf6 28.Qxc2 Qxb2+/- a pawn up once more 29.Qc6 Rb8 30.Qxa6 b3 Diagram next page

Robert Zweibel (2093) - Gabe Ewing (1896) NM Open (4) [French]

B expands on the Q side and then gets play on the K side too. When W wins the exchange B gets enough pawns for it to ensure the win 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 a6 B wants to play c5 but needs to keep the N out of b5 and d6 8.Nf3 c5 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.c3 b5 11.Ng3 g6 12.Be2 b4 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Kh1 a5 15.Rf2 Ba6 16.Nf1? W could keep his advantage by trading down [>=16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.cxb4 axb4 18.dxc5 Nd7 19.Qd3+/-] 16...h5 17.Ne3 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 c4 19.g4 bxc3 20.bxc3 Na4 21.Qc2 Qa3 22.gxh5? [22.Nd2=] 22...Rxh5 Now B is better on both sides of the board 23.Nd1 Rb8 24.Ng5 threat Ne6 and Qg6 24...Nd8 25.Rg2 Ke7 26.Nf3 Rf5 27.Qd2 Nc6 28.Ng5



the R is not about to go anywhere 28...Ke8 29.Rf2 Kf8 30.Ne3 Rb2 31.Qe1 Rxf2 32.Qxf2 Qxc3 33.Rf1 Qxd4 34.Nxf5 Qxf2 35.Rxf2 exf5 36.Nf3 d4 37.Rf1 d3 38.Nd2 c3 39.Nb3 Nb2 40.Rf2 Nc4 41.Rf3 d2 0-1

Ron London (1637) - Tim Martinson (1885) NM Open (4) [Sicilian]

Ron has not played in NMCO tournaments for many years. Back in the last century he was NMCO secretary from 95 to 98. Here he uses a tactic to cause mayhem on the c file 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 this is the most popular choice among GMs. I would try [3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2+/-] 4.c3 Bg7 5.d4 [>=5.0-0 and then d4] 5...cxd4 6.cxd4 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Qe2 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.h3 [>=10.d5+/-] 10...Nd7 11.Be3+/- a6 12.Bd3 b5? the cause of later difficulties on the c file B should prefer [>=12...e5] 13.a3 Bb7 14.Qd2 Rfe8 15.b4 Qd8 16.Rac1 Rc8 17.Rc2 e6 18.Rfc1 Rc7? Diagram

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41.Qc5 Qf6+ 42.R1e5 Kh7 43.Qd4 and B lost on time. W has just missed a nice sequence which would have brought resignation [43.Rxf7+ Qxf7 44.Re7] 1-0

Lior Lapid (2235) - Douglas Thigpen (2008) NM Open (4) [Sicilian]

W gets a big lead in development but when B finally develops his king's R on move 22 he soon gets the win 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 the grand prix attack 3...Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Nxd5 exd5 6.Qf3 d4 7.Bc4 d6 [>=7...Nc6 8.Ne2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ng3 d6 11.exd6 Qxd6=] 8.Nh3 h6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qb3 [10.e6 Bxe6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.f5 e5] 10...Qc7 11.exd6? [>=11.Re1 dxe5 12.fxe5 Na5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 14.Nf4+/-] 11...Bxd6= 12.Re1+ Kf8 13.Qf3 Bxh3 winning the f4 pawn but stronger was an attack on c2 first [>=13...Nb4 14.Qb3 Bxh3 15.gxh3 Bxf4+/-] 14.Qxh3 Bxf4 15.d3 Bxc1 16.Raxc1 Ne5 17.Qg3 [it looks better to save the B 17.Bd5 Re8 18.c3+/-] 17...f6 18.Re2 Re8 19.Rce1 g5

President's message continued

Teach and encourage children to play chess and you will have made a positive difference in their lives as well as your own. This has been my mission in the last thirty five years as a chess coach and instructor. From mentoring children in chess I've seen how this activity can compliment the efforts of parents to successfully launch their sons and daughters as model citizens into the community

My full support of all of our chess activities for the youth throughout our state, including our college students, will be prioritized during the current year. As a means of emphasizing this priority a college grant fund has been established with NMCO and will be awarded to one of our outstanding scholastic or college students at the NM Open tournament in November 2011. Anyone of our NMCO membership who wishes to contribute to this fund can be assured not only that it will be appreciated but that their contribution will be used in a positive way to promote chess in New Mexico.

I also pledge my full support of other important missions of NMCO such as the continued effort to organization and administrate chess tournaments and other chess activities for the membership, and to expand chess activity and support the establishment new chess clubs in other communities throughout the state. **Oren V. Stevens, NMCO President**

20.h4? [>=20.Rf1] 20...Kg7-/+ finally B connects his rooks 21.Rf1 Qd8 22.Ref2 Rhf8 Diagram



23.Rf5 [>=23.Bb5] 23...Nxc4 24.dxe4 Qe7-/+ 25.Kh1 W has no wish to trade the Qs 25...b6 26.Qf3 Qe4 27.Rxf6 winning a pawn back but getting a lost ending 27...Qxf3 28.R6xf3 Rxf3 29.Rxf3 Re2 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.Ra3 Rxc2 [>=31...a5 32.Rb3 Rxc2 33.Rxb6 Rxc4+/-] 32.Rxa7+ Kf6 33.b3 d3 34.Rd7 d2 35.Kh2 Ke5 36.Kg3 Ke4 0-1



4 pawns each..but how to stop the b pawn? 31.Ne3 Qe5 32.Qd3 b2 33.Rb1 Qc5 34.Kf1 Rb4 [34...Qc1+ 35.Ke2 Rc8] 35.Ke2 Rx a4 36.Nf5 Ra1 37.Nxg7 Rxb1 38.Nf5 Rh1 39.Qd8+ Kh7 40.Qf6 Notice how the Q threatens mate in one AND if B prevents the mate then Q takes on b2. BUT B can give mate himself first so long as it's check every move. Could it get more exciting?? 40...Qc2+ 41.Kf3 Qd1+ [B is still winning but should prefer >=41...Qd3+ 42.Ne3 Qb3-+] 42.Kg3 Rh3+?? missing a last chance to score an upset by [>=42...Qb3+ 43.Kg4 Rh4+ 44.Nxh4 gxh4 45.Kxh4 b1Q+/-] 43.Kxh3+ Qh5+ 44.Kg3 Qg6 45.Qxb2 1-0 There were more moves, played in a White time scramble, and White managed to win without losing on time. -ss

Alexander Kornienko (1934) - Pamela Lee (1423) NM Open (3) [Queen's Gambit]

Kornienko finished the tournament with 3 straight wins to share 3rd place. Here the minority attack works well

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Nh5 [9...Ne4] 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Ng3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Nf6 13.Qc2 g6 14.Rab1 a6 15.b4 Diagram

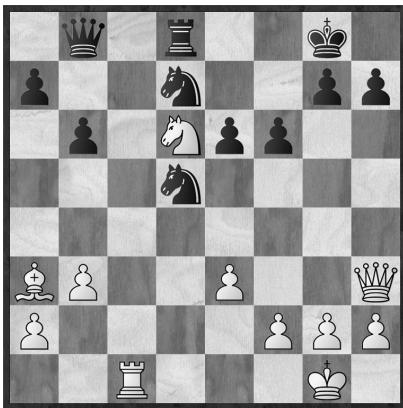


The minority attack - W plans to leave B with a weak pawn on c6 and by move 25 he has done so 15...Nh5 16.Ne2 Ng7 17.a4 Bf5 18.b5 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 axb5 20.axb5 Rab8 [>=20...Rfc8] 21.Rfc1+/- Qd7 22.Nf4 Ne6 23.Rb3 Nxf4 24.gxf4 Rfc8 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.Rbc3 Rb2? now W wins the pawn and the game [>=26...Rb6 was the only way to hang on to the pawn] 27.Qa6 Rcb8 28.Rxc6 Qg4 29.Rc8+ Kg7 30.Rxb8 Rxb8 31.Qd6 Rb2 32.Qe5+ Kh6 33.Qxd5 Qh4 34.Qf3 Qe7 35.f5 f6 36.Qf4+ Kg7 37.Rc7 1-0



Paul Covington (1909) - Craig Lewis (1700) NM Open (5) /Colle - Zukertort]

W seems to have the better game but hangs a N 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 b6 4.Be2 Ba6 5.0-0 Bxe2 6.Qxe2 e6 7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.c4 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 c5 11.Rac1 Re8 12.Rfd1 cxd4? [>=12...Qc7] 13.Nxd4+- Rc8 14.cxd5 Rxc1 15.Rxc1 Nxd5 16.Nc6 Qa8 17.Nxe7+ Rxe7 18.Qf3 Qb8 19.Ne4 [>=19.e4 Nf4 20.Nc4 f6 21.e5] 19...f6 20.Ba3 Re8 21.Nd6 Rd8 22.Qh3 Diagram



all of W's pieces look better than B's 22...Nf8 23.Ne4? Qe5= 24.Qf3 Ng6 25.g3 f5 26.Nd2? [the N only had 1 safe square >=26.Ng5 h6 27.Qh5 hxg5 28.Qxg6=+] 26...Nxe3 27.fxe3 Rxd2 28.Qa8+? [>=28.Bb4 Rxa2 29.Rc8+ Kf7 30.Bc3-+] 28...Kf7 29.Qxa7+ Kf6 30.Qxb6 Qe4 31.Bb2+ Kg5 32.h4+ Kh5 33.Qc6 Qxe3+ it's mate in 3 0-1

Silas Perry (2068) - Zach Stuart (1958) NM Open (3)/Modern

W tries to break through against B's solid set-up but B prevails 1.e4 g6 2.d4

Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 Nd7 6.Nge2 e6 B is playing the hippopotamus. In this defense B lines up his pawns on the 3rd rank...the hippo lies low in the water, he appears peaceful but is dangerous when provoked.... 7.0-0-0+- b5 8.a3 Nb6 9.Ng3 Bd7 10.Kb1 Qb8 11.f4 Ne7 12.f5? W wants to stir up the hippo and sacs a pawn but gets little for it [12.Bd3 0-0 13.h4+= looks like a more promising line] 12...exf5 13.Bh6 0-0 14.h4 f6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.h5 g5 17.h6+ [>=17.Nxf5+ Nxf5 18.exf5 Bxf5=] 17...Kh8= 18.e5? f4 19.exf6 Rxf6 20.Nge4 Rg6 21.Bd3 Bf5 22.g4 fxe3 23.Nxg5? [>=23.Rhg1=] 23...Bxd3-/+ 24.cxd3 Diagram



24...b4 [even stronger is >=24...Qg8] 25.axb4 Nbd5 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Rh5 Qxb4 all W's pawns are weak 28.Qc2 c6 29.Rg1 [W cannot grab the c6 pawn 29.Qxc6? Rb8 30.Qc2 Ne3+ 29...Rb8 30.Nf3 Nf4 31.Rf5 Nxd3 32.Rf8+ Rxf8 33.Qxd3 g2 34.Nh4 Rg4 35.Nxg2 Qxd4 0-1

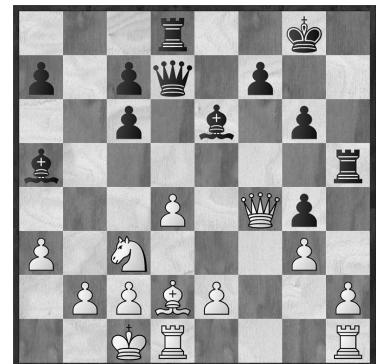
Jeff Sundell (1844) - Oren Stevens (1624) NM Open (3) /Sicilian Dragon Jeff has not played in ABQ for a few years. Here he plays a winning fork. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.c4 the Maroczy bind. In the Sicilian B needs to break with d5 or b5. The pawn on c4 discourages both. This is why B usually plays 4 Nf6 when Nc3 in reply blocks the c pawn 5...g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Be2 Qa5 A good way to improve your chess is to study your losses and find out where you went wrong. I am wondering if this Q move is the cause of B's defeat. The Q sits here while W builds up his center and is then traded. A better plan for B would be [8...Bd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 Qc8 11.Qd2 Bg4 12.Bd3 Be6=+] 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.h3 [11.f4+- when W has all the play] 11...Rac8 12.f4 Rfd8 13.b3 a6 14.Qd3 W dominates the center 14...e6 15.Nc2 Ne8? [>=15...Nb4 16.Nxb4 Qxb4=+] 16.Na4+- Nb4 Diagram



W wins an exchange 17.Qd2 Bxa4 18.bxa4 Nc6 19.Qxa5 Nxa5 20.Bb6 Nc6 21.Bxd8 Rxd8 22.Rfd1 1-0

Hampton,Robert (1850) - Bond,Tim (1800) [A02] NM Open (3) /From Gambit

.Bob has been scoring well with the Bird of late.... 1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.Nf3 g5 6.g3 g4 7.Nh4 Nge7 8.d4 Ng6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Bg2 Bb4? [B should grab his pawn back now >=10...Nxd4] 11.Bxc6++- bxc6 12.Qd3 Qe7 13.Qe3= [>=13.0-0 and I don't think B gets to exploit the open lines to the W K 13...Bb7 14.Bf4 c5 15.Be5 Rh5 16.Qb5+ c6 17.Qa4 Kf8 18.e3 cxd4 19.exd4 c5 20.Rae1 and W is doing well] 13...Be6 14.Bd2 Rd8 15.a3 Ba5 16.Qe5 Rh5 17.Qe4 Qd7 18.0-0-0 Kf8 19.Qf4 Kg8? Diagram



20.Ne4 with Nf6 as the goal 20...Bxd2+ 21.Qxd2 but not this way [>=21.Rxd2 Rf5 22.Nf6+ Rxf6 23.Qxf6=+] 21...Qe7 22.Nc3 Kg7 23.e4 Ra5 24.Nb1 Rb5 25.Qc3 Kg8 26.Rhe1 [W could make the K secure by 26.b3 Rdb8 27.Kb2 a5 28.Ka1] 26...Rdb8 27.b4 Bd7 28.Qd2 a5 29.c3 axb4 30.cxb4 Ra8 31.Re3 Rb7 32.Qb2 Qg5 33.Qc3 Rba7 34.Kb2 Be6 35.d5 cxd5 36.exd5 Bf5 37.Rde1 Bd7 38.Qd2 [38.Re7? Qxd5=] 38...Qf6+ 39.Qc3 Qa6 40.Re7 Qd6