

# *Atlantic Chess News ~ October thru December 2007*

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## **From Your Editor's Desk**

Many players can be seen enjoying their games in this cover photo taken during the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix* in Westfield on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Our president, Joe Ippolito, is back with his Scholastic Spotlight on another bright prospect in NJ. NM James R. West gives us his objective review on the new "*King's Gambit*" book. Lev Zilbermintz returns with a nice follow-up to his previous Blackmar-Diemer Gambit article from last issue! Our own Peter J. Tamburro, Jr. brings us another fully annotated game involving a fierce sacrificial attack in the Closed Sicilian Defense and Ken Calitri is also back to share with us an interesting perspective on getting back into chess at age 50. We have IM Dean Ippolito with us in this issue to give us a peek at what's happening on the scholastic chess front and to debut his new chess league that he recently opened his doors in Branchburg for Friday night play! On a more somber note, Victor Rosas informs us of the passing of avid chessplayer, Bill Hotaling and dedicates some nice games Bill.

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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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Most games are analyzed with the assistance of the extensive and exhaustive chess playing programs, *Fritz 10*, *Rebel II Chess Tiger 13.0*, or *Chess Genius* 5.028A and *Grandmaster Books* add-on program running on an Intel Pentium 4 2.53 GHz PC with 2GB 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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## Breaking News!:

GM Sergey Kudrin dominated the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix* in Westfield November 4<sup>th</sup> with a score of 4½ / 5 with 30 Grand Prix Points on the table!

GM Alexander Stripunsky and FM Thomas Bartell tied with 3½ / 4 in the *Viking 4-County Open* held in Mt. Arlington, NJ on November 17<sup>th</sup> with 22 players participating in this 20 Grand Prix event.

IM Dean Ippolito opened a new chess site where players can now play every Friday night in Branchburg for \$25 for an entire year!

# Upcoming Tournaments Throughout New Jersey & Pennsylvania

## December 29 Viking [ast Saturday Quads

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, NJ at Exit #12 of U.S. Route #287. 3RR, G/75. EF: \$20. \$\$G \$40. 3-0 plays free next month. Rds: 10-1-3:30. Info: Ken Thomas, cell 908-763-6468 or [acn@goes.com](mailto:acn@goes.com). Ent: Before 10am at site. NS, NC, W.

## December 29 Viking K~8 Klds Kwads

(limited to K-8), Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset. At Exit #12 of U.S. Route #287. 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](mailto:acn@goes.com). Ent: Before 10:30 am at site. NS, NC, W.

## January 6 Westfield Quads (same format January 13)

3 RR 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: <http://www.westfieldchessclub.com/> please bring identification to enter the building. Todd Lunna 732-946-7379.

## January 7 ~ February 4 Hackettstown Winter Swiss

5SS, 40/90, additional 40/60 or SD 60-Players Choice. Hackettstown Community Center, 293 Main St, Hackettstown, NJ. EF: \$10, Jrs or Srs \$7. Winner gets DOUBLE prize, trophy or chess books (selected from the USCF catalog, remaining top 40%, trophy or chess book). Reg.: 7-7:30PM RDS.: 7:30PM Mondays. 908-852-5925 ENT: Harold J Darst, 111 W Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. (908) 852-5925. JGP.

## January 12 Princeton Day School

650 The Great Road. Plaques to top 3 school teams and top 5 in each section. Sections: FUTURE MASTERS and CLOSED begin 10:30 (must preregister). FUTURE MASTERS G/60 3 rounds (Players K-12 over 1300), CLOSED 4 Rds. G/45 (K-12 over 1000), ALL OTHER SECTIONS Reg.: 11:30-12:30. 4 Rds. 1, 2, 3, 4pm. (times will be accelerated if possible) G/30: OPEN (Players K-12 U-1000), Reserve (K-12 U-800), Novice II (K-8 U-600), Novice I (unrated K-6), K-1 (unrated) NO SCORE K-1 (unrated). PARENTS OF PLAYERS G/30, 3 rounds rated. Info and Register online: <http://www.pds.org/chess>. Inquires to Bonnie Waitzkin. [Chessteach@gmail.com](mailto:Chessteach@gmail.com). Registration \$30 (On-site \$40).

## January 13 Wizards of the Mind Chess Tournament

Section U2200: (Limited to under 21 years old) - 3 rounds Swiss System, players with ratings under 2200. Time Control: G/60 (60 minutes per player). Money Prizes: \$100, \$60, \$40 based on 7 or more entries, will not reduce below 50%. Registration: 1:00-1:20pm. Rounds start at 1:30pm. EF: \$25 mailed by 1/7/2008, \$35 on-site. Section U1400: 4SS, G/30 - trophies to top 5, Registration: 1-1:20am. Rounds start at 1:30. EF: \$25 mailed by 1/7/2008, \$30 on-site. Section U800: (Unrated players and players rated under 800) - 4SS, G/30 - trophies to top 5, Registration: 9-9:20am. Rounds start at 9:30. EF: \$25 mailed by 1/7/2008, \$30 on-site. Mail entries: 15 Center Street, Springfield, NJ 07081.

## February 3 ICA Winter 2008 Championship

4 ROUND SWISS SYSTEM, EVERYONE PLAYS 4 GAMES, ALL PLAYERS WITH 2.5 POINTS OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY!!! ADD: Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack NJ 07601. U.S. CHESS FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR SECTIONS 1 AND 2. Send Entries To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Lane, New Milford, NJ 07646. For additional Info: 201 287 0250 or 201 833 1741 E-mail: [Diana@icanj.net](mailto:Diana@icanj.net). (Web Site: [www.icanj.net](http://www.icanj.net)) EF Advance (postmarked by Jan 31) \$20, AT Site \$25. Registration ends 1/2 hr before 1st round. Late entrants will receive a 1/2 point bye for round 1. In 4 Sections Section 1: Open to players rated below 1200 K through 12th grade. Rds.: 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15 and 3:00 PM. Section 2: Open to players rated below 1600 K through 12th grade. Rds.: 9:45 AM, 12:00, 2:15 and 4:30 PM. Section 3: Open to unrated players K through 2nd grade. Rds.: 10:15 AM, (tournament will end at approximately 1:00 PM). Section 4: Open to unrated players K through 12th grade. Rds.: 10:00 AM, (tournament will end at approximately 2:00 PM). NS NC W.

## February 3 ICA Winter 2008 Open Championship GPP:6

Open To All Ages With Rating > 1400. U. S. Chess Federation Membership Required. 3SS, G/90, ADD.: Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack NJ 07601. Prize Fund (b/30): 1st - 3rd \$200, \$150, \$100. U2000, U1800, U1600 each \$75. Best Less Than 13 Years Old \$50. Will Not Reduce Prizes Below 70%. EF Advance

(postmarked by Jan 31) \$25, AT Site \$30. Rds.: 9:30 AM, 12:45 and 4:00 PM. ENT: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Lane, New Milford, NJ 07646. INFO: 201 287 0250 or 201 833 1741 E-mail: [Diana@icanj.net](mailto:Diana@icanj.net). (Web Site) [www.icanj.net](http://www.icanj.net). NS NC W.

## \*\*\* A Heritage Event! \*\*\*

**February 16 - 18**

**Celebrate The 50's!**

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual World Amateur Team & US Team East

6SS, 40/2, SD/1, Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Court, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Chess Rate valid until 1/16. Reserve early 973-267-7373 or 1-800-HILTONS. Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1½ miles. Open to 4-Player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings - 2007 Annual Rating List) must be under 2200. **EF: \$140 postmarked by 2/5/08. \$170 after or at door - all teams, Plaque & 4 Digital Clocks, Top Team (Denis Barry Award), U2100, U2000, U1900, U1800, U1700, U1600, U1500, U1400, U1300, U1200, U1000 each Plaque & 4 Digital Clocks, Top College Team (same school) Plaque & 4 Digital Clocks; Top HS Team (grades 9-12 same school), Top Middle School (grades 5-9 same school), Top Elementary School (grades K-6 same school), Top 2 Scholastic Teams (mixed schools okay) (Collins Award), Mixed Doubles (2 males, 2 females - no alternates), Seniors (all players over age 50), Military Team, each Plaque & 4 Digital Clocks to top team, Company Team (same employer), Old Timer's Trophy (all players over age 65), Family (4 family members), State Teams - CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY (Benjamin Award), PA, VA, Canada, Ethel Collins Perseverance (lowest scoring scholastic team), each Plaque top team; Team traveling longest distance - EF refunded. Best Player 1-4 & Top Alternate, All 6-0 scores each Digital Clock. Biggest Individual Upset each round Engraved Cross Pen; EF refunded to team with Best "Chess Related" name, Sunday night - Best "Chess Related costumes or gimmick - 1950's Theme" - gourmet dinner for four. Reg: 9-12 Sat. 2/16 Rds: 1PM-7:30PM, 11AM-6PM, 9AM-3:30PM. Special Events!! Surprises and special give-aways each round! Sunday night - Bughouse \$20 per team. Cash prizes. HR: Parsippany Hilton, chess rates expire 1/16/08. Rates: \$98 (up to 4 in room), 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel now attached to Hilton (also up to 4 in room) \$101 per night Hampton Inn - includes breakfast for 4. For help forming teams and more information, contact: [esdoyle@aol.com](mailto:esdoyle@aol.com) Checks payable to: NJSCF, mail by 2/5/08 to: E. Steven Doyle, 17 Stonehenge Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. (Include: Team Name, Captain, Player's Full Names, USCF Expiration, ID Numbers, & Ratings In Board Order). Include SASE for confirmation if wanted. No registered or certified mail accepted. NS, NC, W.**

# 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**

## **-Branchburg Chess League** **\*\* New \*\***

Branchburg Chess League  
1161 US Hwy. 202N, Branchburg 08876  
Contact: IM Dean Ippolito 908-534-4318  
Meets **Fridays 7:00pm**  
League Membership Required: \$25/year

## **Chess Club Of Greater Somerset County**

Pheasant's Landing Restaurant  
311 Amwell Road, Hillsborough 08844  
Restaurant Phone# 908-281-1288  
[www.pheasantslanding.com](http://www.pheasantslanding.com)  
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Website:  
<http://home.att.net/~nwalhall/GSCC/>  
<http://home.att.net/~nwalhall/cjcl/>  
Meets **Tuesdays 7:00pm – 11:00pm**

## **Dumont Chess Mates** **\*\* Largest In NJ!! \*\***

Dumont High School  
101 New Milford Avenue  
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[www.dumontchessmates.com](http://www.dumontchessmates.com)  
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Meets **Mondays 7:00pm – 11:00pm**

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Email: [lacon1963@yahoo.com](mailto:lacon1963@yahoo.com)  
Meets **Mondays 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

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Elmwood Park Municipal Bldg.  
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Elmwood Park 07407  
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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](http://www.hamiltonchess.org)  
Meets **Wednesdays 7:30pm – 10:30pm**

## **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](mailto:GTomkovich@aol.com)  
Meets **Thursdays 8:00pm – Midnight**  
**Livingston Recreation & Parks**  
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Meets **1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. Of Month (Summer Only)**  
**6:00PM – 8:00PM**

## **Mays Landing P.A.L. Chess Club**

Oakcrest Estates Clubhouse, Oakcrest Drive  
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Meets **Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm**

## **Mendham Chess Club**

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(1/8 Mile North Of Traffic Light From  
Black Horse Inn), Mendham 07945  
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Summer 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

## **Metuchen Chess Club**

Metuchen – Edison YMCA  
Lake Street, Metuchen 08840  
Contact: Bill Cohen 732-548-8432  
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125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan 07726  
Contact: Jim Mullanaphy 732-294-9372  
Email: [jmull@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:chesscamp@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.kidsshesscamp.com](http://www.kidsshesscamp.com)  
Meets **Fridays 6:30pm – 9:00pm**  
July – August on Weekdays 9:00am – 5pm

## **Northfield & Ventnor Chess Club**

Ventnor Library  
6500 Atlantic Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., Ventnor 08406  
Site Phone: 609-823-4614  
Contact: Gerry Sakura 609-601-1268  
Email: [Sakura999@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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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](http://www.wizardsofthemind.com)  
917-841-5589  
Meets **Saturday & Wednesday Nights**

## **Woodbury Chess Club**

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



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[Ferrero@cyberdude.com](mailto:Ferrero@cyberdude.com) if you would  
like your chess club listed for free!

## From Our President

by Joe Ippolito, President New Jersey State Chess Federation



New Jersey chess has reached another milestone with the opening of *Dean Ippolito's Chess Center* in Branchburg, New Jersey. New York, for as long as anyone can remember, had the *Marshall Chess Club* and the recently ended *Manhattan Chess Club*. Here you could go for tournaments, lessons, lectures, and viewing top-notch games. Well, now you can do the same right here in our own state. Dean also lists as one of the features, chess themed birthday parties. We wish this venture the best of success and you can find out more of daily activities by logging onto [www.deanofchess.com](http://www.deanofchess.com). Look for a feature upcoming story on this first in New Jersey chess activity.

The *New Jersey Teachers Convention* was once again the setting for our heralded NJSCF booth highlighting the benefits of chess for all school age children. The convention which ran from November 8-9 was manned by Mike Somers, Roger Inglis, Michael Khodarkovsky, Michele Ippolito and I. Apparently our efforts are paying off with more children playing chess in the state than ever before.

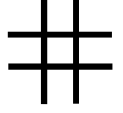
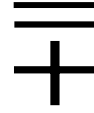
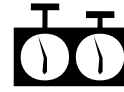
We hope that you are impressed with the changes that are being made in the *Atlantic Chess News*. New cover designs, columns and chess points of interest make our state issue one of the most respected in the country. We can thank our editor, Steve Ferrero, and welcome comments and suggestions.

The chess tournament schedule is beginning at full speed with the start of our *Grade Level Championships, Elementary and High School Championships*, and of course the very popular *World Amateur Team* soon upon us in February. Information on these events can be found on the following websites, [www.NJSCF.org](http://www.NJSCF.org) and [www.deanofchess.com](http://www.deanofchess.com).

Our next state meeting will be in March and we welcome you to attend. At our last meeting we had a featured guest, Roz Katz. As you might recall if you have been involved in NJ chess, it was Roz that spearheaded the effort to have chess mandated as a state law to be taught in public schools. The law was passed for second graders to be given chess instruction in 1993. To date, there has been little movement on the part of teachers and administration to fully heed this law. Roz is making an effort to have the law better responded to, and is even going to Texas during the *National Elementary Championship* to make a presentation for other states to get chess legislation passed.

## Games From Around The State

by Steve Ferrero



We still have many games to share with you from the *108<sup>th</sup> Annual US Open* from Cherry Hill this past August! In addition to these games, you'll find plenty of photos to enjoy just in from the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix* held in Westfield on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Westfield Y. We've even included games from Ken Thomas' *Viking 4-County Open* held November 17<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Arlington. Your Editor had the honor of being paired against a top grandmaster, Alexander Stripunsky, in round one at the *Viking 4-County Open*! Needless to say, I did not win that game!



Photo provided courtesy of Steve Ferrero

GM Sergey Kudrin (back left) faces off against Andrew Ng in round 1 during the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix* held November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Westfield Y. GM Kudrin's young adversary put up formidable resistance with his rook, knight, & pawns vs GM Kudrin's queen which eventually dominated in the end.

Ken Thomas' *Viking Last Saturday Quads* from Mt. Arlington on November 24<sup>th</sup> saw 22 players. 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 and inclusion in *Atlantic Chess News*.

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## Ernesto Labate Grand Prix Crosstable – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round					
			1	2	3	4	5	
1 CT	GM SERGEY KUDRIN 11257585 / R: 2615 Q: 2530 -->2618 -->2529	4.5	1W	10W	12W	3D	2W	9
2 PA	BRYAN SMITH 12602587 / R: 2427 Q: 2269 -->2435 -->2280	4.0	1W	20W	13W	8D	1D	4
3 NJ	EVAN D JU 12740630 / R: 2322 Q: 2115 -->2333 -->2133	4.0	1W	21W	14L	1W	13W	11
4 NJ	MIKHAIL BEFORUSOV 12691659 / R: 2283 Q: 2193 -->2293 -->2199	4.0	1W	27D	16W	29W	7D	2
5 NJ	THOMAS BARTELL 12559979 / R: 2425 Q: 2297 -->2416 -->2288	3.5	1W	18W	17D	7L	9W	12
6 NJ	ANATOLY VOLOVICH 12457229 / R: 2415 Q: 2335 -->2397 -->2317	3.5	1L	19W	23D	10W	25W	18
7 NJ	VICTOR C SHEN 12809707 / R: 2254 Q: 2076 -->2257 -->2086	3.5	1W	25W	24D	5L	4W	20
8 NJ	PETER RADOMSKYJ 12460475 / R: 2255 Q: 2100 -->2251 -->2097	3.5	1W	22W	15L	2D	18W	19
9 NJ	GUILLERMO A ESTEVEZ 12669043 / R: 2231 Q: 2106 -->2242 -->2118	3.5	1W	26D	29W	16W	5L	1
10 NJ	ANDREW NG 12870005 / R: 2004 Q: 1906 -->2018 -->1921	3.5	1L	11W	33D	6W	26W	22
11 NJ	BORIS PRIVMAN 12407354 / R: 2220 Q: 2131 -->2215 -->2124	3.0	1H	0D	28W	19W	14L	3
12 NJ	JAMES R WEST 10044812 / R: 2200 Q: 2013 -->2201 -->2017	3.0	1W	33L	11W	21W	15L	5
13 NY	VLADIMIR L POLYAKIN 12287160 / R: 2115 Q: 2005 -->2113 -->2003	3.0	1W	34L	21W	27L	31W	25
14 NY	SAM BARSKY 12550168 / R: 2100 Q: 1983 -->2100 -->1980	3.0	1W	30L	31W	28L	11W	27
15 NJ	KEVIN DRESHER 10051932 / R: 1946 Q: 1823 -->1949 -->1834	3.0	1W	39L	8W	36L	12W	28
16 NJ	JOSEPH W LUX 10101433 / R: 2090 Q: 1999 -->2083 -->1991	2.5	1W	35D	4L	9L	20W	29
17 NJ	MAURICIO CAMEJO 12616543 / R: 2093 Q: 1970 -->2073 -->1950	2.5	1W	40L	5L	25W	34D	21
18 NJ	LEV ZILBERMINTZ 12476202 / R: 1955 Q: 1907 -->1975 -->1926	2.5	1L	5W	40W	32D	8L	6
19 NJ	JENNIE S LIU 12830124 / R: 1875 Q: 1617 -->1925 -->1716	2.5	1W	6D	32L	11W	24L	8
20 NJ	STEVE FERRERO 12111440 / R: 1877 Q: 1815 -->1892 -->1825	2.5	1L	2D	26W	23W	16L	7
21 NJ	ARTHUR SHEN 12875350 / R: 1843 Q: 1732 -->1849 -->1737	2.5	1L	31W	34L	12W	30D	17
22 NJ	PALL F SCHEPPEL 12825783 / R: 1730 Q: 1655 -->1757 -->1681	2.5	1L	8W	31D	24W	29L	10
23 NJ	EVE D ZHURBINSKIY 12878963 / R: 1657 Q: 1603 -->1661 -->1605	2.5	1H	0L	6L	20W	33W	34
24 NJ	SAMEER SUHAS MULLIMBAR 12657211 / R: 2026 Q: 1941 -->2001 -->1908	2.0	1W	31L	7D	22L	19D	26
25 NJ	JOHN MOLDOVAN 12394542 / R: 1788 Q: 1807P14->1819P19 -->1804 -->1819P19	2.0	1L	7W	30W	17L	6L	13

26 NJ	YUXING JACK YANG 13208804 / R: 1773 Q: 1568 -->1780 -->1589	2.0	1L	9D	20W	33L	10D	24
27 NJ	KEVIN ODENWALDER 12798581 / R: 1778 Q: 1649 -->1773 -->1644	2.0	1L	4W	35L	13W	31L	14
28 NJ	RICHARD A LEWIS 10048656 / R: 1733 Q: 1870 -->1748 -->1866	2.0	1D	32D	11L	14W	36L	15
29 NJ	TIMOTHY J HALL 11016090 / R: 2020 Q: 1917 -->2001 -->1896	1.5	1W	36D	9L	4L	22L	16
30 NJ	MARK D POWELL 12899802 / R: 1376 Q: 1274 -->1378 -->1280	1.5	1L	14L	25W	35L	21D	31
31 NJ	KELVIN E YAO 12862192 / R: 1224 Q: 1131 -->1229 -->1136	1.5	1L	24L	22B	0L	27D	30
32 NJ	GREGORY MARKZON 12057550 / R: 2250 Q: 2317P20->2254P23 -->2225 -->2254P23	1.0	1D	28D	19L	18U		
33 NJ	ALICE DONG 13398051 / R: 1405 Q: 1305 -->1402 -->1300	1.0	1L	12L	10L	26L	23W	36
34 NY	TEDDY KATZ 12899972 / R: 1364 Q: 1276 -->1373 -->1283	1.0	1L	13L	21W	40L	17L	23
35 NJ	ZACHARY LEVINE 12935509 / R: 1330 Q: 1264 -->1309 -->1239	1.0	1L	16L	27L	30B	0U	
36 NJ	DANIEL CALANDRI 12792568 / R: 1248 Q: 1105 -->1232 -->1092	1.0	1L	29B	0L	15L	28L	33
37 NJ	DEAN J IPPOLITO 12445752 / R: 2473 Q: 2371 -->2473 -->2371	0.0	1F	0U		U	U	U
38 NJ	TODD W LUNNA 10047943 / R: 2271 Q: 2174 -->2271 -->2174	0.0	1U		U	U	U	U
39 NJ	ERNESTO LABATE 10047935 / R: 1700 Q: 1700 -->1700 -->1700	0.0	1L	15U		U	U	U
40 NJ	DMITRIY YAMPOLSKIY 12589831 / R: 1378 Q: 1234 -->1356 -->1214	0.0	1L	17L	18L	34U		U



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The young Jenny S. Liu pulled off a stunning upset against her trainer, IM Anatoly Volovich, in this round 1 encounter at the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix!*

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#### 4-County Open Crosstable – Mt. Arlington, NJ – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	ALEXANDER STRIPUNSKY NY   12715435 / R: 2641 ->2639	3.5	1W	9 W	8 W	3 D 2
2	THOMAS BARTELL NJ   12559979 / R: 2416 ->2426	3.5	1W	11 W	5 W	4 D 1
3	GERALD ANTHONY BAILLEAU PA   12562277 / R: 2269 ->2271	3.0	1W	16 W	12 L	1 W 10
4	SANDI HUTAMA NJ   12465625 / R: 2189 ->2191	3.0	1W	13 W	10 L	2 W 9
5	SAM BARSKY NY   12550168 / R: 2100 ->2107	3.0	1W	18 L	2 W	7 W 13
6	MICHAEL KAGEL PA   12578902 / R: 1830 ->1849	3.0	1W	21 L	9 W	15 W 8
7	YINKO RUTAR NJ   12683857 / R: 2086 ->2082	2.5	1W	20 D	14 L	5 W 17
8	JAMES R. WEST NJ   10044812 / R: 2201 ->2200	2.0	1W	17 L	1 W	14 L 6
9	STEVE FERRERO NJ   12111440 / R: 1892 ->1906	2.0	1L	1 W	6 W	12 L 4
10	PAUL R. JOSEPH NJ   12452482 / R: 1865 ->1868	2.0	1W	22 L	4 W	16 L 3
11	STEVE JESSEPH IL   11021948 / R: 1830 ->1814	2.0	1L	2 W	18 L	13 W 19
12	RICHARD C. BUSCHGANS NJ   12676217 / R: 1819 ->1811	2.0	1W	19 L	3 L	9 W 20
13	LAWRENCE J. TREMEL PA   12936904 / R: 1481 ->1529	2.0	1L	4 W	22 W	11 L 5
14	STEPHEN E. STOYKO NJ   10050227 / R: 2257 ->2245	1.5	1W	15 D	7 L	8 U
15	ALFRED WALTERS NJ   12728404 / R: 1729 ->1720	1.5	1L	14 W	20 L	6 D 16
16	JUSTIN P. ROACH NJ   12846477 / R: 1718 ->1711	1.5	1L	3 W	19 L	10 D 15
17	WAYNE BURMETT NJ   12524463 / R: 1509 ->1511	1.5	1L	8 W	21 D	18 L 7
18	MAXIMILLIAN R. SHERER NJ   13261807 / R: 1495 ->1497	1.5	1L	5 L	11 D	17 W 22
19	LOUIS STURNIOLLO NJ   10016941 / R: 1311 ->1319	1.0	1L	12 L	16 W	22 L 11
20	BRADLEY M. THOMAS NJ   12635924 / R: 1312 ->1317	1.0	1L	7 L	15 W	21 L 12
21	STAN RYDZ NJ   12673653 / R: 1169 ->1149	1.0	1L	6 L	17 L	20 B
22	CAROLYN PULLMAN NJ   13487085 / R: 1269 ->1235	0.0	1L	10 L	13 L	19 L 18

#### Viking Last Sat. Quad#2 – Mt. Arlington, NJ – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	RICHARD L. HARRY PA   12473856 / R: 1877 ->1888	2.0	1W	3 D	4 *	1 D 2
2	ALEXANDER ROSS KATZ NJ   12885132 / R: 1809 ->1830	2.0	1D	3 W	4 D	1 * 1
3	FRANCIS C. ROMANO NJ   11256121 / R: 1932 ->1917	1.0	1*	1D	4 L	1 D 2
4	STEVE FERRERO NJ   12111440 / R: 1906 ->1893	1.0	1D	3 *	1D	1 L 2

#### Viking Last Sat. Quad#3 – Mt. Arlington, NJ – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	MICHAEL V. POLITO NJ   10069394 / R: 1600 ->1636	2.5	1W	3 *	1D	2 W 4
2	MICHAEL SOBIN NJ   12919159 / R: 1523 ->1536	1.5	1L	3 D	1 *	1W 4
3	ALFRED WALTERS NJ   12728404 / R: 1720 ->1690	1.0	1*	1L	1 W	2 L 4
4	THOMAS STANICS NJ   12610956 / R: 1523 ->1519	1.0	1W	3 L	1 L	2 * 1

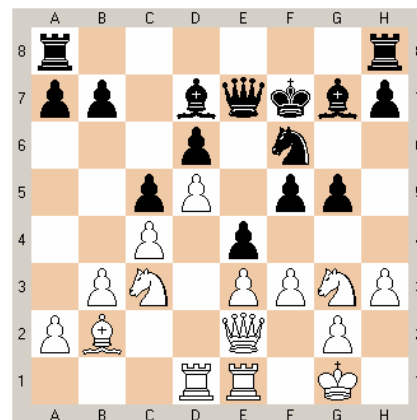
#### Doug Moak (Unr)

#### Albert Makatenas (1449)

9ss 108<sup>th</sup> US Open, Cherry Hill, Rd. 7, TL 40/2 SD/1, Aug. 3, 2007, ECO A85

#### Dutch Defense

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Qc7 6.d5 g6 7.b3 Bg7 8.Bb2 O-O 9.h3 Kh8 10.Bd3 e5 11.Bc2 Na6 12.O-O Nb4 13.Re1 Nxc2 14.Qxc2 Qe7 15.Rd1 e4 16.Nd4 c5 17.Ne2 Bd7 18.Nf4 g5 19.Ne2 Kg8 20.Ng3 Kf7 21.Qe2 Rh8 22.f3



22...h5 23.fxe4 f4 24.exf4 g4 25.h4 Re8 26.e5 dxe5 27.fxe5 Qd8 28.Qf2 Kg6 29.Qc2+ Kf7 30.e6+ **Black Resigns**

#### Viking Last Sat. Quad#4 – Mt. Arlington, NJ – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	PATRICK J. MAZZILLO NJ   10049776 / R: 1464 ->1461	2.5	1*	1D	3 W	4 W 2
2	STEVEN MEZIC NJ   13722741 / R: 933P3 ->1154P6	2.0	1L	1 W	3 W	4 * 1
3	RICHARD DAVISSON NJ   12934193 / R: 1181 ->1189	1.5	1D	1 *	1W	4 L 2
4	TIMOTHY J. BEECK NJ   12562129 / R: 1146 ->1096	0.0	1L	1 L	3 *	1L 2

#### Viking Last Sat. Quad#1 – Mt. Arlington, NJ – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	BORIS PRIYMAN NJ   12407354 / R: 2261 ->2270	2.5	1*	1D	2 W	3 W 4
2	JAMES R. WEST NJ   10044812 / R: 2200 ->2207	2.0	1D	1 *	1D	3 W 4
3	SANDI HUTAMA NJ   12465625 / R: 2191 ->2190	1.5	1L	1 D	2 *	1W 4
4	DANIEL B. ARCEO VA   12715839 / R: 2084 ->2068	0.0	1L	1 L	2 L	3 *

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Zach Levine (left) and Sam Barsky (right) in thought during their hard-fought games at the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix* on November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Viking Last Sat. Quad#5 – Mt. Arlington, NJ – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	<u>NICHOLAS MICHAEL KATZ</u> NJ 12905539 / R: 936 -> 956 Q: 919 -> 940	3.0	*	W	2 W	3 W 4
2	<u>ABHINAV POTHIREDDY</u> NJ 13579193 / R: 783 -> 778 Q: 769 -> 764	2.0	L	1 *	W	3 W 4
3	<u>VAIBHAV POTHIREDDY</u> NJ 13579207 / R: 429 -> 441 Q: 421 -> 434	1.0	L	1 L	2 *	W 4
4	<u>JOSHUA ELIJAH KATZ</u> NJ 13299118 / R: 342 -> 309 Q: 347P23-> 312	0.0	L	1 L	2 L	3 *

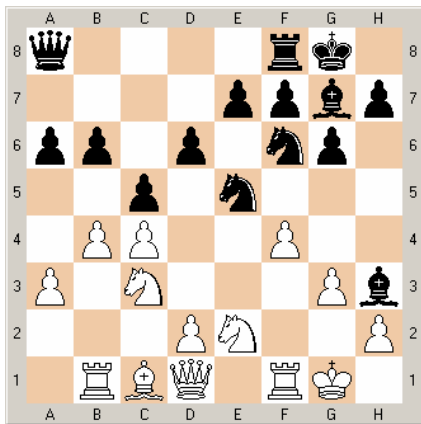
**Ken Sloan (1750)**

**Jim Berry (1986)**

9ss 108<sup>th</sup> US Open, Cherry Hill, Rd. 7, TL 40/2 SD/1, Aug. 3, 2007, ECO A15

**English Opening**

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 c5 7.O-O Nc6 8.a3 a6 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.b4 b6 11.e5 Nxe5 12.Bxa8 Qxa8 13.f4 Bh3 **White Resigns**



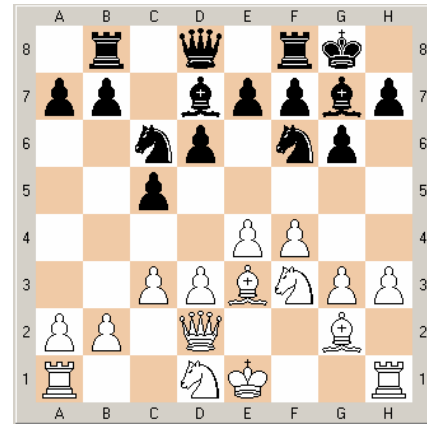
**John P. Rinaldo (2047)**

**Ola Osanyinjobi (1947)**

9ss 108<sup>th</sup> US Open, Cherry Hill, Rd. 7, TL 40/2 SD/1, Aug. 3, 2007, ECO B26

**Sicilian Defense – Closed Variation with 6.Be3**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nd4 9.Nd1 Rb8 10.c3 Nc6 11.f4 Bd7 12.Nf3



12...e5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Bxc5 Re8 15.O-O h6 16.Be3 Kh7 17.Nf2 Be6 18.g4 Nd7 19.b3 Nf8 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Bc8 22.Rac1 Ra8 23.d5 Ne7 24.Bf4 g5 25.Be5 Neg6 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qd4+ f6 28.Nd3 Nd7 29.Qf2 Rf8 30.Kh1 b6 31.Qb2 Ba6 32.Nd4 Bxd3 33.Ne6+ Kg8 34.Nxd8 Bxf1 35.Bxf1 Raxd8 36.Rc7 a5 37.Qd4 Nge5 38.Bb5 Nc5 39.d6 Kh8 40.Qd5 Ned7 41.a3 Rfe8 42.Bxd7 Nxd7 Qf5 **Black Resigns**



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Dan Calandri (facing camera), Zach Levine (reaching for a piece), and Sam Barsky deep in thought at the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix* held in Westfield. Meanwhile, Life Master James R. West (back right) waits patiently for the next round to begin.

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Kevin Drescher (left) squares off against the tournament's host, Ernesto Labate, at the *Ernesto Labate Grand Prix* in round 1. Andrew Ng can be seen playing the Black pieces alongside Ernesto trying to fend off GM Kudrin's attack.

20.Qg1 Qxg1+ 21.Kxg1 Rg8+ 22.Kh1 Nxf3 **White Resigns**

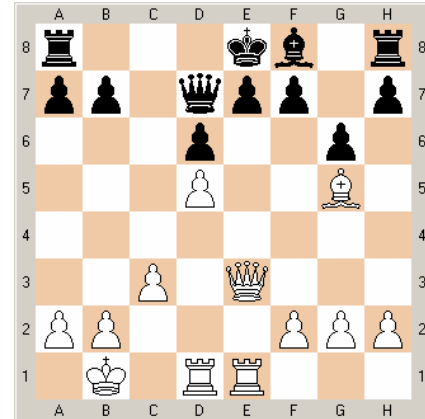
**Ian Aird (1941)**

**Ganesh Krishnan (1527)**

9ss 108<sup>th</sup> US Open, Cherry Hill, Rd. 7, TL 40/2 SD/1, Aug. 3, 2007, ECO B51

**Sicilian Defense – Canal–Sokolsky Attack**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Nd7 9.O-O-O Nc5 10.Bh4 Ne6 11.Qe3 Qa5 12.Rhe1 g6 13.Kb1 Bg7 14.Nd5 Qb5 15.c3 Bf8 16.Ng5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Nxg5 18.Bxg5 Qd7



19.Ka1 h6 20.Bf6 Rh7 21.Re2 O-O-O 22.Bd4 b6 23.c4 Re8 24.Qf3 Kb8 25.Rde1 Kc7 26.Qa3 Kb8 27.Qa6 e5 28.Bc3 f5 29.b4 Rc8 30.Rb2 Bg7 31.Reb1 e4 32.Bxg7 Qxg7 33.Qb5 **Draw Agreed**

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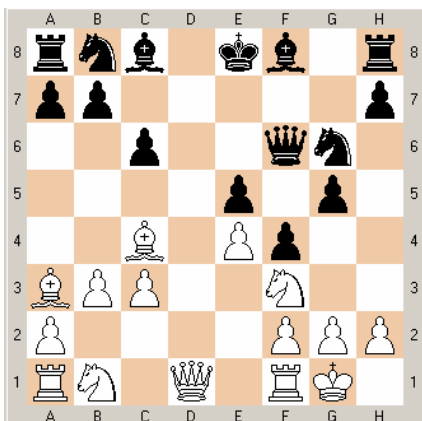
**Stephen Stoyko (2273)**

**James R. West (2200)**

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**Philidor's Defense (by transposition)**

1.Nf3 d6 2.e4 e5 3.Bc4 f5 4.d3 c6 5.O-O f4 6.c3 Qf6 7.d4 Ne7 8.b3 g5 9.Ba3 Ng6 10.dxe5 dxe5



11.Bxf8 Rxf8 12.Nfd2 g4 13.Be2 f3 14.gxf3 gxf3 15.Bxf3 Bh3 16.Re1 Nd7 17.Re3 O-O-O 18.b4 Nh4 19.Kh1 Qg5

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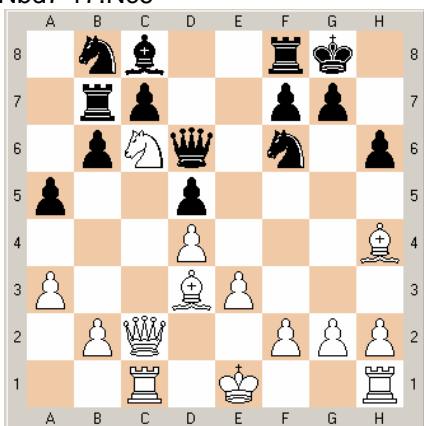
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**Jordana Cathryn Williams (1757)**

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**Nimzo Indian Defense – Capablanca Variation**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 O-O 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 d5 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 b6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Qc6 Rh8 12.Rc1 Rb7 13.Ne5 Nb8 14.Qc2 Qd6 15.e3 a5 16.Bd3 Nbd7 17.Nc6



17...Nb8 18.Nxb8 Rxb8 19.Bg3 Qe6 20.Qxc7 Bd7 21.O-O Rfe8 22.Qe5 Qxe5 23.dxe5 Nh5 24.e6 Bxe6 25.Bxb8 Rxb8 26.Rc7 Nf6 27.Rfc1 Kf8 28.Bb5 g6 29.f3 Ne8 30.Bxe8 Kxe8 31.Kf2 b5 32.Ra7 a4 33.Rcc7 h5 34.Ke3 Kf8 35.Rab7 Rxb7 36.Rxb7 d4 37.exd4 Bc4 38.Kd2 Kg7 39.Kc3 Bf1 40.g3 Bg2 41.Rxb5 Bxf3 42.Ra5 Bd1 43.Kb4 Kh6 44.d5 g5 45.d6 h4 46.d7 hxg3 47.hxg3 f5 48.d8(Q) f4 49.Qf6+ Kh7 50.Ra7+ Kg8 51.Qd8 **Checkmate**

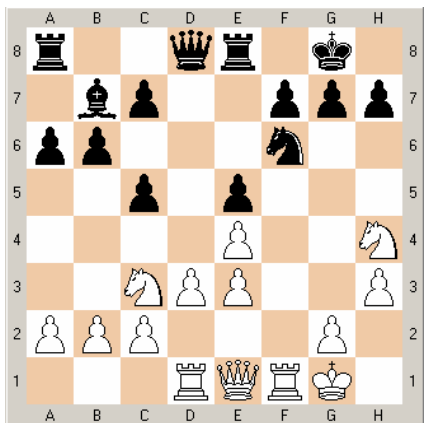
**Glenn B. Hart (1629)**

**Jeffrey A. Lawrence (1960)**

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**Four Knights Defense – Spanish – Classical Variation**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.O-O O-O 7.h3 Re8 8.d3 a6 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 c5 11.Qe1 b6 12.Rd1 Bb7 13.Nh4



13...Re6 14.Nf5 Ne8 15.Qg3 f6 16.Rf3 Qd7 17.Qg4 Nd6 18.Nxg7 Qxg7 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Qxf6 Qxf6 21.Rxf6 Rg8 22.Rdf1 Kg7 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.exd5

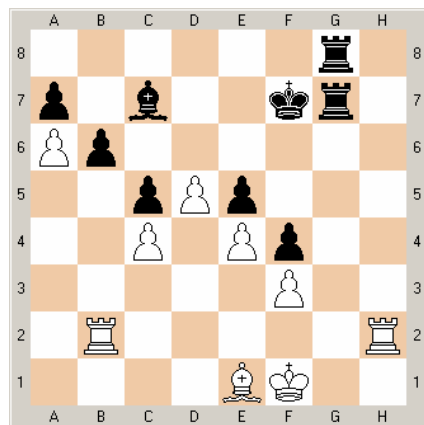
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**Bruce Maurice Cox (1557)**

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**Gruenfeld Defense – Exchange – Classical Variation**

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 O-O 8.Ne2 Nd7 9.O-O c5 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Rc1 b6 12.Bf4 e5 13.Bg3 Kh8 14.d5 Qd6 15.Bb5 Bb7 16.c4 Nf6 17.f3 Nh5 18.Bf2 Bh6 19.Rc3 f5 20.Be3 f4 21.Bf2 Rf7 22.Ra3 Nf6 23.Ba6 Ne8 24.Nc3 Qb8 25.Nb5 Nd6 26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.Bxb7 Rxb7 28.Ra6 Bg5 29.Qa4 Be7 30.Qb5 Qd7 31.Qxd7 Rxd7 32.Rb1 Rb7 33.Rb3 Bd6 34.Be1 Rab8 35.Rb5 Kg7 36.Rb1 g5 37.Ra3 h6 38.Rab3 Kf7 39.a4 Kg7 40.a5 Kf7 41.a6 Rd7 42.Rb5 Re7 43.Ba5 Bc7 44.Be1 Rd7 45.Bf2 Rdd8 46.Be1 Bd6 47.h4 Kg6 48.hxg5 hxg5 49.g3 Bc7 50.gxf4 gxf4 51.R1b2 Kf7 52.Rh2 Rg8+ 53.Kf1 Rg7 54.Rbb2 Rbg8



55.Rbg2 Rxd7 56.Rxd7 Rxd7 57.Kxg2 Kg6 58.Kh3 Kh5 59.Bf2 Bd8 60.d6 Bf6 61.Be1 Kg5 62.Bc3 Kg6 63.d7 Bd8 64.Bxe5 **Score Unreadable As White Went On To Win**

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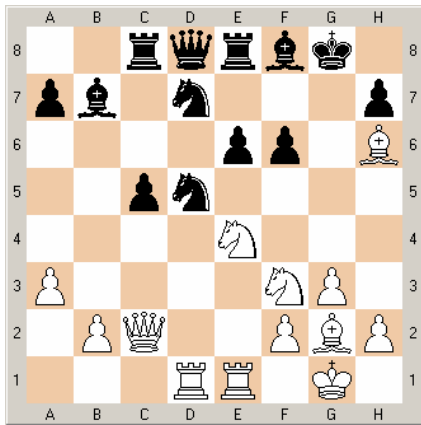
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**Catalan Opening With 5.Nf3 (by transposition)**

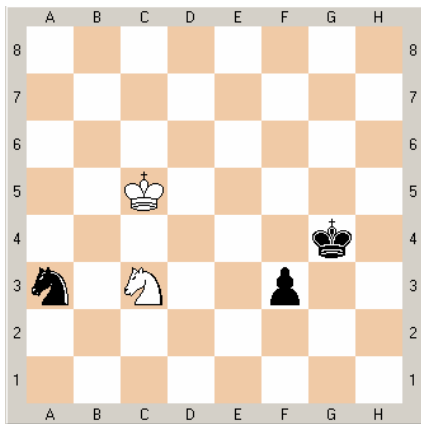
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21.Bxf8 Nxf8 22.Nc3 Qc7 23.Qa4 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Bc6  
 25.Qh4 Qg7 26.Qc4 Bd5 27.Qe2 Qg4 28.Nh4 Qxe2  
 29.Rxe2 Bxg2 30.Nxg2 Kf7 31.Red2 Re7 32.Kf1 Rb8  
 33.c4 Rb3 34.Rd3 Reb7 35.Ne3 Ke7 36.Ke2 Nd7 37.f4  
 Rxd3 38.Rxd3 Rb1 39.Rd1 Rb6 40.f5 Rb2+ 41.Rd2  
 Rxd2+ 42.Kxd2 exf5 43.Nxf5+ Ke6 44.Ne3 Ne5 45.Ke2 h5  
 46.h3 a5 47.g4 hxg4 48.hxg4 a4 49.Kd2 Kf7 50.Kc3 Kg6  
 51.Nd5 Nd7 52.Kd3 Kg5 53.Ne3 Kf4 54.Nd1 Kxg4 55.Nc3  
 f5 56.Nxa4 f4 57.Nc3 Ne5+ 58.Ke4 Nxc4 59.Kd5 Nxa3  
 60.Kxc5 f3 **Scoresheet Ends But Black Went On To Win**



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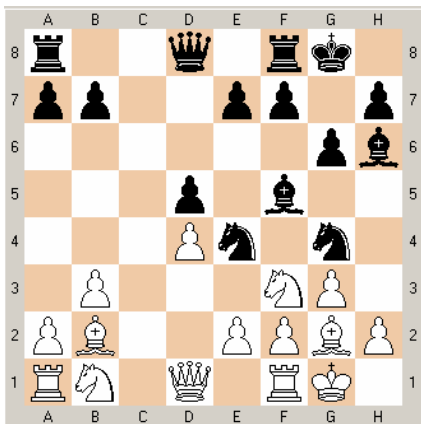
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**Westley A. Russell (1793)**

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**English Opening – Caro Kann Defense System**

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 d5 4.Qc2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 O-O  
 7.O-O Nbd7 8.b3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Ndf6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1  
 Ng4 12.Rf1 Bf5 13.Qd1 Bh6



14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Rc8 16.Bd4 b6 17.f4 Qd7 18.a4  
 Rc7 19.Na3 Rfc8 20.e3 Bf8 21.Qe2 h5 22.Qb5 e6  
 23.Qxd7 Rxd7 24.Nb5 a6 25.Nd6 Nxd6 26.exd6 Rxd6  
 27.Rfc1 Rdc6 28.Rxc6 Rxc6 29.Bf1 Bg7 30.Bxa6 Bxd4  
 31.exd4 Kf8 32.b4 Ke7 33.Bb5 Rc7 34.a5 bxa5 35.bxa5  
 Ra7 36.a6 e5 37.fxe5 Bc8 38.Kf2 g5 39.h4 gxh4 40.gxh4  
 Ke6 41.Rc1 Bd7 42.Bd3 Ke7 43.Rb1 Bc6 44.Ke3 Ra8  
 45.Rf1 Rg8 46.Be2 Ra8 47.Rf6 Bd7 48.Bxh5 Be6 49.Be2  
 Rb8 50.h5 Rb3+ 51.Kd2 Rb2+ 52.Kd1 Rb1+ 53.Kc2 Ra1  
 54.h6 Kf8 55.Kb2 Ra4 56.Kb3 Ra5 57.Kb4 Ra2 58.Bb5  
 Bc8 59.Kc5 Ra5 60.Kb6 Ra1 61.Kc7 Rc1+ 62.Rc6 Bxa6  
 63.Bxa6 Rh1 64.Kd7 Kg8 65.Bd3 f6 66.Rxf6 Rxh6  
 67.Rxh6 Kg7 68.Rg6+ Kf7 69.e6+ Kf8 70.e7+ Kf7  
 71.e8(Q)+ **Checkmate**

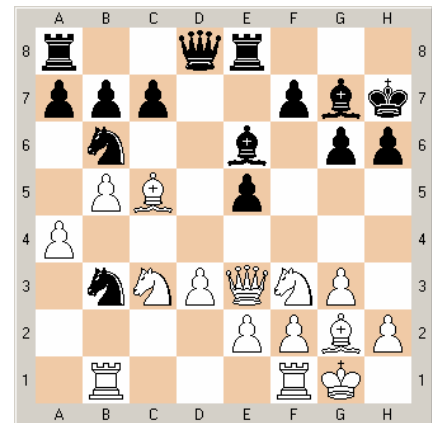
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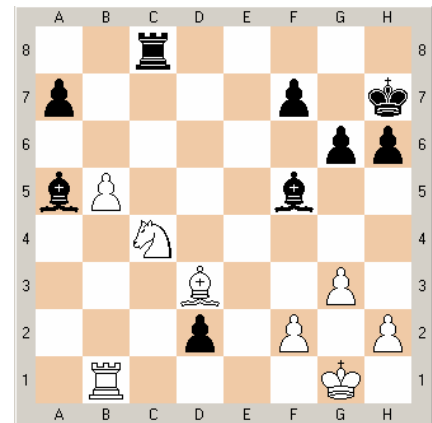
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**English Opening – Anglo-Grünfeld – Czech Defense**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nb6 6.Nf3  
 Bg7 7.O-O Nc6 8.d3 O-O 9.Be3 h6 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.Rab1  
 e5 12.Bc5 Re8 13.b4 Nd4 14.a4 Be6 15.b5 Nb3 16.Qe3



16...e4 17.Nd2 Nxc5 18.Qxc5 exd3 19.e3 Rb8 20.Rfc1  
 Bf8 21.Qd4 Qxd4 22.exd4 Red8 23.a5 Nc4 24.Nxc4 Bxc4  
 25.Ne4 Rxd4 26.Nd2 Ba2 27.Ra1 Be6 28.Rxc7 Bb4  
 29.Nf1 d2 30.Ne3 Bxa5 31.Rxb7 Rc8 32.Bc6 Bc3 33.Rf1  
 Rcd8 34.Bf3 R4d7 35.Rxd7 Bxd7 36.Rb1 Rb8 37.Be4 Ba5  
 38.Bd3 Rc8 39.Nc4 Bf5 **White Resigns**



Final Position

# Mourning The Passing Of An Old Friend

by Victor Rosas

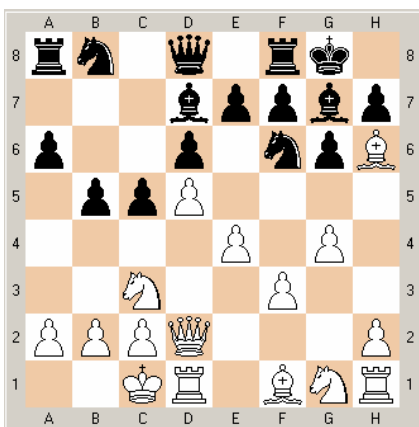


In 2002 while I was a young man wandering around high school corridors, I came across the chess club of which Bill Hotaling was the coach. Ever since, my love for the game has increased day after day. Now that Bill has been taken from us, it has left a huge hole among fellow friends, which will never be covered. As recognition for his hard work and fervor for the game, I would like to dedicate this game to my mentor and great friend.

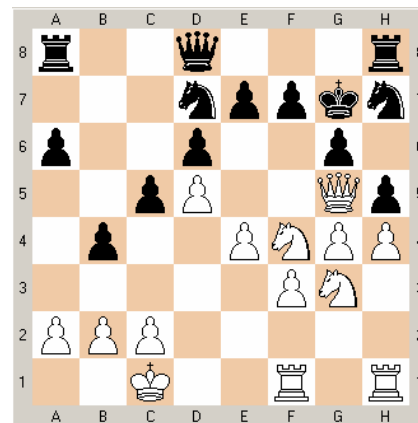
**Bill Hotaling (1665)**  
**Ronald Salzer (1900)**

Game 90

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.Qd2** After Qd2, it has transposed to a different looking Trompowsky Attack with the bishop on f4. **4...Bg7 5.0-0-0 0-0 6.Bh6 b6** In this position Bxg7 or h4!? should be considered. **7.f3 c5 8.d5** A good move. Bill has an advantage on the kingside and correctly locks up any center break. **8...Bd7 9.e4 a6 10.g4 b5**



Black's play is too slow on the queenside. In the meantime, White is gathering all of his forces to execute an attack on Black's vulnerable king. **11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.h4 b4 13.Nce2 h5 14.Ng3 Rh8?!** (14...hxg4 15.h5 Rh8 16.Qg5+-) **15.Qg5** (15.gxh5 Nxh5 16.N1e2 Ra7 17.Nxh5+ Rxh5 18.Ng3 Rh7 19.h5+-) **15...Bb5 16.Nh3** I like this move. Bill smartly disregards the bishop on b5 and goes for an all out attack on Black's king. **16...Bxf1 17.Rdxf1 Nbd7 18.Nf4!** Well played. On previous occasions, Bill had told me that he had seen the final variations of this attack and intentionally traps his queen to checkmate Black's king. **18...Nh7**

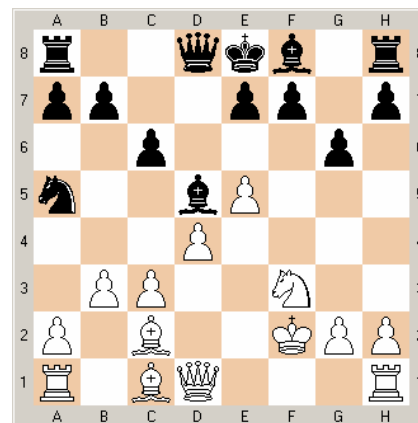


**19.Ne6+!!** Way to go! A nice tactical shot Black missed. Now it's all over. **19...fxe6** (19...Kg8 20.Qh6 fxe6 (20...Qf8 21.Nxf8+-) 21.Qxg6+ Kf8 22.Nxh5 exd5 23.Ng7! e6 24.Nxe6+ Ke7 25.Nxd8+-) **20.Nxh5+ Kf8 21.Qh6+ Black Resigns**

It's mate in 5 beginning with: **21...Kf7 22.Qg7+ Ke8 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.Ng7 Ng5 25.hxg5 Rxh1 26.Nxe6#** Very nice game. May you now rest in peace. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten. **1-0 [Analysis by Victor Rosas (2023)]**

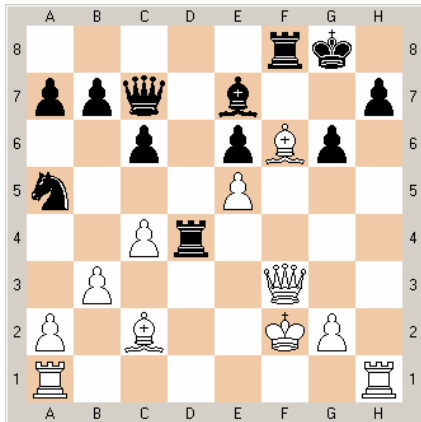
**Victor Rosas (1632)**  
**Glen B. Hart (1629)**  
 September 2003

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4** My opponent being a King's Indian Defense player has been tricked into playing an e4 opening. **3...d5 4.e5 Ne4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.c3 Na5** The knight decentralization is inadequate. He forgets about development in a hunt to obtain the bishop pair. **8.Bb5+ c6 9.Ba4 Be6 10.Bc2 Bd5 11.b3!?** Fritz likes the move Qe2 that simply wins the e4 pawn. I saw the move during the game and decided that with such a slow development by Black, it is better to take advantage by developing myself. **11...e3 12.Nf3 exf2+ 13.Kxf2**

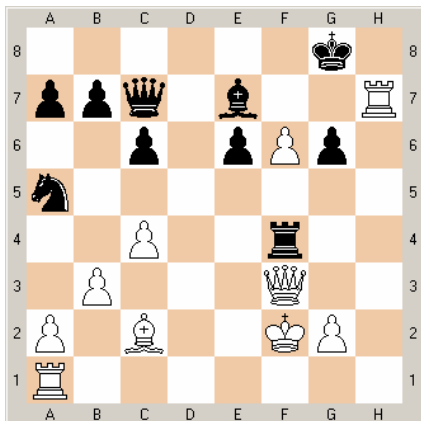


Now, at the cost of not winning the pawn, I have activated my bishops, my knight, and my rook. This

offers great compensation. **13...Qc7 14.c4 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 e6?** This move is a positional disaster for Black since e6 creates too many holes in his position. **16.Bg5 Be7 17.Bf6 0-0??** The last mistake! White has space advantage, the better minor pieces, and safer king. When all of these characteristics are put together, we must look for ways to attack! **18.h4** After a long thought, I decided to play h4 realizing that my opponent does not have an opportunity to counter the brutal attack approaching. **18...Rad8 19.h5 Rxd4 20.hxg6 fxg6**



**21.Rxh7!** I had foreseen this move when I played 18.h4 since I was willing to give up my d4 pawn for this final attack. The following variations were seen when I played h4. **21...Rxf6 (21...Kxh7 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.Qxg6#; 21...Rd2+ 22.Ke1 Rxc2 23.Rg7+ Kh8 24.Qh3#; 21...Bxf6 22.Rxc7 Bxe5 23.Rc8! Rxc8 24.Qe3) 22.exf6 Rf4**

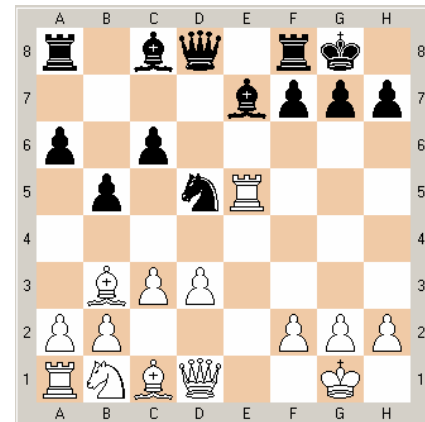


**23.Rg7+!! Kh8 (23...Kf8 24.fxe7+ Kxg7 25.e8(N)+!!) 24.Rh1+ 1-0**

**Victor Rosas (1836)**  
**Jeremy Scheinback (1803)**  
 January 2006

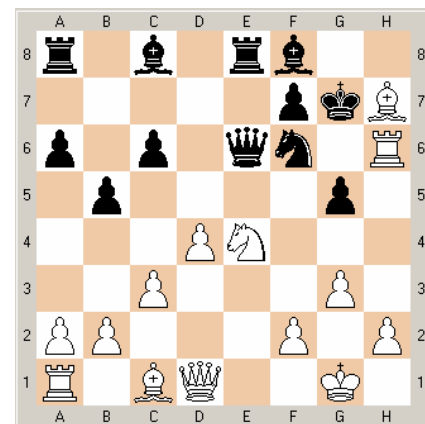
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6** I have allowed the Marshall Attack. Now I decide to play a different move than

the typical d4. One of the most popular sidelines played often by Leko and Anand **12.d3**



**12...Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 Nf6 16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Nd2 Re8 (17...Qxd3 18.Rd4+-) 18.Bc2 g5 19.d4 (19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.dxe4 Qg6 21.Bxg5** The move Ne4 is better because of the undefended bishop on d6 when white wins another pawn. I decided to play this long variation I had seen more for psychological effect on my opponent. It's normal for an opponent to try to win your pieces, but there was a flaw in his calculated variations.)

**19...Qe6 20.Rh6 Bf8 (20...Qe1+ 21.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 22.Kg2 Kg7 23.Rxf6 Kxf6 24.Ne4+ Ke6 25.Nxd6 Kxd6 26.Bf4+) 21.Bxh7+! Kg7 22.Ne4!!**

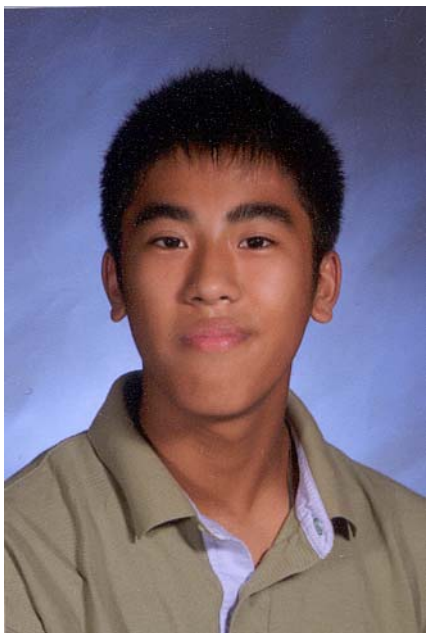


A very nice attack after calculating the rook being trapped on h6. Now white has a mating attack or must win material **22...Kxh6 (22...Nhx7 23.Rxe6) 23.Bxg5+ Kxh7 24.Nxf6+ Kg7 25.Qh5** Black must give up his queen or get checkmated. **25...Qxf6 26.Bxf6+ Kxf6 27.Qf3+ Kg7 28.Qxc6 Bh3** Here I missed a faster way to finish the game with g4! **29.Qf3 (29.g4 Bxg4 30.Qg2 f5 31.f3+-) 29...Bd6 30.Qh5 Bd7 31.Qg5+ Kh7 32.Qf6 Be6 33.d5 Be7 34.Qf3 Bd7 35.Qxf7+ Kh6 36.d6!** The final blow. Now it's only a matter of technique. **Bxd6 37.Qxd7 Rad8 38.Qh3+ Kg6 39.Qg4+ Kf7 40.Qf5+ Kg7 41.Rd1 Rf8 42.Qg4+ Kf7 43.Rd5 Ke7 44.Rh5 Rf6 45.Rh7+ Rf7 46.Qg5+ Ke6 47.Rxf7 Kxf7 1-0**

**Scholastic Spotlight On Jayson Lian**  
 by Joe Ippolito, President New Jersey State Chess Federation



New Jersey has been blessed with an extraordinarily great number of talented scholastic players. This is evidenced in their high profile wins against highly respected IMs and GMs as well as walking off with numerous national titles in the elementary, junior high, and high school categories. There have been three separate winners over the past decade in the prestigious *Denker Tournament of High School Champions* which again shows the prowess of our young players. We now bring you a young man who possesses all the qualities to become one of our future greats – Jason Lian.



Jason, at age 15, already has some impressive credentials under his belt. A case in point was the *North American Chess Challenge in 2002*. He was a clear underdog 300 points behind the top seed and most everyone else rated higher. In the end, he defeated all his opponents, including the top two seeds to win clear first. We are getting ahead of ourselves, because most of you want to know how he got started and what steps he completed to become such a formidable player. To start, Jayson learned chess at the age of 8 when “*Chess in the Schools*” sent teachers to his elementary school to teach. After he learned the game, his Dad encouraged him and brought him to his first ever tournament. He then met his first coach, Mr. Yakov Hirsch. Mr. Hirsch inspired him to pursue chess and was a huge influence on his playing style. For the past four years, his coach has been Michael Khodarkovsky who has helped him improve by playing through his games to understand his mistakes. Jayson also recognizes that his successes can be attributed to his family, who supported him all the time, both morally and financially, and to his younger brother Charlie who studies and plays chess with him all the time.

Jayson’s favorite chess player is Mikhail Tal because of his wild imagination and seemingly reckless playing style. As Jayson puts it, “*Tal’s games are entertaining to watch and helpful as well. He is a reminder of what a simple chess game can become.*” Jayson also suggests that if you wish to improve your

own game, you should always study your openings thoroughly. From his own experience, Jayson believes it’s impossible to improve without a solid opening foundation (knowing all the theory and understanding each move you make). Afterwards, it is important to study endgames and positional play. Jayson feels that tactics and middlegame come more naturally and can be studied more extensively after everything else (although one should be studying tactics throughout his/her entire chess career). Jayson also continues by stating that you can’t improve if you don’t play, so play as much as you can. Recommended chess book – *Art of Attack in Chess – Vukovic*, and *Zurich International Chess Tournament, 1953*.

Some of the other awards garnered by Jayson, in addition to the above mentioned *North American Chess Challenge Championship*, has been *5<sup>th</sup> Grade National Champion, 2007 NJ Junior Champion* as well as other smaller tournaments. One of his biggest chess thrills however, was not winning a tournament, but in meeting Gary Kasparov and the former world champion going over one of his games. Another was when he defeated his higher rated opponents and walked away with \$800 in prize money! With this comes a funny incident when he was playing in the *Chessaholics Insanity* tournament held at the *Marshall Chess Club*. This was a ten round tournament that lasts all night. Half of the players were falling asleep on the board, literally unable to play for that particular game and for some the rest of the tournament.

Our Scholastic Spotlight who hails from Watchung Hills Regional High School is a straight “A” student whose favorite subjects are math and literature (writing). He enjoys playing basketball and Ultimate Frisbee with friends and would like to attend and Ivy League college. His future is to play chess as long as possible, attend a good school, and ultimately become a doctor.

The following game of Jayson’s occurred in 2002 which shows an example of his spirit and attacking skill, even at the age of only 10.

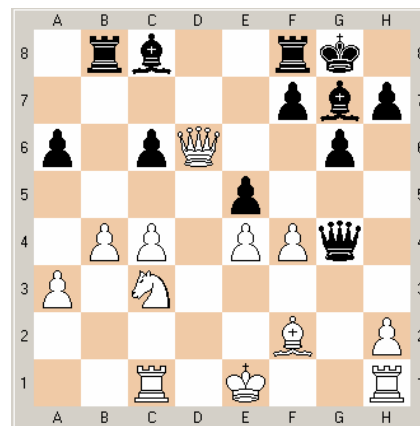
**Naveed Amalfard (1068)**

**Jayson Lian (1667)**

*2002 Grade Nationals, Rd. 1, Dec. 3, 2002, ECO B38*

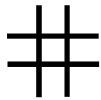
**Sicilian Defense – Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 & 7...O-O**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 O-O 8.Be2 a6 9.Rc1 Rb8 10.a3 d6 11.f4 e6 12.g4 e5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.b4 Nxg4 15.Bxg4 Qh4+ 16.Bf2 Qxg4 17.Qxd6



17...exf4 18.Qxb8 Qf3 19.Rg1 Bxc3+ 20.Rxc3 Qxc3+ 21.Ke2 Bg4+ 22.Rxg4 Qxc4+ 23.Kf3 Rxb8 24.Rxf4 Qd3+ 25.Kg4 h5+ 26.Kh4 Kg7 27.Bg3 Re8 28.Rf2 Qd7 29.Rf4 Kh6 **White Resigns**

## Chess Book Review: King's Gambit by Life Master James R. West



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There is an unfortunate tendency, whenever a well-written book like Paul Hoffman's *King's Gambit* [Hyperion, 2007] is published, for reviewers to say nothing but nice things about it. Perhaps this is because such books have been so few and far between that no one wants to be negativistic, for fear of jeopardizing its chances, when a new one finally comes along.

My journalistic philosophy, to the contrary, has always been that the book reviewer's primary responsibility is to the reader and not the author. In this vein, I will now list some of the shortcomings in Hoffman's book.

Let me begin by stating that I enjoyed reading *King's Gambit*. The last non-fiction book on chess that made me feel this way was *Searching for Bobby Fischer*. In many ways, Paul Hoffman covers the same material that Fred Waitzkin did, but in reverse. This time, it is the chess son, not the chess father, who does the storytelling. But it is the inexactitude in these tales of Hoffman that worries me.

Chess masters like myself learn the discipline of putting aside our subjective feelings and analyzing with complete objectivity. Of course, we are only human and never 100% successful in our efforts. But the author, a 1900 rated player, seems to be far too undisciplined. Allow me to make the unkind observation that, if Hoffman is as imprecise with his chess moves as he is with (at least some of) his anecdotes, it is no wonder that he has never achieved a master's rating. Here are a few examples of inaccurate anecdotes, concerning people that I know.

In 1989, when I reviewed *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, I wrote that Fred Waitzkin's keen insights enabled me to see, as though for the first time, chess players that I had already been paired against. I can not say the same for Hoffman because the Nicholas Rossolimo in *King's Gambit* is unrecognizable to me. As portrayed by Hoffman, Rossolimo comes across as an alcoholic whose drinking problem may have led to his accidental death by falling down a flight of stairs in 1975.

Like Hoffman, I also played against Rossolimo in his chess salon, within walking distance of the *Marshall Chess Club*. In my case, it was one game for the usual

\$5 fee. I was accompanied by two other club members who were Class B players, as I was back then. Believe it or not, I made it to a minor piece ending with even pawns. But the pawn structure favored Rossolimo's bishop over my knight, and I soon lost. I can still recall how courteous Rossolimo was in accepting my resignation. I saw nothing to indicate that he was anything but sober.

No doubt Hoffman's footnote, pertaining to Rossolimo's untimely death, is the official version. I will give you the unofficial version as told to me, within days of the event, by a New York chess player who seemed to know what he was talking about. His story went that Rossolimo lived in a tough neighborhood. One night, in late July 1975, a couple of muggers waited for Rossolimo at the top of the stairs in his apartment building. In the ensuing struggle, Rossolimo either fell or was pushed down the stairs, suffering his fatal injury. I am not certain which version of events is the correct one. All I can say is that the chess player's story rang true when I heard it.

One of the more humorous anecdotes told by Paul Hoffman is his victory against Noah Siegel, a 2300 rated player, who was the highest rated opponent ever beaten by Hoffman, at least until he defeated FIDE master Asa Hoffmann in a tournament at the *Marshall Chess Club*. I got a kick out of Hoffman's failure to realize that Siegel was acknowledging checkmate, not offering a draw, at the end of the game. What I found less amusing was Hoffman's describing the opening as a French defense against which Hoffman played the exchange variation, just as Bobby Fischer had done.

This story is wrong on two counts. From my own experience against Siegel, I know that he favors the Caro-Kann defense. And Bobby Fischer never played the exchange variation against the French, although he did play it against the Caro-Kann. The likely explanation for this confusion is that Siegel played the Caro-Kann, not the French, against Hoffman. What this would mean is that, not only was Hoffman unaware that he had checkmated his opponent at the game's conclusion, he did not even realize what opening had been played!

Admittedly, just because there are a couple of less than accurate tales, this is not to say that all the other anecdotes are inaccurate as well. But, ironically, I find myself in approximately the same position as the author when it dawned on him that his father had lied about the milkshakes at Baskin-Robbins, of all things. In other words, there is a suspicion that the stories in Hoffman's book are not as objectively correct as they should be.

To a chess player, the words "King's Gambit" conjure up an opening that is entertaining, albeit slightly unsound. Alas, the same holds true for Paul Hoffman's book by the same name.

## Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Miniatures

by Lev D. Zilbermintz, Chess Champion of Essex County



In my last column, I showed how masters lost to the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. Particularly, we learned that it does not pay for masters playing Black to have an arrogant attitude when facing the BDG. In this column, I will show some of my wins from years past over players who are currently of at least FIDE Master (2200) strength.

### Lev Zilbermintz (2064)

#### Todd D. Andrews (2053)

7ss 1996 New York Open, Newark, NJ, Rd. 3, Apr. 1996, ECO D00

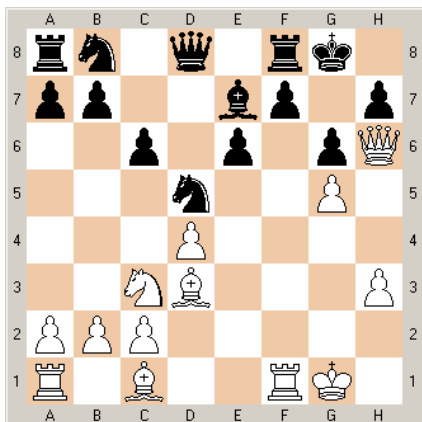
### Blackmar-Diemer Gambit – Teichmann Defense

To begin with, this was the best New York Open I had played in years. I had won my first five games in nice attacking style, thus proving that gambit play is still alive and well. At the time this game was played, Todd was on his way to becoming a national Master. As of October 2007, his rating is 2300+.

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3** Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. The alternative: 4.Bg5, Von Popiel Gambit, will be covered in a future article. **4...exf3 5.Nxf3 Bg4** Teichmann Defense **6.h3 Bxf3** Black gives up the Bishop pair, hoping to weather White's Kingside attack and win in the endgame with his extra pawn. As usual, it is easier said than done. **7.Qxf3 c6 8.g4** The sharpest continuation, it is called the Seidel-Hall Attack. It is worth an article in itself, but that will have to wait until another time. **8...e6 9.g5 Nd5 10.Bd3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0**

So far both sides have developed naturally. White has a lead in development and attacking chances, whilst Black is playing passively, trying to weather the storm.

**12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6**



**13...Re8??**

...a mistake that decides the game. Believe it or not, this sort of blunder is seen quite frequently.

**14.Rxf7!! Black Resigns**

White forces mate after 14...Kxf7 15.Qxh7+ Kf8 16.Bxg6 any move 17.Qf7#.

### Lev Zilbermintz (2129)

#### Todd Lunna (2248)

8ss USCF Lifetime Title Open#3, Westfield, TL G/10, Jan. 14, 1996, ECO D00

### Blackmar-Diemer Gambit – Von Popiel Gambit

Earlier in the day, I had won the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Thematic Tournament at the Marshall Chess Club in New York. The day prior, it was my 29<sup>th</sup> birthday, and I was on a roll...

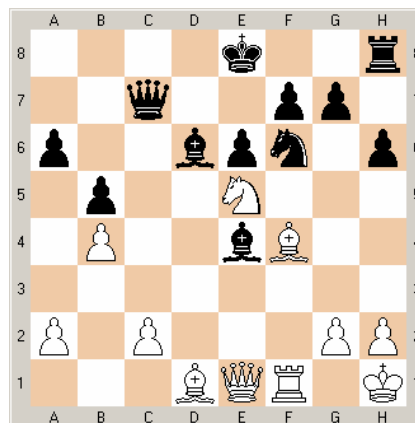
**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6** Normally, Lunna plays the French Defense a lot. He loves the endgame so much that he tries to exchange the pieces all the time. Then, he will try to use his superior endgame technique to win the game. Thus, the idea is not to allow him to go into the endgame.

**5.f3 exf3 6.Nxf3 Be7** Now we are in the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, Todd. No endgame this time!

**7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 a6 9.Qe1**

Better is 9.a4

**9...h6 10.Bd2 b5 11.Kh1 Bb7 12.Rd1 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14 Be2 Qc7 15.Ne5 Rd8 16.Bf4 Rxd1 17.Bxd1 Bd6 18.b4 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4**



**20.Nxf7! Kxf7 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qxe4 Rd8 23.Bh5+ Kg8 24.Qg6 Qd5??** Oops. Big blunder!

Now comes the mating attack.

**25 Qf7+ Kh8 26 Rxf6! gxf6 27 Qxf6+ Kh7 28 Bg6+ Black Resigns**

Next we bring you a game showing that avoiding the BDG can bring about it's own share of problems... especially if Black decides to introduce an unsound gambit!

### Lev Zilbermintz (2129)

#### Julia Shiber (2134)

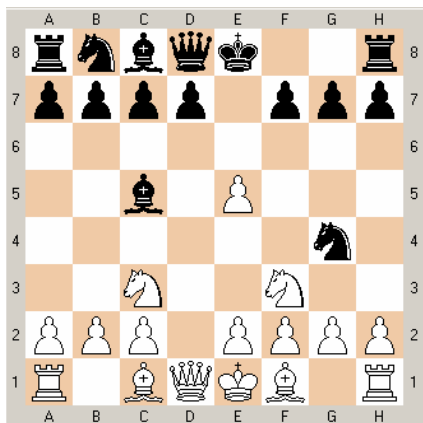
4ss Westfield Grand Prix, Westfield, Jun. 28, 1998, ECO D00

### Blackmar-Diemer Gambit – Maddigan Gambit

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5?** This unsound line is called the Maddigan Gambit by Eric Schiller in his big book Gambit Chess Openings (2002). **3.dxe5** Accepting the pawn is the key test of this gambit. Declining with the cowardly



3.Nf3 loses White more games than it wins. The score stands at -3, =1, +1 in the <http://www.chesslive.de> database. **3...Ng4 4.Nf3 Bc5** This must be the losing move.



**5.Ne4 Bb6?**

5...Bb4+ 6.c3 Ba5 7.h3 Nh6 8.Bg5 f6 9.gxf6 1-0, Arnd Roesch – Reinhard Ruessel, 1990 Baden-Baden Open.  
**6.h3 f5 7.Bg5! Black Resigns**

**Lev Zilbermintz (1944)**

**Sameed Mujumbar (2040)**

4ss Westfield Club Championship, Westfield, Rd. 3, Oct. 14, 2007, ECO D00

**Blackmar-Diemer Gambit – Teichmann Defense**

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 Bg4 The Teichmann Defense.

**6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 c6 8.g4**

This is called the Seidell-Hall Attack. It is a sharp line designed to throw the White pieces against the unprotected Black kingside.

**8... e6 9.g5 Nd5 10.Bd3**

Here my opponent thought for 15 minutes before playing his next move...

**10...Bb4?!**

As we shall see, this move is not the best. While superficially good, it makes the Bishop a juicy target for the White pieces. According to the <http://www.chesslive.de> database, there have been 9 games played with this line. White won 6, drew 2, and lost only 1! Pretty good, I should say.

**11.0-0 0-0**

Other moves are not as good for Black. Some games:

11...Qe7 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.a3 Ba5 14.c4 Bb6 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Qxf7+ Qxf7 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Nxf7 Raf8 19.Nxh8 1-0, Tim Just – Robert Holliman, USA Today correspondence tournament 1991.

11...Qe7 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.a3 Ba5 14.c4 f5 15.Nf2 Nc7 16.b4 1-0, FM Gyula Meszaros – Ernst Klaus, Switzerland Open 1994

11...Qe7 12.Ne4 Rf8 13.a3 Ba5 14.c4 Bb6 15.cxd5 Bxd4+ 16.Be3 Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 cxd5 18.Nf2 Nc6 19.b4 e5 20.b5

Nd4 21.Ng4 f6 22.Rae1 Ne6 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.Nxe5 fxe5 25.Qxe5 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kd7 27.Qxd5+ Qd6 28.Qxb7+ Nc7 29.Bf5+ Kd8 30.Bg4 Qd3+ 31.Kg2 Qd2+ 32.Re2 Qd3 33.Qc6 Qd4 34.Qh6 Qd5+ 35.Kh2 Nxb5 36.Qf6+ Kc7 37.Rc2+ Kb8 38.Rc8+ Kb7 39.Bf3 Kxc8 40.Bxd5 1-0, Frank Drill – Peter Klatt, Dortmund Open – A, 08.01.2003

11...Qe7 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.a3 Ba5 14.c4 f5 15.Nf2 Nc3?! 16.bxc3 Bxc3 17.Rb1 0-0-0 18.Bxf5??? Bxd4 19.Qb3 Nc5 0-1, Pierre Lapeyre – Nicolas Pilte, Ambes Open, 2007.04.07 A game that raises more questions than answers!

11...Qd7 12.Ne4 0-0 (this transposes into the 11...0-0 lines) 13.c4 Ne7 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Nf6+! gxf6 16.gxf6 Kh8 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Qh5 Rg8+ 19.Kh1 Qe6 20.Rf4 Nd7 21.Qxh7+! Kxh7 22.Rh4+ Kg6 23.Rg1+ 1-0, Gaute Salthe – Frank Remman, Tromsø Chess Club Championship, Norway, 2000

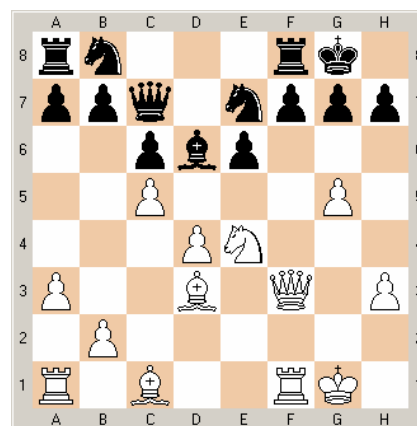
**12.Ne4 Qc7**

12...Nd7 was played in Lewis - Bird, correspondence, 1978. That game ended in a draw after this move was played.

12...Nd7 13.c4 Ne7 14.a3 Ba5 15.Nd6 Rb8 16.Nxf7! Qe8 17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Qh8# 1-0, Arthur Hall – W. Klopper, 1978, England, correspondence.



**13.a3 Bd6 14.c4 Ne7 15.c5**



I played this move after thinking for about 15 minutes. My problem was that I had to analyze several possible candidate moves: 15.Qh5, 15.Nf6+?!, 15.Nxd6? Analyses showed that after:

a) 15.Qh5 Nf5 16.Nf6+ gxf6 17.gxf6 Kh8 18.Rxf5 exf5 19.Bxf5 Rg8+ 20.Kh1 Rg6! Black defends everything. Of course White can continue with 21.Bh6 Nd7! 22.Bg7+ Kg8 23.Rg1 Nf8! but the attack is beaten off.

b) After 15.Nf6+?! gxf6 16.gxf6 Nf5 17.Qg4+ Kh8 18.Bxf5 Rg8! ♣

c) 15.Nxd6? Qxd6!

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15...Bh2+

Now, where does the White King go to?

### Chess Center Opens in Branchburg, NJ !!

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*We were thrilled to attend the opening of the Dean of Chess Academy in Branchburg, New Jersey. Dean and Dawn provide an exciting, fun-filled, challenging environment for chess players AND chess-playing families—a far cry from the smoke-filled, filthy places that I used to attend with my son (although they were wonderful as well).*

*Dean's quiet dignity and excellence with the game pervade the place and give it extraordinary Karma. Charles had such a good time; I had to drag him out of there. Hopefully, this is just the beginning of many such oases in New Jersey.*

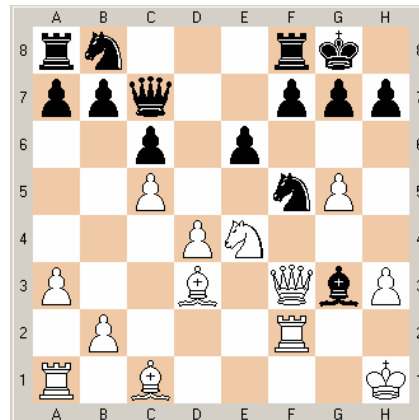
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*Roz Katz and Charles Pole*

16.Kh1

16.Kg2? Nf5! threatening 17...Nh4+! winning the Queen. However, after 16.Kh1! that cheapo is no longer possible.

16... Nf5 17.Rf2 Bg3



Here, I considered two variations for my 18<sup>th</sup> move. Admittedly, my first thought was to win the pawn back by a series of exchanges. However, closer analyses showed that I would be saddled with a backward d-pawn in an endgame where my opponent would have the advantage. The other move avoided the exchanges and led to continued pressure on the Black king.

a) 18.Nxg3 Qxg3 (18...Nxg3 19.Kg2 ±) 19.Bxf5! Qxf3+! 20.Rxf3 exf5 21.Rxf5 Rd8 22.Be3 Na6 23.Raf1 Rd7 24.b4 Nc7 25.Bg1 Nd5 =/±

b) the text move, 18.Rg2!

**18.Rg2! Bh4**

The Bishop has nowhere else to go.

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19.Qg4 Kh8 20.Nd6! **Black Resigns**

Black either loses enormous material or gets mated. The conclusion might be:

20...g6 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Qxh4; or 20...Be1 21.Nxf5 exf5 22.Qxf5 g6 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Bf4! mating or winning the Black queen.

## Chess Gems

by Peter J. Tamburro Jr.



We are pleased to receive a brilliant game from Louis Leiggi of Colonia. He won this lively encounter at the recent *New Jersey Open* by beating Jennie Liu in a Closed Sicilian Defense.

Both players seemed up on their theory. There are many ways to go for both sides. While Black's defense was fine through move eleven, we would personally opt for the 11...f5! approach as it fits in nicely with e6 and blockades the position a bit better.

On move thirteen, Black is faced with an important decision: which knight to take. It would have been better to exchange off the more active knight with 13...Nxf3+! 14.Bxf3 b5 15.b4 cxb4 16.cxb4 Bb7 17.Rc1 Qd7. Nonetheless, Black was still OK with the move chosen.

However, the first decisive turning point in the game was Ms. Liu's questionable fourteenth move. Here, it's too late for 14...f5 as after 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxc5 Rd8 17.Qe3!! exf4 18.gxf4 e5 19.fxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Qxe5 Bxe5 22.d4 Bd6 23.Bb6 Re8 24.c4 g5 25.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Kf7 27.d5 Be7 28.c5 Bf6 29.d6, White dominates the board.

Black's best defensive choice would have been 14...b6 15.Rbe1 Bb7 16.d4 Ne7 17.Bf2 Rac8.

Mr. Leiggi also had a critical choice to make. Should he exchange on e5 or push past it with f5?

He would get a definite edge with 15.fxe5 Nxe5 16.d4 Ng4 17.Bf4 Bd7 18.h3 Nf6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qe4 Nxf4 21.Qxf4 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Qxe5! Qxe5 24.dxe5 Rab8 25.Rbd1 Be6 26.Rd6.

Apparently, Mr. Leiggi's aggressive instincts felt there was a more decisive approach, and we're glad he took that path!

After advancing the f-pawn and exchanging the dark squared bishop defender and then hitting the g-pawn with the knight, White puts Black in less than enviable circumstances. It would have done no good to have tried 17...gxf5 as after 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Qh6 (or 20.exf5 Bb7 21.f6) 20...f4 21.Ng5, Black is lost.

On move 21, a lot of players would have chosen the slow build-up of an attack with 21.Rf2 Be6 22.Rbf1, but, after Rf8 it's still a tough, protracted struggle.

Instead, Mr. Leiggi comes up with an inspired solution—a rook sacrifice that is both sound and creative. His follow-up with 22.Qh6 seals the deal as Black does her best to squirm out, but the Bh3+ and Rf1 moves finalize the victory.

This was a very impressive performance by Louis Leiggi. We hope other readers who played will send us similar gems.

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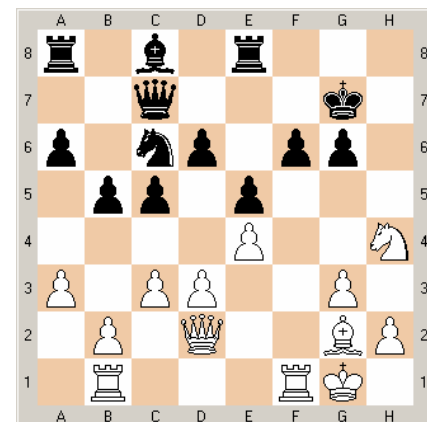
### Louis Martin Leiggi (1939)

### Jennie S. Liu (1859)

6ss 61<sup>st</sup> New Jersey Open, Somerset, Rd. 6, TL 40/2 SD/1, Sep. 3, 2007, ECO B24

### Sicilian Defense – Closed

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.f4 d6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0–0 0–0 9.Be3 Nd4! 10.Rb1 Nec6 11.a3 a6 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.c3 Nxe2+?! 14.Qxe2 e5? 15.f5 b5 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Bh6 f6 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Nh4 Kh7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7



21.Rxf6!! Kxf6 22.Qh6! Ke7! 23.Qg5+ Kd7 24.Bh3+ Re6 25.Bxe6+ Kxe6 26.Rf1! Qg7 27.Nxg6 **Black Resigns**

## Trying To Get Better At Chess – Even At 50 by Ken Calitri



I became a “chess player” on Christmas day in 1967 when I opened one of my brother’s presents. It was a German Staunton chess set and for a kid addicted to toy soldiers the wooden pieces were fascinating. In a brief negotiation, I traded most of my stocking candy for the set. In the words of Lt. John Dunbar and Wind in His Hair, from the movie *“Dances with Wolves”*, we both thought it was “A good deal.” I was eight years old.

Since then my serious chess career, which began during high school in 1972, has been described by my friend Fred Wilson, as *“A sad waste of talent.”* I have played in tournaments sporadically over the years plagued by time trouble and long periods of inactivity. My time troubles are odd considering I frequently used fifteen minutes for an entire game in high school. I am not Anand, but I did have some natural talent.

Around 1990 I met Aviv Friedman at the Dumont Chess Club. He was analyzing an interesting position with a partner and after running bunches of variations gave up the black side as lost. I politely suggested moving black’s pawn to c4 sacrificing it, so black’s knight on a6 could hop to c5/e6 stopping white’s passed g-pawn, drawing. Aviv arched his eyebrow, *“What is your rating?”* I sheepishly said, *“1605”* Aviv’s eyes widened a bit, *“Well, your analytical abilities are obviously much stronger. What is your name?”*

I briefly took lessons from Aviv and my rating leapt 250 points to 1865. Aviv’s circle included many local masters and they let me join their speed chess sessions. One game, playing white against Jose Lahoz, we were maneuvering about for many moves when Aviv teased Jose, *“I want to play, come on, beat him.”* Taking the ribbing in stride Jose flatly replied, *“It’s not so easy. He is getting stronger.”* Progress!

Later on, as a reserve on Aviv’s team in a *NJ Amateur Team Championship*, I won a nice game against a higher rated player. A teammate, a strong master shook my hand with the words, *“That was a great game.”* It wasn’t brilliant, but my play was logical, inexorable and error free. I was improving. I would like to say the trend continued, but work and family life intervened and I withdrew from chess for six years.

In 1998 I began playing again with mixed results plagued by time trouble. My rating now bounces in the 1600/1700’s and, like an old boxer I think about quitting, but encouragement from a dear friend keeps

me going. Every Thanksgiving, John Ward, a strong expert, would visit family in NJ. After wolfing down a scrumptious dinner of brisket, potatoes mashed with turnips, and green beans, we would get to business and play speed chess. Given John’s rating and my inactivity the results were always lopsided.

During one visit though, the games were longer, sharper, more complicated, and the results tilted well in my favor. Afterwards, John said, *“You’ve been playing!”* I laughed, *“Not in almost two years. I read now and then.”* John chuckled, *“You are the only person I know who can do that and get stronger! It shows how much natural chess talent you have. If you could just play regularly you would excel quickly.”*

I am still hoping to become an expert at 50, but I won’t get there unless I put what I’ve learned along the way from my chess and business life into practice:

- 1) Have a plan; you can always change it, playing without one is a recipe for failure.
- 2) Trust what your mind tells you, make moves quickly and confidently.
- 3) If you don’t know what to do, keep making moves, a plan will develop.
- 4) Everyone makes mistakes, good players learn from them.
- 5) Winning is much better than losing, either way it is just one game.
- 6) Play only a few openings; learn one line to play against every main defense
- 7) Spend 2-3 hours analyzing and annotating each tournament game you play
- 8) Play over GM games on a board, by GM’s you like or who play your openings
- 9) Play at least 50 rated games a year; study 3.5 hours per week, Internet chess is ok!
- 10) Only buy a chess book if you are going to read it, otherwise sell it or give it away.

If you take your results too seriously, only play when you are comfortable with your game and yourself. When you are in the right frame of mind chess is stimulating and fun.

I may be obsessed with chess, but it could be worse, I could be among other things, a golfer. Ughh. I guess this is a good a time to mention my son’s name, much to his dismay, is Alexander Alekhine Calitri. After three days in the hospital, deadlocked on a name, my wife suggested Alexander, which I was willing to accept if I could choose the middle name. It was a good deal. ☺

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## Happenings On The Scholastic Chess Front by IM Dean Ippolito



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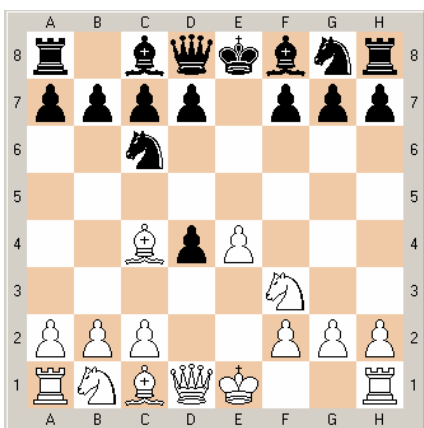
Masters Section

White: Michael Neary 1132

Black: Patrick Thomas 1374

This would be a game that experts could be proud of. The top player in the tournament was upset by a very aggressive Michael Neary. What makes a great game? In a sentence, interesting and strong play by both sides would certainly be a good answer. This game was not perfect but it takes a keen eye (and help from a supercomputer!) to show any flaws or missed opportunities. This game was truly a pleasure to annotate.

1. e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 This opening is known as the Scotch Gambit.



4...Bc5 5.c3 Nf6! avoiding (5...dxc3?! 6.Bxf7+! Kxf7 7.Qd5+ winning back the piece with a strong White initiative.)

6.e5 (6.cxd4 is objectively the best move with a transposition into a Giuoco Piano when 6...Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qb3 is the main line with roughly equal play)

6...Qe7 (Better is 6...d5 which is the common central reaction to e5 whenever the e5 pawn hits the knight on f6 but d5 can attack the bishop on c4. Then 7.Bb5 is best since 7.exf6?! dxc4 8.fxg7 Rg8 is good for Black and taking *en passant* with 7.exd6?! is also bad on account of

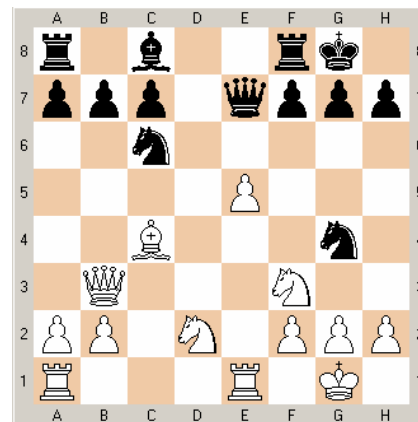
7...Qxd6 followed by 0-0 and Black was clearly better in a game played by the first world champion, Wilhelm Steinitz, way back in 1865! After 7.Bb5 Ne4 (...Ne4 is good whenever there's a pawn on d5) 8.cxd4 Bb4+ (which is stronger than 8...Bb6 leading to an equal game) 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Bxc6+! (This intermediate move ruining black's pawn structure is very strong. If 10.Nbxd2 Bd7! and Black has a good game) bxc6 11.Nbxd2 0-0 12.0-0 c5 and Black eventually got a slight edge due to his having the bishop pair versus the knight pair in the grandmaster game Strikovic – Illescas, Cordoba 1998.)

7.cxd4 (7.0-0 is interesting since if 7... Nxe5 (7... Ng4 8.cxd4 and there is no Bb4 with check as in the game; 7... Ne4 cxd4 and again Black gets no check in on b4) 8.Nxe5 (8.Re1 Nxc4 9.Rxe7+ Bxe7 and white gets the queen but only a slight edge.) Qxe5 9.Re1 Ne4 10.Nd2 and White will get back the material, for example if Black tries too hard to retain the material edge with 10... f5 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Nxe4! gxh5 13.Nf6+ Ke7 14.Nd5+! Kd6 15.Rxe5 Kxe5 16.Bf4+ Ke6 17.Nxc7+ wins the rook.)

7... Bb4+ 8.Bd2 (8.Nc3 d6 is fine for Black but 8.Kf1!? giving up the right to 0-0 is interesting here since it immediately creates the threat of taking the knight on f6.)

8... Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d6 (9... 0-0 10.0-0 Ng4 11.h3 Nh6 and White was much better due to Black's misplaced knight on h6 as seen in the game Kutal - Parma from the Under-14 Czech Championship, 1993)

10.0-0 dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Re1 0-0 13.Qb3 (13.h3! and if Ngxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qh5 and Black has trouble with the knight on e5)

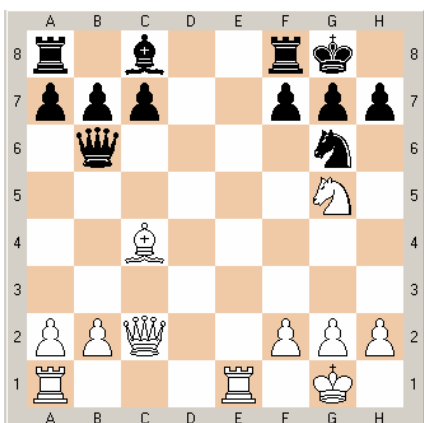


13...Qc5?! (13...Na5 14.Qc2 Nxc4 15.Nxc4=)  
 14.Ne4 Qb6 15.Qc2!? a very ambitious and interesting move whereby White temporarily sacrifices a pawn in order to gain counterplay rather than exchanging queens.

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15...Ncx5 (15...Bf5 16.Nf6+ gxf5 17.Qxf5 Qxf2+ 18.Kh1 and White has excellent compensation for the material)

16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Ng5 Ng6 (17...Qg6 is safer and after 18.Qxg6 Nxc6 19.Nxf7 Rxf7 20. Re8+ Nf8 21.Re7 Be6 22.Bxe6 Nxe6 23.Rxe6 with an equal rook and pawn ending)



18.Bxf7+? White continues to play enterprisingly. This move has a good point to it...there are mate threats on h7 with the knight remaining on g5. However, while a creative move, it's objectively not as strong as Nxf7; if 18.Nxf7! Rxf7 19.Re8+ Nf8 20.Rae1 and White's activity gives him a winning edge

18...Rxf7 19.Re8+ Rf8 (19...Nf8?? 20.Qxh7# was the idea)

20.Qc4+ Be6 (The only move since 20...Kh8 21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.Nh6+ Kh8 23.Qg8+ Rxc8 24.Nf7# ends Black's misery with a smothered mate)

21.Rxe6 (21.Qxe6+ Qxe6 22.Rxe6 is equal, but again White played more ambitiously)

21...Qxf2+ 22.Kh1 Kh8 (22...b5! was found by my supercomputer, Fritz. It makes use of the fact that the Queen needs to stay guarding f1 in order to stop mate with Qf1. This response seems to indicate that the safe approach of

21.Qxe6 was best. However, White continues to play aggressively in the spirit of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Champion, Mikhail Tal!)

23.Ree1 (23.Rxc6 Rf5! (23...hxc6 24.g3! threatens Qh4+ with a winning attack) 24.Re6 Rxc6 and Black is okay)

23...Rae8?? After some very resourceful and interesting fighting chess by both sides in a difficult position, Black finally falters. 23...Rad8 would have maintained the balance.)

24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Nf7+ Kg8 26.Nd6+ (The smothered mate tactic with 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Qg8+ Rxc8 28.Nf7+ doesn't work since Black's queen guards f7)

26...Kf8 27.Nxe8 (27.Rf1?? trying to win the Queen loses to Re1! and Black turns the tables!)

27...Kxe8 28.Qe6+ Kf8 (28...Ne7 was more stubborn but still losing)

29.Re1! Now the win is clear

29...Qf7 (29...Qxg2+ 30.Kxc2 Nf4+ 31.Kf3 Nxe6 32.Rxe6 gives Black only two pawns for the Rook)

30.Qc8+ **Black Resigns** since checkmate is unavoidable. A very impressive game with White's aggressiveness paying off!

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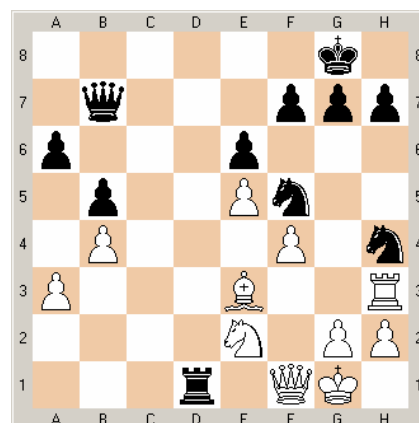
**Donald Quiring (1854)**

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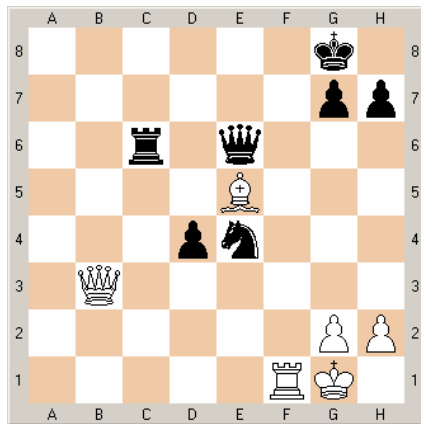
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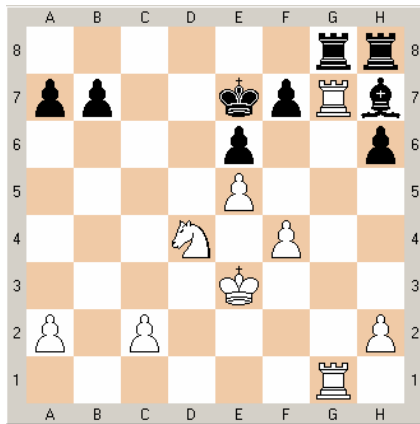


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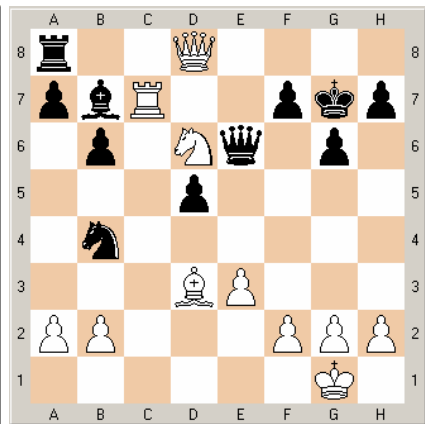
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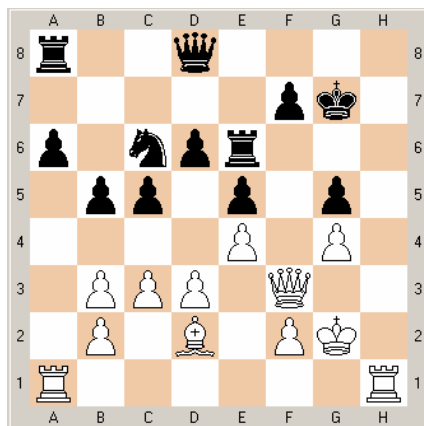
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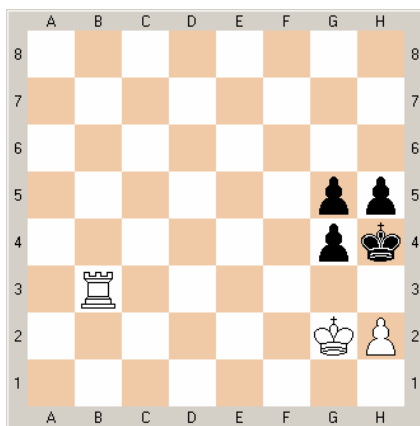
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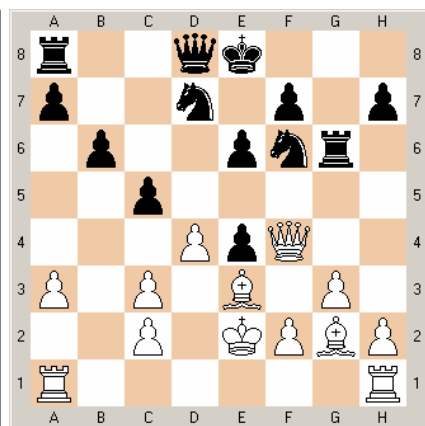
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White To Move-And Mate In 4



**Oct ~ Dec 2007 Problem #5**  
White To Move-And Mate In 4



**Oct ~ Dec 2007 Problem #6**  
~Black To Move-And ~+

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

**Problem#1:** Our mate in 2 begins with **Qg8+!** setting up a beautiful and forcing smothered mate, **Rxg8** (forced), **Nf7#**

**Problem#2:** Regrettably, a slight error exists in this problem. Technically, it is mate in 3, not 2 since Black can start by sacrificing his queen on c1 to prolong the mate for 1 extra move. With that said, what is now mate in 3 begins with the stunning **Qg6!!**, **gxf6** (or ... **fxg6**, **Nxg6#**), **Rxh6#**

**Problem#3:** Notice that the Black king is already in a very bad way with only the e4 flight square available. White now abruptly works to take that away with the quiet **Kf1**, Any, **Bg2#**

**Problem#4:** This one gets a bit tricky since the Black rook appears to have space to work. **Kc2**, **Rxb2** (should Black opt to attack the pinning White bishop, it does not change matters. We then have ... **Ra8**, **Rb8+!!**, **Ka2** (forced), **Rxa8#**. Note that this theme works with the rook regardless of where White decides to place his rook along the a~file. Black simply "discovers" his rook with check alongside the White rook to mate in the same fashion.) **Bxb2+**, **Ka2** (forced), **Nc3** and it is an attractive theme with the king, bishop, and knight all working in harmony to deliver the checkmate!

**Problem#5:** White scores the full point rather swiftly with the Black king already in a quandary nailed down in the corner with only the a1 square available. White takes care not to let the Black king escape by playing **Kb3**, **Ka1** (forced), **Nc3**, **a2**, **Nc2#**

**Problem#6:** White plays **Rxf6!!** smashing through and shattering the Black kingside! ... **Qxf6** (or ... **Nxf6** leads to **Qxg5+**, **Kh8**, **Be5**, **Rf8**, **Rf3**, **Qg7**, **Rxf6**, **Rxf6**, **Bxf6**, **Qxf6**, **Qxf6+**, **Kg8**, **Qd8+** as Black's hopes go up in smoke), **Be5** pinning Black's queen, **Kh6**, **Bxf6**, **Nxf6**, **Rf3** closing in for the kill, **Nd5**, **Qe5**, **Rd7**, **Qe1** and it's curtains for Black.

**Legend:** +~ White Is Winning, ~+ Black Is Winning, # Checkmate, ! Excellent Move, !! Brilliant Move

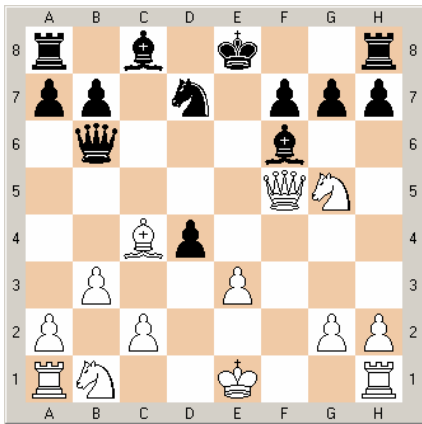
**Yigal D. Nochomovitz (1830)**

**Pieta Garrett (2262)**

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**Bird's Opening – From Gambit**

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 c5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.e3 Qb6 8.b3 Ne4 9.Qd3 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 cxd4 11.Qe4+ Be7 12.Qf5 Bf6 13.Bc4



13...Ne5 14.Qe4 Qa5+ 15.c3 Kf8 16.Nxh7+ Rxh7 17.Qxh7 Nxc4 18.bxc4 dxc3 19.Qc2 Bf5 20.Qc1 c2+ 21.Nd2 Bxa1 22.Qxa1 Rd8 23.Qc1 Rxd2 **White Resigns**

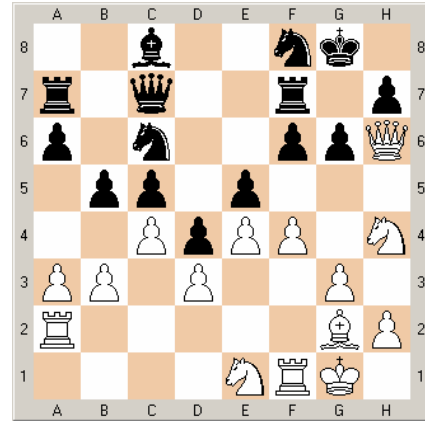
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**Reti Opening**

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.c4 Nf6 5.O-O Nc6 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 O-O 8.d3 d4 9.e4 e5 10.Ne1 Ne8 11.Nd2 g6 12.Bc1 Ng7 13.Qc2 a6 14.a3 Qc7 15.Ra2 Bd6 16.Ndf3 f6 17.Bh6 Rf7 18.Nh4 Ne6 19.Qd2 Bf8 20.Bxf8 Nxf8 21.Qh6 b5 22.f4 Ra7



23.Raf2 Qe7 24.Nef3 Bg4 25.h3 Bc8 26.Kh2 Nd7 27.fxg6 Ndxg6 28.Nxe5 Nxe5 29.Qd2 Kg7 30.Nf3 Qd6 31.Nxe5 Qxe5 32.Qa5 Qc7 33.Qd2 **Draw Agreed**

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