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This snapshot, taken from your editor's hotel room, beautifully captures the metropolitan playing site at this year's World Open held at the Sheraton in Philadelphia.



From Your Editor's Desk

This issue's ACN features more games from the 2006 US Amateur Team East along with some exciting games from the 60th Annual NJ Open. This year's NJ Open drew a total of 158 players with all sections combined. My friend, Joe Mucerino, who is associated with the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation (PSCF) as well as a columnist for their quarterly "*Pennswoodpusher*" publication as he makes his debut and contributes games and analysis to share with our readership!. Our President talks about some important upcoming events, Life Master James R. West reports back with his exciting game versus Sam Sloan and discusses Damiano's Defense, and Peter J. Tamburro, Jr. brings us, as always, inspiring analysis from some hard-fought games from around the state. Our friends across the border in Pennsylvania will be occasionally sharing some of their tournament games with us in future issues of ACN. For some of you that reside in towns alongside the Pennsylvania border, some new playing venues may present themselves as a refreshing change of pace where you can experience facing different opponents. From time to time, we'll be highlighting some of their tournaments that may be of interest to New Jerseyans as they will reciprocate by drawing additional attention to some of our events. My apologies to all for getting this issue out much later than I would have preferred to get this in your hands.

Most games are analyzed with the assistance of the extensive and exhaustive chess playing programs, *Fritz 8*, *Rebel II*, *Chess Tiger 13.0*, or *Chess Genius*© 5.028A and *Grandmaster Books*© add-on program running on a Pentium 4 2.8 Ghz PC with 512 megabytes of RAM running Windows XP Professional. We welcome all comments, criticism, and feedback from readers and don't forget to submit your games to me from the tournaments!

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I encourage all comments, criticisms, and recommendations of what you'd like to see ACN transform into since it has been and always will remain a publication BY the chess-playing community FOR the chess-playing community within NJ!



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Upcoming Tournaments Throughout New Jersey & Pennsylvania

October 28 Viking [ast Saturday Quads

Courtyard Marriott, 15 Howard Blvd., US Route #80 (Exit 30), Mt. Arlington, NJ. 3RR, G/90, EF: \$20. \$\$G \$40 per quad, **3-0 Plays Free Next Month!** Rds: 10-1-4. Info: Ken Thomas (Cell) 908-763-6468 or acn@goes.com. Ent: Before 10am at site. NS, NC, W.

October 28 Sparta-Fall-Festival RBO

Sparta Middle School, Rt. 517, Sparta, NJ. Three Sections: Open, U1000, U500. EF: \$20 if mailed by 10/21, \$25 at door. Trophies to top three in each section. Medals to all participants. Door prizes. Reg: 8:30a - 9:45a. Rds: 10-11:15-12:45-2. Contact: TomM@spartachessclub.org for information and entry blank. Mail entries to Sparta Chess Club, 15 Birch Parkway, Sparta, NJ 07871

November 5 Garden State Scholastic

Sunrise Suites Hotel, 3 Centre Plaza (off Hope Rd.), Tinton Falls, NJ (GSP Exit 105 to Rt. 36 East, Turn Right at first light onto Hope Rd.). Sect 1: Open to K-1: 4SS, G30. Trophies to 1st - 5th place; Medals to all others. Sect 2: open to 2-3; 4SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st - 5th place. Sect 3: open to 4-12, 4SS, G30. Trophies to 1st - 5th place. Sect 4: open to K-12 G/60 Quads. Trophies to 1st & 2nd each quad. Sections combined if necessary. All EF\$25. Reg: 9-9:45am Rds: 10 and ASAP. Entry for all: at site only. Info: Hal Sprechman, 732-259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org

November 5 Garden State Quads & Swiss

Sunrise Suites Hotel, 3 Centre Plaza (off Hope Rd.), Tinton Falls, NJ (GSP Exit 105 to Rt. 36 East, Turn Right at first light onto Hope Rd.). Quads: 3RR TL 40/80, SD/30. EF\$20 (\$15 Sr.). Prizes: \$40 to winner of each quad. Reg: 9-9:45am Rds: 10-2-5:30. Swiss: 5SS G/30. EF: \$25. Prizes: b/30 (at least 2 per class) \$100-\$50, Ex, A, B, C, D/E/Unr. \$50 each. Reg. Ends 10:30. Rds: 11-12:15-2-3:15-4:30. Entry for both on site only. Info: Hal Sprechman, 732-259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org



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Rahul K. Swaminathan overjoyed with his trophy-earning performance as his proud father looks on.

November 11 Greater Cherry-Hill Chess Swiss / Quads

Reg. both events 9:30-10:00! Quads: 3RR, G80, Pre-reg. online for \$15, \$20 at site. \$40 to quad winner. Rds: 10-12:15-2:30. Swiss: 5SS, G/30. Pre-reg. online for \$25. \$30 at site. 1st Prize \$100, 2nd \$75: BOTH GUARANTEED. Exp/A (\$60), B (\$60), C (\$60), D/E/Unr (\$60). Class \$\$/30. Must have more than one player/section for prize. Rds: 10:30-11:45-1-2:15-3:30. Pre-reg. online at <http://www.mollyguard.com/event/34720851> For more info, visit <http://www.greaterchess.com> or contact Dan Herman 856-287-2393 or hermanator3@comcast.net

November 19 New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship

5SS, G/30. Brookdale College, 765 Newnan Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07701. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 13 Sections: (Play only in your grade!). MORE TROPHIES! Grades K-6: Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 5 teams (top 3 from each school/grade) (50% of players receive trophy or medal!). Grades 7-12: Trophies to top 5 individuals, top 5 teams. Rds: 10am and ASAP. EF: \$30 by 11/11, \$50 at site. USCF mem req'd. Reg: 8-9:30am. After 9:30am 1/2 pt bye rd 1. Info: 732 259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. Ent: Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Hal Sprechman, 198 Overbrook Drive, Freehold, NJ 07728. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. The 1st Place player and team from NJ in each grade will be recognized as the NJ Champion for that grade! Chess sets and boards will be provided!



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A big congratulations to this year's 60th New Jersey Open section winner, Evan Ju!

December 3 Garden State Scholastic

Sunrise Suites Hotel, 3 Centre Plaza (off Hope Rd.), Tinton Falls, NJ (GSP Exit 105 to Rt. 36 East, Turn Right at 1st light onto Hope Rd.). Sect 1: Open to K-6: 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st- 5th place; Medals to all others. Sect 2: Open to K-12 G/60 Quads. Trophies to 1st and 2nd each quad. All EF: \$25. Reg: 9-9:45 am. Rds: 10 and ASAP. Entry for all: at site only. Info: Hal Sprechman, 732 259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org.

Chess Clubs Throughout New Jersey (listed alphabetically by club name)

Bloomfield Chess Club

Bloomfield Civic Center
84 Broad Street, Bloomfield 07003
Contact: Fred Sharpell 973-696-1748
Meets **Fridays 7:30pm – 10:00pm**

Chess Club Of Boonton

Rockingham Coffee Lounge
404 Main Street, Boonton 07005
Contact: Wil Arguedas
Email: letsplaychess@wildmail.com
Meets **Sundays 2:00pm**

Chess Club Of Greater Somerset County

Pheasant's Landing Restaurant
311 Amwell Road, Hillsborough 08844
Restaurant Phone# 908-281-1288
www.pheasantslanding.com
Contact: David Fulton 908-672-4792
Email: d.fulton@att.net
Website:
<http://home.att.net/~nwalthall/GSCC/>
<http://home.att.net/~nwalthall/cjcl/>
Meets **Tuesdays 7:00pm – 11:00pm**

Dumont Chess Mates

**** Largest in NJ ****

Dumont High School
101 New Milford Avenue
Dumont 07628
Contact: Harrison Coleman
25 Beacon Street, Haworth 07641
Meets **Mondays 7:00pm – 11:00pm**

Dumont Scholastic Chess Club

Dumont High School
101 New Milford Avenue
Dumont 07628
Contact: Harrison Coleman
25 Beacon Street, Haworth 07641
Meets **Mondays 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Elmwood Park Chess Club

Elmwood Park Municipal Bldg.
182 Market Street
Elmwood Park 07407
Contact: Roy Greenberg
PO Box 487, Elmwood Park 07407
TD: Ron Groseibl
22-50 Maple Avenue
Fairlawn 07410
Meets **Sundays 1:00pm**

Hackettstown Chess Club

Hackettstown Community Center
293 Main Street
Hackettstown 07840
Contact: Harold Darst
111 Moore Street, Hackettstown 07840
908-852-5925
Meets **Mondays 7:30pm – 11:00pm**
(except certain major holidays)

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Ray Dwier Recreation Bldg.
Mercer County Road, Route 609
Groveville 08620
Contact: Ed Sytnik 609-758-2326
Meets **Unknown**



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Hillsdale – Montvale Chess Club

Montvale Municipal Building
Memorial Drive
Montvale 07645
Contact: Gerald Freel
78 Magnolia Street, Pearl River, NY 10965
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18 Cardinal Court, Montvale 07645
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Meets **Wednesdays 7:00pm**
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International Chess Academy

185 Court Street, Teaneck 07666
Contact: 201-833-1741
17-10 River Road, Fair Lawn 07410
Contact: 201-797-0330
Contact: Diana Tulman 201-287-0250
Meets **Mondays 6:00pm – 11:00pm**
(Fair Lawn)

Kenilworth Chess Club

Kenilworth Community Center
Boulevard, Kenilworth 07033
Contact: Greg Tomkovich
Email: GTomkovich@aol.com
Meets **Thursdays 8:00pm – Midnight**

Livingston Recreation & Parks

Contact: Thomas McKenna
19 North Ridge Road, Livingston 07039
Meets **Unknown**

Mays Landing P.A.J. Chess Club

Oakcrest Estates Clubhouse, Oakcrest Drive
(Off Black Horse Pike) Mays Landing 08330
Contact: T. McKeen t-mcKeen@comcast.net
609-926-5909
Meets **Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Mendham Chess Club

Garabrant Center
4 Wilson Street
(1/8 Mile North Of Traffic Light From
Black Horse Inn), Mendham 07945
Contact: Lucy Monahan 973-543-2610
Email: McMon4@msn.com
Meets **1st Thurs. Of Each Month During The
Summer 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Metuchen Chess Club

Metuchen – Edison YMCA
Lake Street, Metuchen 08840
Contact: Bill Cohen 732-548-8432
Meets **Fridays 8:00pm – 10:00pm**

Monmouth Country Chess Club

Monmouth County Library Headquarters
125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan 07726
Contact: Jim Mullanaphy 732-294-9372
Email: jmull@aol.com
Meets **Saturdays 10:00am – 1:00pm**

Morris County Industrial Chess League

Honeywell Corporate Headquarters
Colombia Road, Morris Township 07960
Contact: Gordon Pringle 908-464-0757
Meets **Tuesdays 7:00pm (Sept. – June)**

Mt. Laurel Chess Club

Borders Book Store
4010 Dearborn Circle, Mt. Laurel 08054
Contact: Craig Gross 856-905-0196
Email: Dojoone@yahoo.com
Meets **Thursdays 6:00pm – 10:30pm**

New Jersey Children's Chess School

"Geller Kids" Chess Camp
862 DeGraw Avenue, Forest Hill
(North Newark) 07104
Contact: Arkady Geller 973-483-7927
Email: chesscamp@hotmail.com
Website: www.kidsschesscamp.com
Meets **Fridays 6:30pm – 9:00pm**
July – August on Weekdays 9:00am – 5pm

Princeton Landing Chess Club

Contact: Chuck Denk 609-720-0595
Meets **Sundays 3:30pm – 5:30pm (for kids
7+)**

Rutherford Chess Club

176 Park Avenue, Rutherford 07070
Contact: Bill Hotaling 201-998-7318
Meets **Fridays 7:30pm (except holidays)**

Summit Area Chess Club

Myrtle Avenue **** New Information ****
(Recreation Center At Memorial Field)
Summit 07901
Contact: Simon Thomson 908-522-6543
Meets **Mondays 7:00pm – 10:30pm**

Toms River Chess Club

Town Hall, Washington St., Toms River
Contact: aaikin@comcast.net
Meets **Thursdays 7:00pm**

Wayne Township Chess Club

**** New ****

Board Of Education Building
Hamburg Tpke & Church Lane, Wayne
Contact: Anthony Buzzoni 973-694-8943
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Degnan Park Field House (off Pleasant
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29 Hickory Street, Metuchen
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Meets **Sundays 2:30pm – 8:00pm**

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Willingboro Kennedy Center
429 John F. Kennedy Way,
Willingboro 08046
Contact: Curtis Warner 609-871-5700
Meets **Saturdays 10:00am – 3:30pm**
Meets **Tuesdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

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30 Church Mall, Springfield 07081
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917-841-5589
Meets **Saturday & Wednesday Nights**

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Presbyterian Church
South Broad Street, Woodbury 08096
Contact: Henry Feltman 856-845-5094
Meets **Tuesdays 7:00pm**

From Our President

by Joe Ippolito, President New Jersey State Chess Federation



Steve Ferrero, editor of the Atlantic Chess News (ACN) continues to produce our state magazine in a remarkable, professional manner. To you, our readers, we hope that you are pleased with this product to inform you of what is going on in the chess community throughout the state. I am sure that Steve would welcome any feedback that you might have or just to say "Thank You" for the fine job he is doing. With Steve at the helm of the ACN, you have been receiving the (4) issues and sometimes more a year. Not bad for an \$8.00 membership to the New Jersey State Chess Federation (NJSCF).

Another venue that the NJSCF supports (with help from your membership fees) is the *NJ Junior Chess Championship*. This was recently held at Brookdale Community College. The male and female winners are our state's representatives to the *Denker Tournament of High School Champions* held in conjunction with the *US Open* – this year in Chicago. Good luck to our winners Evan Ju and Karsten McVay in their competition against the best players from around the country. As usual, the NJSCF will offer a several hundred dollar stipend to each of our players in their quest for this national title.

New Jersey is also proud of its own international master, Dean Ippolito, on the publication of his first book "Chess Tactics for Scholastic Players". This book promises to be a definite asset to the teaching community, parents, and youngsters in achieving chess success.

Also just around the corner is our "Grade Level Championship" being held in December. More information on these as well as local events can be viewed from our website www.NJSCF.org or www.njoychess.com. You can also contact any of the state representatives listed in this magazine.

If you would like to attend one of our state meetings, please check out our website for the information. Hope that you can make it!

Errata: Jan. – Mar. 2006

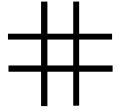
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Games From Around The State

by Steve Ferrero



Here's our next batch of exciting games from this past February's USATE 2006 for your enjoyment. The first game is a nice quick win from Kevin E. Chen. I had to face Kevin later in the tournament and was lucky to escape his attack. Here, he outplays his higher rated opponent in a routine queen and double rook game to bring the full point home. Nice job, Kevin.

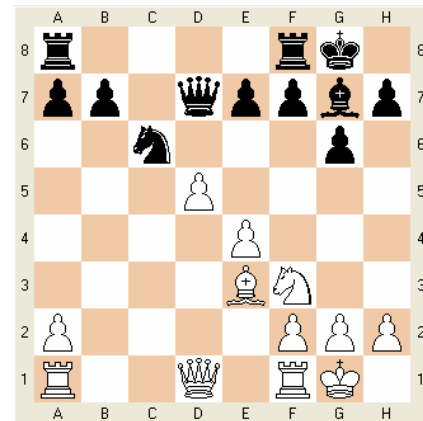
Kevin Emmanuel Chen (1550)

Fred J. Ivens (1714)

NJ Open – U1900 Section, Rd. 1, TL 40/2 SD/1, Sep 2, 2006, ECO D85

Grunfeld Defense – Exchange Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.O-O Nc6 11.Be3 cxd4 12.cxd4 O-O 13.d5



13. ... Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bd4 Qd6 16.g3 Rac8 17.Rb1 b6 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Qa4 Rc7 20.Rbc1 Rfc8 21.Rc6 f5 22.Re6 Qc3 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Rfe1 Kf7 25.Qh4 Kg8 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Rxe7 Qc1+ 28.Kg2 h6 29.Qf6 Qg5 30.Qf7 **Black Resigns**

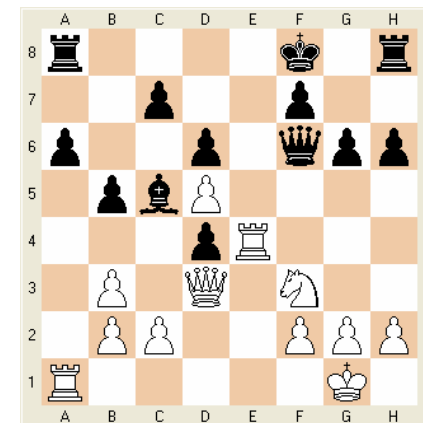
John J. Nerney (2065)

David Grasso (2194)

NJ Open – Open Section, Rd. 5, TL 40/2 SD/1, Sep 4, 2006, ECO C78

Ruy Lopez – Archangel Variation

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Bc5 8.Nc3 d6 9.Nd5 Na5 10.Bg5 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bxd5 12.exd5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.d4 exd4 15.Re1+ Kf8 16.Qd3 g6 17.Re4



17. ...Kg7 18.Rae1 Rac8 19.g3 Qf5 20.Nh4 Qxd5 21.Nxg6 fvg6 22.Re7+ Kf6 23.R1e4 h5 24.h4 Qf5 25.Qe2 Qxe4 26.Qxe4 **Black Resigns**

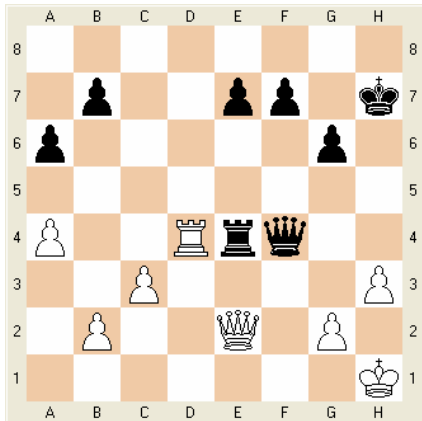
David A. Cole (2037)

Glenn Bady (2180)

NJ Open – Open Section, Rd. 5, TL 40/2 SD/1, Sep 4, 2006, ECO B90

Sicilian Defense Najdorf Variation

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 Nc6 9.O-O O-O 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.f4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.Bf3 Qa5 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.Qe3 Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Bg4 Kg8 19.f5 Qe5 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.Qf2 Rf8 22.Bxd7 Bxd7 23.Rd5 Qg7 24.Rfd1 Be6 25.R5d4 Rc5 26.Rb4 Bg5 27.Qe3 Qh6 28.Kh1 Qh4 29.Ne2 Rc8 30.c3 Rc4 31.Rxc4 Bxc4 32.Kh2 Bxe2 33.Qxe2 Qf4+ 34.Kh1 Re5 35.Rd4 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qf4+ 37.Kh1 d5 38.Rxd5 Rxe4 39.Rd8+ Kh7 40.Rd4



Qc1+ 41.Rd1 Rxe2 42.Rxc1 Rxb2 43.Rd1 Kg7 44.Kh2 e5 45.Kg3 Rb3 46.Rd3 Ra3 **White Resigns**

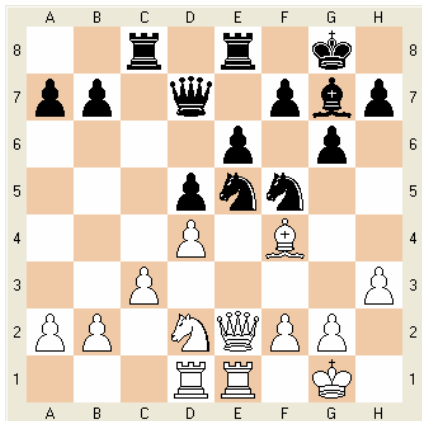
Josef I. Friedman (2222)

IM Emory A. Tate Jr. (2461)

NJ Open – Open Section, Rd. 2, TL 40/2 SD/1, Sep 2, 2006, ECO B12

Caro-Kann Defense

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 cxd5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 Nh6 7.O-O Bf5 8.Re1 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nf5 10.Bf4 Bg7 11.Nbd2 O-O 12.Qb5 Qd7 13.h3 e6 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Rad1 Rfe8 16.Ne5 Nxe5



17.dxe5 Qa4 18.Bg5 Qxa2 19.Nf3 Qc4 20.Qd2 a5 21.g4 Ne7 22.Bf6 Bf8 23.Nd4 a4 24.Re3 Bh6 25.Qe1 Qa2 26.Nb5 Qxb2 27.Rb1 Qc2 28.Re2 Qd3 29.Kg2 Kf8 30.Qd1 Qxd1 31.Rxd1 Rc5 32.Rb1 Ra8 33.Nd6 b5 34.Ra2 Nc6 35.Rxb5 Rxb5 36.Nxb5 Bf4 37.Nc7 Ra5 38.Rb2 Bxe5 **White Resigns**

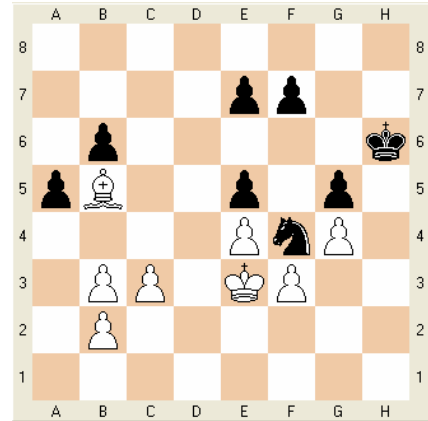
Ronald M. Saylo (1842)

David W. Slatin (2055)

USATE 2006, Rd. 5, TL 40/2 SD/1, Feb. 20, 2006, ECO B08

Pirc Defense – Classical Variation (by transposition)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Be3 Nbd7 6.Qd2 Ng4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 O-O 9.O-O-O c5 10.h3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ngf6 12.g4 g5 13.Bg3 Nc5 14.f3 Qa5 15.Kb1 Rd8 16.Nd5 Qxd2 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Rxd2 Be5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Nb3 Be6 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Kc1 Bxb3 23.axb3 Ne6 24.c3 a5 25.h4 Kg7 26.hxg5 hxg5 27.Bc4 Nf4 28.Kc2 Rd6 29.Ra1 b6 30.Rh1 Rf6 31.Kd2 Ng2 32.Ke2 Nh4 33.Rf1 Ng6 34.Ke3 Nf4 35.Rh1 Rd6 36.Bb5 Rh6 37.Rxh6 Kxh6



38.Bd7 Kg7 39.Kd2 Kf8 40.Bb5 e6 41.b4 axb4 42.cxb4 Ke7 43.Bf1 Kd6 44.Kc3 Kc6 45.Kc4 Ng6 46.Kc3 b5 47.Kd2 Kb6 48.Kc3 Ne7 49.Be2 Nc6 50.Bd1 Nd4 51.Kd2 Kc6 52.Kd3 Kd6 53.Kd2 f6 54.Kc3 f5 55.gxf5 exf5 56.exf5 Nxf5 57.Kd3 Nd4 58.Ke4 Ke6 59.Ke3 Kd5 60.Kd3 Nc6 61.Bb3+ Kd6 62.Ke4 Nxb4 63.Bg8 Nc6 64.Kf5 Ne7+ **White Resigns**

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Scholastic Spotlight On Andrew Ng

by Joe Ippolito, President New Jersey State Chess Federation



New Jersey scholastic chess players are the strongest batch of youngsters that have ever been in the state at one time. They are bringing home national titles, state titles, and local achievements in record numbers. This brings us to our latest spotlight, who fulfills all the profiles of becoming, yet another young player to watch out for. Our spotlight, **Andrew Ng**, was first introduced to the game of chess by his dad at the ripe old age of seven. Now, some 4 years later, Andrew is listed in the number 9 spot for the **Top 50** players of his age in the country. He has an 1890 rating, plays in over 120 rated games per year, and has already brought home over 50 trophies.

Andrew's recent titles (including money prizes), have been the *2006 NJ State Elementary Champion*, *2006 Greater NY Elementary Champion*, and the *NJ State HS Booster Champion*. His memorable conquests are also adding up with defeating a 2350 rated player as well as two masters at the *Greater Philadelphia Open*, while drawing 2 other masters. Not getting a swelled head, however, he recalls getting crushed by an opponent rated 2560.

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One of his funny experiences took place at the Marshall Chess Club. At the time, Andrew was rated a 1650 and got paired against a 2150. He went to the board, played an exciting game, which he elatedly won. His euphoria was brought down somewhat, when he learned that he had been wrongly paired and that the player he defeated was really a 1300. This brings up his suggestion for improving your game to never give up and also read some top chess books. He recommends in this area "*Just The Facts*" by GM Lev Alburt and any of GM Kasparov's books. Kasparov is his favorite player which he draws from the fact of personally meeting him. He felt that Kasparov was a regular person, really funny, cracking jokes, but behind all of that he's a serious player.

Our 7th Grader at the Marlboro Middle School would at some point like to become a grandmaster and world champion. For now he interests himself in basketball, science, and playing computer games. In school his favorite subjects are math, science, and social studies. He achieves straight "A"s and plans on attending Harvard. His lofty goal is to become a scientist and find a cure for AIDS and cancer (every kind). In the back of his mind he is also toying with the idea of becoming an NBA basketball player. With Andrew's determination and fortitude that he exhibits over the chess board, anything is possible.

To demonstrate those mentioned qualities, here is one of Andrew's favorite games where he takes the classical Pirc Defense to a new level.

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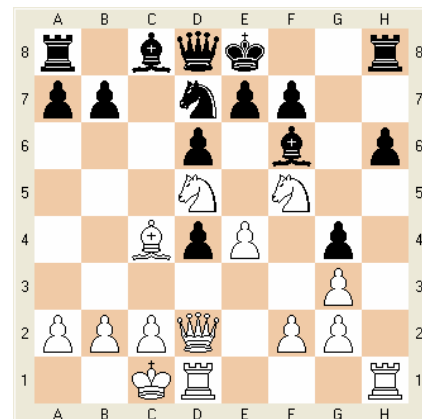
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Andrew Ng (1843)

Adam Maltese (2356)

Marshall Futurity Championship, Rd. 1, Nov. 18, 2005, ECO B08
Pirc Defense – Classical Variation

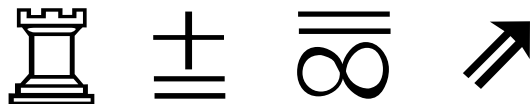
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14...e5 15.Nxd6+ Kf8 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.Nxf7 Rh7 18.Nxh6 Nb6 19.Qb4+ Kg7 20.Ng8 Qg5+ 21.Kb1 Nxc4 22.Rxh7+ Kxh7 23.Qf8 Qg7 24.Rh1+ Kg6 25.Ne7+ Qxe7 26.Qxe7 **Black Resigns**

Opening Forum: Damiano's Defense

by Life Master James R. West



There has been some lively back-and-forth on the Internet regarding my victory over Sam Sloan at Hackettstown in August 2005. The game happened at game/90 in the fourth and final round of a tournament with a strong field of players. In round one, I had the audacity to beat ACN editor Steve Ferrero who is also my USATE captain. Then came draws against a current and a former NJ state champion, Tommy Bartell and Steve Stoyko respectively. So now it was the money round, and I as White was paired against Sloan, better known for being a chess politico than a player although he seemed to be performing at a higher level than his USCF rating of 1931 might indicate.

The reason why I am giving the reader this background information is to put in better perspective my decision to avoid playing the standard knight sacrifice against Damiano's Defense. I felt certain that Black would decline the piece sac as Chigorin recommended, leading to a position where Black is slightly inferior but material is even. This is not the kind of game that I wanted to play in the final round of a tournament, especially against an opponent with more practical experience in this variation than I have. Imagine my surprise when, after the game, Sam said he was prepared to accept the knight sac, relying on some new analysis!

The reader can find this game by going to Yahoo Search and entering Damiano's Defense Declined, although I am unsure if Sam is correct in naming the opening as such. It seems to me that, if anything, Chigorin's line declining the piece sacrifice should bear that title. In any event, here are the moves to a mistake-filled game that ended unexpectedly with a problem-like move.

James R. West (2206)

Sam Sloan (1931)

4-County Open, Rd. 4, TL G/90, Aug. 20, 2005, ECO C40

Damiano's Defense

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f6 3.Nc3

As stated above, I assumed that 3.Nxe5 would be answered by 3...Qe7 which led to a draw in Fischer-McGregor, Houston simul 1964 after 4.Nf3 d5 5.d3 dxe4 6.dxe4 Qxe4+ 7.Be2 Bf5 8.Nd4 Nc6 9.Nxf5 Qxf5 10.O-O Bd6 11.Bg4 Qb5 12.Nc3 Qc4 13.Be2

Qf7 14.Bb5 O-O-O 15.Qg4+ f5 16.Qh3 Nge7 17.Ne4 h6 18.Nxd6+ Rxd6 19.Bf4 Rd4 20.Be3 Rb4 21.Bxc6 Nxc6 22.b3 Re4 23.Rfd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.Rd1 Qe6 26.g3 Rxe3, drawn on account of 27.fxe3 Qxe3+ 28.Kf1 Qf3+ with perpetual check.

I wonder what new analysis Sam intended to follow after 3.Nxe5 fxe5 4.Qh5+ which Fritz8 gives as winning by force after 4...Ke7 5.Qxe5+ Kf7 6.Bc4+ d5 7.Bxd5+ Kg6 8.h4 h5 9.Bxb7! For example, 9...Bd6 10.Qa5 Bxb7 11.Qf5+ Kh6 12.d4+ is curtains for Black. Apparently Sam is unaware of this refutation because judging by his comments on the Internet he does not own Fritz 8.

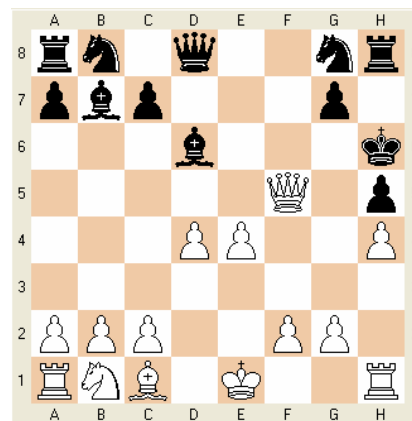
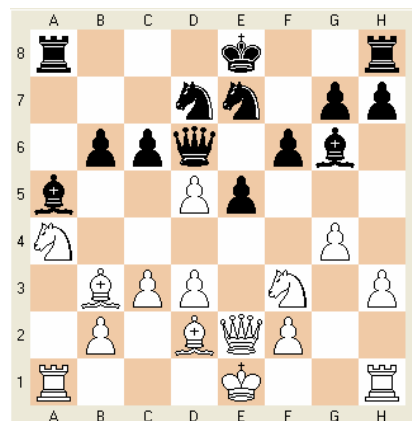


Diagram Of Analysis Above

3...Bc5 4.Bc4 Ne7 5.d3 c6 6.a4 d5 7.Bb3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe2 Qd6 10.a5 Nd7 11.Na4 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 b5 13.axb6 axb6 14.g4 Bg6 15.c3 Ba5 16.exd5



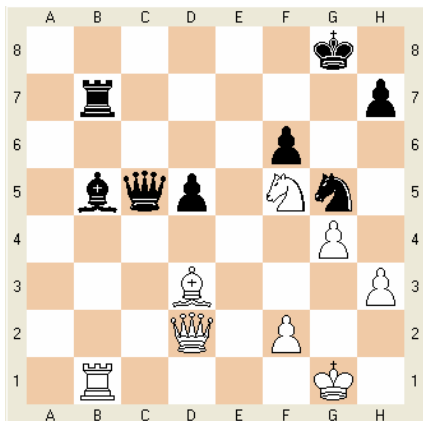
16...cxd5

Black misses 16...b5 17.dxc6 Qxc6 winning the knight for insufficient compensation.

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17.Bc2 b5 18.Nc5 Qxc5 19.b4 Qc7 20.O-O O-O
 21.bxa5 Rxa5 22.Rxa5 Qxa5 23.c4 Qc7 24.Bb4 Re8
 25.cxb5 Qb6 26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.Rb1 Nc5 28.Nh4 Be8
 29.d4 Ne6 30.Nf5 Rb7 31.dxe5 Bxb5 32.Qd2 Qc5
 33.exf6 gxf6 34.Bd3 Ng5



35.Qe3

Instead one of the contributors at Sam's website gives the following supposedly winning variation for White, courtesy of Fritz8: 35.Qa5 Nxb3+ 36.Kh2 Qc7+ 37.Qxc7 Rxc7 38.Rxb5 Nxf2 39.Rxd5, but 39...Nxb5+ 40.Kg3 Ne5 looks like a difficult ending to win for White.

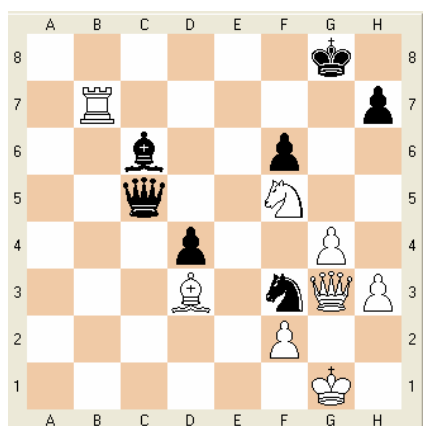
35...d4

If Black wanted to draw, he should have played 35...Qxe3 36.fxe3 Bc6.

36.Qg3

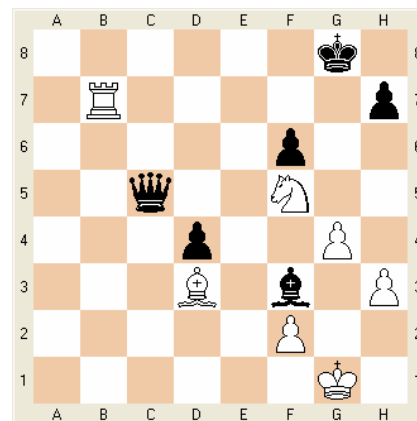
After the game, Sam said I missed a win with 36.Rxb5 but 36...Qxb5! wins the exchange for Black.

36...Bc6 37.Rxb7 Nf3+



Believe it or not, this move loses. Black had to interpolate 37...Qc1+ 38.Bf1 and only now 38...Nf3+ 39.Qxf3 Bxf3 40.Rb8+ Kf7 41.Nxd4 when White's rook, knight, and pawn can probably draw against Black's queen.

38.Qxf3 Bxf3



Now, after 39.Rb8+ Kf7, the move 40.Nxd4 is not a viable option with Black's queen guarding the d4 pawn. But White has a winning move, right out of a chess composition. Can you see it?

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39.Bc4+!!

And here my opponent resigned because of the following variations:

- a) 39...Qxc4 40.Rb8+ Kf7 41.Nd6+ followed by 42.Nxc5;
- b) 39...Bd5 40.Bxd5+ Qxd5 41.Ne7+ followed by 42.Nxd5;
- c) 39...Kf8 (or 39...Kh8) 40.Rb8+ forcing mate.

A fantastic finish to a flawed game!

Chess for Veterans

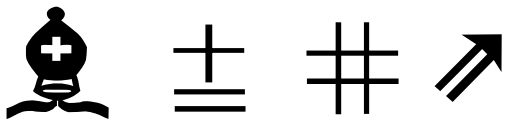
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Chess From Over Yonder In Pennsylvania by Expert Joe Mucerino



West Chester Chess Club Championship

WEST CHESTER - It was time once again for me to defend a club championship. It was time to defend the West Chester title, which I have won for the last two years. The same group took part once again, with one exception: former club champ Michael Bury rejoined the club late last year after several years of absence. It was obvious he would be my main competition.

But he would not be my only competition. In the first round, Lassaad Sanane missed the win of a piece against me, and I was fortunate to win. Charles Jay pulled off the round's only upset, against Jim Merickel. In round two, top seed Bury was held to a draw against 2003 champ Mel Ross. I won against Roy Eikerenkoetter to become the only perfect score in the tournament. Merickel lost to Don Anderson, and Sanane drew Jay. Merickel and Jay both withdrew at the halfway point.

The third round saw the Bury-Mucerino pairing, and, although this was only the penultimate round, this game was for all intents and purposes the championship game. Since I was a half point ahead of Bury, I felt a draw would be fine. I won the only prior encounter, in 2002. What would happen?

NM Michael Bury (2200)

Joseph Mucerino (2086)

West Chester Club Ch., Rd. 3, TL 40/80/ SD/30, Feb. 9, 2006, ECO B01

Scandinavian Defense

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Bc4 Nb6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.O-O e6 8.d3 Be7 9.Bf4 O-O 10.h3 Na5 11.Qe2 Nxb3 12.axb3 Bf6 13.Be5 a6 14.Rfe1 Nd7 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qe3 Rfe8 17.Qf4 e5 18.Qb4 Rab8 19.Nd5 Qd6 20.Qxd6 21.Ne3 Be6 22.Ng5 Nb6 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Ra5 Rc8 25.c3 f6 26.Nf5 g6 27.Ne3 Re7 28.f3 Kf7 29.b4 Rd7 30.Rea1 d5 31.b5 axb5 32.Rxb5

The game has been pretty straightforward so far. Fritz says that this position is equal, but I prefer white. He has the open a-file, the black knight is under attack, and it does not have a good square to go to.

32...Rc6 33.Nc2 Rcd6 34.Ra3 Nc8?

This probably loses the game, because it allows the rook into a8. I was in time pressure (40/80 SD/30), so the quality of my moves suffered.

35.Ra8 Rc7 36.Nb4 Ke6 37.Kf2 d4 38.c4 Ne7 39.Rb8 Rdd7 40.Rh8 Nf5??

The last move of the time control seals the deal. 40...h5 was better.

41.Nd5!

Now white is winning.

41...Rc6 42.Rf8 Rf7 43.Rxf7 Kxf7 44.Rxb7+ Ke6

I decided to jettison the h pawn because if I played 44...Kg8, white's b-pawn would go from coast to coast and queen.

45.Rxh7 Ne3

Offering the exchange of knights while down may seem strange, but after the exchange, I can win the dangerous pawn on b2.

46...Kd6 47.Ne8+ Kc5 48.Rb7 Ra6 49.b4+!

Simplifying into an easily won ending. I play on only because it is an important game.

49...Kc6 50.b5+ Kxb7 51.bxa6+ Kxa6 52.Nxf6 Ka5 53.Nd7 Kb4 54.Nxe5 Kc3 55.g4 Nd1+ 56.Ke2 Ne3 57.h4 Ng2 58.Nxg6 **Black Resigns**

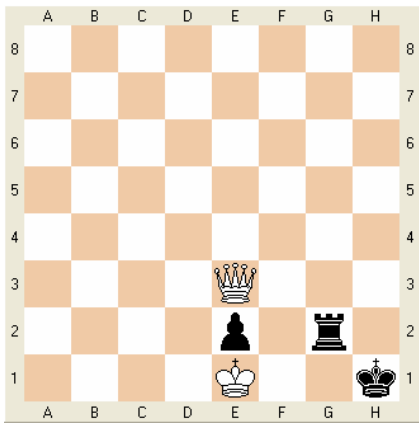
Mel Ross drew Charles Jay. They joined Eikerenkoetter, Santo Mazzeo (who had a one point bye in round three) and myself for a logjam tie for second place with two points. In the final round, Eikerenkoetter put up a good fight against Bury, but got ground down in the ending, giving Bury the title back. I beat Ross, Anderson beat Jay, and Mazzeo could not play in the final round, so that gave me clear second. The win gave Anderson clear third with 2.5 points.

5th Annual Knights of Columbus Chess Tournament (June 3, 2006)

DuBOIS - Once again players from all over came to DuBois to play in this free unrated event. Attendance was down this year, perhaps caused by the fact that it was impossible to schedule it in March, and the date was pushed back to the first Saturday in June.

Yours truly and John Caliguire were the defending champions in the eight player adult section. I won what would be my most difficult game of the tournament against my fast improving friend, Ryan Miller. Caliguire defeated Jason Smith, while junior Mark Ignaczak stepped up and defeated Richard Latta. Steve Hudson held Tom Shade to a draw in an interesting king, rook, and passed pawn on the seventh rank (Hudson) verses king and queen (Shade) ending.

Here's the position (if I remember it correctly): White: King on e1 and queen on e3. Black: King on h1, rook on g2, pawn on e2. What would you do? I would do what the players did and offer a draw! What does Fritz think? Fritz thought white was up seven pawns. Using shootout, it played:



1.Qh6+ Rh2 2.Qc6+ Rg2 3.Qe4 Kg1 4.Qh4 Rh2 5.Qd4+ Kh1 6.Kd2 Rg2 7.Qh4+ Rh2 8.Qe1+ and announced mate in 34! Being curious, I gave black the move 1...Kg1 instead of 1...Rh2. This turned out to be worse, because after 1...Rh2, black drew one game out of five in shootout mode, and lost them all with 1...Kg1. After 1...Kg1, Fritz played 2.Qh5 Rh2 3.Qc5+ Kh1 4.Kd2 Rg2 5.Qd4 Rh2 6.Qa1+ e1=Q 7.Kxe1. If your name is Fritz, then king and queen verses king and rook is an easily won ending. If your name is Joe Mucerino, then it's not.

Round two: Last year's co-champs met, and your columnist won after Caliguire made a horrible blunder. Smith had a wild sacrificial attack against Miller, but Miller survived and won the game a knight up. Hudson beat Latta, and Ignaczak gave a second adult a lesson, when he beat Shade.

However, his reward was to meet me in the next round, and my experience prevailed. Caliguire-Shade came down to king verses king, Miller-Hudson was also drawn, and Smith beat Latta. In the final round, Hudson missed a costly check against me, Caliguire beat Ignaczak, Miller defeated Latta, and Smith checkmated Shade. That made me the winner for the third year running.

On tiebreaks, Caliguire was second and Miller third. Ignaczak took the fourth place trophy on tiebreak.

The ten player teen junior/senior high school section was dominated by kids from Brockway. Mitch Veltri was the big winner, followed by Nathan Buganza in second. Emma Lisak of Punxsutawney, the only non Brockway winner, was third. Fourth was Crystal Crusley, and tying for fifth were Amber Manning and Ryan Shaffer.

In the six-player elementary/youth division, Brockway again found a winner in Jared Rogos. Daniel Blackmore of Kane finished in second place. Tim Rutledge took third place in his hometown, followed by Jay Lisak of Punxsutawney in fourth and Anthony DePello of Brockway in fifth.

Kopec's Camp G/60 and 7th Judah Ash Memorial LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ - For those who did not want to spend over \$300 to play in the World Open, the Kopec Camp offered these two tournaments as alternatives. The

G/60 tournament was the first event outside of Pennsylvania I have played in since I played in the same event two years ago (the Keystone State simply has everything to satisfy my chess needs). I was not sure if I would make it again this year because of the flooding, but, thankfully, the Delaware River had receded in time.

The one day G/60 tournament always has more players than the two day event. This year, twenty-seven people took part. In the first round, everyone in the top half defeated everyone in the bottom half, and almost the same thing can be said for the second round. In the penultimate round, I was held to a draw by Rafael Witten, who missed a win against me. In a weird sense, this was payback, because back in 1997, the first edition of this event, I missed a win against Witten's father, Dr. Edward Witten. The two other main contenders, Yakov Shlapentokh-Rothman and Zachary Witten, also won their games. They were the only two perfect scores, and, in the final round, Shlapentokh-Rothman emerged victorious. I defeated Michael Polito and Rafael Witten beat Richard Ebright, and we tied for second with 3.5 points.

What the two-day Judah Ash Memorial lacks in participants, it makes up in strength. There were only eight players, but half were masters and there was also a 2100. Again, in the first round, the top half defeated the bottom half, although William Campion almost drew David Grasso. The masters began meeting in round two. Grasso drew top seeded Yefim Treger, Marajudin Daftani was held to a draw by Joe Kennedy, Campion beat Bryan Ball (who then withdrew), and Michael Shapiro had the only perfect score after defeating Dragan Milovanovic. On Sunday, Milovanovic stayed in the picture by besting Grasso, Deftani beat Campion, and Shapiro halved the point against Treger.

Treger drew again in the final round against Milovanovic, Grasso beat Kennedy, and Shapiro's draw against Daftani was enough to give him clear first with three points. The three other masters finished a half point back.

At six o'clock on Saturday, the Kopec family treated everyone to the annual Bar-B-Q dinner. I never ate a hot dog that was as thick as a fifty cent piece! The dinner was all-you-can-eat (while supplies lasted). I had two hot dogs, a hamburger, and enough potato chips to grease my entire circulatory system! Corn, watermelon, and several kinds of soda were also available.

Lawrenceville School has a beautiful campus, and I always arrive early to spend an hour or so walking around. I overheard someone say that the camp will be back next year, so I hope to see you there!

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Chess Gems

by Peter J. Tamburro Jr.



Today's game will go down in chess history as one of the great epics of a single chess struggle in a world championship. The game is so rich in complexity with all sorts of hidden surprises that we almost hesitate to give any analysis here!

This game has brilliant attacking plans and cold-blooded defensive skill. There are middle game positions that are simply too complicated to figure out. There are endgame positions that are worthy of becoming studies all by themselves.

Thus, we offer some paths to investigate and some initial judgments, but, frankly you're on your own!

Road Not Taken #1: 16...Qa5 17.g4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nf8 19.f5 h6 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Nf3 (21.Nf7 Re7 22.Nxh6+ gxh6 23.Bxh6 Rh7! 24.Bxf8 Bxf8 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Qxe6 Qd2) 21...Rec8 22.g5 h5 23.Nh4 Rc7 24.Ng6 Qb6 25.Be3 Rac8 26.Nxf8 Rxf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rf1+ and White's winning.

Road Not Taken #2: 20...h6 21.Nxe6 Rxe6 22.gxf5 Rec6 23.Rg1 Kh8 24.f6 gxf6 25.f5 fxe5 26.dxe5 Bc5 27.f6 R8c7 28.Raf1 Rf7 29.Bxc5 Rxc5 30.Qe3 Rcc7 31.e6 Rxf6 32.Qe5 and White's winning.

Road Not Taken #3: 29...Rxc2 30.gxh7+ Kxh7 31.Rg7+ Kh8 32.Rg8+ Kh7 33.R1g7+ Kh6 34.f5+ Bg5 35.Rxg5 and mate can't be stopped. Wow!

Road Not Taken #4: 36.Bh6 Rb3 37.Rg3 Rb1+ 38.Ng1 Qxg4 39.Rxg4 a5 40.Bxg7 a4 looks equal.

Road Not Taken #5: 40.Qxe4 dxe4 41.Ng5!? Bf8!! (41...Bh6 42.Nxf7 Bxe3 43.Nd8 a5 44.d5 a4 45.dxe6) 42.Nxe6 a5!! 43.Kf4 a4 44.Kxe4 a3 45.d5 a2 46.Bd4 Rh7 and Black defends!

Road Not Taken #6: 42.Ng5! Bxf6 43.Nxf7 Kxf7 44.exf6 a5 45.Be5 a4 46.Bd6 Kxf6 47.Kf4 draws.

Road Not Taken #7: 55.Kd7!! b5 56.Ne6+ Kf7 57.Nd8+ Kf6 58.Nc6 Rb1 59.Kd6 b4 60.Kc5 b3 61.Kc4 b2 62.Kc3 Rd1 63.Kxb2 Rxd5 is a K+R vs. K+N endgame.

And yet other questions: Why not 22...fxg4? Why not 32.Rxg4+ winning? Should Topalov have gone for the draw with 33.Ng5? Why not 37.Re1? And why not 53...Re3!! to avoid RNT #7?

The pressure on these two men during this game must have been almost unbearable. A magnificent struggle full of humanity.

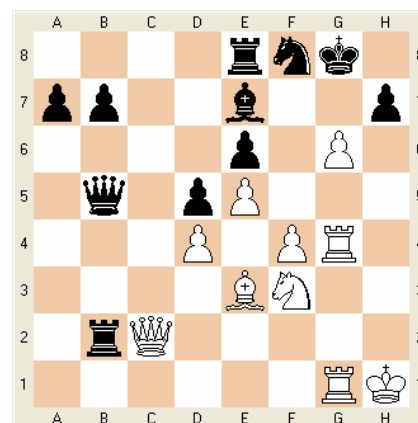
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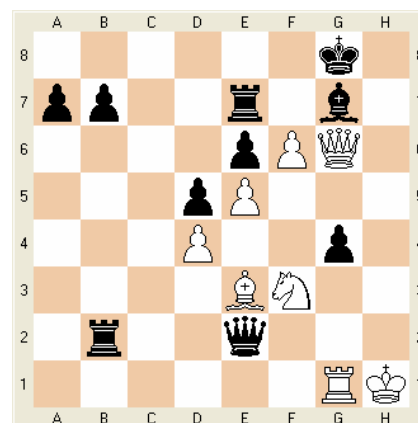
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Slav Defense – Dutch Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0–0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.e4 0–0 11.Bd3 Bh5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5!? cxd5 14.Qe3 Bg6 15.Ng5 Re8 16.f4 Bxd3! 17.Qxd3 f5 18.Be3 Nf8 19.Kh1 Rc8 20.g4!? Qd7 21.Rg1 Be7 22.Nf3 Rc4!? 23.Rg2 fxg4! 24.Rxg4 Rxa4 25.Rag1 g6 26.h4 Rb4 27.h5 Qb5 28.Qc2 Rxb2 29.hxg6!!



29. ...h5! 30.g7 hxg4 31.gxf8(Q)+ Bxf8 32.Qg6+?? Bg7 33.f5 Re7 34.f6 Qe2!



35.Qxg4 Rf7 36.Rc1 Rc2 37.Rxc2 Qd1+! 38.Kg2 Qxc2+ 39.Kg3 Qe4 40.Bf4! Qf5 41.Qxf5 exf5 42.Bg5?! a5 43.Kf4 a4 44.Kxf5 a3 45.Bc1 Bf8! 46.e6 Rc7 47.Bxa3 Bxa3 48.Ke5 Rc1 49.Ng5 Rf1 50.e7 Re1+ 51.Kxd5 Bxe7 52.fxe7 Rxe7 53.Kd6 Re1? 54.d5 Kf8 55.Ne6+? Ke8 56.Nc7+ Kd8 57.Ne6+ Kc8 58.Ke7 Rh1 59.Ng5 b5 60.d6 Rd1 61.Ne6 b4 62.Nc5 Re1+ 63.Kf6 Re3 **White Resigns**

As we noted several weeks ago, our new state champion is not one to avoid complications.

Evan Ju shows considerable poise in the penultimate round of the *New Jersey Open* against a formidable opponent, Emory Tate, who has graced this column before with his defeat of GM Nick DeFirmian at the NJ Open in 2001. Anyone wishing to see that game can go to www.NJSCF.org for a complete annotation of that wild and wonderful game.

However, sometimes “wild” doesn’t go your way. It might have if Tate had gone with 12.Nxf8 Rxf8 13.dxe5 Ne4 14.Be3 Qxb2 15.Qc1 Qxc1+ 16.Rxc1 Bf5 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nd2 Nxd2 20.Kxd2 Kf7 21.Rhe1 Ke6 22.f4. The Black king in the center would have then been in a precarious spot. Black, back on move seven would have been more circumspect to play 7...Be7 8.Bf4 0–0 9.Qd2 f6, which is a more thematic way of attacking White’s center. Leaving that e6 square unprotected could have proved fatal. If Black is ready to castle, the game changes, even if the bishop move is played one move later: 8...Be7 9.b4 c4 10.Qc2 a5 11.Rb1 axb4 12.axb4 0–0 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 f6 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Ng3 Bd7. Thus, Tate is given an opportunity to pounce.

Usually, in “veteran” vs. “kid” scenarios, it is the veteran who remains calm in the crisis and it’s the kid who folds under pressure. Here, it doesn’t work that way. Our young champ eschews the safer 12...Bxe6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Bd3 0–0–0 15.0–0 Bg4 16.h3 Bh5 17.b4 Kb8 18.Be2 (18.Bb2 d4) Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Bd6 20.Ra2 Be5 for the dangerous looking 12....Ng4.

Under the pressure of the circumstances Tate opts for the safer appearing 13.Ned4 which gave Black the opportunity to later play 14...Ngxe5. Black, instead, went with 14...0-0, giving White the time to go with 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.b4. However, both sides seemed wrapped up with the menacing qualities of that knight on g4.

Interestingly enough, appearances are not always reality, no matter what the ticking clock makes you think. White could have gotten away with allowing the check at f2: 13.Qxd5 Qxf2+ 14.Kd1 Qb6 15.Bc4 Bd7 16.Bg5 and it is White who has the attack against an uncastled king!

The moment slipped by, and it was young Ju’s cool under pressure that prevailed. Tate, in heading for castling, ironically enough, ends up in a position that is under his opponent’s dominance of the center and pressure on the kingside.

Tate is a fighter, though, and makes life interesting even though the exchange down. When Ju gets a little cavalier with his a-pawn (an earlier R8f7 could have obviated that loss), it gives White some play and some hope, but when 36...Rxf3! is played, that pretty much finally decides the game.

This is a great game full of vicissitudes that reveal the tension of the occasion and the pressure of top level tournament chess.

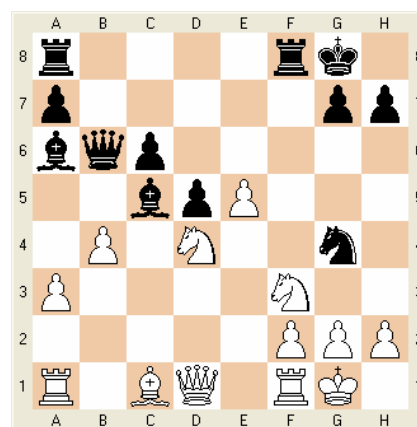
IM Emory Tate (2447)

Evan Ju (2203)

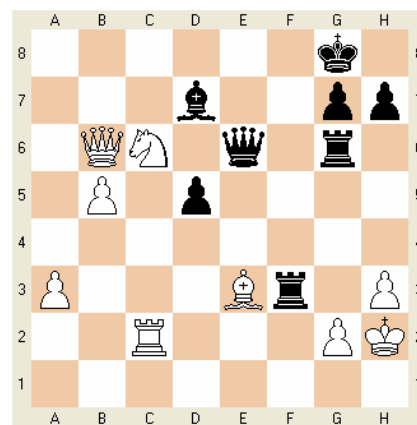
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French Defense – Two Knights Variation

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.d4 c5 6.Ne2 Nc6 7.c3 Qb6 8.a3 f6? 9.Nf4 fxe5 10.Nxe6 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.dxe5 Ng4! 13.Ned4 Bc5 14.Bb5 0–0! 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.0–0?! Ba6 17.b4



17. ...Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Nxe5 19.Re1 Nd3 20.Be3 Nxe1 21.Qxe1 Rae8 22.Qc3 Rf6 23.Nb3 Qc7 24.Qc5 Qe5?! 25.Nd4 Ref8 26.h3 Bc8 27.Rc1 Bd7 28.Qxa7 R8f7 29.Qa8+ Rf8 30.Qb7 R8f7 31.Qb6 Rf8 32.Nxc6 Qe4 33.f3 Qe8 34.b5 Rg6 35.Kh2 Qe6 36.Rc2 Rxf3!



37.Qb8+ Rf8 38.Qe5 Bxc6 39.Qxe6+ Rxe6 40.Bc5 Rc8 41.a4 Bd7 42.Rc3 d4 43.Bxd4 Rxc3 44.Bxc3 Re4 45.b6 Bc6 46.a5 Re2 47.Kg1 Rxg2+ 48.Kf1 Rg3 49.Be1 Ra3 50.h4 Ra2 **White Resigns**

We now have the youngest New Jersey state champion in all our storied history as 15 year old Evan Ju of Mendham compiled a 5-1 score to finish ahead of such former title holders as Steve Stoyko and Dean Ippolito.

Evan broke a record set by another 15 year old, Tyler Cowen, back in 1977. Cowen is now a professor of economics at George Mason University and informs us that his 15th birthday was in the January before the NJ Open. Evan is a little younger with a June celebration.

The youngest player to ever win the NJ Open was a 14 year-old boy from Brooklyn who won it in 1957: Bobby Fischer.

Evan's last round game with IM Dean Ippolito was a real struggle worthy of the occasion. Dean was a half-point behind as he had taken a bye in one round to be at his daughter's first birthday celebration.

Ippolito was defending with his signature Petroff Defense, with which he has won some great games. He tried to complicate things, but his young opponent was not ruffled. In fact, young Mr. Ju even went with an aggressive 13.Ng5 to try and create some play after his opponent had played a complication minded Bh5.

There were just a couple of other opportunities for Black to make it more complicated. There was 17...Qa5 18.Rb1 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ (19.Be3 Re7) 19...Rxe8 as one possibility.

By move 33 it was clear to White that he could hold the draw and win the championship, so he told us that he avoided the following dangerous and alluring line we asked him about: 33.d5 cxd5 34.cxd5 Rxa4 35.Rc6 Bc5 36.Bxc5 bxc5 37.Rxc5 Kg7 38.f4 h5 39.Kf3 Ra3+ 40.Ke4 Kf6 41.Rc6+ Ke7 42.g4 h4 43.g5 Rxh3 44.Rc7+ Ke8 45.Rxa7 Rh1 46.Ke5 Rf1 47.Ra8+ Ke7 (47...Kd7?? 48.Rh8!) 48.d6+ Kd7 49.Rh8 Ra1 50.Kf6±. There is a lot more to this and it is not as clear as it seems, so the line chosen was an eminently practical option.

There was still danger, though, for both sides, around move 46: 46...Be1 47.Ke2 Bb4 48.Kd3 a5 49.Bd2 (49.g4 Ke6 50.Bd2 Bxd2 51.Kxd2 Kf6 52.f4 Kg6 53.Kc3 fxg4 54.hxg4 h5 55.gxh5+ Kxh5 and Black wins) 49...Bxd2 50.Kxd2 h5 51.f3 and White wins. This was no ordinary draw. This was an epic struggle where both players gave it their all.

We congratulate the winner and look forward to publishing more games of Evan Ju as he embarks on his championship reign.

Evan Ju (2203)

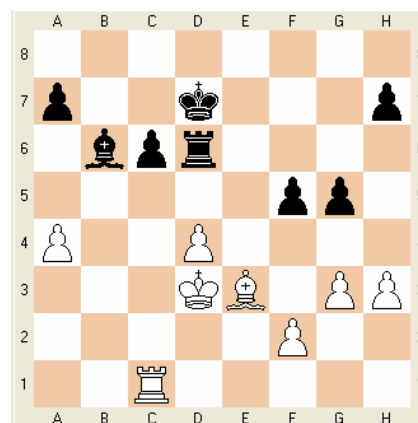
IM Dean Ippolito (2447)

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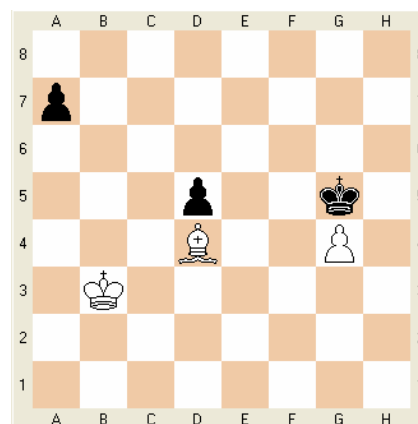
Petroff's Defense – Classical Attack - Marshall

Variation

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0–0 0–0 8.c4 c6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Bg4 12.Qd3 Bh5 13.Ng5!? Bg6 14.Qf3 Nd7 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Nf6 17.Re1 Qc7 18.h3 Rad8 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Rd7 21.Qf5 Re7 22.Bd2 Rfe8 23.Re3 Rxe3 24.Bxe3 Qe7 25.a4 Bc7 26.Rb1 b6 27.c4 g6 28.Qf3 Qd6 29.g3 Qe6 30.Rc1 Qe4 31.Kg2 Bd6 32.Qxe4 Rxe4 33.Kf3 f5 34.Rb1 Kf7 35.c5 Bc7 36.cxb6 Bxb6 37.Rb3 Re7 38.Rc3 Re6 39.Rc4 Rd6 40.Ke2 Ke6 41.Kd3 Kd7 42.Rc1 g5

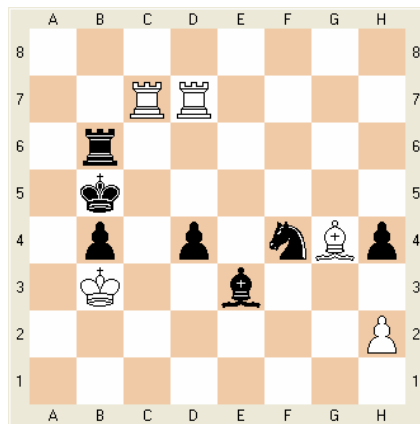


43.a5 Bxa5 44.Rc5 Rd5 45.Rxd5+ cxd5 46.Bxg5 h5 47.f3 Be1 48.g4 fxg4 49.fxg4 hxg4 50.hxg4 Bf2 51.Bd2 Ke6 52.Kc3 Kf6 53.Kd3 Kg6 54.Kc3 Kf6 55.Kd3 Kf7 56.Kc3 Kg6 57.Kd3 Bh4 58.Kc3 Be7 59.Kb3 Bf6 60.Be3 Bxd4 61.Bxd4 Kg5 **Draw Agreed**

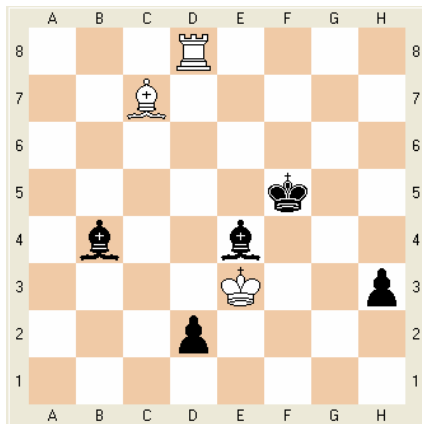


Final Position

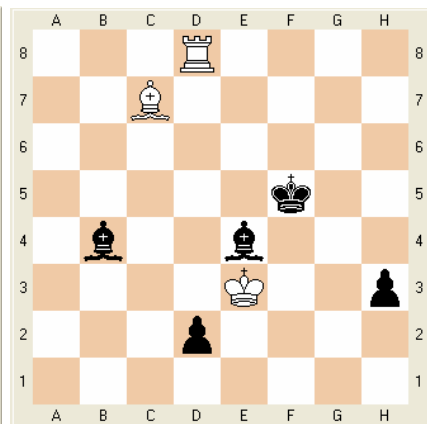
Problem Solver's Corner ~ by Steve Ferrero



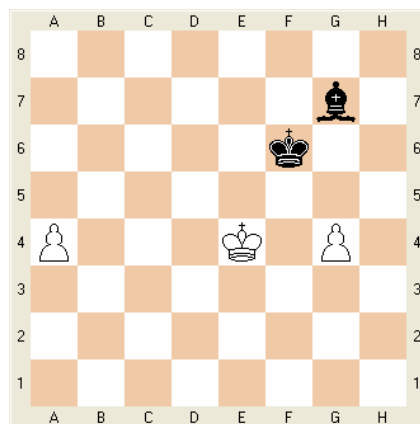
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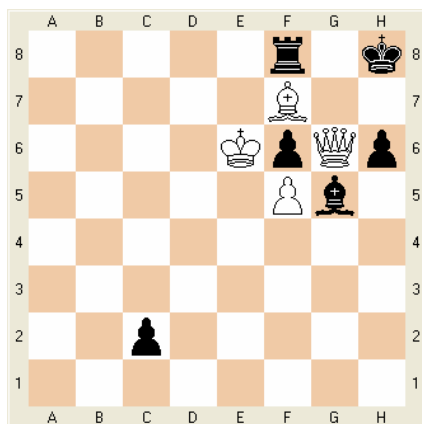
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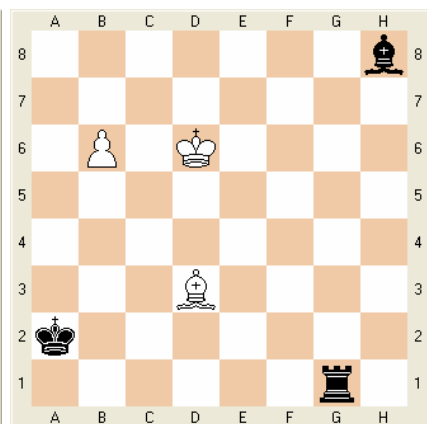
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White To Move-And +~



April ~ June 2006 Problem #4
White To Move-And +~



April ~ June 2006 Problem #5
White To Move-And +~



April ~ June 2006 Problem #6
White To Move-And Draw

Solutions: January ~ March 2006 Problem Solver's Corner (see next issue for solutions to problems above)

Problem#1: Qxh7!, Rxh7 (Black can try to give up heavy material to stave off mate but the outcome is not in any doubt. -Black is powerless to parry the threefold threats of Qf7#, Qxg6#, and Qxh8#), Rf8#

Problem#2: The proper way to proceed Qxh6+! (parting with the lady forces mate!), gxh6 (forced), g7+, Kh7 (forced), gxh8(N)+ (this unusual underpromotion capture seals the fate of the -Black king since he is hemmed in), Kh8 (forced), Rg8#

Problem#3: Qxh7+! (We see yet another queen sacrifice! Folks, familiarize yourself with these queen sacrificial themes. Note the -Black weakened king position evident in these first three problems. You must always try to capitalize on the strengths of your position when your pieces are more actively posted.), Kxh7 (forced), Rh4+ (neatly closing all escape routes for the fleeing -Black king!), Kg8 (forced), Re8#

Problem#4: Now it is time for -Black to start sacking his queen! ... Qxh2+!, Kxh2 (forced), Rh4+, Kg1 (forced), Rh1+!, Nxh1 (forced), gxh1(R)# (... gxh1(Q) also delivers mate on the move)

Problem#5: Although the illusion of ... -Bb3 giving up the -Black rook to ram the pawn through for a new queen appears to win, White can stubbornly reply with Rxd8+, Rxd8, Rb1! Making -Black work for the full point. The correct way to continue is: e5! (forking the White rook and bishop leads to very forcing play!), Rxd5, Rxd5 (winning the exchange), exd5 (otherwise the -Black pawn queens), exf4 (threatening ... Rc1 to escort the pawn in for promotion), Rb1, Rc2+ (notice how the -Black f4 pawn tightens the net forcing the White king to the perilous back rank), Ke1, Rc1+ and White cannot stop the -Black pawn from queening.

Problem#6: Rxg7+! (The -Black king is exposed just enough to allow White to uncork such forcing play which follows), Kxg7 (if ... Kf8, the -Black king still succumbs to Rg5 and the coming fireworks that will soon appear), Qg3+, Kf7, Rh7+, Ke8, Qb8+, Kd7, Qxb7+, Kd8, Qxe7+, Kc8, Qc7#

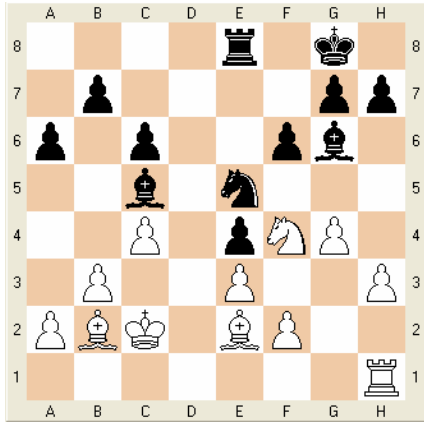
Steve Ferrero (1854)

Ronald M. Saylo (1899)

NJ Open – U1900, Rd. 6, TL 40/2 SD/1, Sep 4, 2006, ECO A01

Larsen's Opening

1. b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e4 5.Nd4 Bd6 6.Nxc6 dxc6 7.d4 O-O 8.c4 Re8 9.Nc3 Bf5 10.Be2 a6 11.h3 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qxd8 Raxd8 14.Rd1 Rxd1+ 15.Kxd1 Nd7 16.g4 Bg6 17.Nd5 c6 18.Nf4 Ne5 19.Kc2 f6



20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Nxg6 **Draw Agreed**

Ron clinched a 1st place tie with one other chessplayer once this game ended in a draw. Ron, congratulations on a fine tournament and a much deserved finish in this year's New Jersey Open – U2000 section!

Your editor went undefeated finishing with three draws and three wins for a 4½ out of 6 finish and locking up clear 3rd place behind Ron and Johnny Belkin.

60th New Jersey Open Results

Open Section – 1st Evan D. Ju 5/6
Open Section – 2nd & 3rd IM Dean J. Ippolito 4½/6
Open Section – 2nd & 3rd Stephen E. Stoyko 4½/6

U1900 Section – 1st & 2nd Ronald M. Saylo 5/6
U1900 Section – 1st & 2nd Johnny Belkin 5/6
U1900 Section – 3rd Steve Ferrero 4½/6

U1600 Section – 1st Davar Hamadani 5½/6
U1600 Section – 2nd & 3rd Scott Sheff 4½/6
U1600 Section – 2nd & 3rd Douglas Proll 4½/6

U1300 Section – 1st Dustin J. Richwine 6/6
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