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From Your Editor's Desk

I've just returned as a participant from this year's 108th Annual US Open held at the newly renovated Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill, NJ. It was fantastic! The tournament accommodated players varied playing schedules and saw 408 participants swarming from all over the country to get their chance at winning this prestigious tournament! We even had handful of foreign players who made the trek to Cherry Hill for a shot to their claim to fame trying to win.

In round six, an undefeated 5-0 IM Amon Simutowe continued his perfect score with his round six upset victory over the strong GM Hikaru Nakamura to keep himself tied with IM Benjamin P. Finegold who took out the respected IM Justin Sarkar in the same round! The tension really heated up with the lead changing hands as the players forged ahead into the ninth and final round. In the end, there was a seven way tie for 1st place with 7.5 / 9. Among the players sharing 1st, GM Boris Gulko (who won the title on tiebreaks), GM Sergey Kudrin, IM Benjamin P. Finegold, GM Alexander Shabalov, GM Michael A. Rohde, IM Michael A. Mulyar, & Anton P. Del Mundo. This issue is chock full of games from this event.

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 2.53 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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Joe Ippolito, President

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Listed below are the NJSCF chairmen, officers, and board members along with their addresses, and email addresses for your convenience. Please keep in mind that many of these people donate their time in the form of meetings (usually on Saturdays/Sundays several times per year) and also during the year promoting chess in NJ to make your chess playing experience as rewarding as it can be!

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

***** A Heritage Event! *****

September 1 ~ 3, September 2 ~ 3

61st Annual New Jersey Open

GPP: 50 Enhanced

6SS, 40/2, SD/1, Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset NJ, Exit 12 off I-287 (Weston Canal Road). HR \$79 with continental breakfast, Ramada Inn (732) 560-9880, mention NJ Chess. All prizes guaranteed. In four sections, with 2 or 3 day playing schedules. Open: EF: \$65 if mailed by 8/25, \$80 at site. No re-entries in Open section. \$\$ 600-450-350-300-200-100. Top Exp & A, \$100 each. Trophies to NJ Champion, top Exp. & A. Lower 3 sections: EF: \$60 by 8/25, \$75 at site. \$40 re-entry after round #2. U1900: \$\$ 500-300-200-100, top class B \$100 & trophy. U1600: \$\$ 500-300-200-100. Top class D \$100 & trophy. U1300: \$\$ 500-300-200-100, trophies top class E & Unrated. Former C players may not win first in U1300. All sections: Trophies to top three. Unrated may not win first prize except in Open. 3-day schedule: Reg. 9/1, 9 am-11 am. Rds.: Sat. 12-7, Sun. 11-6, Mon. 9:30-4. 2-day schedule: Reg. 9/2, 9-10:30 am, Rds.: Sun. 1-3, (G/45) 11am then ASAP with short breaks. Schedules merge in round 4. Two half-point byes permitted in rounds 1-5, if requested before round #1. Ent: Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Make checks payable to NJSCF. Info: Ken Thomas (908) 763-6468, acn@goes.com. No ear covering. NS. NC. W.

**Don't Forget To Register For
The Above Tournament Which Is
Being Held In Somerset, New
Jersey This Year!**

September 8 Greater Cherry-Hill Swiss / Quads

Cherry Hill Public Library, 1100 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Reg.: both events 9:30 to 10:00! QUADS: 3RR, G/60. Pre-reg. online for \$15, \$20 at site. \$\$ 40 to winner. Rds.: 10-12:15 -2:30. SWISS: 5SS, G/30. Pre-reg. online for \$25, \$30 at site. 1st Prize \$100, 2nd Prize \$75: BOTH GUARANTEED, Exp./A (\$60), B (\$60), C(\$60); D/E/Unr.(\$60), Class \$\$/30. More than one player/section for prize. Rds.: 10:30-11:45-1-2:15-3:30. **ALSO BRAND NEW: KIDS U800 SWISS--4 GAMES/G45 LIMITED TO 1ST 30 TO REGISTER. TOP 3 WIN TROPHIES.** Rds.: 10:30-11:35-12:50. Pre-reg.at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/65857983>. For more info: visit www.greaterchchess.com or contact Dan Herman 856)287-2393 or hermanator3@comcast.net.

September 9 Westfield-Action Quads

3RR Game/45, Full K. Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, N.J. Prizes \$50 to first in each section. EF: \$20, \$15 Members. Reg.: 2-2:15 p.m. Rds: 2:30 - 4:20-6:10 p.m. Info: Todd Lunna, 732-946-7379, www.westfieldchessclub.com, please bring identification to enter the building.



Photo provided courtesy of Terese Hatch
One of our columnists captured this memorable shot of this year's 35th Annual World Open held in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania at the Valley Forge Convention Plaza.

September 10 ~ 24 Hackettstown-Fall Quads

3RR, 40/90, Hackettstown Community Ctr., 293 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. EF: \$6. Trophy or chess book to 1st each Quad. REG: 7-7:30PM. RDS: 7:30 each Mon. ENT: HAROLD J DARST, 111 Moore St, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 908-852-5925.

September 16 Westfield Swiss #44

4SS, G/30. Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield N.J. Prizes: \$425 Guaranteed: \$125 - \$60 Under 2050, Under 1800, Under 1550, Under 1300 \$60. EF: \$35, \$25 Members. Reg: 2-2:30 p.m. Rds: 2:30-3:40-4:50-6p.m. Info: Todd Lunna, 732-946-7379 www.westfieldchessclub.com, please bring identification to enter the building.

September 23 Westfield Scholastic Quick #3 & Quick #4

Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, N.J. Quick #1, 4SS G/10 gold medal to 1st, silver medal to 2nd, bronze medals to all other players. EF: \$10. Reg: 2-2:30 pm. Rds: 2:45-3:10-3:35-4:00 pm. Quick #2 4 SS G/10 gold medal to first, silver medal to second, bronze medals to all other players. EF: \$10. Reg: 4:30-5 pm. Rds: 5:15-5:40-6:05-6:30 pm. Info: Todd Lunna, 732-946-7379, www.westfieldchessclub.com, please bring identification to enter the building.

September 29 Viking last Saturday Quads

Courtyard Marriot, 15 Howard Blvd, Mt. Arlington, NJ at Exit #30, Route #80. 3RR, G/90. EF: \$20. \$\$G \$40. 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.

September 29 Viking K-8 Kids Kwads

(Limited to K-8), 15 Howard Blvd, Mt. Arlington, NJ at Exit #30, Route #80. 3RR, G/30. EF \$15. Trophy to first each quad or \$30 & other prizes. 3-0 plays free next month. Rds: 10:30 them asap. Info: Ken Thomas, cell 908-763-6468 or acn@goes.com, Ent: Before 10:30 am at site. NS, NC, W.

October 1 ~ December 17 Fall Team Tournament

3-6 teams, 9-12 rds., 40/90. Hackettstown Community Center, 293 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ. EF: \$14, \$10 Jrs. Trophy or book to each player on winning team, best overall indiv. record. Highest USCF rated players become team captains and select their teams by draft. Reg: 7:30pm. Rds: Each Mon. Ent: Harold J Darst, 111 Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. (908) 852-5925.

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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 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 N.J! ****

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)

Hamilton Chess Club

Ray Dwier Recreation Bldg.
Mercer County Road, Route 609
Groveville 08620
Contact: Ed Sytnik 609-758-2326
Website: www.hamiltonchess.org
Meets **Wednesdays 7:30pm – 10:30pm**

Hillsdale – Montvale Chess Club

Montvale Municipal Building
Memorial Drive
Montvale 07645
Contact: Gerald Freel
78 Magnolia Street, Pearl River, NY 10965
Contact: Stephen Ohayon
18 Cardinal Court, Montvale 07645
Contact: Gerald Freel
78 Magnolia Street, Pearl River, NY 10965
Meets **Wednesdays 7:00pm**
Fee: \$14/Year Club Membership

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
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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)**

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

Northfield & Ventnor Chess Club

Ventnor Library
6500 Atlantic Ave., 2nd Fl., Ventnor 08406
Site Phone: 609-823-4614
Contact: Gerry Sakura 609-601-1268
Email: Sakura999@aol.com
Meets **Tuesdays & Saturdays 1:00pm**
(Also Inquire About Backgammon!)

Plainsboro Chess Club

Plainsboro Library
641 Plainsboro Rd., Plainsboro 08536
Contact: Viraf Kapadia 609-799-4368
Email: plainsborochess@yahoo.com
Meets **Sundays 1:15pm – 4:45pm**
(Recommend Calling First Before Going!)

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
(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

Board Of Education Building
Hamburg Tpke & Church Lane, Wayne
Contact: Anthony Buzzoni 973-694-8943
Meets **Thursdays 7:00pm – 10:00pm**

West Orange Chess Club

Degnan Park Field House (off Pleasant
Valley Way)
Alyssa Drive, West Orange 07052
Contact: John Hagerty 973-736-3433
4 Karam Circle, West Orange 07052
Meets **Tuesdays 8:00pm – Midnight**

Westfield Chess Club

Westfield YMCA, Ferris Place
Contact: Todd Lunna
2124 Audonon Ave., So. Plainfield 07080
Bill Cohen (TD)
29 Hickory Street, Metuchen
Contact: Todd Lunna 732 946-7379
Meets **Sundays 2:30pm – 8:00pm**

Willingboro Chess Club

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**

Wizards of the Mind

30 Church Mall, Springfield 07081
Contact: Mark Schwartzman
Website: www.wizardsofthemind.com
917-841-5589
Meets **Saturday & Wednesday Nights**

Woodbury Chess Club

Presbyterian Church
South Broad Street, Woodbury 08096
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Meets **Tuesdays 7:00pm**



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you would like your chess club listed for free!

From Our President

by Joe Ippolito, President New Jersey State Chess Federation



The 108th Annual US Open hosted by New Jersey in Cherry Hill is now history. This event saw over 400 people from over the country enjoying a well-run, highly professional tournament. The final victory with 7½ points was New Jersey's own, Boris Gulko (who won on tiebreaks) in a 7 way tie for 1st place with GM Sergey Kudrin, IM Benjamin P. Finegold, GM Alexander Shabalov, GM Michael A. Rohde, IM Michael A. Mulyar, and Anton P. Del Mundo.

I would like to welcome some new people to our NJSCF board of directors: Noreen Davisson and Elena Didita to our Scholastics, Jim Menella to Ethics, Aaron Kiedes to head up Technology, Henry Feltman for tournament publicity, and Mike Goeller as the new Webmaster. You will be seeing a professional looking www.NJSCF.org website shortly under Mike Goeller's direction.

Some noteworthy events that you should know about - the NJSCF held a Futurity under the direction of our master affairs chairman – Michael Khodarkovsky. Kudos to Michael for setting up this fabulous event which involved getting five foreign players to play, securing financial sponsors, getting homes for the foreign players to stay, hotel arrangements for the site, and an experienced staff. This was so successful, that if we can talk Michael into it, we would like him to do it again next year. Again, it would be open to the public so that you can see these top players from around the world as well as our own state. The *New Jersey Open* is once again set up for the Labor Day weekend. Long time tournament director, Ken Thomas, will make sure that you have a pleasant and rewarding experience. Hope to see you there! Go to our website for information or contact Ken.

Finally, school will be opening in a few weeks, which means that our states Scholastic Chess will be following. We have a full scholastic schedule throughout the school year beginning with the *NJ Grade Level Championship* in November. Once again our website will be providing information or you can contact our Scholastic Coordinator – Hal Sprechman.

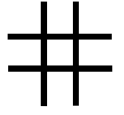
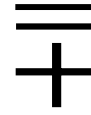
It would be remiss of me before closing to thank some special people in the state. Our *Sets for Vets* is still sending equipment to hospitalized veterans throughout the country as well as military bases here and overseas. Many of you have given donations in the past, but I would like to personally thank Glenn Hart who donated fabulous chess sets, and miscellaneous chess equipment that was auctioned off at this year's *US Open*. Because of Glenn's generosity, over \$500 dollars was brought in for this outstanding cause. Thanks Glenn!

Good chess to everyone!

**Don't Forget To Play In The
6th New Jersey Open Which Is
Being Held In Somerset, NJ
Sept. 1-3, 2-3**

Games From Around The State

by Steve Ferrero



In this edition of ACN, we present games just in from the 2007 *New Jersey Futurity Int'l.* held in Parsippany this past July 7-11th won by GM Sergey Erenburg. Many of these games are sharp battles between IMs and GMs, GMs vs GMs, and even our National Masters (NM) knocked off several GMs and IMs! We've also added games just in from the 108th Annual US Open held in Cherry Hill from July 30 – August 5th! Also, a few games from the G/30 side event quads held during the 108th Annual US Open have been included as well. Our first game below is by the winner of the 2007 *New Jersey Futurity Int'l.*

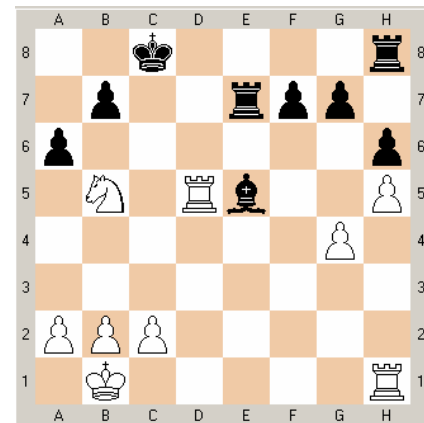
IM Amon Simutowe (2421)

GM Sergey Erenburg (2565)

9ss 2007 NJ Futurity Int'l., Rd. 9, TL G/90, July 11, 2007, ECO B12

Caro-Kann Defense – Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4 Bh7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc6 10.Be3 Nge7 11.h5 cxd4 12.Bxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc6 14.f4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Qa5 16.O-O-O Bb4 17.Ne2 O-O-O 18.f5 Bc5 19.Qc3 Qxc3 20.Nxc3 Be3+ 21.Kb1 Bf4 22.Nb5 Bxe5 23.fxe6 a6 24.e7 Rde8 25.Rxd5 Rxe7



26.Rxe5 Rxe5 27.Nd6+ Ke7 28.Nxf7 Rhe8 29.Nxe5+ Rxe5 30.Kc1 Rg5 31.Rh4 Kd6 32.Kd2 Ke6 33.Ke3 Kf6 34.Kf3 Ra5 35.a3 Kg5 36.Rh2 Ra4 37.Rg2 Rf4+ 38.Ke3 Rxf4 39.Rxf4+ Kxf4 40.b4 Kxh5 41.c4 Kg6 42.c5 Kf6 43.a4 Ke6 44.b5 axb5 45.axb5 Kd5 46.c6 bxc6 47.b6 Kd6 **White Resigns**

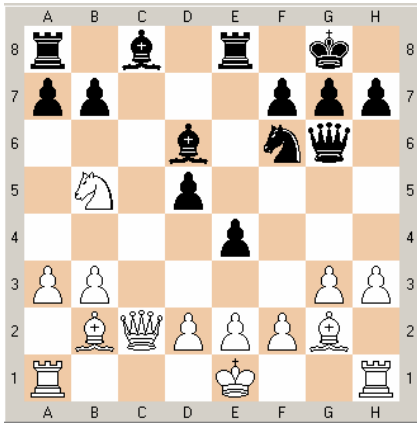
NM Mackenzie Molnar (2293)

IM Mikhail Zlotnikov (2367)

9ss 2007 NJ Futurity Int'l., Rd. 7, TL G/90, July 9, 2007, ECO A20

English Opening

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nf3 e4 5.Nd4 d5 6.cxd5 Qxd5 7.Nc2 Qh5 8.h3 Qg6 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.Ne3 O-O 11.Qc2 Re8 12.b3 Na6 13.a3 Nc7 14.Bb2 Ncd5 15.Nexd5 cxd5 16.Nb5



16. ... Bxg3 17.fxg3 Qxg3+ 18.Kf1 e3 19.dxe3 Ne4
20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Bd4 Bxh3+ 22.Rxh3 Qxh3+
23.Ke1 Qh1+ 24.Kf2 Qh2+ 25.Kf1 Rxd4 **White Resigns**

NM Evan Ju (2173)

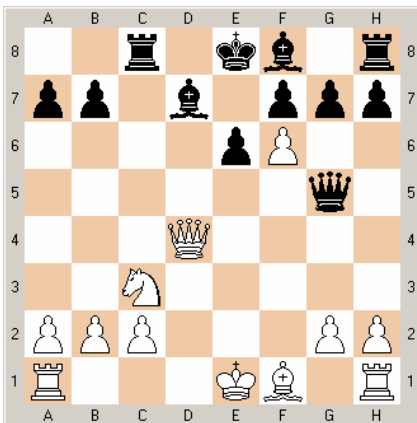
GM Gennady Zaitchik (2473)

9ss 2007 NJ Futurity Int'l., Rd. 8, TL G/90, July 11, 2007, ECO B61

Sicilian Defense – Richter-Rauzer, Larsen Variation

7.Qd2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6
6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Qd2 Rc8 8.f4 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Qa5 10.e5
dxe5 11.fxex5 e6 12.exf6 Qxg5



13.Ne4 Qh6 14.Rd1 Bc6 15.fxg7 Bxg7 16.Nd6+ Kf8
17.Qb4 Qe3+ 18.Be2 a5 19.Qh4 Bxb2 20.Rd3 Qc1+
21.Bd1 Rg8 22.Rf1 Be8 23.Nxc8 Rxc8 24.Qd8 Rxc2
25.Qd6+ Kg7 26.Rg1+ **Black Resigns**

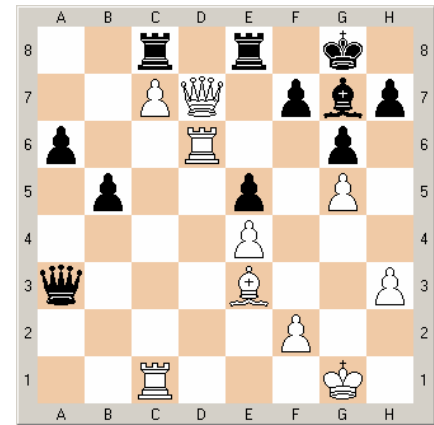
FM Thomas Bartell (2398)

NM Evan Ju (2173)

9ss 2007 NJ Futurity Int'l., Rd. 9, TL G/90, July 11, 2007, ECO E62

King's Indian Defense – Fianchetto - Kavalek Variation

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.O-O d6
6.d4 c6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.e4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nbd7
11.a3 e5 12.d5 cxd5 13.cxd5 a6 14.Be3 b5 15.Na2
Rac8 16.Nb4 Nb8 17.Rc1 Qd8 18.g4 Nfd7 19.Nc6
Nxc6 20.dxc6 Nc5 21.g5 Ne6 22.Bg4 Qe7 23.Bxe6
Qxe6 24.Qg4 Qb3 25.Qd7 Qxb2 26.c7 Qxa3 27.Rfd1
Rfe8 28.Rxd6 **Black Resigns**



Final Position

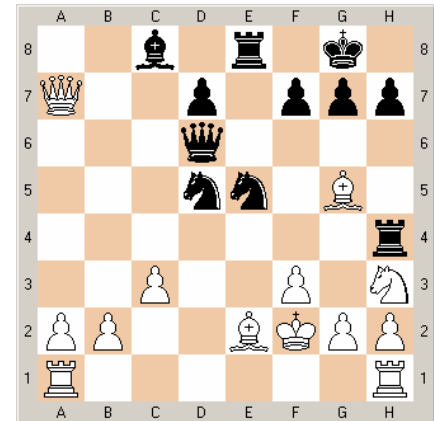
GM Gennady Zaitchik (2473)

GM Magesh Panchanathan (2486)

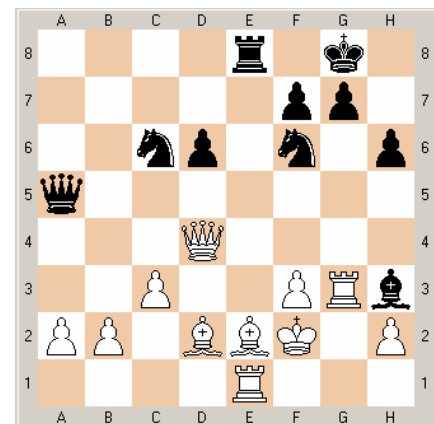
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Trompowsky Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.d5 Qb6 5.Bc1 e6 6.f3
Nf6 7.e4 exd5 8.exd5 Bd6 9.Na3 O-O 10.Nc4 Re8+
11.Kf2 Qc7 12.Nh3 b5 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.Bxb5 c4
15.Qd4 Nc6 16.Qxc4 Ne5 17.Qd4 Rb8 18.Be2 Rb4
19.Qxa7 Nxd5 20.c3 Rh4 21.Bg5



21. ... Rxh3 22.gxh3 Nc6 23.Qa4 Qc5+ 24.Kf1 d6
25.Qh4 Ne5 26.Re1 h6 27.Bd2 Bf5 28.Qd4 Qa5
29.Rg1 Bxh3+ 30.Kf2 Nf6 31.Rg3 Nc6



32.Rxg7+ Kxg7 33.Bxh6+ Kg6 34.Bd3+ Kh5 35.Qxf6
Qc5+ 36.Be3 Rxe3 37.Qxf7+ **Black Resigns**

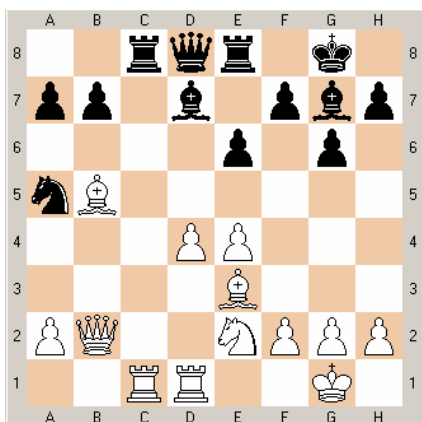
Christopher F. Potts (1749)

Anand Mehta (1465)

108th Annual US Open, Rd. 3, TL 40/2 SD/1, July 30, 2007, ECO D88

Grunfeld Defense – Spassky Variation – Main Line 10. cxd4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 O-O 9.O-O cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Be3 e6 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Qb2 Na5 16.Bb5



16. ... Qb6 17.Rb1 Bxb5 18.Qxb5 Qxb5 19.Rxb5 b6 20.Rbb1 Rc2 21.Rd2 Rec8 22.Rbd1 Nb7 23.f3 Nd6 24.Kf2 Nb5 25.Ke1 Na3 26.d5 Rxd2 27.Rxd2 Nc2+ 28.Kf2 Nxe3 29.dxe6 fxe6 30.Rd7 Nc4 31.Rxa7 Bf8 32.Nf4 Bc5+ 33.Ke2 Rd8 34.Nxe6 Rd2+ 35.Kf1 Bf2 **White Resigns**

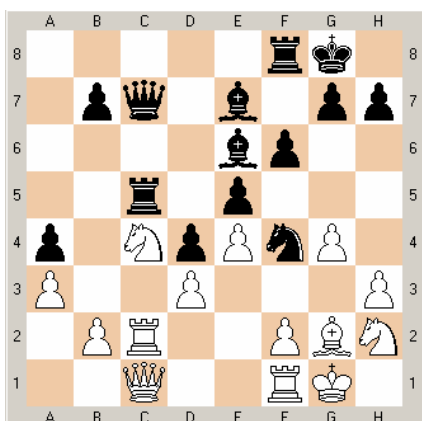
Daniel L. Marks (1603)

Kevin Emmanuel Chen (1656)

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Grob's Attack

1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.h3 c6 4.c4 Be6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Nbc6 8.Ng5 Bc8 9.d3 f6 10.Nf3 d4 11.Ne4 Nd5 12.O-O Be7 13.a3 a5 14.Bd2 O-O 15.Nh2 Be6 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Rc2 a4 18.Qc1 Na5 19.Bxa5 Rxa5 20.Nd2 Rc5 21.Nc4 Qc7 22.e4 Nf4 **White Resigns**



Final Position

Ian Harris (2152)

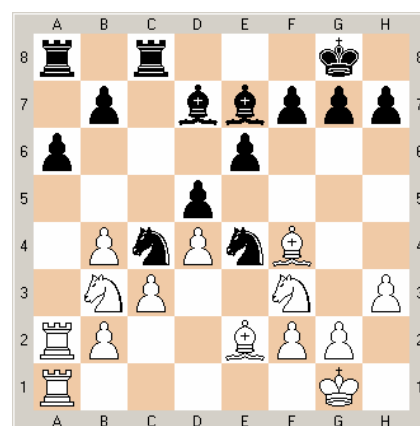
Shahin Gadjiiev (2194)

108th Annual US Open, Rd. 2, TL 40/2 SD/1, July 31, 2007, ECO D00

Queen's Pawn Game – Mason Variation

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c6 3.c3 Qb6 4.Qb3 Nd7 5.Nd2 Ngf6 6.h3 e6 7.e3 c5 8.Ngf3 Be7 9.Be2 O-O 10.O-O Qxb3

11.axb3 Nb6 12.Ra5 cxd4 13.exd4 Bd7 14.Rfa1 a6 15.b4 Rfc8 16.Nb3 Nc4 17.R5a2 Ne4



18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.bxc5 f6 21.Nd2 Bb5 22.b4 cxb3ep 23.Nxb3 Bc4 24.Rb2 Bd8 25.Na5 Bxa5 26.Rxa5 Bd5 27.Bd6 Rd8 28.f4 Rd7 29.Kf2 Kf7 30.Ke3 h6 31.Kd3 f5 32.h4 Rg8 33.g3 Kg6 34.c4 Bc6 35.Kc3 Kh5 36.Kb4 Kg4 37.Rd2 Be4 38.Ra3 Rc8 39.Be5 g6 40.Rh2 h5 41.Rb2 **Draw Agreed**

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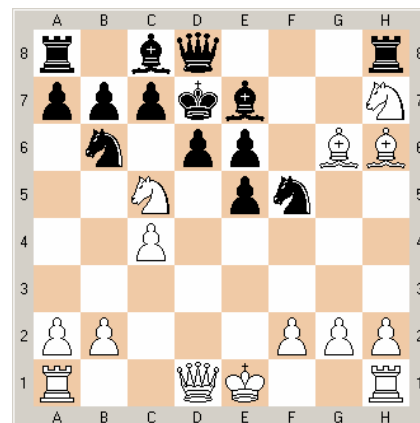
Timothy J. Hall (2000)

Evan B. Ames (1656)

108th Annual US Open, Rd. 5, TL 40/2 SD/1, Aug. 1, 2007, ECO B04

Alekhine's Defense – Modern Variation

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c4 Nb6 6.e6 fxe6 7.Ng5 e5 8.Bd3 g6 9.Nxh7 Nxd4 10.Bxg6+ Kd7 11.Nc3 e6 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Bh6 Nf5 14.Nc5+



14. ... Kc6 15.Qf3+ d5 16.Nd3 Nxc4 17.Rc1 Kd6 18.Rxc4 dxc4 19.Nxe5 Kxe5 20.Bf4+ Kd4 21.O-O Kc5 22.Rd1 Bd6 23.Be3+ Nxe3 24.Qxe3+ Kb5 25.a4+ Ka6 26.Qe2 b5 27.axb5+ Kb7 28.Be4+ Kb8 29.g3 Bh7 30.h4 Rg8 31.Ng5 Rxg5 32.hxg5 Qxg5 33.Bxb7 Kxb7 34.Qd4+ Kb8 35.Qxe6 Qxb5 36.Qe2 a6 37.Rc1 c3 38.Qc2 cxb2 39.Re1 Ka7 40.Qg6 Re8 41.Rb1 Re2 42.Qg7 Be5 43.Qf7 Qd3 **White Resigns**

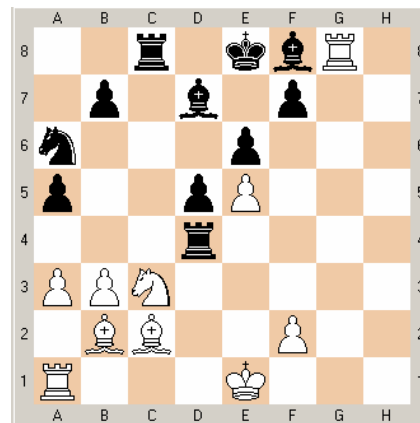
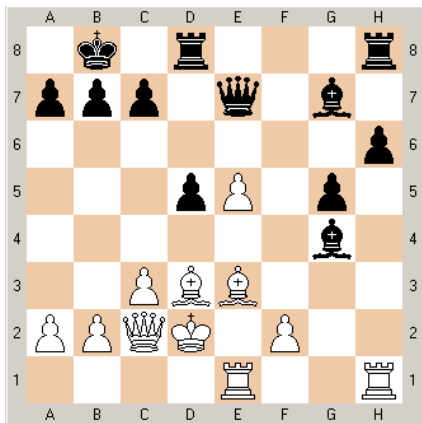
Solomon I. Beilin (1976)

Rodion V. Rubenchik (2306)

108th Annual US Open, Rd. 5, TL G/60, Aug. 2, 2007, ECO C01

French Defense – Exchange Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bf4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bg4
6.Nf3 Qe7+ 7.Be3 Nc6 8.c3 O-O-O 9.h3 Bh5
10.Nbd2 Ne4 11.Qc2 f5 12.O-O-O h6 13.Rde1 g5
14.g3 Kb8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bg7 17.g4 Nxd2
18.Kxd2 fxe4 19.hxe4 Bxe4 **Scoresheet Was
Illegible But White Went On To Win In 28 Moves**



22.Ne4 Rxe4+ 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Bc1 Bc6 25.Bh6
Ke7 26.Rd1 Bd5 27.Rh8 Nc5 28.Bg5+ Kd7 29.Rh7
Nd3+ 30.Kf1 Bxa3 31.Rxf7+ Kc6 32.Ra1 Bb4 33.Rb1
Rh8 34.Ke2 Rh2 35.Be3 Nxe5 36.Rc1+ Kb5 37.Rfc7
Nd3 38.R1c2 Rh1 39.Bd2 Bxb3 40.Rxb7+ Ka4
41.Rc8 Bd1+ 42.Ke3 Rh3+ 43.Kxe4 Bf3+ 44.Kd4
Bxb7 45.Rc7 e5+ 46.Kc4 **And White Resigns**



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Ettie Nikolova ponders her move against an unidentified opponent at the 108th Annual US Open in Cherry Hill. Your editor lost in a wild game against Nikolova in round six from the Black side of a Latvian Gambit. Ettie capped that game with a well-timed bishop sacrifice to bring home the full point.

Matthew D. Dahl (1926)

William S. Arluck (2044)

108th Annual US Open, Rd. 4, TL 40/2 SD/1, Aug. 1, 2007, ECO C02

French Defense – Advance – Wade Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 a5
7.b3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Ne7 9.Bb2 Nf5 10.Nc3 Na6 11.g4
Ne7 12.Bd3 Ng6 13.Bc2 Rc8 14.Qd2 Be7 15.h4 h5
16.gxh5 Rxh5 17.Rg1 Nxh4 18.Nxh4 Rxh4 19.Rxg7
Qxd4 20.Rg8+ Bf8 21.Qxd4 Rxd4



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Players from all across the country poured in for a chance to play in the 108th Annual US Open in Cherry Hill!

Ken Thomas' Viking Last Saturday Quads from Mt. Arlington on July 28th saw over 32 players. Ken also ran a scholastic tournament simultaneously with the quads as well. Results from the quads are below.

Tournament directors are encouraged to forward copies of their crosstables to us at *Atlantic Chess News* for reporting of their tournaments' results from across the state.

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	GERALD ANTHONY BAILLEAU PA 12562277 / R: 2240 ->2246	2.0	D	3 *	W	4 D 2
2	JOHN RIDDELL NY 10084369 / R: 2213 ->2222	2.0	D	3 D	1 W	4 *
3	BORIS PRIYMAN NJ 12407354 / R: 2227 ->2219	1.0	*	D	1 L	4 D 2
4	SANDI HUTAMA NJ 12465625 / R: 2214 ->2207	1.0	W	3 L	1 *	L 2

Viking Last Saturday Quad#1 – Mt. Arlington, NJ

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	LEVY ROZMAN NJ 12879834 / R: 1903 ->1916	2.0	L	2 W	4 W	3 *
2	JOHN KELLY NY 12511226 / R: 2102 ->2088	1.5	*	D	4 L	3 W 1
3	BERNARD P DE LUCA PA 12595107 / R: 1850 ->1859	1.5	W	2 D	4 *	L 1
4	RICHARD L HARRY PA 12473856 / R: 1865 ->1861	1.0	D	2 *	D	3 L 1

Viking Last Saturday Quad#2 – Mt. Arlington, NJ

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	STEVE FERRERO NJ 12111440 / R: 1840 ->1861	2.5	W	3 *	D	4 W 2
2	ALEXANDER ROSS KATZ NJ 12885132 / R: 1779 ->1786	1.5	W	3 L	1 D	4 *
3	MICHAEL KAGEL PA 12578902 / R: 1856 ->1842	1.0	*	L	1 W	4 L 2
4	ROBERTO M JOSE NJ 12872596 / R: 1839 ->1826	1.0	L	3 D	1 *	D 2

Viking Last Saturday Quad#3 – Mt. Arlington, NJ

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	MARTIN C SOBIN NJ 12922754 / R: 1385 ->1475	2.5	W	2 W	3 D	4 *
2	WALTER SCHREINER AZ 10055881 / R: 1706 ->1700	2.0	*	W	3 W	4 L 1
3	LAWRENCE J TREMMEL PA 12936904 / R: 1508 ->1490	1.0	L	2 *	W	4 L 1
4	ZIPING LIU NJ 13366357 / R: 1358 ->1347	0.5	L	2 L	3 *	D 1

Viking Last Saturday Quad#4 – Mt. Arlington, NJ

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	JAMES LUXICH NJ 13351547 / R: 1328 ->1399	3.0	W	5 W	3 W 2
2	LOUIS STURNIOLO NJ 10016941 / R: 1232 ->1247	2.0	W	4 W	5 L 1
3	GIJY RIOTTO NJ 12912693 / R: 1333 ->1307	1.5	W	6 L	1 D 4
4	CONNOR RIDDELL NY 13518335 / R: 868 -> 962	1.5	L	2 W	6 D 3
5	STAN RYDZ NJ 12673653 / R: 1193 ->1175	1.0	L	1 L	2 W 6
6	NICHOLAS MICHAEL KATZ NJ 12905539 / R: 1087 ->1026	0.0	L	3 L	4 L 5

Viking Last Saturday Quad#5 – Mt. Arlington, NJ

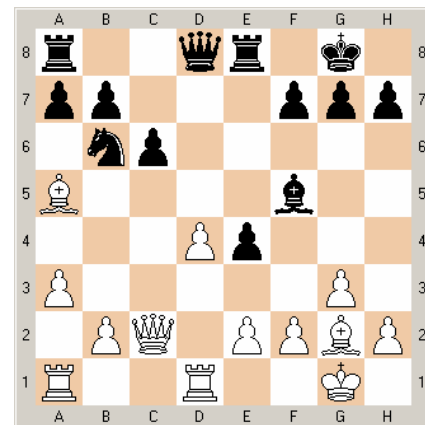
Gainer Phay (1980)

Evan B. Ames (1656)

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Queen's Gambit Declined

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c6 4.Nd2 Nf6 5.Bg2 Bb4 6.Qc2 O-O 7.Nf3 Ne4 8.O-O Nxd2 9.Nxd2 Nd7 10.a3 Bxd2 11.Bxd2 dxc4 12.Qxc4 e5 13.Bb4 Re8 14.Rfd1 e4 15.Bd2 Nb6 16.Qc2 Bf5 17.Ba5



17. ... Qf6 18.Bxb6 e3 19.Qb3 exf2+ 20.Kf1 axb6
21.Rd2 Qh6 22.Rad1 Qxh2 23.Kxf2 Be4 24.Rg1 Re6
White Resigns

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	RICHARD DAVISSON NJ 12934193 / R: 978 -> 948 Q: 1039 ->1006	2.0	*	L	3 W	4 W 2
2	JIM TANG NJ 12915643 / R: 440P10-> 625P13 Q: 442P15-> 638P18	2.0	L	1 W	3 W	4 *
3	STEVEN GOLAND NJ 13687268 / R: 824P7 -> 755P10 Q: 804P4 -> 737P7	1.0	W	1 *	L	4 L 2
4	MAXIM FARBEROV NJ 13589163 / R: 606P15-> 613P18 Q: 707P19-> 693P22	1.0	L	1 W	3 *	L 2

Viking Last Saturday Quad#6 – Mt. Arlington, NJ

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1	ERIC SUN NJ 13566071 / R: 348P8 -> 417P11 Q: 330P8 -> 403P11	3.0	W	5 W	4 W 2
2	JOSHUA ELIJAH KATZ NJ 13299118 / R: 326 -> 346 Q: 310P20-> 333P23	2.0	W	3 W	5 L 1
3	KILIAN LAVERTY PA 13738183 / R: Unrated-> 251P2 Q: Unrated-> 241P2	2.0	L	2 B	YE W 4
4	BRANDON YU LIN NJ 13501671 / R: 218P7 -> 157P9 Q: 214P7 -> 151P9	1.0	B	YE L	1 L 3
5	KIERAN LAVERTY PA 13739872 / R: Unrated-> 100P2 Q: Unrated-> 100P2	1.0	L	1 L	2 B YE

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Joan H. Schlich (1414)

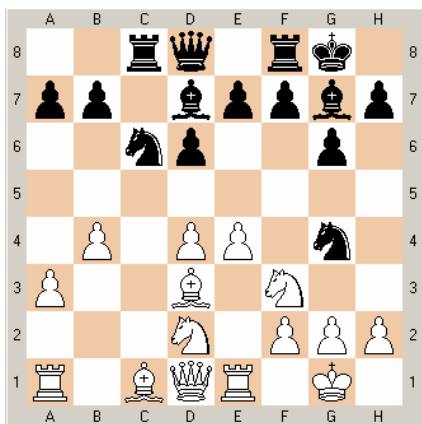
James F. Opalek (1700)

108th Annual US Open, Rd. 3, TL 40/2 SD/1, July 30, 2007, ECO A48

King's Indian Defense – East Indian Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nbd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3

cx d4 7.cxd4 O-O 8.O-O Nc6 9.a3 Bd7 10.Re1 Rc8



11.b4 Ng4 12.h3 Nxd4 13.hxg4 Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 Bxa1
15.Bh6 Bg7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.e5 Bxg4 18.Qe2 Bxf3
19.Qxf3 dxe5 20.Qg3 f6 21.Re4 Rc3 **White Resigns**

25. ... Bxc3 26.Rxa5 Bxa5 27.Rb1 Bxd2 28.Qxd2 b5
29.Qf4 e5 30.dxe5 Rxe5 31.h3 Rxc5 32.Rd1 Rf5
33.Qc7 c5 34.Rxd7 Nxd7 35.Qxd7 c4 36.Bc2 Re5
37.Qb7 Rd8 38.Be4 b4 39.Kh2 b3 40.Qc7 Rde8
41.f3 Rxe4 42.fxe4 b2 43.Qb7 c3 44.e5 h6 45.h4
Draw Agreed



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Several of the top boards at the 108th Annual US Open were scorekeeping using electronic recording devices provided by Monroi©. These games could be viewed in real time since they were being broadcast over the Internet. Theatre style seating was present during most rounds in front of the projected games shown above. In this editor's humble opinion, Monroi© did a fantastic job in getting the games broadcast much to the players' delight. Oftentimes, GM Hikaru Nakamura's games seemed to draw a crowd at the projection screen nearly every round! These games may still be viewed at <http://www.monroi.com> by clicking on "live games" then clicking on the subsequent links to the "108th Annual US Open games".

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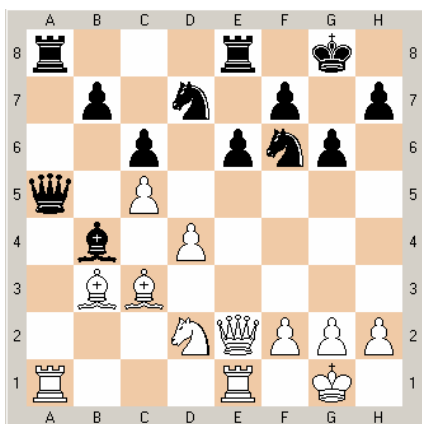
GM Hikaru Nakamura (2726)

GM Michael A. Rohde (2484)

108th Annual US Open, Rd. 9, TL 40/2 SD/1, Aug. 5, 2007, ECO C10

French Defense – Fort Knox Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6
6.Bd3 Nd7 7.O-O Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.b3 O-O 10.Bb2
Bxf3 11.Qxf3 c6 12.c4 Re8 13.a3 Bf8 14.Rfe1 g6
15.Rad1 Bg7 16.Bc2 Qc7 17.Qe2 Rad8 18.b4 a5
19.Bb3 Ra8 20.Nf1 axb4 21.axb4 Qb6 22.Bc3 Bf8
23.Nd2 Bxb4 24.c5 Qa5 25.Ra1



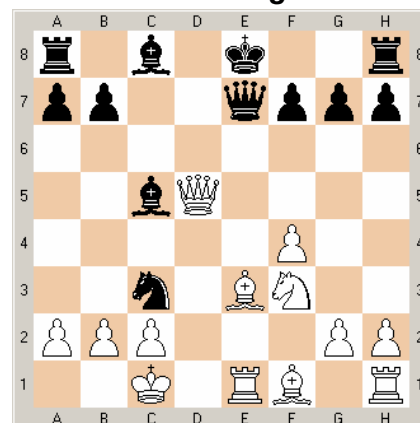
Abby Marshall (2038)

Eric Rodriguez (2237)

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French Defense – Fort Knox Variation

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.f4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4
6.Qxd4 c6 7.Be3 d5 8.exd5 Bc5 9.Qd3 Qe7 10.Kd2
cx d5 11.Re1 Ne4+ 12.Kc1 Ndf6 13.Nxd5 Nxd5
14.Qxd5 Nc3 **And Black Resigns**



Final Position

"Games From Around The State" Continued On Back Cover

The Susan Polgar Invitational – A Fun Tournament To Play Chess And Hang Out...

by Anna Matlin



My opponent and I are both concentrating very hard. The position is very sharp, and anyone could win. At the board, we are enemies, each with a will to win. But after we shake hands, and the game is over, nothing stops us from hanging out, as friends.

At the *Polgar Invitational*, chess is the main event, but the truth is that there are other things going on. Friendships are being made and old friends meet up. I enjoyed talking to Sarah May, the Washington representative, while I'm from New Jersey. We had met before, but almost never see each other. The Polgar is a chance for girls to talk to other girl chess players that come from all across America.

This was my first time coming to the Polgar, and I didn't know what to expect. I was really nervous, especially before the first round. After one round though, things eased up a bit, now that I knew what lay ahead. You may think that the last rounds were some of the most intense, but to me they were actually the least nerve-wracking.

What was cool about the setup was that there were little flags that you put next to your board so that onlookers could tell what state you were representing. It made the tournament even more prestigious and professional-looking (if that's possible!).

On the very last day of the tournament, after the last round, right before the closing ceremony, my friends and I all squeezed into one table in the lobby restaurant. We had a lot of fun just talking. We had all met at the Susan Polgar All-Star Training, so chances are that if not for the Polgar Invitational, we wouldn't have known each other.

My result was four out of six, with three wins, two draws, and one loss. I don't know what kind of a result I should have expected of myself. The first place finishers ended up with 5/6. It's almost

impossible to have a perfect score in such big tournaments, especially when a lot is at stake.

When it comes to chess, there aren't really that many girls that play. A lot play when they're little kids, but later they give it up—sometimes the case is that girls have to make a choice: to play chess, or to be popular. It's tough to make that choice. This tournament brought together girls from all over America who have shared similar experiences because of their similar interests. The girls at the Polgar are really committed to chess. Although they are scattered all throughout the country, the Polgar tournament gives them the chance to really get together and play some chess.



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The *US Amateur East TD* crew (from left to right): George Phoenix, Aaron Kiedes, Ken Thomas, Bradley Thomas, & Roger Inglis.

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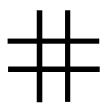
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Rethinking The Queen's Pawn Game

by Terese and David W. Hatch



The Queen's Pawn Game refers collectively to those openings that start with 1.d4 d5 (or 1...Nf6) but do not continue with an *early* advance of the White c2 pawn to c4 or, more precisely, any opening in which White is not employing the Queen's Gambit move order (1.d4 and 2. c4). The Queen's Pawn Game openings include (among others), the Colle System (both the c3 Koltanowski line and the very popular Zukertort Variation with its queenside fianchetto); the Torre Attack, the Trompowsky Opening (in which White quickly develops the queen bishop to the g5 square); the London System (rapid deployment of the queen bishop to f4 was an early favorite of Gata Kamsky); the Veresov Opening (2. Nc3 gets Black out of his book in a hurry); the Stonewall Attack (with its stocky and solid pawn formation); and the dicey Blackmar-Diemer Gambit (truly a cult favorite).

Webster's II Dictionary defines the word "evolution" as "... a gradual process in which something changes into a different and usually better or more complex form." To give a very brief chronology of the evolution of chess opening ideas, we will begin in the mid-19th century with the "Romantic Period of Chess," a time when the King's Pawn Opening reigned and it was considered unsportsmanlike to decline a gambit. The master of the gambit at the time was the American chess prodigy, Paul Morphy. Morphy's style of playing clear, open positions and his flashy penchant for sacrificing material produced some of the most beautiful games ever played. After Morphy, the slow, positional style of the first official World Chess Champion, Wilhelm Steinitz, and Steinitz's disciple, the principled and pragmatic, Emanuel Lasker, ushered in the "Modern Age of Chess," and chess became a game of "the accumulation of small advantages."¹ By the second decade of the 20th century, another generation of masters (Frank Marshall, Akiba Rubinstein, Jose Raul Capablanca, Alexander Alekhine and Edgar Colle), influenced by Morphy, Steinitz and Lasker, brought the game to another level. These chess masters understood that an opening advantage had to be cultivated, and it was their analytical acumen that brought a deeper dimension to the game in contrast to the Romantics' flamboyant proclivity for advancing pawns and sacrificing material. Steinitz summed up this paradigm quite bluntly when he said, "*It merely shows primitive taste to prefer brilliancy to soundness.*"² The Modern Age of Chess was the era that saw the promulgation of the Queen's Pawn Game, which was now appearing at least as often as king pawn openings in tournament and match play. The fact that the Queen's Pawn Game was being treated with considerable awe and respect was reflected in Emanuel Lasker's

assessment when he said, "*No player or master thoroughly understood the Queen's Pawn Opening. Either side might have a strong game only to suddenly find that his game was hopelessly lost.*"³ In his commentary to the game, Nimzowitsch - Marshall (Bad Kissingen 1928), GM Reuben Fine said, "*For years, Marshall's main worry in life was the best defense to the Queen's Pawn Opening, and he tried everything.*"⁴ By the 1920's even Alekhine had switched from playing 1.e4 to 1.d4 almost exclusively as his favorite opening move. In comparing the swashbuckling style of Paul Morphy to that of the students of the Modern school (also referred to as the "Scientific school"), David Shenk in his book, *The Immortal Game*, wrote that "*Steinitz and his successors had indeed overwhelmed the thrilling Romantic School with a new style of play that was inherently cautious, plodding and defensive.*"⁵ Consequently, this "scientific" approach to chess resulted in the labeling of the Queen's Pawn Game as "dull."

Then in 1925 something happened that would revolutionize chess opening theory and further confound the Queen's Pawn Game. Along came the protagonists of the "Hypermodern School of Chess," Richard Reti, Gyula Breyer, and Aron Nimzowitsch. Nimzowitsch's scientific method of applying "... clearly defined principles and rules ... making chess an exact science"⁶ kicked a comprehensive dent in the edifice of opening theory up to that time. His nonconformist concepts were groundbreaking then, but are now more than familiar to the modern player: playing to prevent an opponent's plans with his concept of the blockade; use of the fianchetto to control the center with pieces instead of pawns; his strategy for using open files, outposts and invasion of the seventh rank; and, of course, his mantra that "*passed pawns must be pushed.*" In effect, the hypermodernists had added yet another dimension to chess, creating positions that not only looked different but appeared downright bizarre.

The 1930's established the hegemony of the "Soviet Chess School." Opening research and thoroughness of preparation was the order of the day, and Mikhail Botvinnik, Paul Keres and David Bronstein showed that with dedication and discipline, as well as "*state support and armies of analysts at their beck and call,*"⁷ they could counter those pesky, unconventional defenses of the hypermodernists. Curiously, the appearance of the Queen's Pawn Game in master chess began to wane as the sharper lines of the Indian Defenses were being played and tested. By the Second World War, the Queen's Gambit had effectively usurped the Queen's

¹ William Harston, *The Guinness Book of Chess Grandmasters*, UK: Guinness Publishing, 1996: p. 48.

² Ibid.

³ Walter Penn Shipley, "Laskermania," *The Best of Chess Life and Review Vol. 1* edited by Bruce Pandolfini. New York: Simon and Shuster Inc., 1988: pp. 197-198.

⁴ Reuben Fine, "A Marshall Masterpiece," *The Best of Chess Life and Review Vol. 1* edited by Bruce Pandolfini. New York: Simon and Shuster Inc., 1988: p. 293.

⁵ David Shenk, *The Immortal Game*, New York: Doubleday, 2006: p. 166.

⁶ W.H Watts, "Introduction," Aron Nimzowitsch, *Chess Praxis*. New York: Dover, 1936.

⁷ R.E. Fauber, *Impact of Genius*. Seattle: International Chess Enterprises, 1992: p. 316.

Pawn Game as the more popular queen pawn opening, and the resolute Queen's Pawn Game would remain in virtual hibernation until its reawakening almost 50 years later.

Nothing lasts forever; sometimes change is good; and sometimes change is met with ire. Who can forget the anger and disappointment expressed by consumers in the mid-1980's when Coca-Cola® changed its formula? A combination of nostalgia, resentment and wrath forced the folks at Coca-Cola® to come up with an innovative way to reintroduce its widely popular original formula. Consequently, Coke Classic® was given a new life.⁸ Everything old really is new again. Experience has proven that the art deco look of the tie-dyed shirt, the retro chic of capri pants and the buzz cut from a bygone era are really just an uncritical exaltation of the past. Similarly, today, the Queen's Pawn Game is back in fashion, and the latest antidotes to the Indian Defenses are the Torre Attack and the Trompowsky Opening. In explaining why chess openings go in and out of fashion, *New York Times* columnist Robert Byrne commented, "Some opening systems are powerfully in vogue for years and then begin a long retreat into obscurity, followed by a return to popularity. Sometimes new moves are discovered that give openings new life."⁹ The metamorphosis of chess opening theory reveals that openings have a reputation for being cyclical – with virtually every viable opening being resurrected, refurbished and reintroduced – sometimes for its shock value and sometimes for its genuine reliability. Simply because an opening may have been wrongfully labeled as an "innocuous 'system' opening such as the Colle and London,"¹⁰ does not mean one should be throwing out the baby with the bath water.

So, why trot out a long-discarded opening? Perhaps a look at chess opening selection and the excitement of theoretical novelties in World Championship Match play can offer some insight. A great example of how a theoretical novelty can redefine a stalwart opening came in Game 2 of the *1990 World Chess Championship Match* between Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov in New York City. When Kasparov made the subtle, "quiet" move (19.f3) in the classic Ruy Lopez Opening, his seemingly innocuous novelty ultimately sent shock waves throughout the match site and the chess world. GM Yasser Seirawan referred to this move as "**the opening novelty of the year**."¹¹ Kasparov himself said after the game that he had been sitting on this theoretical innovation since 1984. Of course, this strategy is not always foolproof. For instance Kasparov steadfastly stuck with a prepared Grunfeld Defense against Karpov in their *1986 World Championship Match* in London even though he had never tested it against Karpov in championship play

⁸ Vivian Manning-Schaffel, "Coca-Cola, is the Legend Enough?" June 2006. Retrieved August 9, 2006 from http://www.businessweek.com/print/innovate/content/jun2006/id20060607_203180.htm.

⁹ Robert Byrne, "If Openings Go Out of Fashion, There's Often a Good Reason," *The New York Times* – August 13, 2006.

¹⁰ Graham Burgess, *Guide to the Torre Attack*. UK: Gambit Publications, 1999: Foreword.

¹¹ Yasser Seirawan, Jonathan Tisdall, *Five Crowns*. Seattle: International Chess Enterprises, 1991: p. 47.

before. Ultimately it was not efficacious for him in this match either. But also remember the excitement that rippled through the chess world when Kasparov surprised us yet again with the rarely-played Scotch Opening during the *1993 World Championship Match* with Nigel Short!

Perhaps the same mentality that tells us we need a telephone that not only makes phone calls but takes pictures, accesses the internet, sends a text message, transmits a fax and downloads music, tells us that we also want a chess opening that will give us instant gratification. Every chess player wants to play an opening that develops all of the pieces rapidly and effectively in order to obtain a playable middle game (two of the basic fundamental requirements of every chess game). Simple but sound advice, regardless of what opening you choose to play, is to know your opening as well as anyone in the world. When Alexander Alekhine was asked, "*How is that you pick better moves than your opponents?*" he responded: "*I'm very glad you asked me that, because as it happens, there is a very simple answer. I think up my own moves, and I make my opponent think up his.*"¹²

Well into the first decade of the 21st century, opening database searches are revealing that the Queen's Pawn Game is appearing frequently in master and grandmaster play. Prolific columnist and author, Andrew Soltis, explained the paradox of a similar phenomenon very logically when he wrote in *Chess Life*: "*Amateurs play openings they see in books. Books are written about the openings that masters play. And masters prefer to find new openings that amateurs don't know how to handle. That causes opening theory to expand exponentially with each new generation of masters.*"¹³ Remarkably, the chess world is witnessing an eclectic resurgence of play in the Queen's Pawn Game by the best and brightest minds in chess. The Queen's Pawn Game epitomizes the adage "*everything old is new again.*" Call it the Stonewall effect. Whether it's the latest Olympiad, the prestigious Linares tournament, a simultaneous exhibition, blitz play, or a World Championship Candidates Match, the fact that the Trompowsky or the Veresov is making an appearance tells us that we must rethink the impact and relevancy the Queen's Pawn Game is having on chess opening theory. With greater exposure in tournament and match play, with GM's Gata Kamsky, Susan Polgar, Artur Yusupov and Carsten Hoi giving it credibility, with Julian Hodgson dubbing the Trompowsky Opening his "pet system" and with less snobbery on the part of its critics and detractors, the Queen's Pawn Game will continue to influence chess theory, and the tactical and strategic ideas these openings fuel will continue to be relevant to future generations. Irrefutably, the Queen's Pawn Game *is* being played at the Grandmaster level – a testament to its viability and believability as an opening weapon for White – and a portent that the player of the Black pieces cannot treat these openings cavalierly.

¹² Chess Quotes. January 1997. Retrieved September 21, 2006 from <http://www.exeterchessclub.org.uk/quotes.html>.

¹³ Andrew Soltis, "The Marshall Variations of the Sicilian and French Defenses," *Chess Life* – August 2006: p. 9.

**Trompowsky Attack [A45]
GM Ward, Christopher (2490)**

IM Howell, David (2334)

GBR-ch Scarborough (10), 12-08-2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5

The Trompowsky Attack, with its signature move 2.Bg5, gives White the luxury of steering the game in a direction of his choosing. This very popular opening is on the verge of breaking out as a mainstream d4 opening.

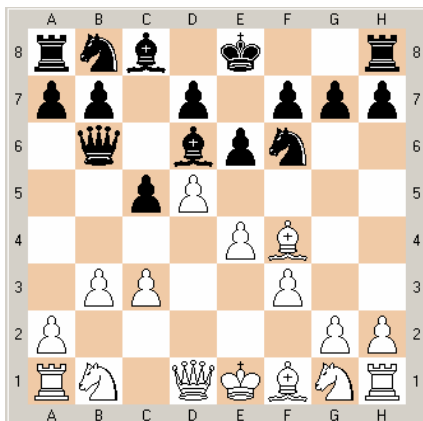
2...Ne4

Black doesn't flinch but instead proceeds to attack the attacker with this move - not the most solid line in the Trompowsky, but certainly the most daring.

3.Bf4 c5

This positional pawn thrust challenges White's central pawn. The developing moves ...Nc6 or ...Nbd7 are also good candidate moves.

4.f3 Qa5+ 5.c3 Nf6 6.d5 Qb6 7.b3 e6 8.e4 Bd6



A provocative move. A more equalizing line of play follows Sokolov-Smirin Wijk aan Zee 1993. 8...exd5 9.exd5 Bd6 10.Nh3 0-0 11.Qd2 Re8+ 12.Be2 c4 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.bxc4 b5 15.cxb5 a6 16.c4 axb5 17.cxb5 Qe5 18.Nc3 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxc3+ 20.Kf2 Bb7 21.Qc4 Qe3+ 22.Kg3 h5 23.Qf4 1/2-1/2 (33).

9.Nh3!?

White chooses to defend the bishop with this developing move rather than exchanging it with 9. Bxd6 or retreating it with 9. Be3.

9...Bxf4 10.Nxf4 Qd6

10...e5 followed by 11...d6 closes the center and gives the Black queen bishop some maneuvering room. The text move puts the Black queen on an undefended square and allows White tactical shots that aid in his development.

11.Qd2 exd5 12.Bc4

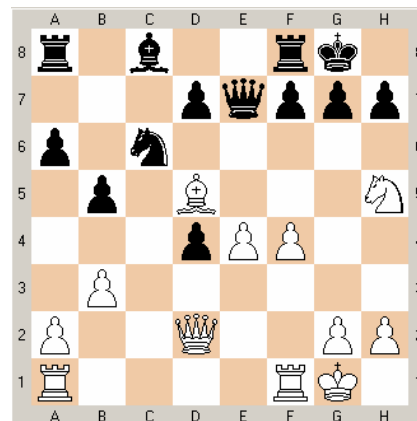
This move exposes the inadequacy of Black's 10th move. This bishop on c4 along with the knight on f4 will have critical roles to play.

12...d4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Nc3

A flaunting move which continues to punctuate the awkward placement of Black's queen.

14...a6 15.Ncd5 b5 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Bd5 Nc6 18.0-0 0-0 19.Nh5 Qe7 20.f4

White's pieces are powerfully placed and his position is imposing. Meanwhile, Black's pieces are uncoordinated for both attack and defense.



20...g6? 21.f5!

Of course, not 21...gxh5 because after 22.f6 Black must lose his queen or be checkmated.

21...Qh4 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Ne8+! Kh7 25.Rf4 Qh6 26.Nf6+

Equally good is 26.Qf2 Ne5 27.Rh4 Rxe8 28.Rxh6+ Kxh6 29.Bxa8.

26...Kg7 27.Raf1 1-0

Black cannot stave off mate. 27...Qg5 (27...Ne5 28.Ng4 Nxf4 29.Rxf7+ Kg8 30.Rxf8+ Kh7 31.R1f7+ Qg7 32.Rxg7+ Kxg7 33.Rg8+ Kh7 34.Qg5) 28.Ne8+ Rxe8 29.Rxf7+ Kh6 30.R1f4 Qh5 31.Rh4+ g5 32.Rh7+ Kxh7 33.Rxh5+ Kg7 34.Qxg5+ Kf8 35.Rh8#.



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Robert Stortz, co-winner of the Booster U1400 section deep in thought with the white pieces.

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US Opens Gone By
by David A. Cole



I played this in the last round of the 1995 96th Annual US Open held in Concord, California (just outside of San Francisco). I needed to win this game at all costs to have a chance at prize money. Without further ado, here is the game:

Gerry Neufahrt (2165)

David A. Cole (2000)

96th Annual US Open – Concord, CA, 1995, ECO A04

Reti Opening

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.Nbd2 c6 5.e4 e5?

This move can't be considered correct as Qc7 should have been played and only then should Black embark upon playing ... e5. White cannot play e5 himself since he lacks the proper support to harness enough power on that square. After White's move, my queen gets misplaced.

6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.c3 Be7 8.Nc4 O-O 9.Be2 Rd8 10.Qb3 b6 11.Rd1 Bb7 12.Ne3 Qg6 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.h4! d5!

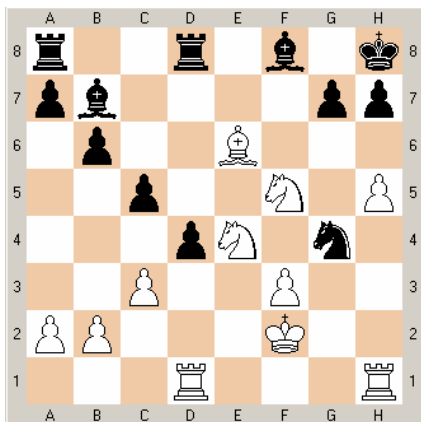
Not 14. ... Qxg2?? because of 15.Rg1 and I would have been virtually forced to play 15. ... Qxg1 giving up the queen for only a rook. If 15. ... Qh3, then White can force checkmate beginning with 16.Nh6+ Kh8 17.Nxf7+ Kg8 18.Nh6+ Kh8 19.Qg8#.

Typically, a flank attack should be countered by opening up the center. Since White elected not to castle in this game, it makes sense to strike back hard in the center.

15.h5 Qf6 16.g4 dxe4 17.Nd2 exd4 18.Nxe4 Qe6 19.Qxe6?

This must be considered completely inaccurate as Qc2 had to be played. The point that my opponent told me in the post mortem was he thought that trading the queens would give him a spacial advantage, but I would, nonetheless, have defensive resources in my position. By playing Qc2, White would be threatening a mate on h7 by moving his knight on e4 to g5.

19. ... fxe6 20.Bc4 c5 21.Bxe6+ Kh8 22.f3 Ne5 23.Kf2 Nxc4+!!



24.Kg3 Bxe4 25.fxe4 Nf6 26.Kf4 Re8 27.Bd5 Rad8 28.Rde1 Nxd5+

Necessary as White was threatening to win the exchange with 29.Bf7.

29.exd5 dxc3 30.bxc3 Kg8 31.Re6 Kf7 32.Rhe1 g6 33.hxg6+ hxg6 34.Rxe8 Rxe8 35.Rxe8 Kxe8 36.Nh4

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Now we've reached a critical position. This position was featured in *Chess Life* in the March 1996 edition on "What's the Best Move?" Here, I thought for thirty solid minutes and I had to calculate all of the variations that could arise from the move I was contemplating, and I found an absolutely brilliant move.

36. ... g5+!! 37.Kxg5 Be7+ 38.Kg4 Bxh4 39.Kxh4 Kd7 40.Kg4

If White tries c4, then I have 41. ... b5! and if cxb5, then my c-pawn runs into the endzone for the touchdown because the White king is too far away.

40. ... Kd6 41.Kf4 Kxd5 42.Ke3 b5 43.a3 c4 44.Kd2 Ke4 45.Ke2 a6 46.Kd2 Kf3 **White Resigns**

As it turned out, I finished one half point out of the money as other experts narrowly outscored me. I hope all of you enjoyed this game.

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Alisa Melekhina can be seen in the back of the photo playing white while Andrew Shvartsman can be seen playing the white pieces against David Grasso in the foreground. Alisa, Andrew, and David all shared 1st place in the Under 2200 main section of the *US Amateur East* with Andrew edging out Alisa and David on tiebreaks.

Reporting From The 64th US Amateur East

by Bradley Thomas



The popular six round swiss NJSCF sponsored event known as the 64th US Amateur East was held this year traditionally May 26-28 at The Hilton in Parsippany, NJ.

Ken Thomas was Chief Director of the event, which ran smoothly. The event's turnout of 195 exceeded last year's turnout by 39 players. As is customary for US Amateur East tournaments in years gone by, competition was fierce! When the dust cleared, Andrew Shvartsman, David Grasso and former East champion Alisa Melekhina were co-champions, tied at 5.0. Andrew, however, had the edge on tiebreaks. Meanwhile, Daniel Minkin won the U1800 Reserve section, also with a 5.0, with tournament veteran Samuil Chatsky and Anatol Ostrovskiy following in 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In the booster section, Robert Stortz and Kelvin Yao were co-champions with 5 points each after drawing each other in the fifth round, although Stortz won 1st on tiebreaks. Kyle Fitzsimmons came in 3rd with five points. The top five placing players in each section won trophies, with the 1st place winner receiving a Chronos clock in addition to their prize. A bright moment in the tournament was an uncommon gesture of good sportsmanship. In the last round, Ilya Krasnovsky found himself and his opponent in a dead drawn position, when suddenly, his opponent's flag fell. Despite the fact he could have claimed a win, the youngster insisted that their game be counted as a draw. When asked why, he replied simply I just wanted to have a fair game and have fun. Sensible enough. After all, the Amateur is not about winning at all costs, or getting the prize money for first place, or the even the bragging rights (well, ok, maybe it is a little bit). It's about having fun, and the love of the game. Of course, no good deed goes unpunished Ilya also won the Reserve under 1500 prize with 3 points. Here are some photos from the tournament:



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Andrew Shvartsman, co-winner of the U2200 section stands proud with his 1st place trophy!



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Daniel Minkin, co-winner of the US Amateur East Reserve U1800 section ponders his move with the black pieces.



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4th-5th: Gregory Nolan & Jake Vogel

U2000: Sasun Sargsyan, 4; U1900: Jennie Liu, 4; U1800: Eve Litvak, 3

Under Age 16: Aleksa Ostrovskiy, 4

Under Age 13: Rahul Swaminathan, 3

Top Senior: Vinko Rutar, 4

Reserve U1800 Section: 1st: Daniel Minkin, 5

2nd: Samuil Chatsky, 5

3rd-5th: Anatol Ostrovskiy, Donnally Miller, & Jose Salvatore, 4

U1600: Isauro Robles, 4; U1500: Ilya Krasnovsky, 3

Under Age 16: Andrew Ding, 4;

Under Age 13: Michael Zhao, 4;

Top Senior: Joseph Kennedy, 4.

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U1000: Dario Dell'orto, 3; U900: Nicholas Katz, 2

U800: Kelvin Hoang, 2

Under Age 16: Ziping Liu, 4

Under Age 13: Austin Zhu, 4

Top Senior: Stan Ryzd, 3.

Scholastic 1st: Vishan Ramanathan, 5; 2nd: Alex Chen, 4

3rd-5th: Christopher Yang, Roman Rychkov, & Asha Kapengut, 4.

Chess Gems

by Peter J. Tamburro Jr.



Every now and then an opening brings a smile to our face. Take his initial sequence from the *108th Annual US Open* just finished in Cherry Hill. Master Todd Lunna of Westfield meets Expert John MacArthur's 1.a3 with g6!

Now what's going on here? White will play 1.a3 to transpose into an open game with 1.a3 e5 2.e4!? with the sneaky idea of getting Black to play a line that is normally White's but where the a3 comes in really handy.

For example, if after 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Nf3 Black finds himself in the awkward situation where he's playing the White side of the Two Knights Defense, except that his opponent already has the a-pawn moved up one, which prevents all sorts of lines being played.

White will even try this with 1.e4 e5 2.a3, which was Ariel Mengarini's opening from thirty or forty years ago. Tricky stuff!

There is another idea as well. 1.a3 also can support a delayed 2.b4 with a queenside fianchetto rather than play 1.b4 right away.

So, Todd Lunna solves two problems with the mysterious 1...g6. He avoids the open games and makes a3 irrelevant and he effectively prevents b4 because of the reply Bg7! Pretty cool!

He then attacks the White center with c5 because 4.dxc5 Qc7 recovers the pawn as White can't play b4 because of that king bishop.

Black then gets an advantage and White tries a dubious piece sacrifice for some pawns. Our little German friend tells us that 14...Qb8 15.Nxd6 Nxd5 16.Bg3 Ne5 17.N6c4 Rd8 18.Re1 f6 would have been more decisive, but what human puts his queen under indirect attack from a minor piece? Ah, these computers...so...logical! 22...Bxb2 also looked playable, but White was saving up for a real mistake.

On move 26 he plays a seemingly harmless Kf1 only to find that after 26...Qf6! he is lost: 27.f4 Re3 28.Qd2 Qf5 29.Rb2 Qe4.

He would have done better with, say, 26.Qf3, but after 26...Qd6 27.b5 Re5 28.Rf1 Rf5 29.Qe2 Qd8 30.Kg2 Qa8 31.Qd3 Rf6 32.f3 Rd6 33.Re1 Rd7 34.Re2 Ra7 35.Ra2 Ra4, we see that Black is pretty much in charge, so it would have just made it harder.

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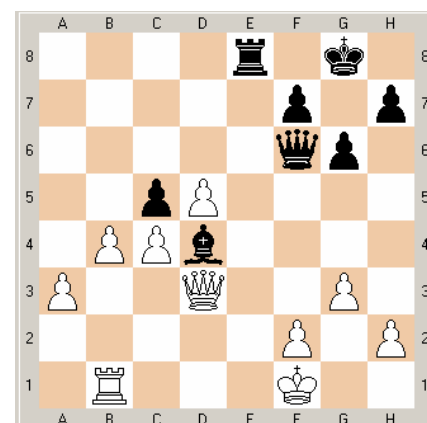
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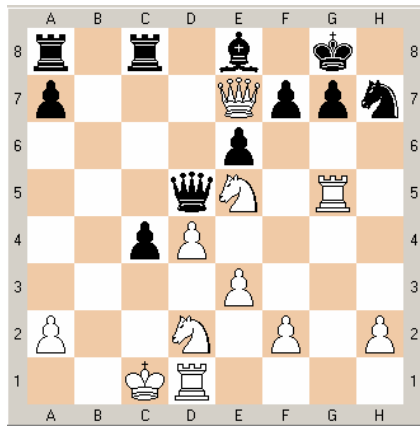
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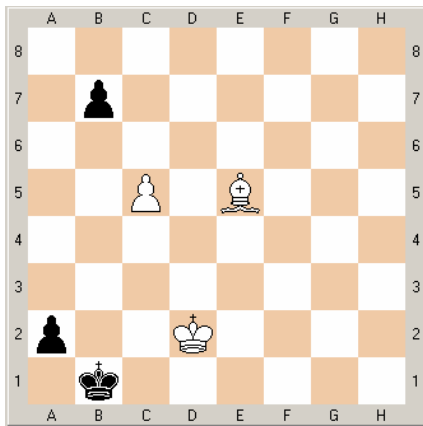


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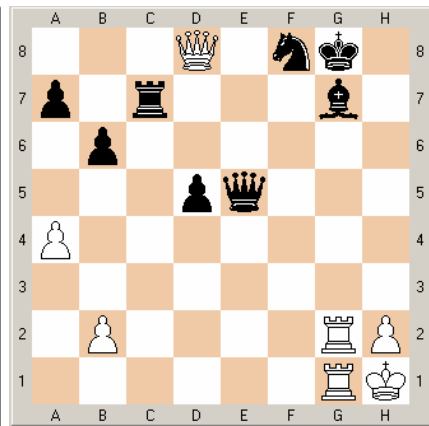
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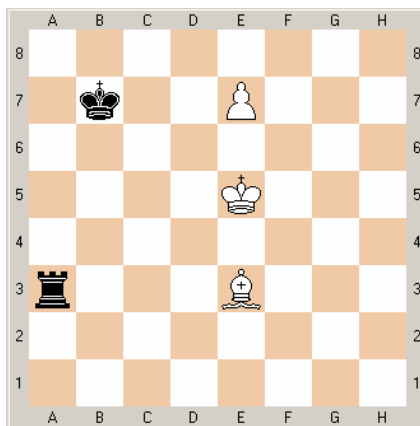
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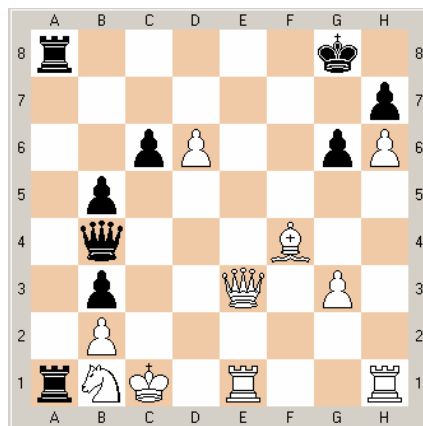
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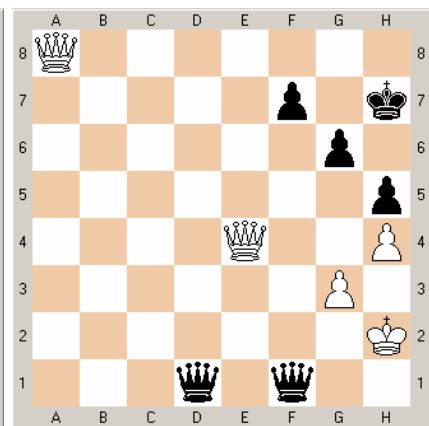
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Black To Move-And ~+

Solutions: Oct. ~ March 2007 Problem Solver's Corner (see next issue for solutions to problems above)

Problem#1: ... Rb1! demonstrating a beautiful interference theme, Ra7+ (or Kxb1, f2, Any, f1(Q) ~+) (desperately attempting to reposition the rook to attack the threatening-Black f~pawn but to no avail), Kd6, c5+, Ke5, Ra3, f2! (letting the rook hang since White has no time to snatch the wayward-Black rook), Rf3 (finally reaching the f~file but little late and a dollar short as they say), f1(Q) ~+

Problem#2: The White pieces are too overworked to stop both of the-Black passers: ...-Bd6!! another interference theme forcing White to block the action of his own bishop or rook no matter how White decides to recapture on the d~file, Rxd6 (since-Bxd6 allows the-Black d~pawn to queen immediately), h2 since the White bishop is no longer cover the h2 square, Rxd2, h1(Q) ~+

Problem#3: White uncorks: e8(B)~! promoting to a queen also does the trick but how often does one get to promote to a bishop with the same effect?, Kxe8 virtually forced to avoid losing the rook immediately, Ba4 pinning the-Black rook with an overwhelming winning position for White.

Problem#4: Rb5!! (immediately harassing the-Black queen since-Black cannot relinquish protection of the loose rook on g8 and also must not allow White to play Qb7#), Re8! threatening a back rank mate (or ... h4 creating luft to avoid the impending back rank mate, Re1+, Kh2, Qxb5, Qxh7 and White should be able to hang on due to the-Black king being devoid of any pawn shield which will be vulnerable to many checks by the White queen), Rb1, Rg8 continuing to harass the White queen since-Black remains a piece down, Rb5!, Re8! with a draw by repetition imminent.

Problem#5: ... g5! after which there appears no good squares for the White minor pieces to fall back to, Bg3 retreating to the only square available to avoid immediate loss of the bishop, g4 dislodging the White knight, Ng1, Bxg2 picking up the White rook and winning easily.

Problem#6: Be7 forcing-Black to place the rook on e8 which is the only available square to avoid loss of the rook, Bb4 double attacking the-Black queen while threatening-Black's hanging rook with a back rank mate to boot wins easily for White.

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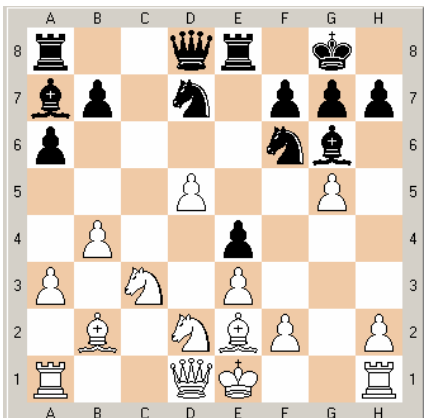
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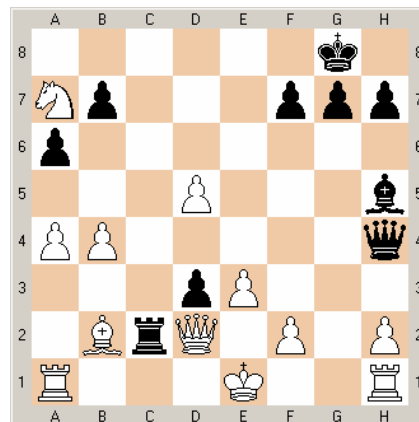
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6.cxd5 Bc5 7.N5c3 O-O 8.e3 e4 9.Nd2 Re8 10.a3
a6 11.Be2 Bf5 12.b4 Ba7 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.g4 Bg6
15.g5



15. ... Rc8 16.gxf6 Qxf6 17.Nc4 Qh4 18.Qd2 Red8
19.a4 Bh5 20.Nd6 Ne5 21.Nxc8 Rxc8 22.Nb5 Nd3+

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23.Bxd3 exd3 24.Nxa7 Rc2



25.Rc1 Qe4 26.Rg1 f6 27.Rxc2 dxc2 28.d6 **Black Resigns**



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